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On appeal



Time: Plymouth attorney Steve Boak presents his argument before Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Michael Kelley, David Sawyer and Martin Doctoroff Tuesday in Lansing.

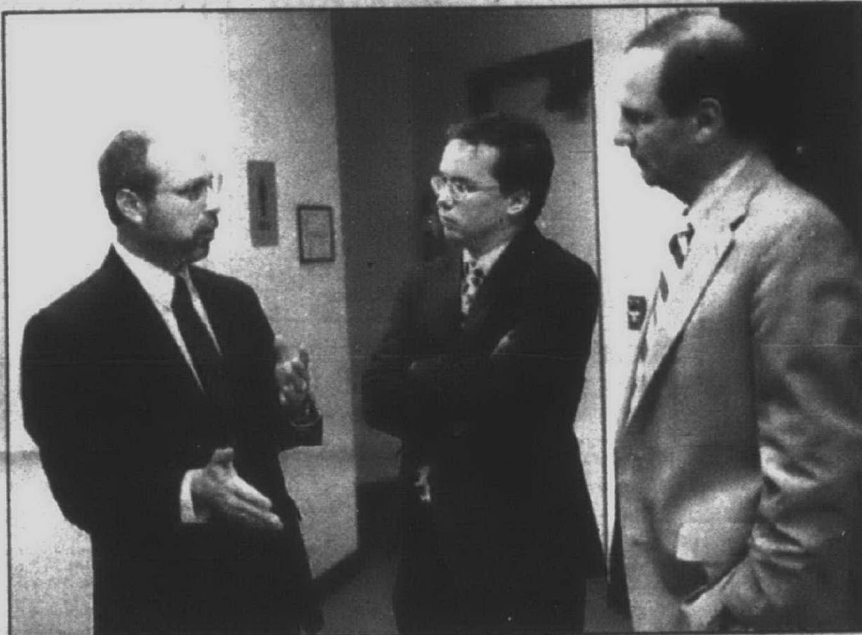
Bond now in judicial hands

At long last the Plymouth-Canton bond issue arrived in the Michigan Court of Appeals. But there's another wait ... this time for a ruling.



A new high school, elementary building, new school buses and computer technology for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is now in the hands of the Michigan Court of Appeals. The court heard oral arguments Tuesday in an appeal filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, who is attempting to stop the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds approved by voters in March 1997.

Vorva claims that with 716 spoiled ballots on a new touch-screen voting machine, voters were "denied their fundamental right to vote." The appeals court is deciding the case after Vorva lost his battle in Wayne County Circuit Court. Each side was given 30 minutes to present its case to the three-judge panel. In his remarks, Plymouth attorney Stephen Boak told the panel "Mr. Vorva is disappointed that the officials of the school district in which he lives and votes are more interested in building buildings than they are in the purity of the election process. He is not disappointed because



Getting ready: Prior to the start of the hearing, Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman briefs board president Mark Horvath and Superintendent Dr. Charles Little on what to expect.

the bond issue passed but the manner in which the election was handled." While there is more decorum in the Court of Appeals, there is also more opportunity by any of the three judges to interrupt and ask questions. Justice David Sawyer asked Boak

if there were any mechanical malfunctions of the voting system, to which Boak replied there were "no mechanical malfunctions." Justice Martin Doctoroff asked Boak if there was any other reason than voting error by voters for the

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Election first, then Y decision

The battle over who should manage community recreation won't be settled until after the August election. Members of a recreation structure subcommittee agreed Tuesday that a joint township-city board should oversee recreation – comparable to the way the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority oversees many downtown-related issues.

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And most subcommittee members agreed to hand off a decision on who should run programs – a professional manager, the YMCA, or a combination – to that joint board yet to be appointed. "It doesn't rule out anything, including contracting the entire program out to the Y," said Doug Miller, a former mayor serving as a citizen representative to recreation subcommittee. "The recreation department should have a professional director. I think you would sell yourself a lot easier to this community," said Chuck Skene, a former city recreation director and subcommittee member. While some subcommittee members

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How to: Student Matt Dixon plants flowers in front of Salem High School guided by teacher Renee Schmoekel.

Learning about work

The Plymouth-Canton Education Park is blooming with a colorful array of flowers these days, thanks to a group of special needs students who spent hours planting all around the high school complex. Renee Schmoekel is the teacher for autistic impaired students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, a program which is in

its third year. "My job is to have autistic students be with regular peers and to learn what teenagers do and how teenagers act," said Schmoekel. "The day consists of social skills, teaching people with autism how to interact with their own peers, teachers and employers. We also work on

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Tax rate increases for city residents

The average city taxpayer will pay \$9 more in city taxes this year, based on the millage increase passed by city commissioners Monday. A .13-mill tax increase for city residents was approved as part of the 1998-99 fiscal year city budget taking effect July 1. The increase means the city resident with a \$124,020 home last year who paid \$2,297 in city taxes will pay \$2,306 this year.

1998-99 BUDGET

The increase is mainly due to increased costs of garbage collection, based on three-year contract bids received by the city. In 1997-98 1.25 mills were devoted to garbage collection, compared to 1.4 mills for the coming fiscal year. In putting together the new fiscal year budget, City Manager Steve Walters said "we didn't really want to cut back any basic services we were delivering."

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To pay or not to pay

It's a question of fin or finis. Plymouth city commissioners get paid \$10 per meeting. A majority said at their Monday meeting it's time to again ask voters to raise their pay, or do away with pay altogether. The commission voted 5-2 to direct the city administration and city attorney to review the matter and come up with ballot language so voters can decide in November. Commissioner Joe Koch raised the issue as commissioners approved another ballot issue to go before voters – to establish a six-month residency requirement for city commissioners. He suggested asking voters to raise commissioners' pay by the amount of inflation since the \$10 per meeting rate was established in the early 1950s. Koch said that if \$10 was deemed proper then, raising it according to inflation since would be proper now. "It's something we should do or get rid of it completely," he said. Commissioner Stella Greene recalled that voters were presented with a similar question, in 1992. Then, voters soundly rejected raising commissioners' pay per meeting to \$50. That figure was based on how inflation would have affected pay over 40 years. "I have never been in favor of raising our pay," said Mayor Don Dismuke.

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Skeleton identified

The identity of a man whose skeletal remains were found March 30 in Plymouth Township has been determined by police. Matthew James Morgan, a house painter who apparently died after shooting himself in the head, was 39 when he last contacted his girlfriend in May 1997, police said. His body was found by a resident of nearby apartments walking in a tangled, wooded area east of the wall running along I-275 north of M-14, just a few hundred feet from the Livonia border. Police Det. David Hayes said the Hungarian .380 semi-automatic Fegygyar handgun found at Morgan's side was traced to a Livonia residence. There, police talked with Morgan's girlfriend, who said she last saw him 13 months ago.

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Budget from page A1

Top categories producing money to pay for city operations include \$3.415 million in property taxes, up more than \$200,000 from 1997-98.

Money from the state is up about \$92,000, to \$1.19 million. Federal grants are down from \$73,790 to \$46,000.

Some areas where spending is planned to increase include administration, up from \$909,790 to \$979,690. This is mainly due to spending just over \$70,000 more on the city manager's office to pay for a new assistant city manager position.

Walters said the person to be hired will oversee an Old Village Development Authority staff member and work on developing toxic spill sites in the city by using opportunities provided by Brownfield Redevelopment legislation passed by state legislators.

Spending on the police department is rising from \$1.28 million to \$1.396 million, mainly to meet contracted pay increases.

Other top city government spending categories include \$788,410 for public works, \$648,000 toward the Plymouth Community Fire Department and \$576,400 for capital outlay.

That's up from \$429,710 for capital outlay in 1997-98. The increase is to pay for \$54,300 in new police equipment including the city's share of a radar

speed display trailer. Other capital outlay increases include \$50,000 for public parks equipment and \$59,000 for special events-related equipment, including a storage shed at The Gathering.

Meanwhile, costs for city clerk elections operations are decreasing from \$174,130 to \$147,620. "There are some reduced costs because the city is not using the old equipment any more," Walters said.

The city was able to cut costs on trucking, storing and moving old voting machines as the clerk's office is now using an optical scanning voting system.

City residents are to pay 10.71 mills toward the city general fund, .55 mill for street funds, 1.86 mills for bond project debt and the 1.4 mills toward garbage pickup and recycling.

Also budgeted is a half-mill for recreation. City commissioners have said this levy will likely be stopped and the recreation department eliminated, if township residents choose in August to reject a ballot issue asking them to pay .5 mill for recreation.

The total city millage to be levied is 15.02 mills, up from 14.89 in the 1997-98 fiscal year ending June 30.

The budget also includes a \$550,000 surplus, called a budget stabilization fund by city officials.



Social Studies Olympiad

Winning: Fifth-graders at Tonda Elementary recently participated in the 12th annual Michigan Social Studies Olympiad. The 10 students from Ron Myers' and Donna Sarrach's classes, under Myers' direction, won a Gold Medal for their performance in an original skit entitled "Dorothy's Adventure with the Ten Commandments." Featured from the left are Elizabeth Coleman, Dipti Arya, Lance Croy, Valerie Hargraves and Monica Skupinski. Featured (from right) are Ashleigh Rotando, Mary Barbero, Marc Harrier, Heidi Kaloustian and Ashton Kramer.

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Pay from page A1

But he said that considering how much time commissioners put into budget study sessions and other matters, "I've changed 100 percent."

Greene said that while she supported higher pay to get qualified people, the recommendation to raise pay "should not come from us," but rather a separate group charged with studying the city charter that establishes the pay rate.

"We could make it active after our terms expire," said Commissioner David McDonald.

'We could make it active after our terms expire.'

Dave McDonald
 —City commissioner

"I don't see any point putting it on the ballot again," said Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. "What good does a raise to \$50 do. Why go through the expense?"
 Both Greene and Shrewsbury voted against seeking a ballot

issue on a pay raise. "When I was a resident, I said absolutely not, I voted no," McDonald said. "I say this tongue-in-cheek but times do change. I think \$10 is an embarrassment to the office."

On a charter revision issue to go before voters on a six-month residency requirement, City Attorney Sarah Osburn recalled that the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in 1972 that a two-year requirement was unconstitutional.

"Since this time the city has not amended the charter and therefore has no enforceable residency requirement," she said in a report presented to commissioners.

She said recent court cases have upheld residency requirements of a year or less.

The issue was sparked in part last fall when city commission candidate John Thomas, who failed to win election, maintained residency in both Canton and Plymouth.

Under current rulings, a winning city commission candidate would not have to reside in the city until 10 days before taking office.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS



(Terms and when to vote)
District voters will be filling two 4-year seats and one 2-year seat.
Polls are open Monday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QUESTION 1:

Why are you seeking election to the Board of Education?

QUESTION 2:

What skills or knowledge would you bring to the Board of Education?

QUESTION 3:

What are your top 3 priorities for the school district?

QUESTION 4:

Do we need a new middle school?
Where should a new high school be built?

QUESTION 5:

Should 11th grade students be required to take the MEAP tests?

4-YEAR TERM CANDIDATES:



Susan Davis
Director, juvenile justice programs at Growth Works.
Chair of Community Council for Substance Abuse Prevention
Four-year member of Board of Education

To continue my commitment to the community and see some projects to completion over the next four years.
I still have the energy and am more confident in my abilities after spending time on the board.

Four years on the Board of Education holding all board offices except president.
Knowledge of the community from living here 22 years.
I know the basic needs of children and adults.

Building needs.
Higher student expectations
An alternative high school

Yes
Joy and Beck

We need to have some measurement of our district's academic success.
I believe if the state is going to have the tests, then students should take it.



Sheila Friedrich
Motivational speaker for Weight Watchers
Founding president Tonquish Economic Club
Volunteer at Eriksson Elementary School

I want to bridge the ever-widening gap between Plymouth and Canton.
I was encouraged to run by many elected officials and community leaders in Plymouth because of my willingness to have the two communities work together, not pull apart.

I have seen first-hand the impressive staff, their dedication and commitment to quality teaching.
As a classroom advocate I hope to be the eyes and ears parents throughout the district

Lower class size
Better district-wide communication
Adjusting state funding

Yes
Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location

I would like to see some sort of requirement for students in 11th grade, whether it be MEAP scores or other kind of testing.
It does show how well the district is doing.



Richard Ham-Kucharski
Systems engineer/product manager for EDS
Member of Goals 2000 committee
Member of Arbor Village condo board

To ensure the security and quality of our schools well into the future.

I possess critical thinking skills, technical design and program development, local management skills and global management skills.

Higher student achievement
Increasing the presence of classroom technology
Financing of new facilities

Yes
Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location

It should be required because it's the only measurement we have at that level.
It should be required, or we should be able to institute our own internal testing and evaluation system.



Darwin Watts
Manager of operations for Absopure Water
Member of Board of Directors, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce
Graduate of Leadership Plymouth

It's the best way to make a positive impact in the community.
To help resolve some future issues that could affect the school system and education, including new schools and district funding.

I have knowledge of finance and operations, leadership and teamwork skills, good communication skills.

Continue and improve on positive labor relations
The district's building needs and use of existing buildings
Continue the Long Range Plan

Yes
Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location

If we are going to use the MEAP test as our measure of success, it should be used on an across-the-board basis.
If we give students options to opt out we put holes in the test.

2-YEAR TERM CANDIDATE:



Judy Mardigan
Co-owner of Health Decisions, Inc.
Member several school committees, including Long Range Planning and Legislative Action
Appointed to fill vacated seat in March

I view the Board of Education seat as an opportunity to apply what I have learned from my community involvement.
To play a meaningful role in making good decisions.

I have obtained a broad understanding of our complex district through service on key district committees-including Citizen Finance Advisory, Long Range Planning and Legislative Action committees.
As an involved parent I bring an understanding of the needs of our children.

New high school facilities
Implementing the Long Range Plan
Lobbying for adjustments in Proposal A funding

Yes
Joy and Beck

We need to have a way of measuring and benchmarking our district, but the test has been criticized the two years it's been implemented.
I do feel we need benchmarks, but I'm not sure MEAP is the benchmark.



Helping: Dave and Eric Buzenberg of Walker-Buzenberg Furniture Inc. in Plymouth has joined with Lane Company to encourage high school seniors to pledge not to drink and drive or ride in cars where alcohol is consumed this graduation season. City Commissioner Stella Greene lauded the store for their efforts.

Pledge

Store helps teens avoid alcohol

Walker & Buzenberg Furniture Inc. is having success in getting high school seniors to pledge not to drink and drive or ride in cars where alcohol is consumed this graduation season.

Plymouth City Commissioner Stella Greene singled out the 240 N. Main furniture store publicly at the Monday commission meeting.

"I think that kind of initiative needs to be recognized," she told audience members and fellow commissioners.

"We've done this probably three or four years now," said Dave Buzenberg.

"Actually it's kind of a combination of the Lane Company and our store. The Lane Company has been doing this in certain areas with other retailers. We thought it was a great idea," he said.

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Dave Buzenberg
—Walker-Buzenberg Furniture

Students who come into the store and sign a pledge - their names are posted in the rear of the store - are given a 10-by-6 inch Lane cedar keepsake chest.

The program has been growing in popularity with seniors. Eric Buzenberg said the program is especially popular this year, with about 100 students taking the pledge so far.

That's partly because a student advisor at Plymouth Salem High made pledge forms available where prom tickets were

sold.
Those coming into the store to sign pledges "are a good mix of boys and girls," Dave Buzenberg said.

"We think it's good community involvement," he added.

The national Students Against Drunk Driving group is also a partner in the program.

While Eric Buzenberg said the Lane chest program may also win future customers, "It's tying in with a great cause. It's a good partnership."

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School election

Absentee ballots available

Polls for the Monday, June 8 Plymouth-Canton school board election will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Absentee ballots to vote in the election are still available for registered voters who don't plan to vote at the polls.

District residents who want an absentee ballot may stop by the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth, or call Liz Adams, school

election clerk, 416-3095. You must have registered by May 11 to be able to vote in the school board election.

Absentee ballots may be sent back to Adams or may be dropped off at the school administration building by 8 p.m. June 8, Election Day.

The school board office will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, for those wanting to vote absentee.

■ Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, June 8, to vote in the Plymouth-Canton school election.

Remember that you must vote according to your school precinct, which is different than where you might vote for city or township elections.



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Precincts

- **Precinct 1:** CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Includes all of the city of Plymouth Precinct No. 2 and all of the city of Plymouth Precinct No. 3.
- **Precinct 2:** GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.
- **Precinct 3:** ISBISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.
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- **Precinct 10:** HULSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.
- **Precinct 11:** ERIKSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14.
- **Precinct 12:** FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18.
- **Precinct 13:** CANTON HIGH SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all of the territory of the school district in Superior Township.
- **Precinct 14:** BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.
- **Precinct 15:** PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Includes all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.
- **Precinct 16:** TONDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.
- **Precinct 17:** HOBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.
- **Precinct 18:** BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

Oakland chief to visit Plymouth

One is an aging Oakland County industrial town struggling against the ravages of urban decay.

The other is a prosperous Wayne County suburb.

Yet Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson believes Pontiac and Plymouth have some things in common.

Patterson has scheduled a bus tour during which Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore and business owners will tour Plymouth looking at tactics to possibly be emulated to rejuvenate the downtown area.

Plymouth is a community that has recently invigorated its downtown area, said Robert E. Dustman, the executive's press spokesperson. "The executive wants some of Pontiac's business community to see for themselves. Some of what Plymouth has done might be applicable in Pontiac."

Plymouth, with a population of about 9,000, has indeed enlivened its downtown. While several things are noteworthy, according to Dustman, the landscaping is very impressive.

The bus — which can accommodate about 30 people — is scheduled to leave Pontiac at 10 a.m. on June 23, and return later that afternoon. Additional information is available through Dustman's office at (248) 858-1048.

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S'craft board rewards McDowell's leadership

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell received a 3 percent salary hike Wednesday after trustees agreed during his annual evaluation that he demonstrated "outstanding" leadership at the college.

With the pay hike, McDowell's salary increased to \$110,476 and his contract was extended to 2001. The 3 percent pay raise equaled one given to the executive staff for 1998-99 school year by trustees that same evening.

The board commended McDowell for what they called an "excellent" working relationship among administration, faculty and staff. Trustees conducted McDowell's evaluation in a closed session at McDowell's request.

Board chairwoman Patricia Watson said



McDowell

McDowell met all his stated objectives from last year, including technological advances, development of a student retention center, student identification center, and renovations of the bookstore and Radcliff Center. During each annual evaluation; McDowell and the board outline a list of objectives for the upcoming year.

"What we were really pleased about was the technology master plan," Watson said. "He really pulled it together."

Watson said McDowell notices national trends and problems and applies solutions to fend off those concerns. Nationally, community college officials have problems retaining students at their colleges.

"Schoolcraft initiated the Student Retention Center," she said. The center follows up with students when they cannot obtain a desired class and tries to contact them when they miss several classes, Watson said.

"We're just really pleased that more is provided to students," Watson said.

"The Business Development Center has certainly been successful. The export resource center is also the first one in the state of Michigan," Watson said.

In a prepared statement that incorporates comments from the board members, trustees stated that McDowell "understands the potential for technology in learning and teaching. The development of a technology master plan has been an impressive undertaking."

Trustees reported that technology needs will continue to grow and the framework for future growth is essential. "Businesses have a need to train employees in the latest technology and the College's Business Development Center has been a leader in technology training."

The physical improvements on the campus this year also were called "outstanding." The board

commended McDowell's interaction with state legislators as "one of his greatest strengths."

Trustee Brian Broderick credited McDowell for his innovative and collaborative efforts in promoting the college, building expansion and new math labs.

"He also instituted an honors program, which can attract the best and the brightest students there," Broderick said. "It's a selling point for the school."

McDowell has an outstanding record and reputation, which make criticism of him "seem petty," Broderick said.

Sometimes the board members may not be up to speed on the college's happenings, Broderick said, but that was not considered a problem by Broderick.

"We'd like him to maintain the lines of communication," Broderick said. "We want to keep the lines of communication open, and keep the trustees informed. But he's always promoting things at the college, and overall he has an outstanding record."

Training center in the works

Schoolcraft College is looking to make itself bigger and better.

Schoolcraft College administrators expect to have architectural drafts of the Business & Industry Training Center and Waterman Campus renovations ready by June 24 for the college's trustees.

On Wednesday, board members were told the training center will be expected to seat 400 people for meals, 600 for lectures and 300 for presentation space and product demonstration, said Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, and Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

Administrators have requested the drafts contain three computer labs for corporate software training; six classrooms for corporate training, distance learning and breakout sessions during large group meetings; four study carrels, two small conference rooms and lobby and display areas.

For the Waterman Center, the Culinary Arts program would be expanded with a skills laboratory, two demonstration classrooms, expanded restaurant, remodeled kitchen area and added office space. The 30-year-old kitchen would be remodeled.

"The instructors can do lecturing and students then can prepare the recipe," Raby said.

Raby also told trustees a new roof will be installed over the next month on the Grote Administration Building, which will take two or three weeks to complete.

The north parking lot also will receive a new course on its surface, which will be completed by Aug. 1 "at the latest," Raby said.

Contracts OK'd

Trustees also approved a \$38,348 contract with Compu-Aid Inc./ Electron of Warren to complete wiring in the Applied Science, Forum and Waterman Campus Center buildings, and a \$22,793 contract with Elite Communications of Redford for the Physical Education Center and the Radcliff Center.

Also approved:

■ A total of 32 microcomputers from Quality Computer Systems of Livonia for \$53,856 for a new interactive math computer lab in the Liberal Arts Building.

■ Math software for \$41,500 from Academic Systems Corporation, Mountain View, Calif. The software and computers will be used by four sections of Math 51 in the fall; six sections are planned for the winter semester.

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Road funding crisis

Cutbacks loom if state lawmakers fail to meet Sept. 30 deadline

BY TIM RICHARD
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It worked in 1993 when the Legislature deliberately created a crisis by abolishing local school taxes. The result was voter approval of 1994 Proposal A to cut property taxes and schools.

Will it work by Sept. 30, 1998?

That's when Michigan's 47-year-old road-funding formula is due to expire. The Legislature last year set that crisis date to force itself to write a new road law.

PA 51 of 1951 assigns 39.1 percent of road money to the state Department of Transportation, 39.1 percent to the 83 counties and 21.8 percent to municipalities (the 500 cities and villages).

If it fails, 20 percent of state money for roads will be sealed up.

The ability of local and state road agencies to do maintenance and repairs will be severely hindered, said Brent O. Bair, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission.

That would "force municipal officials to postpone or cancel badly needed road work in cities and villages," added a Michigan Municipal League committee that includes Rochester Hills Mayor Ken Snell.

House Democrats, blistering Gov. John Engler, set up a Democratic task force on transportation and infrastructure issues.

Brown has bill

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights and a member of the task force, is pushing his own "scientific" idea for road plan-

ning.

"It's kinda like Proposal G of 1996, scientific management of game," said Brown, whose district includes part of Redford Township. "I'm saying let's have scientific management of roads. We have one of the premier institutions in the state - the University of Michigan Institute of Transportation.

"What we've been saying is 'get more money and spread it around.' We should commission U-M's institute to work with MDOT on roads, cement quality, asphalt standards, bridge construction and truck weights," Brown said, declaring Michigan roads wear out too fast.

Brown's bill to hire U-M for a scientific study of roads is co-sponsored by a key House member - Clark Harder, D-Owosso, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on transportation.

Failure costly

The state transportation fund for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 is about \$1.325 billion. If PA 51 expires, it will be cut by \$265 million. That would reduce:

■ MDOT from \$311.9 million to \$232.6 million.

■ Counties from \$546.4 million to \$410.5 million.

■ Cities and villages from \$304.6 million to \$228.8 million.

■ Local bus agencies from \$162.1 million to \$136 million.

CRAM (the County Road Association of Michigan) and the Michigan Municipal League are pushing their ideas for revising PA 51. Some details are hazy, such as writing a "distribution formula that simplifies the funding process and provides a more equitable dis-

tribution of funds." Local units have been saying that for 40 years. All agree the current formula is Byzantine in its complexity.

CRAM and MML call for "a comprehensive needs study" to "determine the priorities for a new road funding formula." That sounds much like Brown's bill.

Their plan calls for raising the diesel fuel tax to 19 cents a gallon. That would tax diesel fuel at the same rate as gasoline, which the Legislature raised by 4 cent last year.

The CRAM-MML plan would permit local governments to bid on state highway projects. Some Republicans will fight that idea, contending it's unfair competition with private contractors who pay the single business tax.

And CRAM-MML's plan would give some townships a chance to select road projects if townships contribute half. Currently, townships have no road powers. Roads in townships are under county road agencies.

Federal bonanza

Everyone was happy, however, when the U.S. Congress boosted the road money Michigan will get by 61 percent.

The new ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) will bring Michigan an increase of nearly \$310 million to a new total of \$825 million a year.

"A tremendous win for Michigan and our roads," said Gov. John Engler, who last year set a goal of \$200 million more for the state. His goal was topped by half.

Michigan among the 50 states was the seventh biggest winner, he said.

House Speaker Curtis Hertel,

D-Detroit, said the new ISTEA dollars "restore fairness for our state and put us on the road to recovery." He awarded bipartisan praise to U.S. Sens. Carl Levin (D) and Spencer Abraham (R) as well as the House delegation.

The new ISTEA awards 75 percent of the money to the state and 25 percent to local units. CRAM and MML want to keep it that way. Engler would like to see more of the federal money go to the state.

Finance costs cut

Meanwhile, Engler announced the state sold nearly \$40 million in Comprehensive Transportation Fund refinancing bonds at a 4.62 percent rate, "the lowest bond interest rate by MDOT in 40 years," said the governor.

The issue refinances bonds sold originally in 1988. The savings in interest payments will be \$7.2 million in debt service over the next eight years.

Deer crashes drop

For the first time since 1990, car-deer crashes have fallen in Michigan, according to auto insurers and state agencies.

In 1997 there were 65,451 car-deer crashes, 4.2 percent fewer than the 68,233 in 1996. The number of humans killed dropped from six to three in that year, though injuries rose slightly.

Officials credited more careful driving for the decrease.

The southern Michigan counties of Kent, Jackson and Calhoun recorded 1,900 to 2,000 crashes each. Here is what other area counties reported:

- Wayne 361, unchanged.
- Oakland, 1,553, up 53.
- Livingston, 1,240, down 94.

Schoolcraft College to host daddy-daughter dance Friday

Schoolcraft College host a Daddy and Daughter Dance on Friday, June 5.

Dressy attire is a requirement for this special night as daddies and daughters will twist, stroll and line dance to rock tunes, oldies and popular favorites. There are games and prizes, and, as part of the Cinderella dance, dads will have to find their daughters' shoes from a big pile on the floor.

Daughters from kindergarten through late elementary school will enjoy having their dads' undivided attention, and uncles and grandfathers can bring their special gifts.

The dance begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft campus and ends at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for father-and-daughter and \$4 for each additional child. Pictures are available for an additional charge. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the Kids on Campus Scholarship Fund.

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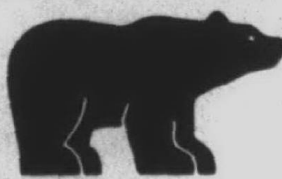


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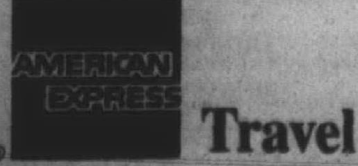
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Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Interactive Health Education Center - the first in Michigan and one of only three hospital-affiliated centers in the country - plans to deliver its disease and injury-prevention message through a curriculum developed in partnership with school districts and other community groups.

The 3,500-square foot center opens in the lower level of the Canton Health Building on Canton Center Road near The Summit in the Park in early 1999.

Initially, the center's larger-than-life schematic of the human body, with its giant props and user-friendly health tests, will bring in visitors. However, the special programs and classes will turn visitors into patrons.

Steve Ragan, director of capital campaigns for St. Joe's, said the center will not be self-limiting because of location; instead, it will be a regional interactive health education center for all of western Wayne County as well as southeastern Michigan.

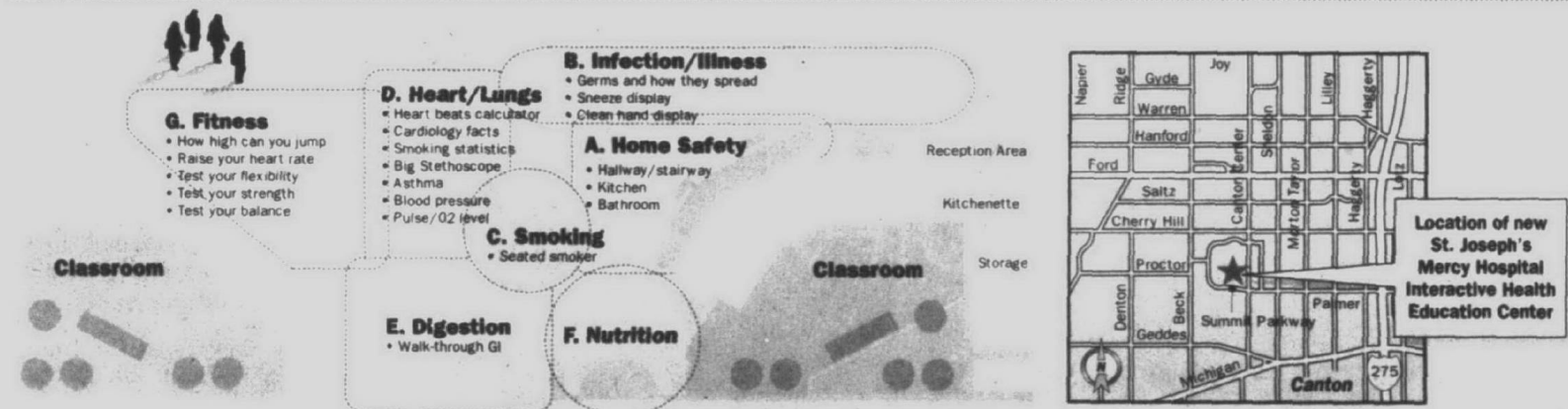
He said similar centers "draw students from 50-150 miles" and attract 27,000 visitors a year, including heavy use by adults and seniors.

Ragan emphasized the center is not a hands-on science museum; it's a public education center offering tours for school-age children and on-site classes for people of all ages. "The bells and whistles of the exhibits are important, but they are to be utilized in a curriculum."

The Plymouth-Canton school district is the center's first partner.



Larger than life: Jessica and Caitlin Rinaldi examine a giant ear at the new St. Joe's Interactive Health Education Center in Canton Township. Below is the exhibit design for the new center.



New center looks for community support

The Interactive Health Education Center's philanthropy campaign has raised \$500,000 of its \$1.5 million goal. That represents 2,000 gifts from community members willing to invest in preventative health education.

Care Choices HMO made a \$250,000 corporate gift last fall.

"The case is compelling. People have been very supportive. So many good people have stepped forward from western Wayne County," said Steve Ragan, director of capital campaigns for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

"When we look at a project like this, we look at a partnership with the community."

The \$1.5 million campaign goal represents three-fourths of the center's cost. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has allocated more than \$2 million for capital and program needs, as well as for an endowment fund.

The campaign's first major fund-raiser this year is the St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. The tournament is sold out, but corporate sponsors are still needed.

"They'll get great recognition," said campaign co-chair Bryan Amann. He

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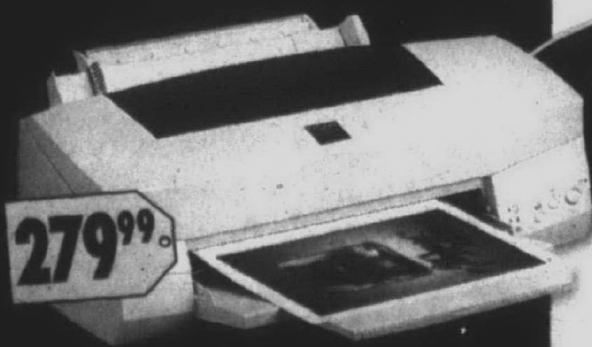
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spoiled ballots. "All we know is that 716 people were disenfranchised for some reason," replied Boak. "They went to the polls to try to vote, and their votes weren't counted." Doctoroff asked how Boak could tell there was something wrong with the process, as compared to voters failing to vote at all or even changing their minds in the booth and spoiling their ballots. "The fact that seven percent of the voters who went to the polls (lost their vote)," said Boak. "They didn't go there not to vote. That tells us there's something wrong with the system." "The only possible way to rectify the results of this election is to do what many citizens requested in the very beginning," added Boak. "Hold a special election for those who actually voted, using paper ballots." Beverly Bonning of the law firm of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg in Lansing represented Plymouth-Canton schools. "The school district did everything that was legally required of them," argued Bonning. "Their duty is to post appropriate notices, to use a voting machine system that has received approval from

the state board of canvassers, that the election is free from fraud, and to make sure the equipment is available to all. "Government's obligation is not to protect against human error that is avoidable by reading directions," she told the panel. A third party in the suit is the district's board of canvassers, who are represented by attorney William DeBiasi of Taylor. "The state director of elections examined the testing procedure and concluded there were no defects in the machines, or mechanical error," he told the court. "The electronic voting machines did what they were intended to do ... it's operator error." After hearing the arguments, the panel dismissed the litigants and moved on to the next case without any indication as to when it will make a decision. School officials are hoping for an answer before an Oct. 3 middle school bond election. Vorva has already said he will take the case to the Michigan Supreme Court if he loses this appeal. "It's all about having it their way, not about purity of elections," said Vorva after the hearing. "You have a group of people who have

historically manipulated elections, and you give them a piece of equipment that is easily manipulated." Boak thought the hearing went well. "Nothing that occurred was unanticipated," he said. "I'm very encouraged by the seeming attitude of the court, but that doesn't always pan out when the opinion comes." Plymouth resident Ted Bohlen, who attended the proceedings, said "You've got senior citizens who have never seen or touched a computer before. Educators should be held to a higher standard of getting these people prepared." School district officials were more subdued in their reactions. "I was pleased with the presentation, it was on point and focused," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "I remain confident in our case." "I don't think any of the points we made have changed," said school board president Mark Horvath. "We did nothing wrong; several legal entities tell us we did nothing wrong, and I think this court will say the same thing."



End: The hearing complete, Jerry Vorva sits for a moment as Ted Bohlen, a frequent critic of the school district, schools spokeswoman Judy Evola, Superintendent Dr. Charles Little and board president Mark Horvath file out of the courtroom.

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language skills, functional academics. That includes learning how to read signs, schedules, recipes, that type of thing." Schmoekel says autism is a neurological developmental disability that ranges in appearance from very low functioning to very high functioning. "People with autism can be very, very intelligent or they can appear to be very, very low functioning due to their overwhelming senses ... usually hearing or sight," she said. "The more impaired they are with their senses, the more retarded they appear. But they really aren't retarded." Planting flowers at the high schools is a learning experience in more ways than one. "We invited the student council and other special education classes to help," said Schmoekel. "It gave my kids the interaction with regular education students, and it also gives us a sense of working together and school pride. Regular education students benefit by learning about

kids with autism, which makes them less afraid of kids with the disability. "We also count and roll all the money from the school store, take care of bottle returns at Salem, and take care of all the collating for the whole district," said Schmoekel. "We also work in the community cleaning up at Super Bowl in Canton and in the bottle room and garden at Meijer. It teaches the kids how to go and work at a job, what it's like to be an employee and what skills are needed." "I love to plant the flowers and water them," said Matt Dixon of Plymouth. "I also like to work at Meijer. I sweep and stack the clay pots." Matt Dupuis of Plymouth said he likes "learning how to take care of the plants." Schmoekel says her goal is to have her students learn the skills they need to go into a vocational program and obtain a job ... either with some assistance, independence or semi-independence.

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No to 'Hash Bash'

Ann Arbor may continue to host its annual "Hash Bash" on the University of Michigan campus, but it will cost the city 10 percent of its state aid under a bill approved May 27 by the Senate.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, won an amendment to the general government budget cutting 10 percent of the shared revenue of any local unit that penalizes illegal drugs less than the state Public Health Code. It's aimed at Ann Arbor, whose pot fine is \$25.

"I spoke to a group of high school students whose attitude was, 'Obviously it can't be bad for you. Ann Arbor does it every year.' They don't know the danger of THC," said Rogers, a former FBI agent.

"By their (Ann Arbor) doing this, it has an effect on our tax dollars. The University of Michigan spent \$20,000 on this in 1997 for one day. The city says, 'Why punish us? They encourage people to vend.' It (the Hash Bash) is not there because of the U-M; it's there because of the Ann Arbor ordinance."

Ann Arbor's ordinance was "grandfathered" in place when a state law was adopted, Rogers said, so the state's best hope of correction is to withhold shared

revenue.

Rogers' amendment passed 33-4, opposed by Alma Smith, D-Salem, and three Detroit Democrats.

Smith offered her own amendment requiring executive departments to provide lawmakers monthly reports on "personal service" contracts for \$100,000 or more. It failed in an unrecorded vote.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, lost an amendment to boost community policing aid by \$10 million to \$34.7 million. It lost 16-20, on an almost-party-line vote.

On final passage, the Senate approved the general government budget bill 36-1. It goes back to the House, which probably won't concur in amendments. That will force the bill into a conference committee, which is likely to remove many amendments.

2nd try works

On his second try, Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb, won approval of his amendment to the welfare budget prohibiting the use of benefits for the purchase, installation, repair or maintenance of air conditioners.

He lost May 26 when the Family Independence Agency bill was on second reading and the roll call wasn't recorded. But on third reading, the roll call was a matter of permanent record, and Jaye won 20-17.

Exceptions would be allowed for welfare clients 55 or older and those with a physician's certificate saying air conditioning is medically required.

"It's too comfortable for people to be on welfare when they can stay in their taxpayer-paid air-conditioned homes instead of going out looking for a job," said Jaye, who is famed for offering many similar amendments that are less successful.

Democratic leader John Cherry of Clio denounced the Jaye amendment as "so restrictive it borders, if not achieves, the ridiculous."

Cherry argued "it means clients must shop in grocery stores that don't have air conditioning. They must go to doctors who don't have air conditioning ..."

Voting yes were 16 Republicans, including Loren Bennett of Canton, Mike Bouchard of Birmingham, Bill Bullard of Milford, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion and Bob Geake of Northville; and four Democrats, including Macomb's Ken DeBeaussaert

and Art Miller.

Voting yes were 11 Democrats, including Gary Peters of Bloomfield, George Hart of Dearborn and Alma Smith of Salem; and six Republicans, including Mike Rogers of Brighton and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Among those denouncing the amendment was veteran Appropriations chairman Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph. "All of a sudden, bingo! I'm 55, I can have air conditioning. What's the difference between one day and the next when one day you can have it, and one you can't." Gast also suggested women clients would balk at admitting their ages.

"We have, I think, sunken (sic) to a new low," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

House bills

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won House passage overwhelmingly of two pet bills:

- Restrictions on "cold-call

ads" - that is, mailed ads where an unsuspecting consumer is offered a "great deal" with incomplete information about the item's cost. The consumer is supposed to call for more information and is given a high-pressure sales pitch.

Brown's bill, which has passed the Senate and is on its way to the governor's desk, would give the buyer three days to back out of the deal. "Cold-call ads prey on vulnerable citizens by making promises that can't possibly be delivered," the sponsor said.

■ A requirement that mortgage lenders notify home purchasers when they may cancel their private mortgage insurance (PMI) - usually when the buyer has reached 20 percent equity.

Mortgage insurance benefits the lender. "It protects the lender from defaults and helps lenders make loans to more families," Brown said, but its annual cost averages \$1,200. He said his bill, now on its way to the Senate, answers three questions for home buyers: "Why is PMI nec-

essary? For how long? And how is it canceled?"

Cloning banned

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said four bills banning human cloning are through both chambers and on the way to the governor's desk for signing.

The bills would allow permanent lifting of the medical licenses of guilty doctors, provide for \$10 million in civil fines, set up 10-year prison sentences, and ban the use of state money for human cloning research.

Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, also is sponsor of part of the package.

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Services for Neal M. Veil, 82, of Margate, Fla., were May 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc. Ortman officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-

Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.
He was born July 21, 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio. He died May 27 in Tamarack, Fla. He was a salesman for life insurance at John Hancock Life Insurance Agency for 38 years.
He was preceded in death by

his son, Gerald F. Survivors include his wife, Grace of Margate, Fla.; two sons, Kenneth J. (Deborah) of Carmel, Ind., James P. (Gwen) of Alpharetta, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Joan Veil of Powell, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Staci, Lindsay, Timothy, Melissa, Jessica, Amanda and Kendra.
Memorials may be made to Catholic Central High School.

BERNITA LEE
Services for Bernita Lee, 91, of Northport, Ala., formerly of Plymouth, were June 2 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Burial was also at Cadillac Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

She was born June 27, 1906, in Haviland, Ohio. She died May 29 in Demopolis, Ala. She was the co-owner and clerk at Newburgh Lumber Company in Wayne. The Lees sold the lumber yard in 1956. She came to the Northport, Ala., community nine years ago from Pompano Beach, Fla., where they lived for 13 years. Before that they lived in Plymouth. She loved to crochet and do crosswords puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George. Survivors include her two daughters, Phyllis Jarskey of Ocala, Fla., Juanita Bryan of Demopolis, Ala.; two sons, George (Mary) Lee Jr. of Villa Rica, Ga., Jerry (Evelyn)

Lee of Prescott, Mich.; one sister, Alice (Meral) McKim of Ypsilanti; 14 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

MYRTLE E. WILLIAMS
Services for Myrtle E. Williams, 97, of Dearborn were June 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

She was born Dec. 17, 1900, in Perry Sound, Ontario. She died May 29 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She lived in the Plymouth area for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald Williams; her parents, Thomas and Christina McPherson; and son, Bruce Reginald Williams. Survivors include her two grandsons, Gray A. Williams McCante of Waco, Texas, Charles A. Williams of Lebanon, Ky.; and one nephew, Donald F. Douglas.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, Mich. 48072-0129 or the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3446.

DONALD C. BOSKER
Services for Donald C. Bosker, 71, of Hendersonville were June 3 at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dr. Norman Temme officiating. Local arrangements were made by

Shuler & Luck Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth Township, at a later date.

He was a native of Detroit, where he was an engineer at Ford Motor Co., specializing in engine design, for 39 years. He served with the Navy Air Corps in World War II. He belonged to the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

After retirement, he moved to Hendersonville in 1993 with his wife of more than 50 years, Catherine, who survives. Baptized into the Lutheran faith in infancy, he continued to be active with the church throughout his life. He was an elder at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, where he also sang in the choir. He was a dedicated volunteer at Ministry Seven.

Survivors include one daughter, Pamela A. (Robert) Joseph of Lake City, Mich.; two sons, Donald of Norcross, Ga., and Paul (Sandra) of Canton; one sister, Dorothy West of Milford; one cousin, Muriel Bosker of Hendersonville; and six grandchildren, Jason, Scott, Delia, Chelsea, Timothy and Benjamin.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3606 Chimney Rock Road, Hendersonville, N.C. 28792 and Four Seasons Hospice, P.O. Box 2395 Hendersonville, N.C. 28793.

RONALD EUGENE BURNS
Services for Ronald Eugene Burns, 56, of Canton were June 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

He was born Oct. 13, 1941, in Kansas. He died May 31 in Canton. He worked at Ford Motor Co. as a quality control manager. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tana Burns; three sons, John, Gary (Claudia), Mark (Jennifer); one daughter, Denise; one brother, Robert (Jacque); and five grandchildren.

WALTER GUMBIS
Services for Walter Gumbis, 72, of Wyandotte were May 26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Czopek Funeral Home in Wyandotte.

He was born Sept. 18, 1925. He died May 22. He was an employee at Great Lakes Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; two sons, Henry (Irene) of Wyandotte, Joseph (Cheryl) of Canton; one daughter, Irene (Tom) Perry of Allen Park; and five grandchildren, Joe, Michael, David, Melissa and Katie.

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REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 8, 1998

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998.
THE POOLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK, IN THE MORNING, AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK, IN THE EVENING.
At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2002, and one (1) member for an unexpired of two (2) years ending in 2000.
THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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Sheila Freidrich	
Richard P. Ham-Kucharski	
Darwin Watts	

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.
PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Gallimore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.
PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Ishbiter Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.
PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.
PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.
PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all of the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.
PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.
PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6.
PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.
PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.
PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14.
PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18.
PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all of the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.
PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.
PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.
PRECINCT NO. 16
Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.
PRECINCT NO. 17
Voting Place: Hoban Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.
PRECINCT NO. 18
Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.
All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.
This notice is given by order of the board of education.

ROLAND J. THOMAS, JR.
Secretary, Board of Education

Join the Rouge River cleanup Saturday

Wondering how to spend a summer morning helping your community?

Volunteer for the MTV/MediaOne Team to help clean-up the banks of the Rouge River. The Rouge River cleanup will be 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 6. The cleanup of the banks of the Rouge River is in support of Friends of the Rouge's annual Rouge Rescue '98.

Through MTV/MediaOne's You Are Here/Volunteer program and partnerships with the city of Plymouth and Canton Township, volunteers are being mobilized to remove debris from the Rouge River, which winds throughout most of the metro Detroit area and empties into the Detroit River.

A party at 3 p.m. will be held to thank volunteers. The "Thank You Party" will feature a picnic supplied by Farmer Jack,

MTV videos and fun for all. Entrance to the party is restricted to Rouge Rescue '98 volunteers only.

Anyone interested in information on volunteering and to register for the MTV/MediaOne Team, Rouge Rescue '98 may call (313) 434-2362 or visit the MediaOne website at www.mw.mediaone.net.

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Plan ahead for annual July 4 picnic

Plans are underway for the Second Annual Plymouth is Family Neighborhood Picnic 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at

the Plymouth Township Park. The picnic will feature a hot dog roast, an old-fashioned ice cream social, neighbors stretched out on lawn chairs resting and talking, games for the kids, and police and fire vehicles on display. Volleyball nets also will be set up. Bring your baseball glove because there might be a game or two.
"People can wake up and watch the 4th of July Parade in downtown beginning at 7:30 a.m. and then plan on stopping by the Plymouth Township park for an afternoon filled with activities reminiscent of a good old-fashioned neighborhood picnic," said Ron Edwards, township treasurer and event organizer.
Last year more than 500 people participated in the event.
For more information, call Edwards, 453-3840 or Bill Joyn-er, 455-1166.

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Then, he left her a note: "Sorry babe, I've storked you enough. I'm worthless to you. I love you, goodbye."
The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office was also able to identify Morgan, through dental records.
The dead man was wearing a blue baseball hat with a bullet hole through it, police said. The hat had a red bill and "6K Construction" embossed on the front in silver.
Police have been unable to identify the skeletal remains of another man, found in May 1997 by the CSX Railroad tracks near Haggerty Road.

Doctor honored
Medhealth Systems Corporation and its Medhealth Wellness Centers Division, announced that Dr. Frank D. Winters, medical director at Medhealth's Plymouth location, has been awarded the prestigious honor of Fellow in the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM).

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ST. JOE'S INTERACTIVE HEALTH CENTER

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"We'll be able to enhance what's already being done in the classroom," said Cheryl McInerney, the center's coordinator. "The exhibits will not be able to be duplicated in a classroom. We'll have models built into a wall."

Teaching models include a switch-controlled heart with blood-flow patterns and a transparent mannequin showing the digestive and circulatory systems.

Most classes will be conducted in the center's two large classrooms. St. Joe's Office of Health Promotion will provide experts for a wide variety of health topics. The center also has two educators on staff.

The center's 23-member curriculum advisory committee currently includes 14 teachers from the Plymouth-Canton school district. Numerous classes are planned under these broad topics:

- Nutrition
 - General Health
 - Family Life
 - Safety
 - Substance Abuse
 - Personal Decision-Making and Management
 - Careers in the Health Field
- "Wherever the need is we'll develop programs to meet those needs," said McInerney.

Chuck Little, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton school district, said teachers have been on the center's community advisory board from the beginning. "I'm very pleased St. Joe's has come into our community and effectively connected themselves to our schools. They had teachers coming in to help design the lobby."

The Canton Health Building's lobby features a climb-through 8-foot ear that keeps children entertained while they wait for the doctor. "It's the whole country," said Sally Bailey, site administrator.

The center's message of good health is everywhere in the building, even over the drinking fountains, where a sign proclaims the benefits of drinking water. "We want people walking into this center to realize it's different, that it's dedicated to disease and injury prevention," said Bailey.

Margo Burrage, media relations manager, said: "It's very important that people see the center as a place of knowledge, where health is stressed. But we need the tools. The younger you start kids with healthy habits, the better off they are."

"It's one way we can care for our community."



Hands on: Jessica Rinaldi answers questions about the human ear at the interactive health center.

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anticipates the golf tournament will raise \$100,000.

Tickets are available to the golf tournament dinner and awards ceremony at \$75 each. Raffle tickets also are available for a two-year lease on a 1999 Mercury Cougar for \$50, ownership of a Honda Recon ATV for \$25, or both vehicles for \$70.

Amann said changing technology will keep the exhibits at the Interactive Health Education Center dynamic but costly. Corporate help is needed to keep the center a major regional attraction, especially for school field trips.

"We need the funds to constantly grow, to reflect changing health concerns and keep the

■ The campaign's first major fund-raiser this year is the St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

children's interest," said Amann.

Corporations can sponsor exhibits related to their business, from auto safety to nutrition and exercise. They also can underwrite the many planned education programs.

Individual donations of any amount are welcomed, said Amann. He suggested individuals consider planned giving, such as a life insurance policy that

would yield an endowment for the center.

"It's amazing the value we can get for a little bit of money. It's a way of funding the future."

For information about the golf tournament and the Interactive

Health Education Center, call the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Development Department at (734) 712-3192.

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School race

Mardigian, Davis, Friedrich are best for Plymouth-Canton

The quality of the five candidates, including three new faces, and the sincere interest they all have in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has set this school board race apart from recent ones.

The candidates have made this race an enjoyable one because of the dedication they have exhibited in supporting the district and education, as well as the time they have spent investigating issues and developing their opinions. Of course, it has also been refreshing that the candidates have not made this a race of personal attacks, nor attacks on the school board and school district.

Open are two four-year terms, and the remaining two years of a term left vacant by former board member Jack Farrow.

We recommend that voters cast their ballots for appointee **Judy Mardigian** to fill the two-year term, as well as incumbent **Susan Davis** for one of the four-year terms, and newcomer **Sheila Friedrich** for the other four-year term.



Judy Mardigian



Sheila Friedrich

ful, practical and believes in the old-fashioned values of education — the basics — without neglecting the need for technology. A social worker at Growth Works, Davis also brings to the board a first-hand knowledge of kids and the problems they face in today's world.

We believe that newcomer Sheila Friedrich, who has a son in the school system and is a motivational speaker for Weight Watchers, will bring a fresh approach to the business of running the district. There is no doubt she has studied the issues confronting the district and has taken the time to get out and meet school officials, as well as the public.

Friedrich has not been a fly-by-night candidate — something we have seen in the past. She has taken this race seriously, done her homework, asked questions, and we believe will do the same when she sits on the board of education.

The school board is confronted with a number of hot issues, including a bond issue in the Michigan Court of Appeals, an effort to ask voters for another bond to build a middle school, frustration over the effects of Proposal A, as well as the continuing effort to reduce class size.

A number of voters have mentioned to the Observer that with all of these issues facing the school board, student achievement and improved learning have taken a back seat.

We don't necessarily agree, however, a school board election, which will herald a reorganization of the board for a new year, is a good time to remind school officials again that indeed, student achievement must remain a paramount issue.

We encourage the school board, with its new members, to put their hearts and minds to their tasks, to try new ideas and to make students and their educations the number one priority.

We ask Plymouth-Canton School District voters to go to the polls June 8 and elect **Judy Mardigian** for a two-year term, re-elect **Susan Davis** to a four-year term, and elect newcomer **Sheila Friedrich** to a four-year term.



Susan Davis

Davis is seeking another four-year term to see through issues and concerns that she has delved into in her first term. She is thought-

The three candidates endorsed bring a good mix to the existing school board. Mardigian, a small business owner, brings years of activism, particularly as co-founder and chairwoman of the Class-size Action Partnership, a member of the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee, PCCS Goals Committee and Long Range Planning Committee

School election bill has flaws

Any day now, state representatives will take up a package of bills designed — so some say — to encourage higher turnouts in school elections. Western Wayne County's Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, is sponsor of part of the package.

We see flaws in the package and warn the House to make key amendments.

The idea of higher turnouts is laudable. We have seen some turnouts in June elections as low as 3 percent; it's so bad that anything over 10 percent is considered great; and a turnout of 25 percent is volcanic.

A low turnout allows special interest groups to tilt the results. It's not necessary to name particular ideologies or unions.

The Senate bills would schedule school elections in November of even-numbered years. That would be bad. That ballot already is too long, with congressional, state, legislative, counties, townships, trial judges, appellate judges, State Board of Education, state university boards and state ballot proposals.

School board elections would wind up at the bottom of the nonpartisan ballot, utterly lost. The Senate bills, if adopted, would assure us of higher turnouts but at the terrible cost of loss of voter interest due to "ballot fatigue."

Here's what we see as an ideal school election law:

■ Lump all education elections into one ballot — State Board, three universities, community colleges and local school boards — perhaps in May. Education would be the sole focus. School people dislike the idea of mixing parti-

san state with nonpartisan local elections. That concern is without merit. Much more would be gained through making education the sole focus.

■ Confine elections to four dates per year — say, a Tuesday in February, May, August and November. School boards seeking bond issue approval could pick and choose from those four dates. No more odd dates to wear down the public.

■ Put cities and townships in charge of all elections, including schools. At present, Michigan has a hodge-podge system. The result is that some folks vote on school issues in their city or township precincts, while others vote in different school precincts. There is no excuse for requiring voters to remember two different voting precincts.

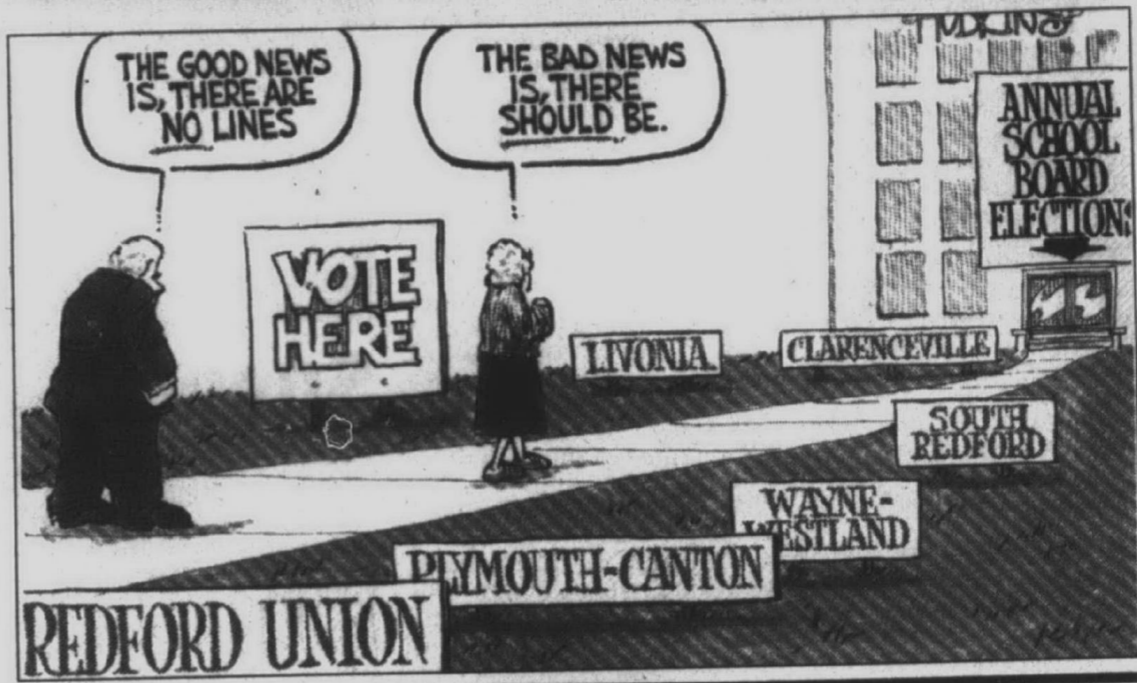
The last proposal already is in the Senate package.

As a general rule, Michiganders are peppered with special elections on special dates. Some school administrators and unions like it that way, because they can get "their people" out to vote. Where such an attitude exists, we deplore it.

Education is too important an issue to warrant a 3 percent turnout or to place at the bottom of a bedsheet ballot.

Say you oppose November elections for schools and prefer a single date for all state and local educational posts when you write to your state representative, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Not a good idea

There has been much talk at recent board meetings regarding the use of technology in teaching our district's students.

Specifically, the concept of distance learning has been mentioned as a viable alternative to standard classroom teaching. Distance learning involves the video taping of a teacher presenting a lesson to a class with the intention of sending that taped lesson to another class off site. The thought is that through technology, i.e., video camera and television monitors, two separate groups of students may be taught by one teacher at the same time.

Of course, the group of students viewing the lesson off site would be monitored by a paraprofessional and would be given the opportunity to "participate" by sending e-mail inquiries to the teacher at the video-taped site.

The reason why distance learning has been proposed as a viable alternative to our current standard of classroom teaching is because the location of the proposed new high school at Joy and Beck, and its relative distance from Canton and Salem high schools would preclude students from traveling between buildings to take courses in their home school. If students are not allowed to travel from one school to another, the impact would be greatest on those classes that could be taught via a distance learning program. There are more than 60 classes at the Park, serving the needs of more than 2,500 students who would be affected in this way.

Although I'm not opposed to change and I encourage the use of technology in classroom instruction, as a foreign language teacher I'm concerned that the proficiency of my students would decline if their instruction were to be delivered in this manner. Foreign language learning is a discipline that involves sight, sound, hearing and speaking. It is crucial that opportunities be provided for students to listen, recite and be actively involved in the learning process. This cannot be accomplished via the dynamo system. Students need immediate feedback from their instructor regarding pronunciation, grammar and syntax. Interaction between student and teacher is vital. Moreover, students at the third, fourth and AP levels need the personal contact of experienced teachers who are specialists in their field.

I'm also concerned that the academic success of our students would be severely impacted and their ability to place highly on a university entrance exam would be compromised.

If this is something that concerns you also, then I would urge you to contact members of the board of education, voicing your concerns personally and directly.

Effie Lucas
 Salem High School

Dangerous maneuver

This letter is to the woman behind me this morning in a hunter green Safari van at Levan and Plymouth Road in Livonia. I was ahead of you in the east-bound turn lane on Plymouth Road waiting to head north onto Levan. You got impatient with me while I waited for traffic to clear, so you turned first — from behind me.

I've seen a lot of dangerous maneuvers in traffic, but this one certainly is one of the worst. I'm glad no one was injured or killed. I've become a more deliberate driver, double-checking before I proceed through an intersection because of people like you.

The next time you feel tempted to do to someone else what you did to me this morning, stop for a second and think about your family and friends and employer. They all want you to come home at the end of the day, and return to work tomorrow. And then remember the same about me. The life you could have harmed would have been more than your own. And by the way, did you see me stopped at the light, while you waited to turn onto the Jeffries freeway? Let's both make it to where we're going, only next time safely.

The Rev. Sharon L. Janot
 Westland

Sincere gratitude

On behalf of the Plymouth Oratorio Society, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members of the PCEP Chamber Singers and Madrigal Singers for their participation in our recent concert. It was indeed a thrill to see these young choral artists so focused, enthusiastic, and well-prepared for both rehearsal and performance. The Testament of Freedom of composer Randall Thompson is a challenging piece of music and these students were a real asset to the concert and to their community. Special praise goes to Mr. Don Daniels, choral music director at the high school. His love of music and of his students certainly is evident. We look forward to a continued collaboration between the Plymouth Oratorio Society and these outstanding young people.

Leonard L. Riccinto, DMA
 music director

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POINTS OF VIEW

Parents, pat yourselves on the back for good job

Do you remember the graduation parties of years gone by? When you first arrive, you see the young graduate greeting people with a blank look on his face, the poor kid is thinking to himself "who are these people?"

He politely says hello and takes the gift you present to him. You start looking around to find someone you know and end up sitting next to Aunt Betsy who proceeds to tell you all about her rheumatism and gout.

You excuse yourself from Auntie and head over to the food table. The potato salad looks a little droopy and you think to yourself: "I wonder how long it's been sitting here and if it is OK to eat?" You start feeling a little

wilted yourself so you put an ice cube down your shirt to stay cool. Then there is Uncle Harry's way to cool off, after he gets a little bit tipsy he falls into the pool. Aunt Ethel would just as soon leave him there than see him rescued. However, the chivalrous drinking men disagree with Aunt Ethel and jump in the water to save him. Poor Uncle Harry would have been better off in the pool than to listen to Aunt Ethel's wrath. The loud music, family, laughter, are all part of the gala event.

This year we will be having a graduate, too. The whole senior year is a whirlwind of activity. It starts in the fall and never lets up until after they graduate. Yes, Uncle Harry and Aunt

GUEST COLUMNIST



DORIS BOWLES

Ethel will be coming to his party too! I have spent months planning this affair, but what does it really come down to? What is graduation? Gradu-

ation is when they finish one chapter of their lives and go on to the next one. Some of our children may enter the work force right away while others will continue their education on a higher level.

Realistically, we are sending our sons and daughters into the world to make a contribution to society. They will be crossing the threshold into maturity and some will look to them as adults. As adults with minds of their own and probable ideas that may change the future. It is a big step for us parents watching them grow and letting them go out into the world.

In retrospect, I still see the image of my son as a little boy with skinned

up knees wearing an old baseball cap riding his bicycle. Now, I will begin to see him as an adult who still wears an old baseball cap backwards racing into the future, his future.

They do grow up fast and we must learn to let them go. So, what does it all mean? It means that as we watch with tear-filled eyes on graduation days, all the years of molding, scolding and nagging will pay off and the world will welcome this year's graduates with open arms. You and I can sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Doris Bowles is a Plymouth resident and mother.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A good campaign

I have enjoyed the past two months and wanted to write and thank the many residents of our school district who I have had the opportunity to meet with during my campaign.

It was fun to watch teachers performing during the talent show at the Central Middle School Ice Cream Social, to hear students perform at the Lowell Middle School Concert, to scoop ice cream at Erikson Elementary School, to meet with principals to hear of their concerns and issues, and to talk with teachers at the high school about where the new building should go.

I was especially pleased at the number of people that took time at the Farmer's Market to stop me and ask my opinions on a wide range of issues, or on Sunday mornings at the bookstore when residents just stopped to talk with me.

Campaigns are about getting out and meeting people. About letting people know where you stand. And when is all over, win or lose, we can say we helped to energize people on

the important issues affecting public school education.

Thank you voters for giving me this opportunity. To Sue, Darwin, and Richard, I wish you all the best. Whichever of us win son Monday, that is when the work begins.

Campaigning has been a learning experience for me and a valuable one. If the voters support me next week I will take all that I have gathered and put it to good use. Good luck!

Sheila Friedrich
Plymouth

Help appreciated

The Isbister Elementary School community would like to thank the following businesses and families for their donations to our recent Playground Installation Day:

Palermo's Pizza (Palazzola family), Coca-Cola Co., Subway-Ford Road, Plymouth Marketplace, Einstein Bagels-Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road, Dunkin' Donuts-Ann Arbor Road, Ford Road, and Michigan Avenue, Busch's Market, Kroger's-

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A special thank you to the Smith/Heller family for their additional work painting the play structures and planting a wildflower perennial garden in the northeast corner of the playground.

Your support of our project is most appreciated. Our playground looks great and the children are thoroughly enjoying the new equipment!

Lee Harrison
principal

Congratulations

On behalf of the Woman's Club of Plymouth, this community must be congratulated!

The encouragement provided by the sponsors of merit awards and scholarships to our graduating seniors for their scholastic achievement and community involvement has been outstanding. There were 60 qualifying applicants whose parents live or have a place of business in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and the Plymouth community showed us appreciation with some of the donors doubling or tripling up the number of awards they gave.

Through donations by individuals, businesses, and major corporations, all located in Plymouth, the 60 students and their parents were honored.

A special thank you must go to our co-sponsors Nick and Tina Ristich of the Plymouth Manor who picked up the cost for 60 dinners of the 205 guests present. I must also thank our other co-sponsor, the Plymouth Observer Newspaper for their full page coverage of the honored students

plus their two scholarships, and National Picture Frame for providing the 60 frames for the certificates.

Let us not forget the work of Terry Peterson of Corporate Imaging who taped the entire program for future viewing on our local cable channel. And thank you, Linda Courtney, a co-chairwoman along with Kathleen Keen McCarthy, for all your help and dedication to this project each and every year.

And we glad to hear that Jason Sikorski, one of our top award winners who became very ill 10 minutes before the program started, is doing fine and will be receiving his certificate and award shortly. Jason was the recipient of one of three \$1,000 awards and we wish him well on his way to Notre Dame.

I am proud to be a part of this community and being so positively involved is one of my greatest pleasures.

K.C. Mueller
Scholarship awards
chairwoman
Woman's Club of Plymouth

Vocational training deserves equal footing with college prep

The Michigan Senate last week lost an opportunity to make a good idea even better.

Sen. Mike Rogers, a solid conservative Republican from Brighton, introduced legislation to let 12th-graders who have completed vocational education courses in high school enroll for further training in a community college or a vocational charter school. The advanced school would also get a cut of the state aid money, currently averaging \$5,462 per pupil.

Rogers' reasoning was perfectly sensible. "We shouldn't look down at people who work with their hands," he said.

He's right. For many years, American public schools have operated in a peculiar two-track mode, utterly inappropriate for a country that prides itself on not having a class system.

For kids who want to go on to college, schools offer all kinds of academic courses designed to prepare students to get good scores on the ACT or SAT tests that have a lot to do with college admissions. Teachers and counselors make it perfectly clear to kids that pupils have to show real achievement, both in grade point average and in extracurricular activities, to buff up their resumes to get into a good college.

But schools more often than not give the brush-off to kids who are not particularly interested in going to college - kids who want to work with their hands, in Rogers' words. Vocational education programs are scorned, not particularly well-taught and placed in classrooms equipped with stuff out of the 19th century.

Modern manufacturing, for example, requires knowledge of statistical process control, administered through computers, and computer-controlled milling machines. But Michigan's high schools offer antique drill presses and hand-me-down socket wrenches in their shops.

And, excepting the building construction trades, Michigan has virtually no apprenticeship programs that provide kids with an opportunity to learn a solid trade and ease the transition from school to work.

Rogers' bill, helping kids who want to go on to advanced vocational training and making it easier to pay for it, is a good start at remedying this long-standing problem.

But when Sen. Ken DeBeaussaert, a moderate Democrat from Macomb County, offered a helpful amendment to require students to pass



PHILIP POWER

So it goes in Lansing.

their 11th-grade proficiency test before taking advanced vocational training, the fur started flying.

"Students would have to achieve the basic MEAP standard," said DeBeaussaert. "That's what the business community was asking for. We don't do it (prepare young people for jobs) by dumbing down the process." Rogers objected, arguing that the amendment would "add a barrier where there should be an opportunity."

"We need the MEAP to tell us if the high school is working," urged Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga. "They (students enrolling in advanced vocational classes) need the skills of math, reading, science and social studies. These are basic building blocks."

Particularly disingenuous during the subsequent debate was Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who used the circular argument that because neither employers nor colleges now require MEAP results, the entire test should be abandoned. (Attentive readers will remember that Bouchard's district includes Birmingham and Troy school districts, where some 80 percent of juniors skipped the MEAP test this year.)

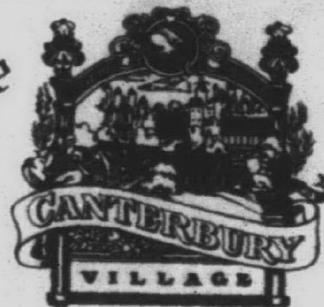
Eventually, DeBeaussaert's amendment was defeated, on a straight party-line vote.

So it goes in Lansing. One step forward; one step back.

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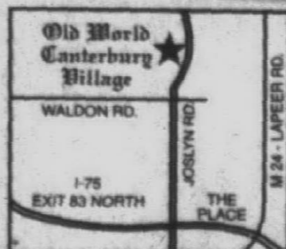
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HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Battlefield visit connects family with history

Time flies too fast. I realize it has already been five years since my more recent visit to Gettysburg. Next month marks the 135th anniversary of the momentous battle, which was the pivotal point in the Civil War. The three-day battle of July 1-3, 1863, is probably the best known engagement of that cataclysmic event in our nation's history.

The first time my family visited Gettysburg, we were dragging small children in tow. At that point in life, Don and I established a policy of diminished expectations: We could take in only a fraction of what we wanted to see, but something was better than nothing. In the process, our kids — between demands to know how much more of each attraction they had to endure — would be exposed to the world around them.

It is a vast expanse of land. Don and I were particularly struck by the dichotomy around us. We were tourists following winding paths through this park where soldiers had once fought bloody battles. Many had lain dying in agony for days.

We didn't brave another trip to Gettysburg with Natalie and Philip until they were in high school. By then, we heard we could hire a guide in the national park office. Having asked if we had any relatives who fought at Gettysburg, he took us directly to where my great-great-grandfather's unit had been engaged.

The DeKalb Regiment

Louis Balco — "Louie," as his family called him — belonged to New York's 41st, the DeKalb Regiment. My family has his enlistment, discharge and naturalization papers, his commemorative medal from the 1895 dedication of the monument honoring the 41st and the heavy muzzleloader he carried into battle at Gettysburg.

Louie came from rural East Prussia (Germany had not yet come into existence) and immigrated to Manhattan Island. He gained his citizenship because he served in the German unit.

Stories are more exciting when they are tales of victories gloriously won. The performance of the DeKalb men was perhaps more poignant. The battle-weary soldiers, exhausted from a long march north, arrived in Gettysburg in the dead of night, after the first day's fighting was done.

The next day, the battleground passed back and forth between Union and Confederate lines. The men of the DeKalb fought hard to defend Culp's Hill below Seminary Ridge but were driven back by the overwhelming Confederate troops massed against them. Joining his comrades of the 41st, the 5-foot-4 Louie carried his muzzleloader in a forced retreat over the stone wall that marked their line of defense.

The very stone wall

One hundred thirty years later, we stood beside the very stone wall. The field is peacefully silent, but the New York monument has etched the 41st's place in history there. The past became accessible. I sensed the fear that must have invaded the very marrow of their bones as soldiers gripped and fired their arms. Louie's muzzleloader, an instrument of death, not glory, has taken on new meaning.

This time, our visit to Gettysburg meant something to our kids. "The stones in this wall are actually the ones that were here during the battle?" Phil asked. His discovery, which brought a remote event in history to life, truly impressed him.

If mere proximity with my family's past was so moving, how much more profound is the experience of re-enactors? Some had the opportunity to find out in the movie "Gettysburg." A large number of expert, costumed men arrived as extras. In return, they got the chance to participate in a re-enactment on the original site and on a far larger, more realistic scale than usually possible.

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Romancing

Americans love their dogs and cats, but another type of pet — reptiles — has caught their eye in ever-growing numbers. But carrying for bearded lizards, iguanas and such isn't as easy as people may think.

For better or worse, Americans have fallen in love with reptiles. Bearded dragons, geckos, large chameleons, iguanas, even boa constrictors have replaced Fido and Kitty Kat in many homes.

Imports of the green iguana to the United States rose from 92,000 in 1985 to more than 840,000 in 1995. Reptile expositions, where the public can buy the exotic pets, increased from one show in 1990 to more than 60 in 1997, according to U.S. News & World Report.

When Mike Clark and Gerry Szeliga opened Savanna Exotic Pets in Livonia five years ago, their friends thought they were crazy.

"Everyone laughed and said we have to do something besides reptiles. We now have customers coming in from Traverse City, Cleveland and Canada," Clark said.

Most of Savanna's reptiles are captive-bred in the United States. However, its most expensive scaly creature is an Australian Spiny-tailed Monitor, which sells for \$800. It was acquired from a zoo because Australia no longer exports reptiles.

Bearded dragons and leopard geckos are Savanna's biggest sellers.

"They're very interactive. They don't mind being held, and they eat from your hand," said Clark, adding that all lizards are fond of live insects, wax worms, cockroaches and crickets.

Savanna Exotic Pets is a licensed wild animal broker and can import non-reptilian animals, such as the sleekly beautiful, 30-pound serval cat from Africa.

However, most of their trade is in reptiles. They sell to the serious herpetologist (a collector of reptiles and amphibians), exhibitors, teachers and first-time buyers.

But not all new reptile owners follow instructions for their pet's care.

"We'll tell them everything they need for a green iguana and then they insist on carrying it out on their shoulder. Then they come back and say their iguana has a cold or isn't moving," Clark said.

Handle with care

Richard Humphrey of Plymouth Township, who teaches physical science, life science and horticulture at Belleville High School, stressed that it's important to take care of the reptiles.

Reptiles need warmth from the top and bottom, usually at a temperature of 80 degrees. Humphrey suggests using a "hot rock" or a special heating pad made of hard plastic. However, he cautions against using a bare bulb. Unless covered, bare bulbs can cause burns.

He also recommends transporting a reptile in an insulated container in cold weather. Humphrey puts his lizards in



'Classmates': Among the exotic animals that populate Richard Humphrey's classroom at Belleville High School are Marilyn Monroe, a tortoise an estimated 38 years old and slightly larger than a football helmet in size, and Iggy, a 20-year-old iguana that savors the banana fed to it by the Plymouth resident.

a cooler lined with towel-covered pop bottles filled with hot water.

When handling iguanas, bearded dragons or geckos, it's important for owners to wash their hands. Iguanas and turtles have higher incidences of salmonella, although Clark said more people get sick from eating chicken.

"Just don't kiss it on the head," Humphrey said.

Like humans, reptiles need doses of real sunshine to manufacture vitamins, he explained. Ultraviolet lights will simulate the sun. Lizards also need plenty of humidity and fresh water to drink.

A varied diet is also important. Humphrey's two iguanas — Iggy and Icky — have different cravings. Icky gorges on bananas, and Iggy has a passion for kiwis.

"People feed iguanas iceberg lettuce all the time. I'm sure there are better lettuces, but never feed them only one thing," he said.

In addition to the staple reptile foods from the pet store, Humphrey suggests frozen peas, broccoli and fruits.

According to Andrew Snyder, curator of herpetology at The Detroit Zoo, many people try to get rid of their pets.

The zoo gets hundreds of calls each year from people who can no longer care for the cute green iguanas they bought on impulse.

"People don't think these things through before, and then they expect someone to take care of them," he said.

And forget about dumping your reptile in the nearest patch of woods. Snyder said it is illegal to release an exotic animal in a non-native habitat.

The Detroit Zoo doesn't accept unwanted reptiles, and Snyder said he knows of no other zoo or nature center that will routinely take them.

"What are you going to do with an extra 100 baby green iguanas?"

Serious decision

When it comes to reptiles, prospective owners need to think with their head and not their heart. Snyder said there's a difference between a good captive and a good pet. A foot-long green iguana can live 20 or 30 years and grow to 6 1/2 feet long.

Although an aquarium is fine when the animal is small, the iguana will eventually need an enclosure the size of a small room, Snyder said.

In the summer, Humphrey opens his

garage to the reptiles he keeps in his classroom during the school year. Humphrey doesn't believe that lizards should live their entire life in aquariums.

"I haven't found too many reptiles, other than tortoises, that like aquariums," he said. "They do better when they have air circulation. Also, if you limit their activity they do not grow as quickly or as big."

Iggy, Humphrey's 20-year-old green iguana, is 3 feet long, much smaller than if he had been raised in the wild.

Green iguanas are known for their bad tempers, which flare up during breeding time. Humphrey has seen it firsthand. One summer, Icky, a 3-year-old green iguana, leapt 10 feet into the air, landed on his belly and took off running. Humphrey found him a week later, hiding among grapevines in his back yard.

And don't expect your reptile to reward you with the same affection as Fido. Snyder said lizards respond to body language rather than recognition when they see their owner. And if your iguana is fond of your lap, it probably likes the warmth.

Elderhostel blends education with travel

Shirley Caine went to England and fell in love. Don't jump to conclusions. It wasn't a man who set her heart aflutter. It was her travel arrangements.

Caine is among a growing number of older Americans who are exploring new places and meeting new and interesting people through Elderhostel, an independent nonprofit organization offering short-term academic experiences for people over age 55.

"I went once and fell in love with it," said Caine. "I saw Hadrian's Wall, studied architecture in London and went to Plymouth, too, so I could visit Cornwall where my family is from."

"I've made friends in 39 states, and after three invitations, visited friends in Kansas."

It's a testimonial Minnie Adams loves to hear.

"History, arts and culture ... Elderhosteling is not sightseeing, it's insight seeking," said Adams, an Elderhosteler herself and a coordinator for the organization. "If you're seeking some adventure, enjoy an intellectual challenge or making new friends, join Elderhostel. You go on Sunday and by dinner time, you have made new friends; it's just that informal."

Adams closed out the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's luncheon series with a look at Elderhostels through videos and personal observations.

'Shoestring start'

Elderhostel got its start on a "shoestring" in 1975 at the University of New Hampshire with 200 people. Marty Knowlton, a social activist and educator, linked the European hosting concept with the residential emphasis of the Scandinavian Folk Schools and created a new kind of learning for older adults that he called Elderhostel.

Today, the membership numbers 500,000 people who study at more than 2,000 colleges, universities, museums, national parks, environmental education centers, conference centers and other educational and cultural institutions throughout the United States and Canada and 49 other countries.

Elderhostel is open to people age 55 years and older. Spouses of any age and traveling companions age 50-plus also are welcome.

The program publishes four seasonal catalogs, featuring programs in the U.S. and Canada, and four catalogs featuring the international programs that are mailed to members and to public libraries throughout the country.

You can journey to China or Japan, bike across the Netherlands, study a coral reef ecosystem in Bermuda and Jamaica, and live on a river barge while studying the agriculture of the Loire River Valley in

France.

International programs last two-three weeks and the cost includes lodging, meals, classes, any course-related field trips or activities and in most instances, the round-trip airfare. The costs range from \$2,600 for a three-week program at three different universities in Scotland, Wales and England, to \$5,640 for a three-week program at three different universities in Australia and New Zealand.

Closer to home, you can explore marine biology at a biological field station in California, look into the economics of logging in the Northwest at Western Washington University, visit the past at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia and study international relations at La Moyne College in New York.

The average tuition for the one-week programs in the U.S. is \$340 for lodging, meals, classes and any course-related field trips or activities. Programs in Hawaii and Alaska can cost up to \$520. A limited number of scholarships — hostelships — are available for participants needing financial assistance.

Comfortable stay

The lodging is simple, but comfortable. It ranges

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Living Word Center adds service for ethnic cultures

Cynthia Kahn, her husband Khurram Medhi Khan and brother-in-law Farrukh Medhi Khan describe themselves as bridge builders, but the bridges they build don't span bodies of water or freeways.

As missionaries for People of the Book (POBLO), they are building bridges for ethnic cultures at the Living Word Worship Center in Wayne.

"We build bridges," said Khurram Medhi Khan. "We tell them about this culture and mediate between cultures so that second and third generations will be a part of this society rather than a society created within this society."

POBLO is a Lutheran outreach program of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to two centers in the Detroit metropolitan area, POBLO has branches in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Los Angeles, Calif., and recently opened one in Queens, N.Y.

Its Living Word Center in Wayne at 35004 Michigan Ave., east of Wayne Road, offers an contemporary English-speaking worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays and has added a 1 p.m. service in Urdu (the language of Pakistan) and Hindi (the language of India).

The service is in the Lutheran style and follows the Lutheran doctrine, but features Eastern

music and instruments like the sitar. There's a fellowship time with ethnic food following the service, and once a month, the sermon is given in English and translated into Urdu and Hindi to accommodate local people or English speaking spouses who attend.

The service is being conducted by Farrukh. Some 40 individuals were expected to attend the first service on May 31.

"As missionary society, we are trying hard to bring people in," said Cynthia. "We found out through our English classes that for people from India and Pakistan and neighboring countries like Bangladesh, there's a lot of churches around, but nothing in their own language."

Getting started

The center was opened in June 1996 and the missionary team is led by the Rev. Randy Duncan who conducts the morning service for close to 80 people. It services people living in Wayne, Westland, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Plymouth.

There is a second Living Word center on Dequindre north of Big Beaver Road in Troy, which ministers to people in Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights, Warren, Rochester, Hamtramck, Detroit and even Clinton Township. It also offers the Urdu-

Hindi service, conducted by Khurram, a deacon.

"People are willing to travel for a service in their own language and with own music," Khurram said.

"We met a man who had been a member of a church for 10 years and never missed a service," Cynthia said. "He came here and said that for the first time he understood the sermon."

"For these kind of people, this church is a big blessing."

Word-of-mouth, one-on-one and person-to-person contact has helped reach some of the 20-30,000 ethnic people in the western suburbs who could benefit from the services available at the center, but the Khans would like to reach more.

"We help someone who tells someone else about us," said Cynthia. "We've been meeting people, going to homes, making friends for quite some time. Now we're ready to meet them here."

In addition to the worship services, it offers a children's church that ministers to preschool and elementary school children, a family night with bible studies for the whole family at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, men's and women's Bible studies and house church - small study groups that meet in different homes.

It also conducts English as a second language classes 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays and provides counseling, shelter homes for people in need, refugee and immigration services and assistance for education. It has sponsored 14 students to area Lutheran schools.

The Khans also conduct workshops for people interested in the work of POBLO. They were introduced to the ministry while living and working in Saudi Arabia.

The Khan brothers were working as engineering design contractors in the oil industry when "God called them to work as missionaries with ethnic people to build the bridge to the church."

"There was a Lutheran lay minister who worked on our team who started to minister to



Reaching out: Based at the Living Word Worship Center in Wayne, Farrukh Medhi Khan (left), Cynthia Khan and her husband, Khurram Medhi Khan, are ministering to ethnic cultures in the western Wayne County area.

us and we realized the meaning of life through him," Khurram said.

"A lot of people accept the Lord over there in Saudi Arabia," said Farrukh. "The Christians are getting stronger even though they are persecuted. People are not allowed to openly practice religion there."

After 14-15 years in the middle eastern country, the Khans

immigrated to Canada and with the help of the Missouri Synod were able to immigrate to the United States three years ago. Their work here is supported by the Michigan District of the Missouri Synod, church organizations and individuals.

The center shares its storefront location with the Tried and True Thrift Shop and the Khans find the setup makes it easier for

people to drop in.

"When people see a church, they wonder if they should go in, but being a storefront, they don't hesitate to come in," Cynthia said. "We have missionaries here throughout the day so people can come in for help ... and no appointments are necessary."

For more information about the Living Word Worship Center, call (734) 467-6256.

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from college dormitories and guest colleges to modest hotels and the like.

"We're at that tender age where we don't want to be camping or sleeping in sleeping bags," she said, adding that the first thing she does when she gets the quarterly Elderhostel catalog "is look for places that are warm."

As for the food, it may not be gourmet, but it's plentiful and good. Many meals are eaten in the campus cafeterias and dining halls.

"They give you plenty of food; I think they think we like to eat a lot or I guess we look malnourished," she said.

Participants need to be in rea-

sonably good health and moderately active. And those traveling alone need not worry; they will be assigned roommates.

"If you have a Ph.D. from Harvard or a Ph.D. from kindergarten, it doesn't matter; there's no tests," Adams said. "It's just wonderful. The instructors are attuned to you and eager to teach you. This is the way we wish education would have been when we were younger."

For more information about Elderhostel, call Adams at (313) 934-8373. To receive a free catalog, write to Elderhostel, P.O. Box 1959, Wakefield, Mass. 01880-5959 or visit its Web site at www.elderhostel.org.

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They commonly spoke of unnerving experiences during the filming, like facing ranks of soldiers who charged them in shoulder-to-shoulder formation, the sun glinting off bayonets raised so close together they looked like horrific porcupine quills.

Sometimes, they advanced in drizzling rain, slipping on muddy ground. In the smoky confusion of one staged skirmish, John Gibney, a re-enactor with the 24th Michigan (the famed Iron Brigade), worried when he lost his partner. There was, after all, genuine danger with real bayonets. How much

worse the chaos and panic in actual war?

Gibney had gained his fascination with the Civil War from his father. After his father died, Gibney scattered the ashes at Gettysburg.

He paused under a shady oak tree where a somber, gray-clad Confederate re-enactor was resting.

"My grandfather died on this field," the man explained.

"I understand," Gibney responded.

"No, you don't. My other grandfather fought in the Union Lines in the battle. What do you think the odds are my one

grandfather killed the other?"

Understanding may not come easily, but is the quest to do so that makes studying history relevant.

I knew from family memorabilia that my ancestor, Louie, had fought at Gettysburg; still, he was as much an abstraction as the Civil War itself. That is, until the day we stood by the stone wall at Culp's Hill and looked up at Seminary Ridge, as Louie had once done.

Virginia Bailey Parker of Canton has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

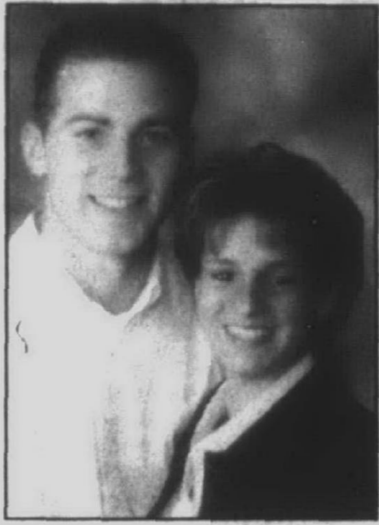
Bell-McEwen

Thomas and Christine Bell of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Ryan McEwen, the son of Sandra and Bill Boase of Novi and Mike McEwen.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is employed in sales at J&L Industrial Supplies.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a junior at Arizona State University. He is employed as a scheduler by Boeing.

An August wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.



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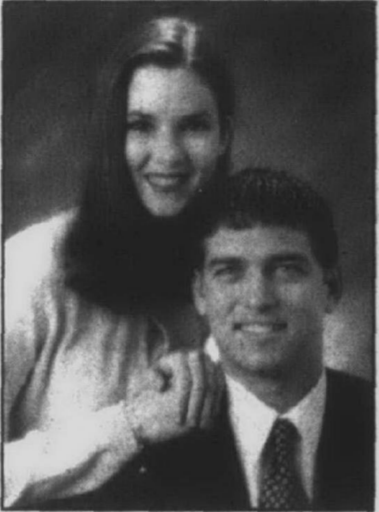
Wold-Erne

Benjamin and Carol Wold of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Erin, to Brian Joseph Erne, the son of Gary and Christine Erne of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed as a senior assistant manager at Ann Taylor Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Wayne State University. He is employed as support representative by Lease Marketing Ltd.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.



Northville.

Tanana-Hejka

Sandra Elaine Hejka and Jacob Tanana were recently married at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Daniel Zaleski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Connie Hejka of Westland. The groom is the son of Geoffrey and Helena Tanana, also of Westland.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an elementary school teacher in Romulus and is a professional figure skating instructor in Plymouth.

The groom is also a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed as a software engineer by Denso International - America Inc. in Southfield.

The bride asked Jennifer Branton to serve as maid of honor, with Janet Hejka, Maryann Pipesh, Dawn Swafford and Beverly Tanana as bridesmaids and Michelle Tanana as junior bridesmaid.



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The groom asked David Tanana to serve as his best man, with Jim Hejka, Dan Hejka, Mike Swafford and Jeffrey Kane as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Hall in Livonia before leaving on a 10-day trip to the island of Maui in Hawaii. They are making their home in Canton.

Saylor-Vetor

Jimmy D. and Pam Saylor of West Chester, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Kay, to Darly Andrew Vetor, the son of Donna and Dennis Vetor of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Word of Life Bible Institute of Pottersville, N.Y., with a certificate degree in the Bible. She is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the Bible at the Tennessee Temple. She is employed as an associate of Wal-Mart.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and is enrolled in the master of business degree program at the university. He is employed as a



manufacturing engineer with Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned at the Tri-County Baptist Church of West Chester.

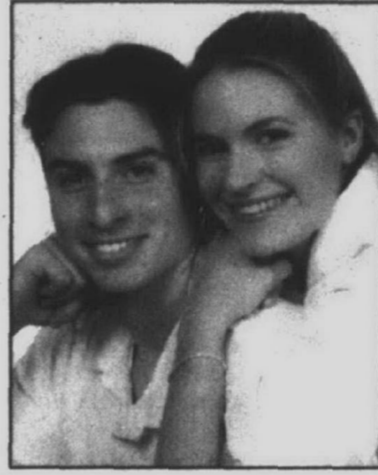
Bowers-Morche

Jim and Lorraine of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Yvonne, to Andrew Michael Morche, the son of Michael and Marsha Morche of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as an administrative assistant by International Business Centers.

Her fiancé is also a 1997 graduate of Livonia churchill High School. He owns and operates ADM Contracting, a landscaping business.

A September wedding is planned at Detroit World Out-



reach in Redford.

Russelot-Pucher

Kenneth and Nancy Russelot of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Patrick Pucher, the son of Mike and Elaine Pucher of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Northville High School and a 1993 graduate of Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Providence Home Healthcare.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree, in accounting. He is employed in



production control at Yazaki North America.

A July wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Rogowski-Anderson

Richard and Jacquelyn Hammond of St. Clair Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy L. Rogowski, to William G. Anderson, the son of William and Linda Anderson of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Shrine High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree. She is employed at Malandro Communications.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree. He is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Arizona State University. He is employed at Allied Signal.



An August wedding is planned at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

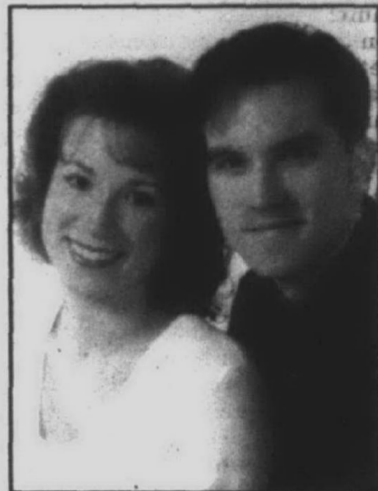
Tallieu-Kirkwood

Bob and Marlene of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Christine, to Daniel M. Kirkwood, the son of Malcolm and Delores Kirkwood of Livonia and Rennie Oblak of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

An October wedding is planned at St. Gerald Church in Farmington.



Kosmyrna-Keller

Katherine Kosmyrna of Garden City and Robert Kosmyrna of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jojeanne Marie, to Kristian Patrick Keller, the son of Patrick and Dorothy Keller of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1991 graduate of Hope College. She is employed by Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An October wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic



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Annual outing to benefit Community Hospice home



Heading out: Karen Berrie (front) is ready to tee off at the Community Hospice Foundation's annual golf outing June 29, while (from left) foundation board member Ginny Vreeland, CHHCS director of marketing and development Kathy Randinitis, foundation board member Charlotte Tate and CHHCS executive director Maureen Butrico hoist a banner, promoting the annual event.

Grabbing your golfing foursome and getting into the swing of things will help Community Hospice and Home Care Services reach its goal of establishing a hospice home.

The Community Hospice Foundation Inc. is inviting golfers to tee off at its fifth annual "Living Every Day" Golf Outing Monday, June 29, at the Dearborn Country Club in Dearborn.

For \$200, each golfer receives 18 holes of golf and cart usage, use of the practice greens and driving range, buffet lunch and refreshments, full-course steak dinner and open bar and use of the locker room and facilities.

There will be contest holes, such as closest to the hole and longest drive, and door prizes.

For the hole-in-one contest the prize is a two-year lease on a care provided by Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said Virginia Vreeland, event chairwoman.

There also will be men's and women's plaques as well as recognition of sponsors and golfers who have been a part of the event since the beginning.

The buffet lunch will start at 11 a.m., with the outing's shotgun start slated for 1 p.m. The dinner and awards program will get under way at 6:45 p.m. Non-golfers can enjoy the dinner and open bar for \$70 each.

"Our goal is to raise \$20,000 this year," said Vreeland. "We hope to have 100 or more golfers."

With the number we have now, that looks reasonable."

Helping with the event this year is the Ford Motor Co., which has signed on as a general sponsor, while Peoples Home Medical of Westland and Southgate and General Motors Corp. have committed to being corporate sponsors for 1998.

Corporate sponsorships as well as hole sponsors and similar opportunities are still available for businesses interested in participating in the event.

"We try to build on what we've done each year," Vreeland said. "We want to grow it each year and make it a nice event. It takes a lot of people to make it work and that's why we're excited to have Ford Motor Co. as a general sponsor."

"Businesses can still sponsor lunch and dinner or other pieces of the event. It's going very well and I'm encouraged by the number of contacts we have in, but we still have a ways to go."

The foundation decided to conduct the golfing benefit because of foundation board members who golfed and were involved in golfing. They believed that there would be enough support among golfers as well as support for the event, Vreeland said.

Planning for the outing begins almost as soon as the event ends with organizers meeting to see "what they did right and not so right," she said.

The Community Hospice

Foundation was established in 1992 to raise funds for and to increase awareness of CHHCS, which has offices in Westland and Plymouth.

The outing is one of two events the foundation sponsored. The other was a cabaret benefit held in the fall, but after last year, the board decided to focus on the golf outing.

"Our major focus is to help establish a hospice home, a 10-12-bed family-type inpatient facility," said Vreeland. "Community Hospice is still looking for the property. They're going at it carefully; they want to be sure they get the best price they can find."

Since 1981, CHHCS has been offering incurably ill patients and their families a holistic health care alternative. The comprehensive program addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of care to patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

Golfers can sign up for the outing through June 22 by calling (734) 522-4244.

"We invite everyone to play the Dearborn Country Club's beautiful course and enjoy the day while supporting the worthwhile efforts of CHHCS to establish a caring hospice home in our area," Vreeland said.

NEW VOICES

Stephanie Shock and Jason Jacob announce the birth of Griffin Nathaniel Jacob April 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Gail and Dennis Brys of Allen Park, Matchy and Beth Jacob of Ypsilanti and Greg Shock of Hamburg, Mich.

Tim and Michele McElroy of Redford announce the birth of Connor Curtis April 9 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He joins a sister, Natalie, 2. Grandparents are Alan and Diane Werda of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, Mike and Bridget McElroy of Royal Oak and the late Geraldine McElroy. Great-grandfather is Anthony Margalski of Detroit.

Craig and Lisa Szalai of Westland announce the birth of Kelsey Marie March 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins Kyle, 3 1/2,

and Kristina, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Bradley and Susan Combs and Joseph and Pasty Szalai, all of Westland.

Mark and Sheree Illanas of Westland announce the birth of Nolan Anthony March 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He joins a sister, Gabrielle. Grandparents are Alex and Carmen Asis of Canton and the late Janet Truitt.

Gary and Rebecca Bell of Westland announce the birth of Jordyn LeeAnn March 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Bob and Debbie Janssen of Redford announce the birth of Adam Robert March 2 at Sinai Hospital, Detroit. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Ellen Janssen of Dearborn and Robert and Stephanie Byrne of Redford. Great-grandmother is Catherine Byrne of Farmington.

Charles and Cheryl Altis of Westland announce the birth of Hali Marie March 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a sister, Brittany SueAnn, 6. Grandparents are Chuck and Linda Altis of Harrison, Audrey Young of Westland and Tom Wilhelmson of Redford.

Niki Lewis of Garden City announces the birth of Steven Jacob April 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Ken and Cindy Lewis of Garden City.

Curtis and Barbara Richards of Sandusky announce the birth of Myranda Rae March 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins five sisters, Veronica, 9, Crystal, 7, Katie, 5, Amber, 3, and Ashley, 2. Grandparents are Douglas Richards of Livonia and Carolyn Franklin of Redford.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

NEW PRIESTS
Cardinal Adam Maida ordained eight men to the Catholic priesthood in services at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit on May 30. The new priests are:
Gerard Battersby, the son of Helen Battersby of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills and the late Christopher Battersby, who will serve as associate pastor of St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township.

cast in the Catholic Television Network of Detroit at 8 p.m. June 21, 1 p.m. June 23, 3 p.m. June 25, 10 a.m. June 29, 3 p.m. July 1 and 8 p.m. July 4.

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.

MEDITATION CONCERT
The Center of Light Church of Metaphysics will have a candlelight meditation concert of chant by Hildegard von Bingen, sung by Norma Gentile, at 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the church, 8850 Newburgh, Livonia.

Heilgard von Bingen was a 12th century mystic, seer and abbess. Gifted from childhood with visions, she experienced both images and sounds which she attributed to heavenly sources.

DEBUT CONCERT
You can hear the comedy and original music of Ron Moore at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Trinity House Theatre, Six Mile and I-275, Livonia. Tickets cost \$10 and include a free compact disc or cassette tape.

Moore is a concert and recording artist who has performed internationally. He has recorded eight albums and is producer of Billboard Magazine's No. 1 Critics' Choice Album of the Year.



Special performance: The handbell choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Farms, under the direction of Linda Bauer, will present a selection of music at the 9:30 a.m. service of New Life Lutheran Church.

He has performed at theaters and festivals with Michael W. Smith, The Imperials and others, but prefers a genuine relationship with his audience, like at Trinity House Theatre.

FLEA MARKET
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual spring flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly at Eight Mile, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths and bake sale and lunch will be available.

RUMMAGE SALE
St. Damian Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 29891 Joy, Westland. Table rentals are available by calling (734) 421-6130.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a

rummage sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 19, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Proceeds will support a youth missionary team participating in "Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Program)." People with items to donate can call (248) 476-5326 and leave a message so drop-off or pickup can be arranged.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments.

OUTDOOR CELEBRATION
Canton Friendship Church

will have its first ever outdoor celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, in the amphitheater of Canton's Heritage Park. The church is a contemporary format, evangelical Christian congregation affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The celebration will include upbeat music, performed by the Friendship Band, and a practical message given by Pastor Mike Norton. Following the celebration there will be a picnic and fun activities - a puppet show, Moonwalk, parachute and superball games. Cost for the picnic is \$5 for adults and teenagers and \$3 for children.

Parking is available near the picnic pavilion on Proctor off Canton Center. Participants should bring a blanket or lawn chair for the celebration. In case of rain, the celebration will move

into the Walnut Room of the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway.

For more information, call Andrew Schleicher or Howard Matthews at (734) 451-2100.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
St. Michael Lutheran Church will have an ice cream social after its 11 a.m. service Sunday, June 7, at the church 3003 Hannan, Wayne. Participants will be able to make their own ice cream sundae with a variety of toppings. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry festival 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 12, on the lawn of the church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, Garden City. Ice cream, arts and crafts, baked goods, beverages, children's games, plenty of strawberries and fellowship. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

BIBLE STUDY
The Livonia Family YMCA is starting a Bible study group designed to focus on daily successful living. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the Y, 14255 Stark, Livonia. The program will offer music, fellowship, prayers, devotional readings, Bible readings and fun with Bible trivia. The program is free of charge.

WOMEN AGLOW
Pat Habibi will be the speaker when Women Aglow International Canton/Westland Chapter meets 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13, in the Community Room of AutoNations U.S.A., 39600 Ford, Canton.

Habibi went to Egypt in 1982 to help build an orphanage only to meet her husband and become home parent for 62 junior high school boys. The family moved to Dearborn in 1988 where "God said He would open doors that no man could shut."

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CHRIST COMMUNITY
Christ Community Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Sonlight Island," 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 45701

Ford Road, Canton. Children in preschool through sixth grade will enjoy Bible stories, play games, do crafts and meet new friends. For more information, call (734) 981-0499.

MT. VERNON BAPTIST
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "StarQuest Good News Adventure," 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 14 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 15-19 at the church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The program is for children

ages 3-18. For more information, call (313) 537-7480.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kenwood Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, Chosen, 9:30 a.m. to noon June 15-19 at the church, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia. There will be Bible dramas and classes, crafts, recreation and refreshment times and singing with Marvin Whitman who will serve as missionary. On June 19, there will be a picnic 11 a.m. to noon and a closing program at 7 p.m., followed by ice cream sundaes in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-8222.

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN
St. Michael Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Lighthouse Adventure: Jesus Lights the Way," 9-11:30 a.m. June 15-19 at the church, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood, Wayne. The program will teach children that God sent Jesus - The Light of the world - to guide, rescue, protect and comfort them. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Awesome God, Awesome Love," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15-19 at the church, 34567 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The school, so-sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, is for children who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. Cost is \$35 per child and children must bring a bag lunch. For more information, call the church at (248) 442-8822.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
Trinity Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9-11:45 a.m. June 15-19 at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, at Gotfredson Road, west of Plymouth Township. The Space Mission Bible Camp is for children ages 3-11 and includes a special family program, featuring astronaut Jack Lousma and a short children's program, at 7 p.m. June 17. After the program, families will enjoy a variety of activities until 9:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-9550.

MEMORIAL CHURCH
Memorial Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school,

"Hooked on Jesus," 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Youngsters will be on a fishing mission to "catch" Christ's "be" attitude. There will be classes for ages 4 through motherhood. There will be a junior high class focusing on a service project, a senior high class taught by Les Hardin and a woman's class taught by Diane Costlow. Children will be asked to bring a food staple each day for the benevolence pantry. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

FIRST BAPTIST
The First Baptist Church of Canton will have its vacation Bible school 1-3:30 p.m. June 22-26 at the church, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-6460.

GARDEN CITY FIRST UNITED
Garden City First United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Kids Pray - H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26 at the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. The school is for children 4 years old through sixth-graders. On June 26, there will be a picnic for the children and the staff noon to 1 p.m. and a closing program for families and friends at 7 p.m., followed by an ice cream social. For more information or a registration form, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Children Play," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The school is for children ages 4-12 and costs \$3 per child. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 29-July 3 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The program is for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Children Pray: H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9:30 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the church,

27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The school is for children ages 4-10. A donation of \$7.50 per child, \$15 for families, is requested. Registration will be accepted through July 10. For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school,

"Animals on Assignment," 9-11:30 a.m. July 13-17 at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. Classes for 3-year-olds through sixth-graders will feature devotion lessons, crafts, singing, recreation and refreshments. All students also will sing at a 10 a.m. worship service on July 19. For information, call the church at (734) 261-1360.

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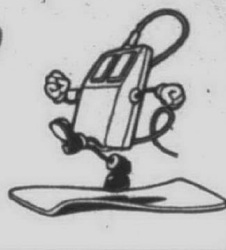
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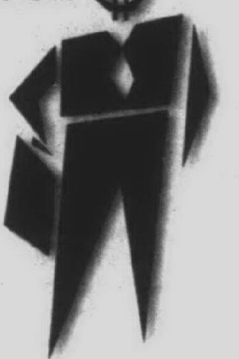
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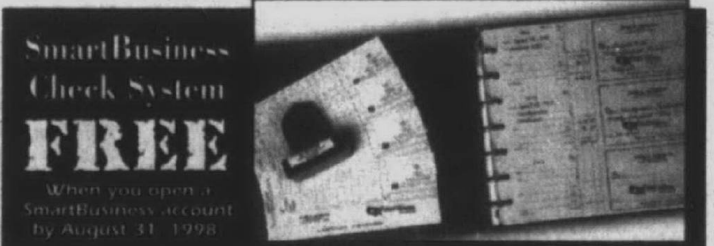
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Lightning flash

The Canton Lightning under-14 boys premier soccer team made its trip to the Libertyville Cup Memorial Day Tournament worthwhile by capturing the championship, beating all five opponents.

Held in Libertyville, Ill., the tournament drew teams from Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. The Lightning outscored its first four opponents, from Madison, Wis.; Morton, Ill.; Brookfield, Wis.; and Libertyville by a 9-1 margin. In the final, the Lightning beat Yahara United from Madison, Wis., 2-0.

The Lightning also won the Midland Invitational earlier in May, bettering teams from Bloomfield Hills, Traverse City and Midland 19-0 in the prelims, then topping the Livonia Meteors 1-0 in the championship match.

Lightning team members include Jeffrey Bennett, Jai Bilimoria, Nick Houdek, John Kaczmarek, Brent Kwiatkowski, Daniel Longpre, Pat Meyn, Tavio Palazzolo, Randy Palis, Jason Priebe, Aaron Schmidt, Kevin Schopieray, Carl Space, Kevin Strucel, Ben Wielechowski and Jamie Zdrodowski. The team is coached by Watson Zdrodowski, Leroy Schopieray and Michael Longpre, with Ed McCarthy serving as trainer.

Narrow miss

Brandon DiPaola, from Plymouth, had a narrow miss.

DiPaola qualified as the first alternate at the Sectional Qualifying Tournament held Monday at Gull Lake View Golf Club-Stonehedge North, shooting a round of 74. Kalamazoo's John Barry was medalist with a 66.

A total of 12 golfers qualified for the 87th Michigan Amateur Championship Michigan at the sectional, in a field of 56. Mark McCormick of Kalamazoo got the final qualifying spot, winning the tiebreaker after also shooting a 74.

Freshman scorer

Amy Sonnanstine, of Plymouth, completed a successful freshman year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, by finishing seventh in the 400-meter hurdles and eighth in the 100-meter hurdles at the North Coast Athletic Conference Track Championships.

Sonnanstine's team finished third in a nine-team field; Ohio Wesleyan was first. Sonnanstine is a '97 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS.

Chiefs grid boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have something new to introduce to all those who show up at the next meeting — a coach.

Bob Khoenle resigned after 11 years as head coach last month. The new coach is Tim Baecler, who had just been hired as an assistant under Khoenle earlier this season. Baecler will be present to address all the boosters.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday (June 10) in Room 165 of Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players, and parents who will have freshmen interested in playing football at Canton this fall, are encouraged to attend. If you have further questions, call club president Anne Sicilia at (734) 397-3046.

Junior golf

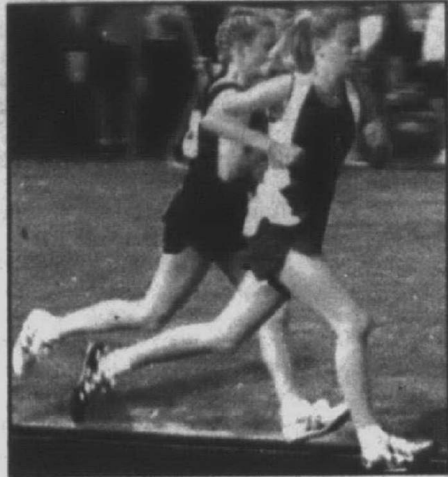
The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering a junior golf program at Fellows Creek Golf Course, for boys and girls 8-17 years old, from June 22-July 31. For \$45, participants receive six nine-hole rounds of golf, clinics and a season-ending nine-hole tournament. Those interested may golf unaccompanied by an adult on Mondays or with an adult on weekdays and weekends for a discounted fee.

There are no residency requirements. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Canton boys soccer

There will be an informational meeting for Plymouth Canton boys soccer at 2:30 p.m. June 5 in the Phase III gymnasium. All boys who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall and are interested in playing boys soccer are invited to attend.

For more information, call Canton coach Don Smith at (734) 7686.



New record: Freshman Alyson Flohr broke Salem's team record in the 3,200-meters.

Rocks tie for 8th at state

STATE TRACK

Throughout the season, Plymouth Salem's boys track team had overcome any obstacles blocking its path toward the Class A state meet. But once the Rocks reached that objective, they didn't have quite enough fuel to sustain their momentum.

Not that they came up flat — not at all. Winners of their state regional meet, the Western Lakes Activities Association title and the reigning Observerland champions, the Rocks were for the most part impressive at Saturday's state final, hosted by Bay City Western.

Problem was, everyone else was even more so.

Salem finished tied for eighth at state, scoring 22 points. East Lansing was the champion with 39.5, narrowly edging Rockford, which scored 39. Detroit Mumford was third with 30.

"Everything we scored in, we had PRs (personal records)," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "It was one of the fastest state meets distance-wise I've ever seen."

"I thought Jonny (Little) could score in the 3,200 and I thought we could score in the 4x200 (relay), but all in all

we had a great season. And this was a good meet to cap a great season. It doesn't diminish what we accomplished at all."

Two of the Rocks' four relays scored at state, both placing third. The 4x800 team of Andy Briggs, Nick Allen, Bobby Cushman and Ian Searcy busted their own team record (set at league meet) with their third-place finish, clocking 7:50.20, and the 4x400 team of Briggs, Scott Kingslien, Gabe Coble and Searcy narrowly missed beating a 22-year-old Salem record in placing third in 3:23.8 (the record is 3:23.0).

"I didn't think there was any way we

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Chiefs claim district title

It wasn't exactly the ending anticipated for the Canton-Salem softball district — or was it?

When the final pitch had been swung at and missed by Livonia Stevenson's Kim White, ending any Spartan hopes for victory and giving Plymouth Canton the championship of this Division I district, the players did not chase their coach, Jim Arnold, down with a cooler full of icewater for the traditional victory soaking.

No. It was Arnold who pursued the players with a cooler, trying to drench them.

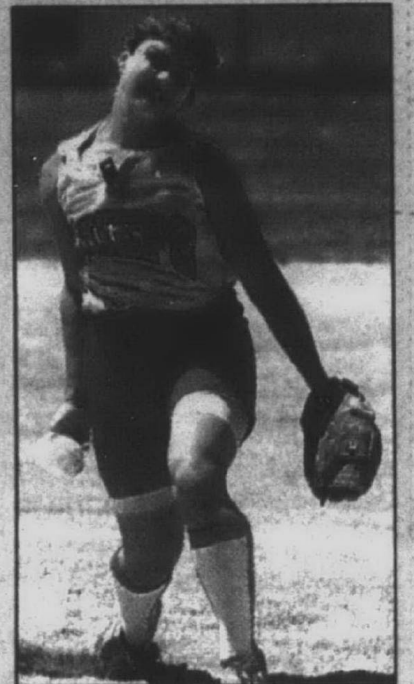
"They're not going to do that to me again," a laughing Arnold said.

Ten minutes later, he indeed "suffered" through his dunking — gladly. Why not? It was hot, and so were his Chiefs after their 5-3 district-clinching victory over Stevenson.

And that was the way it was supposed to end, even if some of the steps up the district ladder proved treacherous for some of the competitors. If anybody had seeded the teams prior to the tourney, Canton — the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion — would have been No. 1. North Farmington most likely would have been No. 2, just ahead of Farmington (despite losing to the Falcons twice during the regular season) and Plymouth Salem, with Stevenson fifth.

So the championship game wasn't the title match-up most expected. But the end result was. It sends Canton, now 26-8, to the Division I regional at Brighton against Walled Lake Western, a team the Chiefs defeated twice during the WLAA season, 6-3 and 2-0. That game is at 10 a.m.; the victor plays the winner of the Brighton-West Bloomfield game for the regional title at approximately 2 p.m. Brighton is ranked No. 1 in the state

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Movin' on: Canton's softball team advanced to the Division I regional thanks to a couple of tough wins in Saturday's district tournament, both coming courtesy of the pitching of junior ace Gretchen Hudson (above). Hudson, who surrendered one run on three hits without walking a batter over 13 innings in the two games, was deserving of the congratulatory hug she got (at left) from her batterymate, catcher Erica Hancz (on right).

No-hitter can't save Salem from loss

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Imagine that. All season long you work with your team, telling them time and again it takes good pitching, with precious few walks, and solid defense to win the big games.

So what happens? Just what you want — you get great pitching and superb defense just when you want it, in the state tournament.

But you still lose.

Plymouth Salem bowed out in the opening round of the Division I softball tournament Saturday, despite getting a no-hitter from sophomore pitcher Amanda Sutton, losing 1-0 to Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson.

"She pitched the game of her life, a

no-hitter, and we leave nine on base and lose," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, her team's season over with a 15-15-1 record. "We couldn't string two hits together, and every time we got a runner to third base there were two out."

The win put the Spartans into the district final opposite WLAA champ Plymouth Canton, a game they lost 5-3 — ending their season at 10-16.

"They had a couple of golden opportunities," Stevenson coach Art Anselm said, agreeing with the Salem coach. "But we made some good defensive plays and got some key putouts."

LeAnne Schraafnagle allowed six hits and a walk, with one strikeout, and the Spartans committed four errors, but she managed to pitch out

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1st-inning errors wreck Rocks' chances

North Farmington won its third straight district championship Saturday with a little help from the baseball opposition.

The Raiders capitalized on three Plymouth Salem errors to score three first-inning runs and win the Division I tournament at Plymouth Canton, 4-2.

North senior pitcher Kirk Taylor was tough on the mound, doing his part to make the early lead stand up.

"We thought we had a great opportunity to beat them," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said, "but they have great pitching. You can't afford to give them runs."

"They made some mistakes, but we hit the ball well, too," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "We got some key hits and some real good pitching."

The Raiders (21-5) will play Walled Lake Western in a regional semifinal game Saturday at Brighton. The winner faces either Birmingham Brother Rice or the host Bulldogs.

"It's going to be fantastic to play against teams of that caliber," Horwitz said. "I honestly think we have as good a chance as the other three."

"All four teams have as much talent as the

others. It will be a matter of who gets the key hit and lucky break."

Pitching aces Drew Henson of Brighton and Tom Marx of Brother Rice are expected to pitch the first game, and Horwitz would like to see both have to go

the distance. "(Western coach) Ken (Conner) and I hope, with two great pitchers, they have to go all seven innings, so they only have three left in the second game and we'd have to face somebody other than Marx or Henson," Horwitz said.

"If one team gets way ahead, they'll take their good pitcher out and try to hold it with somebody else."

In the district final, Salem's defense came unraveled in the bottom of the first inning after the Rocks threatened to score in their first at-bat.

North's Mike Gleeson led off with a single to left field, and Evan Feldman reached base on Salem's first miscue — a throwing error by pitcher Kurt Berlin.

Taylor helped his own cause by doubling both runners home to make it 2-0. He scored after back-to-back errors by Salem second baseman Mark Runchey.

Berlin escaped further damage with a groundout and a strikeout.

The Rocks (18-15) got a run back in the second inning. With one out, Ben Szczepanski singled and advanced to second on a passed ball.

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Back in time: Salem's Ben Szczepanski dives back to first, beating the tag from Stevenson's Brandon Gajda in the semis.

No problem

CC strolls into regional with lopsided wins in district tourney

As expected, Redford Catholic Central's baseball team cruised through its Division I district on Saturday, outscoring two opponents 44-0.

That's not a misprint. The Shamrocks beat Detroit Redford, 27-0, in a five-inning mercy victory in the district semifinal. They went on to beat Detroit Mackenzie, 17-0, in the final, which ended after six innings when the Stags decided they had enough.

The wins improve the Shamrocks to 25-6 overall and sends them to the regional at Birmingham Groves where they will meet Catholic League rival U-D Jesuit in a semifinal game.

Redford Union and Detroit Western meet in the other semifinal, setting up a possible game between the two Redford schools in the regional final.

CC coach John Salter said there was nothing the Shamrocks could do, short

DISTRICT BASEBALL

of striking out on purpose, about the lopsided scores. The district finals are supposed to go the full seven innings regardless of the score.

RU had a similar time against Southfield, winning a district final at Groves 30-3.

"They need an earlier mercy rule when games get out of hand," Salter said. "I had my pinch hitters in the third inning and we were already up."

"Obviously we'd like to play somebody more competitive but when you have a tournament where everyone enters, you're going to have some mismatches. Between our line score and RU's (against Southfield) you need an extra page for the sports section."

The winning pitcher in the first game was senior Bob Malek, who allowed one hit and a walk and struck out eight in three innings. Dan Duffey pitched two innings, striking out five of the six batters faced, allowing no hits and no walks.

Malek was 3-for-3, including a double, with two RBI. John Hill was 2-5 with seven RBI, stroking a bases-loaded triple in the first inning. Hill also had a two-run single.

Mark Cole had two hits, was walked once, and drove in three runs.

Mackenzie beat Cooley 12-8 in the district semifinal but managed only one hit off two CC pitchers in the final. Cole started and got the win, allowing one hit and one walk with four strikeouts in three innings.

Mike Haller pitched the final two innings, striking out all six of the bat-

ters he faced. Anthony Tomey pitched the sixth inning, striking out all three of the batters he faced.

Malek was 2-2, including a home run, with two RBI. Mark Chapman was 2-4, including a homer, and drove in five runs. Hill had a single and sacrifice fly for two RBI.

One of the highlights was the batting of Tony Nozewski, the Shamrocks' ace pitcher, who had two hits - his first as a member of the varsity.

The Shamrocks will likely pitch Nozewski against U-D in Saturday's opener, Salter said. The Shamrocks have beaten U-D four times by a combined score of 61-8.

U-D's ace pitcher, Jon Rospieski, has been battling a sore shoulder all year and Salter isn't expecting to see him. Rospieski has made U-D tough to beat

at times - he beat Warren DeLaSalle, 4-3, earlier this year when healthy.

The Shamrocks filled out their schedule this week with a game against Redford Thurston on Tuesday and a non-league game on Wednesday against Farmington Hills Harrison.

Malek, Cole, Haller, Duffey and Tomey are all candidates to pitch if the Shamrocks reach the regional final.

"We're going to look at other pitchers, see who's the most effective and decide for sure on Saturday," Salter said. "Haller, Duffey and Tomey all throw well at times."

Malek, who was 5-5 in the two district games, is hitting .612 with 33 RBI - which is outstanding for a leadoff batter. Dave Lusky leads the Shamrocks with 35 RBI and is batting .406. Casey Rogowski is batting .386 with 34 RBI. Nozewski is 8-1 on the mound with a 1.67 ERA.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Junior tennis camps

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will offer four sessions of junior tennis camps, beginning June 22 at Griffin Park.

The camps will be divided into two age divisions, little swingers (4-6 years) and juniors (7-15), with each age group divided by skill level. Little swingers will meet from 9-10:30 a.m.; juniors will meet from 9 a.m.-noon.

The first session will be June 22-25; the second, from July 6-9; the third, from July 20-23; and the fourth, from Aug. 3-6. Costs are: for little swingers \$80 (residents) and \$35 (non-residents); for juniors, \$70 (residents) and \$75 (non-residents). All campers receive a T-shirt.

Registration begins from 6-8 p.m. today (June 4) for residents. Registration for residents and non-residents continues during regular business hours starting Monday. Those interested may sign-up at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Cheerleader stunt

The Plymouth Salem cheerleaders will sponsor a Universal Cheerleaders Association-staffed stunt camp from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Salem HS's gymnasium. Cost is \$25 per participant.

The camp is open to all middle school and high school students (no residency requirements); those interested must pre-register. Partner stunts, pyramids, transitions and safety techniques will be taught.

For further information, call UCA at (800) 969-4876, or JoDee Dillon at (734) 459-3393.

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking registrations for its fall youth soccer season from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday throughout June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate.

Cost is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Following is a schedule for tryouts for the various Northville Soccer Association's select and premier teams, which begin June 15 at two locations: Northville Community Park, located on Beck between Five Mile and Six Mile; and at the Northville Christian Assembly Church, located on Six Mile 3/4 of a mile west of I-275. For more information, call Jeff Weichsel at (248) 380-7848.

Boys tryouts - Under-10 select (Sting), 6-8 p.m. June 28 and 6-8 p.m. June 29, both at the park; under-11 select (Sting), 6-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 17, both at the church; under-12 select (Sting), 6-8:30 p.m. June 15 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 16, both at the church; under-12 select (Thunder), 6-8:30 p.m. June 17 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 19, both at the park; under-13 boys premier (Sting), 6-

Father's Day Scramble

The 17th annual Father's Day three-person golf scrambles tournament, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will start at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 21 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$100 per team, which includes greens fees, awards and a snack lunch. Electric golf carts are extra.

There are no residency requirements. Teams will compete for prizes, which include awards to the top three teams, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Registration deadline is June 18. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Canton-Salem hoop camp

Two of the state's premier prep girls basketball coaches - Canton's Bob Blohm and Salem's Fred Thomann - will conduct two different sessions of the Canton-Salem Girls Basketball Summer Day Camp at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums.

The first session is open to all girls entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades this fall. The two first-session camp dates are June 15-18 and June 22-25. Camp times for both are 1-3 p.m.

The second session is open to all girls entering the eighth and ninth grades this fall. The two second-session camp dates are July 6-8 and July 13-15. Camp times are 1-3 p.m.

Cost is \$65 per player, which includes a camp T-shirt and basketball. Joining Blohm and Thomann in conducting the camp will be players from both Salem's and Canton's teams.

For a camp application, or for further information, call (734) 416-2937.

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Run for Your Life

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Center will sponsor the Run for Your Life at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14, starting at the Botsford Center (located at 39750 Grand River in Novi).

There will be three races: 8K (entry fee is \$15, or \$10 for race only - no T-shirt), 8K wheelchair (entry fee is \$15); and 5K walk (entry fee is \$13). Highlights include a post race party with music and refreshments, awards ceremony, participant giveaways and a raffle drawing.

For registration information, call (248) 473-5600.

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could do that (in the 3,200 relay)," Baker said. "But we did."

The Rocks' 4x100 relay tied its best performance of the season, but did not score, and their 4x200 relay — which would have placed fourth had it matched its season's best — suffered a bad exchange between its first two runners and was disqualified.

The race most Salem fans had eagerly anticipated was the 800, featuring both Searcy and Briggs against Lakeland's Nick Gow.

Unfortunately Searcy lost, getting nipped at the wire by Gow, who won in 1:53.79; Searcy was second in 1:53.92. Briggs placed eighth in 1:57.3.

got a scoring performance from Kevin Keil in the discus; he placed sixth with a toss of 154-foot, 4-inches.

Salem also got points from Allen in the 3,200; he was eighth in a school-record 9:32.3 (old record: 9:35, set in 1975 by Walt White).

Little started strong in the 3,200, but fell off the pace and finished in 9:50.2, well off his previous best (9:44.8). Other Salem competitors were Mike Shull in the 200 (23.0; didn't survive preliminary heats); Ryan Thomas in the 110 hurdles (15.0; eliminated in semifinals); and Dave Clemons in the 110 hurdles (15.1; ousted in prelims).

"They're all juniors, so hopefully they picked up some experience for next year," said Baker.

Salem, Canton score

Both Salem's and Canton's girls track teams managed to put points on the board at a very competitive Class A track meet Saturday at Bay City Western.

"It was a very, very competitive meet," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "It was one of the most competitive meets I've seen. I was very impressed with all the teams."

Salem was seeded in the middle in everything, which meant the Rocks faced a struggle to put anything on the board. They did, with Autumn Hicks tying for eighth in the 400-meters with a personal-best clocking of 58.98, and the 4x400 relay team of Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones and Katie Bonner placing eighth in a season-best 4:04.1 — four seconds off its previous best.

Canton got points from Nkechi Okwumabua, with a sixth in the long jump (16-11 1/2).

Several other Rocks turned in strong performances, including freshman Alyson Flohr, who broke the school record in the 3,200, placing 13th in 11:28.1 (former record: 11:30.6 by Nicole Bolton, set last year) — 20 seconds better than her previous best.

Tiffany Grubaugh was ninth in the discus (116-10); Hicks, Wendi Leanhardt, DeNeen and Jones took 10th in the 4x200 relay (1:46.2); and the foursome of Evelyn Rahhal, Annemarie Verduyse, Becky Phelan and Ellen Stemmer placed 14th in the 4x800 relay (10:01.48).

Salem finished with 1 1/2 points. As expected, Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state title with 74 points, with Detroit Cass Tech a distant second with 48.

PCA earns points

Plymouth Christian Academy capped its best-ever season in boys and girls track by getting scoring performances in both at Saturday's Class D state meet at Frankenmuth.

For the girls, sophomore Taryn Moran placed sixth in the 400-meters in 1:02.0, breaking her own school record set earlier this season. Moran's time was 2.5 seconds faster than her previous best, prompting PCA coach Steve Bauslaugh to say, "I just wish she'd been in a faster heat."

For the boys, sophomore Jordan Roose trimmed nearly six seconds off his previous best time in finishing eighth in the 1,600 in 4:41.2, breaking his own school record set earlier this season. Roose finished out of the points in the 3,200 (10:49.0).

Other strong showings for the Eagles: Heather Vargo, ninth in the long jump (14-feet, 1-inch); the 1,600 girls relay team of Sara Harris, Rachel Sumner, Colleen Kimberlin and Moran (4:37.4; new school record, bettering their own mark set earlier this year); and the 400 girls relay team of Vargo, Harris, Heidi Yonkman and Moran (56.0).

The PCA girls team scored three points, while the boys totaled one. Centerville was the boys team champion; Fowler won the girls Class D title.

"It was a good experience for them," said Bauslaugh. "We had a lot of school records fall. And the best news is, most of them are coming back."

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best track times and field-event heights and distances. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (734) 953-2141 or faxing information to (734) 591-7279.

Shot Put: Kevin Keil (Canton) 53.2; Kirk Moundros (N. Farmington) 51.6; Matt Lawson (Franklin) 49.1 1/4; John Kava (Redford CC) 48.11 1/2; Mike Morris (Redford CC) 48.6; Dave Hester (Salem) 48.2; Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 47.3; Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 47.2; Mark Poyejoy (Canton) 46.11; Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 46.4.

110-METER HURDLES: Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.1; Jason Sharp (Harrison) 14.4; Dave Clemons (Salem) 14.6; Ryan Thomas (Salem) 14.9; Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.1; Pat Hayes (Franklin) 15.1.

800-METER RUN: Ian Searcy (Salem) 1:53.6; Andy Briggs (Salem) 1:57.2; Shaun Moore (Canton) 1:58.6; Andy Ebedick (Luth. Westland) 2:00.9; Marty Kane (Canton) 2:01.4; John McCallum (Churchill) 2:01.9; Nick Allen (Salem) 2:02.8; Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:02.9; Brian Kuszynski (Redford CC) 2:02.9; Joe Mackie (Thurston) 2:03.0.

3,200-METER RUN: Rob Block (Stevenson) 9:30.5; Matt Shannon (Redford CC) 9:31.2; Nick Allen (Salem) 9:32.3; Dan Jess (Redford CC) 9:41.3; Jon Little (Salem) 9:44.8; Eddie Traynor (Garden City) 9:45.5.

400-METER RELAY: Farmington Harrison 43.6; Plymouth Salem 44.4; Westland John Glenn 44.7; North Farmington 44.8; Livonia Stevenson 45.3; Redford Union 45.3.

OBSERVER'S BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland girls best track times and field-event heights and distances.

Shot Put: Melissa Gratz (N. Farmington) 38-1 3/4; Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 37-3 1/2; Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 36.4; Michelle Bonior (Salem) 34.0; Paula Tomlin (Salem) 33-6 1/2; Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 33-5 1/2; CeCe Johnson (Mercy) 33-1/2; Kerstin Andrzejewski (Harrison) 32-11; Stephanie Kujawski (Salem) 32-5 1/2; Bethany Molitor (Wayne) 32.4.

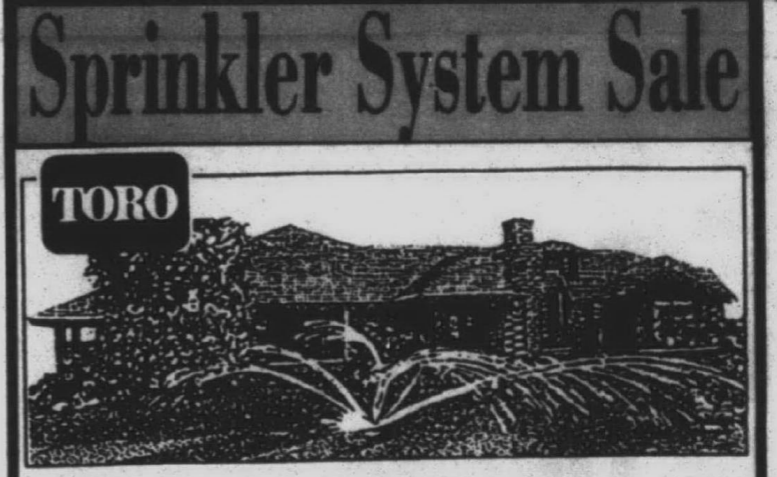
200-METER DASH: Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 24.8; Tiffany Simon (Borgess) 25.9; Temica Clayton (Harrison) 26.4; Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 26.6; Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.7; Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 27.0; Mahogany Fletcher (Harrison) 27.2; Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.2; Michelle Bonior (Salem) 27.2.

800-METER RELAY: Westland John Glenn 1:45.0; Plymouth Salem 1:46.3; Farmington Harrison 1:48.6; Livonia Stevenson 1:49.2; Plymouth Canton 1:50.4.

1,600-METER RELAY: Plymouth Salem 4:04.3; Livonia Stevenson 4:06.7.

3,200-METER RELAY: Plymouth Canton 4:13.2; Livonia Ladywood 4:16.5; Farmington Hills Mercy 4:18.7.

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in Division I. "I don't mind those soakings," said Arnold after the district clincher. "I was worried about (Stevenson). They can dink 'em, they can hurt us."

He had good reason to be concerned. In their last meeting during the regular season, Canton had to outslug the Spartans, winning by a 10-9 margin. Arnold didn't start his ace, Gretchen Hudson, in that game, but he summoned her later to secure the win.

The Canton coach didn't make that mistake this time. He started Hudson, and she responded by tossing five scoreless innings of one-hit softball as the Chiefs built a 5-0 lead.

In the sixth, however, Arnold went to senior Patty Snook. After all, Hudson had pitched seven grueling innings in winning the first game Saturday against Farmington. She'd earned a rest.

But the Spartans quickly adjusted to Snook, tagging her for two doubles and two singles, scoring three times to narrow Canton's lead to 5-3.

So Arnold immediately switched back to Hudson for the seventh inning, and the junior responded by striking out the side to earn the win. In getting two wins for the day, Hudson surrendered three hits without walking a batter in 13 innings; she struck out a total of 13.

"Hudson's a good pitcher," said Stevenson coach Art Anselm, his team finishing at 10-16. "We

only had one hit off of her." What the Spartans couldn't do, and what Canton did to perfection, was manufacture runs. The Chiefs got on the board in the first inning on a one-out single by Melissa Brown, followed by a run-scoring double by Sara Freels.

They added three more runs, which they quite literally stole, in the third inning. There were three hits in the inning, all singles: by Paula McKernan, Freels and Elsner. The first run scored when Elsner was batting, on a passed ball; the second and third runs both came on double-steals, with the Spartans trying to get the runners at second base while the runners at third raced home.

"We've got a habit of always playing for the out," said Anselm. "But (Canton's) a good team, they're well-coached."

Two-out singles by Christina Kiessel and McKernan set up the final score for the Chiefs. It came on another double-steal, with McKernan caught in a rundown between first and second, but Kiessel scoring before she was retired for the third out.

That seemed like a safe enough lead for Canton — until the sixth. Stevenson's first run came in on Teri Fox's groundout; the second and third scored on a two-out double by Katie King.

LeAnne Schraafnagle took the loss for the Spartans, allowing five runs (four earned) on nine hits and one walk, striking out two.

Schraafnagle followed with a bunt and Sutton fielded it; she looked King back to third, then threw to first to retire Schraafnagle. King broke for home and beat the play at the plate for the game's single run.

Sutton finished with two walks and four strikeouts; the Rocks had no errors.

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Defense, pitching lift Chiefs

DISTRICT SOFTBALL

A step away. That's how close Farmington came to winning its Division I softball district semifinal against Plymouth Canton Saturday at Canton HS — one step.

The situation: Chiefs' pitcher Gretchen Hudson cruises into the bottom half of the seventh inning (Farmington was the home team) working on a perfect game, with a 2-0 lead. Falcon lead-off hitter Kristen Brown ends that bid with a solid double to left-center field. Then, after a ground-out and a batter hit by a pitch, Hudson's mound opponent — Melissa Mytty — ends her shutout hopes with a single, scoring Brown.

With runners at first and second and one out, the roof was cracking for the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champions. When Meghan O'Rear followed with a line shot down the right field line, it seemed the roof would fall in.

But Canton right-fielder Becky Mize pounced on the ball and fired it to first baseman Liz Elsner, retiring O'Rear and holding the base-runner at third. Hudson ended the threat by striking out Angie Luttman with

the tying run at third and the winning run at second, preserving the Chiefs' 2-1 victory and sending them to the district championship game.

Farmington, meanwhile, finishes its season with a final record of 15-14.

"That play there is the play of the game," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "The ball gets by (Mize) and we're going home — game's over."

"But Becky's been making those plays for us all year." And those are the kind of plays that have made the Chiefs winners all year. Indeed, it wasn't hitting that won this match-up; in fact, the Falcons had two hits to Canton's one in the game. Defense made the difference.

The Chiefs scored a run in the second inning without benefit of a hit. Erica Hanz and Mize both drew one-out walks; stolen bases moved them up, and a passed ball delivered the game's first run.

Chiefs' offense stumbles

Missed chances.

That's how Plymouth Canton will look back at Saturday's 5-1 district semi-final loss to North Farmington.

The Chiefs managed just two hits off of North Farmington ace Jeff Trzos, but drew five walks. Canton coach Scott Dickey said his team had opportunities to knock the lefty out and win the game.

"We had guys in scoring position," Dickey commented. "We just couldn't get the big hits to score some runs."

The Raiders went on to win the district. For Canton, Saturday's loss meant the end of the line and a 15-16 overall record.

"We're pretty confident about next year," said Dickey. "We've got just about everybody coming back."

The Chiefs played their final game of the year at home. Despite that fact, Canton was the visiting team in the semi-final.

Ben Tucker started on the

BASEBALL

mound for Canton. The right hander kept North Farmington off the scoreboard for the first three innings.

The Chiefs' offense gave him a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Phil Ross reached base on a walk then moved to third on a pair of Trzos wild pitches. A Joe Cortellini ground ball brought Ross home.

Tucker dodged several bullets in the first three innings. He allowed three straight singles in the first inning, but escaped unscathed by recording a fly ball out.

A Canton double play got the junior out of trouble in the third. The Raiders, however, broke through in the fourth.

A pair of singles brought home a run to tie the game. Garry Penta then followed with a two-run homer to left center to make it 3-1.

The Raiders added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth as Penta doubled and scored on a wild pitch. Matt Kelmigian added and RBI single.

Canton's best chance to score came in the seventh. Jason Evans walked to lead off the inning, but was erased on a North Farmington double play.

Cortellini followed with a

walk, but Trzos got Kyle Richardson on a pop up for the game's final out.

Dickey was disappointed with the defeat — Canton's third this year to North Farmington.

"We felt we could beat this team," he said. "We felt we were better defensively and executed than them."

Oliver Wolcott and Cortellini had Canton's hits. North Farmington had 10 hits. Trzos had three hits, Penta, Taylor, Kelmigian and Tom Ouellette each had two.

Salem 3, Stevenson 0: The Rocks Jason Lukasik was the story of Saturday's other district semi-final.

The sophomore right hander tossed a three hitter as Salem blanked Livonia Stevenson. Lukasik walked one and stuck out six in going the distance.

"The key with Jason is that he can throw all his pitches for strikes," said coach Dale Rumberger. "When he's on the mound, he's nasty. He refuses to lose."

Salem scored one run in the second inning and two more in the third. Ben Szczepanski knocked in the run in the second while Joe Rizzi picked up an RBI in the third.

Rizzi paced the offense with two hits.

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Tony Bernhardt singled him home.

Salem's defense settled down after the first inning; however, North was sharp in the field all day.

Taylor, who struck out nine and walked two, needed the help. He allowed 10 Salem hits but was aided by a pair of double plays.

The Rocks put a man on first with one out in the fourth, but North turned a slick double play to quickly kill the uprising. The same happened again in the sixth after Salem's leadoff man reached base.

"They're a good hitting team," Taylor said of the Rocks. "I had to hit my spots. I think our defense is a big reason why we won."

North added an insurance run in the seventh on a walk, a single and another Salem error.

"That's why we have 15 losses," Rumberger said, "because we have defensive lapses."

The Rocks scored a second run in the seventh. Jamie LaGrow doubled to lead off and was knocked in on a single from Chris Longpre.

The Raiders had just five hits with Gleeson getting two. LaGrow and Longpre had two each for the Rocks.

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of every jam, the biggest coming in Salem's last at-bat. With two runners on base and two out, the Rocks' Stefanie Volpe — recruited and signed by the University of Michigan — sent a hard shot to shortstop, but Teri Fox nabbed it and tossed out the diving Volpe at first, ending the game.

The only run was scored in the second inning. Katie King started the rally with a walk; she moved to second on Jill Shpakoff's sacrifice bunt, and went to third on a wild pitch.


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MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11 at the Tawas City Holiday Inn. 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.

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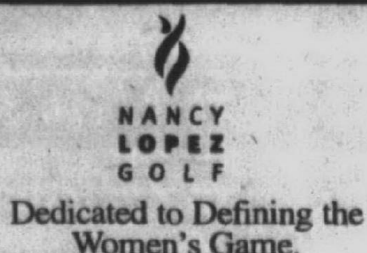
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THE WEEKEND

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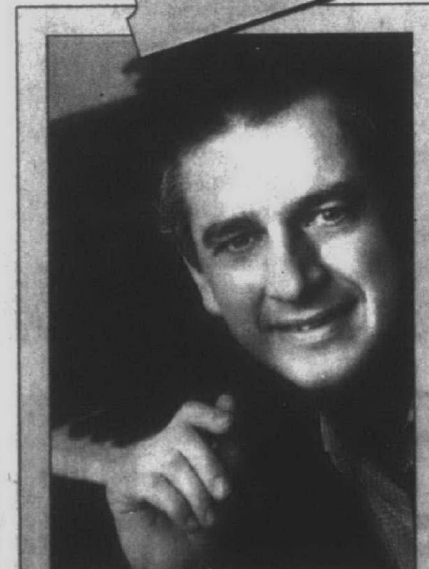
"Classic Soul" concert featuring the Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Cuba Gooding and the Main Ingredient, Delfonics and Major Harris, 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50, call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 983-6611.

SUNDAY



"Rent" continues at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$26-\$60. Curtain 7:30 p.m., call (248) 645-6666.

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Hot Tix: The fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, through Saturday, June 20, features pianist James Tocco, and other internationally known musicians, performing at seven different venues. Call (248) 362-6171 for more information, and to order tickets. Tickets also available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. See concert schedule inside.



Rehearsing: Jamie Richards (left to right), Nicki Stacey and Peggy Lee perform in "Into the Woods."

ST. DUNSTAN'S TAKES AUDIENCES

'INTO THE WOODS'

Go "Into the Woods" with the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild as they present Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical in Cranbrook's outdoor Greek Theatre.

With a book by James Lapine, "Into the Woods" is Sondheim's "sophisticated take on fairy-tales," said director Amy Lynn Smith of Birmingham. "What are the ramifications, good and bad of having a dream come true."

Join the Baker, his wife, Cinderella, the Witch, Jack and Little Red Riding Hood as they venture "Into the Woods."

"They're not caricatures, they're realistic people facing choices," explained Smith. "There are a lot of lessons, fun and energy."

Jamie Richards stars as the Baker. "I'm a huge, huge Sondheim fan," said Richards. "I love the complexity, the beauty of his music. It touches me in a way that no one else does."

Richards believes "Into the Woods" is the perfect production for the outdoor Greek theater. "The show takes place in the woods, and the

"Into the Woods"
PRESENTED BY: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook
WHEN: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6; Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7.
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characters are very familiar. Even if you're not familiar with the show, you'll know the characters."

He's seen the show four times and is enjoying his character. "He's dependent and grows to be independent," explained Richards. "There's a lot of humor and good drama, there are so many levels at play, which is fun, and the music is amazing. It's like a dream to be singing some of these songs."

Nicki Stacey is the Baker's Wife. She and Richards performed together in another Sondheim show "Merrily We Roll Along," presented by St. Dunstan's in 1995.

"We're having a good time playing together," said Stacey. "This is a fun part. I like the humor of the show and the ties to real life. Everyone should be able to relate to it."

Stacey also enjoys performing outdoors. "It's beautiful," she said. "I love it. As an actor you have to remember the audience is all around you. Before it gets dark, and the lights come on, you can make eye contact with the people in the audience. You can connect immediately with the audience, and see how they're responding."

This show utilizes the entire theater - the stage, aisles, grass. "Amy makes the audience feel like they're in the woods with the characters. It makes it more real," said Richards.

To help tell the story, Ann DeMay of Clark-

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'Porgy & Bess' well staged, hard to hear

'Porgy & Bess'
WHAT: The Michigan Opera Theatre production of the Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess"
WHERE: The Detroit Opera House, (at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit.
WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 4-6, Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14.
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Peabo Bryson

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Porgy & Bess" conveys the strong, langorous sensuality and the deep-rooted core of community that are the essential tension in what is often hailed as America's only great opera.

But the MOT production also raises some of the questions that have always swirled around this great work, both musical and sociological.

Director Tazewell Thompson's production emphasizes the community of Catfish Row, the black dock-

side quarter of Charleston, S.C., in the 1920s. It is a community rooted in fundamentalist Christianity, with a touch of old-style superstition. It is also a poor community plagued with the usual, and still surviving, scourges of escape - gambling, alcohol, easy sex and drugs.

Kenneth Foy's sets, though a bit shakey at times, convey the ramshackle community perfectly.

This is a story of the unconditional love of the crippled beggar Porgy for the sensual, irresponsible and drug-addicted Bess. It is also the story of how a community comes together in hard times and against all odds.

The "Porgy & Bess" problems are two-fold. The sociological problem is easy to dismiss. Many in the black community have actually called the opera demeaning to blacks, a work by white people about things they don't understand. Compared to current rap music and film and television portrayals of the black community, "Porgy & Bess" is enlightened, compassionate and true. It's characters are flawed, but its portrayal of unconditional love and abiding community are a positive view of poor people struggling with and overcoming

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MOVIES

Weir spreads the faith about 'The Truman Show'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
 SPECIAL WRITER

By now, most movie-goers know what "The Truman Show" is about. And that's just the way Peter Weir likes it. The director's recent visit to Detroit was part of a major studio campaign to spread the faith about "Truman," a modern fable which has been hailed by many critics as a "near masterpiece."

Jim Carrey stars as Truman Burbank, a regular guy who, unbeknownst to him, has had his life broadcast on television almost since his inception.

Friends and family are actually actors fed lines and stage directions through tiny ear pieces. The island community he resides in, Seahaven, is just a giant domed soundstage with painted clouds and fake facades.

Aside from presenting such a complex story, Weir has accomplished another miracle: settling rubber-faced comedian Carrey down long enough to deliver the performance of his career. (Weir has experience, guiding Robin



Filmmaking: Peter Weir (right) and Jim Carrey (left) on the set of "The Truman Show."

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ing adversity. Most of the people in Catfish Row are good, hard-working, fun-loving people, especially as portrayed in Thompson's production.

The second problem is musical. Is it "opera" or is it "musical theater." The answer since the Houston Opera Company first staged it in this full-operatic style back in the 1980s is that it will be opera. Certainly that was George Gershwin's intention and preserves the full musical text.

But, in the end, it's the songs that everyone remembers, Gershwin's exquisite ear for song and the clever, precise lyrics of his brother, Ira, with some help

from "Porgy" novelist DuBose Heyward and his wife, Dorothy. "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," "Bess, You Is My Woman," and "There's a Train a Leavin'" are masterpieces of the American "popular" music repertoire.

And whether it was poor acoustics or the demands of operatic range, the singers in the opening night production often could not be understood without referring to the surtitles, except for the one pop singer in the group - Peabo Bryson.

Except for a couple memory lapses, Bryson made a stylish Sporting Life, the drug pusher

with attitude. And Bryson's narrower range and pop phrasing made it easier to understand him.

This is not to diminish some wonderful performances. Gordon Hawkins is a heartbreaking Porgy, a man with great courage, religious belief and inner strength that his twisted body mocks. Hawkins brings warmth and sensitivity to his reading of Porgy, especially in the first song (aria) about how a cripple is condemned to loneliness. Marquita Lister is a fiery, beautiful, sensual Bess. She brilliantly conveys Bess' tension between her desires for excitement and her

need for love. Musically their famous duet is haunting. Unfortunately, Lister's soaring, musically beautiful voice fails to deliver the lyrics.

Male singers in the bass range also could not be fully understood.

The musical showstopper on opening night was Angela Simpson's *Serena*, who just wails with all the power of spiritual singing on "My Man's Gone Now" to a roaring approval. She is also a fine actress in her portrayal of the upright church lady.

Other fine performances were Karla Burns sassy Maria, the matriarch and moral scold of the

community who delivers Sporting Life fair warning; Jeffrey Lavar's strong, yet vulnerable, interpretation of the muscular, primitive Crown; and Roberta Gumbel's sweet Clara, who opens the show with a stunning "Summertime."

Gershwin's music is a tribute to the black music tradition, transfused through the white European tradition. Spirituals, blues, vendor cries and jazz rhythms all come into play here. At times the orchestra under John Demain overpowers the singing, but the choral work during a wake and a hurricane were superb. Taking a cue from the

Southern black church experience, Gershwin captures the rich emotional and musical quality of the the music.

Thompson's staging is generally good, but "It Ain't Necessarily So" needs fewer people milling around and more life in response to Bryson's lively taunts. There was more fun to be had in this number. The staging here had the stiffness often associated with opera group scenes.

In performances June 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 and matinee 14, Angela Brown sings *Serena*, Alvy Powell sings *Porgy*, Timothy Robert Blevins sings *Crown* and Marilyn Moore-Brown sings *Bess*.

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ston has created a colorful set inspired by pop-up books.

The books are eight feet tall, and some revolve and open up in three dimensions.

"They had to be designed to move for set changes, and to fit under the arches, which are nine-and-a-half feet tall," said DeMay. "We painted leaves to enclose the whole scene, and there's a panorama of trees painted in very colorful, vivid colors to bring out the scariness of the woods."

DeMay earned her master of arts degree from Western Michigan University, and studied oil painting at the Volkshochschule

Wiesbaden and exhibited her work with other international artists in Frankfurt and other cities as well as in a solo show at the American Women's Club in Oberursel.

She is a designer/producer of multi-image shows for business meetings and presentations. "This is a pretty elaborate set," she set. "It's very colorful. It's a fantasy, and one of my best pieces so far."

Smith said the show has a "constantly moving, whirling quality. You don't know where people will come out next. The costumes and sets are very bright, and we have some very

cool special effects. We're doing some neat things with different sounds coming out of different places."

Music plays an important role, and it's a challenge music director Margie Brooks of Bloomfield Hills accepted.

"It's a difficult score," she said. "The music advances the plot. There are more than 400 pages to the score. The musicians are playing almost all the time. Sondheim's music is very sophis-

ticated, it uses unusual chords and rhythms and changes from key to key. It's very challenging, but very interesting to the ear."

For this show, Brooks assembled an orchestra which includes piano, synthesizer, trumpet, French horn, flute, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, bass and percussion.

"The singers are really up to the challenge," she said. "They have learned the music very well. It's just been a marvel to me."

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Williams through his first major "straight" role in "Dead Poets Society" in 1989.)

"The first time I saw him," Weir remembers of Carrey, "I thought he was like a silent movie star. If he had been around in the '20s, he would have been one of the biggies."

Carrey has been notorious for not getting along with directors. When he didn't like the way the "Ace Ventura" sequel was progressing, he removed the director and brought in a friend. His arguments with Ben Stiller on "The Cable Guy" may have contributed to the movie turning into such a turkey.

"Remember that when he came to work on Truman," Weir points out, "I had been with it for a year-and-a-half, so it was him coming into my project. I had all

the sets pretty much on the way up, the research done ..."

When Carrey made his trademark demands, Weir generally stood firm. "Sometimes he'd say, 'Give me another take,' far more takes than I thought necessary, and I'd say, 'Jim, we've got it.' I knew in the beginning he was a man used to working on his own. He wasn't used to trusting a director so completely."

And veteran Weir deserves respect. For a decade in the mid-'70s through the mid-'80s, he and a talented group of Australian filmmakers were sending amazing movies stateside on an almost monthly basis. Weir's contributions included such art house classics as "Picnic at Hanging Rock," "Gallipoli," and "The Last Wave."

The "Australian New Wave," as

it came to be called, was comprised of Fred Schepisi, Gillian Armstrong, Bruce Beresford, and George Miller, among others. Though some still reside in Australia, all now work almost exclusively in Hollywood.

Of all of his contemporaries, however, Weir is the one who has most retained his soul. He only picks the projects he really believes in. And if "The Mosquito Coast" isn't quite a good as "Witness," you watch both movies knowing he has instilled them with the same intensity.

His last film, "Fearless," about the psychological aftermath of an airline disaster, was just one in a series of critically acclaimed movies that have sometimes found receptive audiences.

The ante gets upped a bit with

"The Truman Show." With a \$60-\$65 million budget and the most high-profile comedian in movies today, Weir is forced to worry about things like opening weekend grosses. "Almost any figure we got on that first weekend will probably be bigger than I've ever had before," he says.

At one point in the production, Weir was ready to cast himself as Christof, the godlike creator of "The Truman Show" and a father figure for the naive Truman (Ed Harris eventually got the part). When his creation wants to leave the nest, Christof becomes like any protective parent. "It's a frightening world out there," he seems to say, "so the minute you leave, you're on your own."

And what about the notion that the whole world is tuned into vicariously experiencing the life of someone who, at the core, isn't all that interesting to begin with? According to Weir, "It says something about our lives that there's not a whole lot of living going on."

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Not anymore! People thought Bob McCabe was crazy 19 years ago when he organized the first Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival on the riverfront.

He's still laughing about it, and looking forward to this year's.

The summer music festival season heats up locally in July with the fourth annual Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 19, at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and Birmingham Jazzfest '98, July 23-25 in downtown Birmingham.

More than 150 musicians performed at last year's festival, which drew 5,000 people. It is offered by the Music Performance Trust Fund, Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5.

Birmingham's Jazzfest kicks off this year in Shain Park, July 23, with flutist Alexander Zonjic. The Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Band with Marcus Belgrave will also perform. Free concerts will take place throughout the weekend in Shain Park, and at most of the area's restaurants. Stay tuned for details.

Arts, Beats & Eats

Oakland County kicks off its first "Art, Beats, & Eats" festival in downtown Pontiac Labor Day weekend with title sponsorship from Chrysler Corp.

The festival is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's dream come true. "We are excited about the project," said Patterson. "We think it will be a super event. What I did want, and do want, is to accentuate the quality of life in Oakland County. We're highlighting the fun side of living in Oakland County."

What better place to host the festival than Pontiac, which has become the entertainment capital of Oakland County. Over 125 artists and 20 galleries are

expected to exhibit art works in the juried art show. There will be arts and crafts and entertainment for kids.

National and local entertainers will provide the "Beats" everything from rhythm and blues to jazz, swing, rock and pop on three stages. The entertainment schedule will be announced in mid June.

You're sure to work up an appetite, but don't worry when you're stomach grumbles "I'm hungry, feed me" - 50 restaurants will be serving up "Eats" for sale.

Pontiac's ready for the crowds, don't forget, this is a town that hosted Elvis Presley, and even Pope John Paul II.

Event proceeds will benefit seven local charities - The Rainbow Connection, The American Heart Association, The Haven, The Dittrich Foundation, The Pontiac Rescue Mission, The Boys and Girls Club, and The Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.

In Wayne County for the past 19 years, the riverfront has been the place to be Labor Day weekend.

Ford Montreux Detroit

Last year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival drew over 780,000 people, and organizers are expecting even more this year.

They're offering 130 different scheduled events this year, and the Kowlaski Riverfront Cafe will stay open each day of the festival until 11:30 p.m. It will be the place to be before you head home.

Singer Diane Schuur and The Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington headline this year's festival. One of Detroit's most successful jazz alumni, Regina Carter, is coming home to perform in four different musical settings, including a festival-closing set with fellow jazz violinist John Blake.

Education is a key component, and the festival is a classroom

for tomorrow's jazz legends. Jack Pierson of Livonia, director of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, is working with Louis Smith, past president Michigan International Association of Jazz Educators and Ernie Rodgers, Detroit Northwestern High School vice principal to guide a variety of educational programs during the festival. All high school and college performances will be adjudicated by a panel of International Association of Jazz Educators members. The students will learn from the judge's comments, and scholarships will be awarded.

Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed this year's festival poster.

She was surprised her design was chosen out of 56 different designs submitted by J. Walter Thompson Detroit in a company-wide competition. She was present for the unveiling at a press

conference in Detroit's Harmonie Park, and smiled as the audience applauded.

"It's fun and festive," she said. "I used a lot of colors, textures and patterns to show that it's a really diverse, cultural festival." Her design portrays four abstract figures swaying to music amidst musical notes. The border features bright colors and patterns.

A 1996 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor of fine arts in design, Macioce joined J. Walter Thompson Detroit in 1997. Prior to joining the company she worked for Skidmore Design in Southfield.

Winning the contest was a surprise. "It was great," said Macioce. "The intent was to capture the idea of 'festival' and the coming together of people. Of course, the music is wonderful at the festival and enjoying the music in the city setting is a great part of the Detroit Montreux experience."



Poster: Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed the poster for this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

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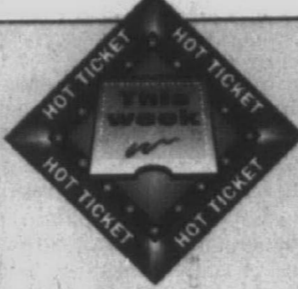
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MARQUIS THEATRE
'Hansel and Gretel,' 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6...

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW AND SALE
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EXECUTIVE SUITE
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JOAN CRAWFORD TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

JACK DRYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

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With Rick Matie, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester.

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8:11-30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 with Paul Vornhagen, sax; Thursday, June 11 with Ron Kischuk...

CARL MICHEL
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LARRY NOZERO TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

SONNY SIMMONS/SUNNY MURRAY
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Serengethi Ballroom, 2957 Woodward, Detroit.

THE SOUNDS OF BRAZIL
7 p.m. Thursday, June 11, as part of Music on the Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair roads, Grosse Pointe. Free.

TRANSITION
As part of Mood Indigo night, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor.

URSULA WALKER and BUDDY BUSDON
With Dan Kotton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 South Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

NEW AGE

MICHAEL FRANKS
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STREET SCENE

Gravity Kills likes second effort

Jeff Scheel, singer/guitarist for the St. Louis rock band Gravity Kills, is awfully happy that fans never heard the first version of its sophomore effort "Perversion" (TVT).

"We sort of wrote two records in effect. We wrote this really bad record and then we came back and wrote 'Perversion,'" Scheel said with a laugh.

It's not that TVT Records, Gravity Kills' label, complained about the first attempt, he added.

"We listened to what we were doing and we weren't into it. When we were in Europe we were buying every drum and bass/electronic CD we could get our hands on. Stuff you can't get over here. ... It seeped into our

songwriting," he said. "We thought about it and said, 'This isn't Gravity Kills. It sounds like Gravity Kills listening to a lot of electronica.' We had to kind of take a deep breath and start over."

For the final version of the album "Perversion," Gravity Kills took an organic approach to recording. Strong pop songs like "Guilty" from Gravity Kills' stellar self-titled debut seem cluttered compared to the crystal clean "Perversion," due in stores Tuesday, June 9.

"We still used computers like crazy. ... When I wrote a song I tried to do as many things on the guitar as I could as opposed to saying to Doug (Firley, keyboards and programming), 'Hey

fill these holes up with production.'"

The change is in direct response to Gravity Kills' experience as a live band. Prior to recording its debut, Gravity Kills had not performed in front of an audience. Now, after playing up to 300 shows in 14 months, the band has sharpened its image as a touring entity.

"Being a live band became who we were," Scheel explained.

Gravity Kills tried not to concentrate on writing songs that could be reproduced live note for note but "you can't help for it to affect what you're doing or infect what you're doing."

"We wanted to be more of what we were live. I think people don't get who we are really until they

see us live anyway."

That is unless you were at the "Nightmare Before Christmas" concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills in December 1996 when the band experienced major sound and production problems.

"If that's the only time people have seen the band, we probably looked very confused. That's not what we are. If someone was at that show and they liked the band, great. If they were disappointed by the band, give the band another shot and come out and see the band again."

Fans - or listeners toeing the line - will get the chance to see Gravity Kills on Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

The band will be on the road at least through the end of the year. The trek, Scheel said, will surely be inspirational not only musically but personally. The emptiness of road life is traced in the spooky "Always."

"It was one of the last songs that were written before we packed up here and went to New York to mix (the album) and I had that feeling that we were getting ready to leave for a very long time," said Scheel, who is married.

"You feel that loss of being separated from all the things that are comfortable to you and that you love. It's great being on the road but the downside is you lose touch with a lot of things that are very important to you."

"Belief" tells the story of Gravity Kills' rapid rise the alternative rock world. Soon after forming in 1995, the band submitted at the last minute a demo of the song "Guilty" to radio station



Debuting album: The rock band Gravity Kills will preview material off its sophomore album "Perversion" Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. "Perversion" hits stores Tuesday, June 9.

KPNT for a compilation album. "Guilty" became the station's top-requested song and signed with TVT Records soon thereafter. The song remained on the modern rock chart for six months after which it was taken off due to the chart's six-month maximum.

Although the "Perversion" shares Gravity Kills' experiences on the road, the stories are told in an innocuous way so that listeners can relate it to something in their lives, he explained.

"I don't think we made this whiny, 'Oh I hate the record busi-

ness'-kind-of-sophomore record. We wrote about things that obviously were within the context of our lives. But at the same time you could put them in several different contexts and mean something else."

Gravity Kills, Pitchshifter and Junkie XL perform Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Director wins Emmy Award

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

I simply have to start out today's column with a heart-felt congratulations to the series director of Backstage Pass, Timmy Danigian. Two weeks ago, Timmy won a Michigan Emmy Award in the category of multi-camera studio directing. It was certainly well-deserved!

A series director makes the decisions that create the look of the program that you see on TV. Timmy starts out a typical taping day by heading up a morning meeting with the crew - camera operators, floor directors, audio technicians, etc. He runs down what's going to be done live in the studio, what's "rolling in" on tape (usually pre-produced segments from art galleries since we usually can't bring the art to the studio), which cameras will cover which shots, and generally what to expect that day.

As performers arrive at the Detroit Public Television studio, Timmy has to look at what they do and decide how to convey it to viewers at home. How should it be shot? Where do the performers have to stand to get good camera angles on them? How should it be lighted? If it's a theatrical piece, Timmy will collaborate with the play's director to make sure the scene comes off the way it's intended in the play.

Then Timmy asks the performers to rehearse. This gives them a chance to get warmed up and comfortable in our space, but it also gives our crew a chance to practice with camera angles and

shot composition. During rehearsal, Timmy takes careful notes on instrument solos or lines so he can make sure that he gets the right shot when we roll.

Once we're ready to go and everyone's in position for the start of the show, Timmy goes to "the bridge," or "studio control," or "the control bridge." I've heard all these terms banded about; lord knows which is correct. They all sound vaguely like something you'd hear on "Star Trek." During the taping, all four cameras are getting shots at all times, but only one camera's shot is being recorded at any given time. Who literally "calls the shots?" You guessed it - our Emmy-winner, Timmy Danigian. Of course, this catalogues only a small portion of what Timmy does, but it's what I see on taping days.

Now to the lineup on this week's show: Detroit lost a legend with the recent passing of sculptor Marshall M. Fredericks. Noted for his public sculptures, Mr. Fredericks' "Spirit of Detroit" stands immortalized downtown, quite appropriate since this visionary unconditionally shared his spirit with Metro Detroit and the world. You can find Fredericks' all over Metro Detroit. The Cranbrook Estates in West Bloomfield Hills are home to several Fredericks' pieces, including the popular piece locals call "the sitting monkey," perched proudly on a cement base in one of their prominent courtyards.

Mr. Fredericks' son, Carl Fredericks, gave Backstage Pass segment producer Andrew Erickson an intimate tour of the artist's personal studio in Royal Oak. Carl told Andrew how his

father would come downstairs every morning in a suit and tie for breakfast before heading off to the studio to work. "Carl recalled how his father would say that you need to feel good enough about yourself to dress up for any occasion."

Upon entering Fredericks' studio, Andrew told me he could almost feel the artist's presence in the musty air. "It was like walking into a time machine. I looked up and saw shafts of light beaming down from the high stained glass windows of the warehouse and was immediately transported into another time and era. The warehouse was almost like a shrine; everything was just the way Fredericks had left it. There was used and worn sculpting equipment lined up ever so precisely on a ladder. You could feel his wonderful creative spirit and soul."

Fredericks continued to work as an artist right up to his death, and left us several unfinished projects. One that will be completed is a statue of Lord Byron. Andrew got a glimpse of the unfinished work. "All these old relics and statues line the perimeter of the warehouse in the shadows. Then the unfinished Lord Byron dominating the center of the room. His studio is really a museum of its own."

Also on the big show, we'll hear music from the Farm Dogs, a quartet led by longtime Elton John collaborator Bernie Taupin. And we'll hear from the performer whose angelic voice is melting women the world over, Jai. That's all on Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 5

"THE TRUMAN SHOW"

Peter Weir's surrealistic tale about an insurance adjuster whose mundane life is actually a staged TV show. Stars Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Ed Harris.

"A PERFECT MURDER"

A wealthy and powerful man hires someone to murder his unfaithful wife. Unknown to him, the man he hires is his wife's lover. This sets off a deadly cat-and-mouse game among the three people involved. Stars Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 12

"DIRTY WORK"

Comedy centers around a spiteful loser who starts a business specializing in revenge. Stars Norm Macdonald, Chevy Chase, Chris Farley. "DIRTY HARDLY WAIT"

Comedy about teens graduating from high school and searching for their next move while making a statement about their future and their past.

"SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS"

Action romantic comedy about a gruff cargo pilot and an acerbic New York magazine editor who are stranded on a deserted island. Stars Harrison Ford, Anne Heche, David Schwimmer.

"BEYOND SILENCE"

Exclusively at the Maple Theatre. Set in a small town in Germany, the movie chronicles the life of a young girl raised by deaf parents. Scheduled to open Friday, June 19

"THE X-FILES"

Inspired by the TV series, the movie follows FBI Special Agents Mulder and Scully as they are drawn into a web of intrigue while investigating the mysterious bombing of a Dallas office building.

"HAVE PLENTY"

Based on a true story, a funny modern-day love story about a man who wants nothing out of life, except for a woman who has everything. Stars Christopher Scott Cherot who also wrote and directed.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 26

"DOCTOR DOLITTLE"

A talented physician finds he has the ability to communicate with animals, who, in turn, teach him a few new things about being human. Stars Eddie Murphy.

"COUSIN BETTE"

Exclusively at the Maple Theatre. A comical romp through the territory of love and vengeance. Set in 1840s France and based on Honore de Balzac's timeless novel. Stars Jessica Lange.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 10

"LETHAL WEAPON 4"

Detectives Murtaugh and Riggs are reunited in a struggle to unravel a complex and deadly mission of revenge. Stars Mel Gibson.

"MADELINE"

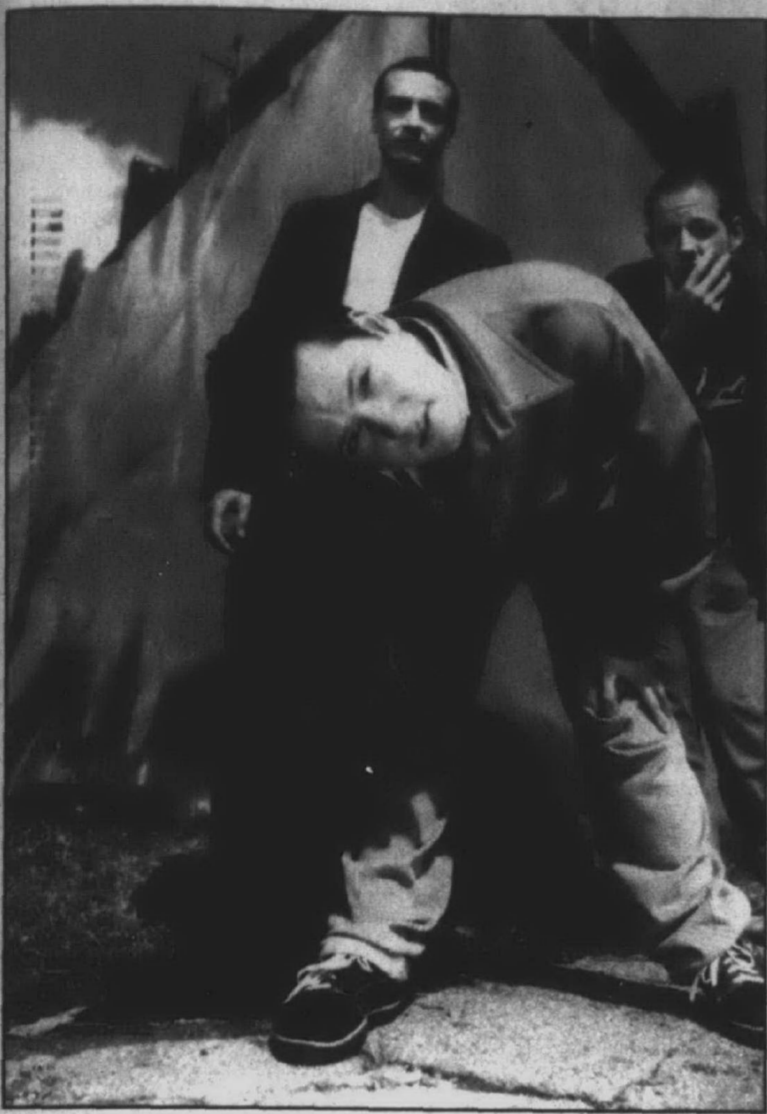
In an old house in Paris all covered with vines, lived 12 little girls in two straight lines. Those are the opening lines from the classic books by Ludwig Bemmelman about the adventures of a tiny school girl.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. A large section containing a grid of movie listings for various theaters. Each listing includes the theater name, address, phone number, and a list of movies with their ratings. Theaters include General Cinemas, Regency Twin Cinema, National Amusements, Showcase, Star John-B, Star Rochester Hills, Star Southfield, Showcase Pontiac 6-12, Showcase Pontiac 1-5, Star West River, Birmingham Theatre, Main Art Theatre III, and Terrace Cinema.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page. Includes "Hit record: Dan Riesen Dylan Keep Theatre in which spa" and "ON SALE NOW! BIL JO THE OCTO".

STREET SCENE

Marcy Playground singer swears off acting with snakes



Hit record: Marcy Playground - from left, drummer Dan Rieser, singer/guitarist John Wozniak and bassist Dylan Keefe - performs Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre in Detroit in support of its self-titled debut, which spawned the hit "Sex and Candy."

One thing Marcy Playground fans will never see is lead singer John Wozniak co-starring with snakes in a music video. It was bad enough appearing with a tarantula in the video for "Sex and Candy," he said.

"It was OK until the thing crawled down the hole with me," Wozniak said with a laugh about the scene in which he's sticking his head through a hole. "It was a really nice spider named Frederiquea, but it's still a tarantula. I don't like snakes. I'm never gonna do a video with snakes in it."

The video is the perfect accompaniment to the relentlessly addictive yet blasé hit single "Sex and Candy" from the band's self-titled debut album (Capital). Filmed on a drab set, the "Sex and Candy" video is filled with Freudian references to sex—a boudoir slipper hanging from an archway; Wozniak and bandmates drummer Dan Rieser and bassist Dylan Keefe digging through a lingerie drawer and the infamous spider symbolizing innocence.

The video by Jamie Caliri, who was also behind the lens for Soul Coughing's "Super Bon Bon" and Morphine's "Early to Bed," was just the way Wozniak wanted it, he said.

"Most of them (the other director's treatments) were really boring. There was a pretty girl walking down the street. You see her walk into a cafe. You follow her. They do a pan-up shot from her high-heel shoes. We naturally gravitated toward anything that wasn't that."

'I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song.'

*John Wozniak
Marcy Playground*

"Sex and Candy" topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart and receives constant airplay on stations like CIMX, WPLT, WXDG and WKRK. That's something that surprises Wozniak.

"It's my little stupid song that I wrote in my bedroom. It seems really weird to me. It had the same motivation that is behind all the songs that I write - I like to write music," he said.

"I was just up late writing and realizing it was a love song, which I don't write a lot of. I just don't feel like writing a lot of love songs. There's no reason to at this point. I wouldn't be very good at it. There's a lot of other people who could write better love songs."

When he realized it was a love song, it was "a little late in the game. My goal was to make it not suck, it be as less bad as possible," he added with a laugh.

Instead, Wozniak, whose vocal style resembles Neil Young's, tackles subjects like suicide ("One More Suicide"), drug abuse ("Dog and His Master"), the history of Hong Kong ("Poppies") and the streets of Manhattan ("The Vampires of New York") on its acoustic-based debut.

"I write atypical pop lyrics. I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself

■ Singer/songwriter Lori Amey, a 1994 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate who attends Michigan State University, is one of five national finalists in the Lilith Fair Emerging Talent Stage contest.

The winner is chosen through popular vote on the Levi's web page, <http://www.levi.com>, to which the nominees' web pages with biographical information, photos and sound clips are linked. Voting began June 3 and the winner will be announced on June 10. The prize is a spot on the first date of the Sarah McLachlan-created tour, June 19, in Portland, Ore.

Amey recently released the CD "Nothing to Say" and it is available at Cuppa Joe Coffeehouse, 26061 Town Center Dr., Novi, where she performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, or via e-mail at amey@tir.com. Her other upcoming performances include 9 p.m. Saturday, June 13, and Friday, June 26, at Gayle's Chocolates in Royal Oak, and Tuesday, July 7, at part of Lilith Fair at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township.

on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song," said Wozniak of "Marcy Playground" which clocks in at 34 1/2 minutes.

"I crave that in music when I listen to other bands. I don't get it a lot of the time. (The alternative band) Built to Spill has the uncanny ability to inspire great feelings of joy in me because of the lyrics and the way it's structured and put together."

Marcy Playground, Everclear and Fastball, perform Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The show is sold out. Doors open at 8 p.m.

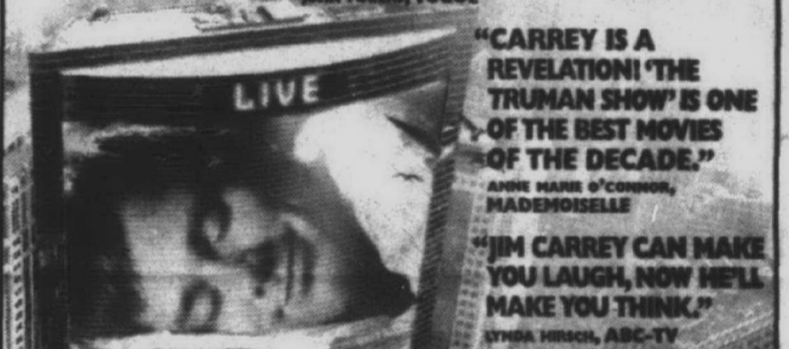
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Homey restaurant: Al and Frances Elmazi invite you to their American Table, a family style restaurant with dining room tables and chairs like mom's.

In case you missed it. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on our Dining page. Call (734) 953-2105 to recommend your favorite restaurant. If you're a restaurant owner, call us with information about restaurant anniversaries, renovations, and menu changes. You can fax information to Entertainment editor: (734) 591-7279, or mail to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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