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## Dog Jog '98



They're off! Humans and their masters (top photo) get off to a quick start in Kellogg Park at the Plymouth Dog Jog '98 Saturday. The fund-raising event for the Plymouth Kiwanis and area humane societies drew more than 200 entrants.

## Race goes to the dogs

It was a sunny doggy day.

The weatherman said rain, but the sun shined Saturday on 211 dogs and their owners.

They were gathered at Kellogg Park for the Plymouth Dog Jog '98. The second annual event raised \$8,500 for area humane societies and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

"It's a community thing. It's fun looking at different breeds," said Pat Gallagher of Plymouth, with Gus, his 11-year-old bloodshot-eyed basset hound.

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A dog's life: Paul Vosloh is talking fast enough for his pups Blanca and Vozy Beak, who wait patiently for the big jog to begin.

# Appeal date is June 2

At long last, the Michigan Court of Appeals in Lansing has set a hearing date for the 1997 school bond.



The Michigan Court of Appeals has scheduled a hearing for next month in the controversial lawsuit which has stopped the Plymouth-Canton school district

from selling \$79.6 million in bonds to build an elementary school, high school, purchase new buses as well as upgrade computers and software.

The hearing, in front of a three-judge appeals court panel, is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, in Lansing. Court officials say at that time, both sides in the litigation will be allowed 30 minutes to present oral arguments in the case.

At the heart of the suit, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva claims 716 voters were denied their "fundamental right to vote" because the touch-screen voting machines failed to record their ballots. The bond issue passed by only 96 votes.

"The only reasonable position is that the election is void," said Vorva after hearing of the court date. "Any type of voting equipment where you can't create a paper trail and check voter intent is unconstitutional."

Superintendent Chuck Little said he's eager for June 2.

"The district has been found without fault four times in previous rulings," said Little. "The impact on the people in the district is hard, and we can't as a district live up to the expectations of

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## Come one, come all

You are invited to attend a **Candidate Night for the 1998 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election**, sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers. The forum will be 7-8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 27**, in the new **Plymouth District Library**, 223 S. Main, just south of Plymouth City Hall. Candidates seeking election to two, four-year terms include incumbent **Susan Davis**, newcomers **Shella Friedrich**, **Richard Ham-Kucharski**, **Darwin Watts**, and **Judy Mardigan**, who is seeking election to a two-year seat to which she was recently appointed. The forum will be moderated by **Tim Richard**, state and regional reporter for HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the Observer Newspapers. Observer reporter **Tony Bruscato**, as well as Plymouth Observer editor **Joanne Maliszewski**, and Canton Observer **Tedd Schneider** will host the event. Call the Observer at 459-2700 for information.

**Don't forget: The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's Entertainment On Us 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in Kellogg Park. You're invited.**

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# Town hall dropped from August ballot

Three millage issues are going on the Aug. 4 ballot, as directed by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Pending county elections office approval of ballot language passed by township trustees, township voters will be asked to:

- Approve 3 mills to raise \$3.7 mil-

lion in the first year to add four police officers, three communications operators and three firefighters within three-four years. Those with \$200,000 homes would pay an extra \$300 per year.

- Approve a half-mill to raise \$618,267 in the first year for joint recreation services with Plymouth city.

A joint city township committee is to meet today to determine how joint services will be overseen. Those with \$200,000 homes would pay an extra \$50 per year.

- Approve three-quarters of a mill to raise \$927,401 in the first year to move Western Township Utilities Authority debt from a fee on water bills to a tax,

which may be deductible on income tax returns.

A yes vote shows support for each issue, while a no vote shows rejection.

The township board had discussed also asking voters to approve millage to build new township government offices.

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# Republicans candidates have primary for House

It's official: Incumbent State Rep. Gerald Law has a Republican primary challenger in August.

Tuesday marked the filing deadline for candidates seeking to run for the 20th District state House seat. Filing as Republicans were Law and Plymouth Township trustee K.C. Mueller. Both filed the minimum 271 petition signatures needed.

Also running for the seat is Democrat Fred Dilacovo of Ann Street, after filing a minimum 126 petition signatures. He was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Dilacovo declined to respond to ques-

## FILING DEADLINE

tions from the press in an earlier run for political office.

Republican voters on Aug. 4 will choose between Law and Mueller. On Nov. 3, voters will choose between the winner of that race and Dilacovo.

If elected, Law would remain as the most senior House member, having served 12 years. Term limit rules dictate this would be his last term, if

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## Showcase Plymouth



Display: Laura Lampron and her mom Beth Lampron enjoy cookies offered by the owners of the three bed-and-breakfasts Plymouth and Canto at Showcase Plymouth. For more information, please turn to A4.

# Ham-Kucharski: Overcrowding is priority

Richard Ham-Kucharski wants to be elected to the Plymouth-Canton school board "to ensure the security and quality of our schools well into the future."

Ham-Kucharski, 25, of Canton believes much of the future success of the district lies in the ability to focus on the needs and developing a way to get there.

Ham-Kucharski says one way to achieve that goal is to address what he considers the district's No. 1 priority, overcrowding.

"I don't like having temporary classrooms at the schools," said Ham-Kucharski. "With the loss of the lease at Lowell, we need to build a new middle school in our district to accommo-



date our students. The growth is tremendous, especially in Canton, and we need to accommodate that growth and look to the future. "I've always been concerned there aren't enough middle schools in the district, especially with none in Canton," he said. "Building would allow us to construct a good, state-of-the-art school."

However, while Ham-Kucharski admits the district needs to expand middle school facilities, he's not yet ready to endorse a bond issue for a new middle school. Not until the current

\$79.6 million bond issue for a new elementary school and high school building is resolved in the Court of Appeals.

"I really don't think you can ask for more money if you haven't decided the previous bond issue," said Ham-Kucharski. "You're losing credibility by having



Richard Ham-Kucharski

that still out there." Ham-Kucharski said if the bond issue isn't resolved before Oct. 3, the announced date for a middle school bond vote, then the district should look at alternative ways to house the 750 students now at Lowell.

## Solution sought

"If you can't get the current bond issue fixed before October, then you need to look at alternatives because I don't think another bond would pass. If it doesn't get passed, then it has to be refocused, and perhaps combine the bond issues to increase the scope of it ... and then perhaps delay it until next

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# Tune into the '50s with Good Morning USA parade

There's still time to get involved in Plymouth's unique Good Morning USA July 4 parade.

Organizer Fred Hill said the parade "will once again proudly accept its role as the state of Michigan's first Fourth of July parade."

The 7:30 a.m. start time - which Hill said has been described in terms ranging from "dramatic" to "preposterous" - is early so the parade won't interfere with other holiday plans.

With the parade seven weeks off, Hill has just kicked off the

sale of the 1998 version of the Good Morning USA commemorative flag.

"We have just 100 to sell. We ask people to display them because it helps to promote the parade and also show they're a supporter of the parade," he said. The cost is \$125.

This year's parade theme is "A '50s Fourth of July." Parade floats will be designed to follow that theme.

Several features of the parade should awaken early risers. For starters, the parade will open with heralds sounding long brass

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horns. Sky divers are to descend to Main Street - the parade route - bearing an unfurled American flag.

"We'll have a 30-foot helium

turtle," Hill said, adding large balloons will also depict an ice cream cone, gingerbread man and an airplane.

Also new this year is a bell choir section with members from several area churches. "It will be proceeded with some folks carrying signs saying 'Shhh,'" Hill said.

The audience will be asked to move beach balls along the parade route.

A \$10 ticket, on sale June 1, allows you to join the bleacher creatures for some serious parade participation.

This year's bag of goodies for each bleacher creature includes an inflatable baseball bat, hats and other surprises. Items are removed to allow bleacherites to interact with what passes before them.

Announcers will do parade play-by-play at two locations, Penniman and Main and Church and Main.

Other parade features include a Special Olympians float, the 14-member W.P. Cyclone Magnificent High Wheel Band with high wheelers playing brass instruments and three top local

'50s bands, the Laredos, Steve King and the Dittilies and the Teen Angels.

Hill said he's trying to arrange for WSDP-FM to broadcast the national anthem during the parade, which would sound over radios held by parade-goers.

Hill said more than a dozen sponsors have contributed \$1,000 to help pay for the parade. "We could use a couple more," he said.

For information on tickets, floats or sponsorships call 459-3733.

# Chili cookoff to spice up Fall Festival

Here's something to spice up the Plymouth Fall Festival - the state's top chili cookoff event is being added to the schedule.

"It's a go if everything can be worked out with the Fall Festival board as far as the location and the amount of space needed," said Annette Horn.

Horn, owner of Native West on Ann Arbor Trail, founded the Plymouth Great Chili Cookoff in 1996. It has continued annually, and is scheduled to return Oct. 4 as the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Meanwhile, Horn said her contacts with the International Chili Society which sanctions events led to them asking if

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Annette Horn  
-Chili organizer

she'd like to hold the Michigan Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

"We have a fairly decent track record, the cookoff in Plymouth has been very successful," she said.

Besides, the state chili cookoff has always been scheduled for the week of Plymouth Fall Festival. "Why not bring it in?" she said.

She presented the idea to the Plymouth Fall Festival Board on Tuesday. The board approved, and has formed a committee to work with Horn on organizing it.

One thing to pin down is which day to present it. "The Gathering is not available Sunday because of the chicken barbecue, there's the pancake breakfast Saturday," she said.

"We're leaning toward a Saturday under a big tent, where that might be we just really need to

work out the details."

Horn said she's waiting for formal approval from the International Chili Society, in the form of a letter saying Plymouth has been accepted. But she's been told Plymouth is the choice.

"It's a terrific addition to the Fall Festival entertainment-wise," Horn said. She expects 35-50 cooks for the event. International Chili Society rules specify beans can't be used, only chili, peppers and spices.

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# Sexual assault charges sought again teenager

Charges are being sought against a 17-year-old teen whom police said was having consensual sexual relations with a 14-year-old girl.

Plymouth Township police were called at 10:24 p.m. Saturday to the Red Roof Inn, 39700 E. Ann Arbor Road, on a complaint about a loud party. Police said that upon searching the room they saw the two teens, both of Plymouth, having sexual intercourse.

In interviewing the teens separately with their parents, the girl told police she'd told the boy she was 16, police said.

Police are seeking authorization from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to seek charges against the 17-year-old for criminal sexual conduct, third degree, as sexual relations with a minor under 16 are illegal.

The offense is punishable by up to 15 years in jail.

# Township police host open house

The Plymouth Township Police Department will host an open house and safety fair noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the Plymouth Township Police Department at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

Community residents are invited to take advantage of demonstrations of police services, including K-9 units, child

fingerprint kits, safe and sober information and home security issues.

Other events include a moon walk, speedthrow, face painting, and of course, McGruff. Guests will see ambulances, a weapons display and motorcycles.

For more information call officer Jamie Senkbeil, 459-3869, Ext. 380.

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**Give it up:** OLGC teacher Jackie Coury challenged her class to give up television for one week. Not an easy task. But the kids did and found lots of other things to keep themselves busy.

## Challenge OLGC kids give up television

It's back to normal for students in Jackie Coury's third-grade class at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

And, for many, it's truly a godsend.

Coury recently added an 11th Commandment for her class ... thou shalt not watch TV.

It's the third year Coury, of Canton, has handed down the penance, challenging her class to abandon television for one week.

No cartoons, no movies, no video games, and ... if you can believe it ... no Red Wings playoff games.

"I usually do this during Earth Week, to show the kids they can help the environment by cutting down on electricity," said Coury. "I want them to see they won't melt, they'll survive without TV."

But no Red Wings?

"I know this came at the start of the playoffs, but I told them they could listen on the radio," said Coury with a smile.

Coury said she received positive response from both students and parents.

"The kids really enjoyed it," she said. "I think they found out there are other things to do besides watch television."

Many students did admit,

after a couple of days it wasn't too hard.

"I visited with my friends, went bike riding and shopping with dad," said Kathryn Childs, 8, of Plymouth. "At first, I didn't think I could do it, but I did."

Kathryn's dad, Richard, said she was good at keeping away from the television.

"We went into a landscaping store where there was a TV on and she covered her eyes so she wouldn't see it," he said. "I think it's a positive approach to life. Television isn't interactive, and the kids learned to play and talk with each other."

The entire Childs family participated in the experiment, although we learned mom and dad sneaked a peak after the kids went to bed.

"I realized there were more things to do than watch TV," said 8-year-old Patrick Mulcahy of Canton. "We got to go places like riding go carts and the movies."

Patrick, an avid Red Wings fan, surely must have sneaked a peak at the playoffs, despite orders from Coury.

"No, I didn't watch them," said Patrick. "I listened on the radio."

Amanda Leon, 8, of Plymouth, "visited with my friends, read books and helped

my mom clean up the yard. I went through with it."

"I was home sick for two days and still didn't watch TV," said Rachel Killian, 9, of Plymouth. "I learned it's good not to watch a lot of television, we can save a lot of electricity and find a lot of other things to do instead."

Armando Munoz, 9, of Canton said "I really didn't miss anything, I just played outside. I can live without television."

Maureen Karby of Plymouth believes the experiment by her daughter's class was challenging for everyone in the family.

"For the first few days, Amanda would walk in the family room and immediately look for the remote control," said Karby. "At one point, Amanda said she didn't know if she could go a whole week without TV, saying 'It's my life.' However, as the week progressed, it became easier. She even learned it wasn't boring to sit and read."

When asked if they were back to watching television, the entire class responded in unison ... "YES!"

Next year's class can only hope that Earth Week doesn't coincide with the Red Wings and the Stanley Cup playoffs.

## Township police chief named in Troy lawsuit

Plymouth Township police Chief Lawrence Carey — formerly Troy police chief — is named in a lawsuit recently filed by a Troy police officer.

Troy police Officer Charles Russ is single and that's one reason he was bypassed for promotions on several occasions, according to a lawsuit filed by Russ in Oakland County Circuit Court April 21.

The lawsuit alleges that the city of Troy and Carey violated Russ' civil rights by discriminating against him because of his marital status when considering employees for promotion. The case has been assigned to Judge Alice Gilbert.

The lawsuit states that when Russ asked Carey about being bypassed for promotion, Carey told Russ that he would not "even recommend" him to the city manager for promotion "as long as plaintiff remained single."

"He's got an exemplary record with the department," said Fred Gibson, Russ' attorney, of his client, who has been employed with the department for 16 years. "He's a traffic investigator. He likes his job, he loves his job."

"There's more to this than meets the eye. It should be an interesting matter."

The lawsuit asks for a jury trial. It also asks for damages greater than \$25,000 and costs, expenses and attorney fees.

Troy City Attorney Peter Letzmann, however, said based on a preliminary examination of the suit, he does not believe that Russ' civil rights were violated.

"There are lots of checks and balances in our system that make sure everyone gets a fair shake," he said. "Like everyone else in America, we have our day in court, and we will see what the outcome will be."

According to the lawsuit, the city maintained a promotional eligibility list for the position of police sergeant for a two-year period ending in late 1997.

Russ was certified as an eligible candidate for promotion, the lawsuit states.

However, "despite his ranking on the eligibility list, Plaintiff was not promoted to the position of police sergeant, being bypassed repeatedly in favor of lesser-ranked candidates," the lawsuit states.

"That upon inquiry to Lawrence R. Carey ... Carey told plaintiff that the city would not promote plaintiff nor would he, Carey, even recommend plaintiff to the city manager for promotion

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*Lawrence Carey*  
—Plymouth Township police chief

as long as plaintiff remained single."

That is a violation of the Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, it states.

Carey, who is now police chief in Plymouth Township, wrote to the city to request legal representation, which city council granted.

Carey stated that the allegations are false and that he did not have the authority to promote.

"I also would like to point out that only his past disciplinary record was mentioned when myself and the Capt. Murphy, Mayer and now Chief Craft met with City Manager Bacon concerning his eligibility," he wrote in the letter.

Reached for comment, Carey noted that the law controls the promotion system.

"Act 78 controls the promotion system and the labor contracts," he said. "Basically the system is the city manager, on recommendation of the chief and captains, makes the appointment for promotion. And so what I was pointing out is, I didn't make the appointment, the city manager did."

He said work record, testing scores, disciplinary history and recommendations from other command officers are all included in determining whether someone is promoted.

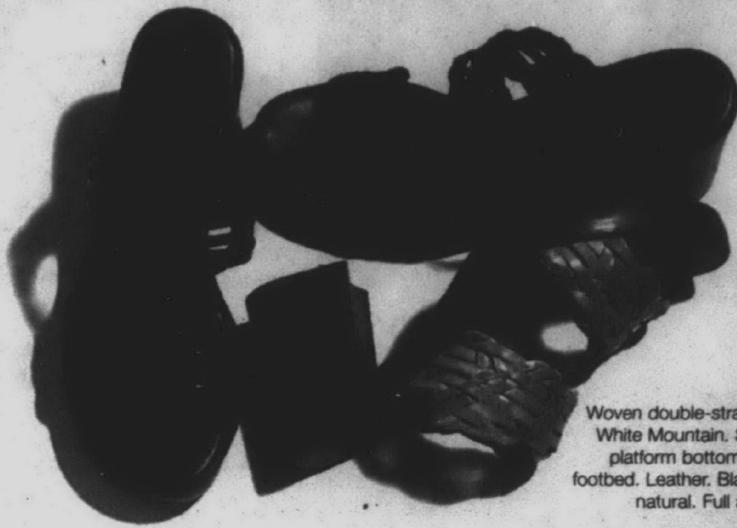
In regard to the allegation that Russ was not promoted because he is single, he said, "I really am not at liberty to say how that came about. But it obviously was not a factor" in his recommendations for promotion.

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Quizling: Uzair Ali and Luke Haddad answer questions for the Knowledge Master Open. Students have 60 seconds to respond correctly to questions.



What is... Amy Murlowski reads questions during a quiz bowl that involves students around the world.

# Competition

## Kids enter quiz bowl

East Middle School students participate in the Knowledge Master Open, a quiz bowl contest in which students compete by with other schools around the world by answering challenge questions. Students have 60 seconds to respond correctly for points. Scores are sent to Knowledge Master in Colorado, and are graded against other schools worldwide. Overall winners receive plaques and T-shirts. Science teachers Jan Coratti and Toni LeMaster, along with media specialist Nancy Bahr, practiced with the team for the past three weeks.

# Millage

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But township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said board members, along with a citizens advisory committee on millage issues, agreed not to proceed. "In our discussions we decided we were asking for a lot from citizens," she said. "It may be possible through belt tightening to get a new township hall without asking for millage, through the sale of this property (at the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley) or other means. We decided to ask for the most important items," she said.

Citizens for Plymouth Township, formed to promote the millage issues, has in the past week begun putting out information geared to win support for the issues. In promoting the police millage, the group stresses maintaining "departmental staffing levels up to the point where we stay ahead of future crime increases." "With the increase in housing we must have a fire department equipped and staffed to meet future needs. In fact, the future is here now," according to he citi-

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*Kathleen Keen McCarthy*  
—Supervisor

zens group. Further, the group said the current staff level in the police detective bureau "permits us to investigate only 46 percent of

reported crimes. The additional personnel will help us improve the level of follow-up and investigation." In touting the recreation millage, the citizens group restated the findings of a Research Office at Schoolcraft College survey. It showed 94 percent said recreation improves the quality of life in a community, 96 percent said recreation is important to youth, and that 72 percent said local government should have some responsibility for funding and developing recreational programs.

# Plymouth celebrates

Free food, prizes, free samples and a chance to mingle with business people and residents — no wonder the annual Showcase Plymouth is popular.

Put on by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the Plymouth Manor, the event drew an estimated 300 people.

They lined corridors where 62 businesses had booths to show their wares.

The most popular firms were restaurants, as food samples ranging from subs to fish to veggies and bagels were nearly snapped up one hour into the event.

"We sold the booths out weeks ago," said Fran Toney, chamber of commerce executive director.

"It's as big as last year, probably because everything is free. There's great food and great prizes and people love Plymouth."

Among business people showing their wares was Amy Burns, buyer for Gabriela's on Main Street. Her booth included unique candles, painted teapots, dishes and more.

"It's a nice time for everyone to appreciate what Plymouth has to offer," she said.

"We brought a little bit of everything. We have 325 vendors we buy from, we tried to bring things from some of the new vendors," Burns said. Free samples at the Gabriela's booth included hand cream.

Of her first-ever Showcase Plymouth, Audrey Kowalewski of Coldwell Banker said, "I think it was a wonderful success, there are many more people than I anticipated."

Some of the free goodies offered at the Coldwell Banker booth included baked goods, note pads and jar openers.

Her favorite food item offered? "I think it was some sort of fish, batter fried. It was delicious," she said.

"We were here last year, I think it's great to see all the businesses here," said Kerry Kersch, Plymouth Whalers assistant general manager. "They're really the businesses that are active in the community."

Honored at the event were Volunteers of the Year and Most Positive Employees.

Volunteers honored were Ruth Porter of the Karmanos Center Institute, Christine McCarthy of Plymouth Newcomers, Kenneth Kuna of the Plymouth Theatre Guild, Fred Hadley of Plymouth Rock Lodge, Tony and Agnes Miskleci of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, Bernice Rudnick of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, Doris Richard of the Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Joanne Delaney of the Plymouth Business & Professional Women, Larry Bird of the morning Rotary Club and Joy Hansen of the Trailwood Garden Club.

Other volunteers honored were Michael Kolb of the chamber of commerce, Marti Coplai of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Pat Gielow of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Evelyn Bassett of The Creditors sponsored by Community Federal Credit Union, Edna Somers of American Legion Post 112, Inez Crams of the Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth, Janice Hallsworth of the Plymouth Symphony Society, Edward Edford of Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, Nola Bonandrini of Geneva Presbyterian Church, Albert Calille of the Plymouth YMCA, Denise King of the Plymouth Community United Way and William Donohue of VFW 6695.

Most Positive Employees were Michelle Karako of the chamber of commerce, Cecile Joy Kaplan of Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Cones, Kimberly Buerkle of Station 885 and Kate Nielsen of Coldwell Banker.



Winners: Showcase Plymouth is also a time when volunteers with community civic groups are honored.

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# 'Friends' relocate near river targeted for cleanup

The Friends of the Rouge will be moving closer to the natural resource it hopes to protect.

The group, a nonprofit organization geared toward promoting public education and stewardship toward the Rouge River, will be relocating to the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College on Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue. The office is currently housed in downtown Detroit.

Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, expects the move will be completed by July 1 and bring the group closer to the communities it hopes to help educate about the Rouge.

"We're happy with the Detroit

office, but some of the people have had problems getting to the office. Parking was a problem. For us to hold meetings and workshops, we'll have the facilities right there. All three of these issues will be resolved.

"We're right by the communities, we're right by the river. It makes more sense for us to be near the resource we're trying to protect."

### The big move

The move also helps local communities fulfill a requirement on new stormwater permits to participate in public education programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge. Garden City, Livonia and Westland officials have

already indicated an interest in these programs along with Dearborn Heights, as all are members of the "Middle I" subwatershed region of the Rouge River.

All are applying for a stormwater discharge permit together from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The relocation brings the office closer to the Environmental Interpretive Center to be built at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Both centers will be actively involved in the Rouge's historical and scientific significance to Wayne County.

Graham didn't anticipate any

problems moving away from the Rouge Program Office in Detroit. "We're still getting grant support from the RPO, and we still attend a number of meetings, it's just that we're driving down the street versus walking down the hall."

The new location will help the group's work with local schools on the Rouge Education Project, probably the "most important thing that we do," Graham said. More than 9,000 students will be involved this year from more than 100 schools in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Students were scheduled to collect water samples today (May 14), conduct tests, review results with their instructor,

then compare them with other students throughout the watershed.

Friends of the Rouge staffs four full-timers and one part-timer and is funded by a federal grant from the Rouge Program Office.

### New programs

Graham expects to add new programs for more public involvement to coincide with the new move.

"Urban Watch" will seek volunteer monitors of the Rouge. Neighborhood groups will be monitoring and testing water samples.

Friends of the Rouge just

received a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan to expand the "Adopt A Stream" program. Currently, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Detroit are participating in that program in which groups can adopt a portion of the river. Volunteers stencil messages on storm sewers informing the public not to dump contaminants down the storm drain.

Volunteers also can participate in the Rouge River Neighborhood Program, in which residents can learn to be stewards of the Rouge.

For information on Friends of the Rouge, call (313) 961-4050.

## Suburban leaders criticize EPA rules

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Suburban political leaders are unhappy that the federal government is threatening their economic booms with environmental rules.

They're unhappy that President Bill Clinton intends to adopt a proposal from his Environmental Protection Agency to enforce Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Target is "environmental racism," where minority communities seem to become unwilling hosts to industries that pollute.

They also see a threat from EPA air quality rules.

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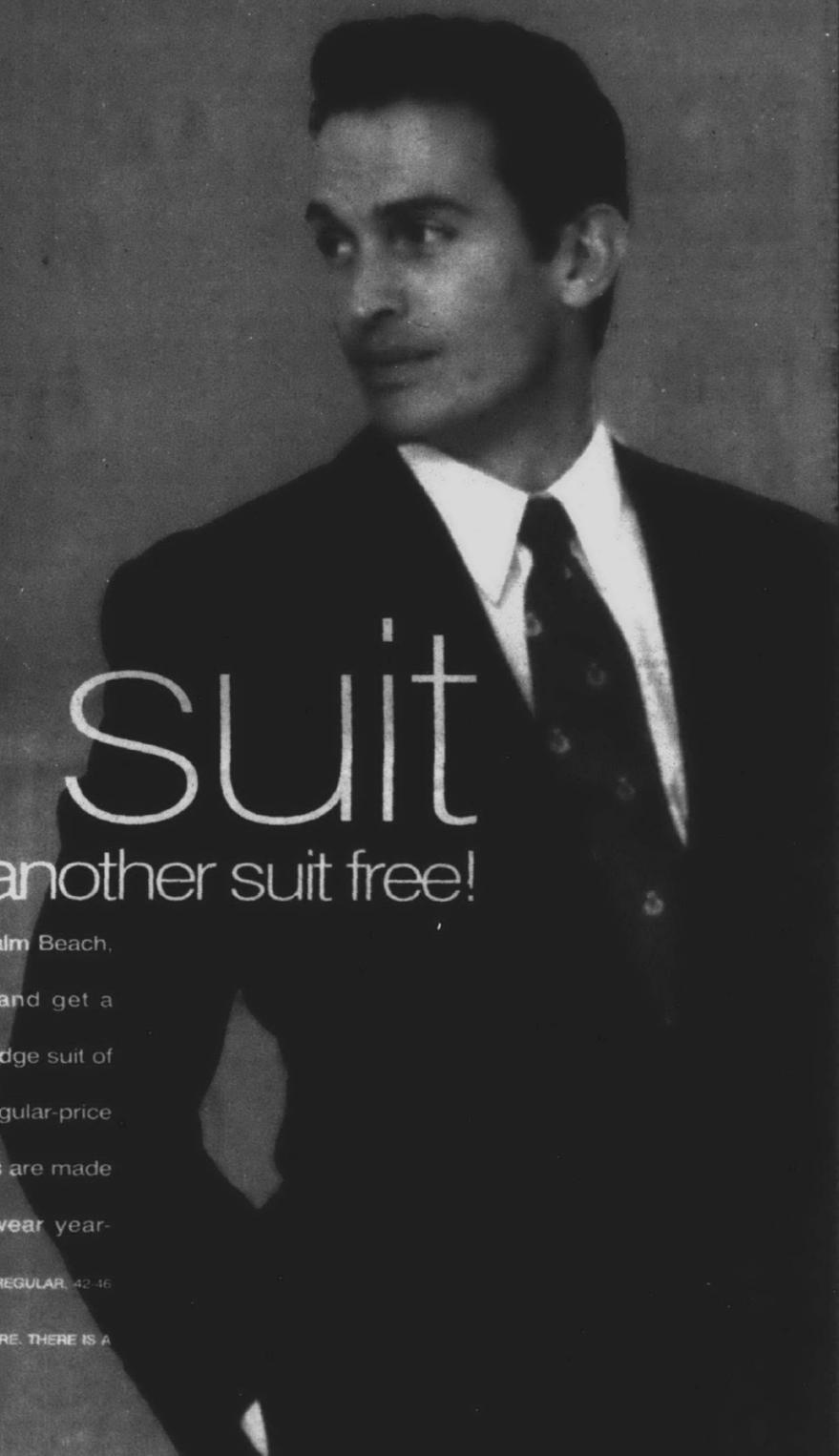
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**BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER**

Sixty Plymouth and Canton students from five schools — two public, three private — will receive college scholarships and merit awards at The Woman's Club of Plymouth Invitational Scholarship Awards Banquet May 19.

The Woman's Club received almost 90 applications for the scholarship program that is supported by the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers and the Plymouth Manor Catering & Banquet Hall.

"More people are trying to go to schools of higher learning," said K.C. Mueller, club member and scholarship program chairwoman.

That plus a higher population in the high schools, more students learning of the club's program and the fact that financial need is not a requirement of the program have all contributed to an increase in applications, Mueller said.

"They are willing to apply where they can get financial help," Mueller added.

Scholarships are given in \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 denominations and merit awards are \$100 and \$150.

Applicants are required to have a 3.30 cumulative grade point average, must attend college, university, community college or technical school in the fall, have two letters of recommendation, and answer two essay questions. Community involvement is also key to the program. Awards are given based on a point system.

The 60 students will be honored at the annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Plymouth Manor. The students attend Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools, Plymouth Christian Academy, Agape Christian Academy and Detroit Catholic Central.

The scholarship program was started in 1983 in honor of the club's 90th anniversary.

"It was such a success they (club members) asked us to keep it going," Mueller said.



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ing of positions," predicted Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, a Democrat who had Vice President Al Gore at his fund-raiser last week. "He (Gore) can't lose Ohio, Michigan and Illinois (if he expects to be elected president in 2000). They'll be negatively impacted by this."

"We were the dumping grounds," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a Republican. "There are quite a few sites that were open sores. The federal government ought to be a facilitator, not block us."

"I'm very concerned about tying civil rights into development," added McNamara. "Plants are nuisances in many cases, but they represent jobs." If EPA gets too tough on civil rights enforcement, developers will go to "greenfield" sites in the country. "It's ludicrous to see this coming out of our great pres-

ident," he said.

Macomb County board chair John Hertel, a Democrat, said tough EPA enforcement would send developers to the greenfields of northern Macomb County, "but we want to keep our open space. EPA should be helping us with brown water," Hertel said, referring to pollution of Lake St. Clair.

### Raw deal?

EPA issues air and water discharge certificates. The Clinton administration thinks areas inhabited by minorities are getting a raw deal from developers. State and business leaders fear EPA's attitude may endanger such projects as an asphalt plant in Belleville, landfill gas processing in Canton, storage tanks everywhere, a paint shop in Flat Rock, paint manufacturing and

auto fiber glass operations in Westland, even hospital boilers in Pontiac.

The three county leaders spoke at a May 6 meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists of metro Detroit.

Patterson bristled at a question about urban sprawl, the eating up of greenfields at a faster rate than population growth.

"One man's urban sprawl is another's economic development," Patterson said. "I consider it a pejorative word. I'll take economic development in stride. We're buying as much parkland as we can to preserve open space."

McNamara predicted the "new frontier" for developers will be Detroit, but that's "10 to 15 years away. This is the kind of recycling we should all favor." He said Royal Oak and Wyandotte are being "recycled" as

business and home developers rediscover those older suburbs.

But the Wayne County executive, a former Livonia mayor and Michigan Bell executive, didn't envy the kind of controlled growth one sees in Europe. "In Europe there's a line around a town. You apply for a building permit, and seven years later, they tell you you'll have to wait."

The three (Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was unable to attend) said their areas are prospering as Michigan's economy boasts a 3.9 percent jobless rate, its lowest in 25 years.

### Focus on Detroit

Patterson said many media eyes are on Detroit because it's getting three gambling casinos and two major league stadiums at a value of \$2 billion. "But we do it every year. We've brought in 28,000 jobs the last three

years in a row," he said.

Patterson said the Great Lakes Crossing project in northern Oakland would bring in 1.7 million square feet of retail space. "(Gov.) Engler calls it a tourist destination. Big roads encourage development," he said.

McNamara's prize development spot is around Metropolitan Airport in Romulus. "It's a great job generator. All the necessary things are in place," he said, pointing to 25,000 acres between Metro and Willow Run, located on the Wayne-Washtenaw border and containing utilities and drainage.

"That's a global airport. There are 17 overseas flights a day. China decided it wanted only one direct flight airport (and picked Metro). We're the engine driving Oakland County, and

that's OK," said McNamara.

Hertel said Macomb has the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. Mount Clemens no longer has empty store fronts. "We still have farmers doing well with their U-pick-'em orchards. We have cheaper insurance, less property damage, lower property tax rates, the third largest population in Michigan."

Hertel said Macomb's biggest problem is, "How do we get M-59 (freeway) finished and build the next M-59?"

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"He likes to lay there, he's a sunbather. He loves kids," Gallagher said.



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A winner: No doubt about it this dog at 8 inches tall took a prize. The owner is Lauren Stanley.

Lisa Dent of Oak Park had boyfriend Tom Baldwin's great Dane Samantha, 5: "I just wanted to come see the dogs."

Samantha, dark brown and nearly as tall as Dent, wore the yellow bandanna given to all animals who registered. Owners got a white "Dog Jog" T-shirt.

"The dogs carried the day," said organizer Eric Colthurst of the Plymouth Kiwanis. Participation was double that of last year.

Laying on the grass waiting for the start of the event were Cleo, a six-year-old chow, and owner Jeff Palmer: "I just like seeing all the different dogs. She doesn't get a chance to be around other dogs."

Chows, known for their reddish coat, pointy ears and small noses, "are a good family dog. They're a good protector," Palmer said.

Rick and Nancy Schenkel were also getting ready for the two-mile jog, as their brown, German short-haired pointer Huckleberry eyed the group.

"He's a great hunting dog and sport dog, you can do anything with them," Rick Schenkel said.

The top pledge collector was

Renee Weinman of Plymouth with \$655. Wendy Sherrill of Ann Arbor was second with \$273.92 and Sharon Lewandowski of Livonia third with \$210.

"It's just nice to get outside," said Alissa Smith of Plymouth, with her 15-month old Boston terrier Rascal. Smith said she favored the non-drooling breeds.

"It's wonderful how well the dogs get along with each other," said Pat Sirmaitis, holding the leashes of her two white and brown whippets, Mickey and Paavo.

"I like their speed, their agility and they keep me in shape. They're the best-natured dog I've ever seen," she said.

Among those actually running the course was Terry Bennett of Specialty Pet Supplies and her three-legged dog Chance.

Chance was among several dogs lapping water in the shade of the park after the race. Some took a dip in the fountain, including Chase, a Jack Russell terrier belonging to Rob Seale of Plymouth.

After, dogs were treated to free snacks and a show in The Gathering featuring the canine precision drill team The Dogmatics.



On your mark: Dalmatians Hershey and Hailey are rarin' to go.

Race winners were: In the 40 and over category, Bill Brody and Bailey of Plymouth and Diane Himebaugh and Mad Max of Canton; in the 15-39 category



Taking a breather: Three dogs relax in the shade, getting ready for the two-mile jog ahead of them in downtown Plymouth.

Bill Lambert and Bailey of Waterford and Astrid Martin and Austin of Royal Oak; and in the 14 and under category Jake Bugeja and Winston of Canton and Jenny and Stacey Gumas of Livonia with dog Harlee.

Pledge money, about \$5,000 benefited the Michigan Humane Society and the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Some money raised through the Dog Jog helped defray expenses. The remainder will benefit charities traditionally supported by Plymouth Kiwanis, a non-profit group.

**'It's wonderful how well the dogs get along with each other.'**

Pat Sirmaitis  
—Dog owner

Colthurst said volunteers worked 200-300 hours on the event. They included Denise Chapman, Curtis Lamar and Canton vet Mark Alsagar who checked dogs' vaccination records.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, June 11, 1998 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

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The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done are on file and may be examined on May 18, 1998, or thereafter at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton and the office of the Engineer, Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 37511 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, (Phone: 734-953-8560). Bid Documents may be obtained on May 18, 1998, or thereafter from the office of the Engineer (Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc.), by the purchase for the sum of \$35.00 per set. Shipping is an additional \$7.00 per set. There will be no return or refund of documents. The purchaser must supply the telephone number and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

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.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of receiving bids.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
Canton Township

Publish: May 14, 1998

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: Kirchgatter

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Casari, Voyles, Wrublewski, Zevalkink

#### ITEM 1 ROADS DISCUSSION

##### Proposed Road Improvement Program

Director Machnik reviewed the proposed road improvement program. The proposed improvements are ranked by year with cost estimates and funding source for each project. Included in the Board packet for this study session was a color coded map indicating planned and funded projects; proposed improvements; and proposed traffic signals/improvements. Trustee LaJoy initiated discussion regarding computerized signalization specific intersections. Director Machnik noted that the best means for funding projects would be to partner the township's money with MDOT and Wayne County.

Trustee McLaughlin noted that due to outstanding circumstances, Canton was not in line for "Partnership '98" moneys, as the money had already been allocated. Director Machnik said that if money became available due to another community's failure to come up with matching funds, Canton stood a good chance of being in line for Partnership '98 or '99 moneys. Director Machnik stated that investing in the preliminary engineering design of certain priority projects was advantageous because the county would not have to incur these costs, thereby accelerating project timeliness.

##### Roads '98 Information Program

Ken Voyles, briefed the Board on the Communication Department's Information Program. The Mission Statement: *Accurately communicate information regarding the overall roads issue in the Canton Community as well as inform the community about the municipal government's future plans and goals utilizing all available communications tools in an effort to enhance the public's awareness and knowledge about roads issues.* Mr. Voyles said that the Communications Division would be responsible for planning, organizing and implementing the information plan; producing specific printed components of the plan; collecting data and media relations; cable television productions; and general organizational support for various meetings, presentations and events. Elected Leadership and staff would be responsible for giving presentations to civic and community groups. The Wayne County staff would be responsible for organizing public events between the county and Canton and would also be acting as an information resource for the public. Mr. Voyles stated that community volunteers would help as spokespersons for the ballot proposal; help in the distribution of literature; and possibly give presentations throughout the community.

The Communication staff recommended using displays at all scheduled community events and activities; using township newsletters such as the Focus and Silver Threads for informing the community about roads; continuing press releases; enhancing Canton's web site to include a special section on roads; and most important, they recommended a series of public and private meetings to various groups. Mr. Voyles said that presentations and meetings involving various groups were critical. Mr. Voyles concluded that effort needed to be maintained on informing, educating, and promoting the entire roads issue as well as the municipal government's proposal for a road improvement program.

##### Proposed Ballot Language

Clerk Bennett, read the proposed Ballot Language. The Board members discussed which election to place the request for a dedicated road improvement millage. The consensus was to place the request for a dedicated road improvement millage on the August 4, 1998 ballot. The Board will take action at the May 12, 1998 meeting considering the approval of the proposed ballot language.

The above is a synopsis of discussion taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 5, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 26, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
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# Local hospitals get high marks in state report

Area hospitals are pleased with the results of the 1998 Michigan Hospital Report that shows health care providers are doing as expected — if not better, in several areas of delivery including length of stay and mortality rates.

The report shows that Michigan hospitals provide significant benefits to their communities; that most are financially sustainable and able to meet their communities' current and future health care needs; and that the vast majority are performing as well as, or better than, expected," said Tim Stack, MHA corporate board chairman and president and CEO, Borgess Health Alliance, Kalamazoo.

"It also provides Michigan hospitals with benchmarks on which to base future improvements in all three areas," said Stack.

## Areas to improve

Length of stay was an issue for several local hospitals.

"We are operating outside of the range in length of stay and we're working to get that down," said Terry Carroll, Garden City Hospital spokesman. "But we fell within our expected range in the other case areas and we're pleased."

MHHA considers length of stay an "indirect" indicator of efficiency and was determined within an expected range given the hospital's specific patient population.

The report shows that St. Mary Hospital is performing within the expected range for mortality in surgical and medical cases as selected in the

report. It also indicates that some patients at St. Mary Hospital experienced longer length of stay than the expected range.

"St. Mary has been working with our physician leadership to improve the process for the most efficient delivery of care which will result in the appropriate length of stay to meet the individual needs of each patient," said John Graham, hospital director.

For the third consecutive year hospitals throughout the state of Michigan have voluntarily released 1.3 million patient discharge records from 1996 for performance evaluation by the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

## High marks

In general, of the 130 hospitals that submitted information "... they are performing as well or better than expected in eight cases representing the most common reasons for hospital admittance," according to the report.

MHA President Spencer Johnson said the 1998 report contains important improvements.

The Michigan Hospital Report shows each hospital's expected and actual performance on eight types of common medical conditions and surgeries. The information was collected in 1997 but is representative of 1996 data; 130 Michigan hospitals (78 percent) and health systems participated out of 167 total.

The report shows expected and actual lengths of stay for seven of the eight types of cases and expected and actual mortality rates for five types of cases —

## 3-Year Trends

Hospitals	Medical Stroke, pneumonia, chronic lung disease, gastrointestinal bleeding			Surgical Lung, lower bowel, vascular, spine, prostate surgeries, hysterectomy			Obstetrics C-section/VBAC (vaginal birth after C-section)			Cardiac Care Non-surgical heart cases					
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based on the data on each hospital's unique patient population and more than 1.3 million patient discharge records. Obstetrical dates measures C-section rates and vaginal births after C-sections. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor had the highest Vaginal Birth After C-Section (VBAC) rate and among the lowest. Please see HOSPITALS, A10

## McCotter collects key endorsements in Senate race

Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has received the early endorsements of state and local law enforcement organizations in his campaign for the Ninth District state Senate seat currently held by retiring Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

The Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Livonia Police Officers Association, the Livonia Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, the Northville Township Police Officers Association, the Northville Township Command Officers Association and the Wayne County Sheriffs Law Enforcement Supervisory Officers all have endorsed McCotter for the state Senate.

"I am honored by the support of the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect us all," McCotter said. "A top priority of mine as a state senator will be focusing on law enforcement measures that will promote the safety of Ninth District residents and all of Michigan's citizens."

In addition to his law enforcement endorsements, McCotter has received the support of over 42 elected officials in the Ninth District, including the mayors of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, and the supervisors of Plymouth and Canton townships.

Earlier this year, McCotter received the endorsements of the Wayne 13th and the 13th Congressional District Republican committees.

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est C-section rate of all hospitals reporting.

"St. Joe's is significantly better than the state and national average on these indicators," said Daniel McMurtrie, M.D., Obstetrics Department Head.

"Our consistently high performance demonstrates the quality of our medical and nursing staff, our willingness to work with women who wish to experience a natural birth after C-section, and the top-notch prenatal care our physicians and health professionals provide to decrease the need for C-sections births."

Botsford General Hospital had a 1.3 percent increase in their C-section rate from 1995 to 1996. "The slight increase in C-section rates does not reflect a trend," said Nancy Dumas, Botsford public relations coordinator. "Our C-section and VBAC numbers are consistent with current medical practices."

### What's in report

The 194-page document also includes statistics from the Michigan Department of Community Health about the overall health of Michigan's citizens; contains information on hospitals' community benefits (how hospitals serve and enhance their local communities over and above providing traditional health care); and limited financial information such as operating margin and long-term debt-to-equity.

The overall health of the state's population has a large impact on the performance of hospitals. Annually the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) publishes a report "Critical Health Indicators," over the general health of Michigan citizens.

According to MDCH, "all of these health status factors can influence how often a person seeks medical care, requires surgery and how he/she recovers to good health."

The 1998 outcomes indicated Michigan's overall health is improving with positive progress in life expectancy and a decline in deaths for heart attacks and stroke. However, Michigan continues to have a significant percent of the population that is overweight. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death as nearly 26 percent of the population still smokes.

### Consumer information

MHHA included the results of the Critical Health Indicator in the 1998 report to give consumers and purchasers "a better idea of how the overall health of the population might influence how hospitals perform." Thus, a person's health status indirectly influences how long he or she may need to be hospitalized (length of stay) or if they recover at all (mortality rate).

Henry Ford Hospital CEO, Steve Velick said the Detroit hospital did well in the important areas but "there's always room for improvement." Length of stay in the medical, surgical and non-surgical heart cases were all lower than expected. Velick attributed patient quality and efficiency of care to approximately 40 clinical pathways established to coordinate patients recovery from ambulatory care to physicians, nurses, social workers and others beyond discharge.

"From the patients perspective they know what to expect from admittance through discharge," said Velick.

New to the 1998 report was the inclusion of a Community Benefit category that highlighted the significant impact Michigan's non-for-profit hospitals are having on the overall health status of the state's citizens.

"Oakwood delivered well over \$30 million in community benefit in 1996," said Gerald D. Fitzgerald, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare Inc. "Our not-

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### New category

The newest category represents the first time hospitals and health systems formally gathered community benefit data. Data was compiled for 1995-96 and it was determined the 130 participating hospitals contributed \$481 million in charity and uncompensated care to state residents.

Also of significance was the nearly 3 million Michigan men, women and children in specialty clinics that were subsidized by the hospital or health system.

Colette Stimmell, director of public relations at William Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak said the hospital was happy to see Community Benefit information included.

"The public will now have an idea of the many ways we give back to the community," said Stimmell who noted more than 16,000 residents were served by Beaumont sponsored community health education classes and health screenings last year alone. "Both our hospitals fared very well. It speaks to the excellent care our medical and support staff provide to our patients," said Stimmell.

Dumas, a spokesperson for Botsford echoed Stimmell's feel-

ings. "The report is part of an ongoing effort to provide consumers valuable information about their hospitals. It also substantiates our very strong commitment to the efforts we put forth in the area of Community Benefits through community support groups, community health education, community partnerships and collaborations."

MHHA hopes a comprehensive report of this nature serves as a catalyst for short and long term improvements in the delivery of health care.

"This type of information can help improve health care delivery, but it can't be done with hospital data alone," said Johnson, MHA president. "All important segments of health care, including physicians, HMOs, insurance companies, employers and others, must share their health care data with the public. We hope that this expanded effort by Michigan hospitals and health systems will foster community dialogue on health status improvement and collaborative efforts among purchasers, insurers, government and providers."

The 1998 Michigan Hospital Report is available for review at most public libraries and on the Internet at [www.mha.org/performance](http://www.mha.org/performance).

Single copies for \$25 can be obtained by writing: 1998 Michigan Hospital Report, 6215 W. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, MI 48197.

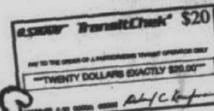


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# Math credits vary from district to district

"If you don't take four years of math in high school you are at a serious risk if you want to go into engineering or any other math-related major," said Tom Wrobel of Plymouth Township, a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Wrobel, a junior in electrical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., took advanced placement calculus as a senior at Salem. He passed into second-semester calculus at Purdue.

"They'll hold you back a semester if you haven't passed calculus," said Wrobel.

"Taking calculus with 6,000 students is pretty rough. That's pretty much the size of the freshman calculus class."

## Area schools

A survey of area high schools, both public and private, revealed none require four credits to graduate. At best, a few schools required three credits.

Curt Perry, math and science curriculum coordinator for Plymouth Canton Community Schools, defended his district's math curriculum. He said not all students are as self-motivated as Wrobel.

"We are unusual that we require three credits. For some kids four years would be a stretch."

He also said some students often use their senior year to make up a math class they previously failed.

Perry doesn't consider the Plymouth

Canton district's high school math curriculum too broad and shallow, a criticism recently levied on U.S. schools by the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, a study of a half-million students in 41 countries conducted by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement.

"My concern for schools that require four years of math would be they would have to offer some classes we would consider watered down," Perry said.

Plymouth Canton Community Schools offers Algeostat, an integrated, sequential high school math program as well as Math Connections, of which the first course can prepare a student for Algeostat I.

"We did away with general math years ago. We realized kids were ready to go far beyond it," said Perry.

## High expectations

For Professor Steve Kahn, director of undergraduate mathematics at Wayne State University, expectations propel achievement. "I'd never base a curriculum on the assumption that students would fail. The key to success is high expectations for all kids, not just the geniuses," he said.

Kahn said the majority of students coming into Wayne State are not ready for calculus and are placed in remedial programs. Often such placement has more to do with preparation than ability. Math students in Wayne's Emerging Scholars Program, a two-year sequence

of remedial algebra, algebra, pre-calculus, calculus I and calculus II, do very well.

Regarding a report on the Emerging Scholars Program issued last fall, Kahn said 86 percent of the program's calculus I students passed the final exam. In comparison, 65 percent of the regular calculus I class passed and 82 percent of the honors calculus I class passed.

Kahn ranks ability in math just behind fluency in reading and writing. While math and science are often linked, Kahn said math is more essential.

"People here at Wayne State say that if you have a kid out of high school who had a strong math background but didn't know what a cell was or what H<sub>2</sub>O was, that student could grow into a scientist. But take a kid who took a million courses in science but had a weak background in math, that student almost guaranteed would not be a scientist."



**Motivated:** Tom Wrobel, 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is a junior at Purdue University. He took four years of high school math.

Wrobel doesn't believe counselors at Plymouth Salem put enough emphasis on taking four years of math other than "giving you a sample plan of study." Students then take the easy way out, he said.

"Since most people see there's only three credits, they say, 'I'm done.' What makes it worse, they take their last year of math as juniors, then they're way from it for a whole year."

Even though Wrobel does well in his math classes at Purdue, he believes he's somewhat at a disadvantage in his major.

"People I know who went to schools in Illinois and Ohio had specific programs in electronics that got them through second-year electronics at Purdue. I'm seeing it for the first time."

## RU revamping

Susan Crowell has taught mathematics at Redford Union for 10 years. The district, which currently is revamping its curriculum, requires two credits in math for graduation. Course offerings range from Math Connections, which is one class below algebra but counts towards graduation credits, to calculus.

Math Connections is the course offering for seventh and eighth graders. It is repeated as a freshman offering, and students who got Bs in middle school sometimes repeat it for an easy grade. Crowell said the policy recently changed. Students who successfully complete Math Connections now must take algebra

for the 1998-1999 freshman school year.

"I presently have students who are too bright to be in Math Connections. They basically wasted a year," said Crowell.

Crowell said approximately 27 percent of the school's students take four years of math. "I'd like to see a bigger push from everyone — teachers, parents and counselors — to make math more than just the two years it's required."

Sam Ewing, assessment consultant and MEAP coordinator at Wayne County RESA, acknowledged that most school districts require only two math credits for graduation. He's concerned about the "kids in the middle," those students headed to junior colleges, the military or the workplace.

The key to success for these students is linking math to their life experience, teaching it "in the realm of their occupational interest," said Ewing. Simply put, it means making math relevant.

"Rather than require it, we need to get kids to take it."

To accomplish this, Ewing said schools need to hire more math teachers with experience in specific math-related career fields. "Most math teachers in high school have no experience outside of the classroom."

Ewing doesn't believe a four-credit math requirement is the answer to improving high school math curriculum. However, he said a pattern is developing of higher expectations and more integrated programs.

# Educators aim to make mathematics relevant

"If I talk to the foreign language teachers and tell them my students need four years of math, they say, 'When will they take foreign language?'" said Keith Penski, a Garden City High School math teacher.

The curriculum pie is only so big, and everybody wants a piece.

Penski, along with math teachers Ann Margaret McLean of Plymouth Christian Academy and Ron Carlson of Plymouth Canton and Mary Kay Frey, assistant principal of instruction at Plymouth Canton, met at the Observer recently to discuss math credits and math curriculum in high schools.

When Carlson, a nationally recognized author of several math textbooks, attended a National Council of Teachers in Mathematics conference in Washington, D.C. in April, he learned just two school districts were planning a four-credit math requirement.

"Nationwide it doesn't look much different than two or three credits," he said.

Plymouth Christian Academy's college prep diploma requires four credits in math; its general education diploma requires two.

"Seventy-eight percent of our students take four years of math," said McLean.

Frey, Carlson and Penski said their districts' expectations have risen as math curriculums evolved from traditional to integrated. However, they do not see a move towards a four-credit requirement. The Plymouth-Canton school district's minimum of three cred-

its allows most students to expand their career opportunities, said Frey.

"I think we're learning much more at the high school than we ever did. Our students are doing trigonometry at the end of the third year, and that didn't happen five years ago in our district. Five years ago, in three years of high school college prep, you would have gotten to algebra two."

Over the last two decades, the Plymouth-Canton and Garden City school districts have dropped low-level classes, such as remedial math, general math, basic math, computational skills, consumer math and occupational math. These classes formerly counted towards credit.

Penski said the American system emphasizes a well-rounded education, which includes elective classes such as art and band.

"Students enjoy electives. Do we tell kids they can't take art because they have to take the extra class in math?"

He said the majority of students headed to a four-year college take four years of math.

Besides electives, sports and part-time jobs eat into the curriculum pie and negate possible solutions, such as an extended school day. Academics often take a back seat to these activities.

"I haven't yet seen a bumper sticker that says 'My kid is in the Math Olympiad,'" said Frey.

"For some reason, society has placed an emphasis on kids going to work, having a part-time job right away," said Penski. "That's not the emphasis in



**Math model:** Franklin High School students in Edward Segowski's calculus class built a model of the Mackinaw Bridge with skewers. The class started planning the project last October. The project allows students to use their math skills for practical application.



**Talking math:** Educators discuss math in high schools. From left are Ann Margaret McLean, of Plymouth Christian; Mary Kay Frey, assistant principal of instruction at Plymouth Canton; Ron Carlson, teacher at Plymouth Canton, and Keith Penski, of Garden City.

Asian or European high schools, where there's no band, no sports and no students with drivers' licenses," he added.

Frey said more than 1,000 students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem manage the extra academic courses during the school year by taking electives during summer school.

McLean said teaching math remains a struggle about motivation. "Students always say 'When am I going to use this?' It comes down to 'It's a requirement if you want to get into college.'" However, she added: "The job of math is teaching a student simply enough that they see the beauty of it."

The teachers agreed that both students and colleges need to place less emphasis on grade point averages, which prevents some students from taking more advanced math classes. "A 'B' in pre-calculus is just fine, as opposed to

not taking it," said Frey.

Carlson, an adjunct instructor of graduate courses at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, said colleges nationally are striving to accommodate less-qualified students. He said Michigan State University is considering a two- or three-tiered entrance exam geared to students' discipline of study.

Meeting this challenge means continuing to make math more exciting and relevant in high school. The heavily symbolic way of teaching math in the past "automatically sent a good portion of students somewhere else," said Carlson.

Penski, who has taught math for 12 years, said his motivation to teach comes from his students. "I think I have some of the greatest young people ever. I look forward to having them come back in the future."

## Math

### OBSERVER READERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL MATH CURRICULUM

#### REDFORD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Redford Union High School (1,135 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 22
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 27%
- Curriculum range: Math Connections (solidifies arithmetic concepts and introduces algebra and geometry) to Calculus
- Traditional curriculum

#### SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Thurston High School (975 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 22.5
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 65% (19% in calculus)
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra, Basic Algebra to Calculus
- Pre-algebra satisfies math credit
- Traditional curriculum; considering more integrated curriculum in 9th and 10th grades

#### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

##### Stevenson High School (2,038 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 22 (23 by 2002)
- Four math sequences offered: Accelerated, College Bound, General and Review. All share a core curriculum of basic algebra and geometry concepts.
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 69%

- Curriculum range: Essential Math 1 and 2 (pre-algebra) to AP Calculus. Also offer an accelerated, college-equivalent Mathematics/Science/Computer program for qualified students
- Essential Math 1 and 2 satisfy math credits for Review sequence.
- Traditional/Integrated curriculum

#### WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

##### John Glenn High School (2,225 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 22
- Four math sequences offered: Academic, Accelerated, Specialized and General
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 27%
- Curriculum range: Fundamentals of Math, Consumers Math to AP Calculus
- All math classes satisfy math credit
- Traditional/Integrated curriculum

#### GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

##### Garden City High School (1,515 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 23
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 75%
- Curriculum range: Integrated Math 1 (formerly Algebra 1 and ALGEBRA 1 (algebra, geometry and statistics) to AP Calculus
- All math courses satisfy math credit requirement
- Integrated curriculum

#### CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Clarenceville High School (470 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 23
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 75%
- Curriculum range: Integrated Math 1 (formerly Algebra 1 and ALGEBRA 1 (algebra, geometry and statistics) to AP Calculus
- All math courses satisfy math credit requirement
- Integrated curriculum

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 22
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 25-30%
- Curriculum range: Transitional Math (formerly Pre-Algebra) to Calculus. (Calculus is offered in conjunction with Madonna University as a satellite class. Students receive college credit)
- Pre-algebra satisfies math credit
- Traditional curriculum

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

##### Plymouth Canton High School (2,321 students)

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 22
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 50-60%
- Curriculum range: Math Connections 1 (pre-algebra) and ALGEBRA 1 (algebra, geometry and statistics) to AP Advanced Topics in Calculus
- Integrated curriculum

##### Agape Christian Academy - Canton (55 students in high school)

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 24.5 by year 2000
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 75%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra, Consumers Math to Advanced Math and Calculus
- Two curriculum tracts: Tract A, College-Prep and Tract B, General Ed. Pre-algebra and consumers math satisfies math credits for Tract B
- Traditional curriculum

##### St. Agatha High School - Redford (168 students)

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 24
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 75%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra to Pre-Calculus
- Traditional curriculum

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 24
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 75%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra to Pre-Calculus
- Pre-algebra satisfies math credit
- Traditional curriculum

#### PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

##### Ladywood High School (540 students)

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 24 (26 by 2000)
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: Not available; however, a spokesperson said it was not unusual for students to take four years of math. 35% of students enrolled in AP classes
- Curriculum range: Algebra 1a, 1b, 1 to AP Calculus
- Traditional curriculum; accelerated algebra/geometry to be an integrated class for 1998-99

##### Lutheran High School - Westland (326 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 20, not including theology (College Prep recommendation is 3-4 credits)
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 35%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra to Pre-Calculus (calculus offered 1999-2000)
- Pre-Algebra satisfies required math credit
- Traditional curriculum

##### Huron Valley Lutheran High School (66 students)

- Math Credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 21.6 (will increase in 1998-99)

- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 50-75%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra to Pre-Calculus
- Pre-Algebra does not satisfy a math credit
- Traditional curriculum

##### Catholic Central High School (1,004 students)

- Math credits: 3
- Graduation credits: 24
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 90%
- Curriculum range: Basic Algebra to AP Calculus 2 (Students electing Basic Algebra should take Pre-Algebra in summer school before admission)
- Traditional curriculum

##### Bishop Borgess High School (260 students)

- Math credits: 2
- Graduation credits: 21
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 85%
- Curriculum range: General Math, Pre-Algebra to Calculus Honors
- Pre-algebra satisfies required math credits
- Traditional curriculum

##### Plymouth Christian Academy (284 students)

- Math Credits: 2 for general education diploma; 4 for college-prep diploma
- Graduation credits: 24
- Percentage of students taking four years of math: 78%
- Curriculum range: Pre-Algebra and Consumers Math to Calculus
- Pre-Algebra and Consumers Math satisfies math credits for general education diploma; they do not satisfy math credits for college-prep diploma
- Traditional curriculum

# Sign up for school committees

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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is seeking community members for three district committees: the Housing and Facilities Committee; the Citizens Finance Committee; and the Long Range Planning Committee.

The board of education will select committee members at the July 14 board of education meeting by a random draw.

The district is seeking committee members who are parents of students at the elementary, middle and high school levels; residents without children in school; business people, and individuals interested in serving on committees that will impact the district's future.

Individuals interested in serving on one or more of these three committees should contact the

District Community Relations Office on or before Friday, June 26. Please submit your name, address, phone number and the committee you wish to serve on and send it to the Community Relations Office, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170 or call Community Relations at 416-2755 or 416-2757.

year." If and when the new high school is ever built, Ham-Kucharski would like it constructed near the two current high schools.

"Personally, I don't think we're stuck at Joy and Beck," said Ham-Kucharski. "If that is the case, there could be a board amendment made and re-voted if there's that big an opinion to move it."

"I don't think there's any way around the crowding (at the high schools) unless you want to build a new high school at another location separate from the main campus, which I don't think would make a good solution either," he said. "The only reason I disagree with moving the building away from the main campus is splitting up the resources, moving teachers and learning tools back and forth. We may have to hire more teachers, but funding is the key to that."

As for funding, Ham-Kucharski says the district needs to do a

**■ 'It's really evident we don't have a strong enough voice in Lansing.'**

**Richard Ham-Kucharski**  
—School candidate

better job of lobbying our elected officials in Lansing.

"It's really evident we don't have a strong enough voice in Lansing," said Ham-Kucharski. "I watched the Plymouth-Canton school summit on cable, and the representatives there did a nice job of pushing the issues politically back and forth."

Ham-Kucharski is a systems engineer/project manager for EDS. So, it's no wonder he believes that part of any additional funding Plymouth-Canton schools get should go to technology.

"Total numbers in the state for technological teacher education show Michigan was ranked 10th from the bottom on how well teachers are educated in using computers," said Ham-Kucharski. "We're ranked 11th from the bottom for having computers in the classroom. Those are technology issues we need to spearhead in Lansing."

### Getting ready

He would also like to see more focus by the district into the future to better prepare students for the outside world.

"Business doesn't believe the schools are giving students enough tools to support them, and we need to find those tools and teach them," he said. "We can't just rely on MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests. We need to develop our own tests for self-assessment to do a better job for the future."

Because of the outstanding issues concerning the new high school and its location, Ham-Kucharski feels the district's credibility is at a pivotal point.

"If we can get community involvement campaigns back in place, where the community can see the school board is actively seeking to do the right thing, looking to make the district better, looking to keep the children's perspective out in front instead of political bickering... that's the way the board can regain its credibility," he said.

And because of the problems, Ham-Kucharski feels many district residents, many of whom received their education here, believe the schools are moving toward mediocrity.

"They're basing their judgments on what they see in the media, the negative highlights," said Ham-Kucharski. "They read and hear the bond issue, the high school issue, and that's all they see. We need to address the community and tell them we are a good school district and we're taking steps in the right direction."

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our residents without the money."

While the hearing is a step both sides have been expecting,

there is no timetable as to when the Court of Appeals will eventually rule on the case.

"I would like to think this could be the end of it, but I don't think so," said Little.

And he's correct. "I still intend to take this to the Michigan Supreme Court if we don't win," said Vorva. "There's no question we're correct... the school district doesn't want to run a fair election."

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**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS  
4:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 4, 1998

Special meeting called order at 4:20 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy  
Agenda - adopted as amended.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$361,917.89 - approved.  
YCUA Lookback & Rate Calculations - adopted.  
Award of Phase 2 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection to K&D Industrial Services, Inc. of Romulus, MI - approved.  
Request For Proposals: Lawn Maintenance and Snow Clearing Services - approval to advertise for proposals.  
Lower Rouge Irrigation Repairs - approved.  
The special meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

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elects.

Candidates had until 4 p.m. Tuesday to file for races including U.S. Congress, state House and Senate and county commission. They have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw their petitions.

In announcing his re-election bid earlier this month, Law said he wants to build on recent Republican legislative achievements including tax cuts, creation of a more than \$1 billion budget surplus in Michigan and revitalization of the state economy.

"I genuinely enjoy the work," said Law, who is co-sponsor of legislation supported by Gov. John Engler's to cut the state income tax rate from 4.4 to 3.9 percent and the \$500 million Clean Michigan initiative.

Mueller, a Realtor and second-term township trustee, said that unlike Law she will accept no political action committee money to finance her campaign.

"I'm seeking endorsements but I'm not accepting PAC money," she said. Mueller said she is running a grassroots campaign.

"I am doing mailings, I am visiting with different groups. I am planning to have spaghetti dinners for seniors in the different communities, I'm getting input on what their concerns are and I'm talking to industry leaders

on what concerns them," she said.

Asked how he would campaign, Law said, "I keep in touch with my constituents all session, long through newsletters and attending different functions, I let them know what I'm doing and what I stand for."

"I look at it as an ongoing process, campaigning is just an extension of that," Law said. He serves on House committees on insurance, health policy, judiciary and consumer protection.

The 20th House District consists of greater Plymouth, greater Northville south of Eight Mile Road, and west Livonia.

### Other races

Redford's Jim Ryan will be a candidate in one of the hottest-contested primary elections in western Wayne County.

Ryan, a former Redford Township trustee, will square off against two other prominent Republicans in the August Republican primary for the 9th District State Senate seat.

Others in that race are Thaddeus McCotter, a Wayne County commissioner and Livonia resident, and Deborah Whyman, a state representative from Canton Township.

Democrats who have filed are Carol Poesch of Northville and Marc Susselman of Canton.

The district includes the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Northville, Plymouth and Redford and part of Canton. The senate seat is being left vacant by Robert Geake, R-Northville, who is not running.

The primary election will be Aug. 4 in races where two or more candidates have declared for one party, while the general election is Nov. 3.

### 10th District

Republican Lyn Bankes, state representative, will run for this county seat as she hits her term limit in the state House. She is running unopposed on the Republican ticket.

Dennis Shrewsbury of Plymouth and James McCosky of Livonia have filed as Democrats.

This district includes a portion of Livonia, and the cities and townships of Plymouth and Northville.

### Congress

In the 13th congressional district, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, an Ann Arbor Democrat, will be unopposed in her party's primary.

Unopposed in the Republican primary is Plymouth's Tom Hickey.

Rivers is completing her second two-year term. She previously served on the Ann Arbor board of education and represented that city in the state House before elected to Congress in late 1994.

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## Authors headline book fair at Birmingham Temple

The Birmingham Temple hosts its second annual book fair Friday through Monday the family room at the Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

In addition to offering hundreds of books for sale a four-day schedule of national authors and speakers covering topics from cloning to circumcision will be presented.

The opening celebration begins at 8 p.m. Friday.

Visiting authors include Princeton University professor Lee Silver who will discuss cloning and his book "Remaking Eden: The Future of Cloning" at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Other speakers include: ■ Albert Lindemann, University of California Santa Barbara history professor and author of "Esau's Tears" will discuss the subject of Jewish power.

■ Ronald Goldman, author of "The Circumcision Controversy" and director of the Circumcision Center in California will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday.

■ Michigan's own the Rev. Harry Cook will discuss his new book "Christianity Beyond



Albert Lindemann

Creeds at 1 p.m. Saturday.

■ Ruth Jacobs, author of "Be An Outrageous Older Woman," will discuss her new book at 1 p.m. Monday.

■ Rabbi Sherwin Wine will discuss "Secrets of the Torah" at 10 a.m. Saturday.

■ Cyd Moore, local illustrator of chil-

dren's books, will be featured at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Admission to the book fair and speaker events is free and the public is welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-1410.

The Birmingham Temple is the first Humanistic Jewish congregation in the world. The congregation consist of 425 families. The Temple embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity.



Ronald Goldman

## Groundbreaking, Rouge rally set

Groundbreaking is set for Friday, May 22, for a new Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The project's cost is estimated at \$3.5 million. State, county and a grant from The Ford Motor Co. Fund will pay for the project.

Construction will begin later this year, with completion scheduled for next spring.

In addition to the groundbreaking ceremony, the campus will host the annual Rouge 2000 legislative and community briefing on May 22, featuring presen-

tations by policymakers from state, county and local governments, and representatives of community environmental groups and other institutions in the Rouge River watershed.

The program will conclude with the Rouge Rescue '98 Rally, organized by the Friends of the Rouge.

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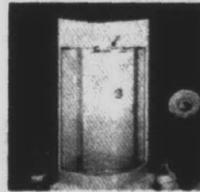
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# County executive race

## McNamara faces 2 Dems, GOP has primary

At first, the Wayne County executive's race featured two political heavyweights in Democratic politics and two little-known candidates taking up the Republican cause.

Now another prominent Detroit Democrat has thrown his hat into the ring. Detroit City Councilman Clyde Cleveland filed Tuesday for the county executive's race.

County Executive Edward McNamara will run for a fourth term, but will face a formidable challenge from former Detroit mayoral candidate Sharon McPhail on the Democratic ticket in the Aug. 4 primary election.

The Republican race in that same primary features Herbert Scott, vice president of managed care for Major Pharmaceuticals in Livonia, and Edward Romanowski of Detroit.

Candidates had until 4 p.m. Tuesday to file and have 72 hours (4 p.m. Friday) to withdraw.

### Democrats face off

McNamara filed his candidacy for re-election in March as he seeks his fourth term as county executive.

On Wednesday McNamara received endorsements from representatives of several metro Detroit's Irish American organizations. Representatives of the United Irish Society, The Gaelic League and Ancient Order of Hibernians will support McNamara, a former mayor of Livonia.

Kevin Kelley, Redford Township supervisor and member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said Irish Americans need only look to the current events in Ireland to understand the importance of voting for leaders who will listen to the people.

"Ed McNamara is both responsive and responsible," Kelley said.

McNamara also enjoyed a high profile visit from Vice President Al Gore, who appeared at McNamara's annual "Winning

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Ways" breakfast, where McNamara honors residents who have made significant contributions to the community.

During the early weeks of the campaign, McNamara has highlighted many of the projects going on in Wayne County, including Metro Airport's expansion and the two stadium projects.

McPhail has started campaigning throughout western Wayne County with a recent visit to the Westland Democratic Club.

McPhail, a Detroit mayoral candidate in 1993, said the Wayne County administration needs "talent and energy." McPhail is now an attorney and partner with the Detroit law firm of Feikens, Stevens, Kennedy, Hurley & Galbraith.

McPhail said McNamara is not administering county government well.

"That's why the morgue is being investigated, the airport is the worst in the U.S. and the roads are in such bad shape," McPhail said.

In 1993, McPhail beat out a field of more than 20 candidates to become the first woman to

ever win a Detroit mayoral primary. McPhail lost to Dennis Archer.

McPhail acknowledged that it was "really hard" to campaign against a fellow Democratic incumbent. "But if we don't stand up for what's going on in Wayne County, who will stand up for the residents of Wayne County?" McPhail asked.

### Republicans challenge

Republican Scott, of Canton, said he wants to restore Wayne County to the "dynamic entity" it once was. Elected county officials "have forgotten" that their job is to be responsive to people's needs, Scott said.

"All hard-working citizens of the county deserve to be heard whether it's someone who can't find reliable public transportation to an entry-level job or someone who can't find a parking spot at the airport or someone whose tires get torn up on crumbling county roads," Scott said.

Scott serves as treasurer for the Republicans of the 13th Congressional District and serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity.

Romanowski could not be reached for comment on his candidacy.

### CAPITOL CAPSULES

#### Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

■ **Vivian Parker** of Westland to the Statewide Independent Living Council, which works with disabled individuals on employment and independence. She is president of the Special Education Parents Advisory Committee in the Inkster school district. An ordained evangelical minister, Parker has two special needs children. Her term expires Oct. 14, 2000.

■ **Roger H. Hertz** of Birmingham to the Michigan Board of Medicine. He is a perinatologist and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Wayne State University.

■ **Demetrio Timban** of Troy, also to the Michigan Board of Medicine. He is director of surgery for Harbor Beach Hospital.

#### New bill

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, has introduced a bill to reverse a state Supreme Court decision holding township responsible for injuries that occur on public sidewalks along county roads. "If counties take care of roads, then they should be held responsible for injuries that occur on sidewalks along them," said Law. His bill is in the House Judiciary Committee.

#### AG campaign notes

■ **Scott Romney**, Bloomfield Hills corporate lawyer seeing the Republican nomination for attorney general, has announced two major endorsements - U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield Township, and businessman Peter Secchia, former national committeeman from Michigan and once U.S. ambassador to Italy.

■ **State Rep. Frank Fitzgerald**, an announced candidate for the Republican nomination, blistered incumbent Democrat Frank Kelley for "attacking job providers." Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, said Kelley used a backdrop of farm fields to announce filing of a complaint against Consumers Energy for damage to cows allegedly caused by stray electricity. "but (Kelley) avoids crime-ridden neighborhoods where people are dying from stray gunfire."

■ **Incumbent Frank Kelley**, a Democrat, announced the opening of a second web site, this time for the general public. The address is [www.ag.state.mi.us](http://www.ag.state.mi.us). It will contain formal opinions, department information, crime victims information, consumer protection statutes, the Freedom of Information Act and press releases. His first web site was for county prosecutors.

#### Will it end?

"Will This Trial Ever End?" asks Gov. Engler's office. It refers to a one-year-old trial over state prison inmate property rights before Ingham Circuit Judge James Giddings.

Ken McGinnis, director of the Department of Corrections, criticized Giddings for a series of rulings: that the department couldn't take "seam rippers" from inmates (a sharp blade that can rip seams - or a guard's throat), that the department can serve freeze-dried instead of frozen chili in the prisoner store; that Prison Legal Services, which represents the prisoners, may install a microwave oven in its office; and that the department cannot put a prisoner in administrative segregation for substance abuse.

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# Engler praises team effort for top MEAP scores

(AP) — Michigan's test scores for fourth- and seventh-graders in reading and math went up to their highest levels ever this year, Gov. John Engler said.

Scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests had gone up for all ethnic groups and for both sexes, Engler said.

"Today is a bright day for education in Michigan," the governor said. "Students, as well as their parents and teachers, should be very proud of their

accomplishment."

Students in grades four and seven took reading and math tests in January with results reported as satisfactory, moderate or low. The tests now are required for all public and charter school students, but are voluntary for private schools. The breakdown:

- Math fourth grade — 74.1 percent scored satisfactory, up from 60.5 percent.
- Math seventh-graders — sat-

**'Students, as well as their parents and teachers, should be very proud of their accomplishment.'**

Gov. John Engler

isfactory scores rose from 51.4 percent to 61.4 percent.

■ Reading fourth grade — satisfactory scores went from 49 percent to 58.6 percent.

■ Reading seventh grade — satisfactory scores rose from 40.4

percent to 48.8 percent.

"These numbers are dramatic, and they tell an important story," said Arthur Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction. "If you hold high expectations for students, they will rise to meet

them."

While the numbers were up for all groups, there were still gaps between races and genders, especially among older students.

This year, 63.3 percent of seventh-grade boys earned satisfactory scores in math, compared with 95.7 percent of girls. The results in reading were reversed: Among seventh-grade girls, 51.1 percent were satisfactory, while 46.5 percent of boys earned the high scores.

And while a majority of all racial groups earned satisfactory math scores in fourth grade, by seventh grade three groups — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — had fewer than half with satisfactory performance.

The gap was wider in reading, where 61.7 percent of Asian seventh-graders had satisfactory scores compared to 27.2 percent of black students and 31.2 percent of American Indian students.

## House, Senate to consider organ donor legislation

Drivers renewing their licenses will be asked to indicate organ donation willingness under three bills moving through the Michigan Legislature.

It was about time, said Rep. Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, noting the House passed two measures in June 1997 and the Senate acted on in May 1998.

Votes in both chambers were unanimous, although there was much behind-the-scenes wrangling about details.

"These bills are matters of life or death for hundreds of people," said Martinez. "About 11 people die in Michigan each month

because organs are not available, and more than 2,000 are on organ-transplant waiting lists.

"Michigan ranks 45 among 50 states in the number of people are registered organ donors."

Cost to the state: \$104,000 for pamphlets, return postage costs and setting up a registry.

The bills would:

- Simplify the driver's license information. The licensee could sign a statement that he or she was willing to be an organ and tissue donor under the Public Health Code (Senate Bill 458). Sponsor is Sen. John Schwarz,

R-Battle Creek.

■ Require the Secretary of State to give an applicant for a driver's license information on making an anatomical gift and form a central registry. House Bill 4620 is sponsored by Martinez.

■ Require the same when a person applies for a state identification card. House Bill 4031 is sponsored by Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Okemos.

All three bills go to the House, the first for passage, the other two for concurrence in Senate amendments.

## Drop a line at parks fishing derby

Fishermen of all shapes and sizes will be reeling in more than 800 rainbow trout from the Waterford Bend Picnic Area 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, for the third annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby.

The fun begins with a fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 12 and under. A variety of prizes will be awarded in several age categories for largest fish, smallest fish and specially-tagged fish.

Following the derby, anglers of all ages are welcome to join in. A fishing license is not

required for this event, but participants must bring their own equipment. The co-sponsors of this event are the Vietnam Veterans of America/Canton Chapter 528 and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

"Wayne County is making great strides in restoring the Rouge River," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "What better way for our visitors to enjoy it than a fishing derby."

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The fishing derby and casting contest is open for children

ages 12 and under from 8-10 a.m. with prizes presented at 10:30 a.m.

Fishing for all ages is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Waterford Bend Picnic Area is located on Northville Road, just north of Six Mile in Northville. Participants should take Six Mile west from I-275 to Northville Road.

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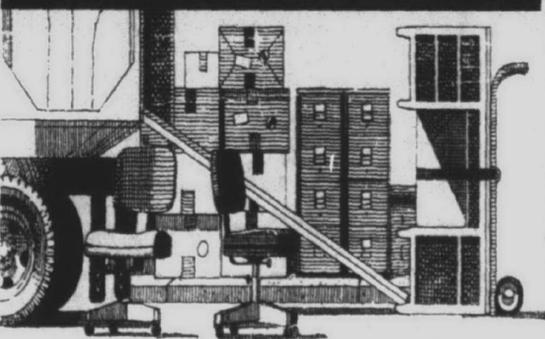
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## Students turn around their lives

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Twenty-seven students, ranging from elementary to high school in the Plymouth-Canton school district, talked of the struggle to improve their young lives at the recent third annual Turnaround Achievement Awards sponsored by Super Bowl Lanes.

Achievement is an understatement for these kids. For an adult to change his or her life and pull from under the weight of a problem is monumental at best. For young people to do the same is not only inspiring, but something for which we must all take notice.

And that's what this annual awards program is all about. These are the kids who can so easily fall through the cracks. These are the kids the public would never hear about — unless something dreadful happened.

But through their own tenacity and the desire of those whose lives they affect these young people have achieved great things at such a young age. They are as deserving of recognition as those students who regularly achieve honor roll status or rank among the stars as athletes.

Thankfully the Turnaround Achievement Awards brings their struggles and their successes to light and provides the public, par-

ents, teachers and peers, not to mention the media, a chance to celebrate with the students.

The 27 students who were honored have taken their troubles and clearly turned around their lives, enabling them to achieve personally and academically.

Some of these young people have overcome behavioral and academic problems, as well as family problems, while others have fought — and are winning — their battle with substance abuse.

We are honored to recognize these students. And we must also recognize the effort and support given these young people by their parents, teachers, school officials, counselors and peers. The achievements accomplished by these young people clearly show that no one is alone with a problem and that turning around can be done.

We hope that the accomplishments of these 27 young people stand as testimony to what the younger generation can overcome and accomplish. There is no doubt they are role models for their peers who may be suffering in similar circumstances.

Super Bowl Lanes also must be commended for their initiation of the Turnaround Achievement Awards and their continued support of the program and the students involved.

Congratulations!



### LETTERS

#### Thanks to community

The Plymouth Lions Club would like to thank the Plymouth community for their generous financial support during our annual White Cane sales April 24-25.

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Thanks again for the many donations received, which will allow the Plymouth Lions Club to continue numerous charitable activities in our community.

**John R. Marshall**  
 White Cane chairman  
 Plymouth

I have a career GPA of 3.9 and have hopes of attending the University of Michigan Nursing School. My father called both of the admissions offices of the U of M Dearborn and Ann Arbor, and they said that they were not requiring the test at this time for admission.

Many of the administrators and counselors have shown concern due to the fact that so many students have opted out. They claim that for college acceptance we will more than likely need this test score. I personally do not see how this could be possible. In order for a college to require this test, it needs to become standardized nationwide.

I would also like to comment on the inconvenience of the time in which the test is offered. Many members of the junior class are engaged in taking other such tests as the ACT and SAT. If the state and school expect a peak performance of their students, they need to understand the other aspects that are currently involved in their education. If this test is going to continue being offered to the up-and-coming classes, the state Department of Education needs to get its act together and work with the students, not against them.

**Lisa M. Flaskamp**  
 Plymouth Salem Junior

#### What about federal money?

The front page headline of April 23 in your paper, "Four tax increases proposed," would appear to fly in the face of common sense as pertains toward the police department issue.

To those elected government officials that do not know, the federal government has available monies via grants to fund a large portion of new police officer hires. Why should any Plymouth Township resident be willing to pay additional taxes when they have already been federally taxed to fund this alleged need???? Go figure!

If the township government is at a loss as how to apply for the federal monies currently available, I'd suggest they visit Chesterfield Township which obtained \$143,500 for seven full-time officers.

I'd also suggest that every additional officer, besides his salary, brings with him/her additional requirements for equipment, vehicles, overtime, training, etc.

Maybe the answer is that township officials are not interested in getting re-elected!

**Roger L. Kehring**  
 Plymouth

#### Cause for concern

As a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, I have had many concerns regarding the MEAP (High School Proficiency Test). It has caused much stress and anxiety for the current junior class along with their concerned parents.

I myself opted out of the test after many lengthy discussions with my parents, teachers, and counselors. In order to justify my reasoning for opting out, I would like to explain:

#### Credit deserved

Thank you, Observer Newspapers, for covering the local story on Allen School's participation on the "Jump Rope for Heart." In your coverage, the person responsible for its success was not reported.

The person who should receive the credit for its organization at Allen School is Mark Copp, who is the physical education teacher. He, with the support of his administrator, motivated the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Allen Elementary School to jump for their health in addition to benefit the American Heart Association.

Mark Copp incorporated the physical education curriculum with community service very professionally. He, along with all the students at Allen School, should be proud of their efforts and contributions.

**Jodi Ring**  
 American Heart Association  
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# Employers: You asked for it

In Farmington, 82 percent of the junior class has chosen not to participate in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program High School Test, the once and future MEAP. In Livonia, 50 percent skipped; in Northville, 68 percent skipped.

The test was briefly named the Michigan High School Proficiency Test, and it labeled those who didn't quite measure up as "novice" or "not yet novice." It carried a threat that if students didn't measure up, they wouldn't get state endorsements on their diplomas, and that could affect whether they attended college or got a job.

Employers and colleges so far have ignored the endorsement. Many parents decided the test was a major waste of time and effort, an educators' boondoggle meaning nothing and a potential embarrassment their children could do without.

Since last year, the state Legislature and State Board of Education rethought the dreaded test. They renamed it MEAP, they did away with the hated labels, they shortened the test from 505 minutes to 370 minutes.

They substituted four new "levels" of scores: "1) Endorsed — exceeds Michigan expectations; 2) endorsed — meets Michigan expectations; 3) endorsed — at basic level; and 4) not endorsed." They've tweaked, they've tidied, they've sensitized.

And still students and their parents are opting out. What's the matter?

We believe the state has yet to properly define the purpose of the test and its results. When the MEAP tests were devised for fourth-, seventh- and 11th-graders, they were intended to measure how well the school system was preparing its students against the standards set by the state of Michigan, which has constitutional responsibility for public schools.

Many educators complained MEAP tests

were unfair to districts with fewer resources, that they tested against an abstraction rather than against the general educational norm, and that they weren't the total picture of how well a school or a school system educated its students.

Unfortunately, employers failed to consult diploma endorsements when they made hiring decisions. Yes, many employers had complained that they are getting job applicants who can't read, write or solve simple problems. In fact, the state instituted endorsed diplomas at the request of major employers.

Nevertheless, employers aren't taking the MEAP seriously as a test Colleges would prefer to stay with what they know. They also rely on the school districts' grade system.

So where does that leave the MEAP? The state needs a way to evaluate whether public school systems are preparing students to the standards expected. For that purpose, it is necessary that all students take the test.

MEAP tests should be mandatory. Currently, the State Board of Education believes it can't mandate them. The legal problem, if any, should be corrected by the Legislature.

Test results should be a measure of how a school district is performing. The state, which has coordinating control over public schools, should act quickly to help districts — and charter schools — whose students consistently fail to meet the standard. Where a majority of students fails to meet the standard, then it's time to evaluate the school district.

There should be pass/fail levels. But results should also be reported numerically, to help the student who misses a higher grade by a point or two.

Colleges will continue to rely on the ACT and SAT, but employers should take notice of the system that was devised at their request to assure graduates are prepared to work.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

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Will you watch the final episode of Seinfeld?



"No. I'm not. I'm just not a fan."

**Carolyn Koestegan**  
 Plymouth



"Yes, I am. I don't normally watch. There has been so much hype I have to see it."

**Susan Schrader**  
 Plymouth



"Yeah, probably. A lot of people from my school are fans."

**Sara Schrader**  
 Plymouth



"Yeah, I like the show. I'd like to see it stay around for a few more years."

**Matt Oteen**  
 Plymouth Township

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Planning ahead guarantees happy memories of prom

**S**pring of senior year! Parent groups spend a whole year planning for a safe and memorable night after graduation with the all-night party, but none of the high schools has anything structured after prom. After all, parents can only do so much. Consequently, one of the biggest decisions for a family with a graduating senior is "What to do after prom?"

Parents want their kids to have fun, but in a safe and sober atmosphere. Kids want to have fun in an atmosphere without parents. Safety is considered, but "nothing will ever happen to me." Seniors think it is cool to have an entire night full of activities. There are many issues to resolve for both seniors and their parents.

**For seniors:** You are smart, creative kids. Some of you think you can't really have fun without alcohol being involved. That is what the media and liquor industry want you

to think. Here is some food for thought.

When you are drinking, you run the risk of acting stupid, turning off your date by throwing up on his/her shoes, losing control of your behavior, doing things you don't want to do, or getting arrested for drinking or drinking and driving. Is that how you want to remember prom?

There are many problems with binge drinking, which is defined as drinking five or more drinks in one evening. One of the most immediate is that people may experience "memory blackouts," or alcohol-induced amnesia. It does not mean passing out. In fact, there are no clues the person is in a memory blackout. The person will look "drunk normal." But the next day, he/she will have no memory of what he did or said during that period of time. If you are not in control of yourself, who is in control? Too many kids have done things

GUEST COLUMNIST



LINDA ENBERG

which they normally would consider stupid during periods of blackouts. During intoxication, blackouts can last a few minutes, hours or days.

Every year, there are tragedies on prom night for kids who drank too much and were unlucky enough not to vomit. When too much alcohol is ingested, the body tries to respond by vomiting up the alcohol before it is absorbed. When this fails, alcohol-

related deaths could occur, especially in smaller bodies.

During your life, there have been many good times and "natural highs." Why should this night be an exception?

**For parents:** Trust your instincts - if you are uncomfortable with the plans, keep working until you find something that feels right.

Continue to network with the parents of your senior's friends. Offer your house for activities. They can have fun, but insist on a safe, sober atmosphere. Parents can be scarce, but there.

Make sure your kids know that your house is open throughout the night. If they get into a situation that is uncomfortable, they can come hang at your house. This has often presented the kids with another choice. Have food ready, have your liquor and beer locked up or out of the house, and get some videos just in case. You can stay

behind the scenes, but stay aware.

If you have an underclassman going to prom, your rules are still important. Don't hesitate to set some limits, kids have come home early for years. The senior can go back with his friends if he wants, but your underclass student knows that there are still appropriate boundaries.

As you are talking about options with your kids, remember they have been dancing all night. They need something different to do. Some may want to hang out with marathon videos, others to play a euchre tournament. Some have come in at a regular time but planned a trip to Cedar Point the next day.

Keep prom a safe and sober night, which provides fond memories for a lifetime.

Linda Enberg is a community volunteer, past president of Farmington Families in Action and a mother of two recent graduates.

## Fieger gets low score on state budget knowledge

It would take a miracle. The reference is not to Geoffrey Fieger's chances of winning the Democratic nomination for governor, or even to his chances of being elected.

The miracle would be if he, or anyone, could finance schools the way Fieger suggests.

The flamboyant Oakland County medical malpractice lawyer was on the May 3 Channel 7 "Spotlight" where three of my journalistic brethren asked him about the sales and income taxes.

"Way too high," Fieger said. How would he cut them? "Whaddaya mean, how? You just cut 'em. I don't think we need that 6 percent sales tax." And of the 4.4 percent personal income tax, he said, "I'm not sure it's necessary for this state."

A reporter asked how his tax-cut attitude would go over with the Michigan Education Association, the teachers' union that is a big player in the

Democratic Party.

"I'm gonna make sure the lottery dollars really go to education," said Fieger. "They do," said a reporter. Fieger scoffed.

Fieger was wrong, and the reporter was right. It works like this:

The state school aid fund is about \$10 billion (rounded off).

The state lottery raises about \$600 million - just 6 percent of the school aid fund.

The sales tax raises about \$3.67 billion, of which \$2.69 billion goes to schools.

The income tax grosses \$5.8 billion, with \$800 million going to school aid.

The lottery is a very minor part of the school finance pot.

Now if any mortal human were to try to finance \$10 billion in school aid with a lottery that produces 6 percent, it would take a miracle.

Jesus performed such a miracle (Matthew 6) when he took five barley

loaves and two fishes and fed 5,000 men and an uncounted number of women and children. I doubt Geoffrey Fieger can feed a \$10 billion school aid bill with lottery money.

Fieger went on to deprecate government. He echoed the chant of the Mackinac Center zealots that everything government does is bad, and everything business does is good.

"There's corruption. If a private business, like I run, did that, it would have been in bankruptcy a long time ago," Fieger said.

John Engler has been running state government far better than, say, Kmart was run in the 1985-95 era.

Government inefficient? Tell us about America Online.

I get far better help at the government libraries of Novi, Livonia, Farmington and Birmingham than I got at Sears when I used to shop there.

State Treasurer Doug Roberts, Engler's economic guru, is far better

at his job than the CFOs of Heileman Brewing and Ames department stores. Both private entities incurred so much expansion debt that they couldn't make interest payments and had to seek federal court bankruptcy protection. Ames was liquidated.

Fieger predicted Engler next year will be selling hot dogs at the Lansing Luginer stadium. "It'll be his first job. He's never had a job outside politics," Fieger said.

Engler grew up on a beef farm. I've never heard him talk about it, but I can understand why he might choose government service, though it doesn't pay as well as suing doctors and hospitals.

But it is a job - listening to PTAs and parents, building prisons, trying to keep a world-class university on track, keeping state parks functioning. I might disagree with Engler's and my legislators' decisions, but I never would be so crass as to suggest



TIM RICHARD

they don't have real jobs.

Just as hard as my neighbors at Ford, Hagopian and law offices.

Fieger has yet to spend an hour studying the state budget. And it will take more than an hour to become as proficient in it as Engler, Roberts, and Sens. Bob Geake and Alma Wheeler Smith on the Appropriations Committee.

For now, Fieger gets, as they say on the MEAP tests, a score of "Not Yet Novice."

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

## Driver's ed is vital for all teens

In the wake of the settlement of the Durant case that forced the state to repay school districts for past underfunding, the Legislature decided to save money by dropping the requirement that all school districts had to offer free driver training.

Those of us who have some personal stake in encountering well-trained young drivers on the road wondered what school boards would do in response. Although around 20 school districts have dropped driver education programs altogether, most - around 80 percent by informal survey - will continue to offer the program.

But at what cost? Driver training programs offered by schools cost an average of \$200 per pupil. But the state will contribute less than half the cost for driver's ed, leaving a significant shortfall. I'd guess most school districts are either going to charge for their own driver training programs or subcontract with private companies that charge something like \$300 a pop.

Either way, the risk is that some kids (especially poor ones from poorer school districts) are going to leave school without exposure to driver training. This is bad. Both nationally and in Michigan, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers, and study after study has demonstrated that kids who take driver education courses are safer drivers than those who have not.

Why am I so concerned about all this? Simple. My son, Nathan, turned 16 this March.

Up to March, I had maintained a naive belief that I had a reasonably firm grip on the trials and tribulations of adolescence. But with Nathan's dawning recognition that the rite of passage of the 16th birthday opened the regulatory door to actually taking the road alone in a car, life in our family changed irrevocably.

First were the negotiations about just how many milliseconds after he turned 16 would elapse before he would take his driving test and get his driving license. Fortunately, these talks evolved into discussions of just how he would take responsibility for finding and enrolling in the required defensive driving course.

Second, and far more protracted, were the negotiations around cars. "Get him a beater with a heater," said Kathy, my wife, who argued persuasively for a four-cylinder model that featured only laborious acceleration and weighed in excess of two metric tons. Nathan preferred something rather sportier, preferably in red.

Kathy and I set out a series of parameters not to be exceeded - price, speed, insurance cost - and some jointly held requirements - air bags and a stick shift. We told Nathan that within these limits, the choice of a car was his. Than



PHILIP POWER

**Driver training programs offered by schools cost an average of \$200 per pupil.**

he and I took to the roadways, this newspaper firmly in hand, searching for used cars.

Despite one conflict situation - over a Mazda MX-6, as I recall - the car shopping turned out reasonably well. We settled on a 1993 Honda Civic coupe (red, to be sure) with 78,000 miles on it. We took it to the reliable mechanic for an evaluation and returned to the used car dealer, check in hand.

So now Nathan is driving, and every time we see his car disappearing up the driveway, Kathy and I die just a little bit. And every night we go to bed before he gets home, we wonder whether the next thing we hear will be the late night phone call from a policeman.

That's why I worry about driver training and what school districts are going to do about funding it.

I doubt this Legislature is going to re-mandate driver training for all schools, although I wish it would. I suspect a lot of schools are going to buy into the easy rationale that it's OK to duck responsibility for driver training, even though good driving skills are as essential in today's world as facility with a computer keyboard or the traditional reading, writing and math.

The fact is that younger drivers are the most dangerous driving group. Younger drivers who had not taken driver training are the most dangerous driving group of all. Schools ought to work hard to make driver training available to all kids, not just those whose families can afford it.

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## City's annual spring cleanup is under way

The city of Plymouth's Annual Spring Cleanup will begin this year on May 12 and conclude on May 20.

There is an eight-can limit per household and no bags or tags are required on your specific spring cleanup day. Residents of the city are asked not to place materials at the curb more than 24 hours in advance of their specific pickup date. All trash must be at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on their specific scheduled cleanup day.

The pickup days for this year's city spring cleanup will be as follows:

lows:

■ If your pickup day is a Monday, your cleanup day will be: Monday, May 18.

■ If your pickup day is a Tuesday, your cleanup day will be: Tuesday, May 12.

■ If your pickup day is a Wednesday, your cleanup day will be: Wednesday, May 20.

■ If your pickup day is a Thursday, your cleanup day will be: Thursday, May 14.

For specific rules and questions, call the city Solid Waste & Recycling hotline at (734) 455-1392.

## High schools compete

High School quiz teams from across Michigan are brushing up on their facts and figures in preparation for the 11th Annual McDonald's State Championship High School Quiz Bowl on April 24 and 25.

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools will be two of 69 schools competing in this year's tournament.

For two days, approximately 600 students and their advisors will converge upon the campus of St. Clair County Community

College in Port Huron for this much anticipated event. High schools compete in three categories based on student enrollment: Class A, Class B and Class C/D.

The tournament is a double-elimination contest, and winner receive trophies, medals and the Ray A. Kroe Youth Achievement Award from McDonald's.

Nineteen teams will compete in the class A division, 24 in the class B division and 26 in the Class C/D division.

### Read, read, read



Hitting the books: Fiegel Elementary media specialist Tricia Hackney held an Iditarod reading incentive program. Winners of the Iditarod got to have their pictures taken with children's author Shelly Gill. Two third-graders, Carley Zimmerman of Canton and Keith Brown of Plymouth, wrote books for Gill and presented them to her. After the presentation, Gill gave a presentation on Alaska and her books. Gill's visit was made possible by a grant from the Educational Excellence Foundation.

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN W. GRAYDON

Services for John W. Graydon, 56, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, were May 11 at the Riverside Cemetery with the Rev. Paul White officiating. Burial was also at Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born April 10, 1942, in Detroit. He died May 7 in Howell. He left Plymouth about 10 years ago to live in Howell. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and attended the University of Michigan for two years. He joined the Navy and went to electronics school.

Survivors include his two sisters, Norma Sayres of Florida; Patricia (Sidney) Bedrosian of Plymouth; one niece, Jeanette Balaze of Canton; two nephews, Daniel Bedrosian of Northville, Terry Sayres of Belleville; four great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

### EARL K. CRAM

Services for Earl K. Cram, 76, of Canton were May 12 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born Nov. 29, 1921, in Hermansville, Mich. He died May 9 in Southfield. He was the owner for many years of the Ideal Camera Shop in Detroit. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William M. and Laura K. Cram. Survivors include his three sisters, June (James) K. Sykes of Belleville, Loraine (Fred) L. Rickert of Eastpointe, Carolee (Russell) M. Ebeid of Bloomfield Hills; two brothers, Keith M. Cram of Pinckney, Sidney (Lynn) T. Cram of Lake Leelanau; many nephews; and many nieces.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010.

### GULFRIEDA S. BRODRICK

Services for Gulfrieda S. Brodrick, 93, of Plymouth were May 11 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Eugene N. Sorensen officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Sept. 22, 1904, in Springfield, Ill. She died May 8 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Unity Church of Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Cecelia Biscontine. Survivors include her two sons, Robert (Shirley) W. Brodrick of Livonia, Donald (Nancy) E. Brodrick of Plymouth; one brother, Ralph Biscontine of Rock Island, Ill.; one grandson, David Brodrick; two granddaughters, Cathy Sorlione, Natalie Cassidy; two great-grandsons, David Brorick Jr., Brett Cassidy; and two great-granddaughters, Trinia Corlione and Julie Corlione.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010 or Livonia Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia, Mich. 48152.

### JESSE ALBERT WOODRING

Services for Jesse Albert

Woodring, 71, of Hudson, Fla., formerly of Canton, will be Saturday, May 16, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Fred Wibert officiating. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Visitation will be for family at 1 p.m. Friday, May 15, and for friends 2-9 p.m. Friday, May 15.

He was born Jan. 13, 1927, in Chicago, Ill. He died May 11 at Hudson, Fla. He moved from Canton in 1981 to Florida. He was a member of Living Word Church, New Port Richey, Fla. He was a foreman.

He was preceded in death by parents, William O. and Nannie L. Woodring. Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean Woodring of Hudson, Fla.; 13 children; 38 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### LOUISE TRITTEN

Services for Louise Tritten, 90, of Plymouth were May 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1907, in Canton Township. She died May 11 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a teacher for several years in Brethren, Mich., during the 1930s.

She was a lifelong Plymouth resident, a 75-year member of the Plymouth Grange, member of the Plymouth Historical Society, and a founding member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Club of Plymouth. She was a member of the Ex-Service-men's Auxiliary. She was a member of the Fall Festival Board for many years.

She graduated from Plymouth High School and then from Michigan State University in 1929. She loved crafts, gardening, and sewing. She and her late husband, Jesse, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1984 prior to his death.

Survivors include her two sons, Norman (Phyllis) of Plymouth, Dale (Judith) of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Darin Tritten of Jackson, Holly Tritten of Plymouth, Daniel Tritten of Plymouth, Kristen Tritten of Canton; and one great-grandchild, Angella Tritten.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society.

### CAROL ANN ANDERSON

Private memorial services will be held at a later date for Carol Ann Anderson, 45, of Garden City, formerly of Plymouth, with the Rev. Edward Prus officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

She was born July 18, 1952, in Garden City. She died May 12 in Livonia. She was a secretary. She was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Anderson of Garden City; parents, Frank E. and Mary A. Ciesielski of Garden City; one sister, Catherine (Malcolm) T. Sielke of Kalamazoo; and one nephew, Jeff Sielke of Boca Raton, Fla.

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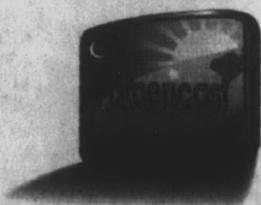
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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

*You can raise a teenager with integrity*

Professionals in the substance abuse prevention field seem to have gone hog-wild trying to convey the depth and breadth of teenage drinking and drugging to parent groups. If teens grow out of it anyway, why the commotion? A comment I hear all the time is, "After all, we did it when we were that age."

The facts are that one in four families is affected by addiction in some way. Whether it be in your immediate family or among the relatives, it still translates into one in four teens having a predisposition toward addictive behaviors. Just as important are the secondary problems that come from an adolescent's use and abuse.

A recent newspaper article suggested that while it's great to create many new jobs for young people, the new employee must also learn some basic skills that will assure him or her of not only getting the job, but keeping it.

In the article, Nakia Thomas, a senior at Detroit's High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, said she learned what it takes to be a good employee last summer, while participating in a summer jobs program.

Thomas found she had to be on time and perform to the best of her ability, and beyond.

"You've got to work with people and take orders. You've got to dress appropriately. You're not going to like everyone you meet, but you have to get along with people," she said.

### What employers expect

Thomas is right on the mark as to what employers expect. Ask any retail owner. Are adolescents able to perform in a responsible way? Not if they are using or abusing alcohol or drugs. Ask any recovering kid how easy it was for him to hold down a job when he was using.

"I cannot tell ya how hard it was to get up and get to a job after a night of getting trashed," remarked Kevin, a recovering 20-year-old. "Dragging yourself out of bed even when you didn't use the night before is only half the battle, followed by rummaging through the dirty laundry to find something that at least doesn't smell too bad to wear."

"Then there's that nasty obligation to perform, to do the best you can," especially when you don't feel like being there in the first place," he said. "It's boring, too."

Kevin also had trouble with "crabby bosses," including one who "nobody else liked her anyway." If she got in his face, he would tell her where to get off. He did that one too many times and she fired him.

He was fired from his next job when he showed up late three times, and the third boss said he had an attitude.

"I used to blame it on everyone else. When I stopped using, I discovered who was to blame. It's not easy to look in the mirror and realize that the source of all these problems was me."

Kevin isn't unusual. Even those adolescents who "binge" on weekends suffer the repercussions of a bad attitude, laziness and no motivation. Employers don't like "kids with an attitude." They aren't easy to work with. They don't take criticism well and have a poor work ethic.

### Getting them there

We can send our adolescents out into the workplace and be assured that they'll represent themselves as a person of integrity and character. Here are some ways to get them to that point.

1. Guide them. Begin molding them into the child you want when they are little. Have you taught your preschooler how detrimental drugs, alcohol and tobacco to your family, if someone in it is addicted? Do they know your family values and belief system?

2. Teach them how to have the con-

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## JERRY'S LEAVING TO BE MASTER OF HIS OWN DOMAIN

# NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT!

Jeremy Haberman doesn't even want to hear about it. He shuns all rumors, stories and guesses about how the television series "Seinfeld" is going to make its grand exit tonight. He wants to be surprised.

"Don't tell me. I'm serious, don't tell me," said an aggravated Haberman. "I'm so bad that even when it comes to movies I want to see I won't even watch the previews. It gives it all away. I need to savor the flavor."

Well, Jeremy, don't read any further.

Over the weekend, Observer readers called and e-mailed in their predictions for the end of "Seinfeld." Here are some of the more "spongeworthy" responses.

The best story came from a restaurateur in Westland. He said that he heard that "Seinfeld" ends with the cast being carjacked and squished by Godzilla.

A popular story line traveling along the Internet is that the whole cast moves to Hollywood after Jerry Seinfeld gets a job hosting a talk show. According to Newsweek magazine, Julia Louis-Dreyfus started a rumor that the cast will drive over a cliff like the movie "Thelma and Louise."

The grand finale of "Seinfeld" will air from 8:45-10 p.m. tonight after a 45-minute-long retrospective of the show's nine-year career. Seinfeld decided to put the kibosh on the gig to return to stand-up comedy.

Steve Carter, general manager of the Holiday Inn at Laurel Park Place, predicted that the ending will be, well, about nothing.

"I think it's going to end just like it started - about nothing. I think there won't be a big ending. It's going to be a two-hour great episode. I think it'll be a lot about nothing," Carter said.

Being from the East Coast, Carter explained that his favorite episode featured the "Soup Nazi."

"I thought it was hilarious primarily because of the bluntness of the typical New Yorker. I'm from the East Coast so I thought it was hilarious."

Mike Watts of Plymouth's Watts Up Inc., on the other hand, couldn't care less how "Seinfeld" ends.

"I don't think Jerry Seinfeld and the crew is that funny. I don't think I'll ever understand why it's the most popular show in America. I'm interested in it but I'm not enamored with it," said Watts, whose company promotes events like the Plymouth Ice Festival and the Budweiser Downtown Hoedown.

Although Haberman, who runs the Magic Bag in Ferndale, wouldn't suggest an ending, he was more than happy to talk about his favorite episodes.

"I think my favorite was the one with the debate with Frank Costanza and Kramer about the name of 'the bro.' Frank has abnormally large male breasts and George realizes that that's a trait that he might have to deal with," Haberman said.

He also enjoyed the episode in which Jerry and Kramer observe a surgery and one of Kramer's Junior Mints falls into a man's abdominal cavity.

Claire Moon of Livonia explained that Seinfeld has been a part of her family since the show's beginning.

"Seinfeld" has been a "must-see" for me since 1989. I'm sure the last show will be timely, provocative and basically funny no matter what plot is chosen," Moon said.

On April 11, 1991, NBC aired her favorite episode about the "blue statue." A Norwegian girlfriend of Elaine's has a boyfriend who is working his way through college by cleaning people's homes. At Elaine's urging, Jerry hires this fellow only to discover that the guy apparently took the opportunity to steal a statue from Jerry's apartment.

"It just had everything in it," Moon explained about why that's her favorite.

Moon is such a "Seinfeld" fan, she spent a Thanksgiving evening at the Fox Theatre with him.

"He was great. It's him. That was how he got this show was because he's so good at the stand-up. There was 4,000 people there. That's a good thing."



So long, Jerry: The Seinfeld cast is saying goodbye tonight. From left are Jerry, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jason Alexander and Michael Richards.

## Nothing to do tonight? Do it with the Seinfeld gang

Get out your Twix bars, Junior Mints, puffy shirts and big salads, "Seinfeld" is sliding out the door tonight.

Several local bars and eateries have opted to show the Detroit Red Wings-St. Louis Blues playoff game because that's the big attraction, more people are interested in it, yadda, yadda, yadda.

But if your stress level is a little high from the unpredictable Wings, get a few laughs with local radio stations who are hosting "Seinfeld" parties.

Tremors! Nightclub and radio station WDRQ (93.1 FM) are hosting a "Seinfeld" party beginning at 6 p.m. with an apropos New York Deli buffet, featuring sandwiches, poppy seed bagels and Snapple. There will also be an episode-themed munchies table with cookies, apple pie, Junior Mints, Pez, Chuckles and Twix. Premium cigars will also be on sale.

"I noticed on the Internet that there's tons of food in 'Seinfeld,'" said Lew Perrotta, marketing director for Tremors!

"I went to the bookstore and bought a book about 'Seinfeld.' I barreled through the book and that made examples of Twix, and all kinds of different candy. The Nazi Soup," added Perrotta who only watches the show about twice a month.

During commercial breaks, drawings for Holiday Inn hotel stays, Sunday brunch and WDRQ merchandise will be raffled off by WDRQ afternoon DJ Jimi Love.

Cover charge for the party is \$2 before 6 p.m. and \$5 afterward. "Seinfeld" fans with a dining receipt from Max and Erma's in Livonia and Canton, Cooker in Livonia, D. Dennison's in Livonia, Papa Vito's in Livonia and On the Border in Novi will be admitted free. Only those 21 and older will be admitted.

Call (734) 462-2196 for more information or visit <http://www.tremorsnightclub.com>

"Seinfeld" fans can watch the show on a 500-square foot movie screen at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, tonight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The movie "As Good As It Gets" immediately follows. Admission is \$2 and only those 18 and older will be admitted. Call (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

Radio station WYCD ("Young Country") called upon the Star Southfield movie theater to rent special equipment so "Seinfeld" could be shown on a movie screen. "Young Country" personality Dr. Don will broadcast live from there 3-7 p.m. so "Seinfeld" fans still have a chance to win passes to the invitation-only party.

There will be the typical Seinfeldian party favors as well as a hunt for prizes through a big salad, a Kramer entrance contest, and a puffy shirt contest.

Lenny, the evening DJ on WPLT ("The Planet"), is hosting a party from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Buddy's restaurant at 31646 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Games and pizza will fill out the evening. Call (248) 855-4600 for more information.

"The Q Crew" from WKQI (95.5) will be "T.C.B." (takin' care of business) from 8-10 p.m. when the show airs at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 334-1999.

Roosevelt's Billiard Bar and Grill will show "Seinfeld" on several big-screen televisions with special hosts from WCSX (94.7 FM). The bar, at 27843 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, can be reached at (248) 488-1990.

For the ultimate in big screen entertainment, "The Edge," WXDG 105.1 FM, will host a party at the Detroit Science Center where "Seinfeld" will be shown on the IMAX screen.

The party is free, but most of the tickets will be given away on the air. The remaining tickets will be given away at the Science Center behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Edge listeners lucky enough to get in will receive the Entertainment Weekly Special Edition "Seinfeld" issue.

"We were just looking to do something out of the box. Everybody goes to a bar to watch that show. We wanted to do something completely different and have them go somewhere they haven't been to since they were a kid," said Mark Uldrych, promotions director at WXDG.

"We just thought it would be an interesting way to show it."

# Finding adequate child care is crisis for poor families

Every working day, parents of 29 million children confront the challenge of finding safe and reliable child care while balancing the demands of work. But finding adequate and affordable care for the 10 million children in America's lowest-income families is a never-ending crisis.

That is the central finding highlighted in the 1998 edition of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Book. According to that report, child care costs consume, on average, fully one-fourth of the income of these Americans who earn less than \$1,200 a month - even after existing public subsidies are counted.

Moreover, demand for available child care is soaring, driven by the fact that an estimated 70 percent of all women with preschool children - including millions of former welfare mothers - will be working outside the home by the year 2000.

"American families need a child care system that is affordable, practical, and trustworthy," said Douglas W. Nelson, president of the Casey Foundation. "If we don't improve upon the current state of child care, we will not only undermine welfare reform and weaken the future workforce, but we also end up putting tens of thousands of children in harm's way."

The ninth annual KIDS COUNT report also finds dangerously few good options for the more than one-fourth of working poor parents who do not work traditional 9-to-5, Monday-to-Friday shifts, when child care is now most often available. And the study documents a growing need for after-school programs for some 3.5 million young children who are left by themselves until their parents return from work.

Even when parents can find child care, it is often substandard. One multi-state study cited in the report found that only one out of 12 infant and toddler rooms at child care centers provided developmentally appropriate care, and 40 percent were deemed a potential threat to children's health and safety.

The report links low-quality child care to low wages and inadequate training for child care workers make it difficult to attract and retain skilled staff.

"Parents trying to make ends meet and provide quality care for their children need a child care environment that helps prepare their children for school," Nelson said. "Success begins from the start, but so does failure. Nurturing, high quality child care puts children on the road to success."

## Child care deficit

The report emphasizes that the lack of affordable and practical day care is a significant barrier preventing welfare recipients from making a successful transition to employment.

A study in Minneapolis, for example, found that one-quarter

of the former welfare recipients on the waiting list for child care went back on public assistance because child care never materialized.

Without coordinated efforts by government, business, and religious and civic organizations, affordable, practical, and trustworthy child care will never become a reality for the people who need it most, the report asserts.

"If we fail to provide children, especially those poor children who are most at risk, with quality child care, we are gambling with their future," said Nelson. "Child care is a make-or-break issue for welfare parents making

the transition into the workforce. "Welfare reform that puts mothers to work at the cost of putting their children in jeopardy is a flawed reform."

As the report notes, child care complications affect not only welfare mothers, but all working families. In fact, 75 percent of working mothers reported disruptions in job attendance due to child care difficulties.

Meanwhile, according to estimates cited in the study, U.S. business is losing \$3 billion in productivity each year because of working parents' problems with child care.

The report underscores the need for increased funding for

federal child care block grants to the states as well as the desirability of expanding and making refundable the dependent care tax credit.

## Making it better

To improve quality, the report recommends better compensation and training for child care employees. Minimum quality standards by states and consistent enforcement of these standards by public agencies are also recommended.

In order to meet the special needs of low-income families, the report calls for more investment in neighborhood-based child care, including centers operated

by churches and community organizations as well as programs located in schools or public housing communities. Such local facilities offer not only convenience to parents, but also employment and training for neighborhood residents.

Finally, the report urges that more information be available to parents so that they can become better consumers of child care. To assist consumer awareness, the Data Book is being issued with a resource kit, "Child Care You Can Count On: Model Programs and Policies," that details where parents and child care providers can find the best practices in the field.

# Children's well-being shows a decline in 5 areas

The 1998 KIDS COUNT Data Book, a state-by-state report on the conditions facing America's children, finds that between 1985 and 1995, the well-being of the nation's children deteriorated in five areas, improved in four areas, and stayed the same in one. (The best/worst listings which follow each indicator are based on 1995 data unless indicated otherwise).

Child care workers make just over half what other workers make. In 1996, median hourly wages of child care workers were \$6.12 (best: Alaska, worst: Wyoming) compared to \$7.80 for preschool teachers (best: Vermont, worst: Wyoming) and \$10.35 for all workers.

In 1995, 63 percent of children under age 6 (lowest: West Virginia, highest: North Dakota) and 51 percent of children ages 6-12 (lowest: West Virginia, highest: Mississippi) were living with working parents.

Additionally, 21 percent of children under age 13 were living in low-income families with working parents (lowest: Massachusetts and New Jersey, highest:

Mississippi).

The share of low birth-weight babies increased by 7 percent nationwide between 1985 and 1995. It reflects the percentage of babies born weighing less than 5.5 pounds. There was an increase in every state except Vermont, where there was a 10 percent improvement (best: Alaska and North Dakota, worst: Mississippi).

The rate of infant deaths declined by 28 percent nationwide between 1985 and 1995, dropping from 10.6 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1985 to 7.6 in 1995. It improved in all states and the District of Columbia during this period (best: Massachusetts, worst: Mississippi).

The child death rate (deaths from all causes for children ages 1-14) improved 18 percent nationwide between 1985 and 1995. All but six states and the District of Columbia showed improvement in this area (best: Massachusetts, worst: Mississippi).

The rate of teen deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide rose 3 percent

between 1985 and 1995. There were 65 deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19 in 1995, compared to 63 in 1985. Between 1985 and 1995, a decline in teen deaths due to accidents was offset by a doubling in the number of homicides.

The number of teen deaths due to accidents went from 8,202 in 1985 to 6,623 in 1995, while the number of teen homicides went from 1,602 to 3,292 during the same period. The number of teen suicides increased very slightly during the period, from 1,849 to 1,890 (best: Maine, worst: Mississippi).

The rate of births to young women ages 15-17 climbed 16 percent nationwide between 1985 and 1995. Only 10 states improved in this measure (best: Vermont, worst: Mississippi).

The nation experienced a 66 percent increase in the juvenile violent crime arrest rate between 1985 and 1995. Vermont was the only state in which the rate improved during this period (best: Vermont, worst: New York).

The proportion of 16- to 19-year-olds who are high school dropouts fell from 11 percent in 1985 to 10 percent in 1995 (best: Connecticut, worst: Arizona and Nevada).

The share of teens ages 16 to 19 who were not attending school and not working fell from 11 percent in 1985 to 9 percent in 1995. Massachusetts and Florida were the only states that had an increase in the percent of teens who were idle during this period (best: North Dakota, worst: West Virginia).

The 1995 child poverty rate, 21 percent, was identical to the 1985 rate (best: New Hampshire and Utah, worst: Louisiana).

The percentage of families with children headed by a single parent increased by 18 percent nationwide between 1985 and 1995. Twenty-six percent of families were headed by single parents in 1995 (best: Utah, worst: Louisiana and Mississippi).

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confidence of their convictions. Explain to them the value in being the "lone ranger" when they are standing up for the right thing. As kids get older, they lose that confidence and lean on their peers for acceptance.

3. Give them scripts. If someone is bullying or tempting them, teach them ways to defend themselves with words. When

they are taught to fight back, they learn *Might is Right*. Is that what you want them to know? The biggest one always wins?

4. Teach your lessons in a non-shaming way so that their dignity and self-respect remain intact. My friend Gail tells a story about her little nephew who was acting up at the dinner table one night. Finally, his mother said to him, "Shame on you." His reply

was, "There's no shame on me." And there shouldn't be any shame on any of us. Shaming doesn't teach lessons, it only fosters revenge and rebellion.

5. Make sure that you are fully aware of their whereabouts and who they are with. Parents think this is less important as the kids become teens because they need their independence, but they

need more supervision than ever. Tell them that periodically you may just "drop by" where they are to see how everything is going.

The world of the child is very different today. Parents have to be more vigilant than ever and cognizant of all the "land mines" that our children can step on. A parent has more influence over his child than anyone. No one

said it was going to be easy, but it is the single most important job we will ever have.

If you have a question or comment for Jacquie Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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### Banaszak

Mr. and Mrs. Banaszak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine E. Patrick Benson, to Dorothy Benson. Charles Benson is employed as a teacher at EDS in Dearborn. Her fiancé is employed as a teacher at EDS in Southfield. A July wedding at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

### Lutz-Fenc

Elizabeth Lutz announces the engagement of her daughter, Maria, to Kenneth Fenc. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in arts degree. She is currently employed at EMU. Her fiancé is employed at Novi Community College with a Bachelor's degree. He is currently employed at Novi Community College.

### Pulice-A

Barbara Ann Pulice announces the engagement of their daughter, Derek, to Bernhard. The bride-to-be is a medical student at West Bloomfield College. Her fiancé is currently employed at Livonia. The wedding is planned for August.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Banaszak-Benson**

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Banaszak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth, to Alan Patrick Benson, the son of Dorothy Benson of Taylor and Charles Benson of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a project manager at EDS in Detroit.

Her fiancé attended Henry Ford Community College. He is employed as an information analyst at EDS in Southfield.

A July wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford.



**Brooks-Swanson**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa M., to Eric J. Swanson, the son of Sharon Swanson of Livonia and the late Richard Swanson.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Pennfield High School in Battle Creek and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland.

Her fiancé is 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He also is employed by Dow Chemical.

An October wedding is planned at Trinity United Methodist Church in Battle Creek.



**McKnight-Lobzun**

Daniel and Linda McKnight of Grand Rapids announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Dawn, to Shane Matthew Lobzun, the son of Darryl and Jeanne Lobzun of Westland.

The bride-to-be attends Grand Rapids Community College.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School and Henry Ford Community College with a bachelor's degree in business.

A June wedding is planned at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Kentwood.

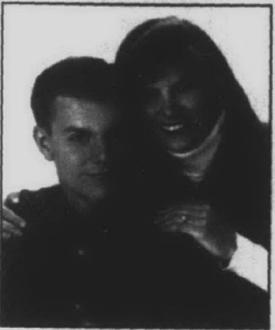


**Lutz-Fenchel**

Elizabeth Lutz of Northville announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Lynn of Livonia, to Kenneth W. Fenchel, the son of Mike and Kathy Fenchel of Novi.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late William Lutz, is a graduate of Northville High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor of the arts degree and Eastern Michigan University with a master of the arts degree. She is working on earning a specialist degree at EMU. She is a teacher with the Novi Community School District.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Novi High School and Alma College with a bachelor of the arts degree. He is working on a master's degree at Madonna University. He also is a teacher with the Novi Community School District.



A July wedding is planned.

**Raden-Hedrick**

Stanley and Laurie Raden of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Doreen, to David Calvin Hedrick, the son of Calvin Hedrick of Westland and Janet Hedrick of Canton.

The bride-to-be is majoring in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Meijer in Canton.

Her fiancé is majoring in engineering at the University of Michigan. He is employed at Quality Heating and Cooling.

A May wedding is planned at Dixboro United Methodist Church.



**Wilson-Roaden**

Bill and Sandra Wilson of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura K., to Andrew T. Roaden, the son of Rita Roaden of Berkley and Chester Roaden of Walled Lake.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed at Associated Retinal Consultants in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He is employed at the Hotel Pierre in Manhattan, N.Y.

An August wedding is planned at the Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



**Pulice-Andriekus**

Barbara and Eugene Pulice of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Derek Andriekus, the son of Bernhard and Lillian Andriekus of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is employed as a medical assistant at DMC in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé is employed as a police officer by the city of Livonia.

An August wedding is planned.



**Trostle-Rowe**

Donald and Jane Trostle of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Elizabeth, to Todd Mitchell Rowe, the son of Char and Bee Rowe of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Hudson's as a visual display artist.

Her fiancé also is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a



degree in philosophy. He attends Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wis. A June wedding is planned at the Dixboro Methodist Church in Ann Arbor.

**Carlisle-Leonard**

Jim and Carol Carlisle of Ft. Worth, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Paula Lynette, to Anthony Sigmund Leonard, the son of Raymond and Patricia Leonard of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed by Tricon as a senior program analyst for Wendy's.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an electrical engineer by Texas Instruments.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dallas.



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Forms to announce weddings, engagements, births and anniversaries are available at our offices in Livonia - 36251 Schoolcraft - and Plymouth - 794 S. Main St. They also are available by calling at (734) 953-2131 or at (734) 459-2700.

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## WEEKEND

### FISHING DERBY

Wayne County Parks and Recreation and Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 presents the Third Annual Fishing Derby 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 16, at Hines Park Waterford Bend Picnic Area. Children 12 years and younger are invited to fish and participate in the casting contest. At 10:30 a.m. prizes will be presented to children.

### BEANIE BABY SHOW

There will be a Beanie Baby show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Plymouth V.F.W. Hall, on Lilley, north of Ann Arbor Road. Admission is \$3. Children under 12 free with paying adult. For table reservations and information, call (313) 544-0050.

### TRYOUTS

The Plymouth Salem High School co-ed cheerleading squad will hold tryouts 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, in the Salem gym. Tryout material will be taught and interviews conducted 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, also in the Salem gym. For more information, call coach JoDee Dillion at (734) 459-3393.

### FLEA MARKET & GUITAR SHOW

The Ann Arbor Musician's Flea Market and Guitar Show will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Ann Arbor Inn, 3750 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, at US-23, Exit 37B, Washtenaw West. General admission is \$5 at the door. Advance tickets are \$4, and available at Boss Guitars, 613 N. Main St., Ann Arbor.

### COFFEE HOURS

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss their concerns. For directions or for more information, call Chip Silivis in Rivers' district office in Ann Arbor at (734) 741-4210.

### FISHING DERBY

Wayne County Parks and Recreation and Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 present the Third Annual Fishing Derby 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at Hines Park, Waterford Bend Picnic Area, Northville Road, north of Six Mile in Northville. For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The city of Ann Arbor Department of Parks & Recreation is now taking registrations for its annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 17. The shotgun start begins at 8 a.m. at Leslie Park Golf Course,

2120 Traver in Ann Arbor. Play is open to all golfers, stroke play and no handicaps. Each player tees off with the best being determined from the shots played. The fee is \$135 for a three-person team. Register in person at Leslie Park Golf. Leslie Park has a new non-metal spike rule this year. Call (734) 994-1163 for more information.

### PLANT AND BAKE SALE

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold the annual Plant and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at 21355 Meadowbrook, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Novi. A wide variety of geraniums, high quality flats, pots and hanging baskets will be available. In conjunction with the plant sale, there will be a bake sale.

### DISPLAY

The Salem Area Historical Society, in celebration of "National Preservation Week," through May 16, will host a photographic display in the Jarvis Stone School at North Territorial and Curtis roads. In order to illustrate the motto of this year, "Preservation Begins At Home," the exhibit will feature some examples of local preservation efforts in Salem Township. The exhibit will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

### SPRING CONCERT

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will present its annual Spring Concert entitled "The Treble Ring-Time," to be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Division at Catherine in Ann Arbor. Following the performance, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall, with a silent auction to benefit the Scotland touring fund. One item to be bid on will be a test drive of a Hummer, at the manufacturer's test track. Admission to the concert will be by ticket, at \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors. A family rate is also available. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling (734) 663-5377.

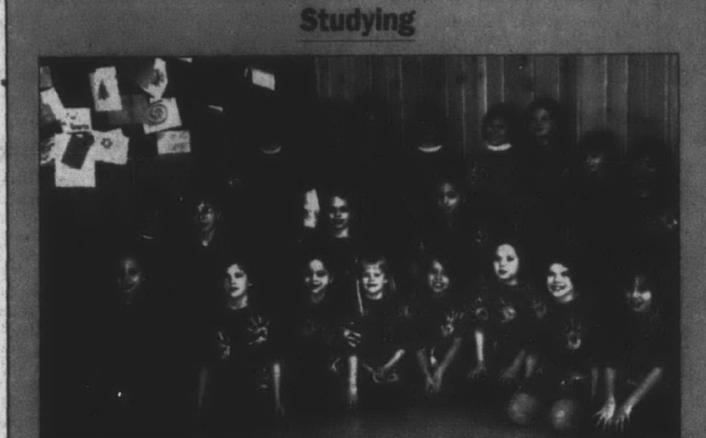
### PARENTING CLASS

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor is sponsoring "A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up," 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, at the Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. There is a fee for this class. For more details or to register, call the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthline at (734) 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211.

## AROUND TOWN

### GOLF OUTING

The Washtenaw/Western Wayne Chapter of the American Diabetes Associ-



Posing: The first-grade girls of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 898 pose for their photo following their study of pollution.

## Brownies study pollution

The first grade girls of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 898 from Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth have been studying different kinds of pollution and their effect on our planet. They did several experiments showing the effect of acid rain on plants and land fills on our water. They made terrariums to study how Earth's water cycle works and how plants grow. Using books from the Plymouth and Canton public libraries, they researched different types of pollution and made a poster about air pollution

which is currently on display in the children's section of the Canton Public Library. The girls also studied endangered species and are putting together a scrapbook of current events about such plants and animals to help remind themselves that the struggle to save endangered species never ends. As an on-going environmental project, the girls have adopted a garden at Isbister Elementary School. Over the next two years, they will keep the garden green and clean.

ation will hold the 12th annual "Swing Away for the A.D.A." golf outing on Tuesday, May 19. The location for the event is the Eagle Crest Golf Club, 1275 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. The 8 a.m. breakfast and registration will be followed by a 9 a.m. for the scramble tournament. The event will conclude with lunch and an awards ceremony. To register for golfing or to inquire about a sponsorship, call Barb at (734) 207-1621.

### BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at 47526 Clipper. Call Barb at 453-6110 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

### MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company in association with the Plymouth Poets and "The Poet and the Power" are presenting

at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, the second annual Allen Ginsberg Memorial Celebration featuring poetry in homage to Allen Ginsberg and round-robin reading of "Howl." Also there will be a second hour of poetry featuring different spokespersons. For more information, call (313) 454-0178.

### TRAVEL CAMP

Joel's Group is sponsoring a travel camp for children ages 6 to 17. Each day campers have different activities. The age groups will be divided up: ages 6-12 in July; ages 13-17 in August. Parents who drive and help out will receive a stipend. For more information, contact Joel Marwil at (248) 476-8741.

### CASINO TRIPS

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to the Bay Mills Casino in Sault Ste. Marie.

The two night-three day trip departs June 4. The cost of the trip is \$189 (based on double occupancy) and includes transportation, two nights accommodations at the Bay Mills Casino/Resort, two full breakfast buffets and one full dinner buffet, shuttle service to Vegas Kewadin Casino, stops in Frankenmuth & Gaylord, and much more. For further information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Tours will sponsor a trip to the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, May 26. The trip cost is \$27 for the city of Plymouth residents and \$28 for non-city residents. The trip includes: round trip transportation and free time at the casino. For further information, contact the

recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

### ADULT SOCCER

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. For more information, call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

### ART FROM THE HEART

A new Art From the Heart group is starting mid-May in Northville. Art From the Heart is for children 6-12 years old who have experienced the recent death of a loved one. An atmosphere is created where children can engage in art making as a means to continue their grief and bereavement process with other children who have also experienced the death of a loved one. Art therapy allows children the opportunity to identify and express feelings, strength memories and develop healthy coping skills. Art From the Heart is part of Arbor Hospice's care for children's program. For more information or to register, call Liz Goldstone, art therapist at Arbor Hospice, (248) 348-4980.

### ART RENTAL

The Art Rental Gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council will conduct a sale of some of its inventory 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday during the month of May. This is a rare opportunity to purchase some fine original and reproduction framed art at very reasonable prices. Rental fees are just \$6 per month for most pictures and \$2 for very small ones. It is not necessary to be a member of the Arts Council or a Plymouth resident to rent pictures. The sale will enable the gallery to purchase some new art works for its ever-changing collection. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### GRIEF RECOVERY

Grief Recovery is a five-week program designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. This program is open to the community without charge. A professional facilitator will lead the group. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 21 through June 18, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Registration is required. For registration or for more information, call (313) 459-2250.

### ANGELA HOSPICE

For people throughout southeastern lower Michigan who may have experienced the loss of a loved one, Angela Hospice offers monthly grief support groups at no cost to the public. All groups are open to the community and are held at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor at

(734) 464-7810.

## CLUBS

### MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

### HAM RADIO

If, indeed, you should become interested in becoming a "ham," there are many members (and classes) to assist you in, qualifying for a license. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, except July and August, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, upstairs. For more information, call Earl at (734) 453-8865, Chuck at (734) 453-7377, or Ralph at (734) 455-7652.

### NAOCW

The National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter will host the monthly networking meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Featured speaker will be Priscilla J. Peterson, president and general manager of a management recruiters group of Lansing. Her topic for the program will be "Ingredient For Success."

### BNI

Business Network International will hold monthly meetings 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, May 14-15. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### PSI

Professional Secretaries International, Office Professionals, monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Chapter will be at the Sheraton Inn, Ann Arbor. This month's meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4. If you would like to attend the meeting, obtain more information about PSI or join the chapter, call Marti Ruedger at 996-7519.

### STAMP CLUB

The West Suburban Stamp Club holds meetings at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

### M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (734) 453-3675.

### TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley in Plymouth Township. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (734) 455-1635.

**CALENDAR FORM**

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

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

### GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Todd Falko, a Northwood senior from Plymouth, was granted the Clarence P. and Grace A. Chamberlin Foundation Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year. Falko is the son of Larry and Grace Falko of Plymouth.

### DEAN'S LIST

Kelly Marie West, daughter of Michael & Sharyl

has made the dean's list from Grand Valley University. She is also planning a trip to New Zealand to help set up a program for the disabled at school there. She is studying to be a recreational therapist for the disabled. She has helped with wheel chair races and volunteered at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids. She has always been involved with Special Olympics.

### WHO'S WHO

Canton resident Jennifer M. Kuchera and Plymouth resident Sarah E. Olender are among 20 Michigan residents who are the 29 Adrian College students listed in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Col-

leges. These students were nominated for their outstanding academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

### DEAN'S LIST

Andrea Sudik of Canton were among 250 students named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the winter 1998 quarter. She is the daughter of Ms. Donna Louise Clack of Canton and Michael Steven Sudik of Garden City.

### 'JULIUS CAESAR' PRODUCTION

Plymouth resident Sarah E. Olender was among 11 Adrian College students who were involved in

the Adrian College Theatre production of "Julius Caesar" by William Shakespeare, April 15-18. Olender portrayed Decius Brutus and Clitus. She is the daughter of Thomas and Catherine Olender of Plymouth. She is a 1994 graduate of Ladywood High School.

### WTU DEAN'S LIST

Candace Rochelle Banners, Shane Dennis Borge, Michael James Mayo, and Carolyn Anne Watson of Plymouth were among a total of 1,091 students who achieved placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University.

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## Dinner honors volunteers for Community Hospice



**Dinner guests:** Among the 140 volunteers and staff of Community Hospice and Home Care Services recently treated to dinner at the New Hawthorne Valley by owner George Mourtos (front row, fourth from left) were (front row, from left) Ted Bienkowski, Kathy Dattolo, Becky Rouse, Elaine Austin, Maureen Butrico, Gerald Heyer, Laurie Behling, Robert Bull, (back row, from left) Lorraine Stroble, Virginia Vreeland, Cindy Patterson and Darlene Sykes.

Volunteers who assist Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc., all 140 of them, were recently treated to a special evening of food, fun and entertainment at the New Hawthorne Valley Golf Club in Westland.

"We wanted to celebrate the dedication and good deeds of our volunteers during National Volunteer Week," said Laurie Behling, director of volunteer services, about the April 27 dinner. "The perfect way to do that was to hold a dinner to honor them."

Those in attendance included entire families who volunteer for CHCS, teens from local high schools and people who have volunteered from 17 years to two weeks.

George Mourtos, owner of the New Hawthorne Valley, provided the dinner free of charge.

"We are so grateful to Mr. Mourtos in helping us be able to have such a special evening," said Behling. "His generosity will be remembered by the staff and volunteers of CHCS."

Volunteers are needed in the areas of patient care, bereave-

ment care and fundraising activities. People interested in helping can get more information by calling Behling at (734) 522-4244.

Started in 1981, CHCS is a non-profit community-based program serving terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

CHCS has offices at 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland, and 127 S. Main St., Plymouth.

## Emerald City holds open house

Emerald City Designs will hold an open house at its new location in Plymouth Sunday, May 17.

Emerald City Designs, a special events florist, will have decorated table displays, floral arrangements and wedding specialists on hand 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

at the store, 900 N. Mill St. It will also offer complimentary boutonnières with any wedding floral order during the open house.

Fox Productions Inc., Genitti's Hole-In-the-Wall Restaurant, Harry Vitanis Photography, Your Event Party Rental, Salu-

tations, The Pastry Palace, Elizabeth's Bridal Manor and Gourmet Express Catering will be on hand, and there will be prize drawings throughout the day.

For more information, call Emerald City Designs at (734) 454-7145.

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# Michigan's horses ready to 'parade into 21st century'

People who love horses should plan to be in Lansing Saturday, May 16, as "Michigan Parades into the 21st Century."

One of the largest equine parades in the country, it will kick off at 11 a.m. on Michigan Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue in the state capital. Michigan has more than 150,000 horses (more than Kentucky) and many of the more than 100 clubs and organizations will be represented in the three-hour event.

Expected to participate this year are Arabians, Percherons, Belgians, Clydesdales, American Saddle Breds, Morgans, Paints, Buckskins, thoroughbreds, Paso Finos, Quarterhorses, Appaloosas, mules, miniature horses and donkeys, ponies, Haflingers, Canadians, Tennessee Walking Horses, Peruvians and standardbreds, according to Nancy Harm, an equine and psychology professor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Among the units in authentic

costumes will be Arabians in imported Arabic tack and costumes, Paso Finos in Spanish show costumes, Charro Riders in authentic Mexican tack and attire and Peruvian horses in costume.

Local participants include Connie Hydel of Farmington Hills, a member of the Lagos Grandes Peruvian Horse Club, Lorenzo Veal II, a State Police trooper at the Northville Post and a member of the Black Western Historical Society of Michigan, and Colleen Whitlow

of Garden City, who will be riding Lota Cotton, a Buckskin stallion.

Among the horse-drawn vehicles will be that of Bob Huff, an equine program instructor at Schoolcraft, riding in a carriage, drawn by a standardbred harness racing horse, with former Detroit Tiger Milt Wilcox, also a standardbred owner and racer.

There also will be a six-hitch horse team, a 1908 Sears runabout carriage, an 1830 stagecoach pulled by a team of four

Haflingers and an antique hearse (still in use today in the Lansing area) pulled by horse.

Also appearing in the parade will be an 1875 Lawrie Tubcart, a wagon train, buckboards, circus wagons and other antique buggies and carriages.

New to this year's parade will be carriages and antique buggies from Greenfield Village and Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel.

Grand marshal for the equine unites will be interna-

tionally known performer S.A. Darrigrand, who will be there as Tom Mix, riding the "Wonder Horse Tony."

Besides horses, other unusual animals on parade will be llamas, camels, a Zebu and snakes from the Potter Parks Zoo. A special hero canine unit will feature adult dogs and puppies from Leader Dogs for the Blind, Canine Companions, Paws with a Cause and therapy, rescue and police dogs.

# 'Walk a Mile for a Smile' benefits Institute for Children

Several chapters of the Grottoes of North America are inviting people to "Walk a Mile for a

Smile" on Saturday, May 16, to benefit The Detroit Institute for Children.

The 3-mile family walk, run, stroll or in-line skate will get under way at 10 a.m. at Merriman Hollow at the Merriman Road entrance to Hines Park in Westland.

Participants will gather pledges for their walk with the money raised slated for DIC's dental program which provides a full range of dental care, including cleanings, restorations, root

canals and simple extractions, for children with disabilities. Last year's event raised \$3,000 for the program.

Pledge sheets and more information are available by calling Connie Livingston at (734) 261-0983.

The Grottoes, a Masonically-affiliated fraternal organization, have been providing aid to children with cerebral palsy for years and now are raising money to help pay for the dental care of handicapped youngsters.

Simple daily activities are difficult or impossible for the children because of their various physical limitations and disabili-

ties. The special patients require more frequent dental visits because the medications they take for seizures and muscle spasms carry side effects, such as swollen gums.

The dental program is just one of more than 30 specialized services offered at the institute, an outpatient rehabilitation facility for children with physical, developmental and neurological disabilities.

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Wasalaski**

Gilbert and Melva Wasalaski of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party with 100 guests, given by their daughter, Linda Wall.

The couple was married on Christmas Day 1947 in Plymouth. She is the former Melva Jean Makepeace.

They have four children - Terry and wife Debbie of Plymouth, Linda Wall and husband Ed of Plymouth, Larry and wife Elizabeth of Novi and Penny Rowland of Plymouth. They also have eight grandchildren - Jennifer Myers and husband Brad, Jay, Brie, Shea Michael, Kristen, Carrie, Kelly and John.

A 1949 graduate of Plymouth High School, he retired from R.E. Leggette as a carpenter in 1991. She is a 1945 graduate of Plymouth High School and retired in 1961 from Bathey Manufacturing, where she



worked in accounting. She also worked at Dragon Enterprises as a secretary/accountant, retiring from there in 1988.

Together, they enjoy traveling and camping. His interests include jogging, tennis, in-line skating, water skiing and golf. She enjoys crafts, cooking and her grandchildren.

**How to make children better readers**

In the classroom, most teachers use phonics to teach children how to sound out unfamiliar words, building a foundation for reading skills. At home, parents should find ways to reinforce and build on that foundation.

But when you have a busy schedule, no formal educational training, and kids who want to be entertained, what's a parent to do?

According to one expert, the best way is to reinforce - in concrete ways - what children are learning in the classroom.

"We all know how important it is to read to children beginning at an early age," said educational consultant Dr. Alvin Granowsky, who has helped develop a unique new book program for kids from Millbrook Press. "But what's not so widely known is that although beginning readers may make gains in the class-

room without consistent involvement and practice with a parent or adult family member, children can be put at a severe disadvantage."

One solution is to introduce children to a beginning reader series of books. Millbrook's "Real Kids Readers" is an example of the kind of book that can help promote reading skills - and make kids want to come back for more practice.

"Real Kids Readers" features crisp, color photographs of real-life kids with experiences and stories that will be familiar to beginning readers - choosing a pet, losing a tooth, making new friends, squabbling with a sibling, having fun with grandpa.

The books, organized in three distinct levels for new readers, provide picture clues to help kids decipher new words. Progressing from one level to the next gives

children that all-important, confidence-building sense of accomplishment.

Each "Real Kids Readers" book includes a how-to-use note for parents, with basic instructions on how to help beginning readers practice their phonic skills and develop sight vocabulary.

Granowsky's other tips for parents include:

■ Actively listen as your child reads on his or her own.

■ Be enthusiastic and encouraging. When a child hears "Wow, you're a reader!" that reinforces skills and builds confidence.

■ Be aware of what your child is learning in the classroom - knowing letter names, developing listening skills, differentiating between vowels and consonants - and repeat them at home. Repetition builds skills and fluency. Go back to favorite stories again and again.

■ By the end of the first grade, a child should know consonants and vowels and recognize phonic patterns, such as bat, cat, fat, hat, mat.

■ Real, natural fluency in reading only comes with practice.

■ Give kids a reason for wanting to learn more words. Get them involved in the learning process. "Graduating" to the next level in a reading series can help.

■ Find fun, engaging books to read with your child.

■ Remember that you're an essential part of the process of your child learning - and loving - to read.

"Real Kids Readers" - complete with guidelines for parents who want to be involved in their children's reading development - are available at area bookstores everywhere.

**Kaminsky**

Ted and Dolores Kaminsky of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on April 20, 1948, at Assumption Church in Detroit. She is the former Dolores Narkun.

The Kaminskys have four children - Elizabeth Anchor of Northville, Christine Weinberg of Bellington, Wash., John Kaminsky of Howell and Jim Kaminsky of Somers, Conn. - and eight grandchildren.



**Prince**

Richard and Jovita Prince will be the guests of honor at a reception at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thirty-year residents of Livonia, they exchanged vows on June 19, 1948, at Holy Trinity Church in Detroit. She is the former Jovita Herrera.

The couple is the parents of Richard A., Frank, David, Janice and the late Dennis Prince. They also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He retired 17 years ago after working for GM's Cadillac Motor Division for 30 years. She retired six years ago from Garden City Hospital where she worked for 23 years.

They are active members of St. Damian Church (where they will be honored at a Mass in the chapel on June 19), the Livonia Travel Club, Wise Old Walkers, Wayne County Walk Michigan and Go-Getters of Wonder-land.

**Pedit**

John and Ethelyn Pedit are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 3.

They are longtime Redford residents. He is retired from the military and is an assistant counselor with the Medicare/Medicaid program. She works part-time and is a volunteer at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

They have eight children - Bern Pedit of Anchorage, Alaska, and former spouse Ellen Hoffman of Ann Arbor, Cecilia Dove and husband Mike of Ann Arbor, John Pedit and wife April of Ann Arbor, Kathy Jannett and husband Hal of Parkland, Fla., Tricia Lantis and husband Jim of Ann Arbor, Jerry Pedit and wife Marilyn of Redford, Joe Pedit of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Donna Curbey and husband Mitch of Redford.

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RUMMAGE SALES

Christ United Methodist Church will have a spring rummage sale 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at the church, 27500 Avondale, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. There will be a boutique, and collectibles will be featured. For more information, call (313) 278-1080 or (313) 277-8033.

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have its annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 22, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 23, at the church, 3739 Newberry St., across from the Wayne post office. There also will be the Plus Room with antiques and collectibles, bake shop and refreshments. Saturday will be the \$2.50 a bag sale (not including the Plus Room). For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4801.

St. Damian Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Table rentals are available by calling (734) 421-6130.

CARD PARTY

St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have its annual springtime card party at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Parish Social Hall, 23749 Elmira, Redford. There will be door prizes, table prizes, raffle, dessert buffet table, coffee and tea. To reserve tickets, priced at \$6 each, call Betty at (313) 533-8239, Dorothy at (313) 533-5698 or Lillian at (313) 533-9197.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have its Mother's Day Dinner and election of officers at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. Charge will be \$3 for men.

Proclaim performs at Merriman Road

The nationally recognized vocal group Proclaim will be in concert at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

The group, whose musical influences include inspirational, traditional, a cappella and southern gospel, will present selections from their nationally released projects, "Thankful Hearts" and "A Capella Praise." It also will premier songs from its newest project, "Proclaim... LIVE!"

Based in Monroe, Mich., Proclaim is committed to Jesus Christ and His church - to further it, to inspire it, and to encourage it with their music.

Founding members Chuck and Mica Estep have been singing together for nearly 25 years and have devoted themselves to their ministry of music. Fellow members Barry Myers and Jeremy Adkins joined the brothers in 1993, giving birth to Proclaim's unique sound.

Winners of the National Quartet Convention's 1994 talent competition, Proclaim is under contract with Makkedah Music of Greenville, S.C.



Unique sound: Monroe-based Proclaim includes founding members Chuck and Mica Estep, Barry Myers and Jeremy Adkins.

The concert is free of charge. Church is at 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325. For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3316.

SINGLE POINT

"Christ-Centered Financial Stewardship" will be the topic of Single Point Ministries' Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, in Room C317/C319, while

Four Star Karaoke will be hosting an evening of Karaoke 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 29, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty Road, Northville.

Single Pointers also will be biking to Plymouth from the church at Six Mile and Haggerty roads beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity will have the fifth lesson in a seven-week series of "Serving an Awakening World," given by Barbara Clevenger, minister, as its weekly Sunday lesson at 9 and 11 a.m. May 17 at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile

Road, Walled Lake.

The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotwest.com>.

CLASSICAL BELLS

A spectacular handbell concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will mark the 15th anniversary celebration of the Classical Bells, a semi-professional 12-member handbell ensemble, directed by Diane Ebersole. Besides six octaves of handbells and five octaves of choirchimes, the concert will include harp,

oboe, organ, trumpet, flute, percussion, handbell solo and more. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the concert. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. They are available by sending a check, payable to the Classical Bells, at P.O. Box 51253, Livonia 48151 or by calling Ebersole at (734) 454-9285 or Corinne Kert at (734) 414-9940.

SOLENN SERVICE

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia, will hold a special solemn service to remember the catastrophe Al Nakbah, which befell Palestinian people at the time Israel was founded. The candlelight vigil will be at noon Sunday, May 17. In atten-

dance will be His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba, primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, along with the Rev. Bishop Demetri, auxiliary bishop of the Toledo Chancery, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Basil, auxiliary bishop of the Wichita Chancery, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph, auxiliary bishop of the West Coast Chancery, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Antoun, auxiliary bishop to Metropolitan Philip, and many priests and delegates from throughout the country who are meeting as a task force to aide Orthodox Christians in the Holy Land.

For more information, call the Rev. George Shaloub, pastor of St. Mary's Antiochian, at (734) 422-0010.

RETIREMENT PROGRAM

"Retirement, Mapping Your Journey," a free seminar sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 5058, will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. All materials will be furnished free of charge. To make reservations, call Dave McNeil at (734) 522-6830.

SALAD LUNCHEON

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will have its annual salad luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the church, Wayne Road between east- and westbound Michigan Avenue. Cost will be \$4.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children for a smorgasbord of salads, rolls and homemade cookies.

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold its installation of officers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. David Gross, president of the synagogue, will conduct the ceremony.

Entertainment will be provided by the Kirsch Singing Trio. Refreshments also will be served.

Elected to two-year terms are Anita Cottrell, president; Rae Offerman, vice-president; Dorothy Diskin, treasurer; and Dorothy Block, secretary.

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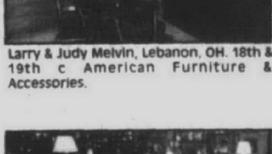
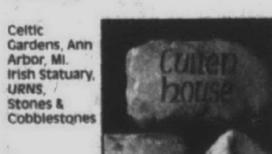
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**Teeling off:**  
Mother Nature provides the perfect day for last year's Friends of St. Paul's Presbyterian Missions Golf Classic.



## Golf classic benefits missions

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is hosting its second annual spring golf classic Tuesday, May 19, at the Golden Fox Country Club in Plymouth.

The Friends of St. Paul's Missions Golf Classic will start with check-in at 11:30 a.m. The shotgun start for the 18-hole scramble will be at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$150 per person and includes lunch and dinner. There also will prizes and a raffle. For more information, call

St. Paul's Church at (734) 422-1470.

Proceeds from the event will benefit local and international charities. Last year's event raised \$4,000 that was turned over to several charities, including the Western Wayne County chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Grandale Church of the Master in Detroit which used its \$500 to help purchase a new bus.

Also benefitting was Rivers of the World, which received

\$3,000. ROW is fighting river blindness. A severe form of blackfly infestation, the disease is contagious but preventable and afflicts many people in tropical third-world countries.

Last year, the money given to ROW was sent to the country of Belize to build a cabana. The sturdy tent-like structures are forming the base camp and medical research facility in Belize to allow doctors to study river blindness.

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### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, May 29-31 and June 26-28, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth Township. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site at <http://www.rc.net/detroit/wmme>.

### 'THE RIDE'

Covenant Community Church will present World Wide Pictures' new Film, "The Ride," at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford. The film is about a former world champion bull rider whose com-

munity service involves teaching a 14-year-old terminally ill youth how to ride a bull and the effect it has on him.

That same day, the church will be hosting a community get-together following the Redford Memorial Day Parade. Hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be served at the parade.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 535-3100.

### IN CONCERT

The deadline for ordering tickets for the annual St. Aidan's Women's Guild's Leadership Recognition Dinner Wednesday, June 3, is Friday, May 22. The Spirit of Detroit Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International will be the entertainment at the dinner at the St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The chorus, which has performed throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, has an extensive repertoire of songs from Broadway to Motown, Big Band and jazz.

The donation for dinner and entertainment is \$10. For reservations, call (734) 591-1941 or (734) 453-8736.

### NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, with "Managing Memories," presented by Warren Gilbert. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Chiefs rip Western

Four players scored two goals apiece for Plymouth Canton, enabling the Chiefs to finish their Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season with a 10-0 win over Walled Lake Western Monday at Western.

The Chiefs go into tonight's 7 p.m. WLAA championship soccer match at Livonia Stevenson with a 12-1-2 overall record, 9-1-1 in the WLAA. Their only loss: 3-0 to defending Class A champ Stevenson, a team that hasn't lost since its 1996 Class A regional final against Brighton.

Anne Morrell, Alison Morency, Lisa Tomasso and Elise Thornell each had two goals for Canton. Theresia Radtke and Lisa Reissenweber scored one goal apiece.

### Madonna honorees

■ A clean sweep.  
That's just how Madonna University's baseball and softball teams completed the final week of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season — by winning all four of the weekly awards.

In softball, Courtney Senger was named the player of the week and teammate Shanna Price was selected as the pitcher of the week. Senger, a junior infielder from Marine City, went 11-of-20 at the plate (.550) for the week, including a 9-for-13 performance in four WHAC Tournament games, which helped the third-seeded Lady Crusaders reach the WHAC championship game.

Price, a senior righthander from Tiffin (Ohio), was 2-0 for the week with a 0.54 earned run average. Price tossed a three-hitter in an 8-1 Madonna win over Siena Heights in the second round of the WHAC Tournament. For the week, she pitched 13 innings and gave up one earned run.

The Madonna baseball team got award-winning performances from J.R. Taylor, who was named player of the week, and Mitch Jabczynski, the WHAC pitcher of the week.

A senior designated hitter from Ypsilanti, Taylor batted .458 for the week, clubbed five home runs and drove in 16 runs in seven games for the Crusaders, who won the WHAC Tournament. That did not include the two home runs Taylor slugged in the WHAC championship game, a 14-0 victory over Tri-State May 4.

Jabczynski, a sophomore lefthander from Novi, turned in a strong performance in Madonna's 6-2 triumph over Aquinas in the second round of the WHAC Tournament May 2. Jabczynski pitched all nine innings, allowing one earned run and striking out nine.

■ Jabczynski was joined by three teammates in earning all-WHAC baseball honors. For the season, he went 7-2 with a 1.81 earned run average, striking out 55 in 65 2/3 innings.

The other three honorees from Madonna were senior shortstop Eric Marcotte, junior third baseman Daryl Rocho and junior rightfielder Aaron Shrewsbury.

Marcotte, from Plymouth Canton HS, batted .353, scoring 47 runs and stealing 21 bases, while posting a .942 fielding percentage. Rocho, from Fraser HS, made his transition from catcher to third base a successful one; he hit .390 with 22 doubles, 13 homers and 74 RBI. Shrewsbury, from Dearborn Divine Child HS, finished the season with a .336 average, eight home runs and 45 RBI.

Madonna, 15-8-1 in the WHAC regular season, finished with a 30-26-1 overall record.

■ Four Madonna softball players were named to the all-WHAC team, too. Those honored included senior pitcher Angie VanDoorn, senior centerfielder Shawna Greene, sophomore catcher Vicki Malkowski and freshman shortstop Kristy McDonald.

VanDoorn, from Royal Oak Dendero HS, posted a 14-13 overall record with a 1.82 earned run average and 87 strikeouts. She also tossed a 7-0 no-hitter April 2 against Cornerstone. Greene, from Clarkston HS, hit .344 and stole 21 bases, posting a .972 fielding percentage.

Malkowski, from Royal Oak Kimball HS, batted .327 with two homers, 40 RBI and a .976 fielding percentage. And McDonald, from Redford Thurston HS, made her first collegiate season a sparkling one by hitting .342 with one homer, 19 RBI and a .914 fielding percentage.

Madonna posted a 30-22-1 overall record, which included a 13-11 WHAC regular-season mark.

## Canton races past Northville to a title



It's been a season in which track teams throughout Observerland have posted impressive records — including Plymouth Canton's girls' team, which completed its WLAA dual-meet campaign unbeaten.

If you used the word "dominate" you still wouldn't be close to describing Plymouth Canton's 111-26 girls' track victory over Northville Tuesday.

The Chiefs won all but two events in taking the home field victory, which pushed their record to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, making them Western Division champions.

Northville's lone wins came in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs.

Canton swept through the field events. Jenny Scriberras placed first in the shot put with a throw of 31-feet, 1/2-inch.

Jacqueline Bernard placed first in the discus with a throw of 84-7. Erin Stabb cleared 5-2 to win the high jump while Nkechi Okwumabua was first in the long jump at 17-2 1/4.

Okwumabua also took first in the 100-meter (13.4) and 200-meter (27.7) dashes. Crystal Alderman won the 100 and 300 hurdles with times of 16.3 and 48.9 seconds, respectively, and was also first in the pole vault (6-4).

Canton's Ashley Williams was first in the 400 in 1:03.2 while Bernard captured her second victory in the 800 with a time of 2:36.5.

Northville's Kristen Kolarchick won the 1,600-meter (5:50.9). The Mustangs also took the 3,200-meter as Karen Loeffler ran a 12:49.

The Chiefs won all four relay events.

Alina Boyden, Meredith Fox, Doris Igwe and Okwumabua took the 400-meter in 52.9. Boyden, Igwe, Williams

and Sarah Ware won the 800 (1:51.8).

The team of Andrea Gauvin, Malyna Matheny, Tara Kubert and Alderman placed first in the 1,600 relay (4:38.6). Ware, Bernard, Amy Rogerson and Jenna Kirkton took the 3,200 relay (10:32.0).

### Salem stuns Glenn

Plymouth Salem didn't win by quite as large a margin as their cross-campus rivals, but still dominated Westland John Glenn, 83-53 Tuesday at Glenn.

In the shot put, Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh was first with a throw of 33-

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## Churchill outslugs Chiefs

The opportunity was there. The pitching, however, wasn't.

Plymouth Canton battled back from deficits throughout Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association baseball game at Livonia Churchill, overcoming a 4-2 Charger lead after two innings by scoring three runs in the third. But Brett Wells slugged a mammoth three-run home run in the bottom half of that same inning and Churchill never again trailed (although the Chiefs closed to within a run), eventually pulling away to a 9-6 victory.

The win evened the Chargers' overall record at 10-10. Both teams are now 3-5 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"Our first four guys hit the ball really well," Chiefs' coach Scott Dickey said. "After that, we didn't get much done."

"But usually, when we score that many runs, we win."

Not this time. Andrew Copenhaver and Pat Van Hull each had three hits for Canton, with Van Hull (who had a double) driving in two runs and Copenhaver knocking in one and scoring two. David Kwiatkowski added two hits and an RBI, and Joe Cortellini had a hit and two RBI.

Wells finished with two hits and three RBI for Churchill. Jeff Winkler also had two hits and an RBI, and Brad Bescoe smacked a three-run double in the Chargers' four-run first inning.

Corey Cook was the winning pitcher for Churchill, pitching all seven innings and giving up six runs (four earned) on seven hits and one walk, striking out 10.

Kevin Tomasaitis took the loss for the Chiefs. He last two full innings and was charged with six earned runs on three hits and four walks, fanning four. Cortellini relieved Tomasaitis and pitched the last four innings, allowing three runs (one earned) on six hits and one walk, striking out four.

**PCA 6, Inner City 1:** A five-run rally in the sixth inning gave Plymouth Christian Academy a 6-1 win over Allen Park Tuesday at home.

Derrick Isensee delivered the game-winning hit with a two-run triple. Evan Gaines and Jon Isensee also knocked in runs during the rally.

"We're playing the best we've played all season," coach Sam Gaines said. "It was a huge win for us."

Senior James Jones pitched a complete game for Plymouth. He scattered eight hits and struck out seven.

PCA improved to 9-9-1 overall and 5-2 in the league.

**Canton 11, John Glenn 7:** On Tuesday, the Chiefs used a seven-run sixth inning to subdue visiting Westland John Glenn in a WLAA cross-division game.

The victory pushed Canton's overall record to 9-11, and its WLAA mark to 6-7.

The hitters were the difference in this game. Andrew Copenhaver and Dave Kwiatkowski each collected three hits, with Copenhaver driving in two



**Headin' home:** Canton's Oliver Wolcott takes off for third and then for home on a base hit by Pat Van Hull in the first inning of Monday's game at Livonia Churchill. Wolcott did score, but it wasn't enough for the Chiefs, who lost to the Chargers.

runs and Kwiatkowski one. Phil Ross added two hits (including a double) and two RBI, and Ron McCue had two hits, one RBI and scored two runs.

Mike Rourk was the winning pitcher. He went six innings, allowing five runs on eight hits and two walks, with seven strikeouts. Kevin Tomasaitis

pitched the seventh and surrendered two runs on three hits.

**Salem 4, Stevenson 1:** A three-run first inning was all Plymouth Salem sophomore pitcher Jason

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## Canton, Salem each earn WLAA divisional crowns

Plymouth Canton will have to settle for a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division boys track title.

The Chiefs knew it would be close Tuesday against Northville, just like they knew meets against Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Western and Farmington Hills Harrison. Perhaps the Chiefs figured they would come out on top, just because they had in all those other confrontations.

Wrong. Northville swept Canton — in other words, taking the top three spots — in a couple of running events (the 100-meters and 3,200-meters), which helped the Mustangs edge the Chiefs, 72-65 Tuesday at Northville.

Both Churchill, which defeated Harrison, and Canton finish their WLAA Western Division season at 4-1. Northville is 3-2.

"I think this will really, really help us focus on the league meet," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "It's one of the lessons you have to learn in athletics. Just because you win on paper, it

doesn't mean you'll win."

Some of Canton's regulars did come through, as expected. Kevin Keil collected firsts in both the shot put, with a school-record 53-feet, 2-inches (breaking his own record), and in the discus (156-9).

The Chiefs' other double-winner was freshman Jordan Chapman, who won both the high jump (5-8) and pole vault (10-6).

Other firsts went to Eric Larsen in the long jump (19-4), Shaun Moore in the 1,600 (4:47.4), the 800 relay team of Nate Howe, Jason Falardeau, Larry Anderson and Larsen (1:35.4) and the 1,600 relay team of Jerry Gaines, Jack Tucci, Brian Kulczycki and Anderson (3:41.5).

Although the Chiefs weren't able to complete their divisional season unbeaten, they were co-champs and should do well at both the Class A regional Friday at Redford Union and next Tuesday's WLAA championship meet, which Canton and Salem will co-host.

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**Distance victor:** Jon Little was first for the Rocks in the 1,600-meter run, winning against the Rockets in 4:43.7.



**Double-winner:** Ryan Thomas finished first for Salem in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles against John Glenn.

# Chiefs have Western Division title in sight

One down, one big one to go. That's the story for Plymouth Canton's softball team after its 4-3 home win over Livonia Churchill Monday. Beth Elaner knocked in the game-winning run for the Chiefs in the bottom of the seventh. Now 8-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activi-

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ties Association, Canton plays at Walled Lake Western Friday. With Farmington Hills Harrison right on their heels, the Chiefs must beat Western to ensure a division title.

As for Monday's game, Canton led most of the way. Down 1-0 in the second, the Chiefs scored twice to take the lead. A single run in the fourth gave Canton a 3-1 advantage. Churchill (8-8, 4-4) tied it in the fifth. The Chargers put a pair of runners on in the sixth and seventh innings but were unable to score.

For Canton, Becky Mize was 3-for-3 and Melissa Brown had two hits. Kristin Derwich, Christine Fones and Jenny Strako each had two hits for Churchill. Gretchen Hudson pitched five innings for Canton. Patti Snook pitched the final two and got the win. Adrienne Doyle pitched well in defeat going all seven innings, allowing nine hits, a walk and striking out four.

The Chiefs played host Saturday for an eight-school tournament. Tecumseh took the Canton Classic championship by edging Lincoln Park 1-0 in the final. That game went eight innings. The Chiefs posted a 2-1 record

for the tournament. Schools were divided into two pools of four with the top team from each advancing to the final. Canton opened with a 9-3 win over Ann Arbor Huron. The Chiefs scored a pair of runs in four separate innings to win easily. Kathy Mokienko had two hits and a run batted in to pace the offense. Sarah Freels also had two hits, both doubles, and knocked in one.

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Lucasik needed Monday in throttling visiting Livonia Stevenson in a WLAA Lakes Division game. Salem improved to 13-11 overall, 5-4 in the division and 8-6 in the WLAA. Stevenson is 6-11 overall, 3-5 in the division. Lukasik "was really in control tonight," according to Rocks' coach Dale Rumberger. "Lately, he's really been on the ball." Lukasik allowed one run on four hits and three walks, striking out five as he improved his

record to 3-3. Roy Rabe took the loss for Stevenson, surrendering four runs (one earned) on seven hits and two walks, fanning six. "He pitched a good ball game," said Stevenson coach Mike Keller of Lukasik. "He kept us pretty much off-balance. We didn't hit the ball solidly." In the Rocks' first inning, Mike Hoben, Kurt Berlin and Geoff Bennett each slapped run-scoring singles to give Salem a 3-0 lead. The Spartans narrowed the gap to 3-1 on Steve Anderson's

RBI single in the fifth, but the Rocks got that run back on Brett Burelson's solo homer in the sixth, his fourth round-tripper of the season. Midland 6, Salem 1: It was not one of the Rocks' better performances, last Saturday at the Midland Invitational. Salem was eliminated in the opening round, losing to the host team. The Rocks managed just three hits and committed four errors, although they also managed to convert two double plays and picked three runners off base. Their only run was scored in the fourth. Tony Bernhardt was safe on an error and advanced on Chris Longpre's single. Joe Rizzi hit into a double-play, moving Bernhardt to third with two out. Jason Lukasik's single brought him in. Jason Cox was the losing pitcher. He gave up three runs (none earned) on four hits and

two walks in 2 1/3 innings. Scott Hay (1 2/3 innings) and Brandon Bray (2 innings) also pitched for Salem. CC 4-4, DeLaSalle 2-1: Redford Catholic Central clinched first place in the Catholic League's Central Division with a double-header sweep Saturday over host Warren DeLaSalle. The Shamrocks have a 12-4 division record. They needed one win to assure their first regular season title in four years. CC, 17-4 overall, opens Catholic League playoff action at 4 p.m. Saturday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher. Dan Duffy earned the pitching decision in the first game, throwing the final 3 2/3 innings in relief of starter Mike Haller. Duffy allowed only one hit and struck out nine. Mark Cole was the winning pitcher in the second game, striking out seven and scattering six hits in going the distance.

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# Madonna's season closes

After a promising start, the season came quickly to a close for Madonna University's baseball team at the NAIA Great Lakes Regional Tournament last weekend in Marion, Ind.

The Crusaders opened well, beating the University of St. Francis (Chicago, Ill.) 7-2 last Friday, behind the strong pitching of Mitch Jabczynski (nine innings pitched, two earned runs allowed on seven hits and five walks, with seven strikeouts). Daryl Rocho drove in two runs and J.R. Taylor had two hits and a run batted in for Madonna.

Weather prevented further action Friday, and on Saturday the Crusaders' fortunes changed. Against Ohio Dominican in their first game Saturday, Madonna had the opportunity, thanks to a strong ninth-inning comeback.

Trailing 6-3 after eight, the Crusaders struck for four runs in the top of the ninth to take a 7-6 advantage. But Dominican tied it with a run in the bottom of the ninth off of reliever Jason Carter, then won it by countering Madonna's two-run 12th with a three-

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run rally of their own for a 10-9 victory.

The loss left Carter with an 0-5 record for the season. He worked the last 4 1/3 innings in relief of Bob Mason (7 1/3 innings, six earned runs on 14 hits and four walks, with seven strikeouts) and surrendered four runs (two earned) on six hits and three walks, with four strikeouts. Joel Vega was the winning pitcher for Dominican, in relief.

Pete Quinn (from Redford Thurston) led Madonna with three hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Kevin Foley and Delano Voletti each added two hits and an RBI, with Foley scoring twice, and Aaron Shrewsbury had a hit and three RBIs.

Dominican, which advanced with a 38-14 mark, got five hits and two RBIs from Adam Ward and four hits and two RBIs from Brian Karshner.

The loss dropped the Crusaders into the loser's bracket, against Mt. Vernon Nazarene Saturday — a game in which

Madonna never offered much of a challenge. Nazarene scored five times in the first two innings and ended up outhitting the Crusaders 16-5 en route to an 8-2 triumph.

After allowing two runs on seven hits in Friday's win, Madonna (which finished its season at 30-26-1) surrendered 18 runs on 36 hits in Saturday's two games.

Mark Serra lasted seven innings against Nazarene, giving up six earned runs on 13 hits and two walks, with three strikeouts; he took the loss, finishing the season at 5-6. David Byard improved to 8-2 with the pitching win for Nazarene; he gave up two unearned runs on five hits and four walks, with three strikeouts.

Again, Quinn — who paced Madonna throughout the tournament, going 6-for-9 (.667 average) at the plate with four runs scored and two RBIs — led the Crusaders with two hits, including a double. Chris Stanifer topped Nazarene with four hits and two RBIs, Brian Sheets had two hits and three RBIs, and Sean Barrett collected three hits and an RBI.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Salem golfers fall

Three of Farmington's golfers broke 50, which was good enough to beat Plymouth Salem Monday, 201-234 at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington.

The Falcons improved to 8-2 overall, 6-2 in the WLA.

Katie Perry's 48 topped Farmington. Cassie Jemison and Laura Cunniffe followed with 49s, and Carrie May fired a 55 for Farmington.

Salem's best scorer was Angie Jones, with a 47. Taylor Robinson was next best (61), followed by Grace Yelonek and Kim Tamme (each with a 63).

### Doctor honored

Dr. Frank Winters, director of

the Medhealth's Plymouth office, was awarded the honor of "Fellow" in the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine at the Sports Medicine Academy's annual meeting April 25 in Colorado Springs.

The award is considered the highest distinction a sports medicine physician can receive. Those considered for the honor must first be nominated, then pass a rigorous review of their credentials before being voted on by the Academy's board of directors.

Dr. Winters has many accreditations in the medical field, including board certifications in both sports medicine and family practice. He is an assistant professor of family medicine at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, is

the director of the family practice residency at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, and is in his 14th year at the Family Practice Center in Livonia.

### Tigers aid benefit

Former Detroit Tiger pitching ace Milt Wilcox will be among those on hand at the fourth annual St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Dinner, June 29 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

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Cost is \$350 per golfer, or

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# Shock are searching for fans and success

## BASKETBALL

The new Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association had an Open House on Monday at the Palace, a time for team members to tell fans everything they wanted to hear short of lying.

Korie Hlede, Detroit's first-round draft pick and the fourth selection overall, sounds believable enough but she couldn't put one past Nancy Lieberman-Cline, the Shock's coach and general manager.

Lieberman-Cline happened to be walking by when Hlede mentioned defense to a reporter. Maybe Hlede, a 5-foot-9 guard who hails from Croatia, should have been talking in her native tongue.

"Defense? This is Korie's defensive stance," said a smiling Lieberman-Cline, posing in a shooter's stance.

Hlede, the all-time leading scorer at Duquesne with 2,631 career points, laughed as she pleaded her case. Dunking's out of the question, but Hlede says she can play defense.

Hlede's not even been in town a month and already she's the brunt of some good-natured teasing. Perhaps it's a sign that the Shock, who began training camp Tuesday and start the season June 13, are already forming good chemistry.

Monday's Shockfest included a visit from WNBA president Val Ackerman, some videos on the overhead scoreboard and an NBA-like introduction of the team roster, complete with smoke and a spotlight.

"On my national team, that's all I do is play defense," said Hlede, still smiling about her coach's ribbing. "You can't create offense without defense. I think we'll hit the 70s or 80s. We want to get up there. That's how you draw fans."

As is the case with all new leagues and the typical 1990s fan, doesn't it always come back to offense?

This is the WNBA's second year in existence. The Washington Mystics join the Shock as first-year franchises, bringing the total number of teams to 10.

WNBA players won't wow fans with their athleticism — get there early because you might only see a dunk in warmups — but many can shoot as well as, if not better than, their NBA brethren.

Most players aren't going to get rich playing in the WNBA. An NBA player can almost earn as much as the average WNBA player on a 10-day con-

tract. Hlede looked like one of the fans with all the souvenirs in her hands. She's one of five on the 16-player roster not from the United States.

"Everyone wants something," Hlede said. "I think I'm going to spend all my salary sending things home."

Many area high school teams showed up, including the girls from Clarkston High School. Getting to mingle with the players is important because they're still getting to know the names of the WNBA stars, let alone newcomers.

In a poll of two Clarkston players, Courtney Roberts said Joe Dumars is her favorite player — isn't he a Piston? — and Nicole Colosimo said the "one who had a baby last year."

She was thinking of Cheryl Swoops of the Houston Comets, the inaugural champion of the WNBA.

Before Monday, the most famous player the Clarkston players met was their coach, Anne Lowney.

The most recognizable name on the Shock after Lieberman-Cline is 38-year-old guard Lynette Woodard, who won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1984 and was the first female member of the Harlem Globetrotters (1985-87).

Mae Oia Bolton, the older sister of WNBA star Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, is a 5-11 forward for the Shock.

"I taught Ruthie everything she knows — all the good things," Bolton said, laughing. Shock president is Tom Wilson, who assumes the same duties with the Pistons, the International Hockey League Vipers and Palace Sports and Entertainment.

The Shock play a 30-game schedule and have sold more than 7,500 season tickets, according to Wilson. The WNBA has television contracts with NBC, Lifetime Television for Women and ESPN.

"I was there two years ago when NBA commissioner David Stern promised he would start a women's league the next year and the level of disbelief was incredible," Wilson said. "The feeling that Stern had lost it filled the room. After I watched the championship game last year and saw 16,000 fans in the stands, I called Stern the next day and told him we wanted in."

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

**HOLIDAY SHOOT**  
Detroit Archers will hold a holiday shoot on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 23-25, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. The course will be open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

**3D SHOOT**  
Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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

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

CLASSES

**BOOMERANG TOSS**  
Limer up those arms, eh mate? Now's the time to learn just how to throw a boomerang. This class, called Toss Across America, will be given by Boomerangs, etc., from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at Bryant School in Livonia, located on the east side of Merriman between Six and Seven Mile. There will be plenty of boomerangs to throw and plenty of teachers, too. For more information, call Norm at (248) 645-9308 or Bud at (313) 421-5341.

**FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the Beginner on Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24. Both day-long sessions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Cost is \$80 per student. Call Rick Sak at (743) 464-3271 for more information.

ation and to register.

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

**HUNTER EDUCATION**  
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To preregister, call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

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

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester

Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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

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

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

**OAKLAND BASS MASTERS**  
Oakland Bass Masters will hold its first tournament of the 1998 season on Sunday, May 24, on Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark. Entry fee is \$75 per boat before May 20 and \$80 per boat after May 20. There is a 75-boat limit. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

**NRC**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will continue Thursday, May 14, in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

**SPEARS/BOWS**  
Spearfishing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

**SMELT**  
Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the

1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

**TURKEY**  
The spring turkey season runs through May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

**FREE FISHING WEEKEND**  
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend, in which all fishing license fees are waived for residents and non-residents, is

scheduled for June 6-7.

SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery

shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED

Energetic, professional DWCM, 52, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad# 9009

WAITING FOR YOU

Easygoing, romantic DW dad, 38, 6', a college graduate, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys dining out, movies, spending time with friends and good conversation, seeks a SWCF, 30-38. Ad# 1825

YOU COULD BE THE ONE

Catholic DW dad, 39, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys sports, camping, cooking, dancing, walking, being with his kids, romantic nights, seeks Catholic DWF, 30-40, who has children. Ad# 5858

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CHECK THIS OUT

Sincere, romantic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys tennis, golfing, outdoor activities, the theatre, movies and weekend getaways, wishes to meet a slender SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3615

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Affectionate, open-minded SWM, 43, 6', seeks a professional, slim SWF, 28-45, to spend romantic, quality times together. Ad# 1212

END MY SEARCH

Honest, sincere SWM, 31, 5'7", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, sports fan, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home, seeks a SWF, under 34. Ad# 2233

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME

DWCM, 44, 6', 182lbs., outgoing, believes in a relationship based on God, love and honesty; seeks a SCF, age unimportant, for possible relationship. Ad# 1296

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

SWM, 34, 5'9", athletic, enjoys weight training, participating in sports and being outdoors, seeking a courageous, communicative SWF, 21-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1013

BEST THERE IS

DWM, 60, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair/eyes, retired, shy, enjoys dining out, quiet evenings and much more, seeks SWF, 55-65. Ad# 1122

SHARE MY LIFE

Never-married SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, drink and drug-free, interests include bowling, outdoor activities, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, 46-54, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8777

THE KEY TO MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", outgoing, financially secure, enjoys movies, quiet evenings at home, dancing and dining out, seeks a spontaneous, SWF, 25-38, with similar interests. Ad# 3186

APPRECIATES HONESTY

SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, a professional, enjoys jogging, long walks, reading and good conversation, seeks a slender, educated SWF, 27-40, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5757

FASCINATING

Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", 240lbs., dark brown hair, enjoys movies, shooting pool and socializing, wishes to meet and spend time with an attractive, petite SWF, under 28. Ad# 2322

ATTRACTIVE

Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, 28+, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

RESCUE MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, affectionate, caring, professional, enjoys going to church, dining out and movies, seeks a Catholic SWF, 28-45. Ad# 7456

MAYBE MORE!

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ROMANTIC AT HEART

Articulate, athletic SWM, 42, 6'2", 190lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys traveling, romantic times, outdoor activities, seeks slim, attractive, professional SWF, to spend quality time with, age unimportant. Ad# 2525

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HEAVEN IF YOU HEAR ME...

Catholic, never-married SWM, 41, 6'1", seeks a SWF, age unimportant, for a relationship that will lead to marriage, children welcome. Ad# 1944

A REAL GENTLEMAN

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ONLY HERE

Talkative, definitive SWM, 38, 6', with multiple interests, seeks slim, trim, fun-loving SWF, 29-44, to share activities and friendship. Ad# 1027

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Professional, open-minded SWCM, 36, 6'3", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, a homeowner, enjoys NASCAR, movies and music, traveling, cars and new experiences, seeking a compatible SWCF, 27-38. Ad# 3988

GOOD TIMES

Upbeat, employed, Catholic DW dad, 53, 5'6", blond hair, enjoys, dancing, bowling and traveling, working around the house, dining out and the outdoors, looking for a compatible, Catholic SWF, 40-50. Ad# 7683

ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Professional SWM, 40, enjoys dining out and dancing, music and movies, enjoying life and outdoor sports, seeks a romantic, articulate, sincere, fit SAF, age unimportant, children okay. Ad# 7972

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

Athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks a spontaneous, romantic SF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

ONE OF THE FINEST

SBM, 45, 6'2", enjoys concerts, movies and romantic dinner, would like to meet a loving, gentle SF, 25-45, who cares about herself. Ad# 8889

BUILD A FOUNDATION

Catholic SWM, 41, 6'1", 187lbs., independent, employed, never-married, in search of outgoing, vibrant, professional SWF, 21-42, who enjoys the great outdoors. Ad# 4444

GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Positive, professional SWCM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes traveling, good conversation, concerts, golfing, the outdoors and dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 5555

FROM THE HEART

Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., N/S, honest, sincere and devoted, enjoys romantic dinners, dancing, sports and movies, seeking a SF, under 45, with similar interests. Ad# 5619

ODYSSEY OF LOVE

Protestant WWM, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, honest, likes traveling, good conversation, time with family and dining out, seeks an attractive, educated SCF, 35-52, N/S. Ad# 4747

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Catholic DWM, 60, 5'11", 170lbs., grey hair, laid-back, friendly, self-employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys quiet evenings at home, golfing, dining out, seeks Catholic DWF, without children at home. Ad# 2552

ENTIRELY YOURS

SWM, 44, 6'1", shy, enjoys outdoor activities, seeks slender, SWF, age unimportant, for romantic times. Ad# 7404

MESMERIZING PERSONALITY

Handsome, professional, DWCM, 29, 5'8", dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dinner and a movie with good friends, bike riding and spend time at amusement parks, seeks an independent and outgoing SWCF, 25-33. Ad# 7287

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Handsome SBCM, 38, 5'9", outgoing, friendly, who serves the Lord, seeks a SBCF, 25-45, for companionship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3959

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Catholic DWM, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, monogamous, likes sports, movies, walking, dining out, seeks honest, caring Catholic SWF, under 53, with similar traits. Ad# 6572

GET TO KNOW ME

SWM, 52, 5'8", outgoing, active, enjoys dancing, movies, concerts, traveling, seeks slender, SF, under 51, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5094

HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS

SWM, 45, 5'11", 195lbs., blond hair



CATHOLIC LEAGUE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

# Mercy remains dominant in league

Tuesday was a record-breaking day for junior Jennifer Borowiec and her teammates on the Farmington Hills Mercy golf team.

Borowiec set an individual record and helped Mercy establish a new team standard as the Marlins repeated as Catholic League champions.

Borowiec shot a school-record, 18-hole round of 74 to capture medalist honors at St. John's Golf Club in Plymouth, breaking her own record of 78, which she set last year.

With Borowiec leading the way, Mercy broke a school record with its 324 team score and finished 40 strokes ahead of runner-up Harper Woods Regina.

The Marlins, who set the old record of 332 earlier this year at Brighton, extended their streak of league championships to seven.

Mercy is the only school to win the tournament since it was started in 1991. The last four have been 18-hole tournaments; the first three were nine-hole events.

"It's certainly nice to keep the string going," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "The competition varies from year to year. We knew we would have good competition from Regina today."

"You can't count on running away with it. One year we won by one stroke, so I was pleasantly surprised we won by 40 today. I thought it would be closer than that."

Mercy will have to contend with Regina again Friday in the regional tournament at Sylvan Glen Golf Course in Troy. The Saddletites won the regional last year; the Marlins settled for second.

"Regina has a good team and will be right there again Friday," Kowalski said. "If we don't play our best golf, we won't win the regional."

"Teams have so many good players now; you have to be on top of your game. I think the girls are ready. After what happened last year, they don't want to let that happen again."

Mercy's six golfers were among the top nine players Tuesday and earned All-Catholic honors. The top 12 are considered All-Catholic.

Freshman Erin Borowiec was third (81), senior Kristen Smith fourth (83), junior Sarah Cahill sixth (86), junior Angela Harbar seventh (92) and junior Heidi Wegmueller ninth (96).

"All of them were good scores for the way the course is laid out," Kowalski said, adding there was a big distraction with construction being done on and near the course.

"The rough was real thick and hadn't been mowed. There were a lot of places to get in trouble on this course where normally you wouldn't. The girls did a good job on this course today."

Jennifer Borowiec played an excellent round of golf, according to Kowalski, shooting 39 on the front nine and a 1-under-par 35

after making the turn.

"She was absolutely dynamite on the back nine," Kowalski said. "Everything was wonderfully played."

"On the 14th hole, they moved the tee back to make it 526 yards. She birdied the hole! She crushed the tee shot, placed her second shot, put the third on the

green and sank the putt for birdie.

"And it wasn't a short putt; it was a 20-foot putt!"

Kowalski added everyone on her team played well, and Erin Borowiec's 81 was an awesome score for a freshman.

"I was pleased to see Sarah Cahill shoot a fine score of 86

and to see all the girls under 100," she said. "Kristen Smith played well, too. She's been icing a sore shoulder (the result of a ski injury) and still shot 83."

The Marlins hope to win the regional title Friday and then challenge defending Class A champion Grandville for the state title May 30-31 in East

Lansing. "The girls think we can give Grandville a run in the state finals," Kowalski said. "Most people think Grandville is a shoo-in — 'Hand them the trophy now!' But, oh, no, look out for us! Three-24 is a good score. That's an average of 81 a person."

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May 12 at St. John's of Plymouth

**TEAM SCORES**  
1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 324; 2. Harper Woods Regina, 364; 3. Birmingham Marian, 393; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 417; 5. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 436; 6. Dearborn Divine Child, 450; 7. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 621.

**ALL-CATHOLIC GOLFERS**  
1. Jennifer Borowiec (Mercy), 74; 2. Lauren Laskowski (Regina), 80; 3. Erin Borowiec (Mercy), 81; 4. Kristen Smith (Mercy), 83; 5. Amanda Pettit (Regina), 83; 6. Sarah Cahill (Mercy), 86; 7. Angela Harbar (Mercy), 92; 8. Kristin Stroh (Marian), 94; 9. Heidi Wegmueller (Mercy), 96; 10. Jennifer Brock (Marian), 97; 11. Lindsay Duelllette (Regina), 100; 12. Lindsay Laskowski (Regina), 101.

**SCORES BY SCHOOL**  
1. Mercy: Jennifer Borowiec, 74; Erin Borowiec, 81; Kristen Smith, 83; Sarah Cahill, 86; Angela Harbar, 92; Heidi Wegmueller, 96.  
2. Regina: Lauren Laskowski, 80; Amanda Pettit, 83; Lindsay Duelllette, 100; Lindsay Laskowski, 101; Mary Clare Hathaway, 103; Stacy Ziarko, 103.

3. Marian: Kristin Stroh, 94; Jennifer Brock, 97; Jacqueline Camilli, 101; Nicole Welsh, 102; Meredith Schloss, 104; Jessica Magnatta, 119.  
4. Ladywood: Katy Zimmerman, 103; Gretchen Siebert, 103; Sarah Townsend, 103; Becca Anderson, 108; Rachel Anderson, 108; Mary Griffin, 109.

5. Gabriel Richard: Lindsay Brudon, 102; Amy Brandenburg, 108; Michelle Zantop, 110; Megan Carver, 118; Katie Moore, 125; Meghan McGovern, 133.  
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7. Our Lady of the Lakes: Kelly Grover, 132; Kelly Finnegan, 139; Kate Painter, 140; Abby Lantini, 210.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Vudu Hippies perform at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets are \$6 for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m., call (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

### SATURDAY



The Spirit of Detroit Show Chorus of Sweet Adelines International perform music under the stars 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Mercy High School, 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Tickets \$14, matinee \$12 for students/seniors, call (313) 937-2429.

### SUNDAY



Youtheatre presents "Young Tom Edison," a Theatreworks/USA musical, 2 p.m. at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 (advance), \$8 (at the door), (313) 963-2366.

## THE 1998 BUDWEISER DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN

# COUNTRY ROCKER'S DREAMS GET CLOSER TO REALITY

This year, Redford resident Gregory Scott is hoping that his dreams become reality.

Thanks to the help of legendary producer Bill Halverson and music critic Robert Oermann of Nashville's "Music Row," Scott's country/rock sound has piqued the interest of The Nashville Network's "Prime Time Country," Willie Nelson's Farm Aid, and W4 Country's "Budweiser Downtown Hoedown."

After performing for 16 years, Scott has released his debut CD "Dreams and Reality" and will perform songs from it at noon Saturday, May 16, at the Hoedown at Hart Plaza.

"I always felt the time to put out my own CD. It just took this long and this many CDs to try and do it in the right light. All the demos I've done on my own I sent it to people who said they weren't good enough, or they weren't this or they weren't that," Scott said.

"When I finally merged with Bill Halverson, who had so many incredible credentials and is so highly respected, it really gave me some real validation to my music. As a partnership between the producer and myself, all these great things are starting to blossom."

Soon after its release, music critic Oermann wrote a column headlined "98 Starts Out Great" and cited Scott's CD along with works by Bill Engvall, Seven Day Jesus, Steve Green, Blue Highway and George Strait as honorable mentions.

"It's interesting to me, Oermann is a pretty tough critic. I was stunned when I saw the list in Music Row Magazine," he said.

The CD is available at Media Play locations, including those in Livonia and Southfield. Besides performing with his seven-piece band at the Hoedown, Scott will sing solo with an acoustic guitar 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Media Play, 23269 Eureka Road, Taylor. The show is free. For more information, call (313) 287-6309.

"Dreams and Reality" can also be ordered by writing to him in care of p.o. box 39133, Redford, Mich., 48239. Fan club information is available at <http://www.ifco.org/directory.shtml>.

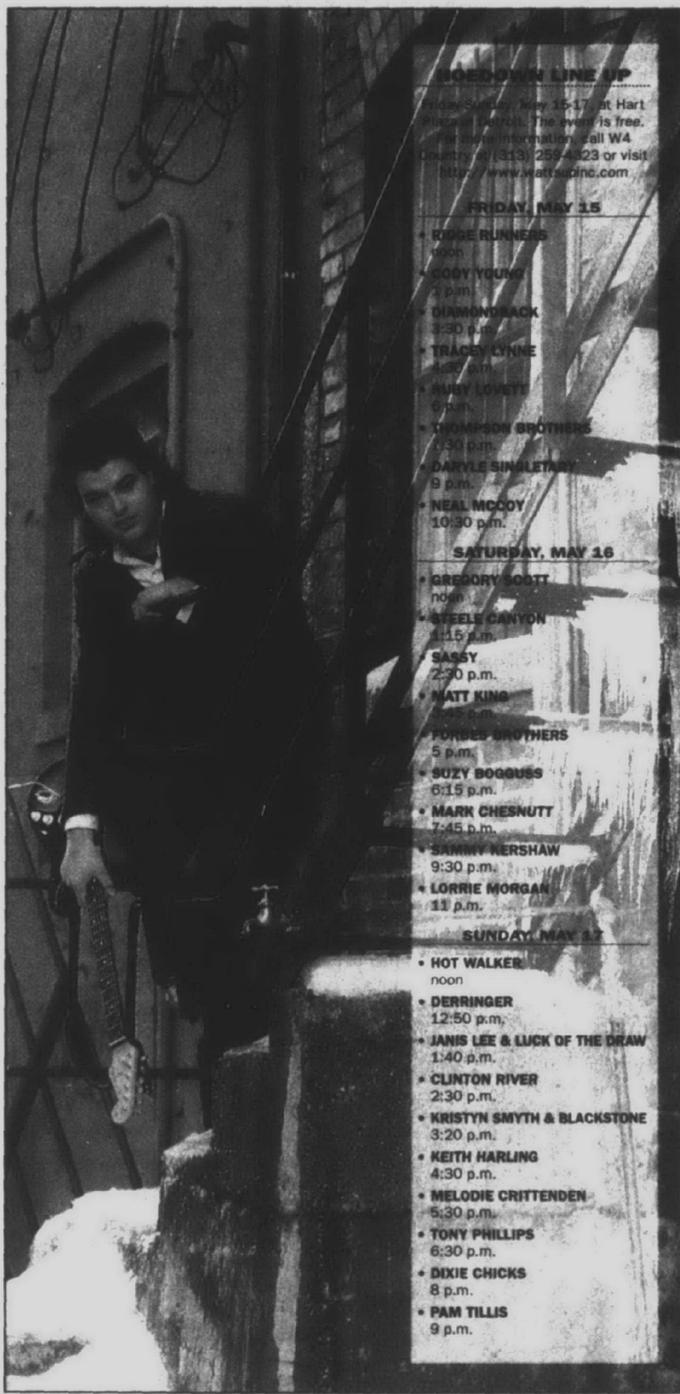
### Chance meeting

Scott recorded "Dreams and Reality" in July and August 1997 and finished mastering it in December. Ironically, Scott met Halverson 10 years ago while attending the Recording Workshop in Chillicothe, Ohio.

"As I was getting ready to do a record, I sent him a bunch of demos. He loved my demos and decided he wanted to do a record with me. He's such a legendary producer. He's done so much stuff I was real thrilled to work with him," Scott said.

Halverson's resume, which includes work with David Crosby and Graham

Please see DREAMS, E2



Dreamer: After performing for 16 years, Gregory Scott of Redford has released his debut CD "Dreams and Reality" and will perform songs from it at noon Saturday, May 16, at the Hoedown at Hart Plaza.

### HOEDOWN LINE UP

Friday, May 15-17, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. The event is free. For more information, call W4 Country at (313) 255-4223 or visit <http://www.w4country.com>

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

- RYAN RAINES noon
- BOB YOUNG 2 p.m.
- DIAMONDBACK 3:30 p.m.
- TRACER LYNE 4:45 p.m.
- JIMMY LOUWIE 6 p.m.
- JOHNSON BROTHERS 7:30 p.m.
- DARYLE SINGLETARY 9 p.m.
- NEAL MCCOY 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

- GREGORY SCOTT noon
- STEELE CANYON 1:15 p.m.
- SASSY 2:30 p.m.
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### SUNDAY, MAY 17

- HOT WALKER noon
- DERRINGER 12:50 p.m.
- JANIS LEE & LUCK OF THE DRAW 1:40 p.m.
- CLINTON RIVER 2:30 p.m.
- KRISTYN SMYTH & BLACKSTONE 3:20 p.m.
- KEITH HARLING 4:30 p.m.
- MELODIE CRITTENDEN 5:30 p.m.
- TONY PHILLIPS 6:30 p.m.
- DIXIE CHICKS 8 p.m.
- PAM TILLIS 9 p.m.



Featured performer: Daryle Singletary performs 9 p.m. Friday during the 1998 Budweiser Downtown Hoedown.



On stage: Dixie Chicks perform 8 p.m. Sunday.

## MUSICIANS THANK FANS, RADIO WITH HOEDOWN

It's not just struggling Detroit musicians who benefit from free radio station concerts like the Budweiser/106.7 WWWW-FM Downtown Hoedown.

Daryle Singletary — who scored a hit with his cover of "The Note" recorded by a variety of artists including Gene Watson and Tammy Wynette — opted to do a series of free shows instead of ticketed performances as a way of thanking his fans and W4 Country.

"We do a few of them a year," Singletary said of free shows. "We can't do a lot of them because we had to go other places. We always try to do as many of them as we can. They really help us out the rest of the year by playing our records. It's our way of showing appreciation."

Singletary, who released "Ain't the Truth" (Giant) this year, is managed by Randy Travis's wife Lib Hatcher. He met Travis and Hatcher through his roommate who was working as Travis' bus driver. Since moving from Georgia to Nashville in 1990, he's visited the Detroit-area on a number of occasions.

"Detroit's always been nice to us. The day we were there, it rained really bad and we had to go indoors. It was myself, Mark Collie and Daron Norwood. We did an acoustic set and it was the most wonderful thing. The fans were very respectful of the fact that we were trying to put on a little show. It didn't have all the lights and the glamour and the full-band sound. But we had a really great time. We've been

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## CD DEBUT

# Anthem singer takes 'Moment' to help Wings

Karen Newman is the picture of strength while she sings the "National Anthem" prior to every Detroit Red Wings game. With her blonde hair flowing behind her and her bright blue eyes turned up toward the flag, Newman even keeps her composure during nail-biting playoff games.

When a little girl with her hands full of dolls approaches Newman at her husband's Freddy and Daniel Salon in Southfield, Newman melts. "Oh are these your Barbies? Oh no, it's the Spice Girls. Look they even have tattoos," Newman said with an inquisitive look.

As she and the girl try to identify each of the dolls, Newman looks away and says, "Maybe they'll make a Barbie of me some time. Wouldn't that be funny?" It would seem apropos. She's already got the eye of every male Red Wings fan. Catcalls greet her when she hits the ice. Men line up to meet her at personal appearances.

Earlier this year, she took her singing career a step further by releasing "Moment in the Wind" (High Heel Records), her debut CD.

**Who:** Karen Newman  
**What:** Performs and signs autographs  
**When:** 1 p.m. Saturday, May 23  
**Where:** Media Play, 45250 North Pointe Parkway (near Lakeside Mall), Utica. (810) 997-3400.  
**Why:** To celebrate the release of her album "Moment in the Wind" and to raise funds for Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov's family trust funds.  
 ■ Karen Newman's CD is available at Borders Books and Music stores, Media Play, Harmony House, and at the Freddy and Daniel Salon, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield. She can be reached at <http://www.rust.net/~wooddmu> or via e-mail at [wooddmu@rust.net](mailto:wooddmu@rust.net).  
 ■ Cards to Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov can be sent in care of Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit, Mich., 48226.

Proceeds from the CD and Newman's promotional appearances will go toward the trust funds for the families of Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov, the trainer and player, respectively, who sustained severe head injuries in a limousine accident Friday, June 13.

"I want to touch Sergei and Vladimir on more of a personal level. The Wings keep us in the loop as much as they can with respect to their privacy," she said.

Both of the injured Wings, she said, have experienced bouts with depression. With the accident's one-year anniversary approaching, the two Wings feel that everybody has forgotten about them, she said. Newman said that she hopes a large donation will show them that that's not the case.

"On my website I urge people to send cards and letters in care of Joe Louis Arena. When I e-mail my fans back I mention that, too. He (Konstantinov) needs to know that fans are worried about him even though he's not the big name hockey



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Karen Newman

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Nash, and the Beach Boys, didn't necessarily equal a big budget. "We had no budget to work with. As a result the album isn't like a major, major studio production. I believe it's good enough. It's gotten me that great review and gotten Dick Clark Productions behind me, which is saying a lot in itself," he explained.

Scott is talking with Dick Clark Productions about appearing on its "Prime Time Country" show on TNN in July. He is also hoping to perform on "Austin City Limits" as well as Willie Nelson's fall festival Farm Aid.

Shades of insecurity come out as Scott describes why it's this collection of music that has garnered attention for him.

"I do think it was Bill alone but there is so much merit to the songs. I write all my songs. If I sat down to try and write a song, I couldn't write a song to save my life. They have written themselves. I consider them gifts from God," he said.

"Something you may have said a half hour ago may have sparked something in my heart or soul. That's what's finally come across in the music. They're not fabricated songs. It's about the power of dreams, faith and believing in something. ...

All the money in the world can't make a dream come true. You have to have passion and drive to follow these things through."

## Surfer boy

Music wasn't the first calling for Scott, born Gregory S. Koenig, Nov. 4, 1965, in Dearborn. Having grown up in Hawaii, he preferred surfing until his seventh grade teacher piqued his interest in music.

"It was funny. I was learning rock 'n' roll and Elvis songs and boogie woogie stuff on a ukulele," he said with a laugh.

He soon left paradise behind when he and his family moved to Redford in 1981 for financial reasons.

"It's very expensive to live there. My mother wanted a better life for us. It's great to be a beach bum, but the island has only an 80-mile radius. Unless you were a doctor or something great, it's hard to survive there."

Scott soon found success in his home state. In 1983 he and his friends won first place at Redford Union High School's talent show with three songs Scott had penned.

Following his graduation the same year, Scott did a short stint in college with aspirations of becoming a chef. Instead he went

to recording school and has run his own studio for 10 years.

Since then, he's played "in just about every club in Detroit." His list includes the metal club Harpo's on the east side of Detroit with his band Signs of Life, which also featured Patrick Leonard of Livonia and Jeff White of Redford. Scott is at a loss for words to describe Signs of Life's music.

"I didn't know what we were called. I've always been writing my songs from the heart and just playing for the audience with all my intensity and passion that I could," Scott explained.

He added that his music now is still hard to categorize.

"I'm real surprised that the country people have embraced this record. I think the cross between rock and country have merged so much that I hope the time of my success is right."

Scott is already making plans to return to the studio in the winter or spring to follow-up "Dreams and Reality." This time, he's hoping that trip will be financed by a major label.

"It's been a long road just to get to step A here. The work hasn't begun yet. I'm thrilled and excited and I hope the fans are just as excited about my music as I am."

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player anymore."

At a special event called "We Still Believe" at Media Play in Utica on Saturday, May 23, Newman is going to encourage support for the fallen Wings.

"It's not just a mini-concert and a fund-raiser. We're also going to have a giant get well card for Vladie and Sergei that people are going to be able to sign and put their best wishes on," she explained.

"I'm trying to get my friends from Fox Sports to come out and put together a great little video for them with people giving their well wishes and little bits of the concert. Hopefully they can edit it and make copies and get it to them," she added.

## Inspirational tour

"Moment in the Wind," produced by Tim Mitchell and Bob Stewart, was partially inspired by her stint as Bob Seger's background singer on his 1996 "It's a Mystery" tour.

"From a business standpoint, there I was on a major artist's tour playing with level A players like Tim Mitchell and Bob Stewart. From a personal standpoint I had just finished a tour and I was ready to take the next step up."

Early in her career, she dabbled in country music. But being on tour with Mitchell opened the Southfield resident up to other options.

"I listened to a lot of things that tripped my trigger. Sometimes I didn't know if it was going to work until I got in the studio."

"Moment in the Wind" carries a pop feel. Newman shows her ability to belt out a rock tune on "Innocent Man" while expressing pain on the cover of the Roy Orbison and Nazareth hit "Love Hurts." Newman's wide-ranging vocals are showcased in "Tears in the Rain," co-written by Stewart and Birmingham's Randy Stephenson.

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To record "Moment in the Wind," she "coughed up the cash for this and I called in a lot of favors," she said with a laugh. Billy Payne of Little Feat stopped by and played keyboards on the heartbreaking ballad "Independence Day" and "Love Hurts." Kevin Chown of Tiles offered bass lines for the album. Benny Rappa, who played drums for Ted Nugent, also appears on the album.

## Early beginnings

Newman's earliest stage was her home, and her audience was her friends and family. At Rochester High School she crisscrossed the social lines as a cheerleader and spring board diver.

"I'd always ended up singing on the bus to away games," she said.

Her junior year of high school, her father was transferred and moved the family to Grand Blanc, something that didn't sit right with Newman.

"I was pretty mad at my dad because he moved us from Rochester to Grand Blanc."

For Newman, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. "Grand Blanc had an incredible music program. Doug Schaffer, what a nice guy. He influenced my career path."

## A little help

Newman began her career singing National Anthems when her husband, Freddy Cohen, was hired as the official stylist of a tennis tournament at Cobo Arena in late 1980s.

From there, she sang for the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Tigers.

"I never sang for the Lions. I recently went to my first Lions

game. It was so great," she said.

The Detroit Red Wings asked her to sing the anthem seven years ago and five years ago the organization signed her to an exclusive contract.

"I was honored and still am to this day. At the end of the season, I still wait for the phone to ring and hope that they want me back. I'll do it for as long as they want me and I'm around to do it," said Newman, whose vocals have been featured in commercials for Ford Motor Co.

## New challenges

Newman's next challenge, like many local performers, is to hear her music on Detroit radio.

"The Fan (WDFN) and WJR are two of my biggest supporters, ironically. That's not even their format. WNIC and Q95 (WKQI) gave me a lot of time when the CD came out, but that's about it," she said.

Newman explained that when she asks radio stations how she can get her material on the air, they tell her there's nothing they can do.

"It comes to us formatted," she recalled one station telling her.

A few record labels, however, are interested. But for now, Newman plans to stay in the Detroit area.

"I've had some nice responses, nothing I'd pack up a U-Haul and move to Los Angeles for," said Newman, who added that she recently found a "great entertainment lawyer."

In the "far, far" future, Newman said she may expand her talents into acting.

"I'll tell you, I'm one of those singers who say, 'Somewhere down the road I want to act.' I have very little experience in it but as a performer you have that bug in you anyway."

"Right now I'm paying more attention and putting more time into my music career. I've never worked so hard in my life."

# Musicians from page E1

looking forward to coming back," he said.

Emily Erwin of Dixie Chicks has also anticipated a return to Detroit. Resting at home in Texas before heading on a 45-day tour, Erwin said that her sister, Martie Seidel, and Natalie Maines, have had fun here in the past.

They visited the Detroit area last summer for a show at Diamonds and Spurs in Pontiac, at Halloween for a W4 performance and at Christmas to play for WYCD-FM fans.

"The shows went great. From the sales numbers, we're selling a lot in that area. The airplay followed up with some touring has helped a lot."

To show their thanks, the Dixie Chicks agreed to return for the Hoedown.

"It's a follow-up to a radio tour that we did. When we went out in the fall - we called it our "conference room tour" where we visit the stations and play acoustically to let them know who we are before the album comes out," she said.

"They would ask us if we want to come out. It helps us get in front of their audience. It's kind of like you scratch our back, we'll scratch yours."

**■ Gosh darn, we're just gonna have fun. We just love having a good time. People in Michigan are so nice to us, period.'**

*Daryle Singletary Performs Friday*

Released on Jan. 27, the Dixie Chicks' major-label debut "Wide Open Spaces" soared up the Billboard album charts landing at No. 17 its first week. Besides looking good, the threesome are accomplished musicians. Seidel and Erwin played the fiddle, dobro, mandolin and banjo parts for the disc while Maines, the daughter of steel guitarist Lloyd Maines, provided the vocals.

"We're very happy with how it turned out. You never know how other people are going to respond to it. We were proud going into the release. We took a lot of time to get it the way we wanted it to be. The fact that other people are reacting to it is even more incredible."

With a line-up that also includes Pam Tillis, Lorrie Morgan, Sammy Kershaw and Mark Chesnut, this year's Hoedown has been dubbed "the biggest ever."

"I really think that myself," said Mike Watts of Watts UP Inc. in Plymouth, which is publicizing the event.

"Lorrie Morgan, she's a major star. Sammy Kershaw is very hot. Neal McCoy is wonderful. Daryle Singletary and Pam Tillis are crowd favorites. The hottest new act right now is the Dixie Chicks. You can't get any more diversity and any more for your money than this show. And the neat part is that it's free."

The Hoedown, also sponsored by Farmer Jack, is celebrating its 16th anniversary this year. Funds raised from the event will benefit the Detroit Recreation Department's programs for city youth, which provide assistance and support to thousands of Detroit-area children.

But primarily it's all about fun. "Gosh darn, we're just gonna have fun. We just love having a good time. People in Michigan are so nice to us, period," Singletary said.

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# Bob Milne loves to play ragtime, boogie-woogie

Ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist Bob Milne presents "The Many Sounds of Ragtime," 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$10 general admission, \$5 students. Proceeds benefit the Rochester Kiwanis Club. Call (810) 793-6515 for advance tickets.



In concert: Ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist Bob Milne presents "The Many Sounds of Ragtime, Sunday at Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester.

Bob Milne fooled around on the piano, but he played French horn. After graduating from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., he became an accomplished horn virtuoso and played with major East Coast Symphonies including the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

After work, he and his friends would meet at a bar and play around with music. "It was the early 1960s, and there were a lot of sing-along places," said Milne. "I'd say, 'just sing it to me, and I'll play it.'"

He got pretty good at playing the piano, even though he'd never taken a lesson.

"The place hired me," he said, the astonishment still in his voice. "I couldn't believe they were paying me to something so

simple."

Milne was having fun, and pretty soon he got so many offers to play that he quit play-

ing French horn. "It evolved into a career," he said. "I learned by listening to other pianists."

When he moved back to metro Detroit, Milne a graduate of Rochester High School and Oakland University, started

playing piano at the Dakota Inn Rathskeller, a restaurant known for its singalongs and German fare, on John R. in Detroit.

It was there that he discovered ragtime. "It's a folk style of playing - ragged time - that originated in the South," said Milne who since become one of the top ragtime/boogie-woogie pianists in the United States and Canada.

"I played in that style, and would apply it to songs like 'Bill Bailey.' Later on I heard a guy play, and said 'What was that?' 'The Maple Leaf Rag,' he said. It was the piece of music that fit the style of music I had been playing."

After hearing "Maple Leaf Rag," Milne studied ragtime, and boogie-woogie, 'the bad boy of rag,' too.

In the 1970s he played piano at Chuck Muer restaurants including Charley's Crab in Troy. He began playing concerts in 1990 and spends at least half a year on the road.

His audience spans all ages, and besides entertainment, Milne throws in a history lesson too explaining that Ragtime and boogie-woogie are American art forms. "It helps to get people

to listen to this stuff and learn about American music," he said.

"Scott Joplin was a piano player who played at the Maple Leaf Club in Missouri," said Milne explaining how this famous rag got its name.

Boogie-woogie has a lot of rhythm and will make you move, but it's extremely complex music. It makes you happy and sad at the same time, and evolved into the blues.

When he's not on the road performing in concerts, Milne goes to Kiwanis meetings, and catches up on work around his house in Lapeer.

"I have avoided joining groups," he said. "Someone took me to a meeting, and it was chaotic and hilariously fun. They raise money and give it to people who need it. I went through some tough times and people gave me money not expecting it back. This is a chance for me to return the favor."

Milne was planning to play a concert at Oakland University, and decided to help the local Kiwanis chapter too. Concert proceeds will benefit the Rochester Kiwanis funds for local worthy causes.

## 'Elixir of Love' intoxicating mixture of singing, acting

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "The Elixir of Love" by Gaetano Donizetti 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at Detroit Opera House, (at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue). Detroit Tickets \$18-\$95, call (313) 874-7464, or (248) 645-6666.

BY MARY JANE DOERR  
SPECIAL WRITER

Michigan Opera Theatre has come up with the right concoction in "The Elixir of Love." It is an intoxicating mixture of grand singing pouring out from the hearts of the great actors, Mario

Corradi's comedic directing style, and the spirited handling of the orchestra by Steven Mercurio. Perhaps Mercurio is still revved up from his recent "Batman" CD that brings so much life to Donizetti's music.

On stage, the scene is a delightful Japanese made set of revolving stucco buildings with rippled-tiled red-roofs that form an Italian village, the farm of a rich young carefree Adina. In a story-telling style, director Corradi stylishly introduces his characters using the scrim and lighting effects during composer Donizetti's tuneful overture.

The story opens as the lovesick farm boy, Nemorino, lyrical-

ly sung by an MOT favorite, tenor Vinson Cole, declares his love for Adina. Detroit's Janet Williams is the capricious Adina. Twelve years ago she first caught MOT General Director David DiChiera's eye at the Detroit Metropolitan Opera auditions, and she has been captivating international attention ever since.

Saturday evening she returned again, taking leave from her Berlin Opera position, to give a touching performance, singing a warm "Prendi, per me sei libero" that left no doubt as to why she is capturing so many hearts.

The love triangle is rounded out with bass-baritone Richard

Bernstein's humorous portrayal of the conceited army Sergeant Belcore. The range is perhaps a little high for this fabulous voice, but Bernstein maintains a perfect smirk on his face and the right punchy style in his "Come Paride vezzoso" as he tries to win the heart of the whimsical town beauty, Adina.

Adina has read the Celtic tale of Queen Isolde's love potion to the illiterate villagers. So, when the town peddler arrives, the quack Doctor Dulcamara, local yokel Nemorino wants to buy his love potion so Adina will fall in love with him. In what seems like the return of last season's highly successful "Marriage of

Figaro" cast (Bernstein, Williams, and Hammons), here the charmingly funny Thomas Hammons is the quack. With his clown-styled hair, and bright costuming, the adept actor Hammons has the antics and the bel canto voice to sell his cure-all remedy.

This 1832 version of "Love Potion No. 9" is really Dulcamara's Love Potion Bordeaux Wine. Taken in double doses, it makes Nemorino stand offish which sparks Adina's romantic interest. What really sparks the village girls' romantic interest is Gianetta's (Samia Bahu) news that Nemorino's rich uncle has died

living him his fortune.

From the moment he opens the opera, Cole's pleasant Nemorino has the audience's sympathy. His Pavarotti hit tune "Una furtiva lagrima" was sung with impassioned tenderness that hushed the audience. His lovable Nemorino deserves Adina's affections especially with Cole's melodic blending with Williams in "Chiedi all'aura lusinghiera."

These artists capture Donizetti's musical style in a lively manner, and the many beautiful duets and ensembles make this show a panacea for common ills. The entire production is a love tonic that is certainly no placebo.

**For Young Audiences:**  
Mark Rademacher (left to right), Bartholome Williams and Gregory Brown are featured in "Wilderness" and "Straw Soldiers," two one act plays by Karim Alrawi at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University.



## Take your kids to 'play' this weekend

This is a good weekend to take your kids to the theater.

Meadow Brook Theatre's Theatre for Young Audiences will be performing two new one act plays by Karim Alrawi, "Straw Soldiers," and "Wilderness" at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, May 17.

"Straw Soldiers" will be presented 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15; "Straw Soldiers & Wilderness" will be presented 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call (248) 377-3300 for tickets. Youththeatre at Music Hall

Center, 350 Madison Ave. (at Brush) in Detroit is presenting "Young Tom Edison," a musical by New York's Theatreworks/USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$7 (advance) \$8 (at the door), no one under the age of five admitted to theater, call (313) 963-2366.

"Straw Soldiers" involves Pete a Michigan farm boy whose father burns his neighbor's barns. One day Pete and his sister are confronted with the need to choose between covering for their father and doing what is right.

In "Wilderness" a young African-American goes to

France during World War I. At the battle front he finds himself questioning his own identity and the reasons for going to war.

Karin Alrawi is Meadow Brook Theatre's playwright-in-residence. Performing in the plays will be Gregory Brown, Mark Rademacher, Bartholome Williams and Laura Wing. Debra L. Wicks, Meadow Brook Theatre's associate director, is directing.

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### THEATER

**CAPITOL THEATRE**  
"The Goodbye Girl," with former "Laverne and Shirley" star Eddie Mekka, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. \$30 and \$25 for evening show, \$20 and \$25 for matinee (Canadian). (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol> or [capitol@mnsi.net](mailto:capitol@mnsi.net)

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Scott Joplin," through Sunday, May 24, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. (313) 868-1347 or [DetRepThe@aol.com](mailto:DetRepThe@aol.com)

**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26-\$60. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20, available at Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours before the show, and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Line ups begin no earlier than 6 a.m. and no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. (248) 645-6666

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
"The Cemetery Club," a story about three widows in their early 50s who meet monthly to remember their husbands, through Sunday, May 24, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6900 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. (248) 788-2900

**PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. \$20-\$25. (734) 475-7902

### COLLEGE

**WSU HILBERRY THEATRE**  
"Three Sisters," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE**  
"Jesus Christ Superstar," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$18. \$16 seniors/students. (734) 971-2228

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. \$8. (248) 553-2955

**LAKELAND PLAYERS**  
"Gypsy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at Mason Middle School, 3835 W. Walton, Waterford. \$8, \$7 seniors/students. (248) 681-1277

**MATRIX THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Southwest Side Story," a modern reworking of "Romeo and Juliet" and "West Side Story" starring two Detroit Latin musicians Benny Cruz and Eileen Orr, Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17, St. Anne Church Hall, 1000 St. Anne (at Lafayette), Detroit. (313) 842-0856

**FLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Joe Turner's Come and Gone," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$18) through May 24, 3 p.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$15), at the Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$3 discount for seniors/students and museum members. (313) 872-0279

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"Arsenic and Old Lace," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (248) 349-7110

**R.A.L.Y. - REDFORD ASSISTING LOCAL YOUTH**  
"Speak No Evil," original script written by Mary Koerchner about the devastating effects of alcoholism on the family, 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 16, 23 and 30, at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, next to Capital Park, Redford. \$5, \$3 students. (313) 387-2775

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
Female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. \$11 includes sandwich and coffee afterward, \$10 on Thursday for everyone and on Sundays for seniors/students. The public is asked to bring donations for Haven House, a shelter for abused women and their children. (248) 988-7049

**SRO PRODUCTIONS**  
"Crossing Delancey" Fridays-Sundays, May 15-31, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Burgh, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

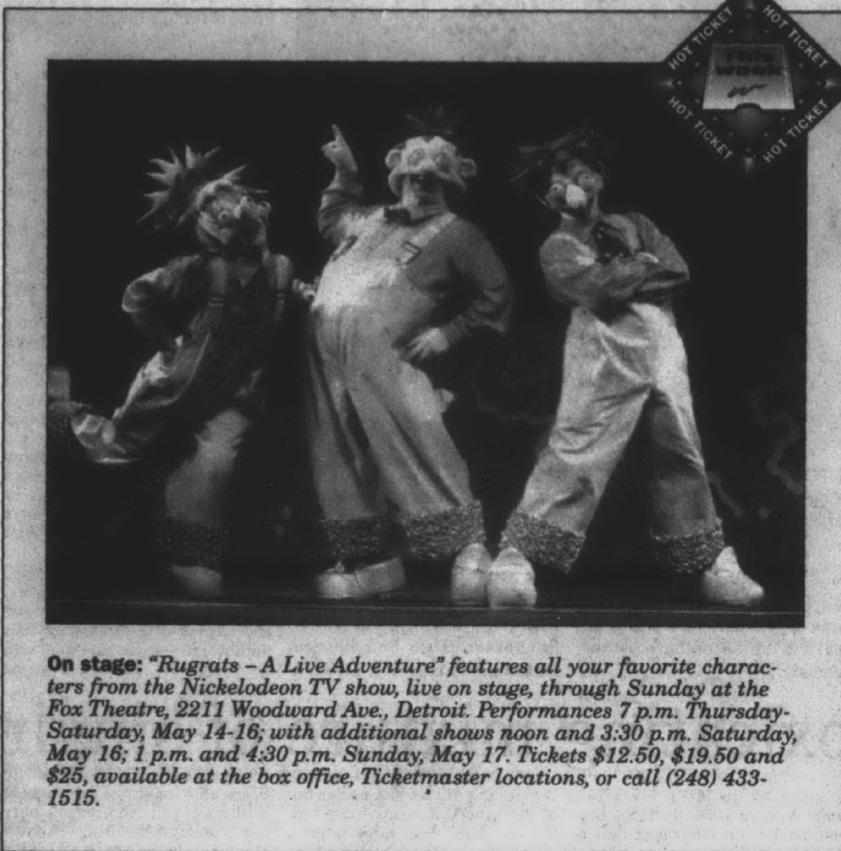
**STAGECRAFTERS**  
"Kismet: A Musical Arabian Night," Friday-Sunday, May 15-17, Thursday-Sunday, May 21-24, Thursday-Sunday, May 28-31, and Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, at the theater, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE**  
"Love All," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, through May 16, 4 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$8. (734) 464-6302

### DINNER THEATER

**GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL**  
"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

**JACKSON'S PRODUCTIONS**  
"Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy,



On stage: "Rugrats - A Live Adventure" features all your favorite characters from the Nickelodeon TV show, live on stage, through Sunday at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16; with additional shows noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Tickets \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25, available at the box office, Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515.

6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in Firelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**FAR CONSERVATORY OF THERAPEUTIC AND PERFORMING ARTS**  
"The Wizard of Oz," 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in Knox Auditorium of First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road (between Cranbrook and Southfield roads), Birmingham. The cast recently performed the classic at the Very Special Arts Festival presented by the Southeast Region Committee in Livonia. Free, donations are welcome. (248) 646-3347

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
"Hansel and Gretel," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 16 and 23, and June 6, and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the theater, 230 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted. (248) 839-8110

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
Theatre for Young audiences performs two new one-act plays by Karim Alrawi, "Straw Soldiers" and "Wilderness" Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17, "Straw Soldiers" only 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15, and both shows 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$10, \$5 children age 12 and under. (248) 377-3300

**NOVI THEATRES**  
"The Wind in the Willows" 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 451-75 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

**PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**  
"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" Saturdays and Sundays through May 24, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

**YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Young Tom Edison," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Children younger than 5 will not be admitted. (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**"BEHIND THE SCENES"**  
The Detroit Historical Society program tours the Detroit Opera House, dinner follows at Intermezzo Italian Ristorante, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. \$45, members, \$55 non-members. Reservations limited. (313) 833-1405

**CLASSICAL BELLS**  
Celebrates 15 years of musical performances with a concert of jazz, ragtime, popular tunes, and sacred favorites, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. \$10 at door, \$8 in advance. (734) 464-7813

**MALCOLM X DAY**  
10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 19, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Multi-theatrical program by Malcolm X Academy includes play, song dedication and essay recitation about the life of Malcolm X. 6:30 p.m. film "Malcolm X" directed by Spike Lee (free admission). (313) 494-5800

**MOTOR CITY CLASSIC AND CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET**  
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 24, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

**MOTOR CITY COMIC CONVENTION**  
Comic books, role-playing games, movie and television stars, wrestling, Star War actors, Sci-Fi, fantasy, animation, horror films, and cult rock band QWAR, auction of comic books and original art to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1-8 p.m.

Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Renaissance Fashion Show presented by the Michigan Renaissance Festival noon and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$12 per day, \$28 for three-day pass. (248) 426-8059

**POLISH TRIBUTE**  
The PRUCA Sylrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble presents "Adeiu, Class of 1998," a Polish tribute to their graduating seniors 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in Aday Auditorium at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$5, \$4 seniors/children. (313) 565-9865

**PRESERVATION WAYNE WAREHOUSE SALE**  
Sale of furniture including solid oak desks from the offices of the Michigan Central Depot, also dressers, chairs, showcases, doors, school desks, organ, the furniture was donated by the Mucclio family as a fundraiser for Preservation Wayne, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the old Sibley Lumber Company headquarter's building on Kercheval, two blocks east of Mount Elliott. (313) 222-0321

**RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

**SUNDAY STROLLS**  
The Detroit Historical Museum begins its historic tours series with the Boston-Edison district 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, meeting place and parking instructions will be on tickets mailed in advance of event. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. (313) 833-1405

**SPORTS CARD SHOW**  
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

### BENEFITS

**ARTS FUNDRAISER**  
Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents a fundraiser featuring a celebrity silent wine auction, hors d'oeuvres by the Townsend Hotel, and live band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. \$35. (248) 988-0-FAN

**DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS**  
Hosts party at the Detroit Repertory Theatre's production of "Scott Joplin," with pre-show reception with champagne and hors d'oeuvres at 2 p.m. followed by 3 p.m. show featuring DTMc vice president Judy Dery, Saturday, May 16, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$22, benefits the chorus, a non-profit organization actively promoting a positive message of diversity of the gay and lesbian communities of metropolitan Detroit and surrounding areas. (248) 544-3872

### DUET

The first of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation venues opens with a duet of benefit dinners Tuesday, May 26 (Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall's education program and Detroit Medical Center's Family Road Program) and Wednesday, May 27 (Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts), includes a "Taste of Duet," great wines and choice liquors. \$150 per person, limited to 160 seats each night. (248) 646-0370, ext. 211

**"GILDA MEETS GODZILLA"**  
Screening of action thriller "Godzilla" to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, with food and refreshments 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. moving showing) Wednesday, May 20, at the Star Southfield, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway). \$25 or \$100 for reserved seating. (248) 571-0800

**HANDS-ON MUSEUM AUCTION**  
Benefit family auction includes dinner, silent auction and hands-on experiences as you visit with a pilot, an archaeologist, a dentist, and detective. Come and explore "What You Wanna Be When You Grow Up." 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the museum, 219 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. \$75 per family. (734) 995-5439

**"LAUGHING AT LYME DISEASE" BENEFIT**  
With Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, hosted by Ken Calvert, Thursday, May 21, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (810) 771-1872/(248) 542-9900

**BOB MILNE**  
The ragtime pianist performs a benefit for the Rochester Kiwanis Club, 2 p.m. Monday, May 17, in Varner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$10, \$5 students. (810) 793-6515

### FAMILY EVENTS

**CRANBROOK RUN: 20TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Five or 10 kilometer run or walk around Kingswood Lake, sculpture and world-renowned architecture, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, children's run begins at 10 a.m., on the campus, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$20 for 10 km, 5 km or walk/run events and includes T-shirt. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (248) 645-3230

**FAMILY CONCERT**  
Featuring Harpeet, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Clonlara School, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 994-5732 to reserve seat.

**POLISH COUNTRY FAIR**  
Midway, clowns, face painting, entertainment, Polish food, bingo, Las Vegas tent, arts and crafts, drama, juggling instruction, 6:11-30 p.m. Friday, May 22, noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24, and noon to 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, on the St. Mary's Prep campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Parks, Orchard Lake. (248) 682-1895

**"RUGRATS - A LIVE ADVENTURE"**  
7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. All ages. (313) 983-6611

**SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP**  
Two-week day camp for kids ages 10-16 that helps children develop teamwork skills by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. July 6-16 or Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$120. (313) 964-5821

**SOUTHFIELD ICE SPECTACULAR**  
With more than 120 skaters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Southfield Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. \$9.50 rinkside, \$9.95, \$8.50 upper rinkside. (248) 354-9357/(248) 354-9603.

### CLASSICAL

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**  
Presents pianist Yefim Bronfman playing sonatas by Scarlatti and Brahms, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$5-\$39. (313) 576-5111

**MERLING TRIO**  
Perform Brahms, Mozart and Shostakovich, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills. \$15, \$14 seniors/students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-3963

**OWAIN PRYFE**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays, May 14 and 21, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free, 21 and older. (renaisance night) (248) 399-6750

### POPS/SWING

**ATOMIC FIREBALLS**  
6:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (swing) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**BIG RUDE JAKE**  
8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Blind Pig, 206-206 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555

**RAY CONDO AND RICOCHETS**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 85 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance and 18 and older (Friday), \$5 in advance and 21 and older (Saturday). (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (at 10 1/2 Mile Road), Southfield. \$20, \$18 seniors, available at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road), Southfield. (big band) (248) 424-9022

**BRIAN LILLIE AND SQUIRREL ORCHESTRA**  
With Championship Showcase and Original Brothers and Sisters, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

### BRASS MUSIC

**THE DIRTY DOZEN**  
Formerly known as The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, and Domestic Problems, 207 S. Thursday, May 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### ORGAN MUSIC

**DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**  
Jelani Eddington on the Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100/(313) 894-0850

**MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**  
Movies and concerts series begins with "That Midnight Kiss" starring Mario Lanza and Kathryn Grayson, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, organ overture precedes film, guest organist Sharon Patterson (matinee), Evelyn Markey (matinee), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

### AUDITIONS

**JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT**  
In conjunction with the Ellington White Project is holding auditions for professional and modern jazz dancers 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, bring picture and resume to the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between McNichols and Curtis, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

**MCPA ANNUAL SENIOR SHOWCASE**  
Auditions seniors 55 and older for "The Best of the Stars," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, May 19-20, Macomb Center Stage II, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Auditions by reservation only. Call Trish Neisland before May 15 at (810) 286-2141. Performances are Wednesday-Friday, July 8-10.

**STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
Auditions for young people ages 6-17 for "Winnie-The-Pooh," 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, registration begins at 9 a.m., must be accompanied by one parent throughout the entire audition, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. For performances July 16-19. (248) 541-4832

**CHORAL**  
**DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR**  
"Opera's Greatest Hits," 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, with Afterglow reception, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opkyte Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12. (313) 882-0118

**FORD MOTOR CO. CHORUS**  
"Movie Melodies," song and dance from the movies such as "Titanic" and "Footloose," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, \$8, \$6 seniors/students ages 6-12. (313) 323-8173

**MEASURE FOR MEASURE: A MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY**  
Ninth annual Gale Spring Concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the historic Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 10 or more. (734) 485-8128

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL**  
With Swing Street, Keep Sake and the Spirit of Detroit Show Chorus, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. \$14, seniors and students \$12 for matinee only, (traditional barbershop to contemporary melodies) (313) 937-2429; Performs pops, Motown, big band and jazz songs at St. Aidan Women's Guild Leadership Recognition Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 donation for dinner/entertainment. Reservations requested by May 22. (734) 591-1941/(734) 453-6736

**JAZZ**  
**A JAZZY AFTERNOON**  
Naama Shemborguer with Rayse Biggs, trumpet, Buddy Budson, piano, Don Mayberry, bass, and Bert Myrick, drums, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Livernois at Eight Mile, Detroit. \$15 donation. (313) 863-7168

**PAUL ABLER TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

**REGINA BELL**  
With Phil Perry, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$15. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451

**SANDRA BOMAR AND THE JAZZ MASTERS**  
With Marcus Belgrave on trumpet, pianist Teddy Harris, bassist Don Mayberry, and

drummer George Davidson, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits St. (at Bates Street), Birmingham. Free. (248) 844-0550 or <http://users.aol.com/churchwww/first.htm>

**CELLO JAZZ**  
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 16, Agape Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

**CAROLYN CRAWFORD TRIO**  
Former Motown backup singer performs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages (734) 459-8850

**WILL DOWNING**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$15. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451

**PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

**NNENNA FREELON**  
9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or <http://www.99music.com>

**HEIDI HEPLER & NICHELE RAMO**  
8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield; 7:10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

**"JAZZ IN THE STREETS"**  
The Detroit Historical Society's series continues with Pamela Wise & The Latin Jazz All Stars, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the museum, 5401 Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. \$15 includes valet parking. (313) 833-1805

**"A TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES T. JENKINS"**  
The late founder of the Graystone International Jazz Museum in Detroit is honored Sunday, May 17, at the museum, 1249 Washington Blvd., Suite 201, Detroit. Guests can tour the museum from 2:30-3 p.m., program and reception follows on the 13th floor from 4-7 p.m., and entertainment by Dr. Beans Bowles and other jazz artists. Free, donations accepted. (313) 963-3813

**PHIL KELLY TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

**SHEILA LANDIS**  
With Rick Matile, 10 p.m. to

# 8 days a week

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20, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (English/Italian/Spanish pop standards and originals) (810) 263-6540

**TERRY MURPHY**  
12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

**MICHAEL O'BRIEN AND THE DISTRACTIONS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, May 21, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

**ODD ENOUGH**  
9 p.m. Friday, May 15, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

**PAGE AND SMITH**  
9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

**STONE CIRCLE**  
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

**UNIVERSAL XPRESSION**  
9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reg-gee) (313) 965-9500

**FOLK/BLUEGRASS**

**ARTISAN**  
8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (a capella folk) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**CATIE CURTIS**  
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**ANNIE GALLUP AND JACK HARDY**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**HOT RIZE**  
8 p.m. Friday, May 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**LISA HUNTER**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. \$4. All ages. 9 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 22, Tuscan Cafe, Northville. Free. All ages. (acoustic folk pop originals) (734) 994-3940/(248) 305-8629

**CHERI KNIGHT**  
8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**JAN KRIST**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(313) 861-8101

**SHEILA LANDIS**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

**LOBA AKOU**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-0800

**RFD BOYS**  
8 p.m. Friday, May 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9. \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**JO SERRAPERE**  
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

**DANCE**

**BELLY DANCE CLASS**  
Learn basic technique and cultural aspects of Middle Eastern dance beginning May 20 for six weeks in Westland, all ages and skill levels. \$32. (734) 422-1246

**COUNTRY CLASS**  
Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207

**CRANBROOK SCHOOLS**  
"Evening of Dance," with original choreography by Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School dance instructor Jessica Sinclair, several of the costumes were designed and created by Cranbrook Academy of Art fiber student Sheila Walker. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, at Lerchen Hall, 550 Lone Pine Road (between Lahser and Cranbrook roads), Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3064

**COMEDY**

**BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Jim McLean, Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at the club in Mr. B's Roadhouse - Oxford, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Boccat Goldthwait, Hector Rezzano and Chris Zito, Friday, May 15, and Goldthwait, Rezzano and Joey Bietska, Saturday, May 16 (\$18); Mike Green, Keith (Lenard) Valentine and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, May 21 (free), 29 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturdays. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Bobby Collins, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 (\$14 and \$27.95 for dinner show package); Ruben-Ruben, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21 (\$5), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23 (\$8 and \$16.95), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINTREEST COMEDY**

**BUCK**  
With Nester's Bad Habit, Tone Fatty 5 and

**SHOWCASE**  
Lowell Sanders, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14 (\$7) and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 (\$6), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9060

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Mike Green, Wednesday-Thursday, May 13-14, and Sunday, May 17; Bill Engvall of "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 (\$17.50); Mark Cordes and Jon Ueberroth, Wednesday-Saturday, May 20-24, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

**MUSEUMS AND TOURS**

**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**  
Pond Study 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Reservations necessary. (248) 645-3200

**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
In conjunction with the exhibit "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit" continuing to Oct. 4, the museum hosts a free demonstration of Arab Music and musical instruments with admission 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in Louise C. Booth Auditorium; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**  
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

**POPULAR MUSIC**

**AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY**  
With The Criminals, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**AURORA**  
With Godzuki and Little Princess, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (experimental rock) (734) 996-8555

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Eastpointe Community Center, 16435 Eight Mile Road (between Gratiot and Kelly roads), Eastpointe. (trombone-driven party blues) (810) 445-5081 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

**NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27. Bacchi Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

**BIHLMAN BROTHERS**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

**BITTER LOVE**  
With Dead by 28 and Cockflower, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

**THE BIZER BROTHERS**  
8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

**BLACK BEAUTY**  
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 455-8450

**BLACK FUZZ**  
9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050/(248) 549-2929/(248) 339-6200

**BLINDSIDED**  
With Master Cylinder, 9 p.m. Friday, May 22, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**BLUE METRO**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BLUE ROSE**  
9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (313) 874-0254

**BLUE SUIT**  
With Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**MEREDITH BROOKS**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**BUCK**  
With Nester's Bad Habit, Tone Fatty 5 and



The Felluz, 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Detroit debut: Pop singer Meredith Brooks performs Wednesday, May 20, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

as part of Thermo-nuclear Tuesday at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390 Michigan Ave. (3/4 mile east of I-75), Wayne. \$3. All ages. (Christian-based ska) (734) 326-7717

**CAUSTIC POP**  
With Sensitive Clown, 10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 567-6020

**CIRCUS MCGIRKUS**  
With Packaged Bliss, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

**CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

**COAL CHAMBER**  
With Sevendust, Day in the Life, and Human Waste Project, 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (rock) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**DANNY COX**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 332-0800

**DETROIT BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN**  
With Ridge Runners (noon), Cody Young (1 p.m.), Diamondback (3:30 p.m.), Tracey Lynne (4:30 p.m.), Ruby Lovett (6 p.m.), Thompson Brothers (7:30 p.m.), Darlye Singletary (9 p.m.) and Neal McCoy (10:30 p.m.), Friday, May 15; With Greg Scott (noon), Steele Canyon (1:15 p.m.), Sassy (2:30 p.m.), Matt King (3:45 p.m.), Forbes Brothers (5 p.m.), Suzy Bogdus (6:15 p.m.), Mark Chesnut (7:45 p.m.), Sammy Kershaw (9:30 p.m.), and Lornie Morgan (11 p.m.), Saturday, May 16; and with Hot Walker (noon), Derringer (12:50 p.m.), Janis Lee and Luck of the Draw (1:40 p.m.), Clinton Roy (2:30 p.m.), Keith Harling (4:30 p.m.), Melodie Crittenden (5:30 p.m.), The Dixie Chicks (8 p.m.), and Pam Tillis (9 p.m.), Sunday, May 17, Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit. Free. All ages. (country) (313) 259-4323

**GLEN EDDY**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

**ELIJA**  
10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750

**FOUR DEGREES**  
9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Drinks North, 2505 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford Township. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-6911/(313) 567-6020 or <http://www.fourdegrees.com>

**LESLEY GORE**  
With Lou Christie, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29. \$26 students and seniors. All ages. (pop) (810) 286-2141

**GRANT LEE BUFFALO**  
6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**THE GRUESOMES**  
With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**GR**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 543-4300

**GYPHY TRIBE**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 683-5458

**THE HUNGER**

Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**STEVE HURLEY**  
Chicago dance DJ and producer/remixer, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (dance) (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

**INDRAMA**  
With Opie's Dream, The Schugars and Brilliant, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the main stage at JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**  
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750

**JARS OF GLAY**  
With Plumb, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$22.50 in advance. All ages. (Christian pop) (248) 546-7610

**JAZZODITY**  
9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**JACK JONES**  
With Gloria Loring, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29. \$26 students and seniors citizens. All ages. (pop) (810) 286-2141

**JUNE OF '44**  
With Victory at Sea, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

**MIKE KING**  
10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; With Jo Serrapere, Danny Cox and Sister Seed, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Verdict Inn at JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(810) 465-5154

**KNEE DEEP SHAG**  
With Wordenhaus, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk) (248) 334-9292

**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 683-5458

**LAZY BONES**  
With Menace, Overthrow, and Blackened Earth, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

**BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND**  
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

**THE LOOK**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 21-22, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450/(248) 349-9110

**MR. FREEDOM X**  
9 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**EDDIE MONEY**  
With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, independence Township. \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

**MIDPUPPY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-0917

**MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY**  
10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

**DAVID NELSON BAND**  
With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Friday, May

22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**ROBERT PENN**  
9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

**PETER AND TYRONE**  
9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (DJs/dance music) (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

**PURE**  
With Fletcher Pratt, 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**GARY RASMUSSEN**  
With Billy Brandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

**THE RERUNS**  
With The Rozenbombs, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 875-6555

**THE REV. RIGHT TIME AND THE FIRST CUZINS OF FUNK**  
With Daddy Longlegs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (funk/reggae) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**DION RODDY**  
Formerly of Spank and Missionary Stew, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 332-0800

**SAM SALTER**  
With Sherrill and 3-D Soul, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-5154

**JULES SHEAR**  
With Kate Campbell, 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/songwriters) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**SHERRILL**  
With 3D Soul, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-5154

**SONIC YOUTH**  
With The Ex and Universal Indians, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS**  
With The Woggles, 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Magic Stick in the



STREET SCENE

Van Halen welcomes a down-to-earth new singer

To Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony, new lead singer Gary Cherone is a God-send.

"He's very down to earth. He doesn't have 'LSD Syndrome.' That's what we call 'lead singer disease' where it's like all the planets rotate around the singer. He's just a very down-to-earth guy," Anthony said.

He added that he was the only member of Van Halen who was familiar with Cherone's former band, Extreme, before the trio hired Cherone.

"I had met Gary five years ago at a concert they played. We all knew that he was a talented singer, though. But it's probably more about how he is as a person. When you're in a band, it's like you're married to one another in this business," he said.

"It only took probably for him to get out of the car for us to say, 'Hey, this is it.' Forty-five minutes later we wrote 'Without You.'"

That single, from the band's debut effort with Cherone, "Van Halen III" (Warner Bros.) proved to be successful.

For the recording of "Van

Halen III," not only did Anthony, drummer Alex Van Halen, and guitarist/vocalist Eddie Van Halen, bring along a new singer but a new producer as well - Mike Post. Post is best-known for composing the theme song to the TV show "Hill Street Blues."

Originally, Glen Ballard was chosen to produce the album, but he was committed to doing Alanis Morissette's second album.

"Ed knew Mike Post because they had golfed together a couple from times. They were casual acquaintances. ... Mike Post was actually Gary's idea. He did stuff years ago. He produced and won a Grammy for Mason Williams. He played guitar on all of Sonny and Cher's recordings. He got fed up with that end of the business because he never got his big break," Anthony said of Post.

"By going into that other aspect of the business he got quite famous."

The new blood in the band was inspirational to Van Halen in a few ways, Anthony explained.

"He writes great lyrics for one thing. This is the first album that Eddie will tell you lyrically

inspired a lot of his songwriting. Usually the music came first, we'd create a melody and put a lyric to that."

Cherone has also inspired the band to travel to countries like New Zealand and Australia, which the 10-year-old band had never visited.

"Right from the get-go, the shows were great. It's actually the first time we ever played over there. We had singers in the past who have never wanted to go there," Anthony said.

"Figures, now that Sammy's not in the band, he's down there right now. Maybe his wife wanted to go there."

Van Halen and Creed perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$40 and \$27.50 reserved for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com.

The Verve Pipe is slated to receive an ASCAP award Monday, May 18, in Los Angeles for the song "The Freshman," which

was dubbed one of the top 50 singles of 1997.

The East Lansing-based band will return to the studio at the end of June with producer Michael Beinhorn to record its follow-up to the platinum-selling album "Villains." Beinhorn's credits include Social Distortion's "White Light, White Heat, White Trash," the Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Mother's Milk," Social Asylum's "Grave Dancers Union," Ozzy Osbourne's "Ozzmosis," and the Violent Femmes' "Why Do Birds Sing?" RCA Records hopes to release the album by fall.

Verve Pipe fans who can't wait that long to hear new material can pick up the soundtrack to the film "The Avengers" (Atlantic Records) on July 7. It will feature "Blow You Away," a song that singer Brian Vander Ark wrote with XTC's Andy Partridge.

Steve Poltz's ballad "Leavin' Again," from his solo debut "One Left Shoe" (Mercury) was scheduled to be featured in the season finale of Fox's "Party of Five." He

was coy about the scene in which it will be used. However, the lyrics "You can say you're comin' back/You can say you're leavin'/I wish that you would let me know/So I can start my grieving" lead to the break-up of Julia and Griffin's marriage.

"Charlie's gonna die. Bailey's gonna start drinking again and little Claudia's violin is going to be stolen. No, I don't know what going to happen," Poltz said with a laugh during his show Friday night at the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

"Maybe they'll play it when Neve Campbell ('Julia') is making love to that husband of hers (Griffin, played by Jeremy Lon-

don). What about that guy? He's always whining about money. What a loser. Get a job."

Poltz, the lead singer of the quirky pop band The Rugburns, also co-wrote "You Were Meant for Me" with Jewel. While performing the song Friday, he stopped after the line "Got my eggs, got my pancakes too/Got maple syrup/Everything but you" and said, "You know a guy didn't write the next line." Poltz went on to sing with an exaggerated smile "Break the yolks and make a smiley-face."

He also did acoustic covers of "Waterfalls" by TLC and "Red Corvette" by Prince.

Backstage Pass gets back to normal

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Back to normal. Detroit Public Television's Spring fundraising events are over. Some of these big events are like the holidays: You have a little nog, visit with friends you only see at that time, and really enjoy them while

they're happening. But when but when things go back to normal, you breathe a huge sigh of relief.

We really are creatures of habit. Even the things that break up our routines are sometimes, well, routine. They happen every year like clockwork, and we mark our calendars and wait for them to come around to divert us.

The same is true in Detroit's arts and cultural events. Many take place each year, and while they grow and evolve and boast bigger and better acts each year, we look forward to them partly because of the continuity of the happening. With the city on the brink of the summer festival season, a whole slew of annual events are on the slate, and Backstage Pass is primed to bring them to you.

This week, for instance, Gary Graff will preview the 16th annual Downtown Hoedown, America's largest free country music festival. I spoke with Mike Watts, the Hoedown's executive director, about the event that every year kicks off Detroit's summer festival season in Hart Plaza. "This year's the strongest in the history of the event, with acts like Pam Tillis, Neal McCoy, and Lorrie Morgan, as well as the hottest new acts like Matt King, Sammy Kershaw, Melodie Crittenden, and the hottest of them all, the Dixie Chicks." Other acts on the bill include Ruby Lovett, Rodney Allen Atkins, Suzy Bogguss, Mark Chesnutt, the Thompson Brothers, Daryle Singletary and Keith Harling, among others.

The Hoedown not only gets bigger stars every year, attendance grows, too. Mike said, "With the beautiful weather they're predicting, we plan on seeing over a million people this year. Already over 20 million have attended since the event began in 1982. Most of the hotels downtown are already sold out.

"And Proceeds from the Hoedown benefit the City of Detroit Recreation Department. So this money filters down to parks and to children who play in them." So you can feel good not only

about the great music, but about where the money goes, too!

Also on the Big Show, Gary Anderson will host a performance from Part One of "Angels in America," Tony Kushner's Pulitzer and Tony Award (along with just about every other theater award imaginable) winning epic. Gary ran the show down to me. "This is the first of a two-part play that looks at the AIDS epidemic, homosexuality and conservatism during the Reagan administration. It's an interesting piece that's probably more ambitious than most American play writing today. It tries to approach these subjects in a manner that elicits thought and action from the audience - it asks them to explore just what the social responsibilities are, and addressed issues of tolerance in America, which were challenged by the AIDS epidemic."

Gary told me that the show is ground-breaking in another respect, too. "Angels" kicks off a collaboration between the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Meadow Brook, a professional theater entity that's long been housed on Oakland's campus. The partnership benefits both parties. It's a good experience for the student, because it forces them to stretch, and the exposes

them to the professional talent. And the other part of it is that Meadow Brook is able to take on more challenging pieces.

"Geoffrey Sherman directs. What he's done is to try to make this company of professionals and undergraduates a cohesive ensemble. 'Angels' presents a challenge because it's a piece that addresses some big issues for undergraduates. But it pushes them to grow."

I asked Gary what space will be used for this new collaboration. "The main performance space for the department is the Varner Studio Theatre. It's a smaller space, so they had to pare 'Angels' down to make it fit. Some of the spectacle of the Broadway show doesn't really occur here. In a way, that's a good thing, because it focuses the production on the quality of the work, the quality of the writing."

Also on the big show, we'll preview the annual student exhibition at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, and in honor of the Hoedown, we'll get country-influenced performances from WDIV's Devin Scillian and Hamtramck-based band, the Volebeats.

That's all on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, May 8

"DEEP IMPACT" Sci-fi thriller tells how people on earth deal with an impending collision with an asteroid.

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DINING

# Mesquite Junction offers steaks, seafood and more

If you're hungry for meat and potatoes, round-up your family and ride over to Mesquite Junction where quality and care make this restaurant "a cut above the chains."

"We're an independent, family-run restaurant," said general manager Allen H. Mallad, who developed the menu and recipes for Mesquite Junction, which opened in January.

Owner Michael Hamilton of Garden City grew up in the restaurant business. His family owned the former Hamilton House on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

"I like working with people," said Hamilton. Three of the four chefs who work at Mesquite Junction graduated from Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program.

You'll find a little bit of everything on the menu, and some surprises, too, such as the Greektown Lamb Chops and Anna's homemade Ravioli.

For starters, try the melted Asiago Cheese served with garlic toast, Buffalo Shrimp, or Quesadillas.

Black bean and Crock of French Onion Soup are on the menu, along with a Spicy Chicken Soup, Cowboy Salad, and Mallad's Famous Greek Salad.

If you're hungry for a burger, the Bronco Burger is sure to please. There's also a Blackened Bleu Burger - fresh ground beef, pounded with spices,

**Mesquite Junction**  
**Where:** 13800 Middlebelt, (on the I-96 service drive) Livonia, (734) 762-4280.  
**Open:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday.  
**Menu:** Steakhouse, which features USDA prime steaks, ribs, seafood, and pasta. Vegetarian friendly, children's menu.  
**Reservations:** Only for parties of eight or more.  
**Seats:** 240, no banquet room, but can accommodate large parties.  
**Carry-out:** Available  
**Handicap accessible:** Yes

topped with bleu cheese crumbles and roasted peppers. Rancher's Chicken and the Portabello Sandwich are also customer favorites. Sandwiches are served with Texas fries.

Mesquite Junction uses USDA Prime Beef Steaks. Entrees are accompanied by choice of potato, fresh garden salad, and a basket of hot rolls with whipped butter. With the exception of pasta dishes, entrees include choice of Texas Steak Fries, Rice Pilaf, Junction Potatoes, or Mesquite Junction's famous Texas-Size Baked Potato or Sweet Potatoes with all the fixins' - butter, sour cream, chives, cheddar cheese and bacon.

Extras can make your meal memorable. Consider sautéed onions or mushrooms, or steak pounded with cracked pepper for \$1.50 served with red chili butter. Add 4 grilled shrimp to any steak entree for \$4.95.

The Junction N.Y. Strip Sir-

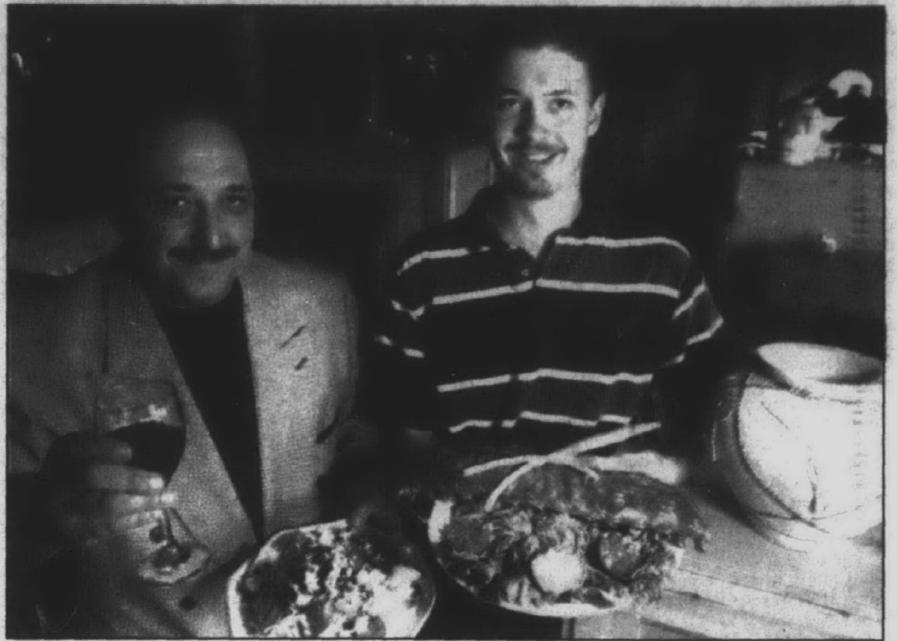
loin is available in two cuts - 12 ounce and 16 ounce. There's also a Cowboy Steak - hand cut prime 24 ounce Porterhouse, Big John's Filet Mignon, a 9-ounce center cut prime tenderloin, Texas T-Bone Steak, Prime Rib, and Texas Barbecue Baby Back Ribs.

Seafood fans will find a pleasing selection to choose from - Grilled Swordfish Steak, Grilled Alaskan Salmon Fillet, Louisiana Shrimp Scampi, or Jumbo Gulf Shrimp.

Steak or seafood not for you? Try the Roasted Tenderloin of Pork or Rancher's Chicken.

Save room for dessert - hot fudge sundae, hot apple sundae, brownie sundae or cheese cake with strawberries.

There's a full bar menu, and lots of frozen and ice cream drinks - margaritas and daiquiris to choose from. The wines are reasonable, and the list includes a good selection of white, red and sparkling wines.



At your service: Allen Mallad (left) and Michael Hamilton present some of Mesquite Junction's specialty dishes.

For special occasions there's champagne, even Dom Perignon.

For lunch or dinner, Mesquite Junction is a place where you can enjoy a relaxing lunch or dinner, with fast, friendly ser-

vice. The restaurant is very comfortable, and sectioned off into seven rooms. It's easy to find a comfortable booth in a cozy corner, and there are tables, too. Southwest artifacts and

paintings help create the steakhouse atmosphere.

Mesquite Junction has applied for an outdoor patio permit. We'll let you know when it's approved.

## EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

**Local Color Brewing Company** - 42705 Grand River Ave., (next to Vic's Market) Novi, (248) 349-2600. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. seven days a week. Menu: Classic American fare including steaks, ribs, seafood, and chicken with a Bavarian touch. Wood fired pizzas, salads, pub style sandwiches, appetizers and soups. Cost: Entrees range from \$9.25 to \$19.85; sandwiches \$5.85 to \$6.99; salads \$7.50 to \$9.95. Children's menu available. Reservations: For parties of eight or more except on week-ends. Highlights: Microbrews, housemade root beer. An outdoor beer garden will open soon with seating for 70 people.

**Champps Americana** - 19470 Haggerty Road, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads) Livonia, (734) 591-3334. Open 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday. Sunday brunch menu 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu: Classic American dining including salads, sandwiches, pasta, chicken, steaks, seafood, pizza and hamburgers. Children's and late night menus available. Cost: Entrees \$9.95 to \$14.50; sandwiches \$6.25 to \$10.50; burgers \$4.75 to \$6.95; pizza \$6.50 to \$8.25. Sunday brunch items range from \$6.95 to \$8.95. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Seats: 300 people.

Expansion plans: Scheduled to open a Troy location in July. Highlights: Magician performs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays during brunch. Bloody Mary Bar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. Specialty martini menu.

**Fire Academy Brewery & Grill** - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; noon to 11 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Something

for everyone including hand-crafted beers and root beer, sandwiches, soup, salads, steaks, baby back ribs, chicken, shrimp, whitefish, and pasta. Children's menu available. Cost: Ranges from \$4.75 to \$5.95 for sandwiches; entrees \$7.95 to \$15.50. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not accepted after 5 p.m. Very busy 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, expect to wait. Banquets: Able to serve up to 50 buffet style, or 45 sit down, inside a vintage fire truck. Reservations recommended well in advance. Parties are not scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Arriba** - Where: 314 St. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Menu: Mexican restaurant emphasizing authentic regional Mexican dishes. Cost: Entrees, \$6.95-\$13.95; appetizers, \$4.95-\$5.75; salads, \$2.95-\$8.75. Reservations: For parties of six or more, call (734) 662-8485. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Credit: All major credit cards.

After 21 years, Ann Arbor's Maude's had run its cycle and Serras and his partners in Main-street Ventures had to decide what to do with the downtown Ann Arbor restaurant that had once been "the place for ribs."

In March Maude's became Arriba, a Mexican restaurant with an emphasis on "authentic."

**Plymouth Landing** - Where: 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Open: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday (bar stays open until 1 a.m., limited Casual Fare menu after 10:30 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, brunch served until 2 p.m. Menu: Creative cooking with Greek, Italian and French flare, American fare also. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$6.50 to \$12.95, dinner \$7.95 to \$21.95; brunch \$10.95 adults, \$5.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under. Reservations: Recommended. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Banquet Room: For up to 50 people.

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

**Unique Restaurant Corporation** will open Portabella in Somerset Collection, on Friday, May 15, and Duet in Detroit (next to Orchestra Hall) Thursday, May 28. For information about Portabello, call (248) 649-6625.

Unique Restaurant Corporation is hosting their annual Morel Feast Wednesday, May 20 through Saturday, May 23. The cost is \$42.95 not including tax or gratuity. The menu features a bisque of Minnesota morels, Michigan pickler in puff pastry with a Morel Duxelle and Morel Infused Fumet, Salad with sautéed Michigan Morels, Roasted prime tenderloin with morel sauce, Michigan asparagus and Morel Risotto, and warm Michigan cherry tart for dessert. Call the restaurant of your choice for reservations/information, each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. The feast will be held May 20 at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Birmingham Farms, (248) 642-1094; May 21 at No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar, inside Hotel Baronette, Novi, (248) 305-5210; May 22 at Relish, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 489-8852, and May 23 at Portabella, (248) 649-6625.

**Fanclub Foundation for the Arts** presents a fundraiser featuring a celebrity silent wine auction, hors d'oeuvres by the Townsend Hotel, and live band,

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Tickets, \$35, call (248) 988-0-FAN.

**Fifty-year celebration** - Andiamo Restaurants and Charles Krug Winery will be presenting a 50-year celebration of gourmet food and wine 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at the Andiamo Banquet Center in Warren.

The six course meal will include specialty dishes by chefs from each of the Andiamo Restaurants and six Charles Krug wines selected to complement the cuisine. Entertainment will be provided by Johnny Trudell and his Orchestra with guest vocalist Chrissy Scinta. Tickets are \$125 per person, call (800) 287-8880 or (248) 642-0330.

The event will honor Andiamo's Master Chef Aldo Ottoviano, and Peter Mondavi, Sr., President and CEO of Charles Krug Winery whose 50 year friendship and shared passion for good food and wine has led to success for both of them. Chef Aldo was the first restaurateur to import Charles Krug wines into metro Detroit area.

The celebration will also benefit future students of culinary arts. Partial proceeds from the evening will be used to inaugurate scholarships at Macomb, Oakland Community, and Schoolcraft Community Colleges. Additional money will be raised at an auction of fine and rare wines conducted by Ed Jonna.

**East Side Mario's Celebrates Garlic** - with their third annual Garlic Jamboree through Sunday, May 31. A variety of special menu items that incorporate the flavor of garlic. For starters, try Bruschetta, Calabrese Potato

Pie, Calamari al Diavolo and Garlic Cheese Bread. Appetizer prices range from \$3.99 to \$6.99.

Garlic specialty items include Bacon-wrapped Garlic Shrimp Scampi, Baked Sausage Gonda, Garlic-Peppered Sirloin Tri-Trip Steak, Italian-Style Rotisserie Chicken and Herb Garlic Chicken Fettuccini. Garlic enhanced entrees start at \$7.99.

East Side Mario's is at 231630 Plymouth Road (just west of Merriman) Livonia. Hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays.

**Marvin's Bistro & Piano Bar** - New Sunday buffet 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; adults \$9.95, children under 10, \$4.95. The restaurant is at 15800 Middlebelt (between Five and Six Mile Roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600.

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