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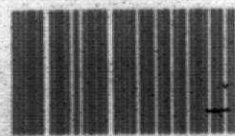
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# Mardigian, Givens keep seats



**Incumbents Judy Mardigian and Elizabeth Givens retained their seats on the Plymouth-Canton school board Monday. Fewer than 100 votes separated both from challenger Carl Battishill.**

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It was a close race until the very end, however the two incumbents prevailed in winning re-election to the Plymouth-Canton school board in Monday's election.

Trustees Judy Mardigian (1,532 votes) and Liz Givens (1,529 votes) will

each serve four more years on the board of trustees.

Finishing a close third was challenger Carl Battishill (1,447), followed by James Donahue (549) and Kathleen Payne (364).

"I think it came down to working really hard, and having a lot of people who believed in me help me with a grass roots campaign," said Mardigian,

the top vote getter. "I was told by many people that they wanted someone who would represent the community, and I think they saw that in the end."

Givens said she didn't feel there were any big issues in this year's election, with voters wanting to keep the status quo.

"I think people are happy with the way they see things going in the district, and they see this board working together ... and they want to leave it," said Givens. "I think even the teachers and administrators are happy with the way things are going."

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association earlier endorsed Givens

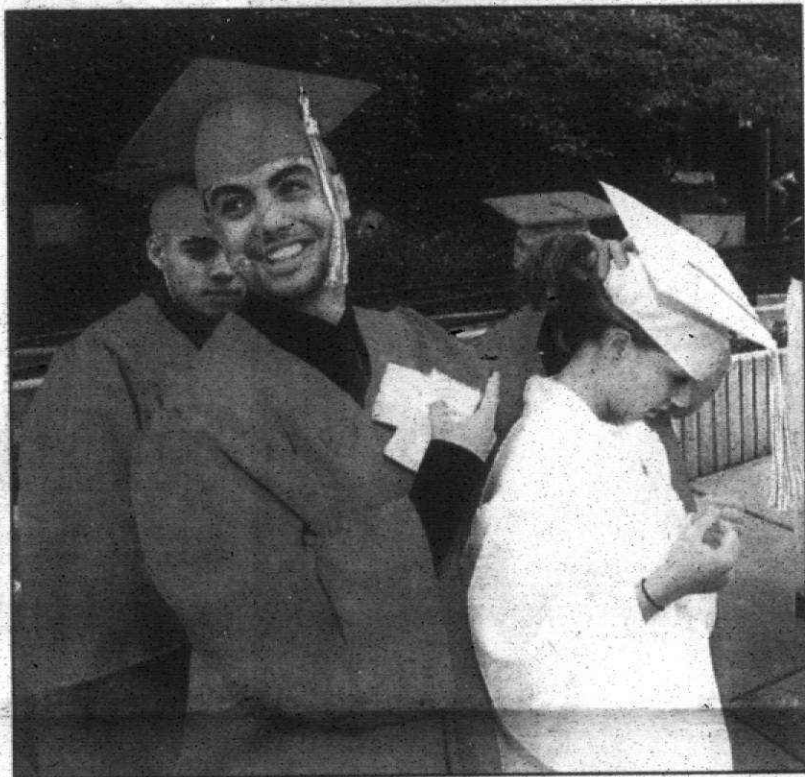
and Battishill, leaving out Mardigian because of her part in introducing a mandate which is forcing teachers and administrators to make high school curriculum changes in exchange for putting the third high school near the present two schools.

"Of course I'm disappointed, but we put on a good race," said Battishill. "Both of the incumbents are very good and respectable, and I have nothing but confidence in them."

A total of 2,906 people voted in Monday's election, which is approximately 3.5 percent of the district's nearly

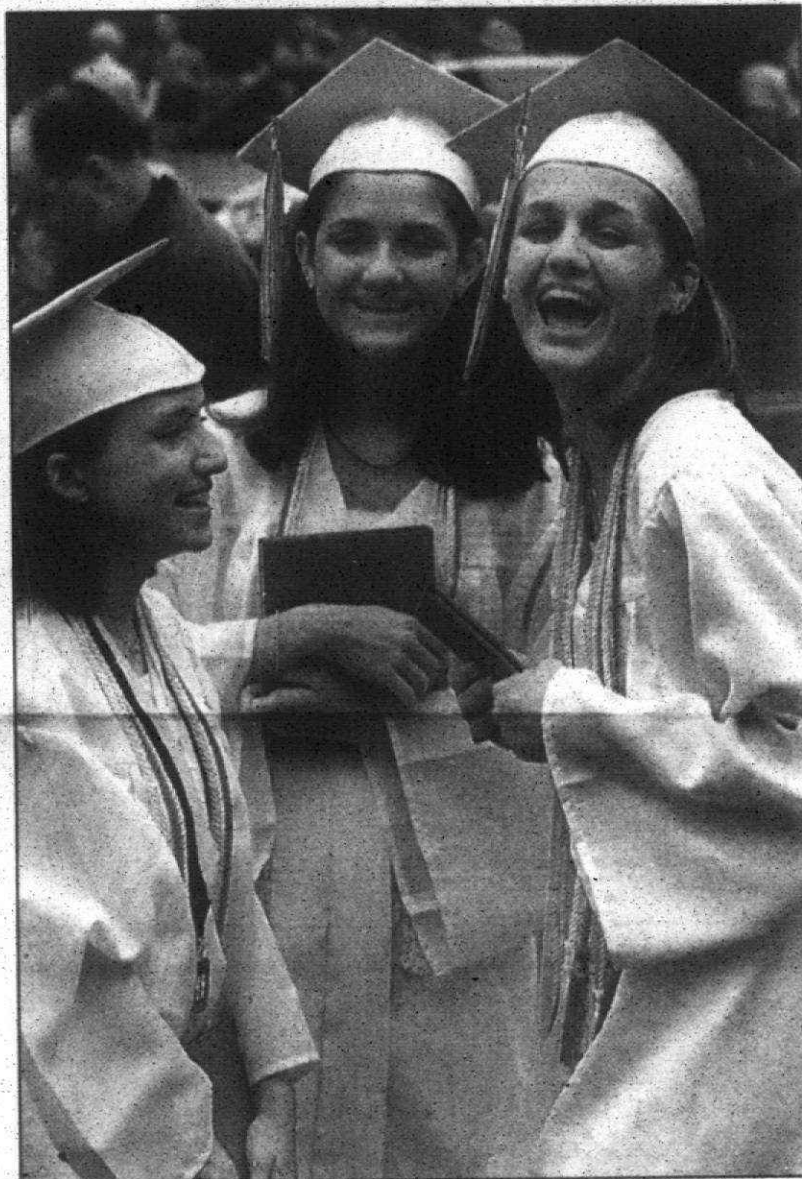
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## Saying goodbye



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**Smiles abound:** Above, David Butler holds Tamara Busse's hair so she can adjust her cap as they join their classmates filing into Hill Auditorium Sunday for Plymouth Canton's commencement ceremonies. (Right) Nicole Gilman (left), Amy Dupuis and Kim Yount celebrate their graduation. More than 500 students concluded their academic careers in the Plymouth-Canton School District. For additional coverage, please turn to page A6. Also, check out Sunday's Observer for coverage of Plymouth-Salem's graduation ceremonies.



## Drivers feel pinch at pumps

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Suck it up. That appears to be the overwhelming sentiment among frustrated motorists shelling out hard earned cash to fill their gas tanks at Canton and Plymouth-area gas stations.

Some are paying as much as \$60 to fill larger vehicles like trucks and sport-utility vehicles. Most said they have begun making fewer unnecessary trips and pay closer attention to pump prices.

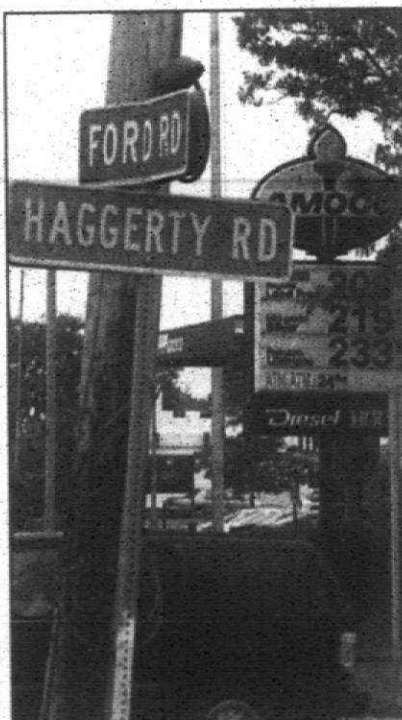
"I think it's obscene," said Betty Dyas of Canton while filling up a mid-sized sedan Tuesday at the Total gas station on Ford and Canton Center. "I'm not going out as much. I'm sticking closer to home."

Prices at Total Tuesday ranged from \$2.09 to \$2.23 per gallon.

Elaine Cawood of Canton said she's been having a tough time believing some of the rumors about why prices are so high. She was filling up a full-size pick-up, which cost her about \$60.

"They're trying to say the gas spill in Jackson had something to do with it but it doesn't," Cawood said. "Prices were high before that."

She said she feels especially sorry for teenagers just trying to keep their



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**Gas gouge:** The prices along Ford Road in Canton were among the highest in the area Monday, with the Amoco at Haggerty Road advertising \$2.099 per gallon for regular unleaded.

tanks full for driving to and from work. "It's hard for them to try to fill their gas tanks."

One Canton gas station owner, who asked not to be named, said his company, ExxonMobil, has begun receiving

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## Attorney set to appeal ruling in court race

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One of two local attorneys left off the August primary ballot in the race for 35th District Court judge says he'll continue the battle to face incumbent judge Ron Lowe.

Despite a Circuit Court ruling dismissing a lawsuit aimed at getting him on the ballot, William Selinsky of Northville Township will take his case to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Selinsky's decision comes after Chief

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Sapala ruled last month he had no jurisdiction to put Selinsky and Plymouth Township attorney Peter Bec on the ballot, despite a mistake by the Secretary of State's office which prevented both from being put on the primary ballot to face Lowe.

"We're going to conduct an analysis of the issues, but we believe there are sufficient issues in the judge's decision that have a basis for appeal," said

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## Police snag Westland man after three-community chase

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A 21-year-old Westland man was arraigned on three charges stemming from a cat-and-mouse chase with Canton police that extended into Romulus and Westland and involved officers from three police agencies.

Daman Lavern Palmer was arraigned Monday, June 12, at 35th District Court in Plymouth on two counts of fleeing and eluding police and three counts of malicious destruction to police vehicles, all felonies. Bond was set at \$5,000 or 10 percent. He pled not

guilty. Palmer's preliminary examination was set for 9 a.m. Monday, June 19.

Canton Police Capt. Laura Golles said Palmer couldn't have been apprehended without the cooperation of the three departments.

"It was a good (cooperative) job between all three agencies," Golles said, adding that the two separate chases made it particularly difficult to apprehend him.

"(Palmer) went everywhere," Trooper Todd Etue of the Michigan State Police post in Taylor said of the chase. "The

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# Solar lights valued at \$160 stolen from Canton home

Three solar lights at an estimated \$160 value were reported taken from a residence in the 7000 block of London sometime before Sunday, June 11. Five lights were also reportedly stolen. Police have no suspects.

## Alcohol violation

An 18-year-old Ypsilanti man was cited for underage possession of alcohol and failure to wear a seat belt around 8 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of Michigan and Sheldon. A police report stated that the driver consented to a search of the vehicle that yielded a bottle of unopened beer under a passenger seat.

## Hit and run

An 18-year-old Canton man reportedly received minor cuts after being struck by a car around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11. A police report stated the

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man had been walking westbound on the south side of Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road when a black Ford Escort struck him, causing cuts to his right ear, shoulder and side of his face. He told police he was trying to walk from Ypsilanti to Canton. He also reportedly declined medical treatment and said he did not wish to prosecute the driver. Police escorted him to his residence.

## Vehicle fire

Canton police responded to a report of a vehicle being engulfed in flames early Monday, June 12, in the 1700 block of Columbus. The police report stated the car had a gas can, also engulfed in flames, sitting underneath the rear bumper. The vehicle's owner, a 20-year-old Canton man, said one of his

keys was broken off in the ignition, allowing it to be started without a key. Police have no suspects.

## Vehicle break-in

Someone reportedly broke into a 1989 Mercury Cougar parked in a lot at Michigan-Canton Auto Repair, 43511 Michigan Ave., sometime before Saturday, June 10. Taken were a dashboard stereo, equalizer, compact disc changer and amplifier with an estimated \$2,000-\$2,500 value. Damaged were the passenger door, frame and window, rear seat, trunk lid and lock totaling an estimated \$1,000. The shop owner told police the suspect may have entered through a gap in the fence. Police have no suspects.

## Drug arrest

A man of undisclosed age and residence was cited for possession of marijuana and parapherna-

lia Sunday following a traffic stop, according to reports. A vehicle search netted a plastic bag of marijuana and rolling papers. The man was also cited for driving with a suspended license.

## Assault

A 53-year-old Wayne man reported being assaulted while using a pay phone at a gas station at Ford and Haggerty. A police report stated he was using the phone when a man walked over from B.J.'s Bowery, 41275 Ford, and told him to "stop staring." The victim said without warning, the man hit him several times with his fists and knocked him to the ground. His attacker then reportedly returned to his vehicle, a dark-colored Ford Mustang, and fled the scene on eastbound Ford Road. The victim told police the man might have attacked him because he saw him smoking a joint in his vehicle. Police were unable to locate the suspect.

## Gas prices from page A1

gasoline shipments from Niles in southwest Michigan, near the Indiana border. Prior to the June 7 gas spill near Jackson, they received gasoline from Woodhaven.

"We've been getting smaller quantities," he said. "The company's trying to get everybody to not run out of gas."

A press release from Exxon-Mobil stated that delivery quantities would be 40-60 percent of normal load size as a result of the gasoline spill. The increased driving distance combined with the cleanup efforts from the spill have both helped keep gas prices high.

"I'd like to see prices come down," he said.

At the Speedway Station at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, one customer said she thought \$2.09 per gallon gas was a bargain. Prices ranged from \$2.09 to \$2.23 per gallon Tuesday.

"I'm just trying to figure out why prices are so high," said Julie Peruzzi of Plymouth Township after putting two gallons of gas for \$5 in her Mercury Cougar. "Fortunately, I don't have to drive very much."

Inside, a cashier, who asked not to be named, said she bears the brunt of customers' displeasure.

"It stinks and I get yelled at all the time," she said.

Mike Lazorka of Plymouth Township said he's glad he traded in his Ford Expedition before the gas price hike. Now he drives a slightly smaller Ford Explorer. He was pumping at the Clark station at 950 S. Main in Plymouth, where prices Tuesday ranged from \$2.07 to \$2.27 per gallon.

"If I had (an Expedition) right now I'd go broke," he said. When he bought his Explorer a year ago, he said he paid about \$18 to fill it up. Now it costs about \$31. A manager at Blackwell Ford

"I'm just trying to figure out why prices are so high."

Julie Peruzzi

—Plymouth Township driver

in Plymouth Township said so far people aren't trading in their hulking sport-utilities for smaller sets of wheels. At least not yet.

"We really haven't seen too much of that," said Tim DeHority, service manager. "But if the prices keep going up, anything could happen."

"Most of the people who have (large sport-utilities) have the money so they don't care (about gas prices)."

Like frustrated customers at gas pumps, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District is feeling the pinch as well.

Marv Bartell, Plymouth-Canton's transportation director, said the district uses about 2,000 gallons of gas each week. On May 8, the district paid 92 cents per gallon and \$1,847 to fill its reservoir. By June 7, those numbers jumped to \$1.32 and \$3,315 — a jump of 56 percent, said Bartell.

Spread over an entire school year, the district would pay \$10,000 to \$12,000 more for gas if prices stay at current levels, he added. While it's a significant cost, Bartell said the majority of district vehicles run on diesel fuel.

"The cost of diesel has stayed pretty steady."

During the same one-month period, diesel prices rose by 4 cents per gallon, Bartell said, adding that all of the district buses run on diesel.

"We're trying to use diesel vehicles as much as possible."

Staff writer Scott Daniel contributed to this report.

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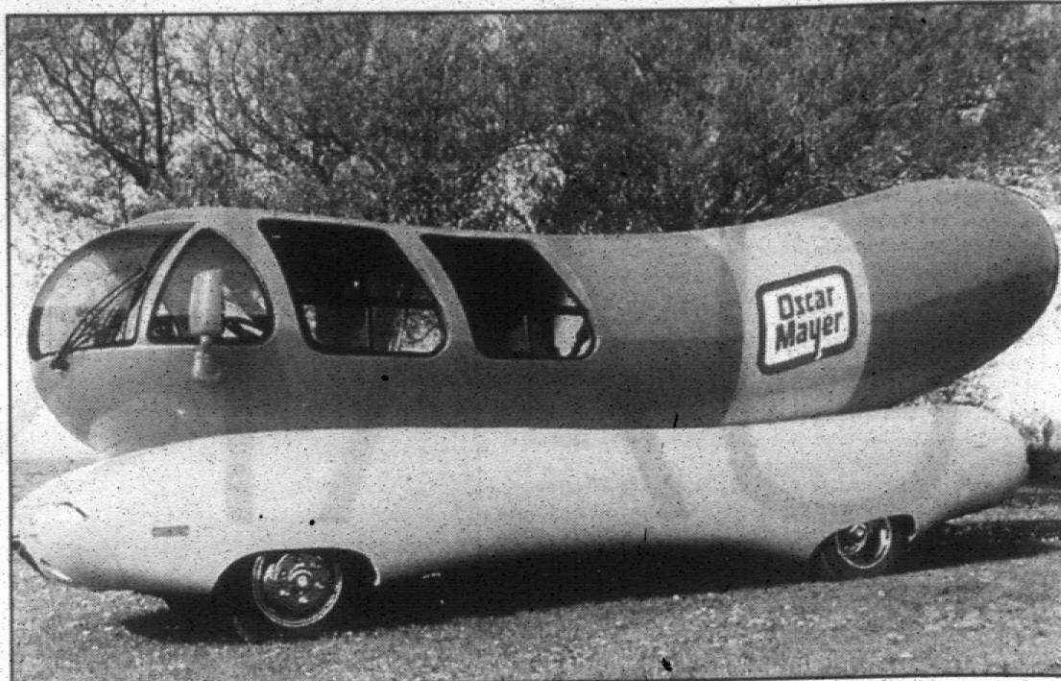


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Highway man: Canton resident Josh Delosreyes will travel the highways of the Midwest this summer promoting Oscar Mayer.

## Hotdogger

### Canton man earns internship

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Josh Delosreyes relishes life. Literally.

As a "Hotdogger" for Oscar Mayer, the 21-year-old Canton resident will spend his summer driving the famed Wienermobile across the Midwest. Delosreyes is one of a handful of recent college graduates to earn an internship with the Wisconsin-based lunch meat giant.

"I really feel lucky that I cut the mustard and met their standards," he joked.

Delosreyes graduated from Michigan State University last month with a degree in finance. He plans to return to East Lansing for graduate school in January to study labor and industrial relations.

The lifelong township resident said his internship with Oscar Mayer came quite by accident. Delosreyes attended a career fair at MSU earlier this year with the idea of securing a human resources internship.

He ended up going to a presentation by Kraft Foods, Oscar Mayer's parent company. Delosreyes spoke with a Hotdogger adviser at the end of the presentation.

Several interviews followed over the next few

months and by late March Delosreyes was chosen to become a Hotdogger. He started training for the position in Madison, Wis., shortly after graduation in May.

"I'm attending Hot Dog High," said Delosreyes. He and other "students" are learning about Oscar Mayer history and products, special events planning, public relations skills and, perhaps most important, how to drive the Wienermobile.

"It's like driving a van," Delosreyes said. "The main thing is clearance because it's 11 feet tall." He graduates from Hot Dog High this week.

"This is a great opportunity to get some experience in things I've not been accustomed to," Delosreyes said, referring to public relations and marketing work.

He'll be part of a three-person team that hits the road all summer.

The first stop will be Kentucky. From there, he'll direct the Wienermobile to New York, North Carolina, Illinois and Ohio.

Most stops will include visits to supermarkets and YMCA's. He's simply looking forward to his summer as Hotdogger.

"They say this will be one of the best jobs I'll ever have," said Delosreyes. "I think it will be, too."

## School board from page A1

75,000 registered voters. It was a fairly typical apathetic number, but less than the 3,500 people who participated in last year's board election.

Givens won nine of the 18 precincts, with Mardigan capturing five precincts and Battistelli four. However, Mardigan was the big winner in absentee votes, receiving 484 to Battistelli's 396 and Givens' 342.

"I think lower class sizes, early intervention and making our high schools feel smaller without changing them were some of the big issues," said Mardigan. "I've been working on lowering class size since 1994, as well as work-

ing on our state funding issue. Clearly, people are now starting to understand the issue of our low state funding."

Those were some of the issues voters spoke about at the polls as their main concerns in deciding who to vote for in Monday's election.

"I am very concerned with class size issues, and I want to see good, strong programs continue at the high school," said Isbister first grade teacher Joanne Kokoszka of Plymouth Township, wearing a Mardigan support button. "I voted for the incumbents because of their performance in the past, how they

discussed issues and worked with the other school board members. I didn't always agree with them ... but they stand by their issues and they don't cave in."

"I'm disappointed in the MEAP. I think we spend too much time teaching too much of the tests," said Dan Donaldson of Canton Township outside his Miller Elementary voting precinct. "And, concerning the new high school, nobody seems to know exactly what it's going to be or where it's going to go. By the time they figure it out, it's going to cost twice as much."

## Race from A1

Selinsky. "It infringes on the fundamental right of candidates to be on the ballot."

Selinsky and Bec failed to get the required number of petition signatures to be included on the August ballot because the Secretary of State's office incorrectly assessed the number of signatures needed.

The Elections Bureau failed to include the population of the court district's three townships with its two cities in determining the number of signatures required to be put on the ballot.

Despite admitting that it had made a mistake, state officials claim there is no recourse to rectify the problem. Sapala agreed, saying only that the state Legislature has the right to change the law.

"I'm at a significant disadvantage in not being on the ballot, so my campaign is in limbo," added Selinsky. "I can't effectively campaign and raise money. I will keep looking ahead and hope the Appeals Court will hold an expedited hearing."

Meanwhile, Bec has yet to decide if he'll continue his fight to be put on the ballot. "I haven't decided whether to pursue the case or chalk it up as a loss," said Bec.

For the time being, Lowe will run unopposed for a second six-year stint as one of two judges in the 35th District Court, a position which pays \$118,000 a year.

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## Police chase from page A1

good thing was it happened at a time when there was hardly any traffic."

The incident began around 1:20 a.m. Sunday, June 11, when Canton police responded to a call from Palmer's ex-girlfriend in the 1500 block of Manton, near Ford and Sheldon. She told police that Palmer had threatened to kill himself at her residence. A police report stated that they had been fighting earlier at his Westland residence.

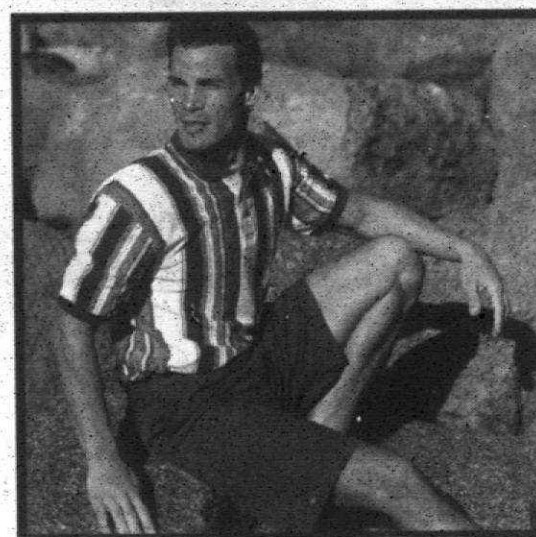
Shortly after police arrived, they spotted Palmer's 1992 Chevy and attempted to make a

traffic stop. Instead of stopping, however, Palmer reportedly accelerated rapidly and fled onto southbound I-275. He threw a knife, which was later recovered by police, out of his vehicle as he entered the highway. The chase was terminated as Palmer approached Eureka Road in Romulus.

Canton police returned to the Manton residence to finish the report when Palmer's vehicle was spotted again, prompting another police pursuit, which was terminated then restarted as Canton officers assisted Michigan State Police. That

chase extended into Westland via Ford Road. Palmer reportedly ran a Canton patrol car off the road, struck another police car back off in exchange for his turning himself in at the department. He then turned himself in.

During this pursuit, Palmer allegedly ran a Canton patrol car off the road, struck another patrol car at Gordon and Morrison and struck an MSP vehicle in the Westland Police Department parking lot. No officers were injured.



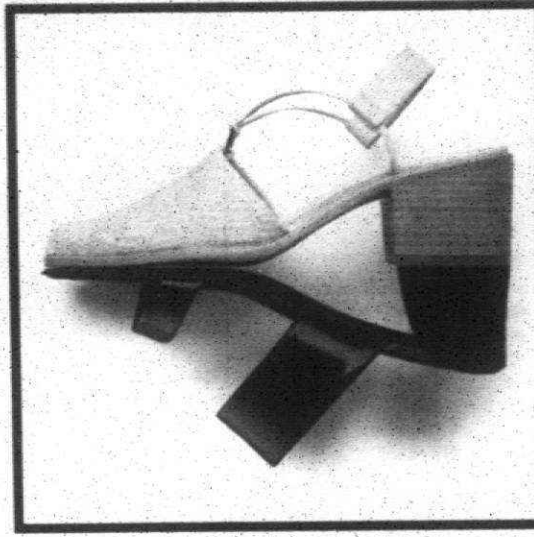
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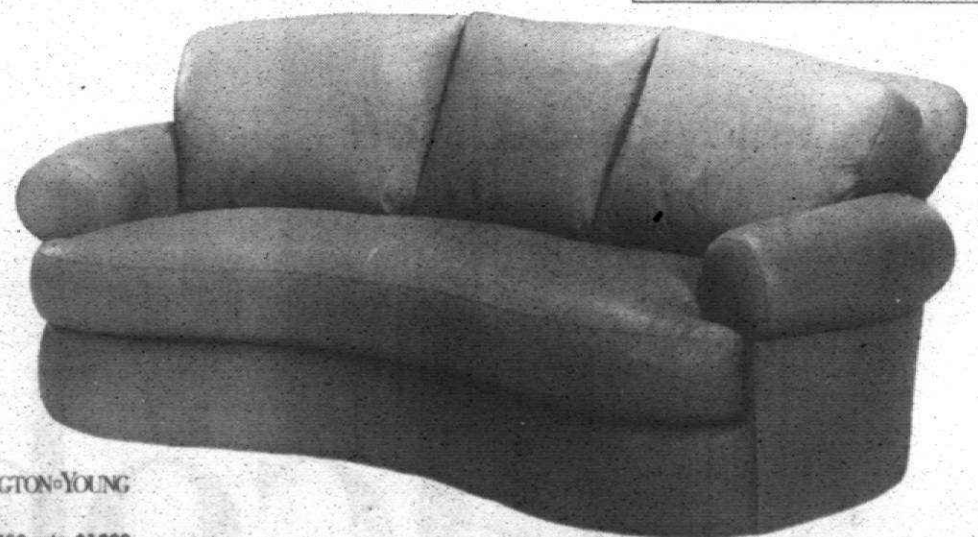


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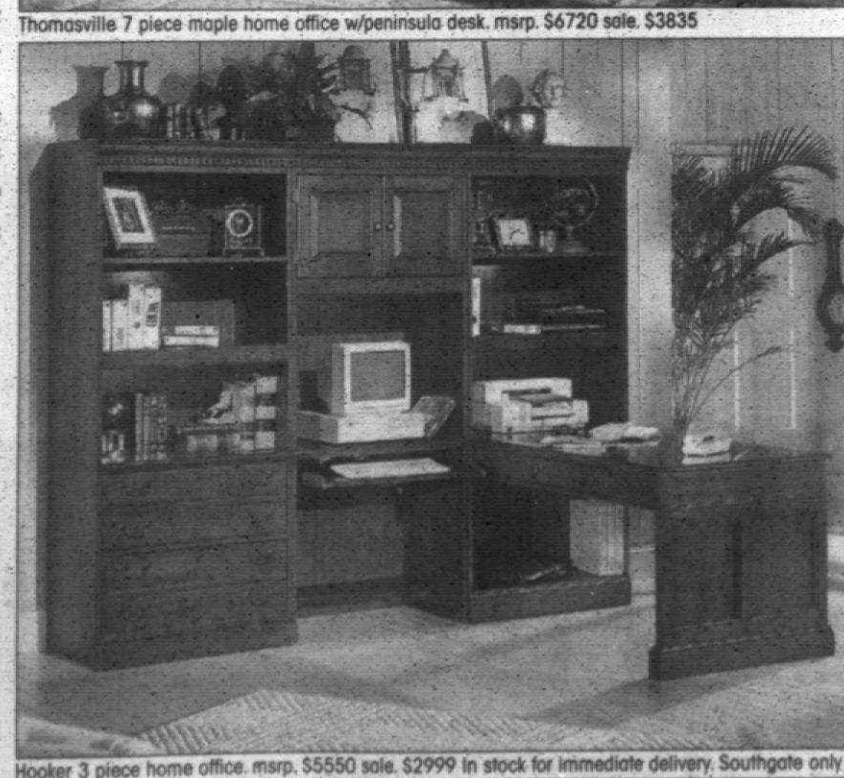
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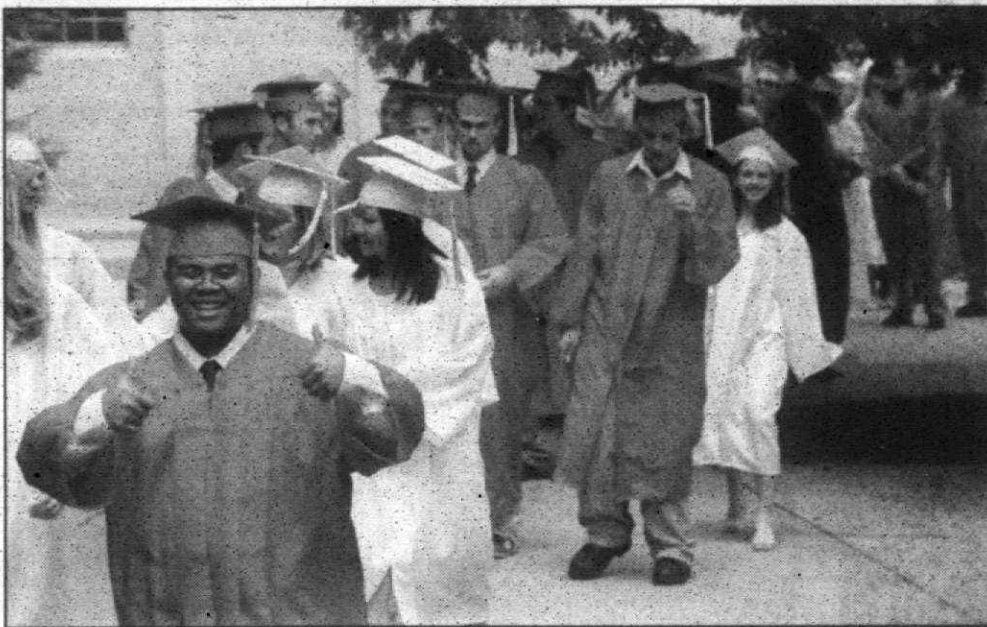
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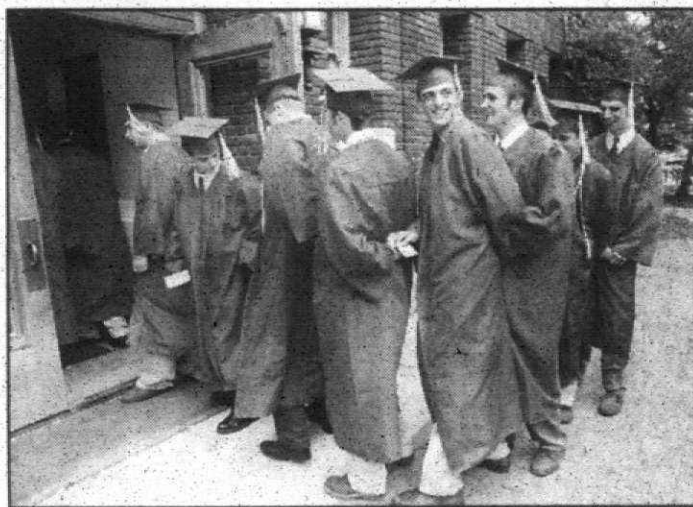
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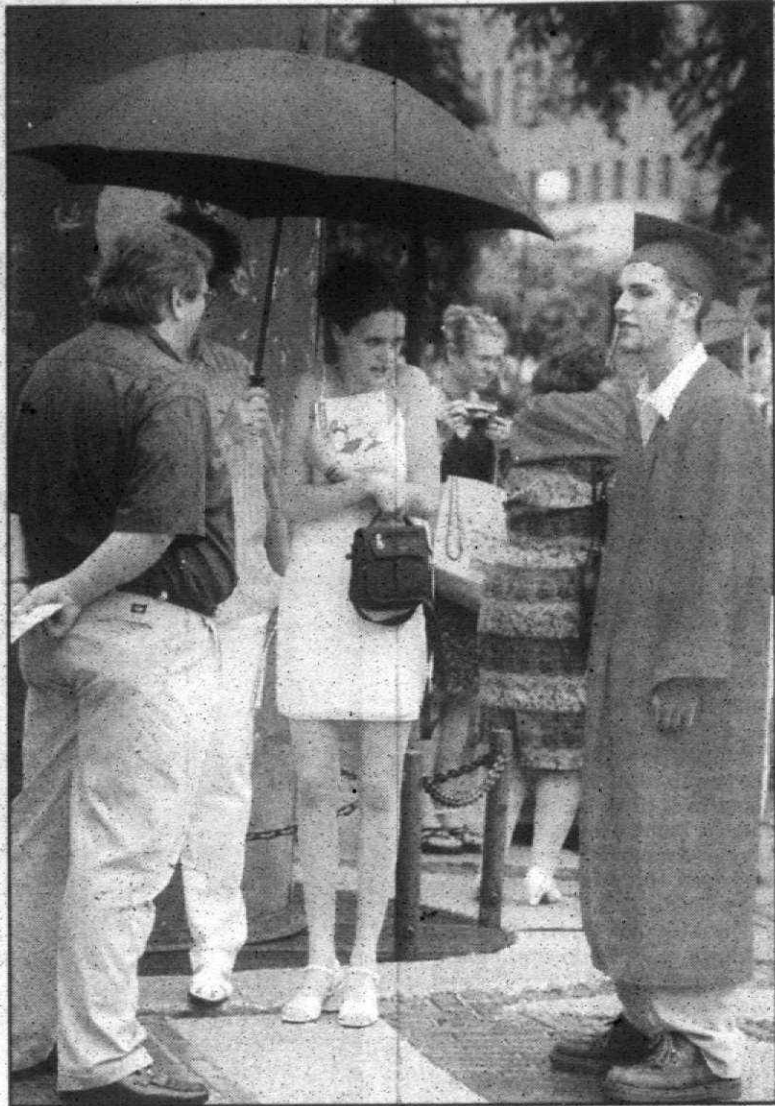
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Diamond grads: Members of the Plymouth Canton baseball team link hands as they enter Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Sunday for commencement.

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Philip Todd Lawler  
Cary Lee  
David Adam Leinart  
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Brandy Leigh McGrew  
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Sarah McKinney  
Sara Jane McLain  
Ian Michael McLane  
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Adam Obenisk  
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Matthew L. Sharland  
Jennifer Lynn Sheridan  
Hadi R. Sheriff  
Amit Keith Shuler  
Brandy E. Shuler  
Eric William Sidwell  
Michelle R. Siegrist  
Karamjit Singh  
Andrea K. Sinischo  
Tiffani Joy Sisker



All wet: The Lamb family - Rod, Gail, Erin and graduate Ryan - attempts to stay dry following Plymouth Canton's commencement at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Sunday. Rain fell during the ceremonies and let up just as the graduates were released to their parents.

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# Gas prices making area officials nervous

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Frustrated about the price of petrol these days? You're not alone. The rapid rise in gasoline prices is making government officials across Wayne County nervous, too.

While some tax exemptions keep government fleets from paying quite as much for unleaded gas as do average consumers, they are still affected by the increases.

On Tuesday, one called the price run-up "frightening." Brian Wilson, assistant superintendent for public services for the city of Livonia, said if the city had purchased fuel the day before, "our price would have increased 88 percent since last month."

"It's frightening, really," he said of the seemingly unending run-up, which AAA Michigan said Monday broke two records - one for the largest weekly jump (27.1 cents) since 1973, when AAA began tracking prices, and the other for the highest statewide gas average: \$2.011 for self-serve unleaded.

None of the public officials contacted by the Observer anticipate any immediate cutbacks in services, but they were concerned about the financial impact.

Livonia has \$120,000 budgeted for fuel for public services such as maintenance of facilities, streets and traffic signs; grass-cutting at golf courses and parks and forestry services, as well as for the water and sewer department, said Wilson.

The city purchases fuel

At the pump: Gas prices soared up to \$2.19 a gallon at some stations in western Wayne County by mid-week.



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through the Tri-County Public Purchasing Cooperative, which includes Southfield, West Bloomfield, Novi, Troy and Sterling Heights, he said. It has to fill its two 10,000-gallon underground tanks every three weeks, but has had no problem with deliveries and doesn't foresee any.

But "if we have sustained (higher) prices" for unleaded

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fuel, said Wilson, "we may have to look into moving some money and scramble around a bit."

Leo Snage, director of public services for Redford Township, said, "We're hoping and praying that the prices go back down."

"But if they don't go back down, we may have to deal with the finance department for a budget adjustment," he said.

Garden City Fire Chief Mike Todd said the current price increase won't affect emergency services. The city has a contract with a private vendor.

However, he said, Garden City started looking at "alternative

ways of fueling (equipment), such as natural gas, propane" long before the present situation.

"The federal government mandates that a certain amount of a city's fleet be alternative fuel vehicles," he explained. Todd acknowledged continued price increases could push the city to review the budget.

Cameron "Kim" Priebe, Wayne County public services director, said road work plans aren't being changed.

"If necessary, we'll have to eat into our fund balance" to get it done, he said. "All the work we do is relatively seasonal, so we want to continue and get it done. And there's plenty of work to be done."

All those contacted said their respective departments are telling staffers to cut back on fuel usage wherever possible.

"We're telling people not to let engines idle," said Redford's Snage. "If you're not using it, turn it off."

# Engler: We'll not seek emission waiver

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There's a way Gov. John Engler could ease the gas-price run-up, but he's not going to, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Not so much because the fuel that could be sold would increase pollution in the short run, but because it would significantly hurt economic development in the long run, said John Truscott, Engler's communications director.

Engler could petition the federal Environmental Protection Agency for a waiver permitting Michigan service stations to sell higher-emissions unleaded gas, the spokesman said.

But the EPA will use the resulting higher emissions data when it considers approving new projects such as the proposed General Motors plant for Lansing and the rebuilding of the Ford Rouge facility, Truscott said.

"We can request a waiver. However, it would be held against the state," he said.

"If our emissions are too high (in total), we can't expand."

The EPA "looks at all the emissions in the air (and considers) how much emissions a plant is likely to produce. And if it's over the limit, we don't get new permits," Truscott said.

"Ironically," he said, Ford plans to make the huge Rouge plant "environmentally friendly."

But they could be restricted" by the EPA.

Among fuel-oil distributors talking to Engler is Sam Simon, owner of Atlas Oil Co. of Taylor, southeast Michigan's largest distributor of petroleum products.

Simon, whose customers include the City of Garden City, the Taylor school district and the Meijer and Costco discount stores, said he told Engler the problem is a shortage of the specific fuel mandated by the EPA to control ozone emissions.

He said the gas required during the June 1 to Sept. 15 summer ozone season carries a Reid Vapor Pressure rating of 7.8 pounds, but that "the refineries didn't do a good enough job" of producing it.

However, there's plenty of gas rated at 9.4 pounds - which would produce more fumes, he said, but not as much as the 13-pound RVP-rated gas sold the rest of the year. It also would be a lot cheaper.

"These have never failed before," Truscott said, "so it's not like it has a history of failure."

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Since the refineries can't come back and produce more 7.8 gas, said Simon, they are putting their dealers on allocation, limiting monthly quantities.

To keep from running out of gas and having no business, said Simon, dealers are raising prices to reduce demand.

When the pipeline near Jackson burst, things got worse.

"This (situation) is going to stay for a little bit," Simon said.

Truscott said the EPA slowed the pipeline repair by mandating the state check each of the stoppage valves like the one that failed.

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# State colleges highly rated, but voters worry about cost

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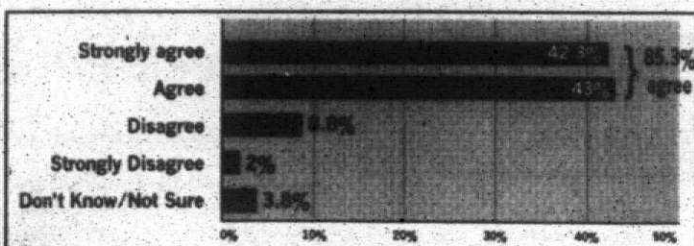
Michigan residents are happy with their state universities but concerned about increasing tuition costs. They would like the state to increase its support in relation to tuition.

These are the findings of a survey conducted by Rossman Martin & Associates for the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. The poll of 600 Michigan voters was conducted April 24 to May 1 of this year.

"We're please to see that our universities are viewed positively by the public, more than 90 percent saying so for value and quality of education," said Dr. Glenn R. Stevens, executive director of the Presidents Council, during a wide-ranging conversation with Observer editors Friday. "And it's also important for the other things universities are doing that there is an awareness and appreciation that universities do research and that has an impact on quality of life issues."

The survey finds that 92.1 percent of voters rate Michigan's 15 public universities as good or better, 44.5 percent rating them very good. University research was rated as important by 25.3 percent.

The survey also found that 30.7 percent of those polled



**Costly: Most surveyed feel Michigan colleges are getting too expensive.**

believe the state's storied sports programs are probably the best known feature of state schools nationwide, but medicine and academic research also rated highly. The state's negative image as a place of drinking and party schools was only cited by 3.1 percent.

But residents are clearly concerned about rising costs, with 85.3 percent saying they agree or strongly agree that Michigan public universities are too expensive. The majority of those polled, 76.5 percent, believe students should pay some of their education costs, but 85.4 percent say the state should increase funding to state universities.

The Presidents Council says that, nationally, states pay for about two-thirds of public college funding, while in Michigan, the state pays only about a half.

While emphasizing that state funding has improved in recent

years and that relations are good between the universities, Gov. John Engler and the Legislature, Stevens said the organization wants to promote consistency in state funding.

"We are challenged by the uncertainty about what the state would provide," Stevens said. "We need to increase state support and have continued restraint on tuition."

Stevens outlined three challenges faced by the state university system, which is the sixth largest public university system in the nation with about 260,000 students. First is tuition restraint. Second is attracting "the best possible faculty to compete in the national marketplace." Third is working with the private sector in economic development of the state.

Stevens said he is happy with the relationship the universities have built with the state's Eco-

nomics Development Corporation. He said partnerships with industry have helped them with research and development while drawing their support for the universities and attracting federal research money.

He said research is important but it is also important not to burden students with the cost of the research.

"The question is how do you do these things objectively and independently. This is also an important issue for corpora-

tions," Stevens said.

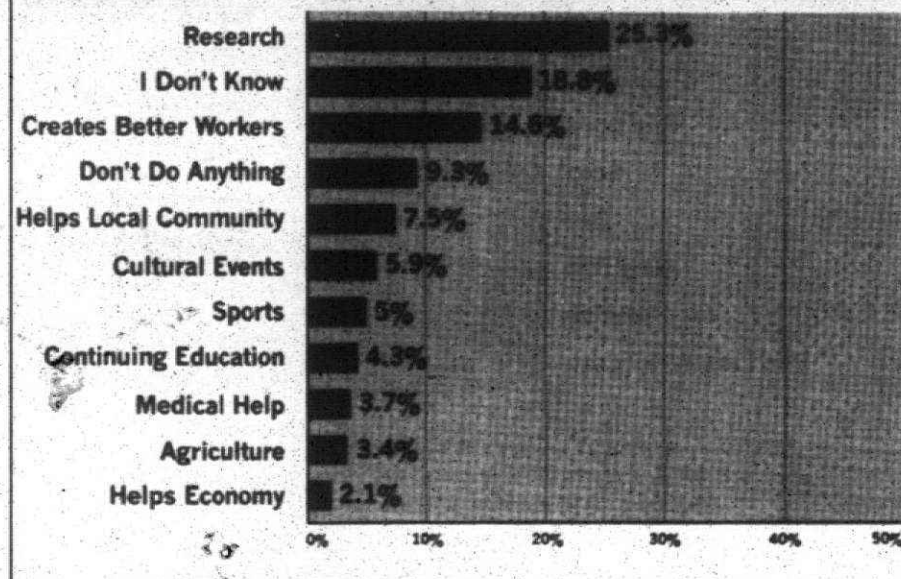
Ed Bagale, vice chancellor for government relations for the University of Michigan-Dearborn, said it was important to provide continuing education in a number of disciplines, including engineering and education, strong majors at his school.

"In our school of engineering, when we graduate a student what they learned at the beginning of their studies becomes obsolete by the time they graduate, so there is a need for ongoing education."

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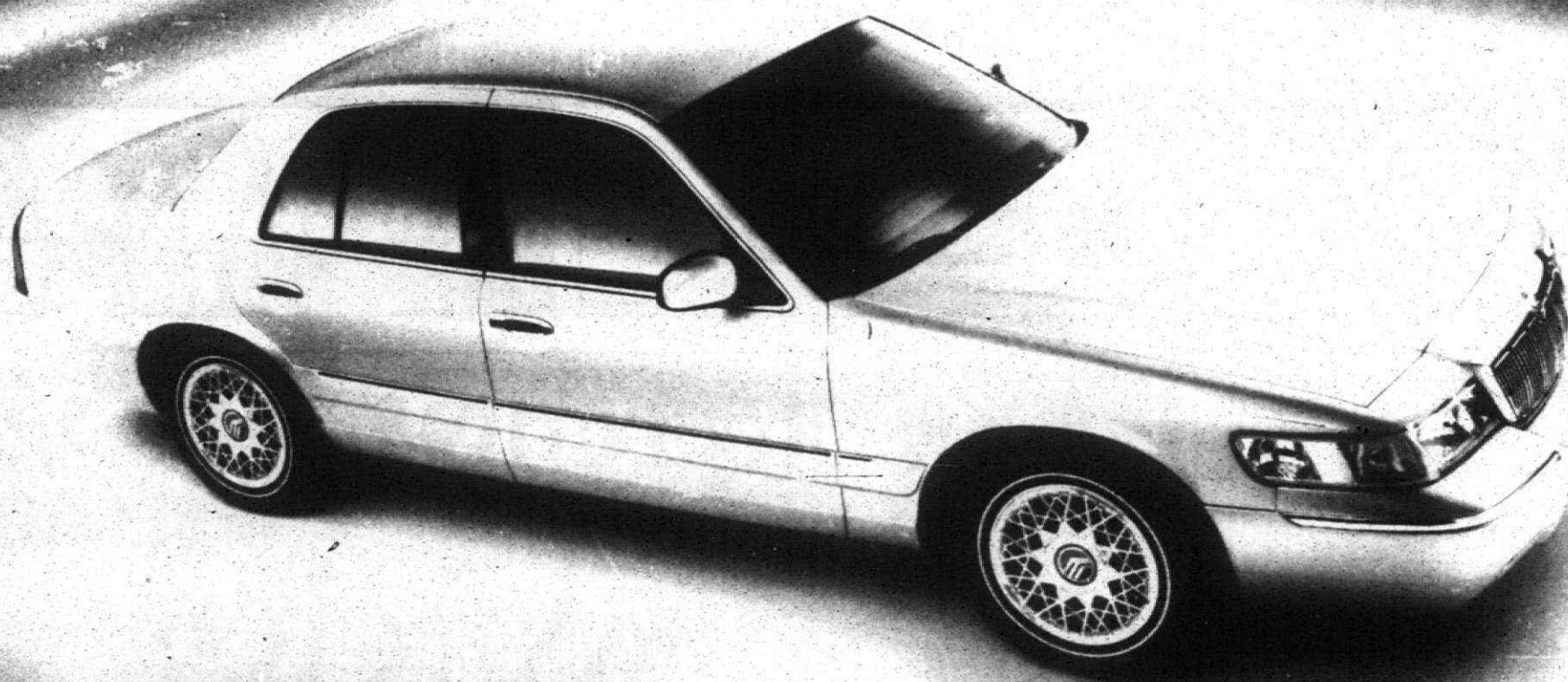
Stevens and Bagale said the question of who should profit from patents developed at a university is important but that few universities, outside of Michigan and Michigan State, will be involved in the kind of research that will result in large profits.

Stevens said the universities are still trying to determine how the MEAP Merit Awards will fit into funding and how they will count toward a student's financial package.



**Details:**  
Anyone who could name three state universities was also asked what else the institutions did that benefited the people of Michigan. Research was the number one answer.

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# Survival: Company shows local owners that businesses that work together, stay together

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Surviving in a brutal desert environment — with incessant heat, dangerous predators, sandstorms and a perilous lack of water — is not much different from surviving in the dog-eat-dog business world.

That's the thinking behind survival simulations — where employees figure out what to do if they are stranded in a desert, the Arctic, tropical rain forests or burning forests. The way they answer the teamwork questions supposedly reveals their level of aggression — or passivity as employees.

Human Synergistics International, 39819 Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, designs and markets the simulations for corporations and organizations. They've been in business 30

**'If you go out and crash on a desert island, you not only have to use your basic survival skills, but you have to use your people skills.'**

Gerry Clarke  
—Human Synergistics  
president

years and have offices in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The goal is to encourage employees to be neither aggressive nor passive, according to Gerry Clarke, president of Human Synergistics.

"We teach people through the

use of the simulation to work together to change the (corporate) culture," Clarke said.

Cooperation and teamwork is the key. The wrong way was shown on the television program "The Simpsons."

In that episode, nuclear plant owner Montgomery Burns ordered his employees to do a teamwork exercise on a snow-covered mountain. His employees had to pair up and set out to find a remote cabin. The last team to arrive would be fired, Burns decreed.

Since not all companies can afford to send their employees on location to the Arctic or the Sahara, the virtual simulations are a good alternative, Clarke said.

Another good example of how not to work well as a team can be seen on the CBS television show "Survivor." The show's premise is a competition in which 16 people are "stranded" on an island. Each week one person is eliminated; the last survivor wins \$1 million. The show airs 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

"The 'Survivor' show is the antithesis of everything we do," Clarke said.

Companies that are good candidates for survival simulation exercises are those plagued by high turnover, low morale and union/management conflict. Human Synergistics has worked with large corporations such as IBM, Citibank and the Big Three automakers. They have also worked with regional organizations such as the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"These simulations are good for companies that are not as profitable as they would like to be," Clarke said. Large, bureaucratic organizations are ideal.

Companies from Plymouth that have used the simulation include Johnson Controls, Office Depot, Spartan Stores, Plastipak Packaging, Unisys Corp. and SME.

In Canton, those companies include Target and Community



**Virtual reality:** Since most companies can't afford to send employees to the real thing, Human Synergistics uses simulations such as a brush fire (left) and a rough sea (below) to create virtual conditions.

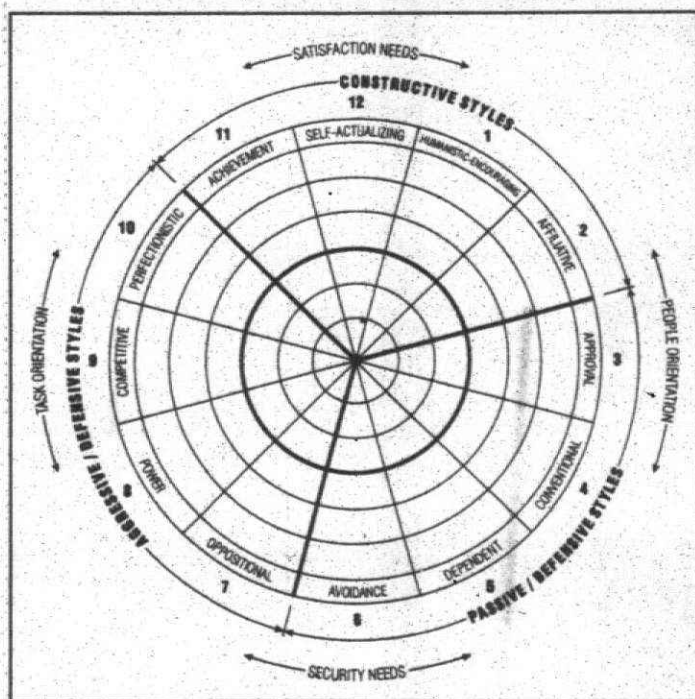
## Simulating success

**Who:** Human Synergistics International  
**Where:** 39819 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township

**What they do:** Designs and markets simulations used by organizations to help answer teamwork questions

**Information:** (734) 459-1030

**Testimonials:** Businesses from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford have all used the company.



**Figuring it out:** Employees are ranked on a "circumplex" wheel to assess aggressiveness, passivity and constructive cooperation.

## Work Opportunity.

Other local companies that have used simulation programs include:

■ Compuware, Source One Mortgage, Rehmann Robson & Co., Gale Research, Bosch Braking Systems and Michigan National Corp., Farmington Hills

■ Valassis Communications, Phillips Service Industries, Livonia

Public Schools, Madonna University, Ameritech and Ford Motor Co., Livonia

■ North Oakland Vocational, Redford

The simulations work by asking individual employees to rank a list of survival items according to importance — these items may include compasses, potable water, matches, flashlights and blankets, among other things. Next, they team up with other employees and try to reach con-

sensus.

The employees and teams are then ranked on a three-color "Circumplex" wheel, where red areas signify aggression, green areas signify passivity and blue areas signify constructive cooperation. The best team workers score in the blue area.

"If you go out and crash on a desert island, you not only have to use your basic survival skills, but you have to use your people skills," Clarke said.

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# Airport 'very near' to turning over financial records

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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A Wayne County airports official said the county's executive branch was "very near to completing discussions" with the county commission's attorney about turning over Detroit Metropolitan Airport records on the APCOA parking lot operations when "this subcommittee thing popped up."

Michael Conway, airports public information officer, spoke in response to a Detroit daily newspaper's story Wednesday that the commission's ways and means committee had voted Tuesday to subpoena County Executive Edward H. McNamara to provide the records.

The story said McNamara's staff and airport officials have refused to provide the information to the commission, which is looking into airport operations, as is a state Senate committee. But Conway said the county

executive branch was in discussion with the commission counsel Ben Washburn, "negotiating a manner in which to deliver these documents that doesn't damage the county's position in pending lawsuits."

The county is suing APCOA to recover about \$1 million in alleged overcharges for leased vehicles used to take passengers to parking lots, based on a 1998 parking audit by commission Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a member of the ways and means committee, disputed that any subpoena came out of the committee meeting.

"We were in closed session a couple of hours and there was no strong consensus as to whether to subpoena McNamara," she said.

"I don't think there was a majority to subpoena," said Ricardo Solomon, chair of both ways and means and the county commission, "was going ahead as if there were."

Furthermore, she said, the power-outage Tuesday in downtown Detroit made it unlikely any formal notification to McNamara would be ready by today (Thursday), when the story said Solomon would deliver it.

And, she said, "Some people (on the committee) are tired of appearing to be feuding with McNamara."

June West, McNamara's spokeswoman, noted the motion was not passed by the entire commission, which meets this morning. West thought it was "very unlikely" the full commission would take such an action.

In explaining the negotiations with Washburn, Conway said, "It's a long-standing county policy to very carefully manage documents that could turn out to be discovery in pending lawsuits, so that they couldn't be disseminated to other parties to the litigation and therefore damage the county's case."

"We were in the process of doing this and very near to completing the discussions" when the subpoena vote was taken "and there was nobody there from the county executive branch" to explain the situation, Conway said.

He also took exception to claims that many high-ranking county airports department employees lack previous experience in airport operations.

Conway cited Hassen Makiel, assistant division director of operations, whom he said has been with airport 26 years, working his way through different duties and responsibilities to get to his present position.

Conway said Barbara Hogan, appointed as Conway's deputy last year and who handles his division's budget, has more than a high school diploma. "She has some college. She studied marketing and communications at Madonna" in Livonia.

Conway said his staff tallied up the years of experience of the 18 Metro Airport managers and got 193 total years.

Besides, he said, "Anybody older than 40 is not going to have aviation management degrees" because the degrees are relatively new.

Conway himself had outside public relations experience before coming to the airports department and now serves as a vice-chair of a committee with the Airports Council International, a lobbying group for North American airports.

"You don't get to that position by being a nitwit," he said.

# Sewer overflows topic of regional meeting June 21

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Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) – a hot topic, considering the recent \$3.25-million judgment against Dearborn Heights for flooded basements resulting from one – will be examined at this month's Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council (RRAC) meeting.

The meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, about a half-block south of Goddard Road.

Scheduled to participate are state Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights; Tom Rohrer, chief of water quality enforcement for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and possibly state Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. The program will consist of presentations followed by questions and answers.

Sanitary sewer overflows recently garnered more public attention when federal Judge John Feikens proposed that MDEQ permit SSOs into the Rouge River during extreme weather conditions – a move which would ease sanctions against communities in which SSOs occur.

Feikens is overseeing cleanup of the Rouge.

Sanitary sewer overflows are discharges of raw or inadequately treated sewage from municipal sanitary sewer systems, which are designed to carry domestic sewage, but not storm water. SSOs are different from combined sewer overflows (CSOs), which are from sewer systems designed to carry both domestic and stormwater loads.

When an SSO occurs, raw sewage may be released into basements, city streets, properties, rivers and streams. They are illegal and often threaten the environment and public health.

The MDEQ aims to identify the separate sanitary sewer overflow discharges in the state and take appropriate regulatory actions to eliminate them.

Royal Oak's Johnson has introduced legislation that would increase notification requirements for SSO reporting by local governments.

Her Senate Bill 1201 is opposed by RRAC, which said the bill "seems to add more burdensome and costly state mandates for communities who already have to comply with numerous and expensive federal Clean Water Act requirements."

College offers workshop for English teachers

Madonna University in Livonia is offering an English workshop in June. "Approaches to Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye," a workshop for teachers, will be held on Friday, June 23, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students will read, discuss and write about Morrison's first novel, The Bluest Eye. The book will be placed in its socio-historical context and in the canon of African-American literature. Ways to teach the book will be explored. Spring/summer registration is in progress. Call (734) 432-5339.

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# Wetlands effort wins national honor

(PRNewswire) – The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced that Wayne County's Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve was honored with a Merit Award as part of the Design for Transportation National Awards 2000.

The awards, distributed every five years, recognize those facilities that have made an outstanding contribution to the nation's transportation systems and the people they serve. This is the third national award won by Crosswinds Marsh.

"We are deeply honored to receive this national recognition," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

One of the largest built wetlands in the country, the 950-acre preserve was designed and constructed to compensate for unavoidable wetlands impacts resulting from expansion of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"In a process that took over a year, drains were redirected, enormous basins were excavated, and thousands of tons of dirt were moved to create 367 acres of wetland," said Airport Director Lester Robinson. "The wetland was designed to provide a variety of ecological functions, including wildlife and fish habitat, storm water management, and water quality improvement."

Crosswinds Marsh also serves as the focus of a variety of interpretive, educational and passive recreational activities with hiking trails, boardwalks, canoe trails and equestrian trails. Fishing platforms, wetland gardens and a screen house are provided to allow visitors to experience the wetland environment while protecting the ecological integrity of the Marsh.

SmithGroup JJR, a nationally recognized landscape architect, urban planning, civil engineering and environmental services firm, led a multidisciplinary team of environmental specialists throughout the design and implementation of the project.

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport manages the maintenance of Crosswinds Marsh and the Wayne County Division of Parks manages public access.

Crosswinds Marsh is located in the southwest corner of Wayne County, off Haggerty Road west of I-275 in Sumpter Township. Visitors are encouraged to experience a unique wetland habitat that is home to over 172 species of plants, 25 species of birds, 11 species of fish and 28 species of mammals, as well as a pair of bald eagles which have been observed building a nest in the marsh.

In addition to the merit award presented by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Crosswinds Marsh also received the President's Award of Excellence from the American Society of Landscape Architects and an Environmental Achievement Award from Airports Council International-North America in 1999.

# COUNTY NEWS

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# Van pool avoids gas crunch

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Car- or van-pooling and telecommunicating are getting new looks these days as ways of saving money and fuel.

"It's hard to get people to pay attention" to such transportation alternatives "when (gasoline is) 99 cents a gallon, but now it's getting into people's pocket-books," said Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

"Given the inadequate funding for mass transit that we have, this (gas price spiraling) should be a wake-up call for us," he said.

At 20 miles per gallon per vehicle, traveling 8,000 miles per year to and from work, a person pooling or telecommunicating can save an estimated \$1,200 per year at today's \$2-a-gallon prices, Tait said.

By telecommunicating – using computers, faxes and telephones to work from home – a person can perhaps avoid driving a couple days a week, he said.

SEMCOG already has its (313) 963-RIDE program in place. It matches – free of charge – riders with drivers of automobiles (door-to-door transportation) or vans, which pick up and drop off people at collection points.

Anita Blasius, SEMCOG outreach program manager, said the agency has 2,500 poolers in its seven-county database. The main restriction is that riders work within the region.

While carpools involve personal vehicle use and sharing of either fuel costs or driving duties, the vans, which hold seven to 15 people, are leased by SEMCOG and require a monthly commitment by passengers, who pay a fee.

"If you carpool, you automatically cut the cost of commuting by 50 percent," said Blasius, who did it for three years.

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## Local woman moves up at Mercy

Wendy Hanson of Plymouth has been named Director of Development for the College of Business Administration and Liberal Arts at the University of Detroit Mercy.

In her new position, Hanson's responsibilities include executing development activities within the Business Administration and Liberal Arts colleges and developing and participating in fund-raising activities throughout the community. Hanson has been with the University Development team since 1998.

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People who labor in front of a computer all day often experience physical problems that relate to the repetitive nature of their hand motions - burning, aching wrists and tingling fingers, among other symptoms. In fact, according to the estimates of the U.S. Department of Labor, about half of the nation's workforce suffers from some sort of cumulative trauma disorder. Yet, most continue to do the work that is creating the problem because they want to keep their jobs. What are these employees to do? An occupational therapist can help through behavior modification. By teaching employees to stretch, exercise, adopt better posture, and take frequent breaks, and modify their work habits, they may last a lifetime.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET**  
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He was born Sept. 24, 1960 in Philadelphia, Penn. He died May 24 in Detroit. He worked in assembly.

He was preceded in death by his father, the late, Theodore Stubbs. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Stubbs; three sons, Levi, Stephen, Scott; one daughter, Mandy Pascas; mother, Joan Stubbs; four brothers, Robert, Albert, Ted, Kevin; and one sister, Mary Ellen.

**LEONARD J. KRUKOWSKI**  
Services for Leonard J. Krukowski, 56, of Northville, formerly of Canton, were June 11 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

He was born Dec. 29, 1943 in Detroit. He died June 7 in Detroit. Mr. Krukowski was self-employed as a bread distributor with Bets Foods for 12 years. He was also a veteran. He lived in Canton previously for 20 years.

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Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48026.

**AMY CALMES**  
Amy Calmes is an 11 year old who has been taking Scottish Highland dancing for less than two years.

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In April, at the Midwest Highland Dance Competition, Amy won two first place medals, one second place medal and one third place medal. She also won a "Best in Group" trophy for her age group.

Last weekend at the Alma Highland Festival and Scottish games, Amy won again. She won two first place medals, one second place medal and one third place medal and again won the "Best in Group" trophy for her age group. The competition has a large field, including competitors from Canada.

Amy is also a 4.0 student at Lowell Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

She has won two scholarships to go away for one week this June to the Scottish Arts Dance Camp in Oberlin, Ohio, to perfect and polish her skills for her next dance competition coming up in August.

It will be held in Livonia at Greenmead Historical Village on Saturday, Aug. 5 for the St. Andrews Society 151st Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

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## Wine debate bubbles over in Senate

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Legislation intended to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors, who might otherwise be able to order such beverages over the Internet, is sparking controversy because it will also keep some brands of alcohol out of the hands of adults.

"Not all the population, you know, is under 21 years old; there's a few of us who are over 21, and we do have a right or two and don't particularly like to have that taken away," said Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City.

McManus, along with Sens. Arthur Miller, D-Warren, and John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, argued that the bill will block adults too from being able to order fine wines from small, out-of-state wineries.

They also contend it will have an effect on the sales of Michigan's 24 small wineries.

"Well, wine is not CDs or books; rather, it's a substance with which we need to be very careful," Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, argued. "The problem with the status quo is that language was drafted 20 years ago before the freshness and newness of the Internet, and by maintaining the status quo, we have a potential problem and, frankly, a real problem, bypassing the three-tier system, and we have flooded the gates with wines from out of state that, frankly, could hurt Michigan wines."

House Bill 4752, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cass



## Liberty Fest

### 'Wall' visit highlights annual event

The summer solstice takes place next Tuesday but local residents will have to wait an extra day or two. That's because summer doesn't really begin in Canton until Liberty Fest.

The ninth annual festival gets under way Thursday, June 22, in Heritage Park. And yes, this year's celebration will be bigger and better than ever, according to Bob Dates, township recreation supervisor and unofficial Liberty Fest commissioner.

We have no reason to doubt that and are pleased to see recent efforts at broadening the appeal of the event, which last year drew an estimated 60,000 visitors. In addition to a full slate of family activities, organizers will once again offer a "Fun Zone" for older and teenage children. The "Zone," which includes a Velcro wall jump, rock climb and bungee run, will be open during the full four days of the festival, an increase from its one-day trial run last year.

The other must-see attraction this year has a decidedly more solemn side. The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be making an appearance in Heritage Park that coincides with Liberty Fest.

We note with some satisfaction the

renewed sense of honor and patriotism in recent years directed toward those who have served – and died – for their country. It was evident last month in calls from Congress and elsewhere to rekindle the true meaning of Memorial Day, rather than just having a three-day weekend kickoff to summer. Films and books documenting World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars are popular, not just because they tell dramatic stories but because most Americans recognize and appreciate the great sacrifices others have made on their behalf.

For all the controversy it engendered, the Vietnam War's cost in human lives is a tragic legacy no one should forget. As of Jan. 1, 2000, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial listed some 58,219 names of Americans either killed or still listed as a POW or MIA. If you don't have a family member or friend memorialized on the wall, you probably know someone who does.

While in Canton, the Moving Wall will be open to the public for viewing 24 hours a day. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 will be on hand along with other volunteers to assist those viewing the monument replica.

## Flawed wine bill restrains trade, sets poor precedence

"No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State. No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another; nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another..."

—U.S. Constitution

Ever notice that when lawmakers conspire to take away one of your constitutional rights they always have one really noble cause in mind?

So it is with House Bill 4752. It's intended to crack down on the sale of alcohol over the Internet to youngsters. A noble cause indeed. Unfortunately, it will also have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, for Michigan consumers to get access to more than a thousand small wineries across the country.

These aren't foreign wines. They aren't being imported from exotic locales. They're U.S. wines.

Not your issue? You don't drink fine wines from out of state, so you don't care?

OK. But when lawmakers find some noble cause for restricting access to a product you do use from out of state – electronics, lumber, clothing, movies, software, computers, furniture, etc. – perhaps you will realize it started here.

HB 4752, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, and approved last week by the state

Senate, not only blocks sales to minors but funnels purchases of out-of-state wines through the state's current "three-tier" system of wholesalers and retailers. In doing so, it gives preference to the largest producers, the ones which make enough product to keep wholesalers interested in stocking supplies.

The bill was amended by Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, last week to allow for personal importation of those wines for personal use, but in order to do that, consumers will have to travel out of state to make the purchases.

It's supposed to be an improvement, but it's not. Imagine if you had to fly to various states to buy each product you wanted – electronics, lumber, clothing – in order to ship it or carry it home.

Simply put, the effect of the bill, however noble the cause of restricting sales to minors, is an attempt by wholesalers to retain their monopoly in Michigan over the distribution of alcoholic beverages here.

And the state is happy to do it in order to ensure the collection of taxes on those sales.

The bill goes back before the House June 20 for a concurrence vote.

We would urge the proponents of this bill to reconsider whether they really want to violate the Constitution by enacting a restraint of trade.

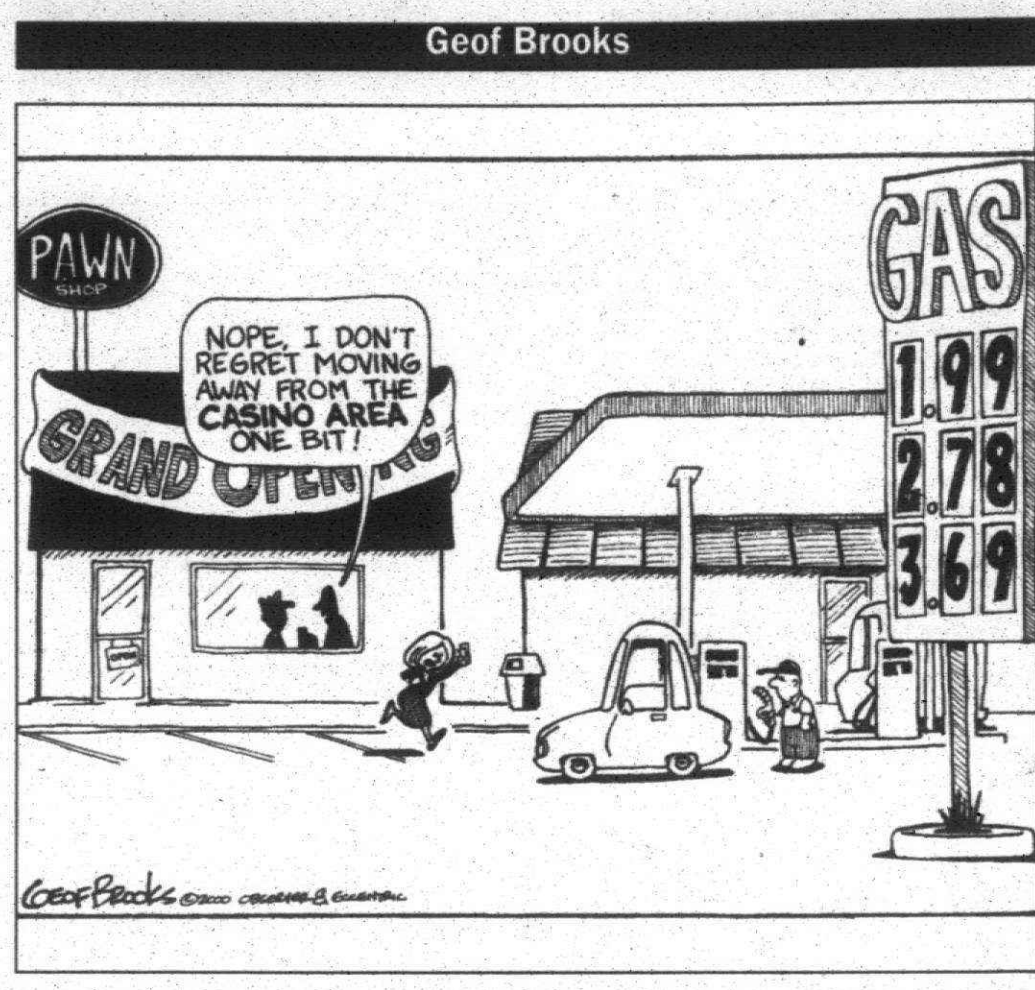
And we would urge others in the House of Representatives to withdraw their support for this flawed legislation.

## Observer editorial clarification

An editorial urging donors to check out charities and their spending records before turning over their money incorrectly referred to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan as spending most of its income soliciting donations. Actually, a 1998 income tax form shows the

organization spent about 75 percent of its income on program services, which means granting wishes.

We regret any inconvenience caused by the error.



### LETTERS

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### Campus is misguided

When the new high school question was on the ballot, I was among those voting yes. I voted for the new high school for two reasons: Plymouth-Canton schools need more capacity for high school students, and the new school would not be on the site of the current campus.

I was extremely disappointed in the legal wrangling over the "lost" votes and the district's unwillingness to have a revote on the issue. However, I believed it was within their right to stand by this position.

The last twist in this sad spectacle goes beyond comprehension for me: The board has simply decided to change what we voted on after the fact. I believe this is legally and morally wrong. I cast my yes vote based on the school board's presentation of facts, and they have disregarded their own words and changed the facts to suit their whim. I voted for a third high school in a separate (and specifically named!) location, not a continued expansion of the educational park!

I would never have voted for the plan knowing the school would be built on the current campus site, or even knowing that the third school would share services and staff with the current two. All the current research I have seen points not only to small class size, but equally important, small school size, as critical for students' development. I voted for the new school specifically because it was separate, and offered me some hope that my children would not be forced to attend the massive campus that now makes up Plymouth-Canton's only public high school choice.

I do not understand how the school board can ignore the overwhelming evidence that smaller schools are healthier for our students, both intellectually and emotionally. A recent summary of school size research (Raywid, 1999), discussing the overall findings about the superiority of small schools, stated:

"All of these things we have confirmed with a clarity and at a level of confidence rare in the annals of education research." As one researcher summed it up, "a large body of

research in the affective and social realms overwhelmingly affirms the superiority of small schools" (Cotton, 1996b).

Another researcher noted that size exerts a "unique influence" on students' academic accomplishment, with a strong negative relationship linking the two: the larger the school, the lower the students' achievement levels (Howley, 1994).

A thoughtful summary of some of the recent research in this area can be found at: <http://www.southborough.org/highschool-study/educatio.htm>

I am saddened and, frankly, disgusted by most of the school board members' complete disregard for the will of the voters. I also believe they are misguided in their choice of direction, and I believe the children of our community will suffer for it. Our community needs a school, not a "campus." And we need a school board that respects the vote of the community, rather than deciding it simply knows best.

Lynne Ellen Kaiser  
Canton

### Morton Taylor problems

The traffic on Morton Taylor is too heavy and the speed limit is too high. When the road goes through to Ford Road and beyond it will be impossible to get out of our subdivision.

Windsor Park is one of the oldest developments in Canton and our only exit is on Warren and Morton Taylor. Now we have to get to Morton Taylor in order to turn left onto Warren Road with the light. After Morton Taylor goes through we won't be able to get out at all.

There is an elementary school, Hulsing, that has only a one-road access. If there was a problem, where it would have to be evacuated, how would they get out or help reach them with only a single entrance/exit?

Who is looking at our road and traffic concerns?

Betty Fanelli  
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— Philip Power

## Sure work's important, but so is a little R&R

When you read this, I will be on my way home from vacation. You need a vacation. You need time to regroup. Most of the time there are a dozen voices in your ear all the time demanding, and probably deserving, your attention. There is no time to listen to that singular voice, your own. There is no time for quiet reflection, no time for self-evaluation, no time to get a handle on where you are.

Some people think they are so indispensable to their company that if they go on vacation, the whole house of cards will collapse. They are certain that if they slip away for just a day, they'll return to find the company has gone under and they'll be to blame.

I felt that way at one time and gave up several weeks of vacation. Then I noticed when I did take a vacation, the company got along without me just fine (well, for a little while anyway).

There are others who feel that if they take a vacation, someone else will take their job. Of course, this does happen. Disc jockeys are especially susceptible to losing out when their sub is found more attractive to

teenage girls. But, for most of us, this isn't even a remote possibility. Is it?

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Vacations take a variety of forms, but the essential thing is to be away from what you regularly do, to forget for awhile your work obligations and deal with your other obligations to yourself and your family.

This vacation is a cultural journey to Canada for some theater. It's a working vacation of sorts as I will be covering Ontario's two world-class theater festivals, Stratford and Shaw, for these papers, but it's still time away.

It's also time in two small towns



HUGH GALLAGHER

Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake. These towns seem almost pristine in comparison to American towns of similar size and location. Similarly, a bike ride along the Niagara River to the Falls is another reminder of how much more sensitively Canada has treated this magnificent natural wonder than the anything-goes, for-a-profit American approach on the other side.

Vacations give you a chance to think about these things and wonder how we ever got so far off the track.

That have capitalized on their settings. We can learn a lot about developing a downtown, creating restorative park settings and drawing on our cultural heritage from

Later this summer, we'll be taking a different kind of trip, up to the Upper Peninsula. This annual trek "Up North" is a Michigan ritual that is peculiar and unique to this state. New York City residents go Up State, but Up State includes several big cities mingled with more natural areas. In Michigan, there has long been this divide north and south of the Pentwater line. South is cities, factories, working farms – work. North is fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, hiking, biking, relaxing – fun.

For years Up North was the Sleeping Bear and the clear waters of Glen Lake and Lake Leland. But recently developers have started to move in – condo subdivisions, gaudy casinos, towns that vaguely resemble the towns people are trying to escape.

Traverse City is a never-ending traffic jam. Yes, it's still a beautiful area and it will take at least another 20 years before developers totally destroy it, but it's not what it used to be.

The UP is rawer, less amenable to development. It has too many flies in early summer. You can't swim in Lake Superior. The winters are too long, too cold and too snowy. But it is strikingly beautiful, with miles and miles of trails through rich forests and miles and miles of sandy beach and rocky shores on a lake that takes the breath away. There are also fine, twisty rivers and dozens of waterfalls. It'll take developers at least 100 years to destroy it. I figure I'll be gone by then.

As you see by the way this column has been rambling, I'm already in vacation mode. A co-worker always asks anyone about to go on vacation if they're already "winding down." And, yes, I'm winding down and ready to recharge a sputtering battery.

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## Shifting social landscape results in political shifts, too

You no longer have to be a Republican to be pro-business. You no longer have to be a Democrat to be pro-worker," state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said recently on Mackinac Island. It was part of a speech given in a fund-raising reception for herself and Secretary of State Candice Miller during the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Policy Conference.

The gist of the talk was that the interests of the two political parties are coming together. Workers don't do well when business is bad. Businesses don't do well when it's hard to find employees.

It's a bit of an oversimplification. Chamber President Richard Blouse would argue that his organization has been supporting Democratic candidates all along, but Granholm's comments served to point out some of the trends that have emerged in the conference. Changes in the social landscape are also changing politics. And

the driving factor is often technology.

Among the biggest changes is Michigan's low unemployment rate. That's produced a worker shortage. Michigan is already an estimated 20,000 workers short in engineering and other high-tech fields. Attracting employees has become such a major issue that government officials at the state and county level have begun recruitment efforts to bring new employees to the state. Finding and attracting new employees, in fact, was the subject of the session on the island. Obviously that leads to better pay and benefits for employees.

Another issue affected by this change is the environment. A subject that used to pit businesses against activists has seen new interest from both sides. As Bill Ruest of Public Sector Consultants pointed out, it's a quality of life issue. Employees won't come to this state if they find it to be a polluted, dirty place to live. And that may count for the renewed level

of interest on the part of businesses for addressing the environment and urban sprawl.

Those social changes also create a whole new set of issues, although the resulting divisions occur, not necessarily between the political parties, but sometimes in places rather unexpected. A case in point may be the issue of taxation on the Internet. Republicans at the state level want to begin applying sales taxes to items purchased across the Internet. They maintain the law has been on the books for years to tax out-of-state sales. Residents saw the first attempt to collect on tax forms this past April.

But the feds want to put a morato-

rium on new taxes on the Internet. In fact, they just extended their old three-year moratorium to a new five-year moratorium. The reason, according to U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, is that state and local governments collect such a wide variety of sales taxes, and some at different rates, that collecting it would be difficult at best. In the session on Mackinac regarding e-commerce, he urged states to use the time to consolidate and coordinate the way they collect sales tax.

Another new issue is where to get all those high-tech workers so much in demand. That, of course, is the issue that has U.S. Sen. Spence Abraham embroiled in controversy with his challenger, U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow. He's proposed granting more visas to foreign workers who have high-tech skills. His critics argue that steals jobs away from Michigan workers. But Abraham maintains that if we tried to train that many

workers from among our own population it would put the state behind in technological development.

It turns out there are several "digital divides," not just one, a contention supported by the work of Katherine Willis, president of Cyberstate.org. There is the divide between haves and have-nots, of course. But there is also a huge division between young and old. Interestingly, there are regional variations in access to computers and technology. Detroit and the Thumb lag behind the rest of the state.

How and what, if anything, the state should be doing about these discrepancies are issues that have Republicans and Democrats alike scratching their heads and searching for solutions. And it's no longer easy to predict where they may land.

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## Orange-cone maze matched by twisted logic of politics

A few years ago, in the early part of John Engler's tenure as governor of our great state, the question, "Which state has the worst roads in the country and still tries to sell itself as a tourist attraction?" had one answer: Michigan.

Potholes. Narrow lanes. Rubbish along the side. Michigan's roads had all the ills.

Fast forward to the last couple of years, with Engler in his final term. Suddenly, you can't change a lane without running into one of those stupid orange barrels. At one point, every single mile of my commute from the East Side was covered with them.

Now, we've discovered why that is. Here is a transcript from a secret tape recording we've obtained. It is a conversation between Engler and his Chief of Frustration, Bare E. Cades, taped some time during his tenure:

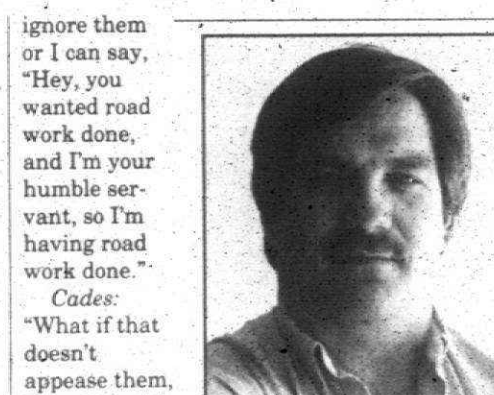
Engler: "I'm tired of hearing all the whining about the road conditions. I'm giving them non-accountable charter schools. What more do they want?"

Cades: "You're right, Your Honor. Greedy Michiganders. What makes them think they have the right to safe roadways, anyway?"

Engler: "Tell you what we're gonna do. They want good roads, we're gonna give 'em good roads."

Cades: "Yes, sir. I'll map out a reasonable plan to make improvements that won't clog the state's major arteries with construction zones that don't actually appear to be having any construction done."

Engler (slapping Cades in the back of the head): "What are you, nuts? This is politics. We don't have to be reasonable. We'll just put up construction zones willy-nilly without worrying about any kind of cohesive plan. Then, when the complaints start rolling in, I can either just



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ignore them or I can say, "Hey, you wanted road work done, and I'm your humble servant, so I'm having road work done."

Cades: "What's that, sir?"

Engler: "I'll blame you."

Every day, it seems some new zone has popped up, increasing the traffic volume the way saturated fats clog the human arteries. I-696 is closed nearly every weekend for construction. Telegraph is a perpetually "under construction" route. M-59, I-75, the Lodge, I-275, the Southfield ... you get the idea.

It has been said the fastest way between Point A and Point B is a straight line. When you're traveling in Michigan, though, you can't draw a straight line. It's more like playing "Connect the Orange Cones."

The construction craziness has even reared its ugly head in tiny little Plymouth, where Ann Arbor Road is allegedly due for some cosmetic work.

First the state awards the job to the low bidder, who then proceeds to back out. So the second low bidder gets the project.

But when will the work actually start? It was already supposed to have begun. The latest guess has workers starting some time next week. The state still maintains the project will be done in November.

Maybe they've got an "in" with someone at the John Engler Orange Cone and Barrel Factory Outlet.

Brad Kadrich is the Plymouth Observer community editor. He's surprised there hasn't been more road rage in the state recently. Reach him at (734) 459-2700 or by email at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net.

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"Travel to see relatives."

Lee Horberger  
Plymouth Township



## State's fastest growing county gets daily paper

Michigan's fastest growing county will have its first daily newspaper – and the nation's first new daily since 1997 – when *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* hits newsstands Sept. 6.

The new daily, published by HomeTown Newspapers, will merge the *Livingston County Press* and *Brighton Argus*, two of the oldest and most respected twice-weekly newspapers in the state.

The *County Press*, based in Howell, is 155 years old. Ten miles to the southeast is Brighton, where the *Argus* is 120 years old. Both papers currently are published twice weekly – on Wednesdays and Sundays. They will be combined into a single newspaper that will be published in the afternoon Monday through Friday. A weekend edition will be delivered Sunday mornings.

*The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* will maintain both editorial staffs as well as their offices. The company anticipates the creation of several new positions. Phil Jerome will retain his position as executive editor.

The dynamic growth of Livingston County has created the need for a daily newspaper, according to Rich Perlberg, vice president and general manager of HomeTown Newspapers. "This is an exciting announcement for both the company and the people of Livingston County," he said. "This newspaper will play an important role in unifying the county."

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north of Washtenaw counties, the county is expected to grow by another 70,000 people in the next 20 years, according to population projections by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The county currently has the highest median household income (\$58,349) in the state. During a formal announcement to employees on June 8, company officials promised that the new daily would be guided by traditional HomeTown values.

"Our objective has always been to be the sole unsubstitutable source of information to people in this county," said Perlberg. "We will continue to provide the essential tools for living the good life in Livingston County. Those are the values that have brought us this far and they will drive us in the future."

The *County Press* was named the best weekly newspaper in the United States last year by the National Newspaper Association. The *Argus* has been named the best community weekly newspaper in the state

by the Michigan Press Association for the past two years.

The new paper is expected to debut with a paid circulation of more than 20,000. That would make its circulation larger than the combined circulation of all other newspapers in Livingston County. It would also make it one of the 20 largest of the state's 50 daily newspapers.

*Press & Argus* readers will continue to find the extensive local coverage they've come to expect in their HomeTown weekly newspapers. In addition, the new daily will carry state, national and world news as well as a complete sports line-up, nationally recognized syndicated columnists, stock reports and all the other features commonly associated with daily newspapers.

HomeTown Newspapers is a subsidiary of the Livonia-based HomeTown Communications Network, which publishes 70 weekly and twice-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, including all *Observer & Eccentric* editions.

This will be the corporation's first daily newspaper. HomeTown Communications also publishes phone directories, specialty publications and the *Insider Business Journal* of Livingston, West Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Last month, the corporation announced the formation of HomeTownDigital.com, which will develop Internet solutions for local merchants and manage all Web activity for HomeTown Communications Network (www.hometownnewspapers.net).

## State environment agency launches Web site

The Department of Environmental Quality is launching its environmental education Internet Web site, which provides science-based information for all levels of interest, Director Russell Harding said.

The DEQ has offices throughout the state including one on Seven Mile in Livonia.

The Web site at [www.deq.state.mi.us/enved](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/enved) was developed by the DEQ's Office of Communications and Education with assistance from throughout the agency. It has information suited for casual and sophisticated users. The site features separate sections for students, educators and the general public. It also includes a Kids' Corner, which links to games and activities that will appeal to younger viewers.

Topics are listed under four main subject areas in each section: air, land, waste and water. In addition, the site offers sections on special events and dates, access to environmental publications, links to other environmental sites and initiatives, and ways that people can care for the environment.

The department's Web site is [www.deq.state.mi.us](http://www.deq.state.mi.us)

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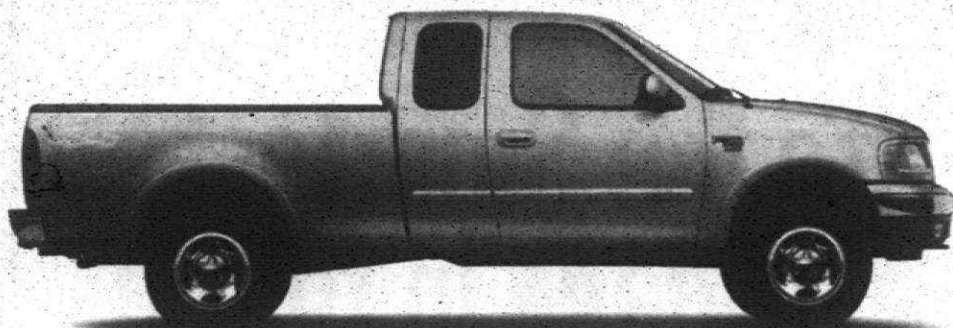
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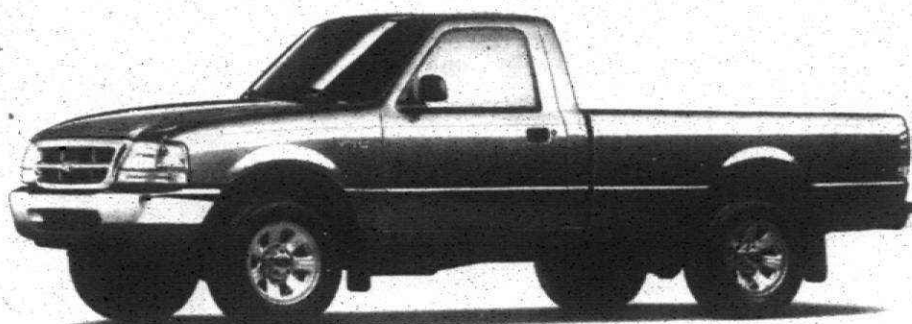
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## Honor kids on dad's day

**M**other's Day gets most of the attention. And this year a million moms (well, maybe 750,000) decided to celebrate by marching on Washington to demand more gun control laws. They were doing it "for the children."

When police departments use underage "decoys" to try to purchase tobacco products from party stores and service stations, they're doing it "for the children."

And when schools enact and enforce "zero tolerance" policies, they are, of course, doing it "for the children."

Yet there is no day set aside to honor children in the same way that Mother's Day honors mothers or Father's Day honors fathers. And with all of these groups intent on protecting children from themselves, the question arises: What are we doing to the children in the process?

As fathers, let's turn things around and use this Father's Day to honor some of the children who have become victims of mindless policies allegedly designed to "protect" them. Let's remember (and perhaps apologize to):

■ The 17-year-old Eagle Scout honors student and leader of a Christian youth group in Savannah, Ga., who was given a long-term suspension and transferred to an "alternative school" after school officials searched his locked car and found a broken ax in the trunk and a Boy Scout pocket knife and cell phone in the glove compartment. He had used the ax the previous night in a demonstration at a Scout meeting. The knife and cell phone were gifts from his father. But possession of the items violated the school's code of conduct and he was ousted.

■ The North Carolina high school student who was suspended for a full year and transferred to an "alternative school" after police, conducting a random search for drugs on school property, found a hunting rifle in its case inside his locked car. He had gone hunting before school that day and in his rush to get to school on time had left the rifle in the car. No charges were filed, no police action taken, the superintendent admitted the student had no ulterior motive. But rules are rules and he was out.

■ Also in that same North Carolina district, the fifth-grader who brought a decorative pocket knife to school for show-and-tell. He never got that far. After telling a friend that he had the knife, the friend told a teacher and, as the principal explained, "we followed proper procedure by calling the police." Since, according to the principal, "the knife was not considered to be a weapon, and it was not a firearm situation, he was suspended for three days."

■ The 9-year-old New Jersey student who was going to "shoot" a female classmate with a paper wad propelled from a rubber band. The girl told her parents about it that night, they called school officials, the officials called police and after midnight two uniformed police officers showed up at the kid's home, roused him out of bed and questioned him. The cops decided it wasn't a police matter. When the boy's parents met with school officials the next day, the officials said their son could return to class - but only after he had been "evaluated" by an outside psychologist.

■ "The Sayreville Four," four New Jersey kindergartners who were suspended for three days after pointing their fingers at each other and saying "Bang! Bang!" during a game of cops and robbers on the school playground. "We have to be extra careful in today's world," the principal explained. "It may be just a game or something said in jest, but it can be taken differently by other children."

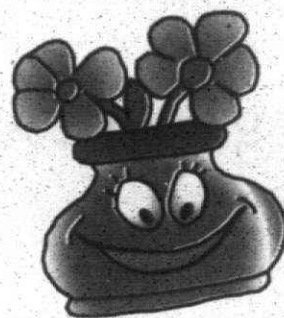
■ The Seattle sixth-grader who was expelled when a squirt gun fell out of his backpack in the school lunchroom. Three weeks later the expulsion was reduced to a suspension and he was allowed back in school - after his parents hired a lawyer.

■ Last, but not least, the 5-year-old kindergartner in Pittsburgh who was suspended for one day after the school principal had a "serious problem" with the child's Halloween costume. The costume, which the kid's mother had bought, was a firefighter's outfit: a yellow plastic jacket, a red helmet and - the problem - a five-inch plastic firefighter's ax!

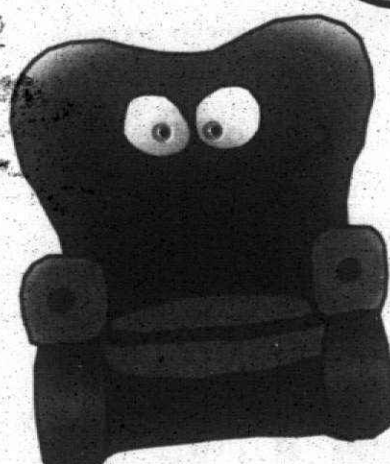
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**K**ids who play with Crazy Bones aren't aware of the "guerrilla marketing approach" the company credits to its growing success, they only know they like playing with, trading and collecting the plastic figures because - they're cool.

"Crazy Bones are a really cool thing at school," said Alex Turchan, 9, of Livonia who has been trading and playing with Crazy Bones for the past year.

Based on ancient Greco-Roman games known as *tabas* and *astragal*, children 2,000 years ago painted faces on clean, dried sheep knuckle bones and would throw them on the ground similar to the clear, metallic and brightly colored plastic figures of today. Each Crazy Bone is a unique character played to classic games like marbles, tidily winks, jacks and bowling.

### How to

Playing the game "traditionally" calls for each player to take turns throwing Crazy Bones in the air at the same time. Your score depends on how your Crazy Bones land. Standing up five points; on their side two points; face up one point; and face down zero points.

Maybe that's what makes the game itself so popular - the simplicity of play. But when it comes to collecting and trading the plastic figures it's the names, faces and attitudes of the characters that really draw Crazy Bones fans.

"My favorites are Jaws, James Bone and Melon Head," said Alex, who attends Adams Elementary School in Livonia.

The third grader said Crazy Bones are now banned from being brought or played at his school because kids were having them stolen away.

That hasn't slowed the playing of the game any at home, according to Maria Turchan, mother of Alex, 9, Jacob, 7, and Tyler, 4.

"Now that the weather is nicer they're a little more busy with soccer and baseball but they love playing and collecting," said Maria. "I think they're cute ... all the faces and funny names. I never let them get into the Pokemon thing. All they could do was look at those. They can play games with Crazy Bones."

Currently there are eight character series (Series I/GoGo's, Series II/Things, Aliens, Buddies, Sports Bones, Glowies, Toy Story 2), the newest being Dragonball Z based on good and bad guys from FUNimation's "Dragon Ball Z," an animated television show on the Cartoon Network. Among the character series there are approximately 280 Crazy Bones personalities and countless games that can be played with the one-inch figurines, including Crazy Score, On the Line, Airbone.



Treasure: Jacob Liepshutz, 7, of West Bloomfield looks for a bone to trade.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Concentration:** Kirsten Wood, 9, of Livonia shoots a Crazy Bone playing battle at the Gags & Gifts Crazy Bones Extravaganza in Livonia. Below, Alex Turchan (from left), Jonathon Holmes, Nicholas Najduk, Jacob Turchan, Richard Holmes (behind right) and - throwing a crazy bone - Tyler Turchan, all from Livonia, play bomber box.

Bowling, Battle, Bomber, Bone Roll and Baseball.

Eight-year-old Richard Holmes of Livonia says bowling is his favorite game to play with some of the more than 80 characters he has in his collection.

"I like playing the game Keeps, too," said Richard. "If you win, you get to keep the other person's Crazy Bone. Sometimes it's easy."

### Humble beginnings

Illustrations discovered in a city called Resnia helped revive the ancient game of *tabas*. Drawings painted on marble showed children playing with the bone-like gamepieces dating back more than 2,000 years.

Realistically though, the Crazy Bones company knew kids in the 21st century wouldn't go for a game marketed on the fact that it was once played with the knuckle bones of animals, and with a less than plentiful advertising budget, marketing gurus initiated a region-by-region, grassroots marketing approach.

According to Dolly Hiller, Toy Craze public relations spokesperson, product samples were handed out and demonstrations performed in shopping centers, on street corners, at scouting meetings and YMCAs with the "pass it on" philosophy.

Toy maker Jose Maria Bella created the injection-molded plastic figures after a museum visit several years ago. Magic Box International introduced Crazy Bones in Europe in 1996 under the name GoGo's. Sales in the first 2½ years reached \$300 million.

On U.S. soil, David Gantner, a 30-year-old businessman and his brother, Peter, purchased the rights to sell Crazy Bones from Magic Box International in 1997. Gantner started the exhaustive "guerrilla marketing" approach that has generated significant enthusiasm throughout the country.

Toy Craze President Bill Flaherty said the "labor intensive" approach to product distribution is paying off.

"The key is getting them into the hands of kids," said Flaherty, a Washington, D.C., native who in



December 1997 became president of the Ohio-based toy company that licenses and distributes Crazy Bones.

"The game doesn't really come across on television. You have to hold them and play with them and then you're hooked. That's why the different strategies we have initiated to get the product on the market have been successful."

Jacob Turchan, 7, and his friend Jonathon Holmes, 6, both say getting a new Crazy Bone either by winning, trading or buying is the best thing about the toys.

Both first graders have favorites - Jacob's being Fly Boy and Jonathon's E.T. - but it's Nitro they're in hot pursuit of.

"I haven't been able to get him yet," said Jacob, "but he's the one I really want."

### On the horizon

Flaherty said the company is looking forward to offering monster-sized Crazy Bones this fall in

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McDonald's Happy Meals. There are 12 retired bones and 12 new bones kids can collect," said Flaherty. The toy company president added consistent feedback from children go into the creation of both games, merchandise and new characters. "I get at least 20 to 30 e-mails a week that are passed onto me of ideas kids have come up with that they want me to take a look at," said Flaherty. Most of the

games we get are from kids. We'll be selling something called a Bomber Box in the fall that a kid from Virginia created." Points of purchase Local businesses such as Noodle Kidoodle of Northville and Gags and Gifts of Livonia sell Crazy Bones and related merchandise to both boys and girls ranging in age from approximately 5 to 12 years old. Kim

Conrad, assistant manager of Gags and Gifts, said they've had Crazy Bones in stock for a couple of years but have seen an increase in popularity with some local demonstrations and a "Crazy Bones Extravaganza" they held in April. "Every Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. we're going to have a trading night here," said Conrad, "where kids can do one-on-one exchanges." The assistant store manager said Crazy Bones packets, which contain three and four figures and stickers per foil pack, retail for \$1.99. "We also sell Crazy Bones merchandise such as cages, bags, wallets, magnets, coffee mugs, starter kits and metal cases," added Conrad. "We have it all."

Kierstyn Oldenburt, assistant store manager of Noodle Kidoodle, said Crazy Bones are "huge" in this area. The Northville retailer said her store sees a lot of foot traffic from Crazy Bones enthusiasts and she expects to see more as a "buy one - get one free" sale runs through July 25 as stock permits. "We sell to both boys and girls pretty equally," said Oldenburt. "It just depends on what their friends are playing with."

The Crazy Bones team will be at the "Fun 2-3-4" traveling exhibit at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum (220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor) from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. The Crazy Bones team will do demonstrations on how to use game in conjunction with the "Crazy Bones Math Home Center" - a curriculum developed to improve math skills that utilize Crazy Bones figures. Call the museum (734) 995-5439. To know more about Crazy Bones visit www.crazybones.com

Congregation welcomes new pastor at upcoming installation

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@oe.com

Pastor Michael R. Bryan says he has jumped right into his new position with "both feet" after arriving from Belle Fourche, S.C., to serve as minister of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

The congregation will hold an official installation ceremony following the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 25. Bryan will fill the position vacated by former Pastor Paul White, who is now serving as a faculty member at a Christian college. White left 19 months ago and was replaced by interim pastor David Bowley.

"We lived in South Dakota for 10 years so this was a hard move, but I felt it was something God was telling me to do," said

Bryan. "When they contacted me by phone I was feeling conflicted but believe it was time to do something different and it wasn't necessarily with that group of people."

Bryan now resides in Plymouth with his wife, Denise, and three children, Matthew, Laura and Daniel. Matthew and Laura will attend Plymouth Salem High School in the fall.

"I was really concerned about the move because two of my children are teenagers in high school and I knew this would be hard on them, but they have been very supportive," added Bryan.

The Plymouth pastor said he studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, before transferring to Bethel Seminary in St. Paul with his wife - then fiancée at the time - where he

received a master of divinity degree. Presently he is a doctoral candidate at North American Baptist Seminary where he expects to receive a doctor of ministry in the summer of 2001.

Feeling comfortable Despite moving several thousand miles east to Michigan, Bryan says he has never felt out

of touch when he relocates because he's always "welcomed into a church family."

"You have to remember that God really calls you to a church - you're not placed in a church but work on God's behalf," said Bryan.

Bryan said he has several personal goals for himself in his new role and already has plans

a.m. with a dinner following at 12:30 p.m. Bryan expects the ceremony to begin following the meal.

A regional representative from the American Baptist Churches of Michigan will be in attendance as well as others from Baptist churches in the south-eastern Michigan area who will serve as well-wishers. Bryan said he views two of the most important aspects of the installation as the charge to the minister and the charge to the congregation.

"The charge to the minister is that he remembers God called him to the church. There is an equally important charge to the congregation that they remember why they come to worship," said Bryan.

The First Baptist Church of Plymouth is at 45000 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-2300.

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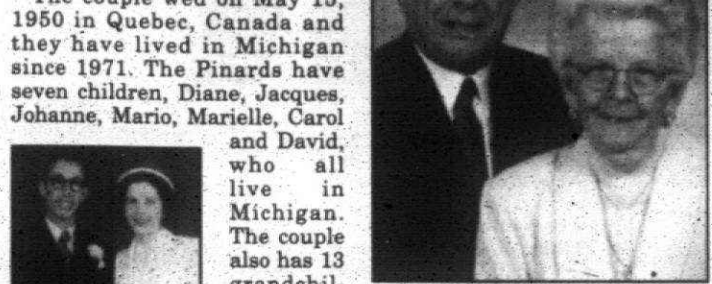
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: PLOT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 057 01 0050 000 AND 057 01 0051 000 FROM R-5, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO OSP, OFF-STREET PARKING. Property is located on the west side of Oakview south of Ford Road.

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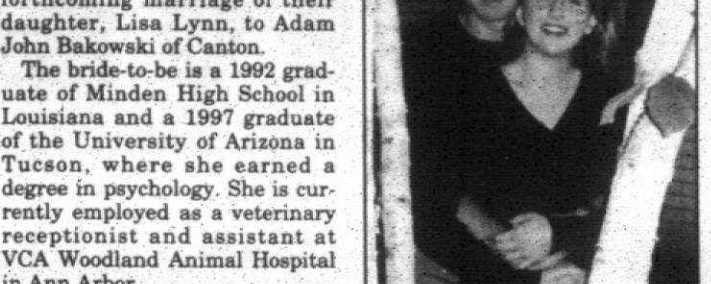
ANNIVERSARY ENGAGEMENTS

Pinard Ronald and Rachel (Mecteau) Pinard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. The couple wed on May 15, 1950 in Quebec, Canada and they have lived in Michigan since 1971. The Pinards have seven children, Diane, Jacques, Johanne, Mario, Marielle, Carol and David, who all live in Michigan. The couple also has 13 grandchildren. Ronald retired in 1989 from A.M. General as a sheet metal supervisor and now spends his time in his wood shop, gardening and fishing. His wife Rachel is a homemaker and also enjoys playing cards and bingo. After renewing their vows for their anniversary, the Pinards enjoyed a family dinner and party at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.



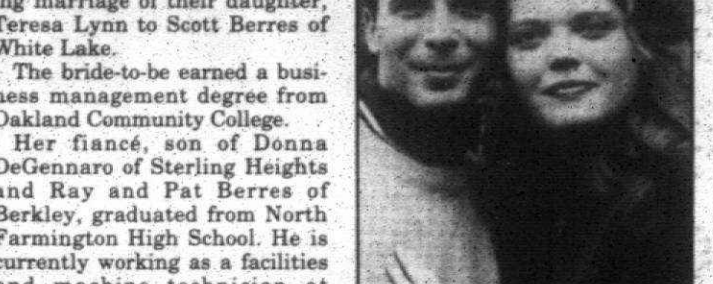
Burnham-Bakowski Pat Burnham and the late Kenneth W. Burnham Sr. of Minden, Louisiana announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Lynn, to Adam John Bakowski of Canton. The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Minden High School in Louisiana and a 1997 graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she earned a degree in psychology. She is currently employed as a veterinary receptionist and assistant at VCA Woodland Animal Hospital in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé, son of Robert and Irene Bakowski of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University where he earned a degree in zoology. He is currently employed as an animal care supervisor at the Lab Animal Medicine Unit of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Robertson-Valik Wally and Lauri Robertson of Chelsea announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lynn, to Ryan Karl Valik of Hartland. The bride-to-be is a 1993 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology. She works for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé, son of Tommi Latoff of Frederic, Mich., and Tony Valik of Corunna, is a 1993 graduate of Hartland High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in crop and soil science.



Berger-Belcher Stuart and Sheila Berger of Villanova, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle to Matthew Steven Belcher of Los Angeles, formerly of Livonia. The bride-to-be is an elementary teacher in Los Angeles, Calif. She received her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State College and her master's degree in education from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Her fiancé, son of Jeanne Belcher of Milford and Walter Belcher of Waterford, is a graduate of Clarenceville High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Albion College and attended Thomas Cooley Law School and Georgetown Law School in Washington D.C. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and is employed as an attorney for KPMG in Los Angeles, specializing in tax law. A June wedding is planned in Villanova.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Bill and Teri Evans of Centerville, formerly of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Nicole born Dec. 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She joins twin brothers Joshua and Zachary, 4. Grandparents are John and Diane Macik of Plymouth Township and Bill and Sandy Evans of Brighton, formerly of Redford.

Derek and Michel Brewer of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Mariessa Leigh born April 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Darrell and Lynn Wolfrom of Brighton and Chuck and Pam Clinton of Westland.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre' Spears of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Clare Cheriah born April 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Siblings are Ronald, 6; Trevon, 4; and Julius, 2. Grandparents are Guy-mil and Somalia Sanders of Detroit and the Hall family.

Stephanie and Jason Rilling of Garden City announce the birth of their son Drake Andrew born April 7 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Cindy Jacka, John Rilling, Vickie Schmidt, and John Fultz.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

CRAFT FAYRE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL Crafters are needed for the Saturday, June 24 "Craft Fayre and Ice Cream Social" at the Wayne Tower Senior Citizens Apartment Building. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. at 35200 Sims, Wayne. For information or to participate as a crafter call Constance or leave a message at (734) 721-9254 - Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations from the ice cream social will be donated to the Jacobetti Disabled Veterans Home in Marquette, MI. 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 6 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 SASE P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

## WEEKEND

**PRINCETON REVIEW**  
■ 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.

**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) 416-4906.

**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 \$17 (T-shirt, if available) the day of the race. Kids' event doesn't include T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit the Girl Scouts 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, 38670 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.  
**LECTURE PRESENTATION**  
■ There will be a lecture presentation on "Schizophrenia and Family Support," from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, at St. Mary's Hospital. For more information, call (734) 655-2550.  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
■ Canton Firefighters sponsor a "Spaghetti Dinner," from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 23, at the Liberty Fest in Canton Heritage Park. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation. For more information or for tickets, call Capt. Davison at (734) 398-5262.

## AROUND TOWN

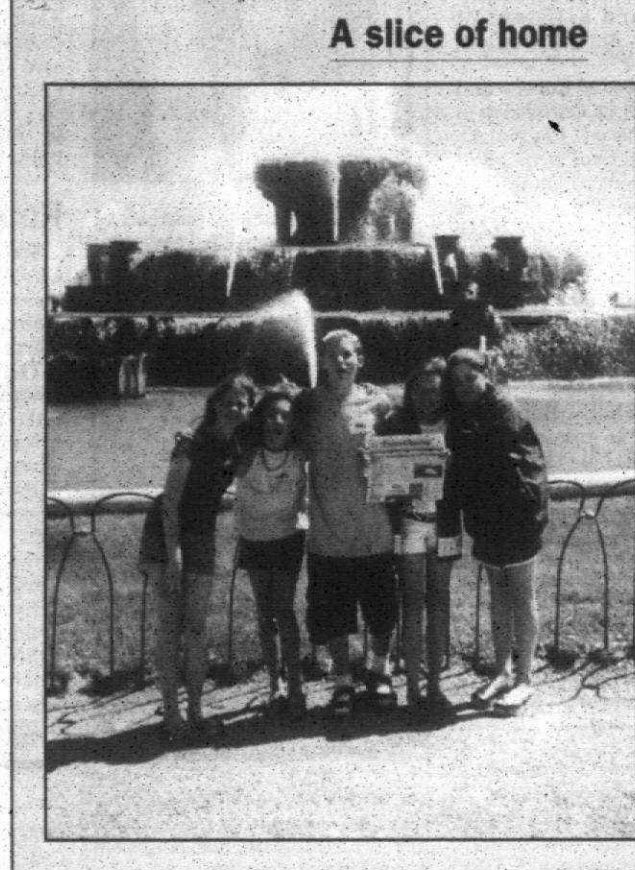
**CEADAR POINT TRIP**  
■ Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Cedar Point for middle school children on Friday, June 16. Buses will depart Northville Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Cost ranges from \$52-\$59. Adult chaperones are needed. For more information, 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, 3691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, the 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 and 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**  
■ 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 10-13. 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 \$40. (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 Cayman Sports Co. at a greatly discounted rate. Sign-up is limited. For more information, contact the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department.

**BNI MEETINGS**  
■ Business Network Inter-



Good reading: Central Middle School sixth graders went on a school-sponsored field trip to Chicago recently, but couldn't leave home without their hometown Observer newspaper. The students showing off the paper are (from left) Molly Dowd, Annaliese Kelch, Jeff Piper, Michelle Pagliaroni and Holly LaCross. That's the Buckingham Fountain behind them.

national will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 22, 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 23, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

**GARDEN WALK**  
■ The fifth annual "Flowers are Forever" Garden Walk will be held from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. Tickets are \$6 pre-sale and \$7 the day of the walk. The Trailwood Garden Club, located in Plymouth, is a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, and is a sponsor. There are eight gardens on the walk and features include a pond, a waterfall, pool, arbors, a pergola, whimsy and extensive use of perennials. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the Plymouth Community Arts Council throughout the day. Currently, the Arts Council will have a special floral exhibit featuring watercolors and photographs by Joellen Kalymon. A two day watercolor workshop will be offered June 29 and 30. No strollers please. Tickets are available from members and at the following locations: Saxton's Garden Center, Backyard Birds, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The ticket contains the map and a coupon for Backyard Birds. The Garden Walk will be held rain or shine. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

**CLUB CAN-DO**  
■ Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills is turning into a clubhouse for Can-Do-Kids this summer

and 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. Can-Do Kids will learn how they can make a difference in the world around them. 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). All kids 4 years old by June through fifth-graders are invited. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

**BASKETBALL CAMPS**  
■ Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place 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 second camp will be from Monday-Friday, 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 located in Livonia at I-96

and Levan Road.  
**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 Pheasant 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. Wearing helmets is strongly advised but not required. A multi-gear non-racer type bike is preferred but not necessary. For more information, call tour leader, Alan VanKerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

**KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB**  
■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cul-

tural 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.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL**  
■ St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmarys-hospital.org.

■ Hospices of Henry Ford seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office or to assist with special projects. They will be offering a 20-hour training program from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, Tuesday, June 20, and Thursday, June 22. This training is required for anyone interested in working with patients. For more information, or to register, call Sharon Cain at (734) 354-3372.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**  
**DOWN SYNDROME**  
■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second and fourth Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. For more information, call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

**FAMILIES ANONYMOUS**  
■ Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances, such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. For more information, call (734) 416-0315.

**HANDS ACROSS THE WATER**  
■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-OKay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

**STARTING OVER**  
■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the

month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

**GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT**  
■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS**  
■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main St.). For information, call (734) 522-4244.

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

**ANGELA HOSPICE**  
■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth FAVOR, (734) 464-7810.

## CLUBS

**MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES**  
■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

**M.O.M.**  
■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Cherie at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

**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 located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

**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.

**HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP**  
■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9248 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

**COUNTY CONNECTION**  
■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for members. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

church by calling (734) 422-0149 on Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine, fax or e-mail. They will be ignored. Call in orders only. Pick up time is Thursday, June 29 from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adult (1/2 chicken) and \$4 for children (1/4 chicken). You do not need to be a child to order a child's meal. In addition a baked potato, biscuit, cole slaw and dessert will be included. Payment made at the time of order. Checks can be made payable to Newburg UMC.

**GOLF CLASSIC**  
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: 9 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 great prizes (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. Corporate sponsors are available. Call (734) 655-2907 to register.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will host a Strawberry Festival from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 16 on the church grounds. Strawberries, cakes and ice cream will be sold as well as baked goods and crafts. Square dancing will be hosted from 6-8 p.m.

**HEALTHCARE CLASSIC**  
Golf pro Hollis Stacy will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic. The 8th annual all women's golf event will be presented by Oakwood Healthcare System June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$175 per person. To register call (313) 791-1234.

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## FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

**LISTINGS FOR THE FUNDS & BENEFITS**  
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.honcom.net.

**NEW COOKBOOK ON SALE**  
The Counsellor's Youth Chorale of Plymouth, CYC, is pleased to announce the sale of their new cookbook "Sing for Your Supper." This first edition of a collection of family favorites includes savory recipes from current members of the children's music ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and neighboring communities, as well as alumni and local celebrities. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will benefit the CYC European Tour of the International Children's Choir Festival in London and Parish this summer. Cookbooks are \$15 each and can be reserved by calling (734) 453-0326.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available, call (248) 348-9030.

**TUBBS FAMILY CONCERT**  
The Jim Tubbs Family will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene (45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth).

**FATHER'S DAY SERVICE**  
Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will hold identical service at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, June 18 honoring fathers. Guest speaker Lucille Sorenson's talk will be titled "The Father Within and Without." The services will be followed by a blueberry pancake breakfast. Fathers eat free while adults are \$3 and children, \$1.50.

**UUCF SUNDAY SERVICE**  
The Sunday June 18 service of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will include guest speaker Sean Kosofsky, Triangle Foundation's Director of Policy and Victim Services, presenting "Families: Past, Present, and Future" discussing family issues involving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and couples. UUCF is a welcoming congregation. Summer services at 10 a.m. only, no Sunday School. UUCF is located at 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River) Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.uucf.com/~uucf/

**ST. JOHN'S VBS**  
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) is accepting registrations for Vacation Bible School June 19-23. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each day. Classes for children entering kindergarten in the fall through adult will be from 6-8:30 p.m. The theme is based on Noah's Ark. Activities include drama, crafts, music and Bible stories. Call (313) 538-2660 to register.

**MT. VERNON VBS**

Vacation Bible School for Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be held June 19-23 (8828 Warner, Redford). The theme is Good News - Ocean Odyssey for children ages 3-12. The session runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 537-7480.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church (10101 W. Ann Arbor Road) of Plymouth invites children to come to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall. This year's program is SonZone Discovery Center, a week of adventure is a fantastic invention's museum designed for kids including lively songs, crafts, games, hands-on experiments, Bible study and snacks. Registration begins May 21. Call (734) 459-9550.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Join us at the SonZone Discovery Center, the Vacation Bible School at Berean Baptist Church (38303 Eight Mile Road). SonZone is a very special place - a fantastic inventor's museum designed just for kids. Here children will join Professor Mega-noggin in her search for God's awesome plan. They'll explore the wonders of God's universe through lively songs, humorous skits and "science-with-a-twist" based crafts and games. The SonZone Discover Center Vacation Bible School is June 19-23 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. All children who have completed grades 1-6 are welcome.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
The Westland Church of the Nazarene, 38600 Palmer Road in Westland, will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8 p.m. June 19-23. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) of Livonia will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23. Outback Expedition - Celebrating God's Family will include Bible stories, drama, music, games and crafts. Children age four through grade six are invited to attend. To register call (734) 522-6830.

**WORLD HEALING SERVICE**  
On Mon, June 19th a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

**YAU BARBECUE**  
On Saturday, June 24 the Young Adults of Unity will be having a barbecue at Bell Creek Park Picnic Area B at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your choice of meats. Drinks and desserts provided. YAU is for singles, couples, high school graduates, college students and all young adults ages 18-35 who seek fun and fellowship. Bell Creek Park is located on Five Mile Road - between Inkster and Beech Daly in Livonia.

**ST. RICHARD ANNIVERSARY**  
St. Richard Parish of Westland will celebrate their 40th anniversary. The event will start with a parish picnic on the parish grounds on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5 p.m. Former parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to attend call the rectory (734) 729-2240 and let them know how many will be attending.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
St. James Presbyterian Church will host a Strawberry Festival after the Sunday, June 25 service at 10 a.m. The church is located at 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford Township. Call (313) 534-7730.

**SPIRITBOUND APPEARING**  
The vocal group Spiritbound

will appear at 11 a.m. June 25 at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy road between Lilley and Main) in Canton. Call 455-0022 for information.

**VBS OUTBACK EXPEDITION**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (201 Elm, Northville) will host Vacation Bible School "Outback Expedition" from 9 a.m. to noon June 26-30 for preschoolers through fifth grade. Register on first day. Call (248) 349-3140.

**JULY VBS**  
Explore, experiment, examine! Plymouth First United Methodist church will host Vacation Bible School July 17-21 for grades preschool through fifth. Call (734) 453-5280.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wme

**ST. MATTHEW VBS**  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School (5885 Venoy Road) of Westland will host Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 7-9 p.m. at Holy Word Studios. A light meal will be served from 6:15-7 p.m. with free will offering. The lesson and craft will follow from 7-9 p.m. In addition, adult confirmation class and adult bible class will be offered simultaneously. For information call (734) 425-0260.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon June 26-29. Register by June 19 at Fellowship Hall or obtain forms in the church office. For children ages four through the sixth grade. Adult adult volunteers are needed. Fee is \$6 per child or \$18 per family. Call 432-0164.

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting: 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room: 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth  
Call For Hours: 453-1676

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth

1108 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting: 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room: 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth  
Call For Hours: 453-1676

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## Son looks inside himself for answers to relationship

As another annual Father's Day approaches, one may wonder, for what purpose? Another Hallmark holiday? Is there any benefit to setting aside time to honor fathering?

Most of us would agree that a good father can greatly benefit the human race, and desire that kind of relationship. But what if we have a father who doesn't seem to deserve honoring? A cold, critical, harsh or unloving father? What then? Father's Day might seem a cruel hoax.

My relationship with my own father from an early age was fraught with anger, resentment and hurt. I saw him as intolerant, emotionally abusive, and unloving. I sought to distance myself from him. I vowed to be nothing like him. By the time I prepared to leave home for college, ugly verbal exchanges were common.

Then in my early twenties a new view of the Bible's teachings showed me I am actually the son of an all loving Father-God, a Father who can do nothing but love me because He is love itself. This true Father knows nothing of an unloved, unlovable son. I learned to know myself as God's image and likeness. And this image and likeness is not the victim of imperfect fathering.

But my spiritual understanding was initially limited. While I had begun to accept my own identity as a son of God, I was not so quick to accept it for others. A particular family function comes to mind. I approached my father with the haughty arrogance of moral superiority. I had decided it was my Christian duty to tolerate him. A predictable nasty exchange followed.

Later in prayer as I attempted to make sense of the situation it dawned on me. While I had been willing to see myself as being loved, I had not been willing to include my father in this same truth: I continued to see him as flawed.

As I continued in prayer I remembered the commandment, "Honor thy father" and the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, spiritually interprets this in her textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, as "And Love is reflected in love."

As I had accepted God's love for me, even so I needed to reflect this love toward my dad. I began to see my father as God sees him, as God meant me to see him. I was able to appreciate his strengths of character. His steadfast commitment to the well-being of his family in good times and bad. His willingness to work excruciatingly long hours to see that we never did without. His unyielding stance in the face of whatever he thought threatened my education and opportunity. His impatience with character weakness.

I realized how much I really did love him and how much more he had given me than I had ever before stopped to appreciate. My own false sense of victimhood had blinded me to this love. And he had continued to love even in the face of this ingratitude.

Our relationship changed. It became characterized by friendly banter, humor, appreciation, and solicitous concern - by love. I am now a father to two sons of my own. I am quite amused to hear them tell me that I am a lot like their grandfather. I take this as a compliment. As I came to honor my heavenly Father, so I was able to honor my human father.

Happy Father's Day.  
Written by a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth.

Grandparents are Maysoun and Elnas Nashash of Canton Township.

Christopher and Jennifer Johnston of Redford announce the birth of their daughter Mackenzie Alicyn born May 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Mackenzie joins brother Justin, 22-month-old. Grandparents are Emily and Tom John of Kalamazoo and James and Sue Johnston of Plymouth.

Tim Moore and Jonelle Crosby of Westland announce the birth of their son Cody Charles born May 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mark and Laura Crosby of Westland and Chuck and Judy Moore of Westland.

Robert and Darlene Cawood of Garden City announce the birth of their son James Robert born May 16 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. James joins sister Anna, 32. Grandparents are Bial and Shirley Cawood of Garden City and Jim and Carol Moore of Westland.

Dawn Doolin and Daniel Saez of Milford announce the birth of their daughter Selena Marie Saez born May 17 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Kim and Roger Doolin of Westland and Barbara and Paul Saez of Las Vegas, Nevada.

## New arrivals from page B3

Courtney Erdman and Ryan St. John of Westland announce the birth of their son Kyle Sebastian St. John born April 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Carole and Kerry Erdman of Redford, Marilyn Parker of Westland and Ron Brady of Dearborn Heights.

David and Melissa Oberstaedt of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son Nicholas David born April 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Nicholas joins sister Kara, 2. Grandparents are Carolyn and Richard Oberstaedt, Dennis and Susan Derouin of Livonia, William Oberstaedt of Garden City and Jackie Komperda of Shelby Township.

Michael and Roxanne Dowd of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Marina Jean born April 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Marina joins siblings Travis, 8; Michael, 6; and Drew, 4. Grandparents are Ron and Gail Truesdell of Livonia and Michael and Marjorie Dowd of Livonia.

Andrea and Jeff Larmee of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Elizabeth born April 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Clarita and Robert Beslack of Livonia and Lynne and Larry Larmee of Livonia.

Kevin and Amy O'Beirne of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Emma Rose born April 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Emma joins brother Maxwell, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bill and Sharon Neubecker of Plymouth.

Larry and Regina Bazar of Westland announce the birth of their son Austin Lorenzo born April 28 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Austin joins siblings Frank, 10; and Kayle, 4. Grandparents are Gary Borders of Westland, Shelby Borders of Westland, Frank Bazar of Westland and Mary Cobarrubia of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Craig and Susan Cross of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Nicole born April 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Sarah joins siblings Amanda, 11; Heather, 9; and Jeremiah Herington, 6. Grandparents are Carol Napier of Garden City, Milford Wilson of New Tazewell, Tenn., and Craig and Patti Cross of Troy.

Jennifer Haines and Brad Knight of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Kaleigh Marie born May 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Lawrence R. Haines, Jr. and Sandra Haines of Orange Park, Florida and Linda Knight of Westland.

Stephanie Kidd and Kirk Pruden of Westland announce the birth of their son Shane Michael Pruden born May 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Shane joins brother Kyle Mark Pruden, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Al and Debra Denomme of Westland and Kevin and Sandy Pruden of Inkster.

Sheila and Jeffrey Lowrey of Flat Rock announce the birth of their daughter Michele Cathleen born May 8 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Michele joins brother Robbie, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Allen and Michele Benson of Garden City and Dean and Cathleen Lowrey of Taylor.

June Beer of Garden City announces the birth of her son Jordan Scott Beer born May 8 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Jordan joins siblings Janet, 17; and Jennifer, 15. Grandmother is Janet Dixon of Garden City.

Eric and Renee Selix of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Allison Rose born May 11 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Allison joins brother Patrick Todd, 2. Grandparents are Pat and Joan Naughton of Westland and Beverly Tonna of Westland.

Lalia Nashash of Canton Township announces the birth of her daughter Angel May Nashash born May 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

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# Astronomy club attracts star gazers

BY KRISTA HOPSON  
STAFF WRITER

Looking up at the sky on a dark, clear night some people may only see little dots of twinkling light. Others, however, see so much more and have many questions about the stars, planets, space travel, extraterrestrials and even the origin of the universe.

To answer some of those questions, Mike Best of Plymouth started an astronomy discussion group in February at the Plymouth District Library.

The Plymouth astronomy group meets 7-8 p.m. on the third Monday of every month. Twenty of the group's members, from throughout southeastern Michigan, are scheduled to meet at the library until the end of this year.

Best, who has been studying astronomy for 54 years, wanted a place where people who liked planets, stars and the universe could have a discussion. He also hoped to create a group that parents and their children could come to together.

"I always say that ages six to 106 are welcome," said Best, 66, a former newspaper reporter who retired after 40 years in the field. "I wanted to make (the group) a family thing."

Astronomy is popular among all of the age groups because there is so much exposure to space travel on television, Best said. "Curiosity eventually gets to people. People flock in with so many questions."

## Exploration

Best's own curiosity about science fiction is what led him into



Best

studying astronomy at a very young age. He found that despite the little green people in science fiction stories, the astronomy part always seemed to be accurate.

"I started to ask, 'could the stars possibly be that big?' and 'could the universe possibly have a beginning?'" Best said.

The Plymouth resident, who has been lecturing on astronomy for over 25 years and is director of the Southfield Planetarium, tries to continue to answer all of those questions for the discussion group while also feeding their interest in the subject matter.

Daisy Aimar, a discussion group member who resides in Westland, became interested in astronomy after gazing into a friend's telescope several years ago.

"When I looked in it, my God, there was Saturn and I could see

the rings moving," Aimar said. "I told myself that before I die I have to see it again."

At the time, however, Aimar never had the opportunity to further pursue her curiosity in the world of astronomy. It wasn't until Aimar, 58, who is now retired, saw a brochure at the library about the discussion group that she decided she finally had some time to learn more about astronomy.

"(Best) is full of really good information," Aimar said. "He's an expert in his field."

Best feeds the group a lot of information in a short amount of time, Aimar said. Every meeting, Best selects a particular subject and begins with a short lecture on it. He also answers questions and peaks the group's curiosity by showing videos or presenting some of his 600 astronomy slides.

Best currently has no plans to increase the astronomy group's meeting days or times. He does hope to have a session this fall where the group can go outside and just look up at the stars.

Anyone who has ever had a question about the universe and did not want to take a college course on the subject is invited to join in on the group's discussions, Best said.

"(Astronomy) is a lonesome hobby and now people have a place to go and chit-chat," Best said.

The next meeting of the Plymouth astronomy group is Monday, June 19 and the topic will be meteors. To find out more about the discussion group, or for facts about astronomy, visit Mike Best's Web site at <http://members.aol.com/mbest12345/>

Mike Best's background is about as vast as the space he studies in the sky.

The Plymouth resident's love of the stars began as a teen when he started following the mysteries of the Unidentified Flying Objects phenomenon in 1947.

He later turned that curiosity into a career by spending more than a decade as a field investigator ("Man in Black") for the Dr. J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. He has been affiliated with both the International and Michigan divisions of the Mutual UFO Network. In the 1950s he flew in a U.S. Navy air-sea rescue squadron in the Pacific. It was here he founded his first astronomy club, the Kwajalein Island Astronautical Association.

Back in the states Best founded the Astronomy Club of Livonia in 1976 and in 1985, the Astronomical Society of Michigan. The Astronomical Society of Michigan has evolved into an educational organization consisting of some 270 members from across the state. Best currently serves as president.

He keeps busy as director of the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Adler School of Southfield. He is a member of the Astronomical League, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Great Lakes Planetarium Association, National Space Society, Planetary Society, and the SETI Institute.

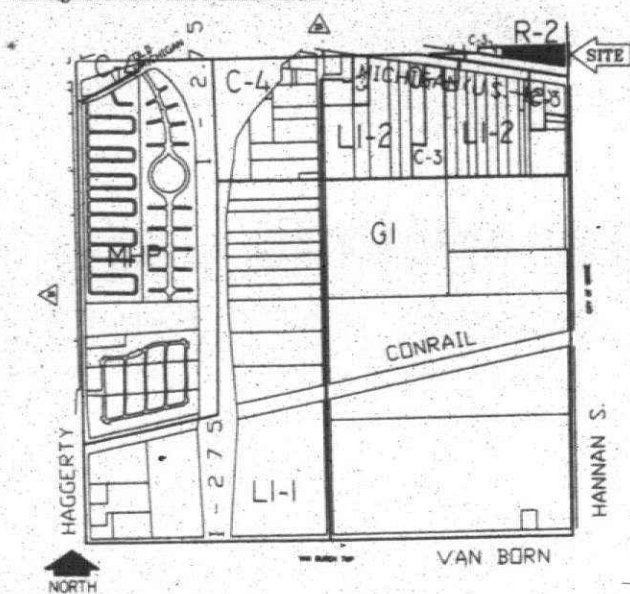
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**SIMPSON/JONA REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 141 99 0003 000, 141 99 0004 000, AND 141 99 0005 001 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. Property is located on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 6, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: June 15, and July 2, 2000

## Salem cheerleaders plan June events

The Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleading team will be holding a fund-raising Cheer-a-thon from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday June 20 in the Salem gymnasium. All proceeds raised will help pay for UCA Cheerleading camp. This year the team will be attending camp in Bloomington, Indiana at Indiana University in Aug. Call 981-0062.

The team will also host a UCA Championship Stunt Clinic June 24 at the Salem gymnasium. All Detroit area schools are invited to attend.

The clinic will provide instruction at all levels (beginner to elite by UCA experts), new innovative stunts, transitional stunts, stunts as seen on ESPN and ESPN2. To register call the UCA office (888) CHEERUCA or (734) 459-3393.

## EPC to convene at Ward church

The 20th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) convenes June 22-24 to address matters of common concern to the church community.

Hosted by Ward Presbyterian Church, 700 pastors, commissioners and guests from all across the U.S. will gather. This annual General Assembly kicks off a year of celebration for the EPC now entering its 20th year of ministry.

Guest speakers and keynotes includes: David Chadwick, the pastor of Forest Hill EPC in Charlotte, NC; Michael Glodo, assistant professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL; Richard Swenson, national and international speaker on themes of stress, overload, complexity and societal change; and Florence Littauer, a well-known motivational/inspirational speaker and author of over 30 books.

The schedule of activities is extensive: a presentation, workshop and luncheon all sponsored by Women's Ministries; an evening of special music featuring the renowned King's Brass; morning and evening worship services; exhibitors; and a dinner to recognize newly ordained ministers. Lunches are available by advance reservations.

Child care for children, nursery through preschool will be provided for conference attendees.

General Assembly activities are open to all EPC church members. Evening worship services June 21, 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. The GA will meet at the new site of Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road) in Northville.

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## Volleyball standouts

•The Madonna University Junior Crusaders 15-and-under girls volleyball team finished second in the Michigan Junior Volleyball Association state tournament in Grand Rapids last weekend.

The Junior Crusaders defeated Frankenmuth 25-15, 25-12; Grand Rapids Juniors 25-19, 25-14; 4u2Fear (Lansing) 25-10, 25-19; Maple City 25-14, 25-13; Grosse Pointe 25-16, 22-25, 27-26; and the Dead Frogs 25-11, 25-16.

The Junior Crusaders lost in the finals to Inside Out (Muskegon) 25-15, 25-19.

The team won four of the five tournaments it played in this season.

Coached by Debby Karabees-Betts, team members are Anne Roosevelt (Farmington Mercy), Erica Alemdar (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), Sarah Bergmooser and Caitline O'Hara (Monroe St. Mary's), Kathleen Knutson and Kari McLeod (Westland John Glenn), Kristin Kummer, Katie McDonald and Amy Szymanski (Redford St. Robert's), Gina Seefeld and Christine Jury (Livonia Ladywood), and Jordan Falcusan (Plymouth Salem).

The Junior Crusaders will travel to the National AAU Tournament this weekend in Chicago.

•The Motorcity Volleyball Club's 17 Elite team brought home the bronze medal this weekend in the Open Level Gold Division at the State AAU Tournament in Grand Rapids.

The Motorcity team, coached by Karen Chase and Ann Foglits, lost in a close three-game match to Inside Out Volleyball of Muskegon in its final match. Motorcity will complete its season at the National AAU tournament this weekend in Chicago.

Team members of the Livonia-based club are from all over suburban Detroit and include: Erin Bartee (Livonia), Leslie Dzingle (Dearborn), Brittany Henson (Brighton), Lyndsay Howard (Farmington), Meghan Mitchell (Dearborn), Dayna Niemi (Canton), Jamie Pikus (Troy) and Becky Thoreau (Troy).

## Kurka honored

Tomas Kurka, a native of the Czech Republic who was a rookie for the Plymouth Whalers last season, was selected to the all-Canadian Hockey League's all-rookie team, it was announced Tuesday.

Kurka totaled 36 goals and 28 assists (64 points) in his first season for the Whalers, who repeated as the regular-season champions in the Ontario Hockey League.

The CHL all-rookie team was selected by the National Hockey League's central scouting bureau after reviewing all 54 teams in the CHL. Other team members were goalie Dan Blackburn of the Kootenay Ice (Western Hockey League), defenseman Jay Bouwmeester of the Medicine Hat Tigers (WHL), defenseman Rostislav Klesla of the Brampton Battalion (OHL), right wing Ben Knopp of the Moose Jaw Warriors (WHL) and center Derek Roy of the Kitchener Rangers (OHL).

## Coaching vacancies

•Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team is searching for individuals to assist in coaching the varsity program this fall. Those interested should have some knowledge in distance running and possess the ability to convey it to high school athletes.

Financial compensation will be determined by the athletic department and head coach. Those interested should contact Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 for an interview.

•Both Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central high schools have openings for several coaching positions. At Walled Lake Western, there is a need for a head girls swim coach, an assistant girls swim coach, an assistant boys swim coach and an assistant wrestling coach.

At Walled Lake Central, an assistant boys soccer coach and an assistant girls soccer coach are needed.

Call director of athletics David Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074 for further information or to apply.

## Football camp

The Plymouth Canton HS football coaching staff is sponsoring a wing-T football camp for high school-aged students from 9 a.m.-noon June 19-23 at Canton HS.

Cost is \$25. Participants should wear football cleats. For more information, call Richard Mui at (734) 207-4972.

## Chiefs top Brighton in OT

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A game that had everything. Start with a long list of possible descriptions, with "gut-wrenching" at the top. Clutch performances? Got several of those, too.

There was also a lot of time — the full complement of regulation plus a 90-minute rain delay and two 15-minute sudden-death overtimes. And a lot of chances, by both teams, to end it before it came down to the dreaded penalty-kick shootout.

Yes, this Division I state semifinal had everything, including all the drama one could wish for in a match of this magnitude. In the end, though, it was Plymouth Canton that got the most out of it.

That's because the Chiefs survived, outdueling No. 1-ranked (and previously unbeaten) Brighton by outscoring the Bulldogs 3-2 in the shootout Wednesday at Jackson's Mehall Field.

The win puts Canton, now 21-1-2, into Saturday's state championship opposite Troy Athens, which beat Troy 2-1 in Wednesday's other Division I semifinal. Athens is the only team to beat Canton this season, by a 3-0 margin.

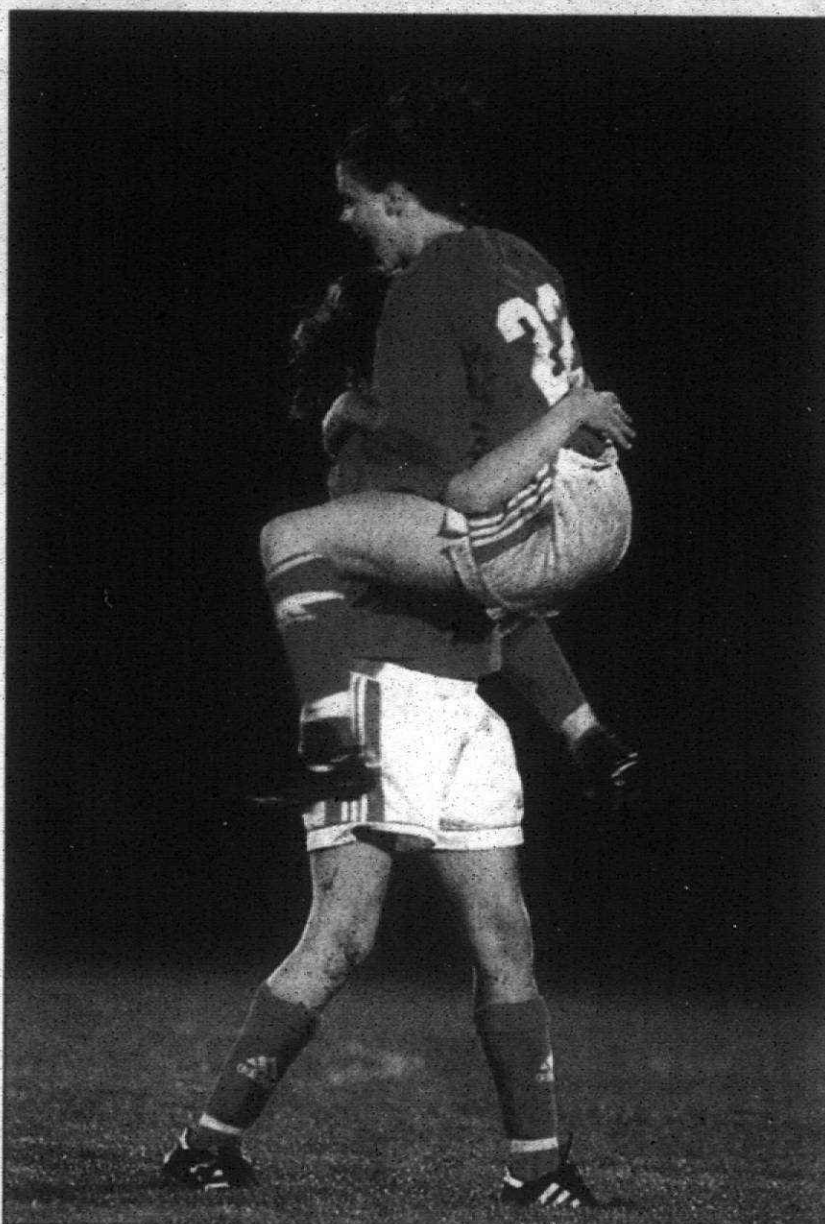
"We've been practicing penalty kicks every day for the last four weeks, before the state tournament started," said Canton coach Don Smith, who will be trying to guide the Chiefs to their third state title Saturday.

Asked if the order for his kickers in the shootout was pre-planned, Smith produced a slip of paper with a list of names. "It's all right there, baby," he said.

That, as much as anything, was all that separated these two squads. Certainly the two 40-minute halves — separated by a 90-minute break at half-time due to lightning — failed to produce a superior squad.

Brighton scored in the opening half when midfielder Andrea Bryant lifted a shot from 20 yards that got over Canton keeper Amy Dorogi, making it 1-0 with 6:24 left in the half.

Canton emerged from the long intermission with more determination, and after the opening five minutes of the second half the Chiefs were in control.



Leap of joy: Amanda Lentz bounds into the arms of a teammate after the Chiefs' victory. Lentz's penalty kick proved decisive.

This finally paid dividends when, with 22:03 left in regulation, Anne Morrell angled a shot past Bulldog keeper Adrienne Beller, knotting it at 1-1. It was another vintage Morrell performance. Marked tightly throughout

the match by Brighton's Carolyn Valade, Morrell took advantage of Canton's mounting pressure and used what slight space she could find to launch the game-tying shot.

Although the Chiefs continued to have the better of the play for another 12 minutes, they could not put another shot past Beller. And Brighton, in the last 15 minutes of regulation, did get several shots at ending it before OT — two of them by Michele Lawrence, who forced Dorogi to make a pair of leaping saves.

In the two 15-minute OTs, the Bulldogs had more good chances in the first (at one point, they took five-consecutive corner kicks) — with the wind at their backs — but Canton should have ended it in the second. With just over four minutes left, the ball bounced behind Beller and sat on the goal line, seemingly waiting to cross it.

But none of the Chiefs could reach it. That meant penalty kicks.

And that favored Canton from the coin toss. Brighton kicked first, and Kelly Lord did something that would be a precursor to her team's fortunes: She kicked it over the crossbar.

Abi Morrell's PK went past Beller and into the left corner, giving the Chiefs a lead they would never lose. The Bulldogs next two kickers, Katelyn Spencer and Lisa Taube, both converted; Canton got one on a shot by Jessica Palis, but Stephanie Johnson's attempt was blocked by Beller, leaving it tied at 2-2 after three kickers in this best-of-five format.

However, Brighton self-destructed after that. Kate Lord knocked her PK over the bar; when Amanda Lentz scored for Canton into the lower right corner, it left it all up to the Bulldog's Valade, their fifth kicker.

Like her two earlier teammates, her shot went over the bar, taking with it any chance of reaching the state final.

For the Chiefs, it was their third tournament win (two in overtime) over a team ranked higher in the state. To win the title, they'll have to do it again: Athens was No. 2 in the final poll.

"You play in the state tournament, you have to beat great teams," noted Smith.

In Canton's case, you have to beat a bunch of them.

## SOFTBALL REGIONALS

## Canton ousted by Marlins, 4-0

BY MONICA PUGNO  
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Megan Fediuk pitched a two-hitter and struck out nine batters Saturday to lead Farmington Hills Mercy's softball team to a 4-0 victory over Plymouth Canton in a Division 1 regional championship game at Royal Oak Memorial Park.

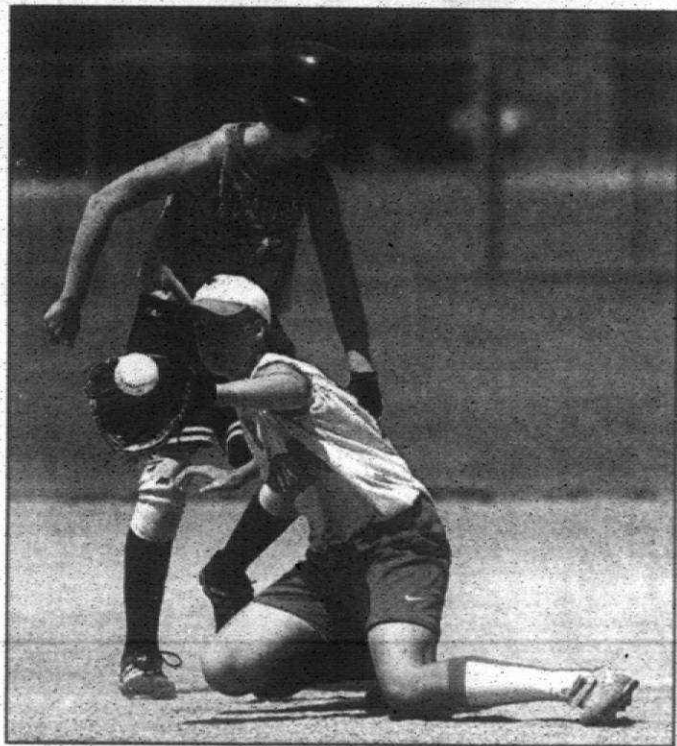
"(Fediuk) pitched the best game of her career," said an elated Mercy coach Jack Falvo, who was drenched after his players poured Gatorade on him after the win.

"She did a magnificent job. She kept balls low and in the strike zone and kept Canton off their game. She's a tough, tough competitor."

Canton's Laura Stewart earned the loss despite fanning 10 batters. After retiring the Marlins in order in the first inning, Stewart ran into trouble in the second but pitched her way out of it.

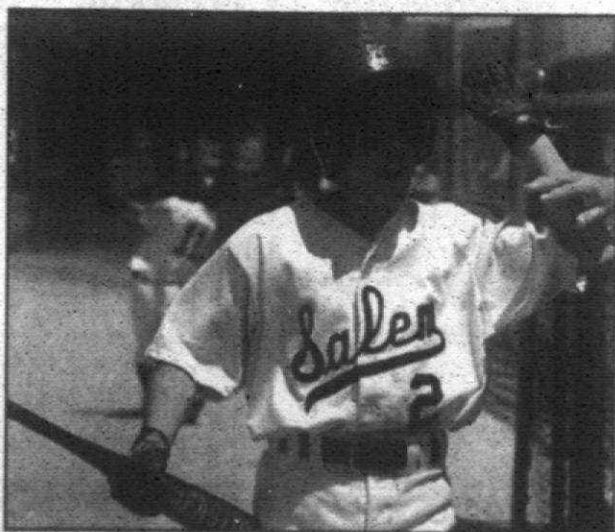
Mercy's Carrie Brankiewicz led off the inning with a triple to right field, but she was tagged out at home plate on Alex Duda's failed attempt at a sacrifice bunt.

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Keeping her close: Canton shortstop Paula McKernan helps check Mercy baserunner Erin Carson, but it didn't help — the Marlins scored four times.

## Kimball nips Salem in semi



One and only: Chris MacKinder gives a high-five after scoring Salem's only run of the game.

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It shouldn't have been a surprise.

First rule of state tournament baseball: The better your pitching, the further you go.

If you only need two runs to win a game, your chances of success are pretty good if you have a pitcher who's unhittable.

Royal Oak Kimball's Ryan Drews didn't exactly match that description. But he was close.

Drews stymied Plymouth Salem's heavy-hitting attack on five hits and, just as importantly, Drews didn't walk a batter in outdueling the Rocks' Steve Gordon 2-1 in Saturday's Division I

## BASEBALL

regional semifinal played at Royal Oak's Memorial Field.

Salem finishes its season with a 20-14 overall record. Kimball went on to defeat Birmingham Groves in the regional final 10-3, improving its record to 25-7 and earning itself a spot in Tuesday's state quarterfinals.

Certainly Gordon, a senior righthander, deserved a better fate. He, too, surrendered just five hits, but unlike his adversary, Gordon walked four and hit a batter. Gordon struck out six; Drews, a junior righthander, fanned seven.

"We only got (five) hits,"

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## Prep runner is a star at International



BRAD EMMONS

Don't be mistaken, Dathan Ritzenheim looks more like your local paperboy than somebody trying to make the Olympic Trials cut in the 5,000-meter run.

And make no mistake about it, the Rockford

High junior tried to steal the show Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School in the Michigan International, a track and field meet, which piqued enough curiosity to bring out over 1,000 spectators on a warm and gusty night.

The headliners were Canadian miler Kevin Sullivan and Cadillac native Paul McMullen, the man who represented the U.S. in the 1,500 at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

But Ritzenheim, a scrawny lad trying to go where very few high school runners have dared to go, had the crowd buzzing with anticipation.

And he didn't disappoint the fans.

Ritzenheim, the Foot Locker national cross country champion, the state record holder in the 1,600 and the national indoor record holder in the 3,200, pressed the envelope against a field of well-seasoned men.

On the second lap, Ritzenheim heard some chirping from one of the older competitors.

"That guy told me, 'If you're so good, why not take the lead,'" Ritzenheim recalled. "He was kind of mocking me."

Nobody likes to be shown up by a kid, just ask Karl Malone, who once got irritated in an NBA All-Star game by an up-and-coming Kobe Bryant.

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# Plymouth firm will host 'Triple Challenge' race

Tony Drissi will be trying to solidify his position with Saturday's Johnson Controls 100 on Belle Isle, the second stage in the Johnson Controls Triple Challenge, which is all part of the B.F. Goodrich Tires Trans-Am Series.

Winner of the Triple Challenge series receives \$20,000 in prize money. Johnson Controls, a leading automotive interior supplier located in Plymouth, is hosting the Triple Challenge for the second year.

Drissi, driving the Motor-sports Ford Mustang, won the first of the three Triple Challenge races in Long Beach. Two-time Trans-Am champion Paul Gentilozzi, driving the Johnson Controls/HomeLink Jaguar XKR, won the Triple Challenge title last year. Gentilozzi is currently ranked second in the series standings.

The Johnson Controls 100 is part of this weekend's Tennesse Automotive Detroit Grand Prix.

## RACING

The third race in the Triple Challenge is scheduled for Oct. 29 as part of the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Grand Prix.

In addition to the \$20,000 grand prize, the Triple Challenge winner will receive an additional three Driver's Championship points, a bonus that could decide the annual driver's title. The second-place finisher in the Triple Challenge receives a \$5,000 cash bonus, with the third-place driver getting a \$2,500 prize.

"We modified the Triple Challenge this year to keep the competition and excitement up for the drivers and the fans," said Bob Ellis, vice president of brands for Johnson Controls.

"With a guaranteed payout based on cumulative driver points, the races in Detroit and Las Vegas should prove to be a great show for the fans."

# Semis next for Shamrocks

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
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After winning Saturday's Division I regional, Redford Catholic Central baseball coach John Salter laughed and shook his head when asked if he thought his defending state champs could repeat this year.

After beating third-ranked Novi 12-1 in a quarterfinal at Carleton Airport Tuesday and earning a trip to the semifinals for the third-straight year, Salter is beginning to laugh a little less and believe a lot more.

The Shamrocks did not just beat the Wildcats (30-5), they shut them down, using a well-tested combination of pitching, hitting and defense.

"Pitching and defense gave us the chances we needed," said Salter after his team improved to 23-11 and earned a date in Friday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal against Hartland. "And we hit the ball pretty well too."

The Shamrocks did everything the Wildcats didn't do.

Charlie Haeger, who's pitched more in the last week than he had all season, shut down Novi on a one-hitter. Meanwhile, the Shamrocks banged out 11 hits against five different pitchers.

CC made two meaningless errors and caught virtually everything hit their way. Novi stumbled to four errors and made at least that many defensive mistakes, allowing balls to drop for hits.

"There was one other thing that swung the Shamrocks' way — momentum. While CC had Novi on the ropes early, thanks to a 3-0 lead helped by three



On a tear: CC's Mike Wadowski, from Plymouth, has been a key component in CC's drive to repeat as state champs. Against Novi Tuesday in the state quarterfinals, Wadowski hit his third home run in as many games, this one a three-run blast.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

errors, Brian Williams delivered the knockout punch with a defensive gem that turned the tide.

CC held the lead going into the third inning, but Haeger served up a lead-off homer to Jon Cervi — the only hit Haeger would allow in six innings — and then hit Brendan Hadley with a pitch. Designated hitter Aaron Rowe — who was a 48th-round pick of the Milwaukee Brewers in last week's amateur draft — then hit a rocket to straightaway center field.

Williams went back to the fence, put a hand up on the fence to brace himself, leaped and turned what would have been the tying run into just another out.

"If that had gone out it would have been 3-3 and anything could have happened," said Williams. "I went back, felt the fence and got it. I was kind of

surprised."

So was Novi.

"That was the turning point of the game," agreed Novi coach Rich Green. "At that point, we'd started to rally a little bit. But that was the breaking point."

If there was any doubt, it was erased in the top of the fourth. Phil Marrone led off with a single, Williams then grounded to third, but was safe when second baseman Matt Gorman dropped the high throw and Ryan Rogowski singled to chase starter Brendan Watson (4-3). Josh Sabol came in and gave up an RBI single to John Hill, a sacrifice fly RBI to Haeger and got Dave Tovey to fly out.

Rowe, who earned the win against Pinckney on Saturday and is the ace of Novi's staff, came into pitch against Mike Wadowski. Rowe's first pitch was a ball. The second was a three-run homer — Wadowski's third home run in as many games — that gave CC an 8-1 lead.

"That helped us a lot and Brian came up big all day as well," said Haeger, who was counted on at the beginning of the year to be the ace of the

staff, but shoulder problems kept him off the mound, for the most part, until Saturday's regional against Southgate.

"Brian's catch was crucial. I didn't think (Rowe) hit it well, but it carried far. Then Mike slammed his homer."

In his six innings, Haeger gave up one hit — Cervi's homer — while walking one, hitting one batter and fanning four. Kevin Entsminger pitched the last inning, recording one strike out.

CC took a 2-0 lead in the second inning, after loading the bases in the first. Marrone singled, then scored on a Williams single and a Novi error that put Williams at second. Rogowski doubled to score Williams. It was 3-0 in the third as Wadowski was hit by a pitch and scored on a double by Adam Kline.

The Shamrocks added two more in the sixth as Wadowski's single scored courtesy runner Anthony Coratti and Entsminger scored on a ground out by Kline. CC grabbed two more in the seventh as Andy Smith, Sean Mahoney and Hill all walked, with Smith scoring on a wild pitch and Mahoney scoring on a sacrifice fly by Entsminger.



# Marlins rule Observer golf team

With the best team in Overland, Farmington Hills Mercy leads the 2000 All-Area Girls Golf Team with three first-place players.

Half of the eight-person squad — Mercy's Erin Borowiec and Lindsey Densmore, Farmington Unified's Cassie Jemison and Livonia Churchill's Heidi Aittama — consists of repeat selections.

Borowiec won her second straight Catholic League title, and Jemison is a two-time Western Lakes Activities Association tournament champion.

Borowiec, Densmore and Katie Dinsmore helped the Marlins to their ninth consecutive league championship, a Division I regional title and a third-place finish in the state tournament.

Jemison led the Farmington Unified team to its first WLA tournament championship, and Aittama led the Chargers to a fourth-place showing in the Division I state finals.

Also representing WLA runner-up Churchill is Ashley Johnson. Livonia Stevenson also has two first-team players — Katie Carlson and Kristen Polanski.

Introducing the 2000 All-Observer Girls Golf Team.

**FIRST TEAM**

Erin Borowiec, junior, Farmington Mercy; Lindsey Densmore, senior, Farm. Mercy; Katie Dinsmore, junior, Farmington Unified; Heidi Aittama, sophomore, Liv. Churchill; Kristen Polanski, freshman, Liv. Stevenson; Cassie Jemison, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Ashley Johnson, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

**SECOND TEAM**

Kelly Perzuchowski, soph., Liv. Churchill; Carrie Hopper, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Latanya Foster, senior, Farmington Mercy; Maureen McFadin, junior, Farm. Mercy; Christina Cbrario, freshman, Farm. Mercy; Katie Perry, senior, Farmington Unified; Angie Jones, senior, Plymouth Salem.

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Chenille: Jennie Lisa Katy Reck, Kelly Poles; Mercy: Erin Swihart; Franklin: Colleen York; Megan Houghton, Erin Gable, Amanda Szabelski; Stevenson: Jessica Makowski, Teresa Layman, Leah Winesap; Livonia: Ashley Loyer, Leah Anderson, Amy Erickson, Amanda Graves, Mary Griffin, Betsy Kala; Farmington: Kelly Raymond, Christina Dwyer; Thurston: Courtney O'Neill, Rachel Griggs, Melanie Fisher; Salem: Kim Tamme, Kelly Tanne, Jenny Schwan, Molly Hedges; Cassie: Christine Slopek, Julie Dolekan, Jessica Pondell.

Borowiec shot a 62 to finish sixth at state. The Mercy team captain received the Catholic League Scholar-Athlete Golf Award. She carded a tournament average of 91 and averaged 46 strokes overall for nine holes.

"Lindsey saved the best for last," coach Vicki Kowalski said. "Her 82 the first day of state finals was her best high school round, and she followed with an even better 80 on the second day. Lindsey has true team spirit and leadership."

Densmore, a finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award, will continue her golf career at Albion College.

Katie Dinsmore, junior, Mercy: Dinsmore finished third at the Catholic League tournament with an 86. She won the Petoskey Invitational by carding an 88. She averaged 92 at tournaments and 46.5 overall.

"Katie's game has improved greatly from her sophomore to her junior year," coach Vicki Kowalski said. "She has performed well in dual meets and tournaments."

Katie is a delight to have on the team and works hard to continue her golf game. She is very coachable and will provide team leadership in her senior season.

Cassie Jemison, senior, Farmington Unified: Jemison was the medalist in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament for the second year in a row, shooting a 79.

She was runner-up at the Oakland County Division I Tournament and finished sixth at the Division I regional at Carleton. She averaged 41.7 per nine holes.

An all-conference golfer, Jemison earned a full-ride golf scholarship to Southern University.

"With the maturity she has shown this year in her game, we know she is ready for the next level," Farmington Unified coach Ann Marie Sopha said.

"She shows all the qualities of a true competitor. She is a true team player who has impacted the play of her teammates."

Heidi Aittama, sophomore, Churchill: Aittama tied for first place at the regional by firing an 82, but she lost a tie-breaker on the first hole. She shot 173 to finish 13th in the state tournament.

Aittama averaged 43 for nine holes and 86 for 18. She was named to the WLA all-district team after shooting an

89 at the conference tournament.

"Heidi is one of a kind," Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski said. "She is full of energy and drive to succeed in something she truly loves to do, and that is to play golf at that level. She is very knowledgeable about the game and the steps needed to make her a better golfer in the future."

"She has an excellent work ethic and practices every round. She will continue to be competitive in coming years and, hopefully, an inspiration to the younger team members."

Kristen Polanski, freshman, Stevenson: Polanski qualified for the state final as an individual; she shot an 86 on the first day but did not advance. She earned all-conference honors by finishing fourth at the WLA tournament.

Polanski won the Stevenson Invitational and earned medals at the Traverse City and Monroe Jefferson Invitational. She tied for first in duals against Walled Lake Central and Dearborn.

"Kristen is a skillful, focused competitor with a work ethic that will benefit her team for three more seasons," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "She enjoys tough competition and has the work ethic it takes to continue to improve."

"Beyond her value to her team as a superior golfer, Kristen is an outstanding student, a sensitive team member, and she always displays a positive attitude."

Katie Carlson, junior, Stevenson: Carlson earned all-conference honors after finishing second at the WLA tournament. She won duals against Franklin, Churchill, John Glenn and Canton.

Carlson tied for first against Walled Lake Central and Dearborn. She finished third at the Stevenson Invitational and

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**Men's high jump:** 1. Paul Carabellio (Grenada), 6-10 3/4; 2. Mike Hanson, 6-8; 3. Matt Weishan (Piney H.S.), 6-8; 4. D.J. Benion (Athenian), 6-6.

**Men's 110-meter hurdles:** 1. Jallu Mayo (Athenian), 14.23; 2. James Webb (Athenian), 14.45; 3. Randy Gilson, 14.55.

**Men's National 100 dash:** 1. Darryl Stallworth (Athenian), 10.91; 2. Okpara (Nigeria), 11.06; 3. Darren Witherspoon (Athenian), 11.25.

**Men's International 100:** 1. O'Brien Gibson (Canada), 10.53; 2. Chad Butler, 10.83; 3. Gerald Russell (Athenian), 10.87; 4. Shawn Dailey (Athenian), 11.02; 5. Mahwenh (Liberia), 11.05.

**Men's National 200:** 1. Shawn Dailey (Athenian), 21.62; 2. Mayo (Athenian), 21.76; 3. Duwayne Wright (Athenian), 22.0; 4. Witherspoon (Athenian), 22.57; Erik Jenk ins (22.3).

**Men's International 200:** 1. Clement Chukwu (Athenian), 20.95; 2. Gavin Herring (Athenian), 21.1; 3. Gibbons (Canada), 21.26; 4. Bullett, 21.27; Billy Chenuat (Athenian), 21.54.

**Men's International 400:** 1. Herring (Athenian), 45.84; 2. Fabian Rollins (Bahamas-Athenian), 45.87; 3. Wright (Athenian), 48.41; 4. Eric McKee (Athenian), 49.96.

**Men's National 800:** 1. Winston Tidwell, 1:51.88; 2. Jared Wilmes, 1:53.73; 3. Rob Stowe, 1:54.73; 4. Sydow (Team Burkhardt), 1:55.53; 5. Kemp (Track-West Canada), 1:55.53; 6. Dumper (Canada), 1:57.98.

**Men's National 1,600:** 1. Trinity Townsend (New Balance), 4:17.24 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Bobby True, 4:17.73; 3. Potter, 4:19.27; 4. Battiste (Huntsville International), 4:19.47; 5. Jeff DeLong, 4:19.97; 6. Travis (UWMT), 4:20.07; 7. Demick (Athenian), 4:20.18; 8. Paul McMullen (Saugus), 4:20.86.

**Women's 800:** 1. Hope Sanders (Indiana Impreg), 2:04.5 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Melissa Smith (Grand Valley), 2:06.03; 3. Mirelle Sankats-Smith (Suri nam), 2:10.56; 4. Sarah Hamilton (Plymouth), 2:11.88; 2. Jared Wilmes, 1:53.73; 3. Rob Stowe, 1:54.73; 4. Sydow (Team Burkhardt), 1:55.53; 5. Kemp (Track-West Canada), 1:55.53; 6. Dumper (Canada), 1:57.98.

**Men's International mile:** 1. Kevin Sullivan (Rebco Canada), 3:55.87 (set Michigan all-time record of 3:56.8 held by Tom O'Hara, Loyola of Chicago, 1963); 2. Ray Harvey (Nike Athletics), 4:02.96; 3. Nadeau (New Balance), 4:03.11; 4. Mitchell (Fila Boston), 4:03.5; 4. Treadwell (New Balance), 4:04.62; 6. Bonaal (Addis), 4:06.85; 7. Jeremy Hurley (Nike Athletics), 4:07.93; 8. Kipyegon (Kenya), 4:08.04; 9. Mike Franko (Nike Athletics), 4:09.91; 10. A. Downin (Wisconsin Adidas T.C.), 4:10.23; 11. Blacure, 4:14.14; 12. Chris Bakal (UCC-Canada), 4:14.37; 13. Jay Rock (Athletics America), 4:14.75; 14. Koppin (Second Sole T.C.), 4:19.72; 15. Chiaro (Athenian), 4:22.46; 16. MacDonald (Ottawa Lions-Canada), 4:22.46; 17. Bime (Manitoba), 4:23.72.

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**Women's 1,500:** 1. Krestena Sullivan (Canada), 4:15.73 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Jamie King, 4:16.76; 3. Sauder (New Balance), 4:18.04; 4. Karen Harvey-Sullivan (Canada), 4:22.44; 5. Beth Bayser (Nike Athletics America), 4:23.2; 6. Rebecca Williams (Athletics America), 4:24.59; 7. French (Indiana Invaders), 4:25.45; 8. Edmundson (Samia-Athletics Canada), 4:27.53; 9. Rachel Eggbrecht, 4:28.06; 10. Dunsinger (Indiana Invaders), 4:36.06; 11. Treilles (Brooks), 4:43.72.

**Girls high school mile:** 1. Catherine Schmidt, 5:21.86; 2. Julia Schmidt, 5:22.75; 3. Michele Kunkle, 5:24.53; 4. Maryanne Marasco, 5:26.07; 5. Stephanie Pross, 5:27.64; 6. Rebecca Probst, 5:29.52; 7. Katie Danyko, 5:35.39; 8. Nicole Blake, 5:48.99.

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Ritzenhein didn't win Saturday night, that honor went to former Michigan State stand-out Jim Jurcevic, a 24-year-old who has already made the Olympic Trials cut (13:47.0) in the 5,000.

But Ritzenhein certainly gained a lot of respect, collapsing at the finish line in 14:13.8.

Jurcevic, who rallied to win the race on the final two laps after Ritzenhein had pulled along the field, won the event in 14:07.83.

"He's certainly one of the up-and-comers, that's for sure," said Jurcevic of his young sidekick. "I'm sure he's going to step up to the 10K some day."

Ritzenhein may give his dream of going to the Trials, which starts July 15 in Sacramento, Calif., one more crack at the Foot Locker outdoor meet later this month in Raleigh, N.C.

But he didn't go away empty-footed. His times at 3,000 (8:18.5) and 3,200 (8:52.5) are both state schoolboy bests. His 5,000 finish time ranks him among the top 10 ever run nationally by a prep.

And by his senior year, the legend of Ritzenhein should grow even more.

And just for your information, no high schooler in this country has qualified for any track and field event in the Olympics since 1976.

"I felt good going in tonight, but during the

race I was wobbly, queasy and the wind was pushing me around," said Ritzenhein, who later was able to greet fans and talk to reporters. "I was dying the last mile."

"I have not been training enough because I've been training for the mile. I knew today I couldn't hit that time. It's a lot different running a 5,000 on a track than on a cross country course."

Chalk one up for experience, but also chalk one up for gaining respect.

McMullen, a local icon in his sport to a certain degree, had seen Ritzenhein race before and came away even more impressed.

"He's got a lot of courage and I'm proud of him because tonight he stepped out of his comfort zone," said the former Eastern Michigan University standout and high school footballer. "There were the winds and it was warm, but tonight was very exciting for the state of Michigan."

"Now, I've got to show him how to play to the crowd," McMullen said.

McMullen, nursing a sore achilles tendon, made a cameo appearance in the 800. The much anticipated mile matchup between Sullivan, who has already qualified for the Canadian Trials, and McMullen, will have to wait another day.

But Sullivan did not disappoint the crowd, putting an exclamation point on an amazing night of track and field for the curious locals

in the meet's featured and final event.

Helped by former U-M teammate Jay Cantin, acting as a first-lap rabbit, Sullivan blistered the mile course in 3:55.87, a Michigan all-comers record. Loyola of Chicago's Tom O'Hara set the mark back in 1963 with a time of 3:58.8.

"Until I read it in the newspaper the yesterday (Friday), I had no idea about the record," said the Brantford, Ontario native. "I just wanted to break four minutes. I would have been happy with a 3:59.9."

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All the scoring came in the second inning, and it wasn't without controversy. After retiring the first Knights' batter on a groundout, Gordon hit Mike Ferber with a pitch and walked Ryan Doyle. Gordon struck out Doug Falkenbury, but a double-steal during his at-bat advanced the runners to second and third.

Joe Leibold, a sophomore catcher and the No. 9 hitter in Kimball's lineup, then laced a two-out, 3-2 pitch to center field that scored both runs.

The controversy came when Doyle came in to score. Although the play was going to second base, the Knights' senior third baseman barreled over Salem catcher Ian Winter, leaving him writhing in pain near the plate. Winter had to be helped to the dugout and during the next inning was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

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## Top golfers to vie at qualifier

BY MONICA PUGNO  
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A lot of changes are expected for this year's National Public Links Qualifying Tournament, scheduled for Thursday and Friday at the Salem Hills Golf Club.

In past years, more than 200 amateur golfers competed in the tournament. This year, there are 109 entries.

Pete Owens, a representative of the United States Golf Association who is in charge of the two-day tournament, said one of the reasons for the lower turnout is because the U.S.G.A. no longer pays for those who win

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the tournament to fly to the national championships in Portland.

"Last year, we had 220 entries," Owens said. "The U.S.G.A. changed the rules this year. It used to be the only U.S.G.A. tournament where we would pay for the winners to play at the national championship. They stopped doing that this year."

Owens said another reason less people signed up for the tournament is because the U.S.G.A. lowered the handicap requirement.

"It used to be wide open," he said. "They used to let people who had a 20 handicap play. They lowered it to 8.4 this year."

The tournament still draws some of the best amateurs from around the world. The top four finishers will qualify for the national championships in Portland. The winner of the event in Portland qualifies for the Masters.

The tournament begins at 6:30 a.m. Thursday. The top 51 golfers will play again on Friday from 7 a.m. to noon.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$30. For more information, call the Salem Hills Golf Club at 248-437-2152.

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Frankiewicz tripled to right field to drive in two runs; Duda singled to right field to score Brankiewicz, and Nuverre Naami doubled to center field to drive in Duda, giving the Mar-lins a 4-0 cushion.

Feduk and catcher Carson kept Canton off the scoreboard. Carson picked off two Chiefs at first base and threw out another runner trying to steal second.

"We're very disappointed," Arnold said. "We didn't hit the ball well. We let one bad inning get to us."

"But we played with an extreme amount of class. I'm proud of our players. It's sad for the seniors. This is the best athletic team since I've been in Can-

ton (10 years)."

The Chiefs finished the season 23-12. Mercy, meanwhile, improved to 32-10 and advanced to the state quarterfinals Tuesday against Fraser in Clinton-dale.

"At this level, we're only going to face quality teams," Falvo said. "I think the team that comes to play is going to win (Tuesday)."

Getting to the final

Mercy reached the regional final by easily defeating Detroit Mumford in five innings, 17-0. Senior Erin Howard struck out eight and allowed one hit.

Canton's road to the final was tougher. The Chiefs beat Warren Mott, 4-0. Stewart fanned 12 and

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 Single white female, 25, 5'9", full figured, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys clubs, shooting pool, hockey and more. Seeking single male, 25 to 34, with similar interests for possible relationship. BOX 13353

**ROMANTIC AT HEART**  
 Single white female, professional, in early 40s, 5'4", 130 lbs, attractive, slender, enjoys children, movies, garage sales, games, the outdoors and being romantic. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13385

**YOU SHOULD CALL**  
 39 yr old, single white female, no children, animal lover, college educated. Loves the outdoors, fishing, camping, the woods and more. Seeking a single male, around the same age, for friendship and more. BOX 13437

**FIT THE BILL?**  
 52 yr old, single female, 5'9", red hair and blue eyes. Likes dancing, blues, arts, flea markets, garage sales and more. Seeking a single male, who has the same, for friendship and more. Age and appearance are not important. BOX 13440

**THE SIMPLE THINGS**  
 Single female, blonde hair, hazel eyes, late 50s, likes outdoors, laughter, dogs, walking, swimming and more. Seeking a single male, who's honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
 Single white female, 45, 5'11", full figured, enjoys country music, movies and more. Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, with similar interests, for friendship first. BOX 16751

**LADY OF CLASS**  
 Divorced, white mother of two, 29, 6', full figured, blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker and social drinker. Enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, long walks and more. Seeking a single white male, 28 to 35, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16852

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
 Single white mother of two, 48, blonde with blue eyes, medium built, employed, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts and more. Looking for a single male, who has the same, to have a nice relationship. BOX 17002

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
 Single white female, 37, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes, college educated, enjoys dancing, music, reading, the outdoors, sports, walks and more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 40, non-smoker, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13491

**SHOOTING STAR**  
 Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

**WILD FLOWER**  
 44 yr old, single white female, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, divorced, white professional female, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, active, enjoys traveling and driving out. Seeking a single male, 55 to 72, for friendship and companionship. BOX 32049

**SINCERE**  
 Pretty, petite, trim, classy, 5'4", 122 lbs, divorced white female with a passion for life and love, seeks a tall, clean, handsome, financially secure, 8, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, the outdoors and more. BOX 32059

**COMPANION**  
 White widowed 5'11", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys traveling and driving out. Seeking a single male, 55 to 72, for companionship. BOX 32059

**BASIC INFORMATION**  
 Single white mother of two, 36, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys reading, camping, the beach and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13275

**DANCE WITH ME**  
 Single white female, 24, likes sports, dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship first and more later on. BOX 16957

**TREAT ME RIGHT**  
 Single white mother, intelligent, good looking, in great shape. Looking for a single male, who's attractive, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20819

**GOOD HEARTED MALE**  
 Single white female, 43, 5'4", romantic, affectionate, secure, warm hearted. Seeking white male, medium to large build, 36 to 45, who enjoys movies, sports, the outdoors, dancing, dining, and out. Enjoys a single male, 40 to 50, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 32068

**MATERNAL EXPRESSION**  
 Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37, 5'11", kind, charming, holistic, positive, passionate and humorous. Loves dancing, dining, theater, nature and quiet times. Seeking 35 to 50, non-smoker, with a sense of humor. BOX 35960

**IS THIS YOU?**  
 38 yr old, divorced, mother of two, honest, easy going, fun loving, down earth. Seeking a male, 30 to 45, who enjoys the outdoors, fun times and much more, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20829

**WANTED: A GOOD MAN**  
 Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm, caring, fun, and romantic. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, sports, the outdoors, and being romantic. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13385

**ARE YOU LONESOME?**  
 Single, professional, white mother of one, 48, 5'7", 130 lbs, blonde hair and green eyes. Seeking a single, compassionate, white male, 40 to 50, with a sense of humor, for dating and friendship. BOX 35962

**IF IT'S YOU CALL?**  
 45 yr old, single white female, seeking single male, to share life with for good companionship, going out, spending quality time together. BOX 13354

**LIGHT UP MY LIFE**  
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**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
 Single white male, 28, 5'11", 215 lb, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys horse races, quiet times, jazz, movies and more. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 13261

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 Single white male, 68, 5'5", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys boating and more. Seeking a single female, good personality and sense of humor. BOX 32068

**GOOD TIMES HERE**  
 Single white male, 27, 5'11", 230 lbs, brown hair, hazel 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

**JUST YOU AND I**  
 Single white male, 24, attractive, 6', 160 lbs, muscular, enjoyed, confident, easy going, good personality and sense of humor. Seeking a single female, 21 to 29, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13305

**ATTRACTION & CLASSY**  
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## Detroit Rockers

The Detroit Rockers Summer Soccer Camp will be throughout the metro-Detroit area during the summer months, featuring instruction from Rockers' players. A camp shirt, a NPSL replica soccer ball and two general admission tickets to five selected Rockers' home games. Cost is \$119. Camps will be either 9 a.m.-noon or 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to enroll, call (877) 480-KICK or (248) 366-6254.

**Locations and dates of nearby camps are:**  
 • **June 18-23** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Livonia's Bicentennial Park, 1:30-3 p.m. at Novi's Community Sports Park.  
 • **July 10-14** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Canton's Heritage Park, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Southfield's Catalpa Park, 1:30-3 p.m. at South Lyon Middle School.

**Travel camps**  
 • **July 17-21** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Plymouth's Ford Sheldon Plant, 1:30-3 p.m. at Farmington's Little Caesars Park.  
 • **July 24-28** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Plymouth's Ford Sheldon Plant, 9:30 a.m.-noon at Walled Lake's Commerce Elementary.

• **July 31-Aug. 4** — 1:30-3 p.m. at Livonia's Bicentennial Park;  
 • **Aug. 7-11** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Dearborn's Crowley Park;  
 • **Aug. 14-18** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Sallie's Miller Field;  
 • **Aug. 21-25** — 9:30 a.m.-noon at Brighton's Maltby Field.

## Plymouth Soccer Club

Tryouts for the Plymouth Soccer Club's various select and premier teams will be on-going throughout this month. Teams compete in the Western Suburban Soccer League and in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (Little Caesars).

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early on the first day to sign in. Please bring water, an inflated soccer ball with your name clearly marked with light and dark T-shirts.

## Boys premier and select

• **Under-9 premier:** 6 p.m. June 16, 2 p.m. June 18 at West Middle School; call Tom Walsh at 420-3671 or Dean Krutty at 454-9415.  
 • **Under-10 select:** 5 p.m. June 15 at Tanger School; call Jeff Langdon at 981-9899.

• **Under-10 select:** 6 p.m. June 16, 6 p.m. June 18 at Tanger School; call Paul Neissen at 416-0682.  
 • **Under-11 select:** 6 p.m. June 19 and 6 p.m. June 21 at Heritage A (Ford Plant); call Mark McGraw at 420-3206.

• **Under-12 premier:** 6 p.m. June 15 and 6 p.m. June 16 at Hines West; call Rich Kulkowski at 454-0712.  
 • **Under-12 select:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at East Middle School; call George Vella at 453-7379.

• **Under-13 premier:** 6 p.m. June 16 and 3 p.m. June 17 at Hines Park soccer fields; call Pete Griffin at 459-3324.  
 • **Under-14 premier:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Heritage B (Ford Plant); call Mark McGraw at 420-3206.

• **Under-14 select:** 6 p.m. June 22, 10 a.m. June 24 at East Middle School; call Randy Leslie at 459-1071.  
 • **Under-15 premier:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Hines East; call John Deben at 459-1094.

• **Under-16 premier:** 6 p.m. June 19 and 6 p.m. June 21 at Hines West; call Bill Everal at 207-1659.  
 • **Under-18 premier:** 6 p.m. June 26 and 6 p.m. June 27 at Hines East; call Glenn Kasper at 454-0712.

**Girls select and premier**  
 • **Under-10 select:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Tanger School; call Mike David at 207-1962.

• **Under-11 select:** 6 p.m. June 22 and 6 p.m. June 23 at Canton HS; call Coach Zurowski at 722-8343 or Peggy Bohrer at 454-9613.

• **Under-12 select:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 21 at Canton HS; call Coach Zurowski at 722-8343 or Peggy Bohrer at 454-9613.

• **Under-13 premier:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at West Middle School; call John Maloney at 453-2055.

• **Under-14 premier:** 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 21 at East Middle School; call Scott Boothroyd at 451-0967.

• **Under-15 premier:** 6 p.m. June 26 and 6 p.m. June 27 at Hines East; call Dan Schilk at 459-8826.

## Canton Soccer Club

The Canton Soccer Club, with Detroit Rockers' keeper Bryan "Ghost" Finerty serving as head coach and director of coaching/player development, will host a series of summer tryouts for various teams.

## Boys tryouts

• **Under-9:** 5-7 p.m. June 17 and June 18 at Canton HS. Call (734) 455-9946 for information.  
 • **Under-10 A and B:** 6 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 981-8041.

• **Under-11 A and B:** 6 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 451-7211 or (734) 453-0857.

## SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS, TRYOUTS

• **Under-12 premier, under-12 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 878-9031.

• **Under-13 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 455-9946.

• **Under-13 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 981-2773.

• **Under-14 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS. Call (734) 207-1662.

• **Under-14 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 22 and June 23 at Canton HS. Call (734) 454-9072.

• **Under-15 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS. Call (734) 459-0611.

• **Under-15 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 21 and June 22 at Canton HS. Call 459-7849.

• **Under-16 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS. Call (734) 416-4246.

• **Under-16 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 21 and June 22 at Canton HS. Call (734) 844-1104.

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## RACING

## ARCA racing

It was a good weekend for area racers at Toledo Speedway in ARCA competition. On Friday at Toledo, Westland's Steve Cronin won the 35-lap Late Model feature, taking the lead for good. In the 15-lap MCR Dwarf Car feature, Canton's Mike McManaman lost the lead on the eighth lap and wound up second.

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# CC bounces Southgate, Garden City

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Mike Wadowski sat down in the dugout, wiped the sweat off his shaved head, stopped putting his equipment in his bag, sighed, then tried to sum up the kind of day he and his Redford Catholic Central baseball team had on Saturday.

The condensed version was a pretty good one.

The Shamrocks, defending champions in Division I, rallied past seventh-ranked Southgate Anderson in the opener, 3-2, then disposed of Garden City in the regional final, 14-4. The Cougars advanced to the final with a 8-6 win.

"To tell you the truth, we had the same mindset for both games," said Wadowski. "We were confident because we knew what we had to do. I just tried to smooth out my swing and shorten up my stroke."

Just smoothing out his swing and shortening up his stroke paid off for Wadowski. The junior was 2-for-3 against Southgate, with a homer in the second inning to tie the score and a single in the sixth inning for that tied the score. Against Garden City, Wadowski was 3-for-4 with four RBI, a two-run homer, two runs scored and pitched 2 1/3 innings of one-hit relief ball.

"Wadowski had a great day,"

## REGIONAL

said CC coach John Salter. "His homer in the first game allowed us to tie and his homer in the second gave us a comfortable margin. And he came in a closed to give us another arm with playoff experience."

It was a tough way for the Cougars (23-5) to end their outstanding season.

"We hadn't won a district in 16 years and had never been to a regional final," said a disappointed coach Steve Herman. "You learn by inches. Last year, we went to the district final; this year, we went to the regional final. You have to take things step-by-step."

After Wadowski's RBI single scored Dave Tovey in the second inning of the championship game, CC went to town in the third inning, sending 12 batters to the plate in an eight-run, five hit frame. Starting pitcher Robbie Hudson (6-4), who got the win in relief of Justin Ockerman in the first game, took the loss in the second game — giving up five runs on five hits, with three walks and two strikeouts. Ryan Krol came on in relief and didn't fair much better, giving up six runs on four hits and three walks in 1 2/3 innings.

"We gave them too many opportunities to score and they

took advantage of them," said Herman. "I thought when we pulled to within five runs, we could have had a chance. Then when they got it back to eight runs, it took the wind out of our sails."

The Cougars did fight back in the fourth with four runs, keyed by a two-run homer by designated hitter Brent Pelz — his second dinger of the day — to chase Shamrocks' starter Kevin Entsminger. But CC came right back in the bottom of the inning, manufacturing three more runs on just two hits and an error.

"The biggest thing was that we made sure we swung at strikes," Salter said. "I thought if we were disciplined at the plate, we would have a good chance."

In all, the Shamrocks banged out 12 hits. John Hill was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBI, Brian Williams was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored, Ryan Rogowski was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Dave Tovey was 0-1, but walked three times, was hit by a pitch and scored three runs, Adam Kline was 2-for-3

with an RBI and two runs scored and Matt Loidas and Charlie Haeger had an RBI.

Pelz paced Garden City by adding a single to his homer, while Jeff Flettemier, Mike Sparks, and Matt Gordon all singled, while Gordon added an RBI.

"I've never had two homers in a day before. I just wanted to end the season on a good note," said Pelz. "I wish we could have done it with a win."

**CC 3, Southgate 2:** Pitching kept Southgate off stride, even though the Titans took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Southgate took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth. CC came back strong in the bottom of the inning as Haeger led off with a walk, stole second, went to third on a ground out by Kline and scored when Wadowski singled.

Wadowski went to second on a wild pitch by Ross Winiemko (11-1) and was lifted for pinch runner Mike Greis. Tovey singled to left scoring Greis with the winning run.

After Southgate scored the game's first run, Wadowski evened it by taking a 1-0 pitch over the fence.

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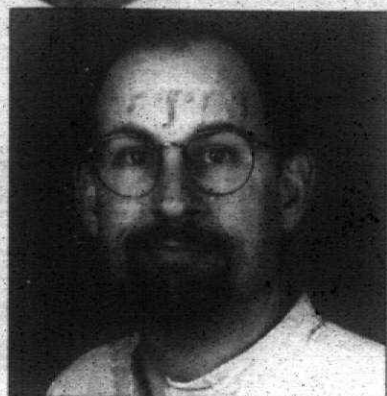
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## THE WEEKEND

## FRIDAY



Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia, 36071 Plymouth Road, presents Billy Ray Bauer 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 per person, dinner/show package \$24.50 per person, call (734) 261-0555.

## SATURDAY



The Swedish Club presents its annual Midsummer Festival at the club, 22398 Ruth Street at Freedom Road in Farmington Hills. The event begins 9:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. Maypole raising at noon followed by Scandia (pictured) and Arpi Chorus performances, folk dancing and children's games. Baked goods and Swedish imports offered for sale. Dinner served 1:30 p.m. Call (248) 646-4073 for information.

## SUNDAY

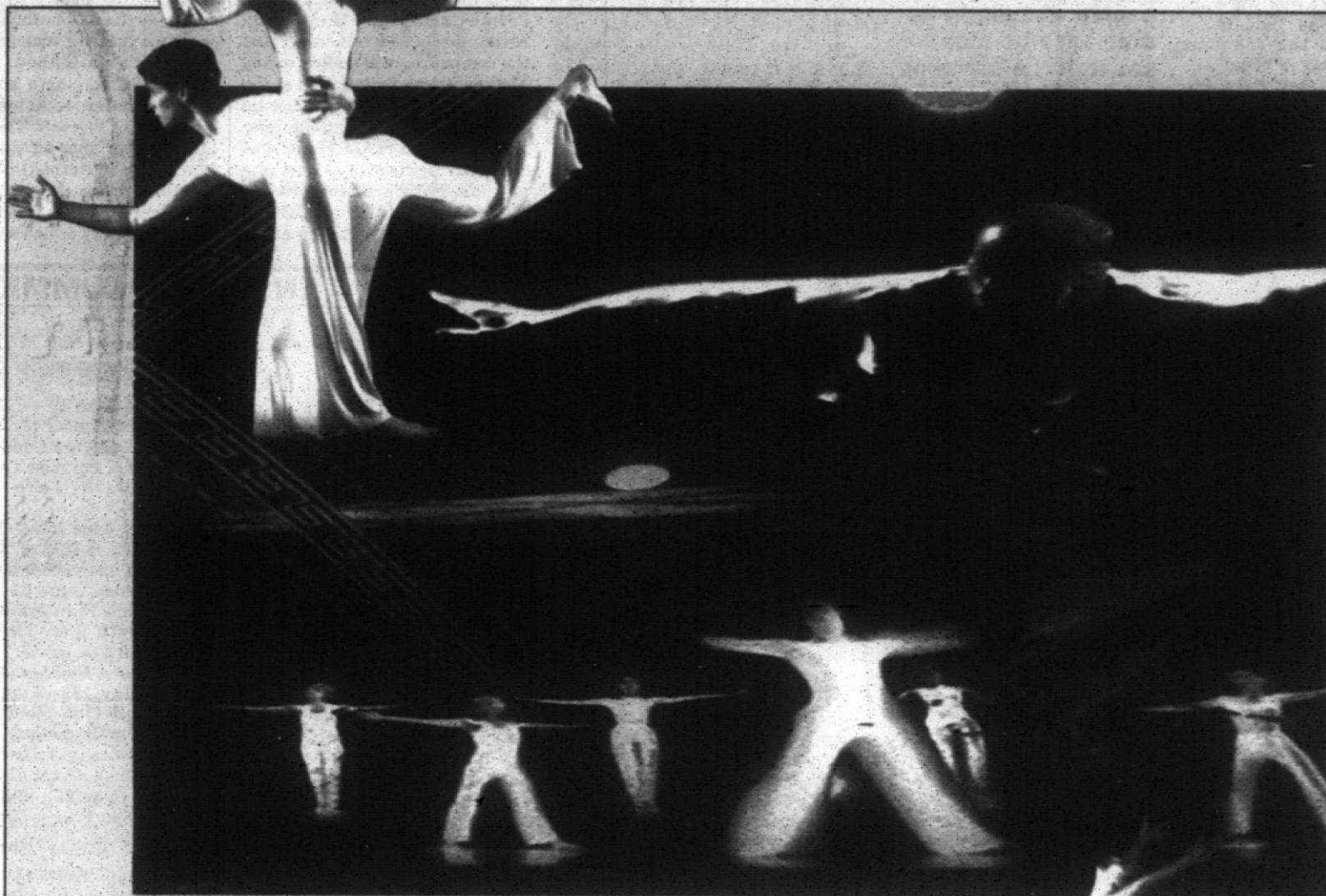


Over 120 artists, including Katherine Wickersham, will gather 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Northville for "Art in the Sun." The juried fine art show also offers live entertainment. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

## HOT TICKET



More than 500 vehicles from 1933 to 1973 will be showcased at Greenfield Village in Dearborn 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18 during Motor Muster. Parades and other special events are scheduled throughout the weekend. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.



New media: The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents a trio of dances including the multi-media performance spectacle "The Ariel Web."

## VIRTUAL DANCERS

Sparling Company ventures into new arena

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Through all the years of dancing with Martha Graham's company, Peter Sparling partnered with dozens of lithe and lovely females. Technology changes that when Sparling steps onto the stage of the Power Center Friday, June 30.

In an adventure in new media, Sparling whirls across the boards in a duet with cameraman Jonathan Tyman. *The Ariel Web* is one of a trio of dances the Peter Sparling Dance Company will perform during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, which opens Friday, June 16.

A collaboration with Sparling's colleagues at the University of Michigan, the performance spectacle layers poetry, music and dance in a celebration and exploration of arts and technology. Sparling, Richard Tillinghast, Jim Cogswell, Andrew Mead and Fred Bookstein, assisted by the technical wizardry of Tom Bray, first produced the work in March at Rackham Auditorium.

"You've got to see it to believe it," said Sparling who danced with Martha Graham from 1973 to 1980 before founding his own company in New York in the early 80s. "It pushes the boundaries. Each time we do it, the meanings shift between the text, visual and movement. It's like a series of overlaid metaphors that take on meaning as they align themselves."

Sparling, who spent his teen years in Plymouth, choreographed the work on two separate stages. As Sparling takes the angular movements across the Power Center stage, his company will dance at the Media Union across campus. The virtual dancers' video projected sequences will appear all together on the Power Center stage.

"It's going to be fun to do and tricky," said Tim Smola, a Canton resident and one of the company members dancing in the remote location. "There will be 20-foot video monitors allowing

## Adventures in New Media

**What:** The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents a trio of modern dances during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. An informal performance preview begins at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby.

**Where:** Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor

**Tickets:** \$26, \$20, \$14, call (734) 764-2538. See Ann Arbor Summer Festival schedule inside

all of us to appear simultaneously on stage. A van will be waiting to speed us to the Power Center to complete the dance."

## World premiere

The second work on the program, *Possible Dances*, returns to reality with a vignette of recollections written by Sparling. Set to a score by New York composer Paul Epstein who uses electronic music and Sparling's recorded voice to create a soundscape, the six poems run the gamut of emotions from mourning the loss of a friend to the wonder of being alive. In the choreographer's own words, it "explores relationship of movement imagery with text imagery, how words signal images in our mind and how movement imagery can create words."

"It's very surreal," said Smola. "It

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## COMMUNITY THEATER

## Vengeful ghost haunts audiences at Trinity House Theatre

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P.W. Henry warns theatergoers to step sprightly to their cars after seeing *The Woman in Black*. The ghost in the Parlour Theatre production could be lurking in the graveyard behind Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

"She's not a friendly ghost," said Henry, a Westland resident who plays one of the two roles in this British story. "The graveyard out back adds to the eeriness and mystery and they'll probably want to do a double take."

A play within a play, *The Woman in Black* is a thriller about a man (Henry) haunted by

a vengeful ghost. Fearing he's going mad, the character turns to an actor for help. Arthur Kipps believes if he can just get his story told, the curse will be reversed.

"He wants to exorcise this vision," said Henry. "We put on this play where I'm doing the part of five or six characters, most with British accents and one with a Scottish accent. It's a challenge to remember which character is next and which tone I'm using."

Even if Henry broke character it



British thriller: P.W. Henry (left) and Brian Catton try to rid themselves of a vengeful ghost in "The Woman in Black."

"Our theater group usually does comedy but we were fascinated with it," said Ed Meade, who founded Parlour

probably would go unnoticed. The audience will be so taken with the sounds of howling winds, crying children and fog rising from the floor that a deviation from character will seem the least of the scariness going on in this British ghost story.

Theatre Productions with his wife Jeannine. The couple lived for many years in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills before moving to Northville. "We saw it in London three times. It's a good story. It's not entirely gothic. It takes place in post Victorian times with horses and buggies running alongside automobiles in the streets. The sound effects create the mood. As the story evolves it becomes an integral part."

## Mystery ghost

Jeannine will reveal little about the ghost she plays. Dressed in a floor-length black cape, her actions tell the story.

"I have no lines so it's pretty easy," said Jeannine.

But as everyone knows, actions speak louder than words.

"Her movements really are quite terrifying especially when they're seen through all the fog coming up from the ground," said Brian Catton who plays

Please see **GHOST, E2**



# Ghost

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The Actor. Cotton's experience in the film *Vampire's Kiss* was good training for *The Woman in Black*. So were the years he spent off Broadway in plays such as *Fool for Love*, *Out of the Frying Pan and into the Fire*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

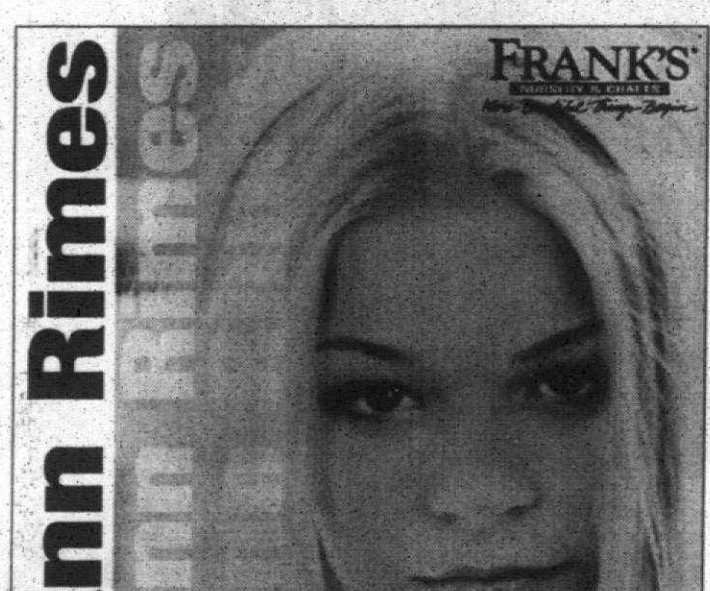
**Traveling troupe**

The *Woman in Black* is one of six shows that Parlor rotates at dinner theaters, retirement centers, and bus tours which stop at hotels in resorts such as Frankfort.

"We're really on the road a lot," said Meade, who taught voice and theater at public and parochial schools in Dearborn Heights and Dearborn until retiring nine years ago. "We pack up all of the scenery, costumes and props. It's a little bit of work but it's fun."

"We take theater to people who might not otherwise be able to see it," added Jeannine. "It's a traveling troupe. That's why Ed called it Parlor Theatre. We bring it to your parlor."

**Jeannine Meade**  
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# Dancers

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takes you to another place. The composer did a neat job. That's what makes the dance really exciting. They're very human, just real people. We're asked to be real people in real life not fairies. It's about human experience. The only exception is in the piece about bees on a country road where I dance as the windshield wipers."

Whitley Setrakian concludes

The 17th annual Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Friday, June 16, to Sunday, July 9, features an eclectic mix of events that showcase nationally-acclaimed artists and companies in dance, theater, music and comedy and outstanding local groups.

Activities are presented inside at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street, and outside at Top of the Park, the top level of a parking structure next to the Power Center.

There is no charge for Top of the Park events. Tickets for Power Center events are \$26, \$20, and \$14, with the exception of Michael Feinstein and Jose Feliciano's performance, for which tickets are \$30, \$25, and \$20.

Tickets are available at the Power Center Box Office and Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229. For information online, visit [www.mlive.com/aasf](http://www.mlive.com/aasf)

**At the Power Center**

Saturday, June 17 - 8 p.m. Michael Feinstein sings The Classic American Songbook

Sunday, June 18 - 8 p.m. David Grisman, John Hartford and Mike Seeger

Tuesday, June 20 - 8 p.m. Streb in Action Heroes

Wednesday, June 21 - 8 p.m. Nicholas Peyton and Ensemble A

Thursday, June 22 - 8 p.m. Natalie MacMaster and Mark O'Connor

Friday, June 23 - 8 p.m. Spalding Gray in Morning, Noon and Night

## ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday, June 24 - 8 p.m.** Jazz Tap Ensemble

**Sunday, June 25 - 8 p.m.** Trinity Academy Irish Dancers

**Tuesday, June 27 - 8 p.m.** Kate Clinton in *Y2K3 comedy*

**Wednesday, June 28 - 8 p.m.** The Reduced Shakespeare Company in *The Complete Millennium Musical*

**Thursday, June 29 - 8 p.m.** Rockapella

**Friday, June 30 - 8 p.m.** Peter Sparling Dance Company

**Saturday, July 1 - 8 p.m.** The Ahn Trio

**Tuesday, July 4 - 8 p.m.** The Capitol Steps

**Wednesday, July 5 - 8 p.m.** Jose Feliciano in Concert

**Thursday, July 6 - 8 p.m.** Linda Tillery and The Cultural Heritage Choir and The Paris Children's Choir

**Friday, July 7 - 8 p.m.** Peter Schickele Meets P.D.Q. Bach with The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra

**Saturday, July 8 - 8 p.m.** Anthony Zerbe and Roscoe Lee Browne in *Behind the Broken Words*

**Top of the Park**

**Friday, June 16 - 7-8:30 p.m.** Folkin' in A-Squared - Ann Arbor-based folk artists Chris Buhalis, Lisa Hunter, Kevin Meisel, Jim Roll, Jo Serrapere and Rolfe Tussing III; 8:45 p.m. Cadillac Cowboys - country, rock

**Saturday, June 17 - 7-8:30 p.m.** RFD Boys - Ann Arbor Bluegrass Favorites; 9-11 p.m. The Ambassadors - Classic 1940s big-band/swing

**Sunday, June 18 - 7-8:45 p.m.** Binn Na Mara - Traditional Irish jigs, reels, and polkas; 7:45

**9-9:45 p.m.** Al Hill & The Love Butlers; 10 p.m. movie: *Toy Story 2*

**Monday, June 19 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts Jazz Combo; 8-10 p.m. Bird of Paradise Orchestra; 10 p.m. movie: *Little Shop of Horrors*

**Tuesday, June 20 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Brain Mute; 8-10 p.m. Corndaddy; 10 p.m. movie: *Beetlejuice*

**Wednesday, June 21 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Saline Fiddlers' Philharmonic; 8-10 p.m. The Raisin Pickers; 10 p.m. movie: *The Marx Brothers in A Night at the Opera*

**Thursday, June 22 - 8 p.m.** Elvis Night! - 7-7:45 p.m. Musical Moments A Cappella Quartet; 8-10 p.m. Starlight Drifters; 10 p.m. movie: *Jailhouse Rock*

**Friday, June 23 - 7-8:30 p.m.** "Tap" of the Park - Tap Dance Extravaganza; 8:45-11 p.m. Los Gatos

**Saturday, June 24 - 7-8:30 p.m.** Rolfe Tussing III: Delta Blues Slide Guitar; 9-11 p.m. Madcat & Kane

**Sunday, June 25 - 7-7:45 p.m.** The Trinkets with Whit Hill, K.C. Groves, and Sue Gillis; 8-9:30 North Acoustic Folk Rock; 10 p.m. movie: *Superman*

**Monday, June 26 - 7-30:10 p.m.** Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie - Louisiana Zydeco; 10 p.m. movie: *The Nutty Professor*

**Tuesday, June 27 - 7-9:30 p.m.** Mid Life Crisis Blues Band - Rockin' blues, and debut CD release party; 10 p.m. movie: *Selena*

**Wednesday, June 28 - 7-9:30 p.m.** Witch Doctors; 10 p.m. movie: *A League of Their Own*

**Thursday, June 29 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts Jazz Combo; 8-9:45 p.m. Brian Lillie and the Squirrel Mountain Orchestra; 10 p.m. movie: *The Bride of Frankenstein*

**Friday, June 30 - 7-8:30 p.m.** Coup de Grass - Straight Ahead Bluegrass; 9-11 p.m. Wild Sheep Riders (aka Steve Newhouse & The Nuke-A-Billies)

**Saturday, July 1 - 7-8:30 p.m.** Repercussions - percussion ensemble; 8:45-11 p.m. The Couriers - big-band

**Sunday, July 2 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Old #7 - Folk from America and British Isles; 8:45-9:45 p.m. Cave Cat Sammy; 10 p.m. movie: *Stuart Little*

**Monday, July 3 - 7-7:45 p.m.** Ann Arbor School for the Performance Arts Jazz Combo; 8-9:45 p.m. Charged Particles; 10 p.m. movie: *The Addams Family*

**Tuesday, July 4 - 7-30:9:45 p.m.** The Red Elvies; 10 p.m. movie: *Little Mermaid*

**Wednesday, July 5 - 7-9:45 p.m.** Jim Cummings Band; 10 p.m. movie: *October Sky*

**Thursday, July 6 - 7-7:45 p.m.** The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love; 8-9:45 p.m. Cigar Store Indians; 10 p.m. movie: *Happy Gilmore*

**Saturday, July 8 - 7-8:30 p.m.** Blue Dahlia; 8:45-11 p.m. Nite Flight - calypso, reggae

**Sunday, July 9 - 7-9:30 p.m.** George Bedard & the Kingpins - Rock-A-Billy Hepcats; 10 p.m. movie: *Galaxy Quest*

# Enjoy 'Art in the Sun'

Over 120 artists from Michigan and nearby states will be participating in Art in the Sun, Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18, in downtown Northville.

Now in its 12th year, this fair has become a Father's Day tradition. During the weekend, the streets of Northville will be closed to traffic but open to a brilliant display of fine art.

Stores and restaurants will be open, and there will be entertainment in the vintage bandshell.

Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the juried fine art show will feature a number of local artists, including Becky Buxton of Farmington Hills; Tom LeGault of Plymouth; Russell Cobane of Clarkston; Debra Metter and Kathy Boltz of West Bloomfield; Susanne Lawrence of Waterford; Gail Hiller of Beverly Hills, and Susan Fowler of Bloomfield Hills.

Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17-18. Here's the entertainment schedule:

Saturday-Sunday - 12:30-2 p.m. Straw Hat Band; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Russell Dannelon (Main & Center); 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Roy Scoutz (Center & Dunlap).

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-7640 or [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

# Chamber Music Festival features William Bolcom

The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival continues this week with a program that features the music of Bach, Chopin and Brahms and works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence, William Bolcom.

Concerts are being presented at Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo's, and Detroit Country Day in Oakland County; Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, and the Detroit Institute of Arts. For information, call (248) 362-6171.

**Concert Schedule**

■ 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 15-16 - Bolcom's Sonata No. 2 for violin and piano, Bach's Sonata No. 2 for solo violin in A minor, Bolcom's Donald Hall Songs, Brahms' Trio in C minor for violin, cello and piano. St. Hugo's Chapel, Opdyke Road and Hickory Grove.

■ 8 p.m. Friday, June 16 - Mozart's Sonata in B-flat Major for violin and piano, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 Pieces for String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C Major for violin, cello and piano.

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17 - Conversation with William Bolcom, performance by the Gotham String Quartet, Schumann's Variations for 2 pianos, 2 cellos and horn, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 Pieces for String Quartet, Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile and Lahser Road.

■ 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18 - Brunch with Bach. Detroit Institute of Arts.

■ 3 & 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18 - Plog's Aesop's Fables, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, Prokofiev Zoo.

# Success, part inspiration, luck

Why do things happen the way they do? Well, in the performing and visual arts - as in life - positive things happen because of inspiration, dedication, and a variety of circumstances, such as luck, generosity and personality.

Why did RCA recording artist Dave Matthews, along with his business manager, tour manager, and a band associate, recently launch an independent label? The idea was fueled by Matthews' desire to get more exposure for some of his favorite artists.

The first signing by the new label, according to Our (ATO) Records, was Welsh-raised singer David Gray, and an enhanced CD version of Gray's most recent album, *White Ladder*, released in March.

"David Gray is such a perfect example of someone who is so phenomenal and beautiful - but someone who has been more or less overlooked in the U.S.," Matthews told Billboard magazine.

The consolidation of major labels also is enough of a concern to Matthews to make "indies" necessary. "There are a lot of interesting artists who won't get a chance to get heard because of the often-blindness of an industry that ignores something that's maybe not in fashion or doesn't seem viable."

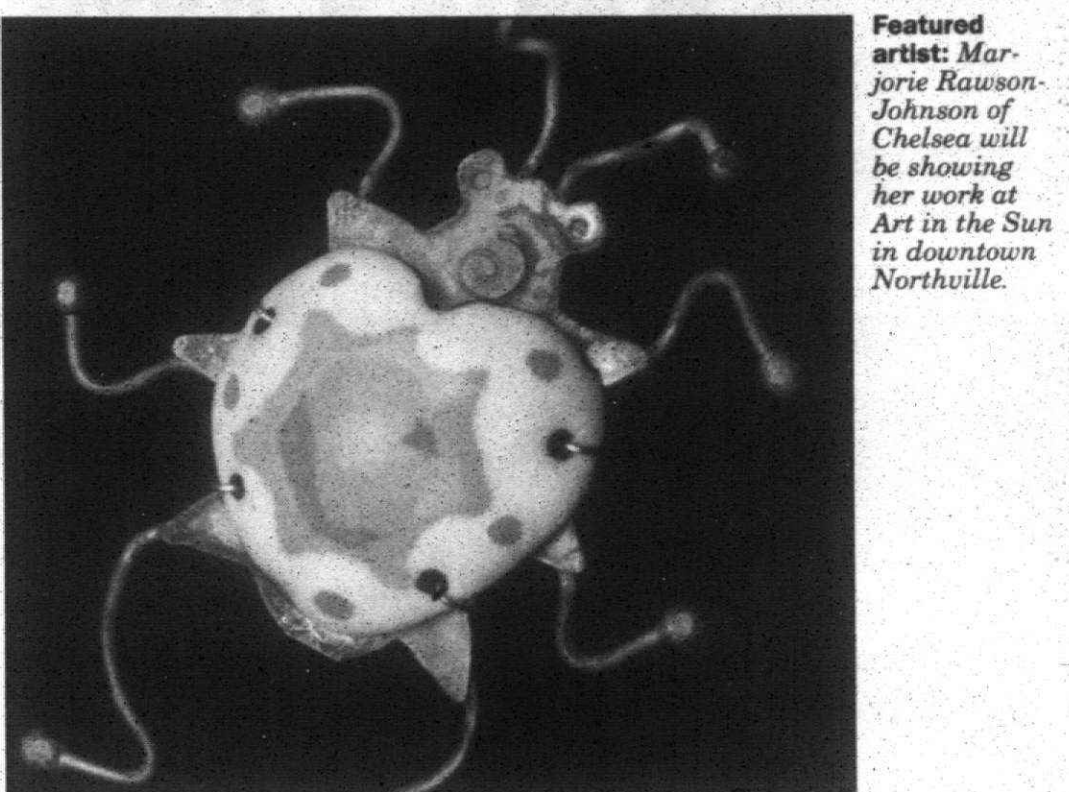
Many of the performers who have appeared over the years on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS have also found it difficult to obtain the exposure that they have earned. Mergers by media companies tend to work to the advantage of established artists or those fortunate, but few emerging artists that have a look, sound, or style that adapts well to the broadest audience and marketing strategies.

BACKSTAGE PASS was conceived as a showcase for performance and visual artists whose work is worthy of a broader audience. That's why there's a place for a distinctive folk/rock talent like David Gray, who performs in the studio on an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

There's also room for performers who are highlighting two of the season's most noteworthy arts events, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. To put you in the mood to string and dance, the June 18 program previews the festivals and offers performance by the Artemis Quartet and The Peter Sparling Dance Company.

Few of us have the clout that Dave Matthews has to advance the music or art that we consider deserving of more popular appeal.


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**Featured artist: Marjorie Rawson-Johnson of Chelsea will be showing her work at Art in the Sun in downtown Northville.**

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**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE:** "The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

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**POWERSHARES THEATRE COMPANY:** "Full Circle," Jeff Chang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

**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

## COLLEGE

**FREE SUMMER CONCERTS:** **DETROIT ZOO:** 6-7:30 p.m. "Wednesday, June 21, at the zoo, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission (248) 541-5835

**IN THE PARK:** Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra with Charles Greenwell conducting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15; Band Jam 3 featuring rock bands from Birmingham high schools, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16; Birmingham Concert Band and Straw Hat Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

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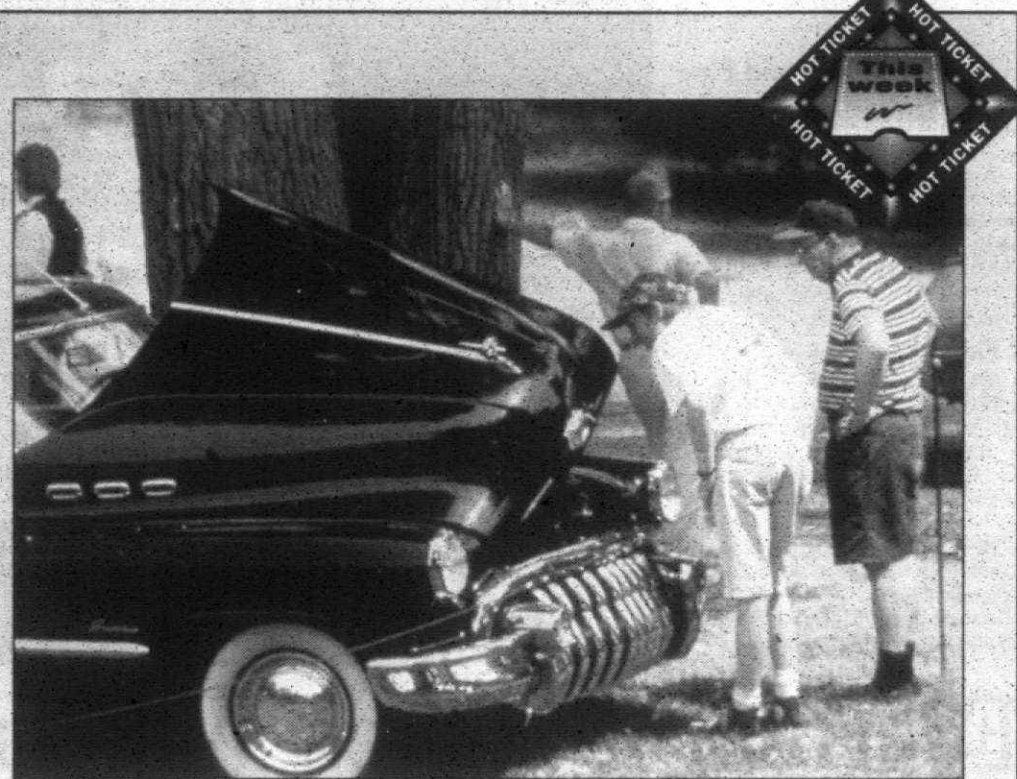
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**FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH:** The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozeto Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25. proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

**SCOO! JAZZ PRIME:** The vocal jazz group performs a benefit concert 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Donations accepted at the door for Dekor, a 28-member close harmony choir from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. The group tours America for the first time this July. Dekor is coming to the area at the invitation of Prime after the two performed together in

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY:** In conjunction with The Blue Nile Restaurant is inviting high school students to enter a writing contest as part of the educational component of the 18th annual African World Festival, deadline for entry is Sunday, June 25, the theme is the same as the festival: *The Souls That Bind Us: A Celebration of our Similarities*. Entries can be essays, poems/fynics or short stories that examine the cultural connections, comparisons, and/or similarities between African-Americans and at least one other society in Africa or the African Diaspora. (248) 584-3715/(313) 494-5853

**POPS/ SWING**

**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

**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

**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**AL HILL:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**JOE MANERI QUARTET:** 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25. (734) 769-2999

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With trumpeter Johnny Trudell 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, with trumpeter Louis Smith June 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

**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

**FOLK/ BLUEGRASS**

**LARRY ARBOUR:** 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**RFD BOYS:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

**JOE BROWN:** With Twitch, 10 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860

**RICHARD BUCKNER:** With Lori Amey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-

## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER:** Poetry reading by Harold Norris, afterwards Norris will give copies of his book, "An American Mural," to attendees, 7 p.m. Friday, June 23, at the center, Detroit. (313) 963-7575

## DANCE

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 426-0241

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING:** 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**SWING DANCE LESSONS:** Also Lindy Hop, 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** 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:** Bill Thomas Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** 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

## 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. Stop through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. 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," "Mystery 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 "Rafting 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. \$8-28/\$650; 9-30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester, Free. (248) 650-5080

**BLUES MUSIC FESTIVAL:** With BB King, Buddy Guy, Susan Tedeschi and more, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$35.50. (248) 645-6666

**BRANDED:** 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Bean Machine, Dearborn. All ages. \$5. (313) 943-2940; 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

**BROCK'S AREA:** With Remainder, 10 p.m. Friday, June 23, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860

**THE BROTHERS GROOVE:** The Music Menu, Monday, June 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

**GIVE:** With Face, 60 Second Crush, Six Clips, 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

**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. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

**BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 16, Kellig Park, Farmington Hills. 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Scotia Park, Huntington Woods. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 21-22, Oxford Inn, Novi. (248) 348-4399

**RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET:** 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

**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) 438-4146

**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND:** With Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals. 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

**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

**CHICAGO:** With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20.25-\$30.25. (248) 645-6666

**THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS:** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion/\$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666

**TERRI CLARK:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666

**JOE COCKER:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666

**CHRISTINA AQUILERA:** 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. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

**ONEED:** With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35. (248) 645-6666

**CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

**MARSHALL CRENSHAW:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030

**DAMAGE MANUAL:** Featuring members of Ministry and PIL, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

**THORNETTA DAVIS:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**DEADLY SNAKES:** With Les Sexareones, Them Wanooh, 9 p.m. Friday, June 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

**THE BEACH BOYS:** With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**PAT BENATAR:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$22.50. (248) 645-6666

**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

**BLACKJACK:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

**BLOWTPO:** 10 p.m. Sunday, June 18, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. Free. (313) 882-8560; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. Free. (248) 650-5080

**THE DOOBIE BROTHERS:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

**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

**GEORGE DUKE:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666

**DURAN DURAN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**BOB DYLAN:** With Phil Plesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$43.50. (248) 645-6666

**EELS:** Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

**KURT ELLING QUARTET:** 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

**ENCORE:** Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

**FOREIGNER:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.961melt.com

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# MOVIES

## 'Divine Trash' unlocks John Waters' film treasures

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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One look at director John Waters and you just know there's something brilliantly sinister lurking behind those beady eyes and that pencil-thin black mustache which hovers slightly above his upper lip.

One look at a film like his cult classics *Pink Flamingos*, *Hairspray* or the most recent *Pecker*, and it's easy to see into the freakish world he embraces for the love of making movies.

Steve Yeager's *Divine Trash* is a documentary that reminds Waters' childhood in Baltimore and the making of the film that catapulted the director to the status of other '70s visionaries like John Sayles and John Cassavetes.

Since *Pink Flamingos*, Waters has proven to be the director who isn't afraid to cross the line. His films feature freakish characters as stars and those who can't relate to the topsy-turvy antics as villains. Yeager captured this in his unflinching way beginning with black-and-white televised interview footage of a lanky, long-haired Waters in 1972.

"I'm not trying to say anything," says Waters to the reporter. "I'm just trying to make 'em laugh and give 'em a little shock value for their money."

Juxtaposing full-color inter-

view footage of Waters' parents, friends and foes with the most disturbing clips of his films and the films that inspired him, the end result earned a 1998 Sundance Film Festival Award.

And it's not surprising. Yeager traces Waters' childhood back to the 8-millimeter camera his grandmother gave him on his 16th birthday and early fascination with violence and villains. From *Houdy Doody Time* to creating his own puppet shows, Waters showed creativity and promise early on. His first films were shown in the basement of a local church. Even the local priest supported his efforts.

Sneaking to a nearby drive-in to watch the latest B-flicks by Russ Meyer or the Kuchner



**Talking trash:** In 1972, John Waters directed the cult hit of his career, *Pink Flamingos*. In 1998, Steve Yeager released *Divine Trash* documenting Waters' rise to success in underground films. Catch a special showing 9:30 p.m. tonight at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Brothers, Waters always veered off the usual path. *Divine Trash* makes sense of a man who made an overweight transvestite named Divine famous. Waters described Divine as a cross between Clarabell and Jayne Mansfield, who liked to be referred to as a character actor or a "s-him." According to the film: "Glenn (Mistead) liked to dress in drag before America knew what drag was."

Proving that Waters has always been ahead of his time, actor/director Jim Jarmusch and stars like Steve Buscemi called him an inspiration. "He inspired me to make films my own way," said Jarmusch, who directed *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai* in 1999.

While everyone in the quick-paced documentary has his own take on Waters, no one can agree on his style. Some say his films were unscripted, others admit to having to learn them word-for-word, and still others recall Waters telling them how to say their lines. Like his films, the filmmaker has an unexpected effect on all those around him.

An almost comedic effect is added to the film by Mary Avara, whose title reads "The Last Film Censor in America." Avara pops in and out to describe her horrific reaction to Waters' films. "I have my own rating," she said of *Multiple Maniacs*, "R.T. for real trash."

*Divine Trash* is anything but trashy. The second half of the film deals mostly with the making of *Pink Flamingos*, and in turn the making of the man himself. The documentary finally gives credit to a filmmaker who

## 'Gone in 60 Seconds' hardly the hit it was meant to be

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

In your job and mine, we're only as good as our last project. Not so in Hollywood, where, if you're a major player, you get three stinkos for every hit. Which means that Nicolas Cage has paid for "Leaving Las Vegas" with "M.M.M." "Snake Eyes" and "Gone in 60 Seconds." Perhaps, depending on how many rabid car thief freaks can drag a paying guest along.

The safe bet is that "Gone in 60 Seconds" is not so much a title as a prediction.

As the former, however, it refers to the supposed time it takes to "boost" (steal) a vehicle. Randall "Memphis" Raines (Cage) was the best there was before his mama made him go legit and run a gas station/garage track in northern California. Memphis did what she told him to do, probably because he was grateful she didn't nickname him "Chattanooga."

When Memphis learns that kid brother Rip (Giovanni Ribisi) is not only following in his felonious footsteps but is also in trouble with Mr. Big, he's sucked back into the business for one last heist. In fact, he must steal 50 luxury cars in one night to save Rip's life.

"Gone in 60 Seconds" comes out of the Jerry Bruckheimer stable, which means there's a wall of noise like the producer's "Armageddon," thrills and spills like "Con Air," and suspenseful action sequences like "The Rock," the last two of which were successful Cage-Bruckheimer collaborations.

Unfortunately, "60 Seconds" rarely gets out of first gear in any of the categories that matter.



**Going, going, gone:** Angelina Jolie and Nicolas Cage star in the over-hyped *Gone in 60 Seconds* in theaters now.

In fact, the best part of the movie lasts just about that long: a comedy relief scene with one of Cage's old boosting buddies who's now a driving instructor.

Three Academy Award-winning performers, including Cage, can't rev up the story. Robert Duvall (most recently in "A Civil Action") plays crafty, crusty Otto, and the former chop-shop operator who was Memphis' mentor in the old days, Andie MacDowell (Oscar winner for "Girl Interrupted") is Cage's onetime gal pal now a mechanic by day and barmaid by night. She wears blond dreadlocks, with the emphasis on dread, and has maybe a half-dozen lines.

The pairing of Memphis' old conies with Rip's computer-savvy mates works to blend the old ways of boosting (bent hangers) with the new (electronic

code-breakers). But one wonders throughout why so many of the hot wheels they heist are parked right out on the curb. Are there no garages in these ritzy L.A. hoods?

Meaningful dialog you won't find here. "I'd boost her," Memphis reminisces, "instantly feeling better about being me." And the former chop-shop operator who was Memphis' mentor in the old days, Andie MacDowell (Oscar winner for "Girl Interrupted") is Cage's onetime gal pal now a mechanic by day and barmaid by night. She wears blond dreadlocks, with the emphasis on dread, and has maybe a half-dozen lines.

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## For Small Craft Sighting hearing is believing



Small Craft Sighting don't really aspire for fame or fortune in the rock world - the band hopes to reach beyond all that.

"We want to be the first band to play on Mars, if that's possible," quips bassist and frontman Joe Kirkland of Farmington. "We don't want to be signed to a record label, we want to sign to NASA."

The Wayne County-based modern rock trio that also includes drummer Courtney Cahill and guitarist Chris Nagarah, both Livonia residents, obviously share a sci-fi sense of humor about what they do. Make no mistake, the band takes its music seriously. Surrounding a large wooden table at Dick O'Dow's in downtown Birmingham, bandmembers set their sights on the future.

Schoolyard chums

Small Craft Sighting has a long history, despite the fact that the bandmates are all in their early 20s. They met in grade school and have been friends ever since. "We've known each other all our lives," said Cahill. And he means it. He and Nagarah were actually born one day apart at Southfield's Providence Hospital. Instant friends, they met Kirkland while attending second grade at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington.

The friendship wove its way into a shared interest in music by the time the boys entered junior high school. They first performed on stage at a talent

show in February 1990. A decade later, Small Craft Sighting is writing and performing personal songs with an edgy feel. "They come from the heart," said Kirkland, who writes mostly about relationships. The music plays in stark contrast with crunching guitars and fearless drumming. Naming influences such as Smashing Pumpkins and The Who, bandmembers understand how their tight friendship plays into the music.

"We feel really fortunate to have found each other so young," said Kirkland. "We had a long time to earn our stripes."

Playing bars before they were legally old enough to get in the door and headlining shows at St. Andrews Hall by age 18, the band has experience surpassing many of their local counterparts. But Small Craft Sighting is just breaking into the Detroit scene. Since both Cahill and Nagarah attended Western Michigan University and Kirkland attended Loyola University in Chicago, the band spent the past several years making a name for itself along the western side of the state. "It's been quite a trip," reflected Kirkland, who is now attending law school at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Tim Pak of Woodshed Studio in Oak Park engineered the band's latest CD and said their history shows in the music.

"There's a vibe they pick up off each other," he said. "A band like that, you know they have a plan. They're true believers."

The Web to success

Small Craft Sighting (whose moniker comes from a Tennessee Williams play) has gone from humble beginnings to electronic - sort of. The modern rock trio recently entered an unsigned band competition on the Internet. Of thousands of entries on garageband.com, their single 93 has advanced into the top 75. This final "virtual battle" will elicit for the winner a \$250,000 recording contract. Two such contracts have already been granted. Small Craft Sighting is the first Michigan band to make it to the finals on this international site.

The music is ranked based on reviews made by music fans who are listening to songs without knowing what artist or genre it will be. Kirkland was most impressed by the system, which he calls credible and completely based on trust. He remembered when the band's song was first uploaded, he would check on it occasionally. "Our song would be 4,713 and I'd think 'We're up a spot,'" he recalled. Now included in the prestigious "Final Countdown," bandmembers are thrilled to have a shot at the contract. The song was at number 35 on the chart at press time.

For Small Craft Sighting, a chance to work with industry icons such as The Beatles' famed producer George Martin or former Talking Heads member Jerry Harrison could become a reality when the winner is chosen next week. Harrison helped found the site in 1999.

While hearing the band on the Internet or on CD offers a taste of the melodies that make Small Craft Sighting so appealing, it is very much a live band. Cahill describes what sets the band apart: "When I go to a concert, it's hard to get into a band when you don't know the words. Our hooks are so good, by the second

## Indigo Girls return with Summer Shed Tour

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After 20 years of performing together, Emily Saliers and Amy Ray - best known as the folk-rock duo the Indigo Girls - prove their still going strong. They've come a long way since the early days of recording in Ray's basement.

In September 1999, the Girls released *Come On Now Social* to rave reviews. Saliers called Thursday, June 8, from Washington, D.C., to talk about their upcoming area show.

Observer & Eccentric: Hi Emily, how is the tour going?

Emily Saliers: "It's going great; we just started the first few shows."

O&E: What's new about the Summer Shed Tour?

ES: "There's a backdrop based on a Monet that's different. On the Summer Shed Tour, a lot of our fans will get a chance to see a new band playing with us. We've added a few more songs to the roster. As always, we'll play earlier songs, we'll mix it up."

O&E: What are some earlier songs that still make the Indigo Girls set list?

ES: "Closer to Fine. We play *Galileo* every night."

O&E: Tell me about the new album. How long did it take to record?

ES: "It took about five months total. (We went) to London and jammed with producer-drummer John Reynolds, who we met on Lilith Fair. Thank God for Sinead O'Connor (who introduced the girls to him). We had a lot of great guests on it, Sheryl Crow and Joan Osborne."

O&E: How does the album differ from your previous work?

ES: "I personally think it has a broader scope. It has a lot more rock songs, punk songs, pop songs and ballads. It's a good mix of organic and produced. A lot of samples were used, but not in a heavy-handed way."

O&E: What have you learned about one another through this 20-year history of making music together?

ES: "I've learned we temper each other often. We're very different people, different in a positive way. Musically, it's great. It's like having two musical lives."

O&E: Is there anything you'd like to add?

ES: "I'm looking forward to coming back to Pine Knob. I remember getting really good crowds (there). It's sort of that home away from home."

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DINING

# Treat dad royally on Father's Day

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Attention, dads. Do you really want to sweat over a hot grill this Father's Day only to hear complaints that hot dogs are burnt and the hamburgers underdone? Of course not. Let someone else do the sweating.

The following restaurants serve some of the best chops, seafood and pasta in town, food fit for a king - you! Happy Father's Day.

**Laffrey's Steaks on the Hearth** - 24201 W. Seven Mile Road (off Telegraph), Detroit (313) 538-4688; open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Atmosphere: Comfortably close quarters, dark, perfect for cocktails and serious dining. Menu: Chops, steaks, seafood. Great appetizers. Price: Entrées \$13.95-\$27.95; appetizers \$7.95-\$9.95. All credit cards accepted.

Reservations a must on weekends. There's nothing trendy about Laffrey's, and that's good. It's probably why this family-owned restaurant has endured for 40 years while other restaurants have come and gone.

Laffrey's is a place for people - like dear old Dad - who appreciate

he try an order of Laffrey's hand-cut onion rings. They're big and beautiful.

"We're world famous for our onion rings," he said. "They're lightly breaded. You can't beat a hand-breaded onion ring."

**Carvers** - 24275 Sinacola Court, 10 Mile Road and Grand River, Farmington Hills, (810) 476-5333; open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. for dinner Friday and Saturday (band plays to midnight); 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Atmosphere: Dark with warm lighting and nice art. Fine dining. Menu: Prime rib, steaks and chops, fish and seafood, chicken and ribs. Prices: Entrées \$17-\$24.50; Appetizers \$7-\$8.

Extras: Entertainment on the weekends; cigar smoking in the lounge. All major credit cards accepted; reservations recommended.

"It's like this little hidden gem," said general manager Donna Neumann about Carvers. "People think it is new. The lighting is beautiful. It's clean and it sparkles. The dining room is open and there's lots of glass."

Sound inviting? Just wait until you try the food, boasted Neumann. Carvers is place where the steaks are bold and the sauces are robust. The kitchen

In the mood for fish? No problem. Neumann suggests trying the "fabulous" Norwegian salmon, baked with a light crust of mustard and basil, or the parmesan-encrusted whitefish.

If Dad craves a little pasta this Father's Day, he should try the Tenderloin Blue Cheese Pasta, made with tenderloin tips, penne and heavy cream. Maybe not heart-smart but the stomach doesn't care. Besides, Father's Day comes once a year.

"It is so rich. It's just wonderful. It's instantaneous gratification just to see their mouths water," said Neumann.

And if Dad wants to wet his whistle with something stronger than white wine, he can select from the bar's 15 single malt scotches. Mmm, mmm. Prime rib, a good scotch and a great atmosphere ... is there a better way to celebrate Father's Day?

**Cleveland's Grill & Grill**, 311 S. Main Street (between Liberty and Williams, across from The Ark), Ann Arbor, (734) 213-2505; open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; and 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$10-\$15. A 20-ounce prime porterhouse will be the Father's Day special. "It's beautiful," said

"Oh, it's really good, highly touted by all," said Cleveland.

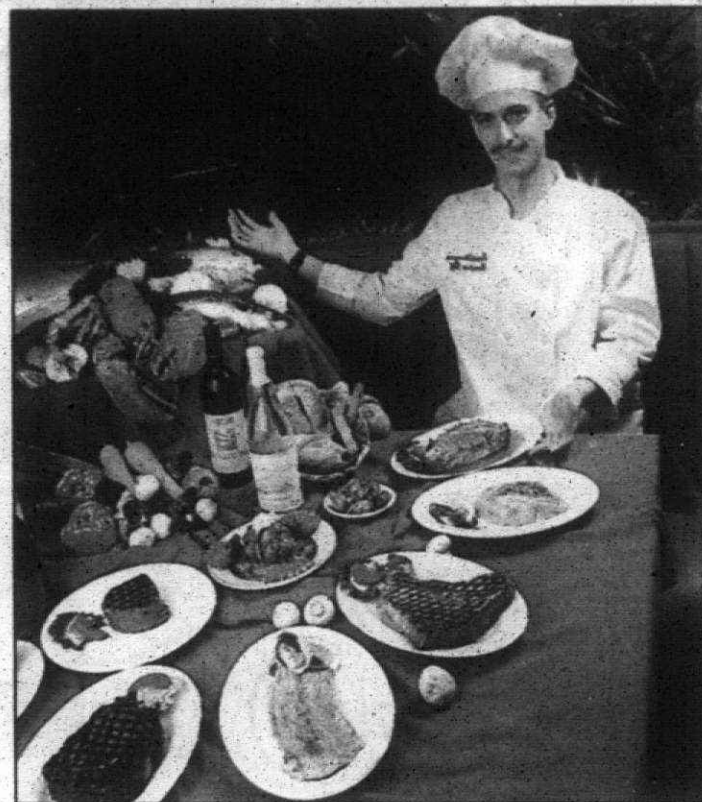
**Ernesto's**, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002; open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch and 5-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch and 5-11 p.m. dinner Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$10.95 lunch and \$15.95 dinner. Father's Day specials include prime rib for \$18.95 and - for the really macho man - a 24-ounce porterhouse steak with Italian herbs and a baked parmesan cheese topping.

**Ginopolis**, 27815 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 851-8222; open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées \$15-\$18. Big, friendly restaurant with lots of pasta, seafood, fish, steaks, chicken and ribs. Their Montgomery Inn barbecued ribs are rated No. 1 by the famous and infamous alike.

**Rose's**, 201 N. Canton Center Road (near Cherry Hill), Canton, (734) 981-9904; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$7.45-\$17.95. Family-owned Italian restaurant where everything is homemade, including the loaf of bread that arrives at each table in a white paper bag. Steaks, chicken, seafood and plenty of pasta. "Our Alfredo sauce is the best in the world," said Richard of three brother-owners.

**Alexander the Great**, 34733 Warren, Westland, (734) 326-5410; open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$7-\$10. Alexander's has been serving their famous rotisserie-cooked barbecued ribs, the house specialty, for 23 years. Menu also includes steaks, seafood and chicken. Cocktails available.

**Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon**, 19333 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (734) 432-1700; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Entrées: \$12.99-\$19.99. Known for their prime rib and Cajun rib-eye steak, Lone Star has a special seasoning recipe and serves Texas-size portions. Menu also includes chicken, shrimp, salmon.



A royal feast: Executive chef Darin Thompson shows off some of the prime rib, steak and seafood dishes that have made Laffrey's a popular dining destination.

Lone Star also is located at 36600 Ford Road in Westland (734) 721-2200 and 30005 Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills (248) 626-2882.

**Damon's Club House**, 43750 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 207-7427; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$12.99 average. Their meaty St. Louis-style babyback ribs are the house specialty. People come to Damon's after they've tried ribs elsewhere, said manager Jennifer Taylor. The menu also includes steak, seafood, chicken and pasta.

**Beaver Creek**, 1609 Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 462-6442; open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 a.m. Entrées: \$7-\$15. Why not treat Dad to the "Wild Thing," a manly appetizer plate filled with venison, whitefish paté, barbecued buffalo balls, wild boar ravioli and duck tenders? If Dad is on the tame side, menu also includes great steaks, burritos and shepherd's pie. And for dessert, try a plate of homemade

chocolate chip cookies, hot from the oven. Full bar and outside patio dining.

**Outback Steak House**, 42871 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-4144. Hours: 4-10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 4-11 p.m. Friday; 3-11:30 p.m. Saturday; 2-10:30 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$8-\$14. Dad can have his pick: the 16-ounce prime rib or a "fabulous" porterhouse, rib eye of New York strip. Menu includes lamb, pork and seafood.

**Cooker's Bar & Grill**, 41980 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-6595. Hours: 11 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$5.95-\$16.95. Want to bring tears to Dad's eyes? How about old-fashioned meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Or the Father's Day special: Barbecued babyback ribs and an assortment of draft beers. And if you've never tried Cooker's homemade biscuits, now's the time. Cooker's is also located at 38703 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 462-3650.

**Prime time:**  
Chef David Reed presents a preview of a Carvers Father's Day special, a 20-ounce slice of prime rib - served rare, of course.  
-Donna Neumann, general manager, says the beef is hand-cut fresh every day.



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ate well-aged and perfectly grilled steaks and chops. Executive chef Darin Thompson, son of owner Sandy Thompson, credits the char-grill, seasonings and a special meat-aging process with producing great-tasting beef, pork, veal and lamb.

But Laffrey's is not just a vintage steak place. They've developed a reputation for innovative seafood as well, like White Fish Oscar, served with asparagus and king crabmeat with béarnaise sauce. When it comes to fish, Thompson is a fussy chef.

"I buy it from the Seafood Company in Boston and have it flown in by Northwest Airlines overnight," he said.

Thompson has a few specials planned for Father's Day, including a 20-ounce ribeye steak, veal chops, and crab legs. Whatever Dad orders, Thompson suggests

hand-cuts the steaks every day, and the prime rib comes in 10-ounce and 20-ounce portions and is served with a homemade horseradish sauce.

"I get no complaints," she said.

owner John Cleveland. "I'm not a red-meat eating guy, but, gosh, it's tasty."

The Key Lime Pie, made from key lime juice shipped from Florida, ain't so bad either, guys.

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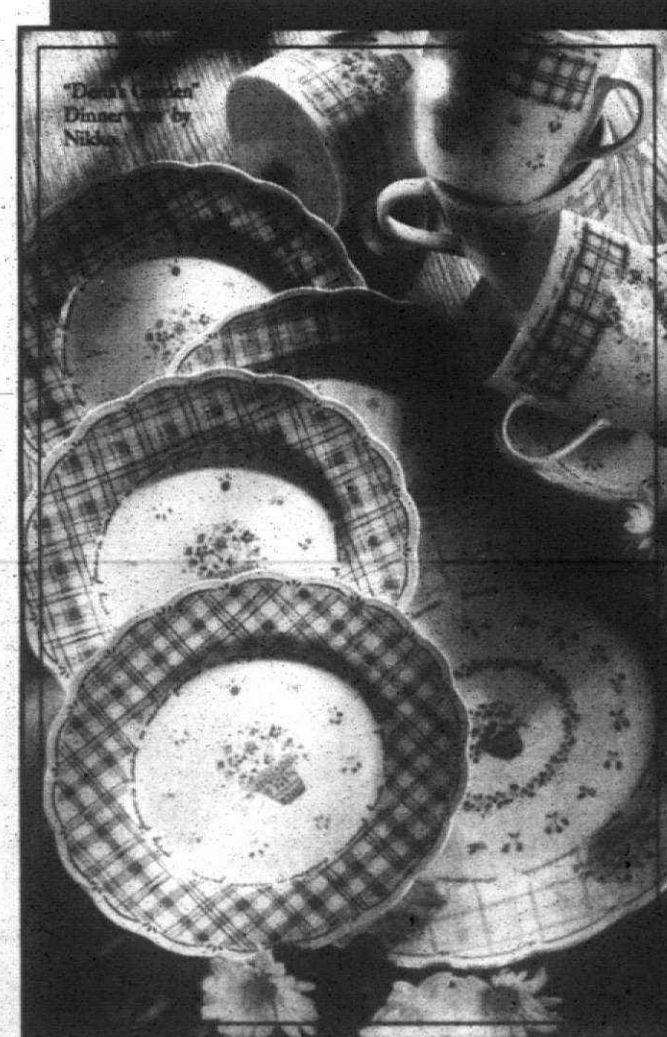
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