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## Cops: Woman's death a mystery

### Body found Sunday a mile from her still-running automobile

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Leposava Filipovska was a tireless worker.

The 62-year-old Canton woman put in countless hours at the Willow Run GM assembly plant. Despite that fact, she was never too tired to take care of her home, husband or family.

"We could never get her to sit still," said son Steve, 35. "We kept telling her to retire (from GM). But she told dad, 'I'm going to retire with you.'"

Filipovska never got that chance, however. Her body was discovered early Sunday morning behind a Clark Gas Station at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road.

A Monday Wayne County Medical Examiner's autopsy determined her death was caused by heart failure. Police believe Filipovska's death is suspicious in nature.

"Things just don't look right," said Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft. "We're treating it as foul play. But what we've got, we're not sure."

Filipovska left her job at the Ypsilanti plant at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, according



Leposava Filipovska

to police reports. Heading eastbound on Michigan Avenue, the 62-year-old came to a road block at Denton Road on the township's far west side.

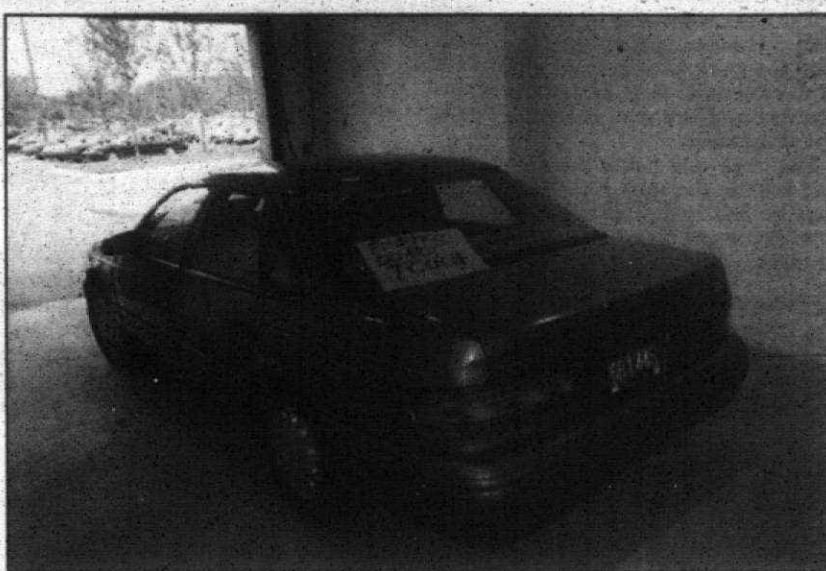
An earlier accident had closed the road. Reports said a tractor-trailer from nearby Bay Logistics had flipped over on its side near Denton.

Filipovska was ordered to turn her car around.

"She had the choice of going west on Michigan or north on Denton," Raycraft said.

Filipovska's husband, Dordi, awoke at about 7 a.m. Sunday and became worried that his wife wasn't home. He eventually drove the route Leposava took to and from work.

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**Looking for leads:** Canton police are looking for people who may have seen this 1993 Ford Taurus on Michigan Avenue early Sunday or anyone with information about what may have happened to its driver.

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**Clowning around:** The Canton Township Firefighter Clowns were out in force Saturday at Liberty Fest. Here, one of them cools off some festival-goers with his Super Soaker.

## Festival a blast!

### From Fun Zone to fireworks, crowds jam Heritage Park

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Despite a rain storm during Saturday night's fireworks, this year's Liberty Fest was a success, according to local officials.

The annual event drew large crowds all four days, Canton Parks and Recreation Manager Bob Dates said. Attractions such as the Fun Zone, family movie and classic car show kept a steady flow of festival-goers streaming into Heritage Park, he added.

"I would call this the best Liberty Fest we've ever had," said Dates, the event chair. "Next year is the 10th anniversary. We're going to

have to start thinking of a theme to outdo it."

The fireworks show is typically the fest's biggest drawing event. Rain started to fall about five minutes into the display and got progressively harder.

"We knew a storm was approaching," Dates said. "It was a matter of time when it got there."

The show was scheduled for 10:15 p.m. But Dates moved it up 45 minutes to avoid the rain.

"We got the whole show in," he said. "At no time was there a (safety) hazard."

Most people stuck around for all of the show

Please see LIBERTY FEST, A4



**Ooops:** Alyssa Athens of Canton, 3, spills her Sno-Cone down the front of her jumper during Canton's Liberty Fest Saturday afternoon. Meanwhile the fireworks display went off without a hitch despite a Saturday-night down-pour.



## Changes target Canton library's younger patrons

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
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Teenagers and children will especially benefit from the \$6 million, 22,000 square-foot-addition at the Canton Public Library.

The first phase, scheduled for completion in early September, will house a brightly colored youth department, said Jean Tabor, library director.

"We're adding a lot of space and a new quiet reading area," she said.

Also taking up residence in the addition will be the Teen Place, especially geared toward patrons age 12-18. It

should open by Dec. 31.

Stefanie Halliday, teen librarian, said she has consulted the potential users — the teens themselves — about how to decorate the new space and what kind of furniture to buy.

"We're going to put posters on the ceilings," Halliday said. So far the poster designs selected have fit a 1960s theme. One poster has a flying Volkswagen on it, she added.

The Teen Place will also have eight computers and four will be equipped with games. Teen patrons currently

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## Foundation grant boost good news for schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Plymouth-Canton Schools will get a \$300 per-pupil increase from the state school aid fund in the 2000-01 school year. Combined with a projected growth of 111 students, that will mean more than \$5.3 million added to the district's budget.

"It's the first time we've had that big an increase," said Dan White, the district's interim business manager. "That hasn't always been the case."

White is referring to the years when

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the foundation grant increase has been less than the rate of inflation, causing the district to slash parts of the budget. This year, the increase is more than double the 2.2 percent rate of inflation.

The additional revenue means Plymouth-Canton will be spending \$6,525 per student in the coming school year.

Projections by the state show Plymouth-Canton getting another \$300 per student from the state in the 2001-02 school year, and \$200 in 2002-03.

Please see SCHOOL AID, A6



# Store clerk recognizes man in robbery attempt

Canton police are looking for a 45-year-old township man who attempted to rob a Palmer Road party store early Sunday afternoon.

According to police reports, the man walked into the Oakwood Party Store at about 1:40 p.m. wearing a white hair net over his face. The township man, reports said, pointed a steak knife at a store clerk and said "make it fast."

The clerk responded by saying, "OK, I'll make it fast." Reports said the clerk then bent over to grab something from behind the counter and the man then ran out of the store.

The clerk told police the man had been in the store before and that he had had problems with him. Police are investigating the incident.

**Stolen car**

A 28-year-old White Lake woman's 1997 Ford Explorer was stolen from a home in the 43000 block of Saxony early

## COP CALLS

Sunday morning, reports said. Police have no suspects.

### Lawn job

A home in the 7000 block of Claymore Court was vandalized early Sunday morning.

A 42-year-old owner said someone had down a "lawn job" on his front yard between 2:45 and 5:45 a.m., according to reports. Deep tire tracks in the yard were noted in police reports. Police have no suspects.

### Assault and battery

A 45-year-old Canton woman was assaulted Sunday afternoon at Burger King on Ford Road, according to Canton police.

Reports said the woman left the restaurant shortly after noon and was heading east on Ford. Soon afterwards, a "blue" car pulled up beside her and passen-

gers inside yelled at her, according to reports.

She yelled back and all three occupants got out of the vehicle and assaulted her, reports said. Officers interviewed the woman at Oakwood Hospital in Canton. Injuries to her nose and arms were reported. Police have no suspects.

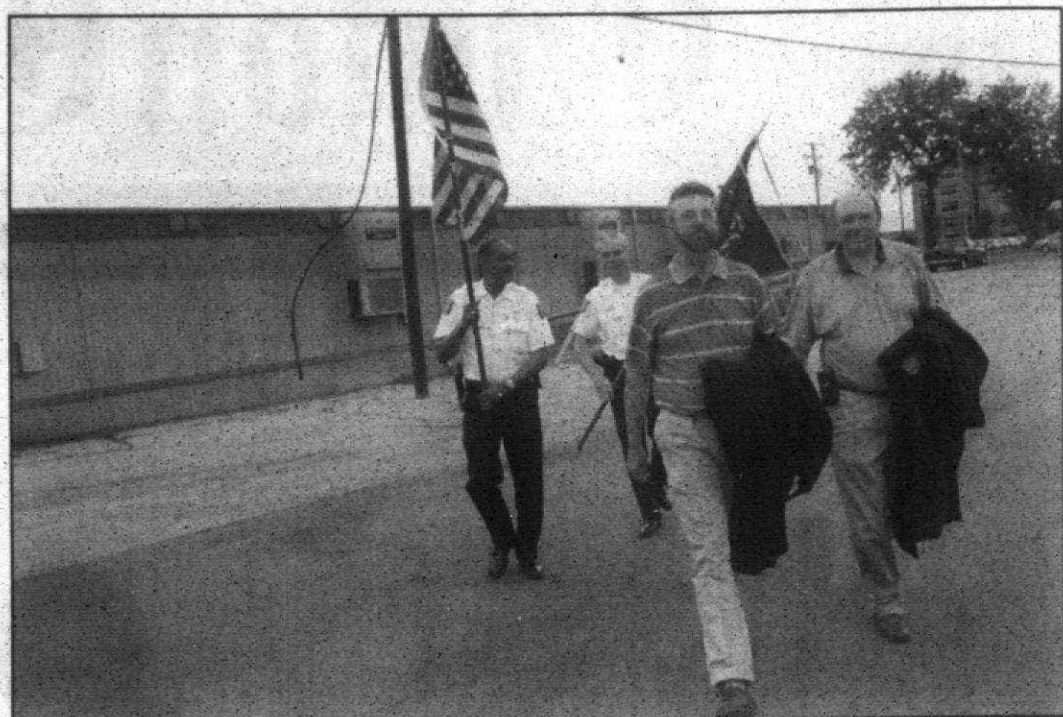
### Retail fraud

About \$200 worth of alcohol was stolen from Holiday Market on Lilley Road late Friday, reports said.

The store owner saw a man walking around wearing a long coat. Reports said he also heard glass bottles "clicking" together.

The man then left the store with a cart full of liquor without paying. Reports said the store owner tried to stop the man, but was pushed aside.

The man then ran to a vehicle described as a GMC Safari and fled the scene. Police are investigating the incident.



**Moving day:** Judges Ron Lowe and John MacDonald carry their robes and court officers Richard Jackson (left, rear) and George Berg carry the American and Michigan flags, respectively, as they make the move from the temporary 35th District Court to the new courthouse. In the photo below, Julie Dziekan (left) and Stacy Porman unpack books in one of the law libraries at the new courthouse.

# New courthouse ready for the people's business

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Three years after heavy thunderstorms downed a Detroit Edison power line and burned down the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, 35th District Court officials are finally in their new home.

Court employees on Tuesday began working out of their new, \$8.25 million, three-story courthouse, constructed on the same site as the one-story structure which burned down. Quite a change from the configuration of trailers, snapped together like Legos, that had been serving as a courthouse in a parking lot across the street.

"It's a gorgeous building," said Judy Kellerman, clerical supervisor, as she inspected her new offices. "The trailers weren't bad for awhile, but the last week everyone was getting excited about moving. I never would have expected anything like this."

As Judge Ron Lowe put it, "This really speaks 'courthouse.' Among the changes court workers haven't seen for three years: courtrooms with a full complement of wood benches, chairs and trim; marble floors at

each level; and large windows which make the building look spacious.

"It's going to be a terrific change," said Lowe. "It feels like a real courtroom, especially after working behind tables and chairs for so long."

The first court proceedings will

spicuous to visitors will be a new security system.

"There is a walk-thru metal detector, and anything that is carried into the building will have to be put through an X-ray machine," added Erdman. "There are signs in the parking lot which tell people they are subject to search. We will not allow guns, knives or any metal objects that can be used as weapons into the courthouse."

"There will also be a security desk, which is noticeable as soon as you walk in," said Erdman. "The security desk will be able to monitor the building, inside and out. The security setup is similar to that in any public building you go into these days."

One of the best facets of the new courthouse is that it will come in under budget. Erdman isn't sure of an exact figure yet, but he's hoping it will be in the range of \$100,000.

"We've been very careful about what we've spent," said Erdman. "We put together a plan and we stayed close to it."

Erdman said that while the public is welcome in the building anytime to take a look, a formal dedication will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m.



be held Friday in the Hunter green and wood trim courtroom of Judge John MacDonald. However, the new 35th District Court building will be in full-scale operation July 5.

"We basically cleared the dockets because we needed time to get set up," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator. "We wanted some time for employees to get used to the building, and be able to address other problems that might crop up."

What will be immediately con-

# Attendance sparse at first Youth Forum event

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Nearly a year ago, four teens were ticketed by Plymouth police for sitting on a Penniman Avenue sidewalk and obstructing pedestrian traffic. It started a battle between the youth of the Plymouth community, who claim there isn't anything for teens to do, and Plymouth police, who say they are tired of trying to control the unruly few who cause problems.

While there was a controversy over repercussions from 35th District Court, which included \$210 fines and hours of community service, the bigger issue centered around the lack of activity for youth who just hang around or cruise downtown Plymouth.

Shortly after the ticket situation, the Plymouth Youth Forum was established to come up with ideas and activities for area youth. Nine months later the group, now known as Youth Empowerment Source (YES), held its first activity - Party at the Park. The event, held Friday at Plymouth Salem High School, incorporated a carnival theme with a number of activities, which included a dunk tank, bands and food, as kids

hung out with their friends. Admittedly, the crowd was sparse. But YES members are proud they got the first activity off the ground and are planning on better results for a number of other events this summer.

"I think we did pretty well," said YES vice president Katie Welch, 13, of Plymouth Township. "During the summer it's nice to sit around, but it's more fun to be out with your friends."

That was echoed by Lauren

Reed, 13, of Canton Township. "There's not enough to do with your friends," Lauren said while eating a hot dog. "We see people from our school, but it's hard to meet other people."

"Shaving cream fights were fun, but this lasts a lot longer and is more fun," added Jody Gross of Plymouth Township, a member of WSDP, the high school radio station which was broadcasting from the party. "There are other things for teens

to do, but you have to drive to get there. And, with the cost of gasoline, it can be fairly expensive."

Looking on as fellow police officers and Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin were being drowned in the dunk tank was Plymouth Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. It was Hundersmarck whose ticketing of teens eventually snowballed into the organization of YES.

"It turned into a positive,

that's the important thing," said Hundersmarck. "If anything, maybe we've bridged the gap a bit and we're able to see where each other stands... and nothing but good comes from that."

Hundersmarck met with Wendell Sikes, whose son, Matt, is one of the presidents of YES and was one of the four teens ticketed.

"I'm glad that's all over with," said Sikes, who shook hands

with Hundersmarck. "I think the police are changing, and I think a positive like YES has been developed."

YES has at least three other activities planned for the summer. They include July 13, A Night at the Improv at the Plymouth Community Arts Council; July 28, a video look-in at the Arts Council; and Aug. 17, dance lessons and a dance at the Summit in Canton.

# Winning posters cited

## ENVIRONMENT

Students from local elementary schools were honored Thursday, June 15 for their participation in Canton's first ever "Our River...My Actions Make A Difference," poster contest.

The contest was open to fourth and fifth graders at Field, Hoben, and Tonda elementary schools.

The contest was part of Canton's effort to educate the public on water quality and to increase awareness of the widespread impact the public's actions have on preserving the Rouge River.

"The Canton Public Works Poster Contest was an effective, positive incentive for students to develop an awareness and brainstorm practical solutions," said Rick Piecha, Field Elementary School teacher.

The students were asked to create a poster demonstrating the positive or negative effect their activities have on the Rouge River. Based on how well they followed the instructions and utilized their creativity, a committee from Canton Public Works chose Jessica Cicirelli, a fifth grade student at Field Elementary, and Melissa Klusek and Aimee Haworth, both fourth grade students at Tonda Elementary, as the first, second and third place winners, respectively.

Each participant received a grab bag filled with a Canton Liberty Fest T-shirt, a day pass to Summit on the Park, a Rouge River mousepad, cup, and pen, a personalized certificate and an award ribbon. In addition, the top three entrants were given gift certificates for free admission to the "Fun Zone" at Liberty Fest. The first place winner was also awarded with a voucher entitling her and her entire family to dinner at Liberty Fest's "Taste of Canton." Piecha added,

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# Mystery from page A1

"I thought my wife might be sleeping in her car in the parking lot," said Dordi, her husband of 41 years.

He found her car, still running, on westbound Michigan near Beek shortly before 9 a.m. Filipovska then notified Canton Police.

A 10-year-old Highland boy spotted Leposava Filipovska, who was lying on her back, while at the Clark station. Her body was more than a mile from her vehicle.

"We don't believe she walked to where she got," Raycraft said. "But we don't know how she got there."

## CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

JENNA DREHER  
Jenna Dreher, 12, delivers the Canton Observer in the Fellows Creek Subdivision. She has been delivering the Observer since July 1998.

The Pioneer Middle School sixth grader's favorite subject is math. Her hobbies include playing soccer, basketball, basketball and dance. Her soccer team took first place in their division in the Canton Memorial Soccer Tournament this year. She also received a 4.0 on her report card.

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Jenna Dreher

this year.

Jenna wants to attend the University of Michigan.

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Jenna is the daughter of Rick and Judy Dreher. She has two brothers, Jason, 17, and Justin, 15.

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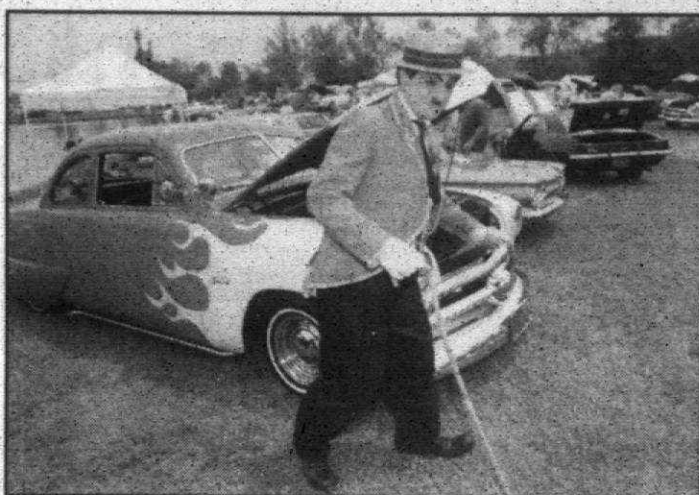
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**Vietnam memorial model:** A steady stream of visitors to The Moving Wall Saturday afternoon files by the names of Vietnam veterans who died and those who are still unaccounted for. The traveling, half-scale replica was set up on the softball fields behind Heritage Park throughout the weekend.

## Liberty Fest from page A1

despite the rain.

"We don't like to do it when it's raining," said Dates. "But every-one thought it was a spectacular show."

The festival opened Thursday. Dates said it was the best first day ever.

"We had huge crowds," he commented.

The Sports Den drew lots of teenagers. Basketball shooting, miniature golf and speed-pitch baseball were featured.

Families went for the animated movie *Tarzan* in the amphitheater. Dates said about 4,000 people attended the free film.

The Moving Wall, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., was another added attraction Thursday. Opening ceremonies marked the wall's visit, which lasted through Monday.

"We had very steady crowds at the wall all weekend," Dates said. "There was 50 to 100 people there constantly."

Liberty Fest's growing popularity was another reason for Thursday's large turnout, he added.

"It has been around for awhile now," Dates said. "It's known to residents and non-residents."

Crowds were not affected by fairs in Livonia and Farmington, he commented.

"That didn't bother us at all," said Dates.

Friday was highlighted by a performance from the "Fantasticks." The musical group performed a variety of classic songs.

Canton's Fire Department also held its spaghetti dinner. Approximately 750 dinners were served, township fireman Mike Caruso said.

"We raised about \$4,000 for our charity foundation," he said. "The foundation helps those in need in Canton."

"We try to have enough money on hand for local tragedies," said Caruso.

The festival closed Sunday. A classic car show highlighted events. Dates said more than 300 hot rods and muscle cars were displayed.

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**Plenty for everybody:** Three Men and a Tenor perform at the amphitheater in Heritage Park. Below, Danielle ("Daisy") Letang and her twin, Michelle ("Missy") work in the children's craft tent Saturday.



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### WANDA M. WILHELM

Services for Wanda M. Wilhelm, 85, of Plymouth were held June 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Andrew Forish officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Wilhelm was born Dec. 10, 1914, and died June 26. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1945 from Garden City. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church and belonged to the Rosary Society of the church. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Plymouth. The VFW Mayflower Gamble Post No. 6895, Plymouth. She enjoyed playing bingo at the K of C Plymouth, gardening, and family gatherings. She loved her family and was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph L. Wilhelm. Survivors include her two sons, Lawrence Wilhelm of Northville and Roger Wilhelm of Plymouth; two daughters, Patricia Stanbury of Hubbard Lake, Mich., and Susan (Gordon) Lampman of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; one brother, Kenneth Anderson of North Dakota; four sisters, Delores Hangsleben of Minnesota, and Hazel Ellerton, Jessie Liebersbach and Doris Nelson, all of North Dakota; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

### KATHLEEN A. SCHIMMEL

Services for Kathleen A. Schimmel, 86, of Farmington were held June 28 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Arthur Fauser officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Schimmel was born Jan. 19, 1914, in Detroit and died June 23 in Canton.

She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Schimmel; one daughter, Kathleen Sikorski; and her parents, Richard Henry and Mary Fitzgerald. Survivors include her two daughters, Paula Schimmel of Alpena, Mich., and Joan Schimmel of Alpena; three sons, John (Rosemary) Schimmel of Canton, Richard (Nancy) Schimmel of Canton and Michael (Susan) Schimmel of Ghana, Africa; as well as 16 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 or as Mass cards.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen funeral Home, Plymouth.

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have only three computers. Teen programs now operate out of a small area behind the reference desk, which can be distracting for teen and adult patrons, she added.

"The most important part (of the expansion) is that the teens will have a space of their very own," Halliday said. "I think it's going to be real exciting for them."

The library was built in 1988 with 31,000 square feet. The addition will nearly double that space.

Also included in the addition will be a copy room with four copiers, four word processing

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computers, network printing machines and microfiche readers.

Tabor said she predicts people will use the word processors primarily for resumes and letters.

The new addition will also contain an Internet lab and three

group study rooms, all open to the public.

"We will be able to hold training sessions," Tabor said of the group study rooms.

The Friends of the Library will also get a room in which to hold its periodic book sales.

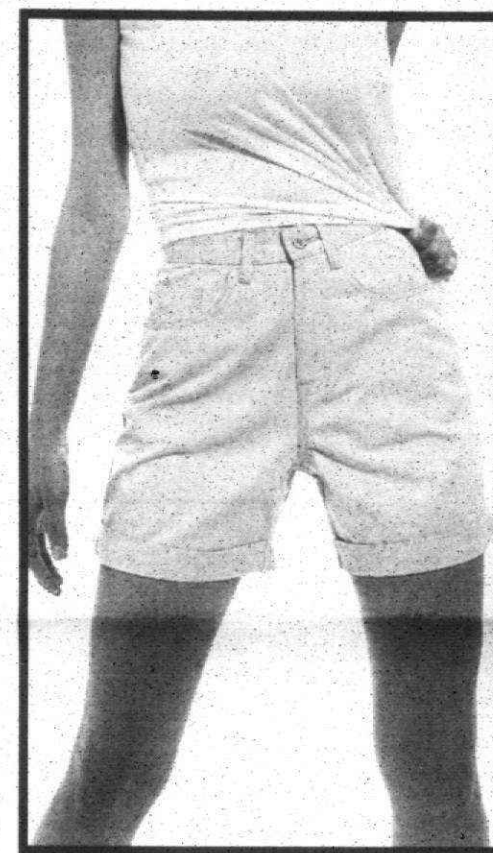
The contractor is Frank Rewald and Son Inc. of Rochester Hills.

Work started in early February, and is expected to be finished by the year's end.

"We're going to be able to do a lot of new and different things," Tabor said of the new space. "We're all really excited."

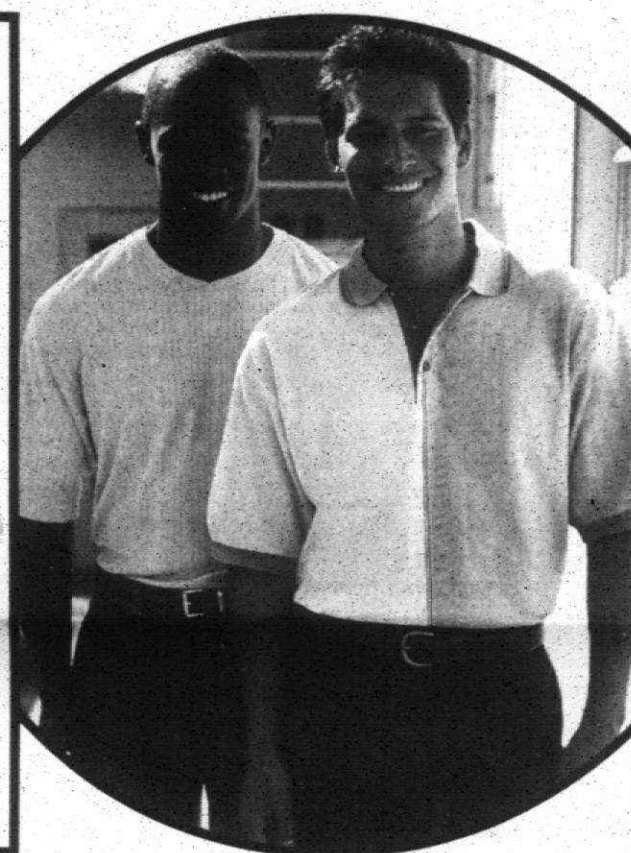
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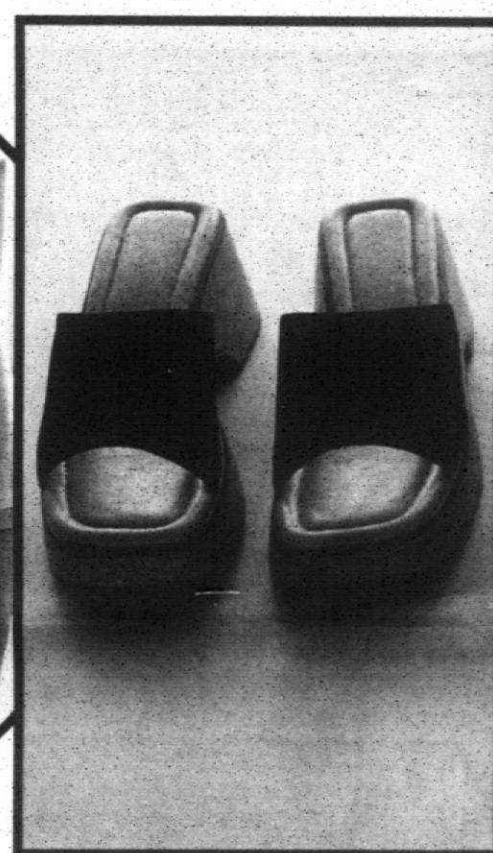
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## @ the Canton Public Library

**Did you know?**

- The first U.S. zoo opened in Philadelphia on July 1, 1874.
- The International Cherry Pit Spitting Contest is held in Eau Claire, Mich., on July 17.
- July is National Hot Dog Month.
- At approximately 8 p.m. on July 3, planet Earth will reach aphelion, that point in its orbit when it is farthest from the sun?
- You lose the equivalent of 10 glasses of water every day?

**Library construction update**

Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: [www.metro.net/lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html](http://www.metro.net/lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html)

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

- [www.prb.org](http://www.prb.org)
- [www.webbrain.com](http://www.webbrain.com)
- [www.historytv.net](http://www.historytv.net)
- [www.rijksmuseum.nl](http://www.rijksmuseum.nl)
- [www.babystory.com](http://www.babystory.com)

**Q&A**

**Q:** Who was Charles Blondin? A: Charles Blondin, a French acrobat and aerialist (whose real name was Jean François Gravelet), in view of a crowd estimated at more than 25,000, walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope on June 30, 1859. The walk required only about five minutes. On separate occasions he crossed blindfolded, pushing a wheelbarrow, carrying a man on his back and even on stilts. Blondin was born Feb. 28, 1824, in St. Omer France and died in London on Feb. 18, 1897.

**Source:** Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events.

**Books on tape**

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

- *Angel Falls* by Kristen Han-nah
- *The Cat Who Robbed a Bank* by Lillian Jackson Braun
- *Darkness Peering* by Alice

**Blanchard**

- *The Golden Ocean* by Patrick O'Brian
- *Hanging Up* by Delia Ephron

**New DVDs**

- *The Insider*
- *Three Kings*
- *Boys Don't Cry*
- *Everest*
- *For All Mankind*

**Hot topic of the week**

Did you know Thursday, July 6, is "Tie Dye T-shirts" at the library? This program is designed for teens who are in sixth grade or higher, or 12 years or older. Celebrate the 1960s Week of the library summer reading program by tying a T-shirt! This will be an outdoor activity and will be postponed in the case of bad weather. All materials will be provided. To register call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999.

At the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.

## CAMPUS NOTES

**GRADUATION**

Xianling Li of Canton was among the 1,333 graduates at Campbell University. She

received her bachelor of science degree.

Laura Kamm of Canton received the doctor of veterinary

medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement and hooding ceremonies. Kamm is the daughter of Judy and Chris Kamm of Canton and a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School. She will practice veterinary medicine in Hastings, Mich.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., July 13, 2000 for the following:

**DISPATCH RECORDING SYSTEM**

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2000 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2000 and payable through September 14, 2000 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Treasurer's Office. After hours payments can be placed in 24 hr. DROP BOX located in parking lot adjacent to Building #1 or DROP BOX adjacent to entry way of Building #1. Standard Federal Bank Plymouth Offices, will also accept payment for your convenience through September 14, 2000. Summer Tax Statements for 2000 will be mailed on July 1, 2000.

BON EDWARDS, Treasurer, Charter Township of Plymouth

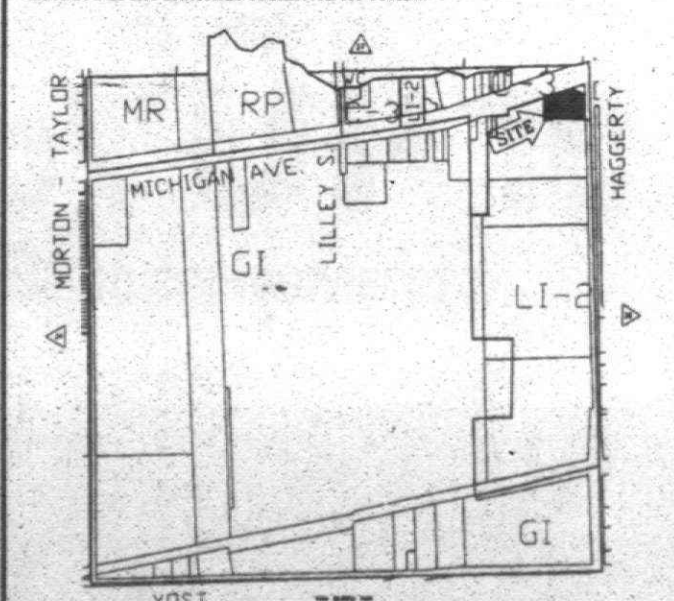
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**ON THE MOVE GAS STATION SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.8 FOR PARCEL NO. 137 98 0012 712.** Property is located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty 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.



**ZONING MAP SECTION 35**

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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### School Funding Foundation Grants

How Plymouth-Canton compares in per-pupil foundation allowances to its "benchmark" districts.

	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03
<b>Basic Allowance</b>	<b>\$5700</b>	<b>\$6245</b>	<b>\$6545</b>	<b>\$6745</b>
<b>Districts</b>				
Plymouth-Canton	6224	6525	6825	7025
Ann Arbor	8434	8735	9035	9235
Bloomfield Hills	11,154	11,455	11,755	11,955
Dearborn	7793	8094	8394	8594
Farmington	9267	9568	9868	10,068
Huron Valley	6005	6306	6606	6806
Livonia	7304	7605	7905	8105
Northville	7249	7550	7850	8050
Novi	7790	8091	8391	8591
South Lyon	5955	6256	6556	6756
Van Buren	5417	5718	6018	6218
Walled Lake	7652	7953	8253	8453
Wayne-Westland	6121	6422	6722	6922

allowed to propose a millage to increase its spending level. And that's where the problem arises, according to district officials.

School board Trustee Mark Slavens, chairman of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, is grateful for the increased dollars, but still isn't happy about the state formula for funding.

"I'm pleased we're getting additional funding, but it does nothing to fulfill the promise the state will get rid of the gap between districts," said Slavens.

"According to projections, it will be a hundred years before we catch up with Bloomfield Hills. The legislators have got to step up and keep their promise for equal funding."

"Plymouth-Canton has become the poster child for why Proposal A isn't working," said Trustee

Judy Mardigan.

"We need an adjustment because we're competing with surrounding districts for bus drivers, teachers, administrators, but we don't have the same money available to us," she added. "And, we need to lower class size and offer more programs at the high school. They both take money."

Despite meeting quarterly with area legislators, Slavens and Mardigan haven't seen much progress.

"They're talking and listening, but I haven't seen any changes," said Slavens.

Mardigan has a word for those who are aware of the inequities and want to change the system.

"When people go to the polls, they should think about what candidates are behind public education and funding."

## Foster, adoptive families needed

At this time there is a great need for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family; adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own.

If you are interested in helping to provide for children in this community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at the Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, Ext. 236.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

### CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that Monday, July 10, 2000, is the last day to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2000 PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that JULY 10, 2000, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday August 8, 2000. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Registration may also be made at any Secretary of State Office, or State Designated Agency Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 397-5452. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by July 10, 2000.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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## PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Wayne County Clerk's Office Elections Division is accepting nominating petitions for candidates for Trustees for the Plymouth District Library Board.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the City or Township of Plymouth. Four nonpartisan seats will be up for election on November 7, 2000. Not less than seventy-four signatures of registered voters from the City and Township are required to place a candidate on the ballot. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2000 at the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Elections Division. Current Trustees whose terms are ending are Joe Gilmore, Steve Harper, Hugh Harsha, and Deborah Tarsuck.

All four seats will be for terms beginning on January 1, 2000. One will be for a two-year term ending December 31, 2002. The remaining three will be for four-year terms ending December 31, 2004. Candidates will be asked to designate which term they are running for.

The seven-member Plymouth District Library Board provides public library services to all residents of the Plymouth Community at the Dunsmuir-Hough Library in downtown Plymouth. The Library is funded by a .1665 mill property tax levied district-wide and has annual operating and debt retirement budgets totaling \$3,100,000 in 2000.

For further information on the Library and activities of the Board, contact Pat Thomas at 734-453-0750, ext. 281. Blank petition forms can be obtained from either the City of Plymouth Clerk or Plymouth Township Clerk. Petitions must be filed at the office of the Wayne County Clerk. For additional filing information contact Wayne County Clerk, Elections Division at 313-224-5525.

June 29, July 2 and 9, 2000

## WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 9

■ In the Aug. 8 primary election, voters in Redford Township and voters in Livonia living between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads will decide which one of three Democratic candidates will oppose incumbent County Commissioner Kathleen Husk for the 9th District seat in the Nov. 7 general election. Husk is unopposed for the Republican nomination. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Kim Glasendanner, a Democratic primary candidate from Dearborn Heights, did not respond to this survey.**

**FRED APIGAN**

62 - Dearborn Heights - Democrat - Architect, community planner and builder - Member, AAA Arbitration Association, AIA Professional Practice Committee, Armenian Scientists and Engineers.

Encourage by countywide ballot proposal for a new form of county government composed of three equal but separate branches of government with checks and balances. Yes, we now have a separate judiciary, but a very strong county executive and a county commission of limited power... The present system is not fair and does not work well, hence the problems at the Metropolitan airport.

**PHILIP M. CAVANAGH**

38 - Dearborn Heights - Democrat - Registered as law clerk to U.S. Dist. Judge Arthur J. Tarrow to run for county commission - Former court officer, Michigan Court of Appeals - Highview Elementary PTO vice president for programming.

Fiscal responsibility - to make sure that every dollar spent by the county is needed and done responsibly. Economic development - to continue the rebuilding, growth and prosperity of the county to the benefit of our district. Quality of life - to improve the quality of our roads, airports and parks.

**KATHLEEN HUSK**

44 - Redford Township - Republican - Elected county commissioner in special election March 10, 1998 - Member, county commissions on the audit, the environment, drains and sewers and general government - Task force: chairwoman, ES-1-1; vice-chair, youth at risk; member, K-12 education - Former South Redford School District trustee (1995-99) - Certified water safety instructor with district.

I will continue my efforts to address constituent concerns; ensure improvements at Metro Airport are realized, strive for continued improvements at the district of the court, work for more equity in the distribution of road dollars, and continue to eliminate waste and improve the operation of county government.

### QUESTION 1:

What would be your goals as county commissioner?

Encourage by countywide ballot proposal for a new form of county government composed of three equal but separate branches of government with checks and balances. Yes, we now have a separate judiciary, but a very strong county executive and a county commission of limited power... The present system is not fair and does not work well, hence the problems at the Metropolitan airport.

### QUESTION 2:

Name the three biggest problems facing the county commission and/or the county government and what you would do to resolve them.

All tenders should be limited in scope, with simple requests to comply with in order to encourage more qualified bidders... Bidders cannot be related to, or associated with in business relationships the county executive, the commissioners or the county's department heads and administrators...

Balancing the budget to best utilize limited tax dollars to create less congested courts, greater public safety and improved parks and roads. Aggressively pursuing every state and federal dollar available to offset residents' burden. Raising public trust in our elected officials, that they are competent and accountable to the electorate.

### QUESTION 3:

Do you favor the proposed 1/2 mill regional arts tax, which would provide funds for both major area institutions and local communities? Why or why not?

I would be in favor of giving the voters the choice. The arts are always the first casualty of budget cuts. Improved quality of life includes the government's being culturally responsible. The county commission would only be empowered to allow the voters to decide such a millage.

I do not support it. The 9th District almost always ends up being a donor district; rarely do we get tax dollars returned to the district equal to what we pay. I don't see how we would benefit. All other government levels have reduced taxes, only the county wants to raise them.

We need to bring in an experienced, professional airport manager to oversee Metro Airport. Procedural changes and improved technology can better the quality of service at Friend of the Court. Register of Deeds and Metro. We need to restore people's faith in county government by being completely ethical in our operations.

It's up to the people to decide. Personally, I support the general levy, which will continue such services as the juvenile court, public health, job training and senior citizens program. I did not support the original parks levy and neither did district voters. Parks are important, but the general fund should support them.

Unlike the incumbent, I feel the taxpayers should decide renewing the parks millage. While I would vote No for any non-essential tax-increase, these millages are renewals for propositions that have been efficient and effective. District residents have benefited greatly from the improvements to Hines, Lola Valley and Bell Creek parks.

Maintaining our roads is very important to everyone and must be a priority. I could support a reasonable and useful plan for mass transit, perhaps a light rail system between Metro and downtown Detroit. However, it would be very expensive and would need to be justified before I could support it.

Wayne County commissioners aren't empowered to implement mass transit programs on their own. Many studies, including my own, have been done regarding metro-area transit. What we need is leadership to develop a master plan which includes intermodal stations, trains (light-rail and high-speed), planes, automobiles, buses, boats and even trains on wheels.

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## WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 10

■ Wayne County Commission District 10 is bounded by Middlebelt Road on the east, Eight Mile Road on the north, Red Road on the west and Joy Road on the south. It covers most of Livonia, the communities of Plymouth Township, Northville and most of Northville Township.

**LYN R. BARKES**

58 - Livonia - Republican - Running unopposed in both the Aug. 8 primary and Nov. 7 general elections for a second term as county commissioner - Vice chair, county commission's health and human services committee - Member, committees on ways and means, economic development - Chair, task force on transportation - Member, permanent subcommittee on veterans services - Served on Wayne County Charter Commission - State representative 14 years, serving on appropriations committee.

To make the commission more efficient, to ensure that all Head Start participants have books and to work to create a better image of Wayne County services and the airport.

The commission needs strong leadership with organizational skills to make it more efficient and open to everyone. Make sure the airport delivers on its promises to be more customer oriented, more open with its contracts, and that the midfield terminal opens on time. Strive to be a better service provider for the people.

I support providing a stable funding base for our regional, cultural and tourism institutions and providing a much-needed base for local historic and cultural programs. We would keep a third of the money for such programs in 1992, state commitment fell from \$80 million to \$21 million statewide for such institutions.

I support both. The county is projected to have a \$8-million deficit this year, but we must continue existing services like juvenile court, public health, job training and senior citizen program. Not renewing the millage would exacerbate the problem. Our parks never looked better and are getting better still, because we have a designated parks millage.

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# Some say 'big increase' in school funding is not enough

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It was billed as "the largest single increase in school funding in the history of this state" by House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa.

But since the state government is enjoying record surpluses these days, other lawmakers complained the Legislature should be allocating even more toward education.

Senators and representatives wrapped up work this week on a budget that sets K-12 school aid spending figures through fiscal year 2002-03. They had already set the budgets for the current year, 1999-2000, and next year, 2000-01. But as they carried their financial plan forward two more years, through adoption of Senate Bill 1044, they added supplemental appropriations for school districts boosting up current and next year spending.

The budget bill added \$90 million in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, already under way. It hiked per pupil previously approved "foundation grants" by \$4 to \$5,700. Foundation grants for next year, 2000-01, were hiked \$134 per pupil to \$6,000.

Setting fresh budgets for the next two years, lawmakers continued the pattern, hiking foundation grants to \$6,500 for 2001-

02 and to \$6,700 for 2002-03.

Along with the \$90 million in the first year, the bill added \$366 million for next year. Then for 2001-02, the total allocation comes to \$11.6 billion. In 2002-03, the figure comes to \$11.9 billion.

## New programs

The budget includes \$600 million of entirely new programs, including:

- \$135 million for early intervention programs for children ages 0 to 5, a new grant program through which districts will try to send "home visitors" to the house of every new parent in the state.

- \$126 million for summer school programs for children in grades 1-4 with low test schools.

- \$110 million for teacher technology, including computers and Internet access.

- \$102 million for school infrastructure.

- \$60 million for teacher and school counselor training.

- \$32 million for Golden Apple Awards to reward high performing elementary schools.

- \$18 million to expand the Michigan Virtual High School.

- \$17 million for a new education performance database.

- \$10 million to support families seeking to gain employment.

- \$15 million for districts "whose governance has been restructured in state statute."

Gov. John Engler praised the bill, saying it "increased funding for schools to the highest levels ever."

Geiger had equal praise for it, saying the budget solved the longstanding Durant lawsuit disputes. He also said the package "builds on Proposal A, which dramatically reduces inequity" between rich and poor school districts.

Although the difference in funding between Michigan's richest and poorest districts is currently about 2 to 1, it used be 3 to 1 as recently as 1993 before the passage of Proposal A.

## Some opposed

But not everyone was enthused with the bill.

"I think that what we have to do is recognize that the second and third years of this budget really are fictional budgets," Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, said. "Everybody knows that we'll come back a year from now and pass a supplemental that will add additional dollars ... That's going to make sure that the School Aid Fund is even larger than it is currently, and we'll have an even larger surplus in that amount. We could use that money to reduce class size, pay for special education appropriately, or do any number of things that will improve the educational quality in this state. We chose not to do any of those things but chose to disguise the fact that we have the additional money that ought to be spent on schools."

Reps. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, and Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, filed a protest over the bill, stating that: "With the current budget surplus, Michigan could finally meet its obligations for funding special education. Unfortunately, this budget does not address that funding. Instead, the governor's proposal shifts funding around without adding the needed additional dollars. Finally, lowering class size is a proven method of improving student achievement. This budget provides a pittance for smaller class sizes."

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, opposed the bill saying it gave an additional \$15 million to Detroit schools and transferred \$250 million from school aid to the general fund.

But Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, thought it a good

solution to K-12 funding, noting the increases in the budgets "far exceeds inflation."

In the House, representatives approved the bill in a 68-40 vote.

Area representatives voting yes were: Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Voting no were: Reps. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Senators voted 29-8 for approval of the school aid budget.

Area senators voting yes were: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield.

Voting no were: Sens. John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, voted no.

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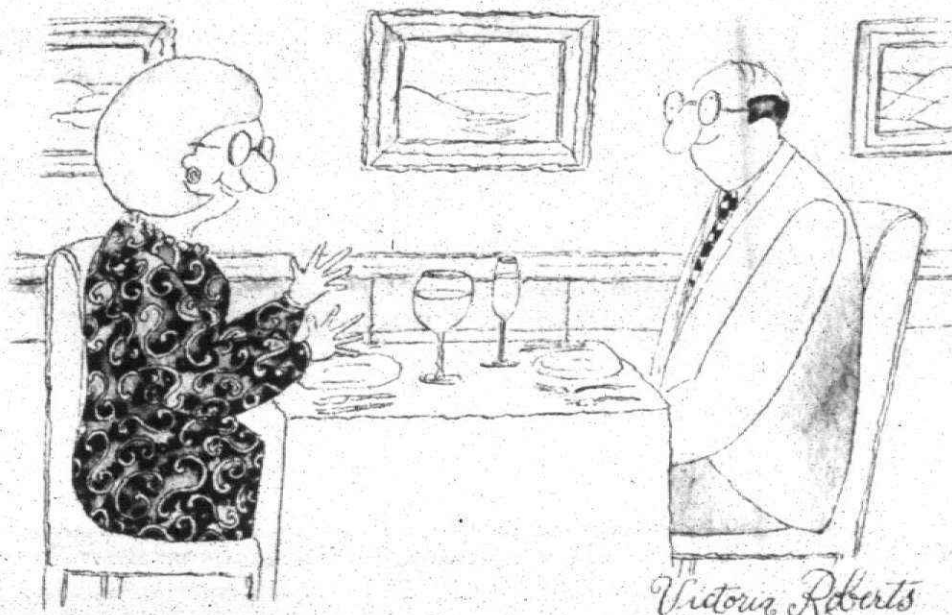
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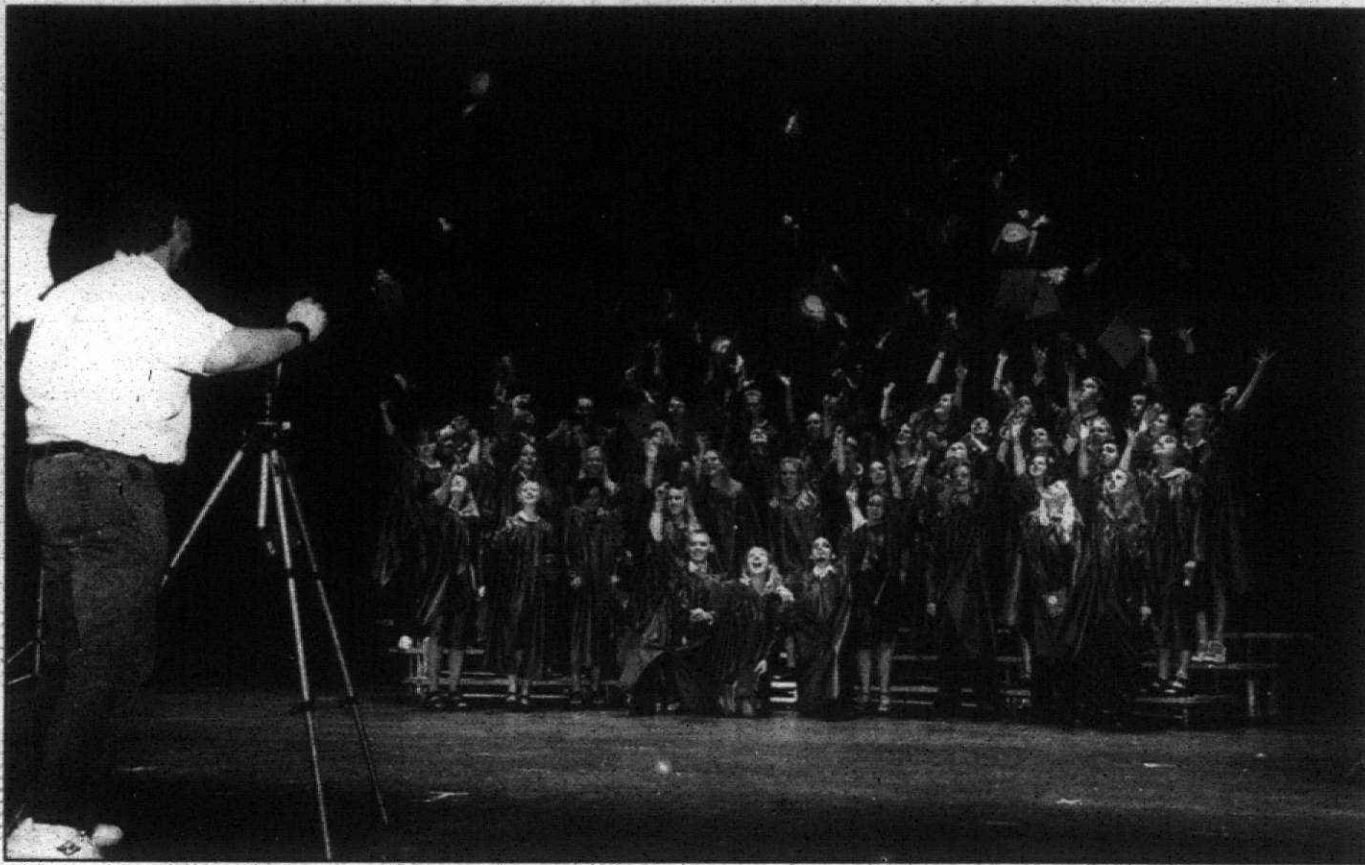
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**Pomp and circumstance:** Members of the Starkweather class of 2000 toss their caps in the air as Plymouth-Canton photography instructor Joseph Dakoske takes their picture after this month's graduation ceremony in the Salem Auditorium. In the photo at right, Starkweather graduate Heather Hall (left) hugs Principal Carol Saunders during the graduation ceremony after Saunders awarded Hall with the January 2000 Student of the Month Award. Hall was also a student speaker for the ceremony.

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## Class of 2000

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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JUNE 13, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, Sheffery, Yack  
Members Absent: Burdick, McLaughlin  
Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Durack, Director Minghine, Director Santomaro, Kathleen Salla  
Chief Rorabacher, Christine Abbott

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
Supervisor Jack added to the agenda a River Day Presentation, a closed session immediately after this meeting, and deleted General Calendar Items 14 and 19. Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried by all members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of May 23, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
George Talish, 1088 Kings Court has concerns regarding the lack of tree trimming in his subdivision. A low hanging branch almost broke the windshield of his vehicle recently. He said that he feels that the southwest corner of Princess and Lilley is a very dangerous one and is very concerned of an injury or fatality occurring here. Director Machnik stated that the area between the road and the sidewalk is the county's responsibility. To date, Director Machnik has been unsuccessful in convincing the county to change its position to perform this tree trimming and each year, during the budget process, the township has looked into funding this type of operation, but as it is a very expensive operation. The township currently does not have the funds for this type of service, as this money must come from ultimately the taxpayers.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**  
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Lajoie to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of June 13, 2000**

General Fund	101	\$ 458,618.77
Fire Fund	206	\$ 2,592.88
Police Fund	207	\$ 108,375.58
Summit Operating	208	\$ 106,284.24
Golf Fund	211	\$ 26,675.47
Street Lighting	219	\$ 16,616.58
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 1,306.25
TWP (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 3,706.14
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 527.89
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 6,093.24
Federal Grants Fund	207	\$ 5,038.58
Auto Theft Grant	238	\$ 55.00
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 9,581.07
Bldg. AUTH Construction	469	\$ 56,076.74
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 574,768.90
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 6,615.00
Construction Easrows	702	\$ 17,569.52
Total - All Funds		\$ 1,475,503.15

**RECOGNITION**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution recognizing Eugene Hammonds, Canton Project Arts Chairperson. Motion carried by all members present.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to open the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt a resolution for Industrial Facilities Exemption for Real and Personal Property for Yazaki North America, Inc. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to open the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery that the request from Hospitality Ventures, Inc. for a new dance and entertainment permit to be added to an existing class C liquor to be located at 42651 Ford Road, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan 48187 be considered for approval "above all others"; is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried by all members present.

**RIVER DAY PRESENTATION**  
Director Machnik explained that this event, which took place on June 3, 2000 has gone through changes with this year serving as a milestone of those changes, with bird house building proving popular among the younger crowd. Director Machnik believes this has been a very positive effort in trying to educate community residents that what is put into the storm drain in their neighborhood is what will eventually be in the Rouge River, as well as cleaning this from the river. This year, the elementary schools have done a great job of trying to raise awareness of the importance of what the river means to residents and to life in general. The staff participated in large numbers this year. Director Machnik wanted to thank the over 150 residents and staff and the Sponsors: Ford Motor Co., Farmer Jack and Denso for their valiant efforts.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to dispose of township vehicles using the sealed bid process. The funds received would be deposited to the sale of fixed asset revenue account in the appropriate fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie that the amended plant material selections for the pond area within the Woods of Central Park Subcondominium be accepted and incorporated into the approved site plan. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve special event status for Kmart's Kids Race Against Drugs which will take place on June 24 and 25, 2000 at 41660 Ford Road. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$10,000.00 to A.F. Smith Electric, Inc. for maintenance and repairs to the Canton Softball Center lights. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to waive the \$500.00 per job blanket purchase order limit in the Finance and Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to increase the Pheasant Run Golf Club account for supplies for resale #211-756-726-0000 by \$25,000.00 and to increase revenues in account #211-000-642-1000 Pro Shop Fees. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to increase purchase order #15420 for Lotz/Palmer Associates, LLC in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Fellows Creek Bridge Project. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to remove from the table for publication for the second reading and for adoption, amendatory Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30 (O). The proposed changes effect the City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control service charge rates for all commercial and industrial sewer users which will become effective July 1, 2000 (August 1, 2000 and subsequent billings). Motion carried by all members present.

**ORDINANCE NO. 30 (O)**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**AMENDMENT TO WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES"; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(g) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:**  
**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUB-SECTION 20.**  
This section provides that Ordinance No. 30 (O) is adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled "Rates".

**SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**  
The balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when then commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**  
If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

**SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.**  
This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of the Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinance of the Township and all amendments thereto.

**SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.**  
Portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
This Ordinance becomes effective July 1, 2000, after publication of the second reading.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 13th day of June, 2000 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**BY: TERRY BENNETT**  
Its Clerk

Introduced: May 23, 2000  
Published: June 1, 2000, June 22, 2000  
Adopted: June 13, 2000  
Effective upon Publication: July 1, 2000

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to acknowledge receipt of the final executed agreement for Cherry Hill Village Planned Development. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to introduce, table and publish the Repeal of the Anti Blight Ordinance No. 51, for first reading for publication in the Canton Observer June 29, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

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**REPEAL OF ANTI BLIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 51**

**ORDINANCE NO. 51**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ANTI BLIGHT ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 51; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:**  
**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Public Act No. 246 of 1945, as amended, and Public Act No. 78 of 1989, as amended, being MCL 41.151 et seq. and Public Act No. 359 of 1947, as amended, and Public Act No. 144 of 1998, as amended, being MCL 42.1 et seq. (Ordinance No. 51, effective July 6, 2000)

**SECTION 2. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**  
Ordinance No. 51, effective April 23, 1974, as amended, being Section 48.000 to 48.110, inclusive, of the Charter Township of Canton Ordinance Book is hereby repealed. (Ordinance No. 51, effective July 6, 2000)

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**  
If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstance, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**  
All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.**  
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of June, 2000, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Introduced: June 13, 2000  
Adopted: June 22, 2000  
Effective: June 22, 2000

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund:

**Increase Revenues:**  
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$3,500  
**Increase Appropriations:**  
#101-191-977-0000 \$3,500  
This budget amendment increases the Elections Department budget from \$158,284.00 to \$161,784.00 and the General Fund budget from \$18,450,353.00 to \$18,453,853.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve the following budget amendment budget regarding this purchase:

**Increase Revenues:**  
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$3,200  
**Increase Appropriations:**  
#101-215-977-0000 \$3,200  
This budget amendment increases the Clerk's office Department budget from \$374,188.00 to \$377,388.00, and the General Fund budget from \$18,450,353.00 to \$18,453,553.00. Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for site plan approval for Canton Service Center. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for site plan approval for Central Park Subdivision #2 Pool and Clubhouse. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt a resolution for site plan approval for Vistas of Central Park Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to adopt a resolution for special use for Cobblestone Ridge Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to adopt a resolution for Preliminary Site Plan for Cobblestone Ridge South Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for final preliminary plat for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision #4. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Career Directions of Ann Arbor for Municipal Services Department customer service training. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of one B101 drill and tape machine for \$1,841.00, and one H604 Air Power Operator for \$3,940.00, for a total of \$5,781.00. Funding to come from Account #592-000-154-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to create and fill a Mechanic III position, who's primary assignment will be repairing and maintaining Pheasant Run Golf Course and Grounds Maintenance equipment. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to approve a resolution that the Charter Township of Canton indemnify and hold harmless the Michigan Department of Transportation from any claims, suits or judgments in connection with the decorative DDA streetside located in the M-DOT road right of way in the expanded Canton DDA District, including maintenance, utility costs, and any liability for costs and damages incurred should the streetlights need to be removed for highway maintenance or construction purposes; and further authorize the township Supervisor to sign a letter to the Michigan Department of Transportation stating such indemnification.

And further, that the township execute a reciprocal agreement with the Canton DDA indemnifying the township of liability and subsequently that the township execute a reciprocal agreement with the Canton DDA and the respective property owner, wherein the property owner indemnifies the Canton DDA and agrees to accept responsibility for the decorative streetlights including maintenance, utility costs, and any costs incurred in the removal or relocation of the streetlights which may be required for the purposes of highway maintenance. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt a resolution to approve to hire Dorsey-Pages LLC, Management Consultants. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to adopt a resolution to extend the Siegal/Tuomala Associates Contract. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution to approve the bid from Carport Structure Corp., and Northstar Sales to install an additional carport and brick work for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to adopt a resolution to approve the bid to Northstar Sales to tile the Public Safety Briefing Room for an amount not to exceed \$12,225.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the Canton Softball Center Landscape Fencing project to the low bidder, Nationwide Fence & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$20,262.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid from Townsend Neon, Inc. for an electronic message sign for the Township Administration Building for \$68,000.00 and a five percent contingency of \$3,400.00 for a total amount of \$71,400.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to approve a \$3,000.00 increase in the agreement with AMS Planning and Research to complete further work on the utilization space needs and business plan study for the proposed Performing Arts and Education Center. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to award the bid for professional engineering and architectural consultant services for parking lot and sidewalk improvements at Fellows Creek Golf Club to Dynamic consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,300.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to purchase a Sanyo PLCXU22N XGA LCD Projector and accessories from Rescor in the amount of \$6,747.00 for the Summit Professional Development Center. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for purchase of one Tor Multi Pro 1100 Sprayer Model #41105 for Fellows Creek Golf Club in the amount of \$14,264.00, with a trade-in of \$2,275.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter approve the attached amendment to the purchase agreement with High Velocity Sports. Motion carried by all members present.

**ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS GROUP, L.L.C.**

20. Seller and Purchaser agree to extend the closing date. Notwithstanding Section 10 of the agreement, Seller and Purchaser agree to complete the Closing on or before March 31, 2001.

21. Seller and Purchaser agree to amend the terms of the land contract described in Section 18(a) by eliminating the requirement for a down payment and by modifying the term from 18 months to 24 months.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve a resolution approving Building Authority Contract and Notice. Motion carried by all members present.

**RESOLUTION NO.**  
Approving the Building Authority Contract and Notice  
Charter Township of Canton  
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in said Township, on the 13th day of June, 2000, at seven o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Present: Members Bennett, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Absent: Members Burdick, McLaughlin

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member

WHEREAS, there exists in and for the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township"), an imperative need to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a certain recreational facilities together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments relating thereto as hereinafter set forth in the attached Contract of Lease (the "Contract") more particularly set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Township Board has determined, and does hereby reaffirm, that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to acquire said facilities for the use of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, provides through the procedures of building authority financing a means of the acquisition, construction and financing of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 31, as amended, has previously adopted Articles of Incorporation and has established the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority (the "Authority"), with full powers to acquire and construct such facilities; and

WHEREAS, this Township Board determines it to be in the best interest of the Township to acquire and finance said facilities through the Authority in accordance with the provisions of said Act 31, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a Contract between the Township and the Authority providing for the acquisition, construction and financing of said facilities and such matters as are deemed necessary thereto has been prepared.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan that:

1. The Township Board hereby determines it to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to acquire the said facilities as set forth in the Contract attached to this resolution for the use of the Township.

2. This Township Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to finance the cost of such facilities through the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act 31, as amended.

3. This Township Board hereby approves the Contract for the acquisition and financing of said facilities, as hereto attached.

4. The Notice of Intention of Entering into Contract of Lease as hereto attached shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, promptly upon adoption of this resolution, said Notice to appear as a display advertisement at least one-quarter (1/4) page in size.

5. The Supervisor and Clerk of the Township are authorized to execute facilities for the use of the Township; and the Contract approved by this resolution, the Contract shall become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days following the date of publication of the aforesaid Notice, unless, under the provisions of Section 8(b) of said Act 31, as amended, the effectiveness of the Contract is stayed by reason of the filing of a petition for referendum thereon and the resultant necessity of prior approval by the qualified electors of the Township.

The Township Board does hereby determine that the designated newspaper is the newspaper circulating in the Township which reaches the largest number of persons to whom the aforesaid Notice is directed and that

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## Area police caution against homemade fireworks shows

BY BILL CASPER  
STAFF WRITER  
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Police and fire department officials are advising parents

and children that the safest way to enjoy displays of fireworks during the July 4 holiday is to let professionals stage the shows.

There are no safe fireworks, said Redford Township Fire Marshal Leslie Wedge.

"Fireworks are all dangerous and they belong in the hands of professionals," he said. "If you don't know what the fireworks device will do, don't buy it."

The state fireworks law controls the amount of explosive powder the devices are allowed. Wedge said. Devices that exceed 25 grams of powder are illegal and can't be sold to the public without a permit, he said.

Stores selling illegal fireworks should be reported to police, Wedge said.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has increased monitoring of retail stores selling illegal fireworks and they can be

reported by calling (313) 224-2298.

Members of the sheriff's department bomb disposal unit used Bell Creek Park in Redford

for this demonstration. A rocket goes off in this mannequin's hand as part of a demonstration put on by the Wayne County sheriff on the dangers of fireworks.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Basicly, a fireworks device that explodes and leaves the ground is illegal in Michigan, he said.

Fireworks that spin and bounce also are illegal in the state because there is no control over those devices, Wedge said.

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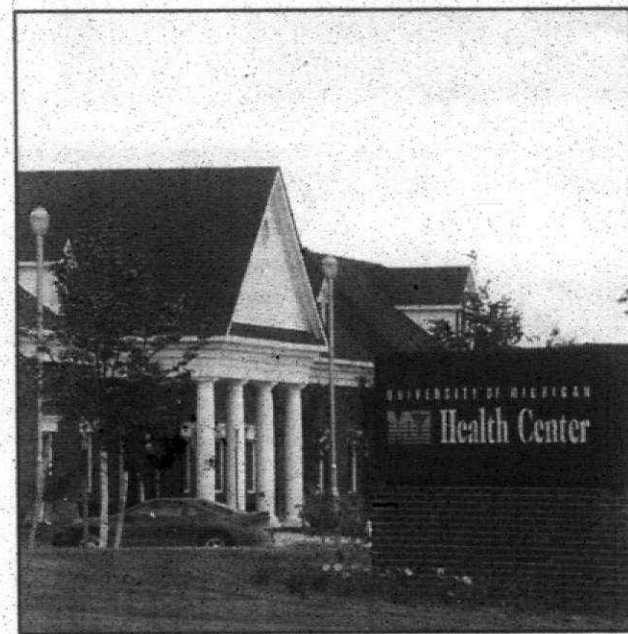


## Health care

### Local boom has a down side

**N**eed a doctor? Canton's a good place to find one.

This week's opening of the University of Michigan Health Center at Saltz and Canton Center Road marks the third major health care provider with a new facility in the township in as many years. U-M joins Henry Ford Health Systems and St. Joseph Mercy with bigger, brighter and better-equipped buildings. Oakwood Hospital also maintains its presence in Canton with a modern center on Canton Center at Warren Road.



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN  
**Now open: The University of Michigan Health Center on Canton Center at Saltz opened this week. Two smaller U-M facilities were consolidated to make room for the new one.**

With federal and state governments slashing Medicare and Medicaid payments, health care providers look increasingly to patients with private insurance to foot the bill for everyone. That means setting up shop in growing upper-income communities like Canton.

It means trading in older, smaller satellite offices in several locations for regional centers that can draw patients from a wider area — as long as they have reliable transportation. The new U-M facility, for example, represents a consolidation of two buildings on Lilley Road that served Plymouth and Canton patients. The \$8.4 million, 40,000 square-foot center offers a wide array of appointment and urgent care services.

St. Joseph Mercy also eliminated some services from its Plymouth building when it opened the Canton center three years ago. We're certainly glad Canton isn't being neglected when it comes to health care options. We're sure local residents would want the same quality care for relatives or friends living in other communities.

A strong regional network of hospitals and health care facilities is a requirement to a thriving metro area. The overall status of health care will suffer greatly if communities like Canton become the few strong links in an otherwise weak chain.

The Observer believes access to quality health care is an issue that transcends local boundaries.

## Consider a career in nursing

**H**igh school grads and college students unsure of a major might want to consider a career in nursing. It's a rewarding field that offers jobs and opportunities for advancement.

The demand is great. Industry experts predict things could reach a crisis point by the year 2005. Nurses are getting older with the average age ranging from 42 to 45, and there simply aren't enough young people entering the field to satisfy the demand. Canada, England, Ireland, the Philippines, Australia and Western Europe also are reporting significant nursing shortages.

While the demand is great, there is industry pressure to downsize and cut costs, which often results in workload increases for nurses. Restructuring in the health care industry has also had a negative impact on nursing. Some community hospitals, most recently Beyer Center in Ypsilanti, which is owned by Oakwood Healthcare System, have closed.

Stays are shorter and more procedures are being done outpatient, but hospitals are increasingly becoming large intensive care units whose patients require cardiac monitoring, respiratory assistance and intense treatment. Heavy patient loads and pressure to treat more people, quickly for less money have made nursing a less attractive career choice.

Nurses complain about long hours, being bogged down with tasks that could be done by less skilled workers, and not having enough time to spend with patients.

But despite the challenges, there are lots of good reasons to consider nursing as a career. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs for registered nurses will grow 23 percent by 2006 — faster than the average for all occupations. Working in a hospital isn't the only option for nurses. There are many areas to specialize in, such as administration, clinical care, emergency and medical surgical care.

**High school might be too late to talk about careers in nursing. High-paying, high-tech jobs have the competitive edge. Work must be done at the junior high level to attract a new generation.**

Nursing has always been ripe with opportunity, and that will continue.

Salaries are an issue, too. Nursing salaries start out well, \$35,000 to \$38,000, but don't increase significantly. More career enhancement incentives are needed for nurses to explore advanced positions within the profession. There's also a need for mentoring, experienced nurses helping younger nurses.

Better communication between schools that prepare nurses and hospitals, clinics and other care facilities that hire them will help ensure that nurses are properly trained to do the work that must be done.

Resources must be allocated to allow nurses to spend more time balancing wellness care with monitoring illness. Nurses can teach patients how to take better care of themselves — preventative medicine is the best medicine — but they often don't have the time.

High school might be too late to talk about careers in nursing. High-paying, high-tech jobs have the competitive edge. Work must be done at the junior high level to attract a new generation.

The women and men who make nursing their life work are committed, caring professionals, dedicated to helping people heal and stay well. They deserve our admiration, respect and support.

Geof Brooks



## LETTERS

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### Benefit a success

**O**n May 19, 2000, the Leadership Canton Alumni, in conjunction with Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, hosted a winetasting to benefit a number of local groups. This event was a success as we raised about \$8,000 to be divided among the following groups — the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Place Helping Hand Fund, Character Counts, the Community Literacy Council, and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the work that was put into this event by all of the volunteers and groups that helped to make this a successful event — John Pardington and the people of Holiday Market, the chamber staff, Summit Gourmet, Canton Project ARTS, the Canton Township Government, Mama Mucci's, George DeLallo, La Cordier Ensemble, Go 4 Baroque, and the numerous table sponsors.

For those who missed the event, this is your first invitation to look for next year's wine tasting. If you get a chance to talk to someone who attended this year, I'm sure he/she will tell you that they had a good time and enjoyed not only the wines available but also the food and entertainment. We are looking forward to making A Toast to the Canton Community bigger and better and hope you will join us.

Paul Schrauben,  
President  
Leadership Canton Alumni

### Ruling stinks

**C**ongratulations gentlemen! In an era in which less than 50 percent of the population participates in the election process, you have seen fit through the judicial process to subvert the peoples right to choose who they feel might be the best candidate for the 35th District Court.

While I do not know either of the men whose petitions were rejected, I share their frustration with Circuit Court Judge Sapala's ruling (Observer & Eccentric, May 28).

Mr. Sapala, if it is true that you chastised these two attorneys for believing petition information the Michigan Secretary of State had given them, shame on you, perhaps they should have checked census information, or could that be wrong also?

The coincidence of Judge Lowe finding and reporting the information just hours from the filing deadline would take quite a stretch of

my imaginations! The statement from Lowe's attorney says it all, "If you follow the law, it will enhance my clients ability to be re-elected."

Judge Lowe, I hope you are very proud, while the letter of the law may have been followed, the spirit of it is more certainly a casualty in this case. Gentlemen, I'm disappointed; as Judges, I feel you should know the difference.

Kevin W. Murphy  
Canton Township

### Morton Taylor problems

**T**he 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  
Canton

### Arlington impossible

**T**he traffic on Arlington is impossible. School buses, trucks making deliveries, work vehicles, parents driving the children, most speeding and do not stop at the stop signs.

We are a residential neighborhood, the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. not 35 or 40. If people have forgotten their Drivers Ed, perhaps signs should be posted as a reminder. We have not seen a police car here watch traffic in ages.

The township seems to be more interested in developing more homes than taking care of our existing residence. New homes equal more traffic.

Sam Stones  
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— Philip Power

## If gas tax gets cut, make sure drivers get the full benefit

**A** lot has been said in recent days about a proposal to repeal, or cut, Michigan's gas tax as a result of the extraordinarily high prices we are paying at the filling station.

The idea has opinion makers lining up pro and con to debate the issue.

State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, was one of the first out of the box when he introduced legislation to end what he called "the double taxation" on gasoline. He explained the application of a sales tax in Michigan to the price of gasoline, which already has a gas tax built into it, amounted to a tax on a tax. Peters proposed to end it, but the difference would have been only about one cent per gallon.

Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, on the other hand proposed capping the sales tax so it applied only to the first \$1.20 of the cost of a gallon. He said gas tax receipts for the state were up \$60 million this year, mainly due to the higher prices.

Gov. John Engler has opposed these ideas. He's noted that the gas tax is what is funding all that road building and repaving going on in this state. The sales tax goes mainly to support education.

Now a local television station has taken up the cause, and over the weekend began asking lawmakers to return to session during the summer to repeal the gas tax. According to that station, more than 100 Michigan lawmakers said they would be willing to return to session to deal with the issue.

But a repeal is just going too far, according to Rep. Judith Schrantz, R-Brighton. She said she might be able to support a moratorium on the collection through the duration of the summer with the Legislature looking again at the question in the fall. Of the roughly \$2.01 you were paying at the beginning of this week for a gallon of gas, 19 cents is the state gas tax. In addition, Michigan adds a 6 percent sales tax to the price. All that accounts for about 30 cent of the per-gallon price.



MIKE MALOTT

The state could clearly afford to give consumers some kind of break, even if it couldn't quite afford to remove the entire amount. Lawmakers have been trying to come up with ways to return the state's budget surplus to citizens. Revenues for the state continue to exceed projections and the surplus keeps growing. It has led to a number of tax cuts of late and the budget just passed by lawmakers includes some significant spending increases.

Schantz and Engler have a very valid point. We can't expect this economy to go on forever. Economists are projecting a slow down, so getting rid of the tax altogether could well put the state in a real bind later.

But even before lawmakers consider a moratorium, they should make sure the price cuts get passed along to consumers. At a time when we all suspect that there might be gouging going on, and when lawmakers at both the state and federal levels are ready to launch investigations into the cause of the higher gas prices, any cut in tax would have to be accompanied by a strong message to the gas companies that they have to pass the savings along.

It would not be much of an improvement if, let's say, the tax were repealed or put on hold for the summer, producing a 30-cent reduction in taxes per gallon if the price at the pump dropped only 25 cents. That would clearly represent a windfall to the gas companies or filling stations.

Despite the fact it would reduce prices, that in the end would work against us. The tax at least goes to our roads, to our school districts. If the company found a way to keep, say, a nickel per gallon, it would just go into gas company profits.

In the end, it would just subsidize gas company profits at the expense of our roads and schools.

Lawmakers ought to keep that in mind as they wrestle with this issue.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalott@hometown.com.

## Education reforms are beginning to yield positive results in the classroom

**M**ichigan fifth and eighth graders across the board improved their scores in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests for science, writing and social studies, according to scores released last week.

More significant is the long-term trend. By and large, scores are far higher than they were when the MEAP test became the instrument of choice for assessing student performance. Interestingly, some of the biggest gains have come from districts Lansing is now considering for takeover, such as Hamtramck and Inkster.

In Plymouth-Canton, for instance, elementary science scores were up from 47.8 to 53.4, well above the statewide average. Elementary scores were up even higher, from 62.6 in 1995 to 81.4 in 2000. Middle school scores in all three categories were also higher.

Local school officials say it's because teachers and teaching methods are improving.

State school authorities say the school system is finally beginning to make real progress in reform. Gov. John Engler, who directed the takeover of the Detroit schools, says it's because schools are realizing the governor is serious.

Whatever. When the news is good, everybody is entitled to take a chunk of the credit.

Although it's tough to do and takes a long time, reforming the public schools is not rocket science. Reformers proposed a sensible model for improvement years ago. First, you decide what kids are supposed to learn at various grades while they are in school. Second, you assess what kids do, in fact, learn; in Michigan, that's called the MEAP. Third, you release these scores — district by district, school building by school building — to the public so as to ensure accountability. Fourth, you demand that schools respond to the results by improving teaching methods and materials. Fifth, you make it clear that you are resolute in staying on the path of reform.

The main point to seize firmly — especially right now, before all the pro- and anti-voucher propaganda hits — is that the school reform model is working in Michigan. Kids are learning more, virtually across the board.

That's very, very good news. It's important to realize most of our schools were not so bad to start with and have improved considerably over the past decade. The districts with real problems have been the very urban and the very rural. In the case of urban districts like Detroit, where the outrageous politics of school governance got in the way of good schools, drastic measures like the state takeover appear to be yielding results. Remote rural districts, where geographic isolation limits resources of all kinds, a technology fix such as increased reliance on computers and the Internet may offer hope.

State Board of Education President Dorothy Beardmore, one of the unsung heroes of school



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reform in Michigan, is delighted. "What these scores show is that standards-based education reform works because it makes sense to specify what kids should know at various stages in their education career," she says.

"All this goes back a long way," Beardmore continues. "It started in 1991 when we established model curriculum outcomes. In 1995, we established standards. We worked on the MEAP test and gradually turned it into an accurate assessment of what kids learn. And now we're starting to see some real progress."

Beardmore's right. Improving an entire school system in a state as big as Michigan doesn't happen overnight. "People are beginning to figure they might as well get on board because standards-based education reform is not going to go away," she says. "Some years ago, people in the Legislature were talking about abolishing the MEAP test, but you don't hear much about that anymore."

In fact, the numbers of pupils taking the MEAP tests are going up, evidently in large part because of Gov. Engler's bright idea of linking success on the junior year MEAP to a \$2,500 Merit Award scholarship to college. Starting in the 2000-01 school year, eighth graders can earn \$500 in scholarship money to attend a public college in Michigan by scoring well.

A small irony amidst all this encouraging news: Folks at the Michigan Board of Education have yet to receive the official MEAP scores report.

Administrative responsibility for the MEAP was transferred from the state board to the Department of the Treasury last year. Beardmore learned about the current results by reading the newspapers.

Maybe the next step in school reform should be to tidy up some bureaucratic organization charts so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@hometown.com.

## Who stands up for children, if not the mothers who love them?

**T**his year I spent Mother's Day in Washington, D.C., with thousands of other women, men and children marching for common-sense gun safety legislation.

Not only did I make the effort and arrangements to go to Washington, I spent the last six months as one of the metro Detroit area coordinators for the Million Mom March. My initial response that I was "willing to help out," but that turned into a commitment that took up every spare minute of my already busy life and put a strain on my family and friends.

I was calling legislators, handing out flyers, talking to the media, keeping track of our expanding e-mail list and organizing meetings and speakers. And the question I was always asked was, "Why are you doing this?"

Why did I immerse myself in this cause? Up until I heard of the Million Mom March, I had never been involved in any type of political cause. My high school and college years were defined by the Vietnam War, yet I never really took up the anti-war movement in any meaningful sense.

But then the shootings began. San Ysidro, Paducah, Jonesboro, Columbine, Granada Hills and Flint, to name a few. And with the addition of every new town that will forever be linked to violent death, my first reaction was to feel pain and sympathy for the victims and a total sense of helplessness in the face of this madness.

My second reaction was anger. And, in keeping with my day job as a reference librarian, I started to do some research on the subject. What I found was appalling. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, approximately 36,000 Americans of all ages die from gun violence every year. Of these, nearly 5,000 are children and adolescents under the age of 20.

According to Handgun Control Inc., in one year handguns killed no children in Japan, 19 in Great Britain, 57 in Germany, 109 in



BARBARA CASE

France, 153 in Canada and 5,285 in the United States. Why have we declared war on our children? Who is benefiting from this continued violence?

Gun control is a hot-button issue that rarely gets looked at calmly. Unfortunately, the gun debate in this country has been polarized by both the media and fanatics on both sides. Gun control advocates are hysterically screaming for a ban on the ownership of all guns while pro-gun forces are convinced that only by arming every man, woman and child in America will we ever really be secure from criminals and our own government.

Their extremist views fit nicely into a 10-second sound bite or a banner headline. Yet, like most Americans, I can't cozy up to either side. Guns are legal in this country and I have no desire to take away that right. While I don't own any guns, I know several people who do and they are responsible and careful with their weapons.

However, it appalls me that it is easier to fire a gun than it is to open an aspirin bottle. I am astounded that there is no meaningful way to control who can purchase a gun or how often and virtually no attempt to keep track of weapons that are sold.

I am disgusted at the emotional and financial drain caused by gun violence. I am angered at the arrogance of politicians and the gun lobby who think in terms of punishment instead of prevention and want to place the burden for gun safety on our children and not the gun industry.

And ... I am average. I am the average woman down the street, the average mother, worker, wife and voting citizen. I realize gun safety legislation will not eliminate all gun deaths. It will not prevent children from growing up in dysfunctional homes or stop those with truly evil intent.

The goals of the Million Mom March Foundation reflect a moderate, common-sense approach to a huge and divisive issue in this country. A mother's need to protect her children cuts across all cultural, racial, political and socio-economic lines. When men argue about power and money, the lives and safety of children are often the first victims.

Why me? If not me to protect my children, then who? Barb Case is a Plymouth Township resident. Anyone interested in her cause can e-mail her at mimommarch@yahoo.com.

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## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

## Treasure brings cousins together

Until this past weekend, my husband's great-grandmother, Marion Parker, was little more than a name on his family tree. His cousin, Nancy, changed that when she arrived from Florida loaded with family memorabilia.

Marion raised four children on a farm near Port Huron. Among her mementos were two turn-of-the-century ledgers, as well as diaries from 1941-43 when she was in her seventies.

Through them, we discovered that Don's father, Donald, donated blood for his father, Charles (Marion's son), when he was hospitalized with a serious illness and needed a transfusion. Marion was none too well herself at the time. She wrote, "I am slipping. I got med[icine] today [but] you bet I will not stay down long when I am needed by my kiddie[s]."

Once a mother, always a mother, I guess, since her "kiddy" Charles had grown sons himself! Marion said little about World War II, not even when the bombing of Pearl Harbor hurled the U.S. into combat. Only once did she record a scarcity of goods, starting with trying to find kerosene for her stove. Tea and sugar, likewise, were difficult and/or impossible to buy.

"This war business is awful," she wrote. "Everything rationed."

Of greater concern was the welfare of young men close to her as service called them to the front. She was delighted when Donald and "his best girl" arrived for Marion's birthday in 1942. She added, "By the way, [Violet] just got her diamond."

The next year's birthday celebration brought somber news — Donald had been ordered overseas. "The big day is

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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When Dave Sanford and Gordon Casteinero first met while working as producers at WNIC radio in Detroit, they never imagined each would be clutching shiny golden Emmy statuettes five years later.

On May 20, they took home Emmy awards for their most recently-completed documentary, *Titanic: The Final Chapter*. Originally aired 8 p.m. Aug. 23, 1999, the documentary pre-empted NBC prime-time programming.

The show was broadcast locally by Channel 4 and marked a memorable moment in the lives of both Sanford and Casteinero.

"This is totally a dream come true," said Casteinero, a 34-year-old Westland resident.

"Even as a little kid, I always wanted to be in the entertainment industry," added Sanford, a 35-year-old Southfield resident. He remembers watching award shows and wondering what it might be like to accept an honor himself someday. With a little fumbling and a lot of pride, their brave efforts paid dividends as new filmmakers were honored during a local Emmy ceremony in Detroit.

Emmys are awarded by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The co-owners of the Westland-based Cambiare Entertainment work so well together they can finish each other's sentences. But the decision to leave radio behind and work as a creative team all began in 1994 with an inspiration.

"I called him up with an idea, years ago, that I got from a book I read on the J.L. Hudson Company," said Casteinero. "It was amazing how much Hudsons meant to Detroit." From that spark, he was inspired to look further into the businesses that emerged in Michigan and developed into major corporations. "I thought it would be a good pilot episode or series," he said.

### Going out on a limb

Neither of the aspiring filmmakers knew what their future would hold. But they had the confidence to pursue their dreams.

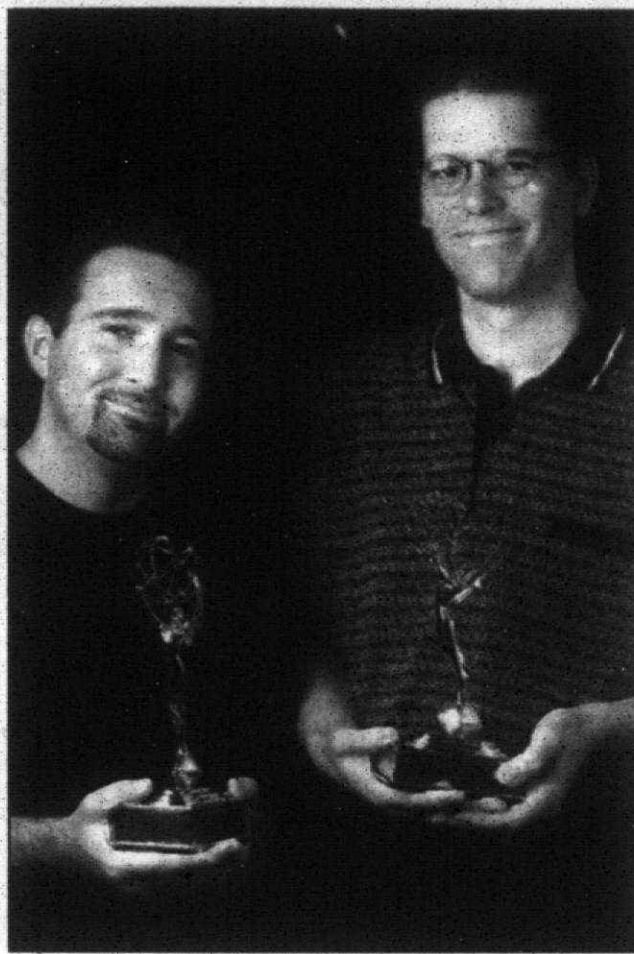
"I've always had big ideas," said Casteinero, who, like Sanford, attended Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "Hey, I'm a dreamer and I dream big."

With Sanford's support, they shopped the idea around to every television station in the Detroit area. After numerous rejections, Henry Maldonado, vice president of production at WDIV Channel 4, agreed to listen. "He's very well-respected in the Detroit television market," said Casteinero.

Maldonado, who was unavailable for comment, sug-

# The Emmy goes to...

## Local filmmakers snag their first award



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Big winners:** Gordon Casteinero (left) of Westland and his filmmaking partner Dave Sanford proudly pose with the Emmy awards they won for the documentary *"Titanic: The Final Chapter."*

gested that instead of focusing on one business in each episode, they could produce a local-interest special with short segments about all the major companies that began in Michigan.

The result was *Michigan, It Started Here*, a program written, directed and produced by Casteinero and Sanford and narrated by WDIV anchorman Devin Scillian. In the midst of making the documentary, both decided to quit their jobs at the radio station and

even dipped into their savings accounts to complete it.

"We had zero experience," said Casteinero. "Basically, television stations didn't want to take a chance on this," added Sanford.

Self-confessed perfectionists, they found themselves completely out of their element, working cameras and doing all the research. Despite the hardships and hours that even threatened Sanford's marriage at one point, they never gave up the dream.

The fight was worth it. Both received Emmy nominations for the show, which was the highest-rated program locally on the day it aired.

None of this came as a surprise to Marilyn Stueckle, Sanford's mother who lives in Westland. "He's always had the talent of writing," she said. Growing up at a time which didn't allow her to follow her own dreams, she told her son to "go for it and never give up on it."

That message sunk in. In the midst of creating their first of three completed documentaries, the pair started their company, Cambiare Entertainment, on a shoestring budget. The name of the company means "to change" in Italian, a reference to their vision of the future of the filmmaking industry.

Two others films followed: *Michigan and The American Dream*, an expansion of the first documentary that focused on inventors and innovators from Michigan, and *Titanic: The Final Chapter*, which explores an untold, Michigan connection to some survivors. It was shown at the height of the *Titanic* craze led by the 1998 feature film. Both documentaries earned Emmy nominations — *Titanic: The Final Chapter* was nominated six times and would eventually become a winner.

### Holding onto a dream

The company is a realization of Sanford's lifelong dream of working in the entertainment business. From the soap opera script he wrote while at Schoolcraft College to his degree in radio, television and film from Eastern Michigan University, he's never strayed from what he wanted to do.

"Both of us had to make sacrifices," said Sanford. "It's a real challenge."

The challenge continues as the duo begin their next big leap, a full-length feature film titled *Stiffed*, which is still considered hush-hush in the works, but can be described as a quirky comedy written by Casteinero and produced by Sanford. "Film is where we want to go," assured Sanford.

As far as they can see, this is only the beginning for Cambiare Entertainment — now a limited liability company. For these men, the Emmy awards are only a beginning.

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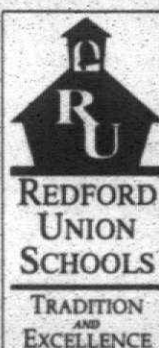
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## SINGLES MINGLE

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### WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

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

### JULY 4 PICNIC

Let's celebrate 224 years of independence with a picnic at Rotary Park starting at noon. Reserve a place for \$5 and a dish to pass. Call Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

### SPM SHOWCASE

Bring a friend to the Single Point Ministries Showcase at 6:30 p.m. July 7 for volleyball, softball and whatever lawn game you wish to bring. Cost is \$6. Call SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

### TRIP TO TORONTO

Singles of all ages are invited for an escorted motorcoach trip to Toronto, Ontario Aug. 18-20 with such options as The Lion King, Canadian National Exhibition, Tall Ship Harbor Cruise, Toronto Blue Jays game, Toronto Zoo or Science Center. Cost: (hotel and motorcoach only): \$224/person double occupancy. Hotel, motorcoach, and Lion King ticket: \$324/person double. Single occupancy: add \$53. Payment due by July 10. Call Single Place at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, (248) 349-0911, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member of Single Place or a church to go on the trip.

## ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton, Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2000 for the following described project: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design of approximately 400 linear feet of a 36-inch relief sewer to the Mott Drain.

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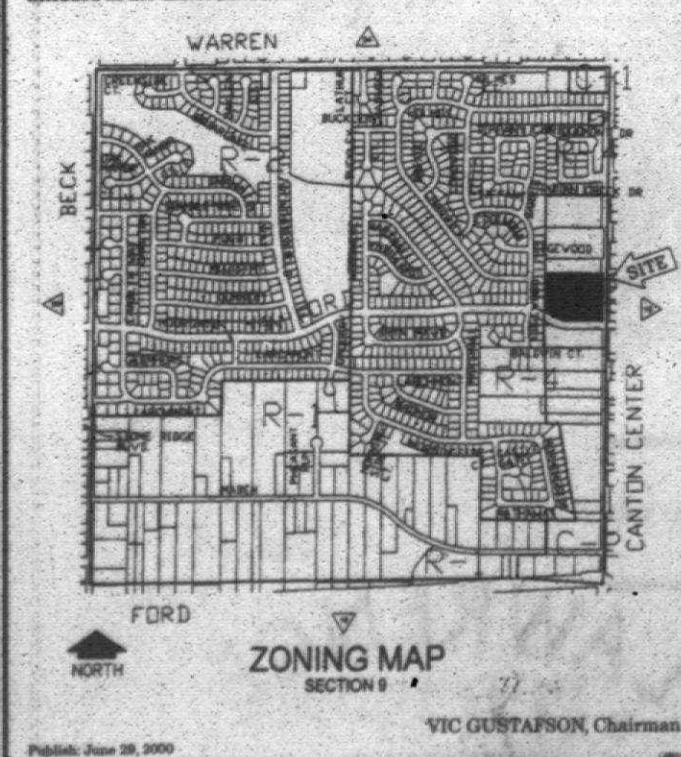
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 a.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CANTON CENTER CROSSINGS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER (OVER 40,000 SQ. FT.) AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.9 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 033 99 0009 705.** Property is located on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Hanford Roads.

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.



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## REUNIONS

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

### GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nosech, (248) 474-5006.

### GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or reunions@madeeasy@ameritech.net

### SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Dick Bond will be speaking on "Who Can You Trust?" Part 1. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

There will be a bonfire, picnic and canoeing at Froude Lake July 21. Call (248) 374-5920.

Grab your bike and join in the biking events on Saturdays for fun, friends, outdoors, exercise, great rides and more. Call the SPM office for a schedule of biking locations.

"Rethinking marriage when thinking remarriage." Program is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 15 in room D450/452. Registration at the door begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Includes continental breakfast. Call Stacy, (248) 374-5912.

Summer Divorce Recovery. Monday, July 17 through Saturday, July 22. Cost is \$25 (pre); \$30 at event.

School of Nursing - Class of 1970 A 30 year reunion is planned for Aug. 12. We are looking for classmates. Contact Connie Maslyk-Richard (313) 837-0808 or Sheila Freitag-Suick (248) 620-0570.

### HAZEL PARK

Class of 1969, 70, 71. The classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 will celebrate a tri-class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Royalty House located in Warren. Call Gar Mathovich at (248) 548-8366 or e-mail jdickinson@fuslaw.com for tickets.

### HAZEL PARK

Class of 1980 A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 5. If you haven't received any information, please call Lora York (Newsom) at (248) 628-9350 or check out the Web site at www.graphicdept.com/hph-classof80 for further information.

### HAZEL PARK

Class of 1975 A 25-year reunion is planned for Sept. 23 at the Stephenson Haus, in Hazel Park. Call Debbie Dutkiewicz (248) 548-1787.

### HENRY FORD TRADE

Class of 1950 February and July classes of 1950 are planning a 50-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Dearborn. Call Harold Brocker, (810) 465-1517; Frank Collar (248) 618-9885. All alumni are invited.

### HIGHLAND PARK

January-June classes of 1950-51 Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

### HIGHLAND PARK

Classes of 1947, 1948, 1949

A millennium picnic is planned for Aug. 17 in Canton. Call Cathy Scott Conley, 1947 (248) 851-2044; Helen Bouevault Wilson, 1948 (248) 546-1736; or Bob Churella, 1949 (248) 348-8200 (248) 347-1144.

### IMMACULATE HIGH

Class of 1955 A reunion is planned for the fall of 2000. (248) 299-1938 or by e-mail at immac55@aol.com

### JAMES VERNOR SCHOOL

Class of 1956 Nov. 18 noon brunch at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 723-4562 or e-mail vernor56@hotmail.com

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Class of 1970 Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 617-7886; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331.

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Class of 1975 A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16 at Vladimir's (28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills). Cost is \$45 per person. Contact Joyce McDonald Parvay (734) 260-0620 or e-mail Tony Amoroso at amoroset@aol.com

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### LAKE ORION

Class of 1950 A reunion is planned for Aug. 26. Looking for alumni. Call Kim (Zilka) Berkal (800) 423-4018 ext. 8050 or Jill (Bullard) Winship (800) 365-3968 ext. 2786.

### LAKE ORION HIGH

Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for Sept. 23 at the Van Dyke Park Hotel in Warren. Entire weekend of good times planned. Ticket deadline is June 30. Call (248) 681-0708 or e-mail cmiller@bignet.net

### LINCOLN PARK

A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

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June Class of 1950 50th class reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills. Call Donna Rouse Mackey (248) 546-3056 or Lynn Lambert at (248) 474-2657.

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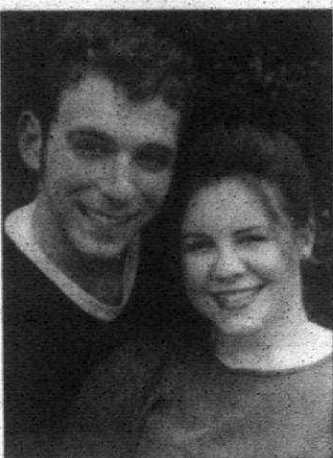
## Bushnell-Owsley

Roger and Barbara Bushnell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lynn, to Stephen Tye Owsley of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree from Queen's University in Northern Ireland. She works as a product developer at Detroit Regional Chamber.

Her fiancé, son of John and Linda Owsley of Hudson, Florida, is a Wayne State University graduate who will attend graduate school in 2001 in the field of industrial and organizational psychology and computer and information systems.

An October wedding is planned at St. John's Church in Plymouth.



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## Osowski-Morgan

Martha L. and Stanley S. Osowski of El Paso, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Lee of Garland, Texas, to Charles Michael Morgan of Memphis, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hanks High School and of Baylor University, Clemson University and Utah State University. She is presently an ecologist for the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas, Texas.

Her fiancé, son of Sandra K. and Charles L. Morgan of Livonia, graduated from Churchill High School and also of Eastern Michigan University and Memphis School of Preaching. He is a



preacher for Church of Christ. A July wedding is planned at Austin St. Church of Christ in Garland, Texas.

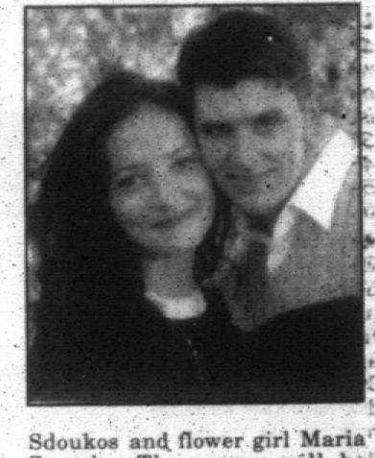
## Rambidis-Montroy

Constantine and the late Ioannis Rambidis of Illinois announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Olga to William Montroy, both of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Proviso West High School in Hillside, Ill. and a 1997 graduate of Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of Don Montroy of Plymouth Township and Gail and Dan Ryder of Dearborn, is a 1989 Redford Union High School graduate who has worked for Barton Malow in Southfield since 1999. He graduated from Elmhurst College in 1997 and is self-employed with Excel Communications.

A June wedding is planned at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland. The Rev. James Stathakios will preside. The bride will be attended by maid of honor Victoria Zepeda, bridesmaids Vickie Sdoukos, Eugenia



Sdoukos and flower girl Maria Zepeda. The groom will be attended by best man Tim Wotusik, groomsmen Don Montroy and Joe Montroy and ushers Aaron Bald and Manny Zepeda.

The couple will receive guests at Fox Hills Golf Resort in Plymouth and plan to take a wedding trip to the Greek Islands. Their future home will be in Redford.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Kilyanek

Joseph and Theresa (Forget) Kilyanek of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 1. The couple wed July 1, 1950.

Joseph Kilyanek retired from G.M.-Hydramatic as a machine repairman. Theresa retired from G.M.-Hydramatic and also worked as a homemaker and for the Livonia Public Schools.

They have five children: Michele Handle (Wayne); Joseph Kilyanek (Nova Scotia, Canada); Janice Kind (Livonia); Michael Kilyanek (Howell); and Sharon Hill (Howell). The family also includes 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The Kilyaneks are members of St. Bernardine of Sienna Church in Westland. To celebrate their golden anniversary the couple will renew their vows at 5 p.m. Mass on July 1 at St. Bernardine Church with dinner to follow at Deluca's.



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### Duffey

Gene and Irene (Laycock) Duffey of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1. The couple wed July 1, 1950 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They lived in Detroit for 17 years and moved to the Wayne County area where they resided in Plymouth and later Livonia. Gene Duffey worked for Bob Saks Oldsmobile and has now been retired for 7 years. The couple enjoy entertaining and traveling.

They have two children, James Duffey and Kenneth Duffey, and four granddaughters. The party was held at Old Village Plymouth. James Duffey and his wife Karen, Kenneth Duffey and his wife Judith, and granddaughters Nicole, Jessica, Alexis and Victoria were in attendance.



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## WEDDING

### Germain-MacGillis

Kenneth Germain of Milford and Christine Germain of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Carrie Marie, to David Merritt MacGillis of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan - Dearborn and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. She currently works for StayWell. Her groom earned his associates degree from Baker College and he currently works for DaimlerChrysler.

The couple wed May 5 at St. Benedict's Church in Waterford before the Rev. Tom Kuehnemund.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Christine Germain and bridesmaids Julie Schultz and Jenni Eggenberger. The groom was attended by best man Harry Karagosian.



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## ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS

Download our engagement and wedding announcements from the Observer Web site at <http://observer-eccentric.com>. On the homepage click on the HomeTown Life link and look for the highlighted text that reads "Weddings/Engagement Form." Print the form, fill it out and send it to: Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, attn: Kim Mortson.

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# CALENDAR

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## WEEKEND

### LOCAL 1776 REUNION

The Willow Run Local 1776 reunion will be held from noon until dusk, Saturday, July 15, at Lower Huron Metropark, 17485 Savage Road, Belleville. Bring your classic car to show at the classic car show. Hot dogs and pop are served 1-6 p.m., or as funds allow. Reunions are funded by proceeds from items sold, raffles and donations. Call Linda Taylor at T&C at (734) 455-8000 or Pauline at (734) 455-0415 to contribute.

### TOY SHOW

The Plymouth "Collectible Toy Show" returns 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, July 16, during Plymouth's "Art Fair." The toy show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will hold its regular meeting 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, at The Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

## AROUND TOWN

### SUMMER ART CAMPS

D&M Studios presents 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 through Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are several camps and different hours to choose from. Classes are held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, and the Summit at 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information or registration, call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

### SUMMER CONCERTS

The Plymouth Community Band begins its 40th year of outdoor summer concerts at 8 p.m. Thursdays through July 27 at Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. These free outdoor park concerts have become a traditional summer offering in Plymouth. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of easy listening music, guest performers and conductors. The Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battistelli, is a volunteer organization bringing a love of music and performing to the community. For more information, call Vickie Krause at (734) 455-9635.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for two teen programs being offered by the Young Adult department of the Canton Public Library. Tie-dye T-shirts will be made 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 6. All materials will be provided. This is an outdoor event and will be postponed in the event of bad weather. Books & Bites

Book Discussion will be held noon-1 p.m., Saturday, July 22. Discuss *Armageddon Summer* by Jane Yolen and Bruce Coville, while munching on pizza. Advance copies of the book and all munchies provided by the library. Young adult programs are designed for teens who are in the sixth grade or higher, or who are 12 or older. To register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999 or e-mail her at stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us.

### BNI

Business Network International will hold its regular meeting 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6, for the Plymouth chapter at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will hold its regular meeting 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, at The Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### BASKETBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship, 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. 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 9 a.m.-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 1-96 and Levan Road.

### SUMMER STORY TIMES

Parents and their children are invited to experience free interactive 20-30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement during "Story Time with Miss Karen." The first class is at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 10, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music in Canton. For more information, call (734) 454-0178.

### ARK AVENUE

The Ark is parked 9 a.m.-noon, July 10-14, at 45000 N. Territorial Road, just west of Sheldon Road, for those ages pre-K-fifth

## A Liberty Fest proposal



Will you marry me? Dennis Tomalka of Allen Park is down on one knee as he places an engagement ring on the finger of Kelly Helms of Canton after he proposed to her during a break in the *Three Men and A Tenor* performance Saturday night in Heritage park. (She said yes.)

grade. Register at First Baptist Church of Plymouth to explore this Vacation Bible School adventure. For more information, call (734) 455-2300.

### SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

Britannia Soccer USA will host its summer soccer camp in Plymouth July 10-14 at West Middle School. Early registration is recommended. Individual players and teams are encouraged to attend customized coaching programs. Additionally, free coaching seminars will be available for local coaches and parents. To register or for more information, call local coordinator, Pat VanDusen at (734) 426-4927.

### GOLF FUN-RAISER

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will hold a golf fund-raiser for the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation on July 11 at Pheasant Run, Canton. The shotgun start 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. RSVP by July 1.

### NATIVE WEST

Native West will showcase the drawings of Michael Bollerud noon-9 p.m. Friday, July 14; July 15, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 16. This special show is held in conjunction with the 20th annual Plymouth Art in the Park. Meet him and watch him draw in person and feel the power of his subjects. For more information, call Native West at (734) 455-8838.

### PRINCETON REVIEW

The Princeton Review will be sponsoring a free strategy session seminar in July 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at The Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. These are 90-minute seminars discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test and parents are welcome to come to the strategy sessions. Students must call The Princeton Review at 800-2-REVIEW, or (734)

663-2163 to register for the test and/or strategy session.

### SUMMER PROGRAM

Geneva Presbyterian Church offers a weekly session of service projects, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays beginning July 12 and running through Aug. 16. The church is located at 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. Children age pre-K (begin kindergarten this fall) through eighth grade completed are welcome. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information, call (734) 459-0013.

### 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.

### CHILI COOK-OFF

If you like spicy food, the hottest ticket in town this summer is the 4th Unsanctioned Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Saturday, July 22, at the Wayne County Fair. The fairgrounds are located at 1-94 and Belleville Road (exit 190). Take the westbound service drive past the Cracker Barrel Restaurant to Quirk Road and make a right turn. The fairgrounds are 1/4 mile farther. Fair dates are July 18 through July 23. Contest rules and applications are now available. Space is limited. For more information or to request registration forms, call Kay at (734) 697-9376 or Jill at (734) 525-7799.

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

### SUMMER DANCE CAMP

Dance classes combined with traditional camping experiences await young dancers ages 8-16 at the Michigan Dance Express Summer Dance Camp. The five-day overnight dance camp is held at the Sun-dance, July 23, until Thursday, July 27, at Camp Caponec in Fenton. Dancers will study a variety of dance subjects including ballet, tap, jazz, swing, modeling and more. Traditional camping activities such as campfires, hiking, swimming and games round out the days activities. For more information, call (734) 397-9755 or (313) 562-1203.

### DISCOVERY CAMPS

Discovery Science Camps will be held 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 17-21 at Frost School or from July 24-18 at Holmes School. Children will discover through hands-on experiments, creative thinking and explorations the excitement of this camp. Each child will dismantle a telephone and recreate a newly developed, working or non-working prototype and become familiar with scientific methods. On a daily basis, children will visit five centers, each run by a certified teacher. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt. This camp is open to students who are currently in grades 1-5 only. Cost is \$175 per student. Enrollment is limited to 85 students per week on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (734) 523-9277.

### SUMMER CAMP SPONSORED BY THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL FOR STUDENTS K-4

will be held 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4. Campers will explore

sounds and meanings in music in this one-week camp conducted by certified teachers. They'll listen and try playing different instruments, learn how music is counted, how to read basic music, and play games based in music and rhythm. Every student will create his or her own original instrument. Tuition is \$135. Make checks payable to Discovery Camps, P.O. Box 700312, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include child's name, address, phone number and fall grade. Enrollment is limited to 60 students. For other inquiries, e-mail at discoverycamps@mailcity.com.

## 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 MERCY HOSPITAL

St. Mary Mercy 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 Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryshospital.org.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### DOWN SYNDROME

The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday 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.

## Living Science Foundation hosts summer camps for kids

Are you looking for a summer camp experience for your children that could only be duplicated if you sent them to the Australian outback or the Amazon rainforest?

Living Science Foundation, located in Plymouth, has approximately nine camps including marine biology, science sampler, rainforest, biodiversity, animal planet and air/space that integrates children with animals.

Dedicated to providing positive science experiences for children, Living Science Foundation strives to increase the study of science by introducing children to living animals such as wallaby, exotic birds, reptiles, star fish and more. Since 1982 LSF has been visiting Michigan schools and running summer day camps that introduce participants to live animals from all over the world in a non-threatening environment that encourages individual development, discovery and exploration. Upcoming camps in this area include:

### Livonia

Marine Biology Camp for children ages 6-9 and 10-12 at Holy Trinity Church of Livonia. Fishing for a unique experience? Touch a shark. Hold a sea star. Explore the wonders of the Pacific Ocean. Campers will get their hands wet in our 300 gallon salt water tanks as they take a close-up look at ocean animals and their unique habitats. July 10-14. Call (734) 464-0211 to register.

Science Sampler Camp for ages 5-7 and 8-10 at Holy Trinity Church of Livonia. Make friends with science. Explore the stars on "Air & Space Day," journey to the jungle on "Rainforest Day," meet radar the wallaby on "Australian Day," discover how all animals are related on "Natural Science Day," and visit the Pacific Ocean and touch a shark on "Marine Biology Day." July 10-14. Call (734) 207-8291 to register.

### Plymouth

Science Sampler Camp for ages 5-7 and 8-10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Make friends with science. Explore the stars on "Air & Space Day," journey to the jungle on "Rainforest Day," meet radar the wallaby on "Australian Day," discover how all animals are related on "Natural Science Day," and visit the Pacific Ocean and touch a shark on "Marine Biology Day." July 10-14. Call (734) 207-8291 to register.

### Air and Space Camp

A five day mission for your children as he/she explores the strange physical phenomena of flight and propulsion and seeks out and identifies constellations visible in the night sky. Inspired by nature—campers make their own airplanes, rockets and kites to learn about life, drag and other aerodynamic principles. Live exotic birds will demonstrate the mechanics of flight. A visit to our mobile planetarium

offers an exclusive daytime glimpse of the night sky. For ages 7-9 and 10-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center July 31-Aug. 4. Call (734) 207-8291 to register.

Animal Planet Camp takes children on a trip around the world to view our planet through the eyes of animals. Explore the continents and the diversity of life in various ecosystems. Visit the Savannah of Africa, the Amazon Rainforest, the Australian Outback and get a close up view of life in our own backyard. For ages 5-7 and 8-10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Aug. 14-18. Call (734) 207-8291.

### Ann Arbor

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens of Ann Arbor will be the unique host site for three camps including Animal Planet, Rainforest and Biodiversity July 10-14; July 31-Aug. 4; and Aug. 21-25. For information call (734) 998-7061.

Staffed by science interpreters, Living Science Day Camps enable children to meet and interact with a new group of live animals, perform experiences and participate in diverse hands-on activities.

All camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enrollment is limited due to the popularity of the subject matter. Livonia and Plymouth residents will receive a 10 percent discount off the price of any camp by calling (734) 207-8291.

Living Science Foundation maintains a Web site at [www.livingscience.org](http://www.livingscience.org)

## Summer camp at Livonia Mall offered

Livonia Mall is giving kids of all ages a chance to attend summer camp without leaving town in a safe, air-conditioned and mosquito-free environment.

From June through August, kids can have the summer camp experience at the Mall with programs ranging from art to drama.

The "Silly Summer Family Series" is every Tuesday at 11 a.m. from June 20 to Aug. 8. This free family program focuses on positive self-esteem, social interaction and the celebration of diversity.

"Modeling" will teach kids the poise, manners, and teamwork needed to walk the runway. This program also includes "Shopping 101" to teach kids how to put together an outfit and figure out sales discounts.

Three sessions are scheduled: 1-3:30 p.m., July 17-21 for ages 13 and up with a show at 6:30 p.m. on July 28; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 24-28 for ages 7-12 with a show at 6:30 p.m. on July 28; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 7-11 for ages 7-14 with a show at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12. All sessions are Monday through Friday and cost \$60.

The "Mom and Tot Modeling" program gives kids ages 4-6 basic instructions on runway techniques and lets them participate in the Mall's Back-to-School fashion show at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12. The program is 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 5. Parents must attend with their child. The program costs \$25.

"Cultural Adventure Days" are one-day programs celebrating the music, art, costumes and folklore of a variety of world cultures and eras. Sign up for one day or an entire week. Sessions are July 31-Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 6-10 (cost is \$25 per day or \$100 for five days). Themes include Merry Ole England; Westward Ho! Ole; Africa Alive!; and Dinosaur Dabblers.

Kids can learn the techniques of Van Gogh and Picasso in the hands-on three-day "Art" workshop. Two sessions are scheduled at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 17, 19 and 21 for ages 7 and up and at 10 a.m. to noon on July 18, 20 and 22 for ages 4-6 with a parent. Each session is \$25 and includes all art supplies.

"ArtWild" is a hands-on crafts program with lots of age-appropriate projects. Three sessions are planned: Wednesday, July 5 for ages 6-8, Thursday, July 6 for ages 8-10, and Friday, July 7 for ages 11-14. The sessions are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and each costs \$25.

Registration for the programs can be done by mail or at the Mall office during office hours. All classes will be held in Livonia Mall's Community Room located in the "G" entrance corridor. All materials for the programs are included in the class fees. Please note, parents should use their own judgment as to the suitability of their child's participation in any program.

The Livonia Mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. For more information call (248) 476-1160.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

Matthew Gross, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, has received a Dean's Award scholarship to attend the Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD). The merit scholarship was awarded as a result of an art portfolio competition held at the college. The competition was judged by a

team of CCAD faculty members. Gross will begin his studies this autumn and plans to major in illustration.

Gross is the son of Steve and Sue Gross of Canton.

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

Melissa Carabott of Canton was awarded a Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) college scholarship for \$750 for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Carabott, who is studying marketing, will be a junior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She received MRA's D. Larry Sherman Scholarship, named for current MRA Board of Directors members and former board chairman D. Larry Sherman.

Carabott is employed at Sideways, an MRA member business in Plymouth, and has worked there for more than four years.

### AWARDS

Sarah Kindred of Plymouth received the Asen Brown Boveri Award from Miami University's Pulp and Paper Foundation. Kindred, a freshman, is the daughter of Chris and Patti Kindred. Senior Nicole Hrycyk of Canton received the Outstanding Psychology Major Award, the Servant Leader Award and a Student Life Outstanding Service Award and was recognized for completing an honors thesis at North Central College.

A graduate of Plymouth Canton-High School, she is the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton.



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ness. Program runs every Wednes-  
day in July from 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
for all ages. Visit the Ark and  
explore what it means to be a  
part of God's family. Hear Bible  
stories, enjoy supper, crafts,  
recreation and worship. Register  
today by calling (313) 537-3778.

## ST. MATTHEW VBS

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
and School (5885 Venoy Road) of  
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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 offer-  
ing. The lesson and craft will fol-  
low from 7-9 p.m. In addition,  
adult confirmation class and  
adult bible class will be offered  
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## THE PFEIFFERS IN CONCERT

The Plymouth Church of the  
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dom Celebration service and Hog  
Roast (11 a.m.). The church is  
located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road  
in Plymouth.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE TIME

Grace Baptist Church (2530  
Lyndon) of Livonia is hosting  
"Neighborhood Bible Time" from  
6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, July 9  
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school is for children of all ages,  
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er. Call (734) 455-2300.

## TIMOTHY LUTHERAN VBS

"2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great  
Get-Together" vacation bible  
school is offered at Timothy  
Lutheran Church, ELCA (5820  
Wayne Road, Livonia) by the  
Rev. Carla Thompson-Powell,  
pastor. VBS will be six consecu-  
tive Wednesday evenings July  
12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2, 9 and 16.  
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p.m.; 6:30-8:30 p.m. programs  
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mouth. There is a \$50 registra-  
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## BRIDGE OF BLOOD

Grace Baptist Church (2844  
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"Bridge of Blood" a missionary  
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vided for all services. Call (734)

## RELIGION CALENDAR

425-6215.  
VEGGIE TOWN VALUES  
Alpha Baptist Church (28051 W.  
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gie Town Values" Vacation Bible  
School Sunday, July 16 through  
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for ages kindergarten through  
sixth grade (completed). Classes  
are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16;  
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sion will focus on one aspect of  
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(noon); games and activities for  
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beginning July 12-Aug. 16. Chil-

dren age pre-kindergarten (begin  
kindergarten this fall) through  
eighth grade completed are wel-  
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ed but not required. Call (734)  
459-0013.

## ST. DAMIAN ANNIVERSARY

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diately follow 11 a.m. Mass. For  
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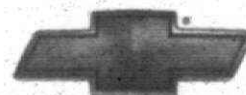
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## World Series bound

The Michigan Indians 13-and-under baseball team from Plymouth has been chosen to compete in the U.S.S.A. AAA Division World Series, set for July 16 in Broken Arrow, Okla. The Indians compete in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation.

The Indians consist of David Cardenas (Canton), Chad Casey (Livonia), Aaron Ciborowski (Canton), Vincent DeLuca (Westland), Dominique Fischer (Canton), Brad Gallison (Canton), Kevin Helton (Garden City), Bill Horgan (Canton), Mitchell Hosch (Plymouth), Kyle Price (Plymouth), Andrew Shumaker (Plymouth) and Matthew Stempin (Canton). The team is coached by Bruce Price, Don Shumaker, John Horgan and Larry Casey.

The Indians are looking for additional team sponsors to support their participation in the World Series as well as three additional players.

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## Growth Works golf outing

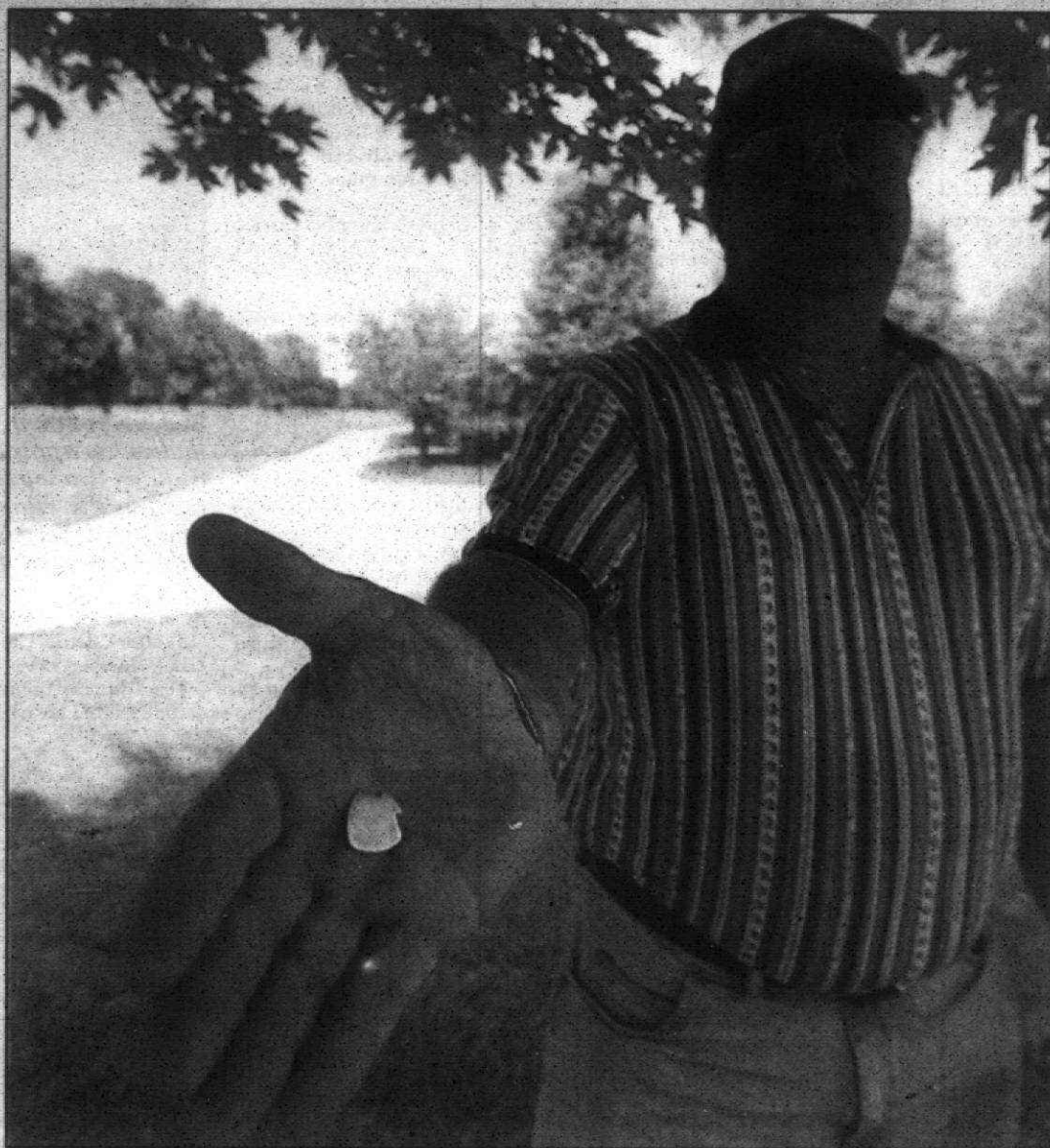
Growth Works is sponsoring a fundraising golf outing July 24 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

Cost is \$150 per person and includes green fees, golf cart, golf shirt, lunch, dinner, door prizes and a gift bag. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and is followed by a shot-gun start at 8:30 a.m.

The Pheasant Run Golf Club is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call Growth Works at 455-4095 or stop by their office at 271 S. Main in Plymouth.

## Golfers look to luck for edge



**Lucky arrow:** Jim Richards of Canton carries a lucky arrowhead with him in hopes it will improve his golf game.

BY MONICA PUGNO  
STAFF WRITER

What do arrowheads, pennies and cigars have in common?

They are all devices area golfers use to improve their game.

Jim Richards of Canton said he smokes a cigar while playing golf to relax. Richards said some golfers have special markers they carry with them for good luck.

"I use an Indian arrowhead with my initials J.R. on it," said Richards, who is part Chippewa.

Pete Owens, a representative of the United States Golf Association, said he bought four coins from the year 1912, the year his father was born, for luck.

Dave Burke of West Bloomfield said he prefers to mark a ball with only dimes.

"It just feels good," said Burke while playing golf at the Glen Oaks County Park Golf Course in Farmington Hills. "It is superstitious, I guess."

What may relax one person, might irritate others.

Walter Guldner of Redford, who cuts the grass at the Glenhurst Golf Club in Redford, whistles as he golfs. While it relaxes him, his whistling distracts those who play with him.

"When he whistles, I can't get the tune out of my head and I can't shoot," Richards said.

Some golfers wear certain hats or clothes that they think are lucky. Others can only play with certain clubs, balls or tees.

Owens said he owns around 200 hats — some lucky, some not so lucky. Guldner likes to hit only Titleist golf balls "because I like to feel the ball when I hit it."

"It lets you know right away whether you hit it good or bad," he said.

Evan Chall of Westland said he only uses wooden tees, not colored tees, because one time he used yellow tees during a tournament and didn't play well. Chall, whose father Dennis is a teaching pro at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton, has a routine he follows every time he hits a ball.

"I always take a few practice swings to try to get a good rhythm and feel for how my swing should be," said the 17-year-old junior from Livonia Churchill. "Before I shoot, I see if anything is on the face of the club and if there is, I wipe it off. I always tee the ball the same way. I position the ball so I'm hitting the brand name. I heard a myth that it comes off the tee better."

See LUCK, C2

Former Salem star signs  
with Phoenix Mercury

BY MONICA PUGNO  
SPORTS WRITER

Former Plymouth Salem and University of Tennessee star Dena Head (Ypsilanti) recently signed with the Phoenix Mercury.

"It's a good feeling to be back in the league," Head said Monday in a phone interview from New York, where the Mercury were preparing to play the Liberty on Wednesday. "This team is exciting to watch and be a part of."

Head spent two seasons with the Utah Starzz after being Utah's first pick in the 1997 WNBA elite draft. The 5-foot-10 guard averaged 4.6 points and 2.0 rebounds in 57 games with the Starzz.

She did not play in the WNBA or abroad last season.

"In the summer, I worked at a lot of camps," she said. "In the fall, I had the opportunity to play overseas, but decided to stay home. I got a job and began training for the upcoming season."

In May, Head tried out for the three-time WNBA champion Houston Comets. She made it to the final cut before being let go.

"It was tough being cut at the end like that, especially after not playing last year and not being picked up earlier by any team," Head said. "But you can't complain. It was great competition."

"There wasn't a whole lot of opportunity. There were one or two spots on the team and seven guards were trying out. It made it kind of tough."

Head has played three games so far this season for the Mercury. She is averaging 1.3 points and .7 rebounds.

"I don't expect to be an instrumental part of the team right away," she said. "I'm still learning."

## Six Whalers selected in draft

OBSERVER STAFF

Six members of the Plymouth Whalers were selected in the 2000 National Hockey League Entry Draft last weekend in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

On Saturday, the Philadelphia Flyers used their first-round draft pick (28th overall) to select Justin Williams (Coburg, Ontario). Williams led the Whalers in scoring during the regular season with 37 goals and 46 assists.

"For any kid that was ever cut, Willy is a great role model for them," said Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Pete DeBoer. "He took a bad situation and turned it into a NHL pick through a lot of hard work and dedication."

Tomas Kurka (Czech Republic) was selected by the Carolina Hurricanes with their first pick of the draft, 37th overall. Kurka scored 36 goals while adding 28 assists for 64 points. Seven of his goals were game winners.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

about the team and trying to fit in. Everyone on the team has been great."

Head played for Plymouth Salem from 1984-1988. She was named Mrs. Basketball in 1988.

Head was part of two NCAA championship teams at Tennessee, where she played with current Mercury teammates Tonya Edwards and Lisa Harrison.

"It's always a great feeling to see each other," Head said. "It's great to have the opportunity to play with each other once again."

Head was the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year in 1992. She was a member of the U.S. National Team in 1992 and 1993.

Head played on the U.S. Jr. World Championship qualifying team in 1989 and earned a bronze medal with the 1991 World Championship Team.

Prior to being drafted by the Starzz in 1997, Head played overseas for Ancona and Busto in Italy (1992-94); DKSK in Hungary (1994-95); and Mirande in France (1996-97).

"I enjoyed playing overseas," Head said. "It was fun to learn a new language and culture and continue to play at a professional level. Prior to the WNBA, playing overseas was the only way to play at a professional level."

"Now that we have a league of our own, we don't have to go overseas. But some players still go overseas because the pay is pretty good and it's good training."

## HOCKEY

"He's a natural goal scorer. He had 36 goals in a matter of 45 games," DeBoer said. "If Tomas starts this year like he finished last year, he should have a terrific season ahead of him."

Libor Ustrnul (Czech Republic) and Kris Vernarsky (Warren) were both taken in the second round.

The Atlanta Thrashers took Ustrnul 42nd overall, while Vernarsky was chosen by the Toronto Maple Leafs 51st overall.

On Sunday, the Hurricanes chose another Whaler, Jared Newman (Lincoln Park), in the fourth round (110th overall). Nate Kiser (Southgate) went in the following round to the Phoenix Coyotes (160th overall).

The six players selected marked the largest class the Whalers have sent to the NHL on draft day.

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Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament Price Winners Championship Flight	First Flight
1. Jim Landsberg, Farmington Hills, 73-75 — 149.	1. Jim Weiss, Novi, 83-77 — 162.
2. Gary Kraus, Livonia, 74-74 — 148.	2. Andy Kurnec, Livonia, 83-83 — 163.
3. Alex McLuckie, Livonia, 70-79 — 149.	3. Dale Cordes, Union Lake, 87-81 — 168.
4. Chris Kahler, Livonia, 80-71 — 151.	4. Craig Nehasil, Canton, 142.
5. Doug Harnette, Walled Lake, 136.	5. James Newson, Westland, 143.
6. Karl Nagy, Plymouth, 141.	6. Dave Mack, Livonia, 89-91 — 190.
7. Chaz Kornegay, Plymouth, 142.	7. Danny Windegarden, Livonia, 93-98 — 191.
8. (tie) Mark Harris, Livonia, 142.	8. Tom Sokoloski, Garden City, 140.
9. (tie) Rick Wheeler, Livonia, 142.	

## Local golfers compete in O&amp;E tourney

BY MONICA PUGNO  
SPORTS WRITER

Jim Landsberg of Farmington Hills beat Gary Kraus of Livonia in a one-hole playoff to win the Observer & Eccentric's Annual Golf Tournament last weekend at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Landsberg shot a two-day total of 148 (73-75) to tie Kraus, who carded 74 both days.

"I pored the first hole (of the playoff) and Gary boogied," Landsberg said. "It felt great. It's been about eight years since I won a tournament. I'm a 46-year-old man playing against kids. So it felt good."

Landsberg is a former club champion at both the Farmington Hills Country Club and the Walnut Country Club. He was captain of the golf team his senior year at North Farmington High School.

On Saturday, Landsberg finished second behind Alex

McLuckie (Livonia), who shot a 70 to lead the championship flight. Kraus placed third.

Landsberg said he was not nervous about being in a playoff. "It had been so long since I won a tournament, it felt great just to be in that position," he said.

For winning the championship flight, Landsberg received a \$170 gift certificate and a trophy. Kraus received a \$120 gift certificate for being runner-up.

McLuckie shot a 79 on Sunday to finish third with 149. For his efforts, McLuckie got a \$90 gift certificate.

Chris Kiehler (Livonia) carded a total 151 (80-71) to finish fourth and receive a \$70 gift certificate.

Craig Nehasil (Canton) took top honors of the first flight with a net score of 142. Nehasil won an \$85 gift certificate. James Newson (Westland) placed second with 143.

In the net division of the championship flight, Doug Harnette (Walled Lake) shot 136 to win a \$100 gift certificate.

Karl Nagy (Plymouth) finished second with a net score of 141. Chaz Kornegay (Plymouth), Mark Harris (Livonia) and Rick Wheeler (Livonia) tied for third with 142 each.

Jim Weiss (Novi) shot a gross score of 162 to win the first flight



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HUBBARD

**Sudden death: Jim Landsberg, from Farmington Hills, makes his approach shot in a sudden death playoff Sunday during the Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament at the Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Landsberg beat Gary Kraus of Livonia on the first hole of the playoff to win the tournament.**

by one stroke over Andy Kurnec (Livonia) by 11 strokes.

Dave Mack (Livonia) won the second flight. He carded a 180 to

beat Danny Windegarden (Livonia) by 11 strokes.

Tom Sokoloski (Garden City) led the second flight net division with a net score of 140.

## Luck from page C1

Martha Papke of Franklin said she is not superstitious but if she is playing well she will try to do the same thing every time.

"I keep things the same way from the way I address the ball to holding my breath the same way," she said. "I don't change it until I do bad on a hole. Then I try something different."

Mike Gouin of Canton said golfers are not as superstitious as other athletes but do have their idiosyncrasies.

"People certainly have a favorite club," said Gouin, a retired Canton Parks and Recreation director who now works at Fellows Creek.

Marilyn Taylor of Canton said if she could only take one club and her putter on the course with her, it would be her 7 iron because she can hit anything with it.

Gouin said most golfers stick to certain brand names of clubs. However, the club that gets changed the most is the putter, he said.

"Everyone I know carries between four to six putters," he said. "I own six putters. They're my worst enemy."

Gouin said the reason people replace putters,

instead of other clubs, is because they are the least expensive.

"If you change drivers or irons, you have to change the whole set," he said. "If you don't hit it well off the tee, you can always make it up with your irons."

"But when you can't make a two-foot putt, that's a stroke you can't get back. People always blame the club, not the person hitting it."

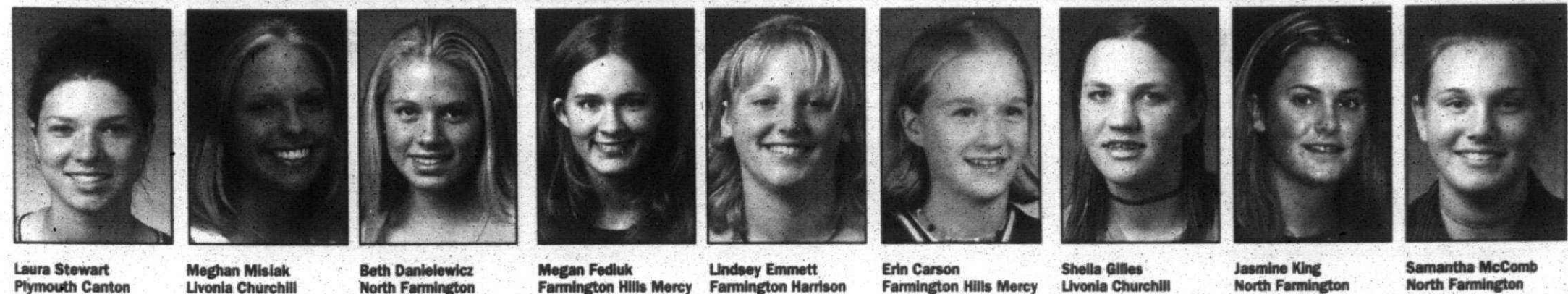
Earl Kent of Westland, whose son Darrin holds two course records at Fellows Creek, said when he started having trouble putting, he started closing his eyes.

"I started making more shots with my eyes closed than with them open," he said.

Dick Wienecke of Canton has used the same clubs for 50 years. But not because they're lucky.

"This is the first time I've used them in 35 years," said Wienecke, who retired last year and decided to take up golf again for the exercise.

"I don't keep score," he said while searching for his ball in the woods at Fellows Creek. "If I did (keep score), I'd get frustrated and probably start breaking clubs."



## Canton pitcher leads All-Area squad

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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If you know Dave Brubaker, you immediately associate his name with the game of softball. The two are synonymous.

"That's an understatement," said Brubaker, who it seems is either coaching, playing or tutoring someone in the sport year round.

One of the many hats he wears is that of North Farmington girls varsity coach, a job he has had since 1988.

His teams have averaged almost 14 wins per season and have achieved double-digit victory totals every year but the first.

The 2000 campaign was North's most successful during Brubaker's tenure.

The Raiders posted a 24-12 record and won their first Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

As a result, Brubaker has been chosen Overland Coach of the Year.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls," he said. "I thought we had a good team going into the season, and they proved that."

"It took a while to figure out what the lineup should be. Things started to click when we moved (Samantha) McComb to leadoff, (Jasmine) King to second, and (Beth) Danielewicz to third.

We started getting some runs on the board."

Dave Brubaker  
Coach of Year

Those three not only led the Raiders but made the team strong up the middle defensively at pitcher (Danielewicz), catcher (King) and shortstop (McComb).

"It doesn't take much coaching when you have players like that," said Brubaker, who has a 178-153 career record in 13 seasons at North. "They just go out there and do it."

"We have some girls who can play the game fairly well. No doubt that makes me look a little better."

North is represented on the All-Observers team by the aforementioned trio of players. McComb is a repeat selection, as

are Farmington Hills Mercy seniors Dana Falvo and Erin Carson.

The Marlins had their most successful season under coach Jack Falvo, finishing second in the Catholic League, winning a Division I regional and reaching the state semifinals for the first time.

Mercy, which had a 33-11 record, also was awarded three first-team berths, pitcher Megan Feduk being the third player.

King, Plymouth Canton's Paula McKernan and Redford Thurston's Julie Stoll were second-team picks a year ago.

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Laura Stewart, Sr. P., Ply. Canton:

Stewart posted a 15-6 record to lead the Chiefs to the Division I regional championship game against Farmington Hills Mercy. Canton lost 4-0 despite a terrific performance by Stewart, in which she struck out 10 batters.

During the regular season, Stewart struck out 309 batters in 189 innings pitched.

Stewart was the Chiefs' clean-up hitter and had a 329 batting average. She received all-conference and all-district honors.

"As a pitcher, she was one of our most valuable players on the team," said Jim Arnold said. "Without her we're not as good."

Stewart is attending Western Michigan University next fall and plans to be a walk-on to the Broncos' softball team.

Meghan Mislak, So. P., Liv. Churchill: The second-year varsity hurler helped Churchill to a 20-9 overall record and a Division I district championship.

Mislak pitched in 26 games, sporting an 18-8 record with a 1.12 ERA. In 188 innings, Mislak struck out 243, walked just 45 and allowed 101 hits. She pitched nine shutouts and had a pair of no-hitters.

Mislak was named All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and team MVP. "Like most good pitchers, Meghan worked hard in off-season," coach Dana Harnidge said. "She had an outstanding year on the mound and was a stabilizing force because she always maintained her poise and concentration."

"Meghan pitched in many one-run and extra inning games. She also improved her defense. She was second on our team in assists with 43."

Beth Danielewicz, Fr. P., N. Farmington: Danielewicz had an immediate impact and played a huge role in the Raiders winning 24 games and the WLAA championship.

She had a 22-9 pitching record with 191 strikeouts and 28 walks in 206 2/3 innings. Her earned run average was 0.91. She faced 852 batters, allowing 144 hits and 52 runs (27 of which were earned).

"She reminds me a little bit of my daughter," Brubaker said. "She comes in as a freshman, grabs the bull by the

horn and says 'Let's go play.' "Nothing intimidates her, she didn't fear anybody. She's a very composed and determined young lady out there."

"To do what she did as a freshman was amazing. Plus, she hit and drove in some runs and hit the ball with authority."

Danielewicz also hit for a 286 average (35-for-122) with six doubles and 18 RBI.

Megan Feduk, So. P., Farm. Hills Mercy: Feduk emerged as Mercy's ace in the second half of the season and led the Marlins to the semifinals of the state tournament.

She posted a 16-5 record with 126 strikeouts and a 2.07 ERA in 145 innings. But the most outstanding aspect of her pitching was her control. She walked just seven batters all season.

"That's why we gave her the ball through the whole tournament," coach Jack Falvo said. "As a sophomore, we came to depend upon her, and she came up big in pressure games."

"Her greatest attribute is her ability to focus while on the mound. Her location has been excellent, and her mental focus has been very good. We'll rebuild the defense behind her and hope she continues to develop."

Lindsey Emmett, Sr. P., Farm. Hills Harrison: Emmett helped the Hawks win 17 games and had them in contention for the WLAA Western Division title until the very end with her pitching and hitting.

Her record was 13-8, however, Harrison lost five of those games by a run and two by two runs. She had 111 strikeouts and 54 walks in 139 1/3 innings with a 1.55 ERA.

At the plate, Emmett, who played first base when not pitching, had a .301 average, six doubles, one triple, one homer and 21 RBI. She also had

three career no-hitters and a school record 19 career doubles.

"What I remember most about her is her toughness," coach Mike Teasman said, recalling a game she pitched against Northville as a sophomore. "A line shot hit her, she scrambled for the ball, threw the girl out at first and came over and showed us she had broken her wrist."

"One week later, we were down a

run against Canton with a runner on second. I asked her if she could pinch hit. With her arm in a cast, she hit a one-hopper to the shortstop, and I

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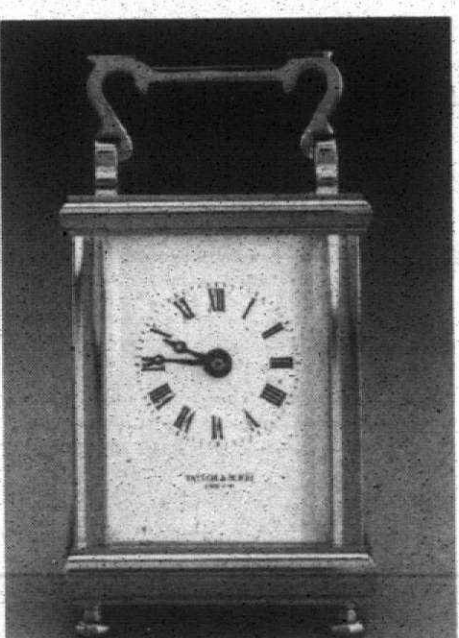
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# All-Area softball

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know right then she was tough."

Erin Carson, Sr. C, Farm. Hills Mercy: Carson has been the starting catcher for 3 1/2 seasons and leaves a huge void behind the plate and in the batting order.

She hit for a .479 average with 68 hits, including seven doubles and one home run. She had 20 RBI and scored 38 runs.

Defensively, Carson, who plans to play at Alma College, picked 17 runners off base and had a .996 fielding percentage.

"Erin is one of the best catchers Mercy has ever had," Falvo said. "I'll miss her not only as a player but as a captain, too. For four years, I never had to worry about the catcher position, because it was in great hands."

Sheila Gillies, So. C, Liv. Churchill: The first-year varsity catcher put up some big offensive numbers for the Chargers, batting .432 (41 for 95) with four homers, three triples and seven doubles.

Gillies, Churchill's cleanup hitter, led the team with 37 RBI and struck out just six times.

"Last summer Sheila worked extremely hard to learn the catcher's position," Hardwidge said. "She put in as many

hours as any player that I have ever worked with."

Jasmine King, Jr. C, N. Farmington: King has been North's regular backstop for three years, signing second-team, all-area honors last year.

She batted .392 (44-for-112) with five doubles and two triples and 21 RBI. She also had 11 walks, was hit-by-pitch six times, stole 16 bases and scored 24 runs.

King had a .919 fielding percentage with 25 putouts, 32 assists and just five errors at a difficult position.

"Her arm bothered her almost all season, and she played above it," Brubaker said, adding King threw out 17 of 32 runners trying to steal. "In the WLA, only four teams even tried to steal a base on her."

"The other thing that amazes me is her foot speed as a catcher. She stole some bases for us — and not just the second base. She stole third a couple times."

"She has a keen sense for running the bases and, defensively, is as solid as a rock back there."

Samantha McComb, Jr. Inf., N. Farmington: McComb had another outstanding year and was a major reason the Raiders won the WLA title. She batted

.440 (45-for-102) with five doubles, seven triples, two home runs and 24 RBI.

The all-district, all-region and all-state shortstop had a .902 fielding percentage with 59 putouts, 70 assists and only five errors at a demanding position.

McComb also stole 17 bases, scored 45 runs, drew 31 walks and struck out just nine times.

"There's a school out there that would like to have her be a DI basketball and softball player," Brubaker said. "I know she wants to play basketball, but she's that good she could play DI in either sport."

"I just think she has all the tools as a softball player: power, speed, smarts, quickness, soft hands, strong arm. You name it; Sam has the attributes to be a DI player, and I mean to come in and play as a freshman. She could help a program right off the bat."

Dawn Allen, Sr. Inf., Ply. Salem: Allen had a .418 batting average in the WLA and .393 batting average overall. An all-conference first baseman, she committed only four errors all season.

For the second year in a row, she was named the Rocks MVP. She had 42 hits in 107 at bats, including 10 doubles and two triples. She drove in 22 runs.

"As our No. 4 hitter, she was a power hitter," coach Bonnie Southerland said. "She was an all-around great athlete. I expect great things from her next season."

Paula McKernan, Sr. Inf., Ply. Canton: McKernan led the Chiefs with a .345 batting average. She also had 32 hits, knocked in nine runs and scored 19 runs.

McKernan was an all-conference shortstop.

"Paula had great range," Arnold said. "She led by example. She was our lead-off hitter and put up some solid numbers."

"She has a great set of hands."

Julie Stoll, Sr. Inf., Red. Thurston: Stoll led the Eagles in nearly every category — innings played (119), runs (21), hits (27), doubles (9), on-base average (.606) and batting average (.491).

She also had 15 RBI, a .727 slugging percentage and struck out just three times in 55 at bats. Stoll was selected first-team All-Michigan Mega Conference Blue Division and will continue playing in college, earning a ride to Eastern Michigan University.

"I enjoyed coaching her for four years. She helped our program succeed," said Thurston coach Al Nagy. "From start, she had it all. From her sophomore year, she emerged as a true player and from that time on, it was Julie's game."

Dana Falvo, Sr. Of, Farm. Hills Mercy: Falvo was the leadoff batter who excelled at the slap single and bunt sacrifice. She used her speed to get on base and score runs and, defensively, to cover a lot of territory in center field.

The four-year varsity player batted .500 (61-for-122) — all of her hits were singles — and scored 32 runs. Her on-base percentage was .564; she had 15 sacrifices and 18 walks. She also had nine RBI.

Falvo, who will play at Hillsdale College next year, didn't have the opportunity to throw out as many runners as she did last year. She still had a .935 fielding percentage with eight assists and 35 putouts.

"It was great four years ago as a coach and father, having the privilege of coaching a child at that high level," coach Jack Falvo said.

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Jasmine King, Jr., N. Farmington

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Kristen Barnes, Sr., Livonia Livewood

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Meissa Myty, Sr., Farmington  
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Janelle Weing, Sr., Farm. Harrison

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Amanda Ross, Jr., Westland John Glenn  
Carrie Brankiewicz, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy  
Katie King, Sr., Livonia Livewood  
Dawn Rie, So. Livonia Livewood  
Rachel Koernke, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville  
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"As a player we became very dependent upon Dana's ability to get on base. Although she's not a big power hitter, she consistently got on base and set the table for other players to knock her in."

"She consistently created pressure on the defense. She's extremely effective at the short game. Everybody knew what she was going to do, and she was still very difficult to defend."

Kelly Jaskot, So. OF, Ply. Salem: Jaskot was an all-conference center fielder who committed just two errors all season. She had a .393 batting average in the league and was .322 overall.

Jaskot had 39 hits in 121 at bats, including seven doubles, three triples and one home run. She drove in 12 runs, Southernland said. "She stepped up this year to fill in as an outfielder. She took on the role of centerfielder and proved herself to be a great outfielder."

"I expect great things from her the next couple of years."

Kristen Barnes, Sr. OF, Liv. Livewood:

The senior center fielder appeared in 31 games for the Blazers and did not commit an error.

Batting down in the lineup, Barnes still finished with a .333 average (21 for 63). She had one triple, a pair of doubles and scored 15 runs as Livewood reached the Division II regional championship game.

For her efforts, Barnes was voted All-Catholic League, All-District and All-Region.

"Without a doubt she's the best outfielder I've had in my five years here as coach," Livewood's Bob Luik said.

"She gets an excellent jump on the ball. She just had that knack. Her position is going to be tough to replace because she's been there for three years."

"Kristen's a very intelligent kid and a nice person. She's got a great attitude and she worked hard. She was a pleasure to coach."



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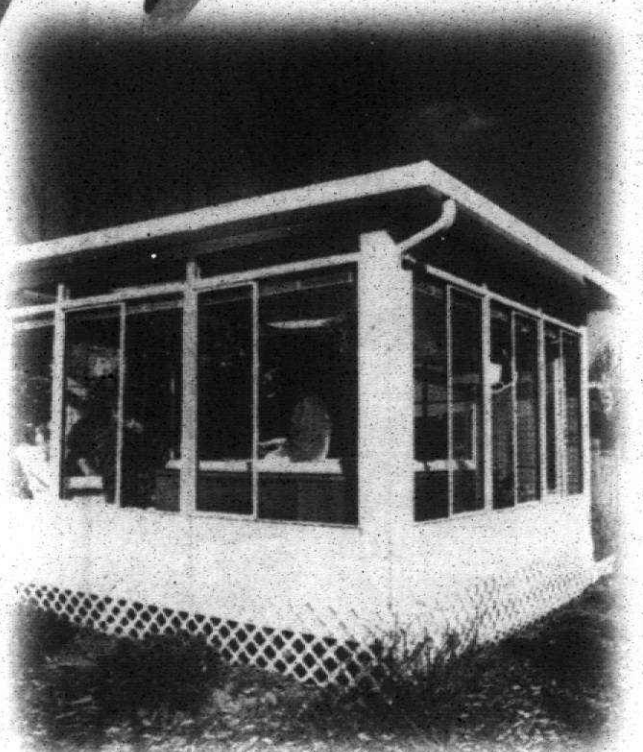
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



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### SATURDAY



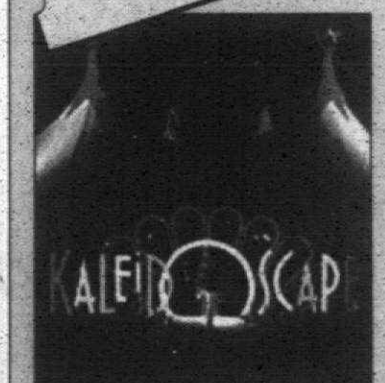
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# Salute to America

## The DSO celebrates at Greenfield Village

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**P**articipation - that's what makes our country great. We're not into exclusion: Everyone can have his say - yea or nay. And as we get ready for our annual "Salute to America," violinist Ron Fischer of Farmington is happy to be a part of it.

"Music is always an important part of a celebration," said Fischer, who will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 1-4 on the village green at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. "It's fun, we get to go out and meet people in the audience, we get to be a real part of it. During the break, we can mingle with people and even grab a frozen custard. It's like an auditorium on the grass."

Unlike other concerts, Fischer said, the *Salute to America* concerts at Greenfield Village are something he and the other musicians "do along with the audience. It's less like work than other times."

Please see **SALUTE**, E2



1st Michigan Fife and Drum Corps

### Salute to America

**What:** Concerts with fireworks featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

**When:** Gates open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30-8 p.m., DSO begins playing 8:30 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4.

**Tickets:** \$19 adults, \$10 children ages 5-12, no charge for children age 4 and younger in advance. Tickets purchased on the day of the concert are \$21 adults, \$12 children. Available at Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666, Orchestra Hall box office, (313) 576-5111, or Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, (313) 982-6180. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

### What to bring:

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## FESTIVAL

# Don't miss good times and tunes at Tastefest

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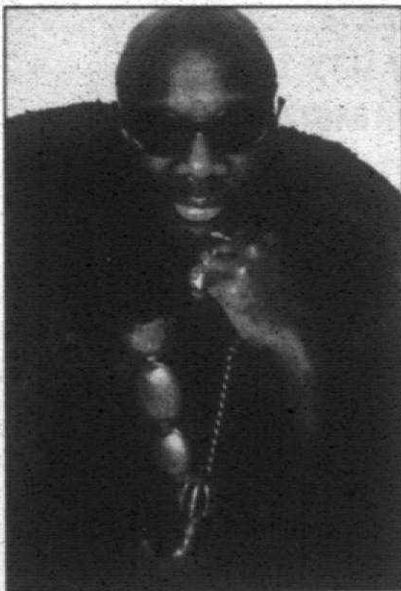
As much a part of summer in metro area as the grand fireworks display, the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest is heading our way faster than you can say five days of fine food and free entertainment.

Despite its name, the festival is about much more than treating the tastebuds. Beginning June 30 in Detroit's New Center Area, this year's TasteFest is expected to draw more than 250,000 people, according to Patty LaNoue Stearns, spokeswoman for the event.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for our city," she added. "It draws from the suburbs, from the city. This year we'll have just a ton of new events."

### What's new at TasteFest

The Second Avenue Street Market adds a touch of trendy charm with Detroit-focused collectibles, art work,



Isaac Hayes

fashion and furniture. "A great collection of avant-garde stores will come together," said Stearns.

Visitors can enjoy a beverage at The Town Pump Tavern tent and then stroll on over to check out Detroit-centric clothing and accessories provided by such stores as Pure Detroit and Dragonfly Boutique of Ferndale.

Hand-made goods will be for sale at Baglady Beads and Tulani Rose. For a more personal memento, internationally trained tattoo artist Sandhya will create temporary tattoos with henna dyes, and the Boston Tea Room will offer psychic readings, tarot and astrology.

What market would be complete without unusual artwork? Look for the ceramics and jewelry at The Biddle Gallery or souvenirs of the city's musical past at the Motown Museum store. For a more in-depth look at emerging artists, don't miss Snug Gallery's Gorge, in the West Exhibit Room of the State of Michigan Building, where 15

metro area artists will show their work. Call the gallery for details (313) 274-7091.

Calling all literary buffs, Pure Detroit presents authors Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas 3 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, July 2-3 to sign copies of their local interest shopping and cooking guide *Detroit's Eastern Market*. Novelist Michael Zadoorian will sign copies of *Second Hand* 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4.

### A family affair

For the tikes, Kidcorner will be chock-full of story-tellers, a petting farm, crafts, face-painting, cookie-decorating and other activities geared toward the younger visitors.

Walk over to the Fisher Building parking lot to the State Farm Insurance Kidstage where performers like Harpbeat and magicians like Gordon Russ entertain and engage children of all ages.

Please see **TASTEEST**, E2



# Salute from page E1

Celebrating its eighth year, the patriotic concerts feature the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band, Ford Chorus and 1st Michigan Fife and Drum Corps. Each concert concludes with the 1812 Overture and a fantastic display of fireworks.

"It's always had a patriotic American theme," said Fischer of the program. "This year we bumped it up a bit. Almost everything on the program was written by an American composer."

As the symphony plays under a star-lit night, you can say *Blue America*, ponder *America the Beautiful* and salute *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Also on the program is an *Overture to Annie Get Your Gun*, "Mambo," from *West Side Story*, Motown medley, an armed forces salute and *Shenandoah*.

Emil de Cou, music director of the San Francisco Ballet, will lead the DSO. He's also led a number of family and pops concerts with the Indianapolis, Minnesota, Kennedy, and other orchestras.

"It's his second visit to Detroit. I'm looking forward to it," said Fischer. De Cou led the DSO in performances of *The Nutcracker* ballet at the Detroit Opera House in 1999.

Even if you've attended "Salute to America" concerts before, Fischer encourages you to put the date on your calendar.

"In previous years the U.S. Army Field Band has performed. This year the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band are playing," said Fischer. "It's a different kind of music. It's a reason to come back."

The band, a select group of musicians who use their talents to bring the army to the American public, plays a mix of music ranging from the 1930s' swing sound to the popular tunes of today.

The 19-piece ensemble carries the sound of pop, patriotic music, big band tunes, modern jazz and original compositions to every part of the world. Band alumni have gone on to play with some of the best big bands in America including Buddy Rich, Stan Ken-

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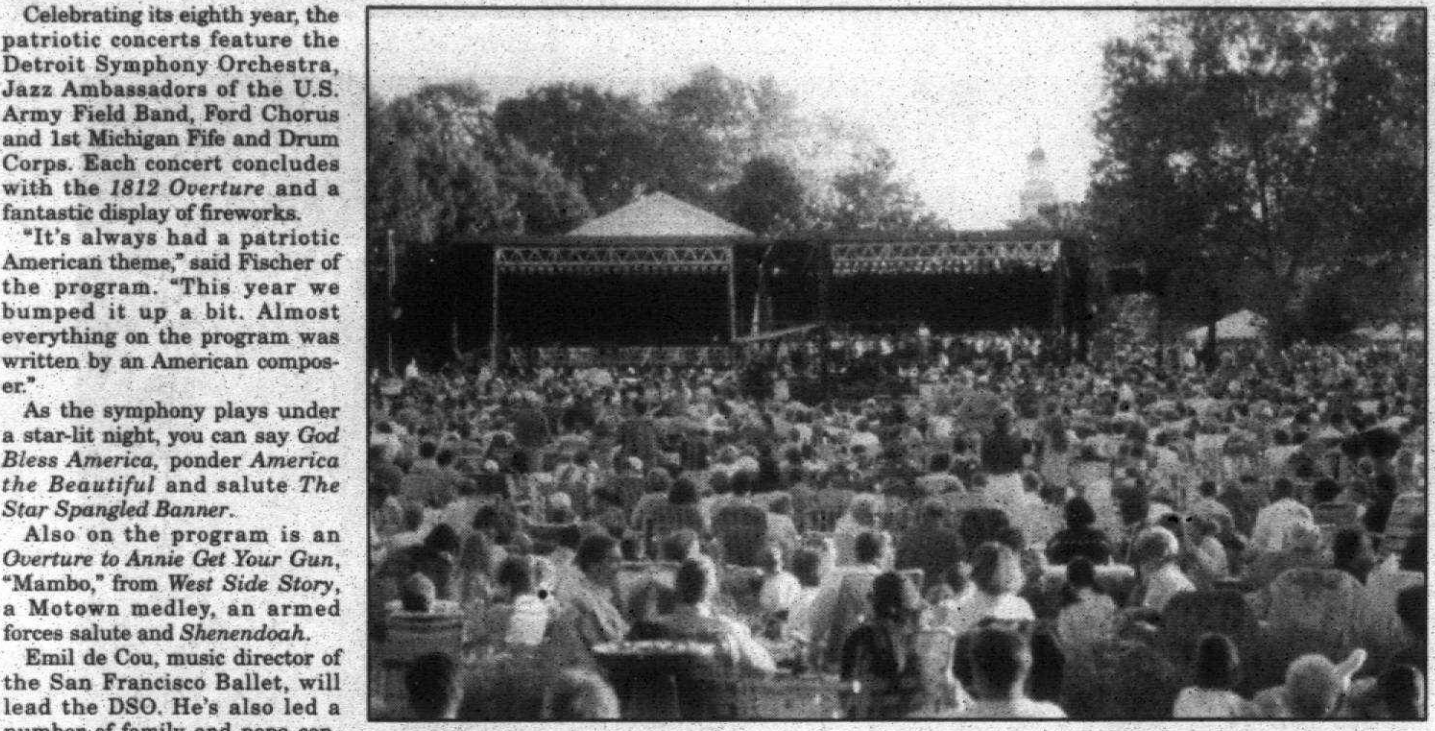
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**Holiday tradition:** Families gather on the Village Green to "Salute America" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

ton, Doc Severinson and Woody Herman. Some of the people listening to the DSO during "Salute to America" will be hearing the orchestra for the first time.

"It's a wonderful way for people to hear us," said Fischer. "Maybe the next time they have the opportunity they'll come hear us play at Orchestra Hall."

**Organizing the event**  
Jacqui Rohde started working at Greenfield Village 20 years ago scooping ice cream and flipping hamburgers. Now she's catering and sales manager - and project manager for the Salute to America concerts.

"We're very proud of this event," she said. "It takes a lot of coordination."

Rohde and her staff spend many long hours making sure everything goes smoothly, and that the village's daily program is not interrupted.

"You have to have reminders everywhere," she said. "When you purchase your tickets we give you an information sheet."

As you enter Greenfield Village, you'll hear the 1st Michigan Fife & Drum Corps playing. They'll parade to the village green before the concert.

Plan to arrive early to get a good spot on the village green. Gates open at 6 p.m. for the physically handicapped and 7 p.m. for everyone else. Dress comfortably and wear your walking shoes. It's a quarter mile walk from the gate to the green.

The Ford Chorus will present a program of patriotic favorites and tunes from the 1970s and 1980s from 6-7:15 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors play from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by the symphony at 8:30 p.m.

Costumed presenters will mingle with the audience including the "mayor" of Greenfield Village and Lah-De-Dah Baseball Team players.

**Food**  
Refreshments, beer, wine and other beverages, picnic fare and snacks, and specialty cheese, fruit and wine baskets will be offered for sale.

On concert days, Taste of History, a restaurant inside the village near the green, will be open 6-10:15 p.m. The Michigan Cafe, a restaurant inside Henry Ford Museum, will be open 5-7 p.m.

"It's such a family atmosphere," said Rohde. "You can see the excitement in people's faces. When the orchestra plays 1812 Overture, you can hear a pin drop. It's one of the best crowds we entertain."

Salute to America concerts typically sell-out and draw 7,600-7,800 people per night, so if you're planning to go, get your tickets soon.

Concerts are held rain or shine. This year WJBK Fox 2 will televise the concert on Tuesday, July 4.

You can get a sneak preview by visiting Greenfield Village 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 1. That's when the DSO will be practicing.

# TasteFest from page E1

Barnes & Noble will host a readings and visits from such characters as the Berenstain Bears 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday, July 1-4. For those who can't sit still, Eugene Clark will teach the basics of puppeteering at the Glove Puppet Workshop 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 4. For a complete list of children's activities check out [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org).

## Listen for local music

For many heading down to TasteFest, the main attraction is the music. Along with high-powered headliners like Isaac Hayes, Sloan, Roomful of Blues and 38 Special, the event boasts a total of 75 acts gracing four stages. TasteFest offers the perfect opportunity to check out some of the best local bands around.

Fans of the local rock outfit, Face, won't want to miss sultry vocalist Courtney and her psychedelic-inspired rock crew 3 p.m. Monday, July 3. With the band's solid, self-titled debut in stores now and talk of their energetic live performances spreading throughout metro Detroit, Face is sure to take TasteFest by storm. For bassist Mike B, a Troy native and Royal Oak resident, this year's TasteFest will be a first. "I'm glad I got to play," he said. "It should be a lot of fun. It's just another step toward our ultimate goal, which is world domination."

It's easy to tell Mike B and Face know how to entertain. The 3-year-old band - which also consists of guitarist and Redford resident Mike Smith, and drummer and Livonia resident Steve Firmino - will showcase new songs from their recently released self-titled debut on Gabriel Records. "It's definitely a progression," said Mike B of the new material.

The self-confessed veteran of the Detroit music scene promised "We're gonna do our best to entertain the crowd."

What would a five-day bash be without a little Gangster Fun? Those six ska-bandits from metro Detroit are at it again, celebrating 14 years of band-hood with a performance 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. Drummer Brian Bowie said the band will be promoting its brand-new album *Graphospasm*, released last

month. The Pontiac resident considers the festival a "great opportunity to play for a bunch of people." "We always try to put on a grand show," said Bowie. "It's always fun to play outside on a big stage in front of a lot of people."

Listen for new tunes like *Til the Weekend Comes* and *Half Wit*, a couple of Bowie's favorites to perform live. "We're a high-energy ska-reggae band. That's something they haven't had at the festival. We're representing the ska edge of the spectrum."

As for the Starlight Drifters, performing noon on Monday, July 3, this year marks a return to TasteFest. Guitarist Chris Casello of Ann Arbor said the band is the perfect addition to a festival held just before Independence Day.

"It is the holiday," he said. "Our music is so American." He's right. It doesn't get much more American than the melding of country, swing, rockabilly and straight-up rock 'n' roll. As for TasteFest, Casello said, "It's just a really relaxed, great time."

He and bandmates Billy Mac, Dave Roof and Bill Alton - a Livonia resident - are set to kick off a Northwest U.S. tour and will be recording a follow-up to the band's 1999 effort *Every Note A Pearl* in Las Vegas.

Comerica Michigan TasteFest will offer something for everyone. It is sponsored by New Center Council Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the northern district of downtown Detroit. Proceeds benefit the New Center Council Inc. in maintaining the area and are also donated to Fairbanks Elementary School offering programs for impoverished youth.

For more on the event, directions or schedules, check out [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org) or call the hotline at (313) 927-1000.

See related stories on E7 and E8.

**'It is the holiday. Our music is so American.'**  
Chris Casello  
Starlight Drifters

# Acting out

## Stratford Festival stretches actors' skills

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When an actor performs in repertory, he or she has to be prepared to move smoothly from one role to another even if those roles call for completely different thespian skills.

One of the joys of attending the Stratford Festival in Canada is to see actors stretch in many different directions. This year, Graham Abbey makes a strong impression as he moves from the tragedy of *Hamlet*, as the aggrieved Laertes, to the light, quick wit of Oscar Wilde to the dashing swordplay of Alexander Dumas all with equal aplomb.

## The Importance of Being Earnest

Oscar Wilde subtitled his famous play, "A serious comedy for trivial people." The master of the bon mot was considered shocking in his day, but his skewering of the upper classes now seems to have gained a moral superiority all its own.

Earnest is first and foremost a funny farce that hasn't lost its ability to set an audience laughing at its absurdly smug society twists. This production uses Wilde's rarely performed original four-act version. The play's first producer pared the play to its usual three-act, and the extra exposition doesn't add appreciably.

Still, Stratford artistic director Richard Monette directs with the appropriately light touch and quick pace that Wilde deserves. The sets also suggest an airy, Art Nouveau style.

Two dandies, John (Jack) Worthing and Algernon Montford, each practice what Algernon calls "bunburying," pretending to be someone else or visiting someone else when they want to avoid responsibility at home. This sets up the comic situation when Algernon decides to play some mischief in pursuit of Jack's attractive ward, Cecily. Meanwhile, Jack pursues Algernon's cousin Gwendolen. This is all played out in a London townhouse and a country manor.

Graham Abbey is quick tongued, bright eyed and ingratiating and irritating all in one as

Algernon, an Edwardian slacker, who gets the lion's share of witty retorts.

When a servant suggests reservations about marriage Algernon laments, "Really, if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them?"

Donald Carrier is less light-footed as Jack but still hams it up appropriately.

Veteran Patricia Collins gives another of her fine snooty performances as Lady Brancaster, who gets to remark, "To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness."

Claire Julien is appealing as

the innocent Cecily.

All's well that ends well, of course, when everyone learns the importance of being earnest.

## The Three Musketeers

Not all theater is about words. Some theater is about sword fights, derring-do, bravado and romance.

All of these burst through in Peter Raby's stage adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' *The Three Musketeers*. As the opening prologue suggests, this is a perfect introduction to theater for young people, especially boys. A young boy in his pajamas comes on stage with a giant storybook which suddenly comes to life with musketeers, swords aloft and pledges. "All for one and one for all."

There are some suggestive scenes and a prologue to an execution but these move quickly.

Raby has pared Dumas' sprawling novel down to focus on young D'Artagnan's quest to become a musketeer against the wicked intrigues of Cardinal Richelieu and Milady de Winter. But the novelistic sweep, multiple characters and plot complications are retained.

Director Richard Monette moves his cast through 41 scenes across northern France and southern England. This sort of cinematic speed is punctuated with stirring fencing scenes.

Graham Abbey leaves the effete Algernon behind in his rousing, comic-heroic portrayal as the headstrong, and easily seduced, D'Artagnon, the youth from Gascony who longs to be a musketeer.

The three musketeers of the title, Porthos, Athos and Aramis, are the King's loyal guards who spend most of their time fighting the rival guards of the Cardinal. Benedict Campbell is the most dashing and the most heavy hearted as Aramis. Andy Velasquez is the poetic Aramis and Thom Mariott is the romantic Porthos.

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## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

**GEM THEATRE:** "Escapade in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1, and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

## DINNER THEATER

**MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN:** "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. (248) 960-9440

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BARNUM'S KALEIDOSCOPE:** Continues through Sunday, July 16, under the big top on the Green at the Southfield Civic Center. \$20-\$46.50. (248) 645-6666/(877) 9-BARNUM

**DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS:** 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

**FAMILY FUN:** Enjoy the Birmingham fireworks, listen to patriotic music performed by the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, children's activities, artists demonstrations, food, 7-11 p.m. Monday, July 3, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. \$35 non-members, \$30 members. \$15 children ages 4-10. SMART bus shuttles 6:45-11:15 p.m. from the parking lots at Seaholm and Groves high schools. (248) 644-0866

**SALUTE TO AMERICA:** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra perform Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4, on the Village Green at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Advance \$19. \$10 children ages 5-12. Advance of the concert \$21. \$12 children. (313) 982-6180

## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Kensington MetroPark, Milford, free but vehicle entry permit required. (800) 47-PARKS

**DETROIT ZOO:** The Brothers Funk, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at the zoo, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission (248) 541-5835

**GAZEBO CONCERTS:** Schunk/Star/Dryden, an evening of classic American music featuring composers ranging from Cole Porter to George Gershwin, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

**IN THE PARK:** Steward Franke and Birmingham Songwriter Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

**MUSIC IN THE AIR:** One Flight Up (folk), 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, in Kelllogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony), noon Wednesday, July 5, in Kelllogg Park, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

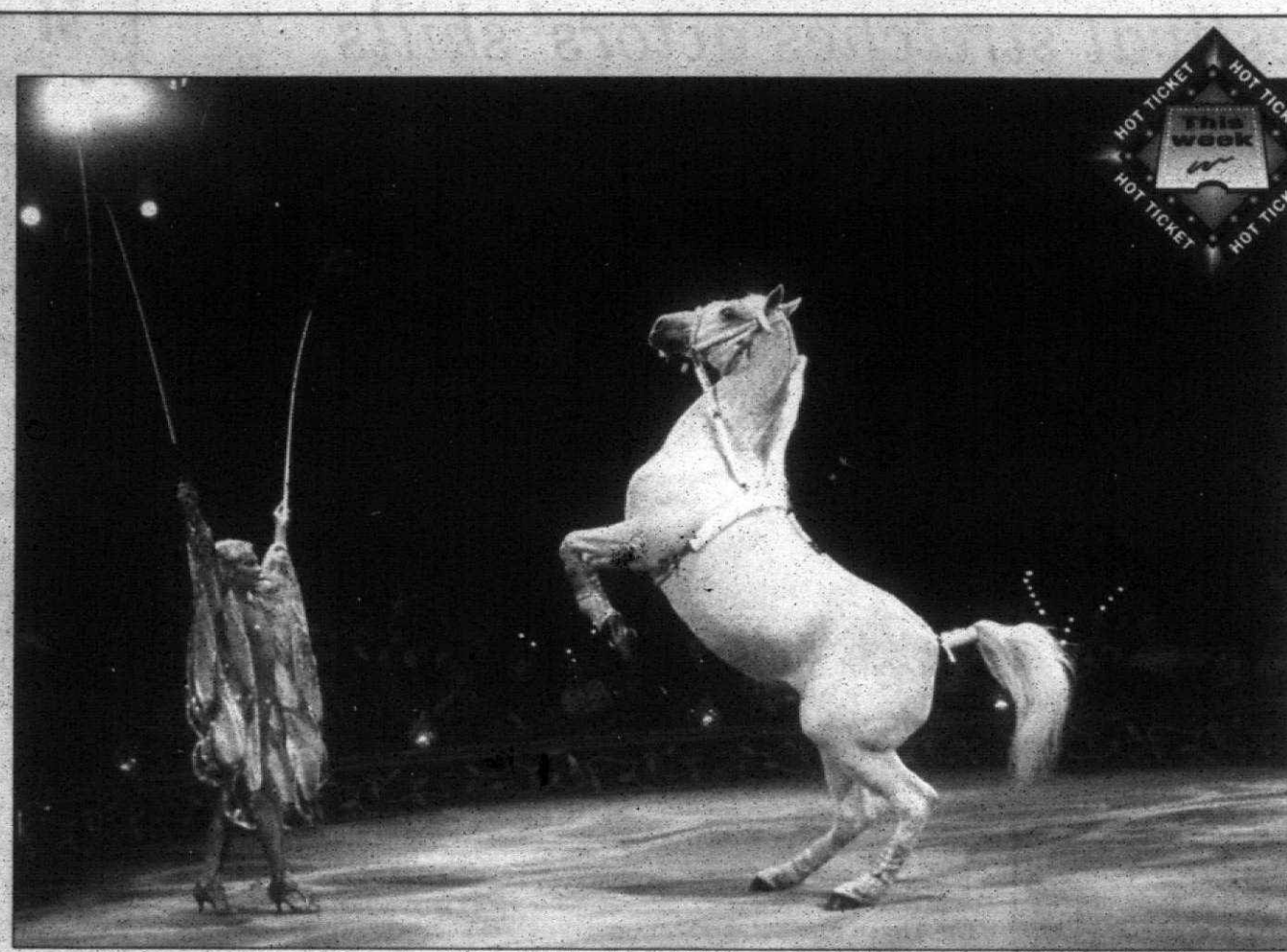
**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS:** Big Band Express 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Park.

**SOUTHFIELD CONCERTS BY THE POOL:** Mudpuppy, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the pool deck of the Southfield Sports Arena. (248) 424-9022

**STARS IN THE PARK:** Farmington Community Jazz Band 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** Sunset Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

**WEDNESDAYS AT EIGHT:** Baritone Steve Kosinski, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248)



**Circus atmosphere: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's presentation of Barnum's Kaleidoscope, a European-style, one-ring, tented circus, will be held 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. through July 16 on the greens at the Southfield Civic Center. Making its debut in Detroit, Kaleidoscope combines contemporary theater with classic circus and blurs the line between fantasy and reality. This is the first time since 1956 that a Ringling Bros. production has been presented in a tent. Detroit is the 10th U.S. city to host the tour since its world premiere on April 30, 1999, in Los Angeles. Tickets are \$20.50-46.50 for adults and \$15.50-46.50 for children ages 2-11. Call (877) 9-BARNUM or (248) 645-6666 for reservations. Visit www.BarnumsKaleidoscope.com**

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## POPS/SWING

**MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON:** Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bisteca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through July 29, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

## BENEFITS

**AVON PLAYERS:** Host the Ann Arbor-based Empatheatre, an 8-member improvisation troupe, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$20 advance, \$25 at door, benefits the players' building renovation campaign. (248) 608-9077

## CLASSICAL

**BRUNCH WITH BACH:** The Dearing Concert Duo performs music by John Dowland, Nicolo Paganini and James Lentini, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 9, seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22, \$11 children under age 12, includes brunch, \$5 for stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Outdoor overtures with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, Beethoven's Pastoral, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, with guest artists the Fifth Dimension 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

## CARILLON

**EDDY MARIEN:** 7 p.m. Monday, July 3, at the University of Michigan's Lurie Tower, North Campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-4726

**SUMMER CARILLON SERIES:** Featuring Ann Arbor carillonneur Rich Giszczak, noon Sunday, July 2, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. (313) 822-3456

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND:** Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

**SECOND CITY:** Improv camps for kids July 10-20 and Aug. 7-17, at Second City, Detroit. \$150. (313) 471-3453

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

**VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN:** Auditions for the a cappella vocal group, looking for all voices to sing at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and special events. (313) 299-0451/(734) 941-5955

## JAZZ

**SPENCER BARFIELD:** With Oliver Lake, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1, 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922

**MARCUS BELGRAVE & FRIENDS:** 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 576-5111

**DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 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

**LARRY NOZORO QUARTET:** 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 576-5111

**ROBERT PENN:** 9 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**DIANNE REEVES:** And Straight Ahead, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. (313) 494-5800, ext. 0

**STRAIGHT AHEAD:** 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 576-5111

**URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON:** With Dan Koltan, 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

**DAN HALL AND SIRENS:** 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

## WORLD MUSIC

**TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND:** Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**THE WRITER'S VOICE:** Wardell Montgomery, Jr., Sonya Pouncy and Judith Kerman, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, at the Detroit Opera House. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

## DANCE

**CONTRA DANCE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704

**WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING:** 8-11 p.m. Friday, July 7, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Randy Lubas, Wednesday-Saturday, July 12-15, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** J.R. Remick, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30 and July 1; Jim Hamm, Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Mark Knopke, Thursday-Saturday, June 29 to July 1; Jennie McNulty, also Manny Shields, Thursday-Saturday, July 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** "What to do When Grapitt Happens," at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticket-master.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 1:30-3 p.m. to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills, \$10, Thursdays to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll 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

**ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:** "Tally My Acel Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum, \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 senior, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 31-SPRIT

**DEF LEPPARD:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$35.50. (248) 645-6666

**DIXIE CHICKS:** 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$32.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 767-0100

**ADRIAN LEGG:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800

## LIVE MUSIC

**CHRISTINA AGUILERA:** With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666

**ALLMAN BROTHERS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

**LORI AMEY:** Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451

**JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**THE BEACH BOYS:** With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**PAT BENATAR:** With Vudu Hippies, 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

**BLOWTOP:** With The Muggs, 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Lili's re, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; 10 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. Free. (313) 882-8560; 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

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**DYNAMITE HACK:** With Most, Bowling for Soup, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

**KURT ELLING QUARTET:** 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

**FIGHTING GRAVITY:** With Under Construction, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-3540

**JASON FISHER:** With Lisa Gonzales, Friday, June 30 and With Jelly's Pierced Tattoo, Saturday, July 1, Khedros Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 399-3946

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**FOREIGNER:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666







## EATING OUT

# How to get the most out of food fests

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Whether partaking in a taste-fest satisfies your philanthropic urges or your taste buds, most of us want to enjoy these food melanges to their fullest.

That's a tall order at venues like the Comerica Michigan TasteFest, an annual food tasting and entertainment event June 30-July 4 in downtown Detroit's New Center area.

If you're like most patrons, you'll walk away feeling you could have eaten less, or more, or differently.

Is the tummy ever satisfied? Cut yourself some slack, and loosen your belt.

Even those who taste food for a living find having a plan is key to enjoying taste festivals.

"What I try to do is walk around once and see what they've got, then I start testing the food. I don't make a meal out of every place that I go," said Gary Hungerford, CEO of Royal Oak's Silver Spoon Creative Catering, which is serving up Marinated Baby Lamb Chops, BBQ Chicken Calzones, Grand Marnier Chantilly over Fresh Fruit and Tarte Tatin (an upside-down, French caramel apple tart) at the upcoming taste-fest.

In its 12th year, the five-day event, which benefits New Center development, boasts participation by more than 30 metropolitan Detroit restaurants.

Each will serve up culinary specialties — Chicken Picatta from Marios in Detroit, BBQ Pork Ribs from Beale Street Blues in Pontiac and Chocolate Fudge Cake Sundaes from Twingo's Cafe in Detroit, just to name a few.

The restaurants will set up shop in booths along West Grand Boulevard, serving taste portions of appetizers, entrees, desserts and side dishes in exchange for TasteFest tickets.

Sounds heavenly, right? Just keep in mind your experience at Comerica TasteFest and similar events will probably be all the more divine, if you have a plan.

## Tactical strategy

Know the lay of the land, said Bill Roberts, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association and owner of 220, Streetside Seafood and the Beverly Hills

## Banquet on the Boulevard — Tastefest

**What:** More than 150 delectable dishes from more than 30 metropolitan Detroit restaurants. A variety of beverages including British ales and margaritas will also be available for purchase.

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Monday, June 30-July 3; 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 4

**Where:** West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway, adjacent to Fisher Building.

**Information:** Call (313) 927-1000 or visit [www.tastefest.com](http://www.tastefest.com)

**Cost:** \$5 for nine "taste" tickets (cash only) at ticket booths located throughout the festival. Tickets are not refundable, but any unused tickets benefit New Center Council, Inc. programs. "Taste-sized portions" are priced up to two tickets. Other menu items are priced up to eight tickets.

## Participating restaurants

■ Silver Spoon Creative Catering, Royal Oak  
■ Olympia Cafe, Allen Park  
■ Murdock's Mackinac Island Fudge

■ Parker's Rib Haus & Soul Food, Romulus

■ Aw Shucks, Elk Rapids

■ Ja-da, a barbecue grille, Detroit

■ Dave & Busters, Utica

■ Ginopolis Restaurant, West Bloomfield

■ Hunter House Hamburgers, Detroit

■ Sweet Potato Sensations, Detroit

■ 736 Java — Coffehouse, Detroit

■ The Coney Man/American Coney Classics

■ The Sheik, Orchard Lake

■ Iridesence, Motor City Casino, Detroit

■ Classic Buffet, Motor City Casino, Detroit

Casino, Detroit

■ The Amond Hut, Bay City

■ Papa Romano's

■ Kola's Kitchen, Riverview

■ Hokkaido, Stevensville

■ Sweetwater Tavern, Detroit

■ Mario's, Detroit

■ Bert's Jazz Market Place, Detroit

■ Under the Eagle, Hamtramck

■ Peacock Restaurant, Dearborn

■ Beale Street Blues, Pontiac

■ Orchid Cafe/Saigon Bistro, Troy

■ Savino Sorbet

■ Edy's Dreamery Dip Den

■ Twingo's Cafe, Detroit

■ Traffic Jam, Detroit

■ The Globe, Detroit

■ Good Food Co., Troy

■ Atwater Block Brewery, Detroit

## Grill

"I'm a person who doesn't like to stand in line," said Roberts. "If you're in a huge crowd and you know where you're going, it sometimes helps. ... The other thing is, if there's a layout ahead of time, you might want to plot your course."

When mapping out your route, decide which restaurants and which dishes interest you, advised Roberts, adding he typically heads for establishments with which he's totally unfamiliar, as well as a handful of old favorites.

Consider making your first stop somewhere in the middle of the venue and working your way out, too, as most patrons start sampling at the entrance, he said.

Likewise, moving left, rather

than right, through the event often reduces exposure to crowds, he said. "We tend to flow right because most of us are right-handed, so go left."

## 31 flavors

Sample a few items, then take a break, advised Pascal Paviani, chef and co-owner at Silver Spoon Creative Catering. Don't make the mistake of rushing, he said. "I know that in France it takes three hours to eat a seven-course meal. Time allows you to

digest the food in between each course with a beverage or sorbet.

"Really, to get the most out of the experience, I would just take my time," said Paviani.

Furthermore, consuming sorbet between tastings, especially items with strong flavors, such as lamb, fish, BBQ, Thai food and other spicy cuisine, will enable you to fully experience the offerings, Paviani said.

And, thanks to Waterford's Savino Sorbet, sorbet will be readily available.

"I do love to eat, and especially at those events. You get to try lots of different cuisine," said Savino Sorbet owner Lou DeCillis, who is also a chef trained at the Culinary Institute of America. "But after you taste four or five different items, well, the sorbet really does break up that monotony, and the whole fun of these events is tasting the food."

DeCillis hopes TasteFest patrons will visit his booth not only to cleanse their palettes but also to sample some of his new, innovative sorbet flavors. Tropical rainbow, for instance, is a swirl of raspberry, mango and pina colada.

Sampling and experimenting are all essential to the experience, said DeCillis. And, if you're not willing to physically share your food with others — DeCillis is apt to offer strangers a taste from his own plate, if they're interested — at least share your opinions and feelings about the food.

Tasting food is an age-old social event, he said. "If you think about it, when we were all cave dwellers, the whole experience of eating — it was really a social kind of thing. People really got together around food, so when I go to a taste-fest, it's a big party."

## Maximum intake

Nonetheless, food festivals are also an opportunity — not to mention, excuse — to shamelessly fill up. And, there are several tactics for turning an ordinary taste-fest into a pig-out session, said DeCillis.



**Good eats:** A variety of culinary favorites await visitors to the Comerica TasteFest, held June 30-July 4.

First up, be honest with yourself. If you love food, if you love to eat, don't try telling yourself otherwise. Just go for the gusto.

Better than just doing it, better than merely granting yourself permission to break the rules, plan on pigging out.

Hey, don't eat breakfast.

"I swear, I'm not kidding — I would not eat breakfast," said DeCillis. "I'm not embarrassed to tell you when I go to these events, I think, hey, here's my chance to go to lots of different restaurants in one trip, and I figure I'm going to pig out."

Of course the stomach isn't a bottomless pit, either. So, as Paviani suggested, take your time. And, while you're at it, enjoy the total sensory experience, said DeCillis. Take in the sights and smells. Listen to that steak sizzle over the open flames.

"You gotta smell the aroma and look at the plate," said DeCillis. "That's part of the experience. And that way, by the time I'm stuffed I feel I've had the total experience — the unique, the sublime."

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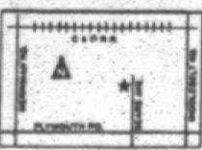
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