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Let us pray: Motivational speaker Carol Kent will be the featured speaker at this year's Community **Prayer Breakfast Thurs**day, May 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton./A3

Draw me a circle: Kids get tattoos at the library, but it's only temporary./A3

### **OPINION**

Hands off: Determining the school calendar should be the responsibility of local school boards, not the state. /A12

### COMMUNITY LIFE

A trend: Pokemon, a Japanese cartoon show with an American makeover, is becoming the latest craze among kids who watch it on the WB. play its card games and collect its stuffed toys./B1

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Empty nests: Rooms change with the times and are put to different uses after the children have left home. / D6

### ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: "Fame" is what

Lower-than-expected interest rates are expected to save taxpayers \$30,000 a year on bond payments to pay for construction of the new Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, planned for

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFT WEITER

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While groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice are being put together for next Monday, 35th District Court officials have already received a break on their mortgage payments.

The court has sold \$4.25 million in bonds to help pay for the \$8.25 million

completion in March.

project, with interest rates coming in lower than expected.

payments

We received four bids, with the lowest headed by Prudential Securities with a net interest rate of 4.85 percent," said Bob Bendzinski, a municipal finance adviser. "We were very pleased, since we had been expecting interest rates to come in at about 5.5 percent."

What it means in real money is

about \$30,000 a year, Bendzinski said. The court will pay \$340,000 per year for 20 years instead of \$370,000 per year for 20 years.

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"We're very pleased to hear that," said Court Administrator Kerry Erdman. "With the project taking so long to get off the ground because we wanted to make certain everything was done right, it worked out perfectly."

The delay appears to have worked in the favor of the court, allowing the bonds to be sold in a favorable market.

"These are probably the lowest rates we've seen in nearly 30 years," added Bendzinski. "It's a good time to be in the market.'

Of the total project cost, the remaining \$4 million will be paid with \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that have been held back from the five local communities that use the court since the July 1997 fire. They include Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Plymouth and Northville.

Groundbreaking at 4 p.m. Monday will certainly be ceremonial as contractors have been working at the site since March 8.

The 44,000-square-foot building will be three stories high and house four courtrooms. Completion of the project is scheduled for March 2000.

# Cops huddle with schools about safety

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER comm.net

Security was a bit tighter at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Tuesday as rumors persisted among students that something like the Colorado shootings would occur.

Canton police sent two bike patrol officers to Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools to help the liaison police

officers and high school security team in case of a problem.

problems No occurred. However, **Canton Public Safety Department Director** John Santomauro said

his department will tinue to patrol the high schools. Santomauro met with public and pri-

vate school officials

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Tuesday to give an overview of what his department can do in case of a critical incident at any school in Canton.

The meeting was in response to hundreds of calls to his department and to schools in light of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colo.

"Most of us didn't anticipate the amount of reac-

STAFF PROTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Wearing ribbons: In the photo above, Laruen Cilia, 14, (at left) and Natalie Thomas, 15, both of Canton, sign the banner at Salem. In the photo below, Krystal Lynett, 16, of Canton pins a white ribbon on Jessica Young, 17, of Canton (at right), as other Plymouth Salem High School students and the banner.

Kids sport symbol of sympathy

The Close-Up students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools handed out white ribbons to



University of Michigan graduate Gavin Creel prepared for. Now he's learning what's it's really like./E1

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students, faculty and staff during lunch Monday. The ribbons came with a statement: "Wearing this white ribbon expresses my sympathy for the tragedy in Littleton, Colorado."

It further states, "I affirm my personal commitment:

- to respect and show kindness to all people
- to not prejudge anyone because of how they look or what they wear
- to seek peaceful solutions to grievances

tion we're getting," Santomauro told the group, representing approximately 10 schools. "All of us are surprised by the reaction we've gotten from parents.

Judging by the calls his department has received, Santomauro said, "there's almost some level of panic out there with parents. Some of the calls are real alarming. The rumors potentially have some real problems for us.'

Santomauro told the group his department has a plan in place just in case a situation like that in Colorado were to occur at the high schools here.

"We have a tactical operations plan for the high school, which has been intact for more than six years, of what we're going to do and how we're

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surfing the World Wide Web and decided that everyone in the world has a Web site except you, here's your chance. A new service being offered by the Observer allows

Newspapers nonprofit community organizations to set up their own Web sites. And the best part is: It's easy and it's free.

"Mihometown.com is a new community Web site service designed to serve and promote community organizations in the state of Michigan," said Brion Roberto, manager of the Observer & Eccentric Enhanced Media Department. "We want mihometown.com to be a local hub for community information."

Using software developed by KOZ.com, the site allows organizations to set up sophisticated Web sites with just a few clicks of a mouse. You don't need to write code or know HTML. You simply connect to mihometown.com, click on "Create a New Site Now," and follow the on-screen instructions.

Training sessions are scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 19, at CompUSA in the Novi Town Center. Each session will last two and a half hours, after which, Roberto said, you will be ready to set up your site. The \$15 fee includes training, materials

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http://oeonline.com/mihometown or call Jennifer Murray at (734) 953-2038 for more information. Space is limited.

After the brief training session, you can create a Web site complete with an online newsletter, a calendar of events, discussion groups and a live chat room. The site also includes a built-in search engine. The sites can be customized by following onscreen instructions and can include graphics or pictures that you upload, feedback forms, and one-click e-mail to participants.

You can open your site to the public or password protect it so that only

you can keep some areas public and make others private. It's all up to you.

Roberto said that while other services offer free Web sites, the mihometown.com site is able to serve community organizations and bring them all together on the main page. He compared that to the community news provided by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"We offer community news in our newspapers and our online services. Mihometown.com completes the service by offering groups the ability to promote themselves and by serving as a community resource for these groups.

The service is available for schools, PTAs, school clubs, libraries and government

agencies, as well as such diverse organizations as churches, arts and culture sports groups. and recreation clubs and teams, alumni associations and so on.

Roberto said that groups that already have a Web site might want to set up another one through mihometown.com simply because of the sense of community of having many local sites accessible through one source.

"There's strength in numbers by combining

And he plans to promote the service through newspaper advertising and through the oeonline.com and observereccentric.com Web sites.

"The notion of 'Build your own Web site and they will come' is not working for many people," he said. "There are millions of sites, out there and they aren't always easy to find.'

ng Dunt.: (248) 305-7450 members or participants can access it. Or many organizations in one place," he said.



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### Chuck Little -superintendent

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Getting together: Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little (left) talks with Canton Department of Public Safety Director John Santomauro after a meeting with Canton Police and Plymouth-Canton educators Tuesday at the police station.

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The school district is holding dren and teens. an informational program for parents to tell them on how to spot "at-risk" behaviors, and discuss safer Internet use for chil-

The meeting begins 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the Canton High School Little Theater.

# What's the word on americast?



daughter of Joseph and Nancy Weycker, both Plymouth-Canton teachers, will graduate from Michigan Technological University on May 22 with degrees in environmental engineering and microbiology. A graduate of Salem High School, she has been accepted in the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.

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John L. Chick, Christopher Katke, Craig W. Marshall d Raymond E. Norton of Madonna University business student Ryan Bayer of Plymouth was awarded a \$250 ymouth were all named to the an's list at Lawrence Technoscholarship from the Detroit ical University. To be named chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Bayer is a senior a the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade majoring in accounting. He won bint average for the term and the same scholarship last year.

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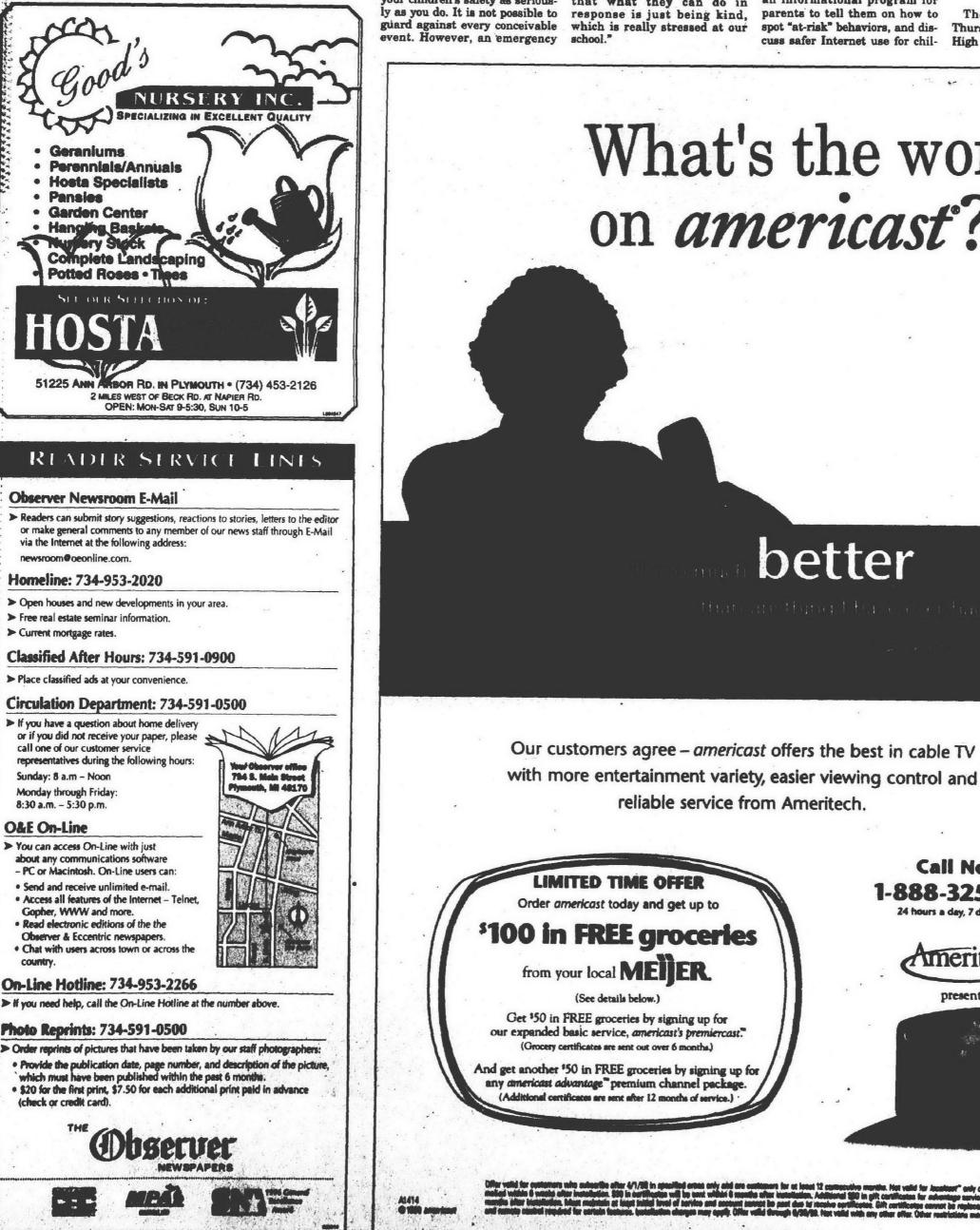
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going to respond," said Sanan Elizabeth Weycher, tomauro. "Last year we had our special operations team meet with school personnel to make sure it's still functional, and to provide some levels of training for staff personnel." Rumors

Canton police Officer Mike Steckel said rumors are persistent at the high schools. "There are a lot of rumors floating around, and every one is being looked into," said Steckel.

So far, every one has been unfounded.

Plymouth Salem High School principal Gerald Ostoin noted there have been a few hundred calls, and we've been running ragged checking out every single story. We've told parents we have an internal plan with the teachers and an external plan with the police department if anything happens. I think parents are satisfied we are doing everything we can."

### Letter sent

Ostoin and Canton High School principal Patricia Patton sent a six-paragraph letter to parents in an effort to ease the fears. The letter, in part, states: "You need to know that we take our responsibility as for your children's safety as seriousaction plan is in place." Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Chuck Little is satisfied everything possible is being done to prevent a disaster at the high

"We've taken every precaution we can to address the rumors, and I think we've done every-thing we can," said Little. "I understand people being concerned. And I'm concerned anytime there are large numbers of people in one place."

While Santomauro stressed that his department will help any public or private school in Canton, it appears most of the concerns are at the high schools.

"Quite frankly, we haven't had any concerns expressed at our school," said Mary Rita Allen, principal at All Saints School in Canton. "I think parents feel safe since we've just completed our security system, putting in doorbells and locks and video cameras at entrances to the school '

"The kids at our school are talking about it and recognizing there are some students who need help," added Bonnie Varney from Plymouth Christian Academy. "They're also recognizing that what they can do in



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# Kids try on temporary tattoos at the library

The Plymouth District Library Teen Advisory Board presented an introduction to Mehndi (henna tattoo) at the library last week featuring Professional Mehndi artist Colleen Flannery of Milford.

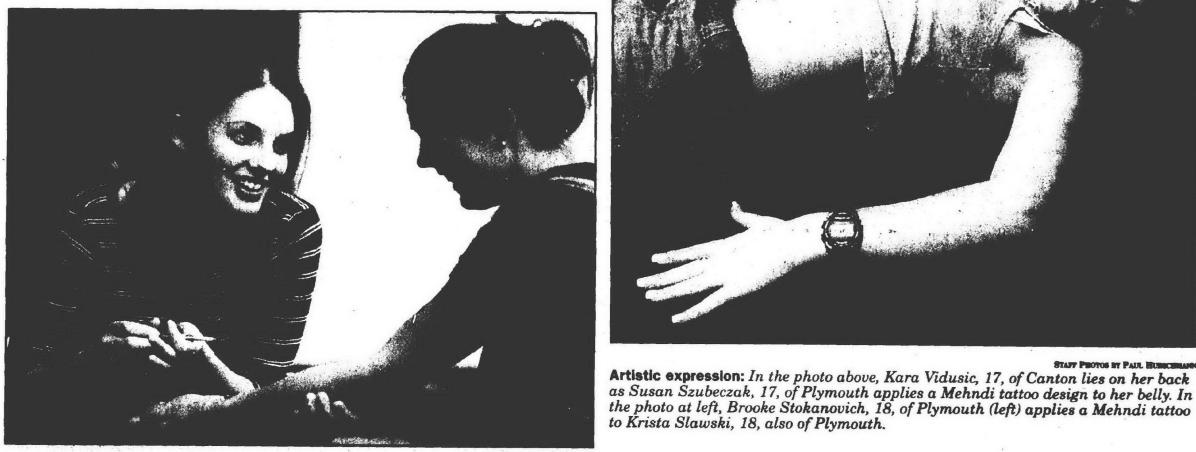
The temporary tattooing has a long history based in Egypt.

Teens in attendance had an opportunity to learn about the history and rituals of the art of Mehndi, and then got to experiment with the techniques on their own skin.

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Tattoo you: Kate Szubeczak, 17, of Plymouth, applies a tattoo to Ariel Schepers, 10, of Plymouth.





### BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER daniel@oe.hor ecomm.net

This year's Community Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday, May 6, at the Summit.

According to chairwoman Phyllis Redfern, the event's purpose is to bring Canton and Plymouth closer together. It will

Motivational speaker **Carol Kent highlights** the ninth annual event. A Port Huron resident, she regularly appears on national radio and television broadcasts.

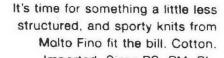


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also stress the importance of prayer in daily life.

"We're a group of Canton and Plymouth people who are trying to bring area churches together," said Redfern. "We want to bring everyone in the communities together."

Reservations for the breakfast, which will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m., can be reserved by calling (734) 495-9253. Tickets are \$10 while \$80 reserves a table.

The Community Prayer Breakfast, which is sponsored by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, broke away from the Canton Community Foundation several years ago

A committee made up of both Canton and Plymouth residents has worked since then to coordinate the event. A kickoff luncheon, which was attended by 13 local church representatives, was held about a month ago at Sheldon Place in Canton.

Redfern said the committee has worked hard, but has also had a little help.

"We try to listen to what God's direction is," she said, "to see what direction he wants the prayer breakfast to take."

Motivational speaker Carol Kent highlights the ninth annual event. A Port Huron resident, she regularly appears on national radio and television broadcasts.

Kent heads up "Speak Up With Confidence" seminars, which aims to help Christians develop communication skills. She holds a master's degree in communication arts and a bachelor's in speech education.

Redfern said Kent will speak for about 30 minutes. Her talk will touch on the breakfast's "Light Your World with Prayer" theme, she added.

The gospel band "Resurrection" will also be featured. Since 1986, the three-man group has performed at numerous events around the country.

A continental breakfast will be served. Redfern said it will con-

sist of coffee, juices and baked goods.

Last year, 230 people attended the prayer breakfast. Redfern is hoping for a few more this time.

"We want it to continue to grow," she commented.





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According to palles reports, a resident sported \$101 missing from her bedroom and said the 17-year-old boy was probably responsible.

Police found a "piggy bank" with \$100 in it and three compact discs addressed the victim in the boy's bedroom clostó t. The boy was supposed to be in chool, according to police.

### Computer missing

A soft leather briefcase and a Toshiba laptop computer valued at nearly \$2,000 were reported stolen from the front seat of a vehicle parked at 11322 Aspen in Plymouth Township on April

The vehicle, a 1987 black Mercury Merkur. showed no signs of forced entry, according to police.

### Robbery

A 34-year-old Plymouth Township resident reported having \$1,400 taken from his wallet on March 31 while getting jumped by two acquaintances on the Allen Elementary School playground.

Police reports state that the victim had come into the police department before but claimed that he was "work-

ing things out with the suspects'

According to pollow, the victim and two other than over sulling back to the victim's residence after bowling at Plans Longes at approximately 5 p.m. The three purchased here and drank it on the playsround of the school. Upon leaving, the two other men "jumped" the victim, took \$1,400 in cash from his wallet and fied the scene. The

victim claimed that he was saving the money for a car and that it would be "safer in his back pocket than at home or in a bank."

Police said that, according to the victim, the two suspects did not hit him but only held him down to take his wallet.

### **Check fraud**

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According to a police report filed on April 14 by officials from National City Bank, two men cashed forged checks at the bank's location at 39475 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township earlier this month.

According to the report, two checks, worth more than \$600 each, were discovered by National City Bank's loss prevention division, and the branch's manager was notified.

The report also said that a similar fraud occurred at the National City Bank located at 535 S. Main St. in the Plymouth involving the same two suspects.

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arvices for Marie Hester Ford, 89, of Canton were April 18 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township. Burial was in Riverlawn Cemetery in Marysville, Mich.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Ford was born Aug. 30, 1909, in Ontario, Canada, and died April 16 in Livonia.

Survivors include her son, Richard A. (Linda) Ford of Canton; three grandchildren, John (Tess) Ford of Texas. **Robert Ford of Canton and Kristine** (Jason) Hunt of Canton; and four greatgrandchildren, Courtney, Ashley, Andrew and Brenden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Affiliate Inc.

### JOSE VEGA

Services for Jose Vega, 95, of Canton were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Born June 18, 1903, in Seroni, Spain, Mr. Vega worked as an automotive

inspector. He died April 18 in Canton. He is survived by his daughter, Marie Oltersdorff of Westland; brother, Rafael Vega of Spain; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; niece, Karen Pelez, and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francisco Vega, and mother, Marie Antoinette Vega.

### FLORA MURPHY

Services for Flora Murphy, 84, of Canton were April 19 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City

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ALL PROPERTY. with the Rev. Michael Kirlls officiating.

Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Mrs. Marphy was born Feb. 1, 1915, in Ledford, Ill., and died April 14 at

home. She worked as a seamstress in

women's apparel. Mrs. Murphy was preceded in death by her husband, William; brothers, Trefan, Theodore, Charles, George; and a sister, Nettie Ottinger.

She is survived by a sister, Mary (Thomas) Crows of Florida; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

### RAY ELWART

Services for Dr. Ray Elwart, 73, of Wayne were April 22 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with funeral arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Burial was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Dr. Elwart was a chiropractic doctor. He was born March 4, 1926, in Ecorse and died April 20 in Detroit. His practice was in Romulus until 1998.

He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Elwartowski, and his mother, Mary Elwartowski.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Daniel (Dolly) Elwart of Dearborn Heights; daughters, Linda Atkinson of Romulus and Cynthia (Michael) Shaft of Plymouth; brother, Walter Elwartowski of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Geraldine Roberts of Winter Springs, Fla.; granddaughters Jackie, Joy and

Sher Elwart and Alexis, Kayla and Heather Shaft; grandsons, Derek and Devin Atkinson, Jacob, Jason and Joshua, Scott and Shane Elwart, Ben. Jeremy, Jonathon and Jordan Shaft; and five greatgrandchildren, Abigail, Sabrina, Emily, Olivia and Zachery Elwart.

Rev. Jack Baker of St.' Mary Catholic Church presiding. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Janik was born July 5, 1961, in Garden City and died April 19 in

Detroit. He was a locksmith. Survivors include seven brothers, Edwin (Linda) Janik, Robert Janik, Terry Janik, Shawn (Julie) Janik, Darryl (Nicole) Janik, Darren (Lorie) Janik. Michael Janik; three sisters, Candace (George) Sharp, Kim (Matt) Redlinger and Roxanne (Kenny) Duneske. ROSE D. BARNASCO

Services for Rose D. Bagnasco, 85, were Thursday, April 29, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township with the Rev. William Pettit officiating.

Mrs. Bagnasco was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Detroit and died April 26 in Plymouth.

She was a homemaker and worked for the Ford Motor Co. from 1957 to 1968 as an executive assistant in the food division.

She moved from Florida to Plymouth in 1988 and also lived in Rogers City, Mich.

She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, a member of the Women's Guild at St. Kenneth and a member of St. Mary's of Redford Mother's Club and Altar Society.

She was a Red Cross volunteer in Dearborn and Rogers City. She was a hospital volunteer in Rogers City. She enjoyed swimming, yoga, cooking

and loved family gatherings. Mrs. Bagnasco was preceded in death

by her husband, Joseph, in 1995. She is survived by two sons, Thomas (Gail) Bagnasco of Waterford and Joseph (Mary) Bagnasco of Plymouth; Farmington Hills; six grandchildren;

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### **County sues gun makers, dealers**

### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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Wayne County filed a lawsuit Monday seeking \$400 million in damages from 35 gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

Six county officials believe that gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers are liable for damages because they have acted with negligence by failing to supervise gun sales by dealers named in the complaint.

To support the county's argument, officials showed surveillance videos of investigators conducting stings on gun dealers allegedly selling to people identified to the dealers as minors or felons.

The city of Detroit and Mayor Dennis Archer also filed a similar complaint. The county's complaint includes Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Prosecutor John D. O'Hair. County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, and Commissioners Edna Bell, Robert Blackwell and Kathleen Husk. As a commissioner, Husk represents Redford and part of Livonia.

### Investigation

County officials decided to sue after a four-month investigation. Several months ago, gang members told Wayne County and Detroit police investigators that straw purchases - that is a purchase of a gun by a felon or an underage person buying a gun through a partner who is a qualified purchaser - were common throughout Wayne County.

The county said a recent study by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also showed that up to half of guns used in the commission of crimes are obtained through straw purchases.

Under Michigan law, rifles and shotguns may not be sold to persons under 18. Selling and delivering handguns or handgun ammunition to anyone under 18 also is prohibited.

Between March 31 and April 9. 1999, undercover teams from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Wayne County Airport police teamed in undercover sting operations to buy weapons at 10 different gun dealers.

County officials said in each case the person trying to buy the weapon advised the dealer early in the transaction he was either a convicted felon or underage, and that his friend, the straw purchaser, would have his name on the legal paperwork.

### **Illegal** purchase

Of the 10 dealers, eight sold the guns in an illegal straw purchase. The eight gun dealers are located in Inkster, Taylor and Detroit. Reporters were shown video of the sales where the dealers were told that the purchaser was a felon, another a iuvenile.

One dealer said: "This is highly illegal" - not once, but twice. A dealer in Detroit joked about how a parent may cry about guns and a murdered son, all while that dealer was selling to county investigators.

McNamara called that video "sickening."

"I've seen it five times, and every time I see it, I can't believe someone feels that way," McNamara said.

"It gives you a sense of what a joke this all is to them," said Mike Duggan, deputy county executive.

Duggan said the lawsuit sought damages for Wayne County taxpayers, who must pick up the tab for crimes committed with guns, including the jail, the criminal courts, the prosecutor's office and the morgue. County officials estimate they have spent \$440 million in the last 10 years.

County officials believe the gun manufacturers sell thousands of guns to local dealers who they "should have known" allow straw purchases. "The manufacturers of handguns are willfully blind' to what the dealers are doing," Duggan said.

In the complaint, the county has cited a sworn statement made by Robert Hass, a former vice president of marketing and sales for Smith & Wesson, who the complaint attributes a statement that the company and the industry "are fully aware of the

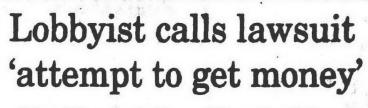
extent of criminal misuse of handguns." The black market in handguns

"is not simply the result of stolen guns but is due to the seepage of guns into the illicit market from multiple thousands of unsupervised federal handgun licensees," Hass said, according to the complaint.

Duggan emphasized that the lawsuits weren't aimed at stopping the sales of guns to qualified purchasers, only to ensure that manufacturers make certain that their products were sold properly.

The county believes the failure to supervise those dealers has led to criminal activity, violence and death, which makes the manufacturers liable for damages caused. From 1990-98. 5.264 children ages 16 and under were arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon in Wayne County. Detroit police are confiscating 4,000 guns a year from the street, double of that rate just four years ago.

In 1997 and 1998, more than 100 youths 18 and under were killed by gunfire in Wayne County, an average of one a week.



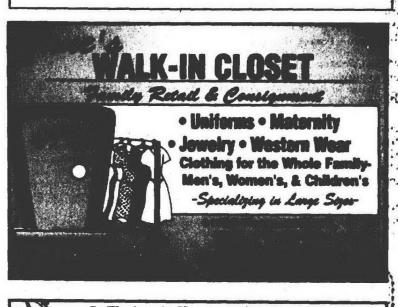
Robert O'Donnell, a legislative vice president for the Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association and a member of the board of directors for the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners, believes the gun sales industry probably is the most regulated industry in the United States and that the alleged actions of a few dealers shouldn't ruin reputation of the law-abiding ones.

O'Donnell calls lawsuits against gun manufacturers a pretty poorly veiled attempt to get money

Most federally licensed firearms dealers are very honest, family-oriented people," O'Donnell said. "To demonize the industry because of the criminal use of firearms is intellectually lazy."

O'Donnell cites statistics from the National Rifle Asso-Please see LAWSUIT, A7

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To submit ousiness notes, send the material, rinked or typenrithen, as: Mymouth Observer, 784 Main, Phymouth MI 48170. Mary Bath Powers, who prov up in Plymouth ad graduated from Plymouth Salem High School i 1960, was celected to serve as a delegate from be United States at the Commission on Population and Development meetings at the United Nations in New York.

Powers, the daughter of Plymouth residents Jack and Jean Bologna, works as a reproductive health adviser for Save the Children.

The 1999 Light of Hospice Award was presented to Beth L. Lairts of Plymouth by Community Hospice and Home Care Services of Westland and Plymouth. The award is presented annually to an

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **ROLL CALL** 

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferty, Yack

Durack, Ager, Martin, Weidenbach Staff Present:

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to add a closed session to the agenda for the purpose of discussion of purchase of property. Motion carried unanimously.

### ITEM 1 PROPOSED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Supervisor Yack introduced Don Soenen, President of the Plymouth Supervisor fack introduced bon Scenen, Fresident of the Flymouth Symphony Orchestra, and Chair of Partnership for the Arts. Proposals are being sought for a final needs assessment and detailed business plan.

Discussion topics included school participation/partnership, possible site locations, theater ambience, seating capacity, compatibility of users, ongoing funding sources, operating cost, management credentials/contracts, and staffing issues.

### ITEM 2 EXPANSION OF HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

Director Durack introduced Mary Jane Weidenbach, Chair of CDBG and Lonny Zimmerman from Siegal/Tuomaala. He gave a background on the Canton Human Services Center (CHSC). In January 1999, the consultant met with a study team consisting of staff members from Engineering Services, Planning, Resources Development, the Building Official, and Director Durack. The study team reviewed the options of adding to the existing facility or demolishing the existing building and building new. The consensus of the committee was that building a new facility was preferable.

Lonny Zimmerman presented drawings of the existing building and the two options proposed for the CHSC and reviewed renovation, redesign, demolition and constructions costs for both options.

Discussion and questions. Topics included site demolition and building demolition costs, disposal cost for demolition, and other possible sites for building a new facility.

Mike Ager, Resource Development, reviewed the budgeting for the proposed construction. He was optimistic that construction could begin as early as next spring and that the project could be entirely funded through CDBG.

Consensus of the Board was to proceed with the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new facility and to investigate other Township owned property for site location.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to move to a closed session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of property purchase. Motion carried unanimously All Board members were present along with Director Durack. Motion by Shefferly, supported by Burdziak, to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 20, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 27, 1999.

> THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

individual who exemplifies the humanitarian con

cept of hospice care. Lurts get involved with CHHCS in 1992 as a vol-unteer. Soon after, she joined the Community Hos-pice Foundation as a board member working on fund-raising events. Serving as a member of the board, and later as its president, she has guided the foundation's "Halloween Bash," and golf outing

She and her husband, Terry have two daughters, Kristin and Erin. Her husband was there to share the evening when Beth Lurts was recently honored at a CHHCS event. She was presented a Waterford crystal candleholder characterizing the meaning of the Light of Hospice Award.

John W. Keros, a resident of Plymouth, was granted emeritus status by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents in March.

Keros, an associate professor of accounting at EMU for 33 years, retired Dec. 18. He served from 1964 to 1998.

Janice Terry, a resident of Plymouth and a faculty member who works in the Department of History and Philosophy, was granted a one-semester sabbatical leave from Eastern Michigan University to write four to six chapters of a book named " Lobbies and the Formation of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East."

## Township woman guilty in Red Wings tickets scam

### BY DUNCAN R. WHITE STATE WEITER

A Plymouth Township woman pleaded guilty April 22 to filing a false police report last May and received one-year probation as a result of a scam involving **Detroit Red Wings playoff tickets** from last season.

Ann Louise Dean, 38, was in 35th District Court to face charges of filing a false police report and obstructing and hindering police during their inves-tigation of four Red Wings tickets that were reported stolen last spring.

According to police records, Dean filed a report in May of 1998 claiming that her vehicle was broken into at the Fruit Basket Marketplace and that the tickets, belonging to her fiance's business, were stolen from within.

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Louis Arena security, and four individuals sitting in the seats during that game, including Hamtramck Mayor Gary Zych, were removed and questioned about how they came to possess the tickets

Police have determined that all four individuals in question had legitimately received or purchased the tickets. Zych reportedly received two of the tickets from his law firm, and the other couple had purchased them from a ticket dealer, said police.

"They were sold to a scalper and legitimately given to the mayor of Hamtramck through his law firm," said Jarvis. "(The law firm and the other couple) got them from this guy, who owns a limousine company in Westland who says that he deals in tickets."

Zych and the three other ticket-holders were allowed to return to the game in standing room only, according to police.

According to police reports, the tickets were for the third-round series against the Dallas Stars, and Dean sold each ticket for \$100.

Jarvis said that the case took nearly a year because it was a low priority and there was a lack of cooperation on Dean's part.

Police then contacted Joe turned herself in to the court and was issued a court date, said Jarvis. "She never appeared for her court date and they issued another warrant for her arrest. We finally had to send (a couple of officers) down to knock on the door."

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As for the ticket dealer from Westland, Jarvis said that Joe Louis Arena security will be watching.

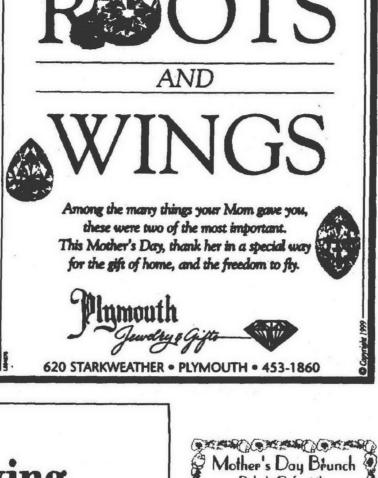
"I'm going to get a hold of Joe Louis (Arena) security and give them his name," he said. "They can check him out if they want to.

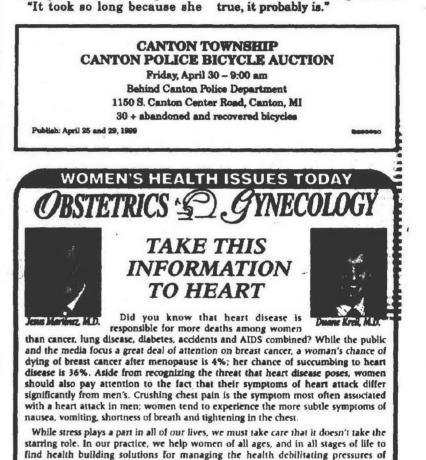
With the recent success of the Red Wings, demand for tickets is high. Theft of tickets is also high according to Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey.

"It's probably high any time of year but they're especially sought after now that the playoffs have started," he said. "When I was in Troy, one of the company's in the area was having a promotion, and I remember they had a bunch of tickets stolen. That shows that they are becoming a hot item."

Carey said that simple, oldschool logic will protect you from getting tangled in an embarrassing situation such as Zych's.

"I guess it's the old adage," he said. "If it sounds too good-to be true, it probably is."





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### High court backs Engler on state board issue BY TIM RICHARD

### STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Supreme Court has upheld Gov. John Engler's effort to strip the State Board of Education of much of its power, particularly its regulation of so-called "charter schools."

The high court's 5-2 party-line decision was a rebuff to Democratic board members who had challenged the constitutionality of Engler's two December 1996 executive orders. The board members, led by Kathleen Straus of Detroit, argued that their constitutional powers had been trod on by Engler.

The five Republican justices - Elizabeth Weaver, James Brickley, Clifford Taylor, Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr. - didn't write an opinion. Instead, they adopted the entire text of a Court of Appeals opin-ion upholding board's ultimate authority over our educational sys-That opinion tem, we hold that the governor has made no concluded: Improper transfer of its powers or responsibilities.

"We do not believe that either executive order ...

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infringes any of the board's constitutional powers or prerogatives ...

"Given that the governor has protected the board's ultimate authority over our educational system, we hold that the governor has made no improper transfer of its powers or responsibilities. We further hold that the executive orders at issue are within the scope of the governor's authority ...."

ernor's powers of reorganization. Engler transferred many board powers to its top hired hand, Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis.

Michigan Supreme Court branch and

"Because members of the board are neither appointed nor directly overseen by the Legislature or the judiciary, the board must be part of the executive branch. There is no fourth branch of government."

Dissenting were Democratic Justices Michael reasoned that Cavanagh and Marilyn Kelly. "Article 6, sec. 3 the Depart- explicitly vests the Beard of Education with '(l)eadership and general supervision' over publi education," Cavanagh wrote. "It also suberdinate the superintendent to the authority of the beard making him responsible for the execution of the board's mandates."

Cavanagh called Engler's arguments "superfi-cial," saying they "fail to give weight to the consti-tutional authority vested in the Board of Education. The governor cannot reorganise the Department of Education in such a way that infringes the board's constitutional role, regardless of whether the executive order purports merely to shift 'statultory functions."

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99.8 percent of all firearms in the U.S. are used lawfully.

On about 2.5 million occasions, handguns have been used annually to prevent a crime or injury, according to a survey completed by criminologist Gary Kleck; WAU.S. Department of Jus-

tice survey found that 40 percent of felons chose not to commit at least some crimes for fear their victims were armed and 34 percent admitted being scared or shot at by armed victims;

Approximately 85 percent of Americans believe people should have the right to use firearms to defend themselves in the home. while 72 percent favor stiffer sentences for criminals who use a gun in crime rather than more gun laws;

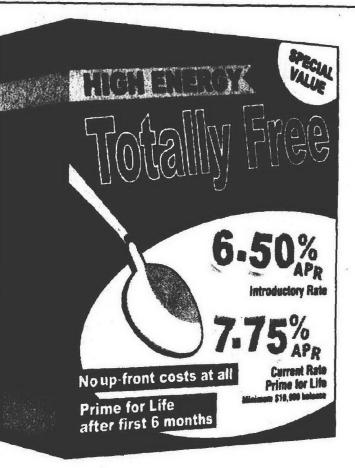
Accidental firearms deaths are at their lowest rates in 74 which years. O'Donnell attributes to the industry's efforts at promoting gun safety. The NRA said it has spent \$100 million on firearm safety and education programs over the past eight years.

Accidental deaths of children at 138 annually are far exceeded by the 9,700 killed in traffic. "More children die of drowning in bathtubs, ingesting poisons, falls and accidental injuries,' said O'Donnell.

O'Donnell doesn't believe lawsuits and more laws are the answer.

They are learning to attack an industry for financial gain and advancing a political gain,' O'Donnell said.

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### ward-winning journalist takes over state beat

### BY KEN ABRAMCETE

22-year veteran community ournalist who has won numerous awards for his work will succeed Tim Richard as the news service regional editor for Home-Town Communications Network.

Mike Malott, 43, of Commerce Township served as managing ditor of The Northville News and The Novi News, both part of the HomeTown Communications Network. That network also includes Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Mirror News-

papers, HomeTown Newspapers and Lansing Community Newspapers, totaling 39 newspapers with a circulation of 420,000.

Malott will be covering state government, ranging from the Legislature, regional agencies and the courts.

Malott said he had his eye on his new position even when he covered state government for another newspaper in the late 1980s. "I've always wanted to get back," Malott said.

"I think the state is a critical part of our coverage," Malott said. "The state sets all the rules

Anyone who files a request for

information under the Freedom

of Information Act probably has

veteran newspaperman Tim

Though Richard downplays

his role in the passage of that

law and the Open Meetings Act,

his advocacy on that issue

helped get the news service

regional editor for HomeTown

**Communications Network elect-**

ed to the Michigan Journalism

And this week, Richard, 63,

has decided to retire and relo-

cate from Livonia with his wife,

Nancy, to Bear Lake in Manis-

tee County, where he plans to

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk**G**oe.home

Richard to thank.

for school districts, cities, townships and counties. A lot of the policy begins at the state level."

For Malott, the challenge is to decipher policy decisions and craft it for readers to understand. "It's important to find out why the policy is being set, and why this is important in their daily lives," Malott said.

Malott was honored as Home-Town Newspapers Journalist of the Year in 1992. He has won numerous awards from the Michigan Press Association, the National Newspaper Association and Suburban Newspapers of community, Richard said.

"The lake is near the shore of

Lake Michigan, in a great fruit

and vegetable growing area,

where there are a lot of pine

trees and lakes teeming with

Richard ends a 32-year career

with the Observer & Eccentric

Newspapers, where he worked

after stints at the St. Joseph

Herald-Press and Kalamazoo

Gazette. After graduating from

Redford High School in 1953,

Richard attended the University

of Michigan where he received a

bachelor's degree in economics

in 1957 and a master's degree in

fish," Richard said.

**Career** history

America.

Richard praised Malott. "He has a very inquiring mind," Richard said. "He's an extremely sharp person."

Richard, who worked with Malott, remembers watching Malott plan his coverage, instructing a Novi reporter to look for certain crimes, particularly drunken driving. The police chief gave a quarterly report to the city council, in which he reported 14 drunken driving arrests, when the reporter found three, all non-residents of that

"That made Mr. Malott extremely suspicious that certain kinds of important misdeeds were not being reported by the police," Richard said. "This is the kind of person who will be doing this job."

As a managing editor for The Novi News and The Northville Record, Malott was responsible for managing a staff of 11, assigning stories, editing copy, writing editorials and laying out the newspaper. In 1990, Malott served as a managing editor at

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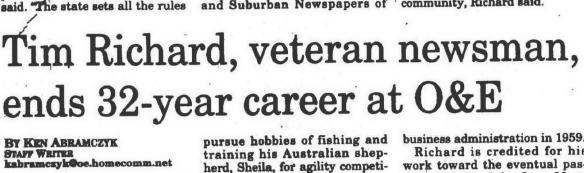
in old age. Most of the current preventive measures, however, concentrate on heart disease and

cancer. With the continued "graying of America," conditions such as dementia, degenerative arthritis;

hearing and visual impairments are more common than before. These conditions cause function

disability and increased dependency on others. The role of health care protectionals is essential in screening and detecting these problems in order to provide early intervention to restore health and

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Richard is credited for his work toward the eventual passage in 1976 of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.

Stan Soffin, chairman of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee, said last year the committee was impressed by Richard's "courageous leadership on behalf of a free press."

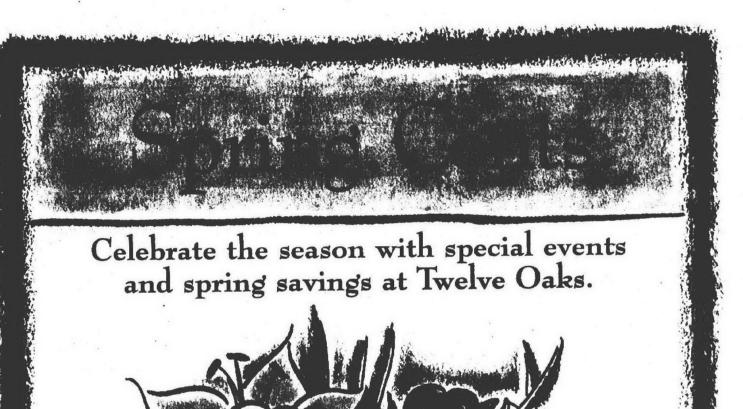
Phil Power, owner and chairman of Hometown Communications Network Inc., wrote in his nomination letter that Richard is the "single most competent" political and governmental reporter in Michigan.

'Tim's journalistic output is

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Retiring: Tim Richard plans to spend more time training his dog, Sheila.



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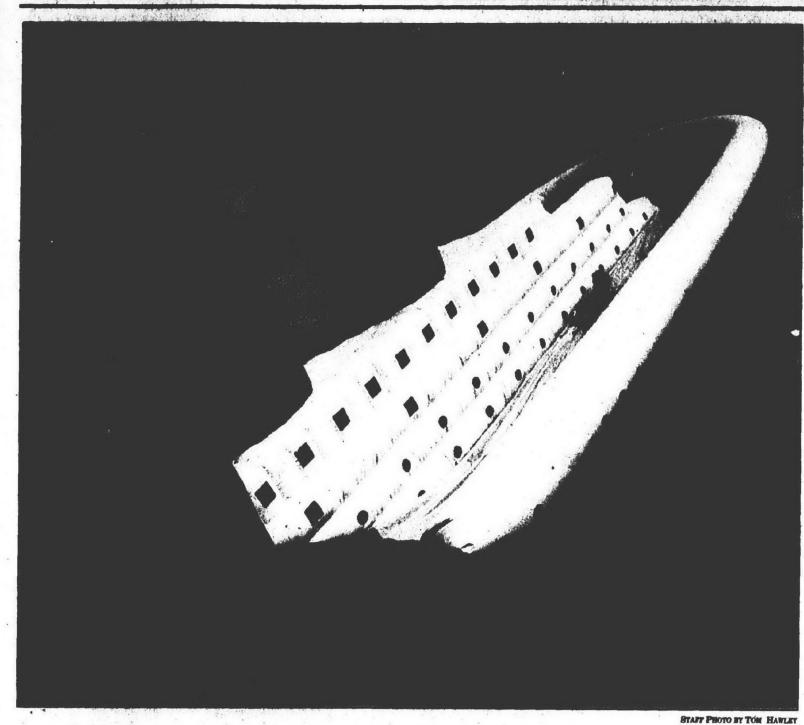
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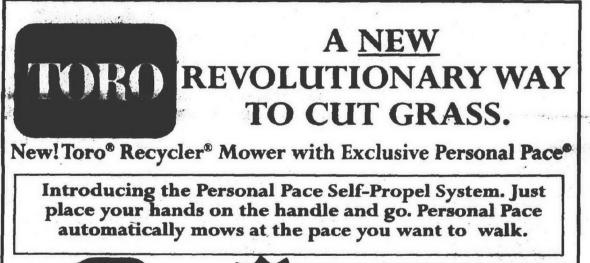
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That sinking feeling: Karen Blankeslee, 8, and an unidentified county worker slides down the 100-foot inflatable float of the Titanic. The inflatable slide will be part of the family fun and fitness day 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Nankin Mills Picnic Area on Hines Drives at Ann Arbor Trail. The inflatable Titanic is sponsored by Detroit Inline Skating School and Interactive Inflatables.



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# Titanic 'floats' into Hines Park for family fun

The Titanic is coming to Hines Park, but this one isn't going to sink.

It's actually a 100-foot inflatable replica of the ship. Residents of all ages can climb on it Saturday during Wayne County's Family Fun and Fitness Day scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nankin Mills Area in Hines Park in Westland.

Residents also can grab their blades and bikes to celebrate National Fitness Month and "Saturday in the Park." Families from across the county can participate in activities to promote physical fitness and good health.

Visitors can enjoy fitness walking, in-line skating lessons, bicycle inspections and new safety gear, disc golf, kite kits sponsored by North Brothers Ford and golf demonstrations. Exhibits feature health, fitness and safety-related organizations, and learn more about parks and recreation departments in Wayne County. In addition, there will be free T-shirts to the first 1,000 people.

Residents also can enjoy two children's entertainers - Renee and Company, and Mary Ellen Clark, a strolling clown with balloons, the Detroit Pistons Automotion Dance Team, local saxophonist Marty Montgomery and

the Next Generation Big Band "It's important for families to emphasize good health and physical fitness," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "May is National Fitness Month and this even was designed to offer an opportunity for our residents to learn more about the importance of how physical fitness, health and recreation can positively impact their families.'

This event, sponsored by Wayne County Parks and Recre ation, Detroit Inline Skate School, The Sports Authority Westland Parks and Recreation; Get Active Detroit and Rollerblade, also highlights th return of Saturday in the Path This program closes six miles Hines Drive 9 a.m. to 3 p. every Saturday beginning t first Saturday in May through the last Saturday in September for the public of all ages to run walk, skate or cycle safely.

Hines Park-Nankin Mills Arts is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in West land. Parking is available off d Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded flooding.

For more information on this or any other parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



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Power also cited Richard for ingle-handedly reporting policy ues associated with the State eard of Education and with its ittempt fundamentally to change the nature of Michigan public schools.

"He is particularly the greatist example I know of a discilined, serious and perceptive reporter relating statewide events to the needs of individual eaders in their hometown communities."

But today Richard downplays

his role. "I was given the lion's share of credit, but I was part of a movement for open govern-

In 1966, Richard, who was a reporter with the Kalamazoo Gazette, was excluded from secret meetings of the board of Western Michigan University. Richard asked for minutes of past meetings and the board secretary accidentally gave him the minutes of the secret meetings, during what they had made policy decisions.

Richard wrote the story and the editor killed it, which gave Richard "a fire in my belly about the issue of open government."

The unpublished WMU expose in 1966 led directly to his advocacy of the Open Meetings Act,

and activity in the Society of **Professional Journalists and** Michigan FOI Committee Inc. to defend the "sunshine" laws and teach people how to use them through seminars and newsletters.

In 1971, Richard wrote about the "age of majority" in the Observer and sold the idea to Gov. William Milliken, which resulted in the state laws lowering legal ages from 21 to 18.

"People are physically matur-ing younger by two or three years than they were in the 19th century," Richard said. Richard reasoned that 18-year-olds were fighting in wars. "Let's give them a chance to vote," Richard said.

### **Richard** admires

Richard's most admired politicians are former Gov. William Milliken and Lt. Gov. James Brickley. "They were moderates. They solved problems without adherence to ideology."

Richard also admired former Gov. James Blanchard's knowledge of facts and his "feel for his-

Richard says the press and the public should continue to watch overnment with attorneys now chipping away at the FOI and Open Meetings acts. Richard also sees politicians "using the tools of government to promote themselves."

"You have a right to know what the government wants to do to you before it does it to you. You have a right to know the amendments before the final product comes out, who's really on your side or who's voting yes at the last minute."

For now, though, Richard looks forward to relaxation with his wife and his dog, and casting into Bear Lake and other waterways in northern Michigan.

"I've been married to the same woman for 37 years, and she's a better fisherman than I am."

### County parks to expand seasonal offerings for '99

This season will be one of the mal lovers to learn more about busiest ever for Wayne County Parks.

New for '99 are interactive programs offered through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and Holliday Nature Preserve. The programs are geared for naturalists of all ages.

A Floral Fantasy Hike is scheduled Saturday, May 8, at the Cowan section of the Holliday Nature Preserve so people can observe various woodland wildflowers. Kids age 3-5 can explore colors in nature and create colorful crafts at the Colors of the Rainbow program at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Saturday, May 15, while Watercolors in the Wild is scheduled for Saturday, May 22.

**Crosswinds Marsh Wetland** Interpretive Preserve in Sumpter Township also offers interactive opportunities for ani-

creatures which inhabit wetlands.

The Summer Family Entertainment Series has expanded, offering more than 15 concerts, more than 15 children's events and seven movies at various park locations. Movies in the Park begins with a showing of "A Bug's Life" Friday, June 11, at the Nankin Mills area.

Other events include a Fishing Derby Saturday, May 15, at the Waterford Bend Area in Northville; a Backyard Birder program, Saturday, May 8, at Crosswinds Marsh; and rentals of cances and paddleboats at Newburgh Lake, which begin after Memorial Day.

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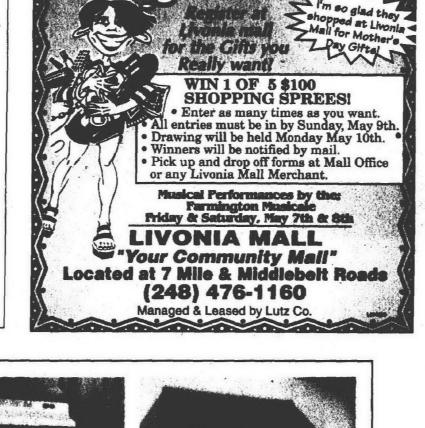
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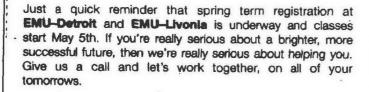
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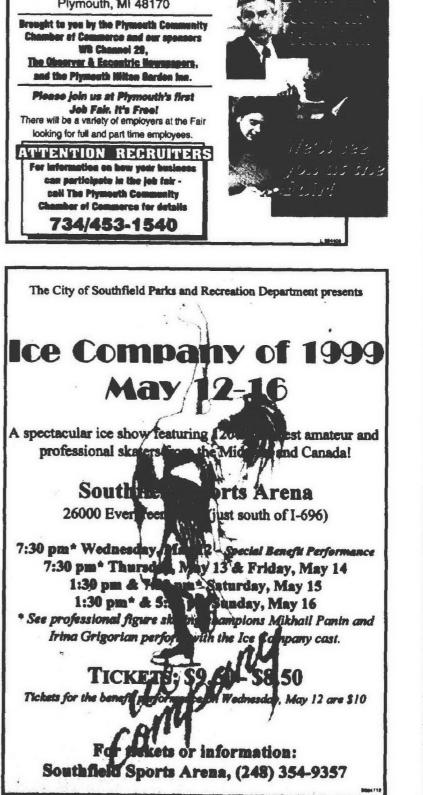
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### Festival kicks off 4-day national town meeting

Wayne County, General River. Entertainment includes Motors, the city of Detroit and magicians, dancers, singers and Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (MOSES) have joined together to host "A Festival Celebrating Sustainability" on Saturday, May 1, on the campus of Wayne State University and throughout the Detroit Cultural Center.

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This local festival is a preevent activity for the scheduled National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America. The festival is free and open to the general public.

The kickoff festival will highlight local development that maintains or enhances economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment upon which people and economies depend. The planning committee includes dozens of representatives from business, community organizations and cultural institutions.

The festival begins at noon with a naturalization ceremony of 500 new citizens sworn in by U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood on Cass Avenue behind the Detroit Public Library.

Exhibits and workshops will be scheduled with organizations and groups including Wildlife Habitat Council, DTE Energy, General Motors, state universities and Friends of the Detroit

performance groups.

Workshops and presentations will focus on sustainable initiatives from local groups throughout the festival site. Workshops will include a student-facultybusiness roundtable discussion on international sustainability, a "Meet your Congressman" session, geographical information systems demonstrations and a talk on sustainable design in architecture and construction.

The Fannie Mae Foundation is sponsoring a fair on home ownership.

The National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America will take place on May 2-5 at the Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit.

The NTM will highlight the work of communities, businesses and individuals that offer solutions to help America continue to prosper without environmental and social impacts.

The festival will be centered on Cass Avenue behind the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free parking is available on Wayne State's campus in a parking structure at the northwest corner of Palmer and Cass Avenue. For directions, call (313) 577-2246.

### Death penalty vote shut down

### BY TIM RICHARD STAPY WRITER

State House lawmakers publicly criticized their leaders for rushing a vote on the death penalty and then cutting short an April 21 roll-call vote before the measure could be openly defeated.

Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, pushed the measure through his Constitutional Law and Ethics Committee in two meetings and three working days after it was introduced.

"There was a surprise vote in committee. There was not enough input from the public, from Corrections officials, from law enforcement, from the judiciary," said Rep. Keith Stallworth, D-Detroit.

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Bishop said the maneuver

means House Joint Resolution

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House Speaker Chuck Perri-

cone, R-Kalamazoo, said there

another attempt.

"The Senate Judiciary Committee gave several weeks notice of its public hearing, and 400 people showed up in Pontiac," said Rep. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor.

Bishop brushed aside the criticism. "This debate has been open hundreds of years," the freshman lawmaker said. "The Senate (hearing March 23) did an educational job."

It takes a two-thirds vote of both chambers to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot, but it was clear the proposal was going

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down about 3-2 in a sea of red was part of the Michigan Con-stitutions of 1908 and 1963. A (no) lights on the House tally board. There is no official majority of voters would have record of the vote other than to approve a constitutional reporters' hastily written notes. amendment to reinstate it for But in a procedure often used first-degree murder, and the to save leaders from the embar-Legislature would have to write a follow-up statute implerassment of defeat, House

Majority Floor Leader Andrew menting it. Raczkowski, R-Farmington The Senate Judiciary Com-Hills, shouted, "Clear the mittee intends to study the board," before the roll call could issue through summer, said be completed. Raczkowski then chairman William VanRegenwon a voice vote to refer the morter, R-Jenison. But after measure back to Bishop's comthe House's negative vote, the idea is effectively dead in the "Parliamentary shenani-Legislature.

gans," Sen. David Jaye, R-Voters could petition for a Macomb County, said of death penalty amendment. Raczkowski's move. Jaye sup-Past efforts, however, have ports a similar measure in the foundered.

Here is what area representatives said about HJR H.

Bishop: "There is substantial proof that executions deter future murders ... an undisputstill alive and can be brought out of his committee any time ed fact. There have been 821 before Dec. 31, 2000. But murders by persons convicted of murder. Prisoners on Death Row are 250 percent more likearen't enough votes to warrant ly to kill other prisoners and guards.

Michigan abolished the death Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, penalty in the mid-19th centuvoted no because "My core ry after the wrong man was belief is that the death penalty hanged for a murder. The ban is wrong."

Laura Toy, R-Livonia: "I believe in the right of the pasple to vote on this. It's time to give the people a chance." Toy

put up a green light. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, didn't speak but put up a green light.

Paul DeWeese, Williamston, put up a red light. "Our criminal justice system fails the test. Wealthy defendants can hire the F. Lee Bailevs and Johnny Cochranes (top defense lawyers) of the world," but others run a greater risk of conviction and execution. Nationally, there have been 500 convictions since the death penalty was allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court in the late 1970s, but 75 convicts on Death Row have been exonerated. Illinois has executed 11 and exonerated nine, he said.

Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, voted no, arguing the death penalty "is not a deterrent" and is applied with "race bias and economic bias. A person of color is more likely to be questioned. detained, arrested, tried and sentenced to death." She, too, complained that the measure was rushed through Bishop's committee and to a floor vote less than a week after it was introduced.



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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1999

### **Answer up** Survey is good for everyone

ast week, most city and township residents received a community survey in their mailbox. We urge everyone to take a few minutes to respond. It's your turn to be heard.

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It's a very simple form that will take only a short time to fill out. The survey will provide valuable information to assess community satisfaction. The 22 questions ask about the qual-ity of life in the Plymonths, including aesthetics, safety and schools. It asks what influenced your decision to buy your home and what would cause you to sell. There is also a section that addresses current issues, such as the proposed merger of city and township governments, recreation services, and the Sheldon Road underpass.

Each question asks residents to rate the level of service in Gallup Poll-style using five levels of significance: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important and not important at all.

Residents should return the form to the Plymouth Volunteer Center by May 7. A mid-May Summit on Excellence is being planned to address the issues raised in the survey.

The survey is sponsored by the Century\* Society of Plymouth, which is paying for the postage, and the Plymouth Community Foundation, which is paying for the printing.

It also has the support of government, business and service club leaders, many of whom helped design the questionnaire. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke support the effort.

Never before has an in-depth survey been conducted in the Plymouth community. Telephone surveys were done on single issues, such as recreation and library services, prior to past millage requests. However, this survey covers a variety of issues.

Other communities, such as Canton, send out surveys to residents every few years. The results have proven to be useful tools to rate strengths and weaknesses of services. The school district is one agency that has benefited from the Canton survey. In future years, the current Plymouth survey will provide a benchmark to measure community performance.

We also encourage residents to get involved. The survey gives community-minded individuals the opportunity to do so by simply filling out the first section of the questionnaire. It lists most, if not all, service clubs, organizations and groups. Those interested in learning more about the group or groups can check the corresponding box. The Volunteer Center will see that the form gets to the right

### Leave school calendar alone

When it comes to paying bills, the state Senate is strongly for local control, home rule, grassroots government. Area schools had to sue the state for 17 years to get their special education money.

Too bad the Senate didn't apply the local control principle when it voted April 22 for a bill to restrict the school calendar by discouraging classes prior to Labor Day. Senate Bill 53 doesn't actually dictate the calendar, but it would shut down schools on the Friday prior to Labor Day and set up a commission, heavily loaded with tourism interests, to study the calendar question.

State government is quite within its limits in saying there should be 182 or more days of school. It's doing the right thing when it requires certification of teachers, inspection of buildings, a list of academic outcomes.

But tinkering with the calendar? Hands off, please.

bility in collective bargaining. They need flexibility to allow for snow days or fires that may force a building to be closed. A district may want to try a 12-month calendar, providing for winter vacations.

Teachers want the K-12 calendar to match universities' calendars. Why? So they can attend summer college and earn advanced degrees. The Legislature should be encouraging teachers to upgrade, not toying with impediments to satisfy the tourism industry.

We applaud Sens. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, John Cherry, D-Clio, George Hart, D-Dearborn, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, for opposing Senate Bill 53.

We ask Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to reconsider their positions in the future. This battle isn't over.

SB 53 is in the House. Write to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909HUNCING

ARKIE HUDKINS

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### Vacant building is worrisome

his letter concerns the vacant building located at 800 Junction St., formerly known as Stahl's Manufacturing.

As a current member of the Plymouth community and a mother of small and teenage children, I am concerned about the proposed rezoning and potential sale of the above mentioned property. I am well aware that the building has been vacant for a number of years and that anything that could or would be done to that building could be good for the area. However, for the city of Plymouth to not take into consideration all the major and maybe not so major concerns of the residents who live in the surrounding area is an injustice to all citizens of the community. I also would like the city commission to inform residents as to just who is the current owner of the property and what party or parties have been paying taxes on it. If none, of course the city does own it!

Another item of interest to myself and other neighbors is that in December 1998, there was a proposal in front of the planning commission to have the area rezoned to R-1, RM-1 and RT-1.

Why was the proposal turned down since none of the area residents opposed such an option? Is the reason being that this planning commission already had insight into what Jim Jabara had planned for this area?

Also, if the property is considered contaminated, what is going to happen when a new

### that has potential drastic implications for us all such that I feel it necessary to address the public.

I have just spent the majority of my free time over the last two days soaking up as much information as I could concerning the shootings in Littleton. I spent each class period on April 21 talking to my classes at Canton High School on the subject.

That there is a slight chance that such a thing could happen in any district or even this one seems to be the common wisdom. Theories abound as to why such school violence has become so hideously frequent. But what has concerned me most in all this coverage is that the people from whom we least frequently hear theories and insights concerning the nature of the problems in schools are teachers. We hear from principals and school psychologists and district superintendents, grief counselors, university researchers, students, parents and all manner of worthy personnel. I'm glad that they're heard, but it concerns me that so rarely are the insights of the regular classroom teacher sought. We spent hours daily engaging your children. We do it for nine months of the year. Many staff have developed great insight into our youth. It depresses me to think that our insights aren't considered of paramount value.

And this should be of especial concern to parents in this district. The recent battle over plans for the new high school clearly demonstrates a lack of effective communication between district administration and staff. Many of the long-time high school stan who

will soon be departing under the first year of a

two-year buyout plan are doing so because of

rounding labor/management relationships in

this district. And in a national climate where

the public is urging the people in our school

systems to teach American youth how to bet-

ter respect and communicate with each other

it should be of immediate concern that those

so charged are having such a hard time com-

few days, I have heard a level of insight into

the nature of this epidemic of murder in our

schools superior to most of what I've heard or

read in the national media. Teachers have an

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School boards should have maximum flexibility to set their calendars. They need flexi7514, and ask him or her to vote no.

### Phone companies bear watching

lollywood in 1967 produced a satirical movie called "The President's Analyst," with James Coburn in the title role. The villain was TPC. The Phone Company, which took control of the U.S. government. It was supposed to be funny.

In 1984, a federal court ordered the breakup of our then-giant phone company, the Bell system, into AT&T, a long-distance carrier, and a bunch of "baby Bells," including Ameritech.

Unable to take "no" for an answer to monopoly, the companies are busily trying to reconstruct the pre-1984 Bell system.

Item: Ameritech is merging with SBC, the Texas outfit with a bad reputation for treating customers - as if Ameritech needed any instruction in axing thousands of employees and gouging on intraLATA rates.

Item: AT&T is bidding for control of MediaOne, a cable company. AT&T's reported goal is to get into local telephone, cable TV,

Internet and other telecommunications enterprises. It would supposedly be competitive with Ameritech.

Item: MediaOne was starting to offer phone service in competition with Ameritech.

Item: MediaOne took over an earlier company called Omnicom. Lately, MediaOne has made a merger agreement with Comcast Corp. of Philadelphia.

Item: MetroVision, a cable TV company, several years ago was swallowed up by Time Warner, which produces movies and magazines with movie reviews.

What we may wind up with is an oligopoly (a handful of companies) in a multiplicity of industries. In time, will the oligopoly want to merge into the TPC? In part it's up to President Clinton's Justice Department and the Anti-Trust Division.

Forgive our cynicism, but as customers, we smell a telecommunications rat.

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owner starts to renovate the building

Who will bear the cost of all that is necessary?

I wonder if the EPA is aware of everything that is wrong with the building!

I am beginning to wonder if I should contact them myself since no one that is a member of the city commission has!

Lastly, if the property is needed for the renovation that Jabara is now proposing and is still zoned residential, how can he request for it to be rezoned to light industrial when all of the residents are opposed to this matter?

I would like the planning commission and the city commission to take this matter seriously and to take every resident's feelings into consideration prior to having this area rezoned and a residential area turned into an industrial fiasco.

If this can happen in my neighborhood it can also happen in yours!

Joan Stuebben Plymouth

### Listen to teachers

fter 24 years of teaching in the Plymouth-A Canton school district, I have finally arrived at a state of mind concerning an issue



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### CHERCHY A

# Parents to blame for Colorado murders

he question still rolling around in the minds of most Americans this morning is, how? How could such an unthinkable act of violence occur at Columbine High?

How could Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold even conceive the idea of what they eventually carried out? And, perhaps most importantly, how can we as a community avoid becoming the next Littleton?

By all accounts, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were outcasts at Columbine High. They were not athletes and didn't hang with the "Jocks." Nor were they "Brains," "Goths," "Burnouts" or anything else for that matter. They were kids that didn't quite fit into any group - except the one they formed with others like themselves, the so-called "Trench Coat Mafia."

Members of the group espoused hatred against minorities and athletes. According to a former pizza shop co-worker, Harris and Klebold's rage went well beyond this, however. They hated everyone and everything. For them, she said, this was the only way out. At least that's what they believed.

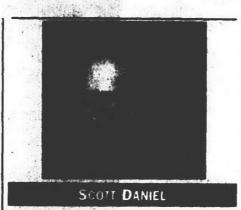
So, for more than a year, the duo hatched their plan of "revenge." Colorado police believe Harris and Klebold began making pipe bombs and stockpiling weapons as far back as April of 1998. One officer said such items were in "plain view" in one of the boys' bedrooms.

In the 10 days that have passed since the shooting, many have wondered how so many people at the school, teachers, students and administrators, could have missed so many warning signs coming from Harris and Klebold.

This may be a valid question. A more important question, I believe, is how could their parents have missed so many warning signs?

Focusing on the schools' responsibility misses the mark. It wasn't the job of any Columbine teacher or administrator to raise Eric Harris or Dylan Klebold correctly. It was their parents'.

While these teens were old enough to know right from wrong, to be



responsible for their own actions, it was the inaction of their parents that made this tragedy possible.

The sad truth is that these parents were so uninvolved with their children's lives that they didn't know they were making pipe bombs, buying automatic weapons and posting hatefilled Web pages. They had no clue of what was really going on.

I'm not sure why this was the case. Perhaps each parent worked 50 hours a week. Perhaps they were too involved with their own lives to notice.

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What scares the hell out of me, though, is that there are parents like these in every town. Not necessarily bad people, but people who have their priorities in the wrong order.

It's often said today that two people must work to support a family. I have no doubt that this is true for some.

But, for many others, it's not a question of "must," it's a question of paying to maintain a certain lifestyle.

We have to have that 3,000-squarefoot home. We must make enough money to pay for our new cars, our two-week vacations and weekly golf outings. We just can't eat out less than three days a week.

The truth is, we can.

Do you think it really matters to your kid if you live in a 1,500-squarefoot home? Does your 3-year-old notice if you drive to the grocery store in an Escort instead of a Jeep Grand Cherokee?

What really matters to your child is that you care about them and that you love them enough to be involved in their life. That means every day of every week of every year. Not when

it's convenient or when you "have t time."

Need proof? Try hanging out an elementary school for a day. It takes all of about one hour to figure out which kids come from homes where parents really care and are really involved.

As a fourth- and fifth-grade student teacher, I saw it up close and personal. Children with these types of parents do better in school, have better social skills and are more self-confident. The difference is like night and day.

I think this is the best way to avoid any more Columbines.

Be active in your child's life. Spend time with them. Put your career in neutral if you have to and give up a few damn trinkets. My hunch is that you and society will be the richer for it.

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### Schools are responsible

sadly must respond to the heartwrenching tragedy that took place in Colorado last week.

I am a father with a deep love for my little girl, Tamara. When you see me walking around Plymouth, you always see my little girl with me. I don't believe that I could go on if anything happened to her. I couldn't walk the streets of Plymouth without her or pass our old spots where she and I would stop and eat ice cream.

I can only imagine the horror of receiving the news that your child has been shot to death in school. The question is who is to blame? How do you prevent this from happening? When the ship runs aground, you blame the person steering the ship. So

you can the superintendent and recall the board. They knew that other killings took place around the country and made a

lousy effort to prevent it. How long were those boys crying out? I believe in most of the killings that

the killers were known to have been outcast or picked on by some of the students. That tells me that there is no communication between the students and staff.

I am sure that there were signals floating around before the shooting that the staff could have passed on to the top people. I work for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and I know that kids always travel in cliques, or groups, it is a way of life in school. Most of the time, if someone is doing something wrong, it always gets

### to the top people.

Are you going to tell me that the superintendent, staff and board never heard of the Trench Coat Mafia? Sure they did and have done nothing to show their boys that their way of thinking was wrong.

Also they should have counseled the other students in not singling out people and picking on them. The safety and well-being of the students is the first responsibility of the board and superintendent of any district. They have failed and should be fired.

It is my opinion that if the guns came from a parent that didn't lock them up and swallow the key, then he or she should be charged for a crime.

I am a gun owner and my first thought is kids are in my home lock them up and hide the key.

In conclusion I would like to extend my deepest heartfelt sympathy to the families of the students that perished in Colorado and a stern warning to the staff, superintendent, board of education and parents of all districts. Do not ignore anything that you child has to say, they could be crying out and need to be heard. To ignore your child could be first like pulling the trigger yourself.

> **John Pappas** Plymouth

### Share the road

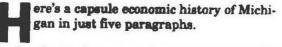
his letter does not refer to any articles in your paper. It is just a letter to remind everyone that spring/summer is here and we are out

bicycling.

My husband while on Geddes Road was told by an automobile driver to "Get out of the road!" (He was to the far right!). I would just like to remind everyone who drives in Michigan, it is legal to share the road with bicycles. In the booklet issued by the Secretary. of State, "What Every Driver Must Know," it states: "Bicycle and moped riders are allowed to ride in a traffic lane, but must stay as far to the right as possible, obey traffic signals, not ride more than two abreast in a single lane, and must ride in the same direction as other traffic.

Thanks! And share the road! **Theress** Ritter Canton

### Michigan's economy needs entrepreneurs and investors







Our first industry was fur trading in the 17th and 18th centuries. Furs were so scarce in Europe and yet so plentiful in the Great Lakes that the business turned out to be very profitable, forming the fortunes of many families back East, such as the Astors in New York.

Mineral extraction was next. The great copper deposits in the Upper Peninsula were known to the Indians but not exploited commercially until the end of the 18th century. Profits from copper helped fund the iron ore mining that continues in the UP to this day.

Much of the capital from copper mining also financed the lumbering boom that clear-cut the white pine across most of the northern Lower Peninsula in the 19th century. More money came out of Michigan's white pine forests than out of the California gold fields during the famous gold rush.

Profits from lumbering formed much of the capital for the emerging automobile industry that began developing in Michigan at the start of the 20th century. After the industry consolidated in the 1920s, automobile manufacturing turned out to be an enormous worldwide industry with extraordinarily high profit margins.

Since the automobile industry matured in the last half of this century, business folks, investors and public policy-makers have been casting around some new thing that might form the basis for the next great industry to drive our state's economy - something like the computer industry in Silicon Valley or the software industry in Seattle.

That's not as easy as it looks.

First, you don't just decide you're going to create some giant new industry out of whole cloth and expect that intention alone will get the job done.

Lots of governors tried, going all the way back to Bill Milliken, who in the early 1980s helped create publicly funded institutions like the Industrial Technology Institute in Ann Arbor and the Molecular Biology Institute in East Lansing. These never worked very well, nor did Jim Blanchard's attempts to use the Michigan Strategic Fund as a sort of governmental venture capital firm.

After a while, it became clear - even to governors - that new industries were not going to be created as a result of government policy. The best government could do was to level the playing field.

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Dominant industries - in Michigan's case, auto manufacturing - always tend to use their political muscle to set public policy in their own interests.

The Michigan Single Business Tax is a classic example. Written in the 1970s by lobbyists from General Motors who finalized their work at 2 a.m. and rushed the complex bill through an exhausted Michigan Legislature that had little idea what it was voting on, the SBT benefits manufacturing companies with high margins and hurts small business start-ups.

Give credit to Gov. John Engler and Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., for at last recognizing this problem and leveling the playing field.

Last week, Rothwell announced a "Gold Collar Jobs Tax Package" that will give high-tech companies the same sales tax exemptions and tax breaks on buildings and equipment now given to manufacturing firms. Rothwell estimates the tax changes will save \$5-10 million per year for Michigan high-tech companies.

More and more, people are recognizing that the main barrier to finding and nourishing the next great industry in Michigan's economic history is cultural.

We can't afford to think like giant manufacturing companies; we've got to cherish entrepreneurs and risk-takers. We can't just complain about lack of venture capital; we've got to create an environment that is attractive to investors. We can't depend on state government to do much more than level the playing field.

Changing culture is a long, slow process. But there are signs that that process has started at last.

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The resoning from residential to industrial of 6.2 cree near Five Mile and Beck was recommended or approval by the township board.

According to a report submitted by McKenna Associates of Farmington Hills, this "general vicinity of the township is in transition from residential to non-residential uses, particularly light industri-

### **Development to pave Gottschalk**

The commission voted to recommend approval of a cluster housing option on 20 acres being devel-aped by S&R Michigan, LLC. The decision was based on a 32-unit development plan submitted by

the applicant who then asked for a 33rd unit. Reves of road paving (along Gottschalk) and land use are still being worked out and will come before the commission during final site plan approval.

### Land use approved

The PM Group Investment Corp. received approval for land use subject to special conditions or a senior assisted living center near the intersection of Five Mile and Northville Road.

The applicant has offered to deed 3 feet of the property line to area residents to settle an on-going attle of ownership issues. Residents have claimed

that the land's former owner de eded the prop to them in the 1970s. A two-building facility is planned for the site.

### Pulte phase six approved

The Pulte Land Development Co. received approval for its final site plan for "phase six" of its developments in western Plymouth Township.

The site, near Napier and Ann Arbor Road, is approximately 59 acres and will be developed with detached, single-family houses.

### Site plan approved

The final site plan by Kallis Enterprises for a self-storage business near Canton Center and Ann Arbor Road was approved.

### Tentative site plan approval

A single-family, residential housing plan by Triangle Wellworth Homes, LLC, received tentative site plan approval.

According to the proposal, 16 units are planned for the 5.6-acre site.

### Land split

A land split was approved for Unisys Corp. in an industrial park near Plymouth Road and Hagger-

No one was available from Unisys to say what the future use of the property will be. — Staff Writer Duncan White

Safety fair set for May 16

The Plymouth Township Police Department is having a "Safety Fair" noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at McClumpha Park. The event will include K-9,

SWAT and accident investigation demonstrations and a firearms display. There will be literature available on child identification kits, drunken driv-

ing, the burn center, crime prevention, Growth Works and First Step.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department will have several items on display, including the fire safety house. For more information, call

Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 453-3869, Ext. 380.



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### JACK GLADDEN Weather here, weather there, they've got it

way, listening to the traffic and weather report on the radio, and heard something like "Well, Joe and Roberta, we're gonna have lots of sunshine today with just a gentle breeze out of the west. Temperatures will climb into the low 70s and it's gonna be a great day just to be outside."

As you flick the wipers on to get that liquid sunshine off your windshield, you look up and around, trying to find the sun. Nothing but clouds. And light rain. The clock/thermometer at the bank you're passing flashes its message: 45 degrees

And you wonder aloud: Where is this guy? He's not seeing what I'm seeing.

Well, of course he's not. He's not even here. He's in a studio in New York or somewhere, looking at radar screens and computer images.

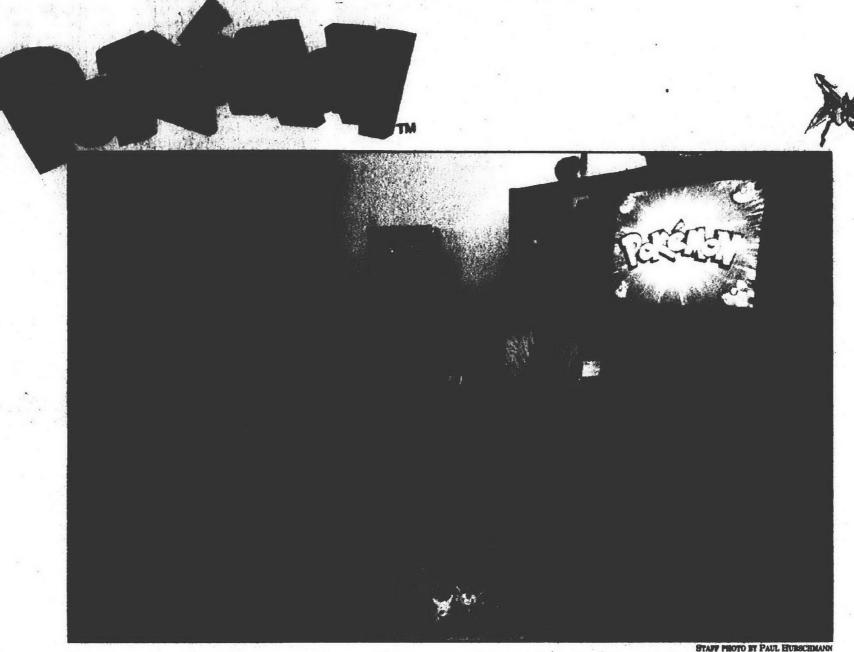
Maybe I'm naive - and maybe it doesn't matter, anyway - but I just figured that out the other day when I was poking around on the Internet. I got on to the Web site for my local traffic and weather station and started looking at the bios of the on-air "personalities."

So that's what Joe and Roberta look like. And there's John Bailey, the traffic reporter. And here's the weather people Joe and Bob and Heather and ... wait a minute!

These guys don't work for the radio station. They work for AccuWeather. Somewhere else. And listen to what it says about Lisa Moldovan

### At a distance

"Now a Senior Forecaster, Moldovan speaks to nearly 35 stations a day, from Portland, Maine, to Albuquerque, N.M., to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Moldovan does a good deal of driving, looking firsthand at the sites she forecasts



Pokemon party: The Pokemon craze has made its way into Matt and Cindy Johnson's Canton Township home. Their son, Nick, and his friends buy anything Pokemon. Showing off their toys are Travis Pelto, 9, Dave Isakson, 12, Tyler Pelto, 11, Nathan Gardner, 11, Brad Law, 12, Paul Isakson, 12, and Nick Johnson,

# Kids turn cartoon into latest fad

### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.hom mm.net

acitement erupts in the living room of Matt and Cindy Johnson's Canton Township home. The collective of eight boys, affectionately known as the Keystone Gang, freaks at the mere mention of Pokemon.

When the topic comes up, they talk ver each other. try to outdo each other with trivia, and even get wacky when one of them sings the cartoon's theme song. "I think the beginning theme song is pretty weird when they go, 'I wanna be the very best,' " 9-year-old Travis Pelto of Canton Township sings faux dramatically. Pokemon is the latest fad among children roughly age 8-14. The Pokemon phenomenon began three years ago as a Game Boy game in Japan, where Pokemon the characters are known as Pocket Monsters. It has since exploded in a myriad of collectibles. Anything Pokemon is a musthave for the Keystone Gang, ranging from the Nintendo game to the stuff animals. Pikachu, a cuddly little yellow guy whose name is pronounced Peek-a-Chew, is the most popular Pokemon, according to the boys.

The "Pokemon" Kids WB television series and the related games are centered around its hero Ash Ketchum, who tries to catch as many Pokemon as possible. It's an ongoing effort because each of the Pokemon possesses special powers and abilities.

"He (Ash) goes around, and there's trainers and boss trainer people that you fight at Pokemon gyms," said Nathan Gardner, an 11-year-old student at East Middle School. "They're the teaders of it. You fight them and you get a badge when you beat them. After you get all eight badges, you get to the Pokemon league.

### Playing for keeps

"For Pokemon enthusiasts, a Pokemon CCG and a sanctioned Pokemon tournament will be held during The Motor City Comic Con Friday-Sunday, May 14-16, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi.

Admission is \$12 per day or \$28 for a three-day pass



for, and is a real geography buff."

Well, that's just dandy. Thirty-five stations a day. No wonder they talk about sunny days when the windshield wipers are going, or forecast gloom and drizzle when there isn't a cloud in the sky. They're not here.

Now I'm not trying to pick a fight with the radio station or with AccuWeather or with the forecasters. They're usually pretty accurate. They're certainly as accurate as those television meteorologists, and they are here. And with all the high-tech stuff around today, I can get on the Internet from home and check out the weather in San Francisco or Orlando. So I don't suppose you have to be here in order to forecast for here.

But it's just the way it's packaged. Here's Joe and Roberta talking about the latest local news, then along comes Tracy Gary in Chopper 950 looking down on the Lodge and talking about a major accident on the I-94 interchange. She's there. She can see it.

Then along comes Heather or Lisa or Bob, saying something like: "We're gonna have a beautiful day today. A balmy breeze, just a few high clouds, temps in the 70s. A great day to get out on the links and just enjoy.

Next they throw in something like "Current temperature at Metro is 69, 71 at City Airport and in Mount Clemens it's 72."

### Too far for personal

What's this "we" stuff? You aren't going to enjoy that balmy Detroit day, you're in New York with thunder, lightning and major downpours. You're gonna get wet.

It's that first-person pronoun approach that makes them seem local, along with those references to "Metro," "City Airport," etc. Like they're sitting in a Southfield studio, looking out the window at the same sunny or drab skies that you're see-

ing. But it's all being done by remote control. I guess it kind of reminds me of an eld redio promotion spot pro-duced by Stan Freberg, "The Cherry in Lake Michigan."

The point of the promo was to show

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"If you beat them and then you beat your rival, in the show it's Gary Oak, both Gary and Ash are competing to get all eight badges and go beat the Pokemon league and each other to become the Pokemon masters.'

Got all that? Nick Johnson, a 12-year-old student at Lowell Middle School in Westland, stressed that Pokemon characters are politically correct.

"In Pokemon, Pokemon don't die, they faint. They never die," Nick said.

The cartoon series "Pokemon" was originally produced by Shogakukan Productions in Japan where it is the No. 1-rated children's show. 4Kids ProParking is \$4 per car per day. For more information, call (248) 426-8059 or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com There are several Pokemon-related Web sites including: http://www.pokemon.com and http://www. nintendo.com or http:// www.wizards.com/pokemon

United States incorporating all new music, voices and scripting. "Pokemon" earned its best numbers in mid-March making it the top-rated children's show

Nathan attributes the cartoon's popularity to its creativity

"It's (American cartoons) not as creative. In these kinds of shows, they have special powers and stuff," Nathan said.

"It's more real life because in American cartoons they just run around and hit each other; run around with mallets and go, 'Aaaaaah,' " added Dave Isakson, 12, who also goes to Lowell.

But if they do get sick of the television show, there are plenty of other Pokemon activities to keep them busy.

ductions adopted the series for the There's the Pokemon collectible card games, Nintendo games, television show, stuffed animals, you name it.

### **Game Boy player**

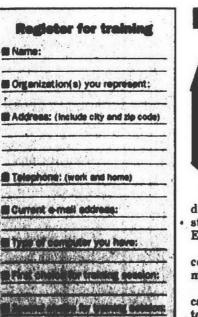
Brad Law, a 12-year-old student at Roosevelt Elementary School in Livonia, is already bored with the television show. So he imbibes in Pokemon Game Boy

'The game doesn't get boring. The TV show is good, but I've seen most of them, except the new ones," Brad said.

"I think people like the game, though, because ye u can actually catch your own little animals and control them and use them in battles," Nathan added. "They have special moves that they learn as they grow and you can

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### ild a Web site for your club, organization

notify members of your church group about a change in meeting times? Looking for people to exhibit work in the local art fair?

You need a site on the World Wide Web. And thanks to a new service being offered by the Observer Newspapers, you can have one with just a few clicks of a mouse. It's easy to set up and there is no charge to nonprofit groups for the service. (See related story on Page A1.)

"Mihometown.com is a new community Web site service designed to serve and promote community organizations in the state of Michigan," said Brion Roberto, manager of the Observer & **Eccentric Enhanced Media Department.** 

You don't need to write code or know HTML. All you need is a computer, a modem and an Internet connection. Connect to mihometown.com and follow the on-screen instructions.

The sites allow community groups to post their newsletters and calendars of events online, to post messages in discussion areas or to engage in live chat with other participants. You can also send email to all members of the organization with just one click of the mouse

You can even stack pages within pages, Roberto said. "An alumni organization might have a site set up for general

Trying to set up a class reunion? Want to members," he said. "Within that. you could create another site for board members, to which only they have access. Or you might create a link to another site for the reunion committee."

Bringing many local groups' Web sites together in one location creates a sense of community, Roberto said. And it makes the sites easier to find.

Training sessions are scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 19, at CompUSA in the Novi Town Center. Each session will

last two and a half hours, after which. Roberto said, you will be ready to set up your site. The \$15 fee includes training, materials and refreshments. You can fill out the attached coupon and send a check payable to the

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers or register online with a credit card at this secure site http://oeonline.com/mihometown or call Jennifer Murray at (734) 953-2038 for more information. Space in limited.

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# Sorority fashion show benefits women and children

### AND GALL ANDREADS

nd their a days devoted to the chilof the community. And in dir spare time, a Livonia debers' sorority is raising maney for women's and chil-

Livonia branch of Alpha the Kappe, Tau chapter, an irefusional teachers' sorority,

bianning its second annual chion shew 6 p.m. Tuesday, 4, at the Holiday Inn Livomin West at Laurel Park, according to Sandra Naasko, who is chairing the event with Holly Fehlig and Lynne Waskin.

Tickets are \$30 each. For more information and for tickets, call Charlotte Worthen at (248) 473-8129. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Guests will dine as they watch

More than 73,00 teens from all

50 states and throughout the

world gathered last weekend at

the Silverdome to declare their

faith in Christ and to proclaim.

their intention to lead their gen-

eration into the new millennium.

cally pray for and send a mes-

sage of hope to their peers in Lit-

"We are here to fight for the

soul of a generation and for the

hearts of your peers," said Ron

Lace, founder and president of

Teen Mania, the Texas-based

ministry that organized "Acquire

the Fire Day One. "These school

shootings are a wake-up call for

our country. When you leave,

burn a path all the way home

and start a revolution of righ-

tepusness, love and forgiveness."

During the opening session

Luce, whose wife, Katie, grew up

in Littleton, was joined by fellow

Christian leaders the Rev. Jack

Hayford and Dr. E.V. Hill, to

lead the gathering in prayer for

those affected by the tragedy at

Columbine High School. More

than 400 teens from Colorado

stood while the other attendees

prayed for them and their state. "Our hearts are in the middle

of one of the most poignant

weeks in the history of our

nation," said Hayford, pastor of

Church of the Way in Van Nuys,

Calif., and whose twin grand-

tleton, Colo.

They also took time to specifi-

**Columbine students** 

teachers and students, show off fashions from Talbots and Tal-ints Elde of Langel Part Place. Desmond of Laurel Park is providing the tuxedos for the fash-

ion show. "What the fashion show does for the community is that it gives us the funds to help organisations and groups that need' funding, particularly for First Step and Mott Children's Hospital," said Worthen, chapter president. "It's women's and children's issues that we support. We're also involved in Race for the Cure and we are making a donation to International Methodist Children's Home Society."

### Helping students

Last year, the organization raised \$3,000 from the fashion show. Three students, one from

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the Rev. Jack Hayford

bered as an active member of her

church youth group. She had

attended the Teen Mania

Acquire the Fire meeting in Den-

Silverdome concourse and

teenagers stood in lines to write

personal messages and prayers

of encouragement that is being

assembled into a massive card to

send to students at Columbine

On Saturday, a collection was

taken and a portion will be used

to buy Bibles for each of the

Columbine students as a gift

from the Day One teenagers at

the Teenage Bill of Rights, out-

lining the teen's commitment to

redefine American culture and

lay claim to their right to chart a

new course for their generation

based on honor, respect and

truth, even when it may be

the Silverdome gathering.

Paper lined the walls of the

-Church of the Way

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High School.

a parade of models, mostly each of Livenia's high schools, church, as well as other church Naasko explained. are chosen annually to receive a \$500 scholarship from the organization.

"Anyone can apply for it, but we look for students who have done service projects," Naasko said.

This year's scholarship winners are seniors Bethany LaOnde from Churchill High School, Melissa Sobier from Stevenson High School and Kristi Kalousek from Franklin High School.

Sobier's extensive involvement included visiting Appalachiarin Pennsylvania while she was a sophomore, teaching first-grade catechism at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, working at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on numerous occasions with her church youth group, helping out at a church silent auction that benefits Angela Hospice and the

### activities.

"I'm very honored and surprised to get the scholarship," said Sobier, who is considering an elementary education program at Michigan State University. "It means a lot knowing the hard work I've done I have something to show for it other than something personal and that satisfaction.

The scholarships are an annual award presented by the 50 member retired and currently working teachers' group. They also donate to Safe House for battered women, Mott Children's Hospital, First Step and try to meet the needs of groups on an individual request basis.

"One year, my daughter was in the Peace Corps and the village she was in didn't have a library and they donated money to help support their village library,

### Aiming for success

Keeping these worthy causes in mind, members of the teachers' organisation is making sure that this year's event is a success. Special gratitude goes to prise committee chair Bette Grainger and Madonna Bailey who donated all the table prizes, Naasko said.

Fashion show guests will have a chance to win 50 door prizes, donated by local businesses, as well as raffles with gift and cash prizes.

Some of the prizes include a pair of earrings from Tapper's Jewelry in West Bloomfield, a video cassette recorder from Paul James of VCR Presentations and Solutions Inc., a day at the salon from Vision 6 Salon in Novi and an evening out co-sponsored by Livonia Marriott and J. More than 30 other businesses

made donations for the raffle. including Fonte D'Amore Ristorante in Livonia, AMC Theater, Joe's Produce, Frames Unlimited, Holiday Inn Livonia West, Wing Yee's, Ground Round, Kurl 'n' Cut, Mountain Jack's, Kacee's Hallmark, Boston Market, Mesquite Creek Steakhouse, Outback Steakhouse, Cooker's Bar and Grille, Max & Erma's, International House of Pancakes, Pick-a-Bone Rib House, Champ's Americana. Witch Craft Gift and Craft Shop, AP Impressions, Merri-Craft Florist and Rick Dionian Photography.

"The community is behind us," Worthen said. "We're altruistic. Helping other people, that's what we're all about."

### Pokemon from page B1 Day One teens honor

name them. It's like a role-playing game.'

Paul Isakson, a 12-year-old Lowell student, thinks differently.

"It's a good game, if you have nothing else better to do," he said.

The newest Pokemon game is a trading card game which sold 400,000 copies less than six weeks after its Jan. 9 release, according to its manufacturer, Wizards of the Coast in Renton. Wash.

"It's the hottest card game or trading card game going right now," said John Kirchoff, manager of Rider's Hobby in Livonia. Rider's, which also has locations locally in Canton, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, sells the trading cards and videos."

"We haven't been able to keep inventory in stock; we've probably been fielding 50 calls a day whether or not Pokemon's in stock," he said. "What's really interesting, too, is these kids have a really fantastic underground network available. If we do get a shipment, it's incredible how word spreads in the neighborhood."

Electronics Boutique, located The event culminated with the at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi, has reading in unison and signing of seen the same response.

"Consumers are flocking to our stores for the Pokemon trading card game," said Dena Dicandilo, buyer for Electronics Boutique. "Anticipation for the trading card game had been so great that we pre-sold 50,000 booster packs before the first decks were

"You can tell that some of the just for making money. The card game, it didn't seem like they

thing over and over. They just did it to make money," said Tyler Pelto, an 11-year-old Miller Elementary School student.

Pokemon craze is getting out of

it's like advertised all over the Internet. It's on everything," he said.

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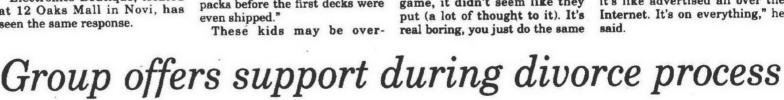
whelmed with Pokemon para-

phernalia, but they are savvy enough to know that businesses just want to make money. Nick even contends that the little keychains they make are hand.

"Pokemon is such a big deal,







The Women's Resource Center registration isn't required. of Schoolcraft College is sponsor-The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor. The speaker's session takes place on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The sessions address the legal, financial and emotion-The group provides a forum for al concerns that arise during the divorce process. Upcoming speakers include Koppin talking about dealing with anger, grief and depression

> HEALTH SOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FACILITY CLOSING

Effective April 31, 1999, Health South Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

Center, Plymouth, Michigan, a certified rehabilitation agency, will cease operations and voluntarily withdraw from the Medicare program. Questions concerning patient transfers and medical records should be

directed to the custodian of patient records, Michael Leither, P.T., at (734)

on May 25, attorney Patricia with the stress of divorce on

ters moved to Littleton six daug weeks ago. "This tragedy is so frightening because of what it says about this time in the life of our nation. Let something transforming happen in every one of us her, something neutralizing."

Cassie Bernall, a Columbine High School victim shot when she told the gunman she believed in God, was rememunpopular.

"We need to find a way to make our every action count for God to change this word," said Luce. "I believe there will be a day when teenagers are no longer known by the bad statistics, but the good they are doing and the difference they are making in the world."

ing a divorce support group that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 225 of the McDowell Center, Haggerty north of Six Mile, Livonia.

discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. There is no charge and

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Smith giving an overview of the process of filing for a divorce and what to expect on June 22, and social worker Florine Bond discussing the strategies for coping

Aug. 24. For more information about the group, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

### Gladden from page B1

radio as a more powerful medium than television. Using voiceovers and sound effects, Freberg proceeds to "drain" Lake Michigan, then turn it into a giant hot fudge sundae, complete with a cherry on top. His tag line was something like "Try that on your television!" The reality, of course, was all in the mind of the listener.

Maybe that's why I'm bothered by those remote meteorologists, who sound like they're here but who really aren't. It's sort of like the Stan Freberg school of forecasting. But then twice a day, we do get a real live and local report from Sonny Eliot, who's been here forever. And with Sonny around, who needs Stan Freberg?

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1999**

### TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 98-498 FOR ILMOR ENGINEERING, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May FLEASSE TARGE RUTE: That a public nearing will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 1990, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Bownship of Plymouth to consider a request from limor Engineering, Inc., heatoid at 49030 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, to amond Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 98-498, increasing the final total project cost by more than 10% of the estimated cost approved by the Board of Trustees during a regular meeting held on April 14, 1688

The request of limor Engineering. Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Frustence may consider the request. The re

The public bearing commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Reem at Phymouth Township Hell, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 40170, on Tuesday, May 11, 1990, during the regularly scheduled Reem af Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-453-5840 z 234.

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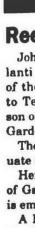
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Mr. and Mrs. James Clark of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Candace, to Steven R. Liske, the son of Kay Liske of Garden City and Gerald Liske of Leonard, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as the leasing acquisition representa-tive by the Detroit Medical Center.

Her fiance is a graduate of Garden City High School. He is owner of Contrast Building in Southfield.

A May wedding is planned at the Grosse pointe Academy Chapel in Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Smith-Mozina

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith of New London, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci, to Eric James Mozina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mozina of Port Clinton, Ohio, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. She is employed as a teacher in Sidney, Ohio.

Her fiance will graduate from Defiance College in May. He is currently employed by General Motors in Defiance, Ohio.

A June wedding in Sidney is being planned.

### Wolfe-Skonleczny

Frederick and Christina Wolfe of Royal Oak announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonja Maria, to Paul Anthony Skonieczny, the son of Muriel Skonieczny of Plymouth and Paul and Celine Skonieczny of Berkley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shrine High School. She is attending Oakland Community College where she is studying education. She is employed at Northpointe Internal Medicine in Berkley.

Her fiance also is a graduate of Shrine High School. He is attending Oakland Community College and Wayne State University. He is employed at Bayview Electric in Redford Township.

A May wedding is planned at

### Steinhebel-Wressell

John and Betty Steinhebel of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Matthew Michael Wressell, the son of Michael and Vivian Wressell of Bay City.



### Ferko-Sourbeck

Thomas and Judith Ferko of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Wayne Fredrick Sourbeck III, the son of Wayne and Linda Sourbeck of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Miami University. She is employed with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as a teacher

Her fiance attended Liberty University. He is employed at Southwest Airlines.

A June wedding is planned at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.

### Egloff-Schafer

Mel and Gerie Egloff of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Ellen, to John Clayton Schafer, the son of Ryszarda (Ricky) Schafer and Earl Schafer, both of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is attending Wayne State University, where she is pursuing a degree in physical therapy. She is employed as a physical therapy technician at S.K.Y.L. Sports Medicine and Physical Rehabilitation in Dearborn.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Melvindale High School and a 1994 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. He also received his bachelor of science degree in allied health sciences in 1996 and a master's degree in physical therapy in

### Wade-Bowen

Lee and Melba Wade of Canton and Marie Wade of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, LaKeisha, to Damon Bowen, the son of Paul and Saundra Bowen of Detroit.

The bride-to-be expects to graduate from the University of Michigan in May with a degree in industrial operations engineering. She plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration or management in the fall.

tion team leader, a part of the executive team for Mervyn's California Corp. He plans to complete work on a dual degree in architecture and criminal justice.



### Wissman Devereeux

Robert and Judy Wiseman of Northville announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Sheryl Ann of Plymouth, to Scott Douglas Devereaux, the son of Bill and Vicki Devereaux of Oakley, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1979 graduate of Northville High School graduate, 1983 graduate of Michigan State University and a 1987 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is employed as a physician with Glennan Medical Group in Detroit.

Her fiance is a 1986 Chesaning High School graduate, and a 1991 General Motors Institute graduate. He is employed as an electrical engineer at TRW in

Washington, Mich. A May wedding is planned at Links at Pinewood in Walled Lake.



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the National Shrine of the Little Flower Church in Royal Oak.

### The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan College of Engineering. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate

of John Glenn High School in Bay City and the University of Michigan College of Engineering.



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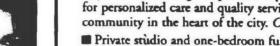
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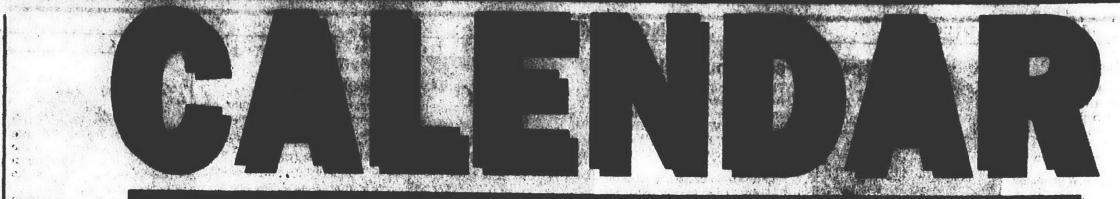
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The Plymo outh Community Arts Council hosts a mandala drawing workshop 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the headquarters, 774 Sheldon. The mandala is an ancient symbol of the cosmos and has been used as a healing tool for thousands of years. Fee js \$35. Preregistration required. Call (734) 416-4ART.

### CAR SHOW

The Lincoln High School Choir is holding a Hot Rod Show and Craft Show, featuring award winning classics of the past, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Lincoln Middle School lot, Willis Road, west of Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti. Car entry fee is \$10 at the gate, \$8 preregistration. Admission is \$3.

### BEAME BABY SHOW

The "Beanie Baby Show" returns 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$2 for people age 4-12, \$5 for people age 13 and up. More than 50 vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. Call (734) 455-2110.

### FOOD DRIVE

Your mail carrier will be collecting nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 8, as part of a nationwide food drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service. Place your food donations at your mailbox before your letter carrier's normal arrival time. The food will be brought back to the post office where the Salvation Army will collect it and distribute it to the needy families in the Plymouth community. Food donations

free in the Christ Church lot across from Cranbrook House. Cranbrook House, located at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, is the oldest English man home in the Detroit area. George Booth, an early owner and publisher of the Detroit News, had the house designed by world famous architect, Albert Kahn, in the Arts and Crafts style. On view are its large collection of tapestries, antique furnishings, fine arts, and a treasury of Arts and Crafts period pieces. Call (248) 645-3147.

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY HOME TOUR

Mark your calendar and invite a friend. The Plymouth Symphony's home tour titled "Home is Where the Heart Is" will take place from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Seven interesting and unique Plymouth homes range from a cozy bungalow to a 4,000square-foot home with a dance floor. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

### **AROUND TOWN** AUCTION

West Middle School's fifth annual auction occurs 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5. All proceeds will benefit West Middle School. Call (734) 416-7550 for more information.

### LOYALTY DAY

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6695 is sponsoring the 22nd annual Loyalty Day 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the post, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The following will be presented: **Community** service awards, voice of democracy winners, and poster contest winners. This event is open to the public. Call Alice Fisher at (734) 728-7619.

GRAND OPENING The grand opening of the Plymouth Volunteer Cen-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Bombs away: Howard Bloom talks about flying a Boeing B-29 Superfortress in World War II at the Plymouth Historical Museum's April program on the 1940s. The museum's next historical program, on the 1950s, begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Soda Jerk on Sheldon just north of Ann Arbor Road. Cost is \$5.

### dens. Call (248) 645-3147. CAREONER COLLEGE

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's "Caregiver College" is a free community education program designed to teach family caregivers how to care for the elderly. The program is a series of seven two-hour sessions conducted by health professionals on various topics such as first aid, emotional health and medications. Classes are **Community Chamber of** offered at seven metro **Commerce Volunteer of the Detroit locations beginning** Year, and nominate a Plythe week of May 3. Call mouth-based business for the Beautification Award. (313) 745-1068.

Zevalkink, (734) 397-5381. **Newburg United Methodist** Church. Tai Chi is a com-SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH plete and integrated exer-The 11th annual "Showcise which works all of the case Plymouth '99" will be body's systems deeply and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, gently, making it an exer-May 11, at the Plymouth cise suitable for persons of Manor. The spotlight will all ages and conditions of be shining to salute local health. Observers are welvolunteers (from service come. The Taoist Tai Chi clubs to seniors), acknowl-Society is a non-profit, edge deserving employees, award outstanding student charitable organization. Call (248) 332-1281. citizenship scholarships, recognize the Plymouth

### DANCE CAMP

Michigan Dance Express summer dance camp program occurs July 25-29 at Camp Connection in Fenton. The camp is designed

the Day Nursery School Thaited available , both morning and Them classes in Can-Creative Day is located at 44815 Cherry Hill.

### **SUPPORT** 1112

NOVET DAY CARE Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activityfilled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

### STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999

### THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail: mitsg@mediaone.net

### ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

### WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP

Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A rained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244,

### on the second Tuesday of every month. Call (248) 477-6100.

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

### VOLUNTEER WORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities; assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during mealtimes. If you have a morning or afternoon free, Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

William Beaumont Hospital Hospice invites you to become part of its team by volunteering your services to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families. For more information on training or to volunteer, call (248) 853-8931.



### Do you have one or two hours a month to help your neighbors? FISH of Plymouth/Canton is a volunteer group that is available to help other Plymouth-Canton residents with transportation to doctor or dentist appointments, errands or other tasks. Call (734) 261-1011.

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can also be dropped off at either the Plymouth post office, Danny's Food or **Kmart**. The Salvation Army has requested no perishable/glass items.

### THEATRE PRESENTATION

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is presenting its last production, "Wait Until Dark", 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 9, and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, through Saturday, May 15. All performances are at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hos-pital, 41001 W. Seven Mile (West of I-275 between **Haggerty and Northville** Roads). Tickets are \$9 at the door, \$8 in advance all ages, \$6 for students 18 and younger when purchased at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Gardenviews, Penniman Deli, Evola Music or by mail at PTG, P.O. Box 700451; Plymouth, 48170. Not recommended for children under 12. Call (248) 349-7110. CRAFT SHOW

"Crafts for a Cure" craft show will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Local 892 UAW Hall located at 601 Woodland Drive, Saline (corner of Woodland and Maple, one mild north of US 12). Proceeds benefit kemia Society of Amer-

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ter, home of the Plymouth Community Foundation, Century Society of Plymouth and the Tonquish Economic Club, will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at 638 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth. Cost is \$100. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment will be provided.

### LOGO CONTEST

The Canton Liberty Fest is running a contest for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students to design the logo for the annual event. The firstplace winner will receive a Liberty Fest package including a \$100 bond, Tshirts for the entire family. Summit passes and other prizes. The winning logo will be displayed on Tshirts and promotional materials for this year's festival in June and the winning designer will have his/her photo in the Observer Newspapers. The contest is open to students in the third through eighth grades. The design should fit the front of an adultsized T-shirt and use a maximum of five colors. Deadline for entries is May. 1. Drawings may be sub-mitted to D & M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton 48188.

### PLANT SALE

Cranbrook Gardens' Spring Plant Sale occurs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wedneeday, May 12, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Posttryd av Michigan wildflowers Cranbrok pervisitials and 1 To Chil-gen Only Plans Sale. Wag constantials shape and bring containers System n the C

MEET AT CITY HALL

The American Family Association on National Day of Prayer will sponsor the annual "Meet at City Hall" 12:20-12:40 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Canton Township Administration Building (around the flagpole). Call (734) 981-3442.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

The 1999 Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life, a 24hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 8-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Teams consist of 12 or more people who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. Team members are asked to raise \$100 each to participate. There will be entertainment and refreshments for the duration of the event. Student volunteers are also needed. For information on participation or sponsor-ship, call Gloria Peterson at the ACS Great Lakes Division, (248) 557-5858. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie

Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and beverages will be served. Booths are limited. The cost for a booth is \$55 for Plymouth chamber members and \$125 for potential members. Exhibitors are required to submit a door prize at the time of reservation. Call 453-1540.

### YOGA CLASSES

Learn yoga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. Call (734) 398-7557.

### TAI CHE

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is offering Tai Chi classes 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the

for dancers age 8 and up. Dance classes will be held in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modeling, swing and more. Campers will also participate in boating, swimming, hiking and games. Call (313) 562-1203 or (734) 397-9755.

### ART CLASSES

D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult. Call (734) 453-3710.

### SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Village Music in Plymouth, offering professional instruction of Kindermusik, voice and piano, has started registration for the Kindermusik Summer Adventure Program for children 18 months to 7 years, and Kindermusik Village for newborns to 17 months, starting the week of June 7. For information regarding group classes or private lessons, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825. CREATIVE DAY

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preschool is ongoing at Cre-

The Physicith Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170; or by ten to 794 400 4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Priday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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### GREEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

### DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton. Child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features experts on divorce and recovery. Seminar sessions include facing anger, facing loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare and forgiveness. There is a onetime registration fee of \$10. Call Bernice at (734) 459-3833.

### COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (784) 563-5005.

The Manic Depressive Association meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month at St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Center, Canton Center and Aummit Parkway, Canton. Family members are also encouraged to come. Call Namey at (784) 455-8598.

Botsford Hospital's "Help for Impotent Men" free support group meets 7 p.m.

### CANCER SOCIETY

American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

### ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease support group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings, which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland. Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

### CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Sue at (734) 459-9324.

### PCCA

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging meets 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street. Bob Zaetta will speak on the topic of the Civil War, Michigan 24th Company. Also, blood pressure screenings will be available by United Home Health, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

### ANNIVERSAMES

### McLean

Donald and Catherine McLean of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 9, 1998, with family and friends at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

The dinner-dance was given by their daughter, Dorothy, son-in-law Ron and son Donald. They also have three grandchildren -Dean Malkiewicz and wife Jennifer, Damon Malkiewicz and Dawn Malkiewicz.

'The McLeans renewed their wedding vows during a ceremony conducted by the Rev. Ruth Hillington at Rosedale Gardens Fresbyterian Church in Livonia. "The couple exchanged vows on

Oct 9, 1948, in Fargo, Mich., the was serving in the U.S. Ar Force. He served in the U.S. wavy during World War II and retired from the Air Force in 1669.

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Alex and Mary Jane Kietur of Garden City will celebrate their 50sh wedding anniversary on April 23.

The couple was married at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City in 1949. She is the former Mary Jane Brossoit.

They have three married sons - Alex and wife Patrice, David

### Rocholi

Harold "Rocky" and JoAnn Rocholl of Plymouth are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary by spending a weekend at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland with their children.

The couple exchanged vows on May 11, 1949, in Florida. She is the former JoAnn Cole.

They have four children -Lynn Horne of Inkster, Rick of Dearborn Heights, Gordon of Jefferson City, Mo., and Mary of Grosse Ile. They also have seven grandchildren.

Retired for 12 years, the Rocholls enjoy monthlong driving trips out West, golfing,



She is an avid gardener and is interested in church activities and crafts.

They have been active in the community and the Disabled American Veterans since moving to Livonia in 1956.

and wife Carol and Edward and wife Katie - and five grandchildren - Kevin, Matthew, Lucas, Nicole and Jessica.

He retired from General Motors in 1993. She was a longtime employee of Woolworth's. They enjoy gardening, camping in the Upper Peninsula and spending time with their grandchildren.



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municator, and has great rap-

port with the audience," said stu-

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This year, Stenzel is scheduled

to make one-hour presentations

at Divine Child, Detroit North-

western, Southfield Christian,

Novi, Crestwood, Walled Lake

Central, Western Fairlane

Christian and Redford Union

High schools and Henry Ford

She also will conduct an area-

wide abstinence youth rally 7-

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Church, 40000 Six Mile,

Previous rallies have attracted

up to 500 teens and West is hop-

ing to do better this year. The

church auditorium can seat up to

She will close out her stay by

being the keynote speaker at the

AAA Crisis' ninth annual ban-

quet 6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at

St. Mary's Cultural Center.

Tickets for the banquet are

\$25 each or sponsorships of

tables of 10 for \$225. They can

be ordered through Monday,

May 3, by calling Ginger Bloom-

The banquet is a major fund-

raiser for the center which relies

heavily on donations to minister

to the emotional, physical and

spiritual needs of women with

crisis pregnancies. It also holds a

walkathon in September and an

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### BY SUE MASON BEAFF WRITER

Pam Stenzel has a measage for high school students: Sex has a price tag.

Stenzel will take her message to teens at 10 area high schools and present to parents and teens at a youth rally and dinner benefit during a three-day visit May

"I firmly believe that young people are capable of making good, healthy decisions, if they are given the facts," said Stenzel, the founder and director of Straight Talk, an organization established for the purpose of educating teens about the issues of sexuality and the importance of chastity. "The problem with most 'sex education' is that teens are given half truths and are not made aware of all the consequences of their decisions."

This is the fourth year that the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center in Livonia has brought Stenzel to the metropolitan area to speak to teens about abstinence.

The center tries to get Stenzel into nine-10 schools each year and broke new ground this year with five schools signing on for the first time, according to David West, the center's executive director.

There are some schools we're still not able to get into, but most that have had her want her back," West said. "She talks about all the things that can happen with premarital sex and getting pregnant is not the worst. She encourages teens to abstain and tells them there's no such thing as safe sex. Condoms don't work 100 percent every time."

"She's not pushy, she gives consequence for actions," said counselor Claudia Turnquist of Stenzel's talk at Ladywood High School. "She was very positive. Kids waited after to talk to her and parents called later to thank the school.'

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"She talks about all the things that can have with premarital sex ... and gotting pregnan not the worst.

Sex's price tag

David West

needs of its clients.

The center also gets 5 percent of every Meijer, Farmer Jack and Kroger gift certificate it sells. But much of the financial support comes from businesses. individuals, 20-30 churches that help on a regular basis and onetime donations.

West admits it's getting harder and harder to meet the budget as the demand for its free services increases. The center currently is \$10,000 under budget.

### **Free services**

The center provides pregnancy testing, counseling about abortion alternatives and sexually transmitted diseases, birth and parenting classes and material goods (infant clothing, diapers, infant care products and furniture and maternity clothing) to its clients.

"Each year, it's a struggle to make budget," West said. "People like to donate for the babies. but there's the bills for the rent

needs of the clients." West has a plan - a \$1 million -AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center trust fund that, once fully invested, would provide proceeds for two-thirds of the money needed to keep the center open. Started a year ago, the fund has \$11,000

in it and it has shown a \$1,200 return since being invested in a mutual fund. West estimates the return would be \$127,000, if the trust topped \$1 million, almost three-quarters of this year's \$160,000 budget.

ministry without money. It's the

only way to keep the doors open

and keep responding to the

West is open to any and all contributions, adding the if 10,000 people want to give \$100 or 1 million people want to give \$1 to reach the goal it's OK with him. The Garden City Christian Center which supports the centter year-round, contributed \$1,000 to the trust in monthly installments.

"Our only recourse is the trust fund; it keeps pumping out money," West said. "We would keep the fund-raisers, but they could be fun raisers, a fun time for people who support the ministry.

"It would be nicer if we could have fun and not have to worry about the money."

### Area Alzheimer's chapter seeks respite volunteers

The Alzheimer's Association Detroit Area Chapter is recruiting volunteers to assist with its in-home respite program for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Trained volunteers provide respite for the caregivers of people afflicted by Alzheimer's disease or another memory impairment.

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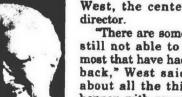
hours per month. They receive extensive training by skilled professionals prior to placement, They also are reimbursed for mileage during the training and travel to and from placement sites. Day, evening and Saturday hours are available.

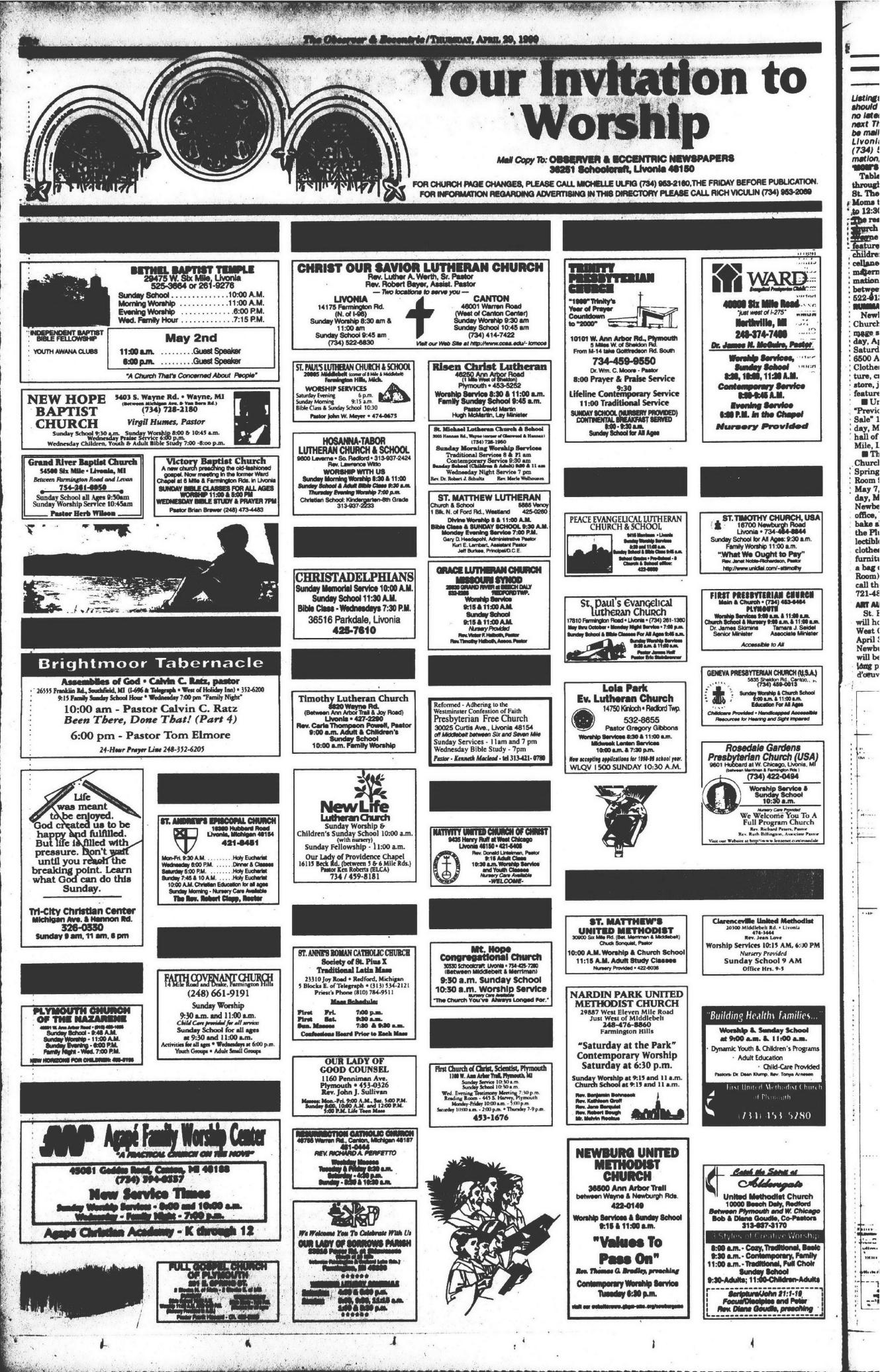
People interested in becoming volunteer and attend training in May can call (248) 557-8277 for more information.

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should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131. OU'S SALE Table space is available

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through Thursday, April 29, for St. Theodore Parish's annual Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The resale fair will be held in the wirch social hall, 8200 N. wne Road, Westland, and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment plus maternity items. For more information, call (734) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. 522-0138.

### RUMMAGE SALES

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1, at the church, 6500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Clothes, housewares, toys, furniture, craft items, Christmas store, jewelry and more will be featured.

Unity of Livonia will have a Previously Owned Treasure Sale" 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in the fellowship hall of the church, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia.

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have its Spring Rummage Sale and Plus Room 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at the church, 3739 Newberry, across from the post office, Wayne. There will be a bake shop and refreshments and the Plus Room, featuring collectibles, antiques, designer clothes, glassware and better furniture. Saturday will be \$1.50 a bag day (excluding the Plus Room). For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4801.

### ART AUCTION

St. Edith Christian Service will host an art auction by Park West Galleries 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the church 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$5. There will be an hourlong preview, featuring hors d'œuvres and champagne punch,

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with auction starting at 8 p.m. The works of popular contemporary artists as well as lithographs of more prominent artists will be auctioned off. Proceeds will benefit St. Edith Christian Service and St. Edith Youth Ministry. For more information, call (734) 464-1222. IN CONCERT

World-renowned composersinger David Haas will be in concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Haas is highly regarded as one of the preeminent liturgical composers in the English-speaking world. He has produced more than 25 collections of liturgic music.

Haas will be joined by local musicians Stephen Petrunak and Zack Stachowski, both of Sterling Heights. Petrunak has distinguished himself as a guitarist and composer. At age 15, Stachowski is an accomplished violinist who performs with the

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

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Concert tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for an entire family in advance and \$10, \$5 and \$25, respectively, at the door. Haas's recordings and related materials will be for sale the evening of the concert. Call (734) 844-8404 for tickets.

On Saturday, May 1, Haas will conduct a Day of Renewal for people involved in liturgical ministry - eucharistic ministers, lectors, musicians and choir members, ministers of hospitality, liturgists and pastoral staff. Participants will gain a stronger understanding of their role in the church and come away with a renewed sense of purpose and spirituality. The workshop costs \$20.

### 'CHANGING WORLD'

The deadline for registering for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church program for women, "Coping in a Changing World," will be Saturday, May 1. The program will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. AL CULT

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Saturday, May 15, at the church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

Registration is \$30 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration fees can be sent to Char Camfeld, 17235 Cove Drive, Northville 48167. For more information, call (248) 348-7549.

Featured will be Elise Arndt, director of Women's Ministries at Faith Lutheran Church in Troy and host of the radio program, "Common Sense Living." FRIENDS DAY

The Church of Christ-West will have Friends Day Sunday, May 2, at the church, Six Mile and Farmington.roads, Livonia. Bible study will be at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and a fellowship dinner at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 513-5056 or (248) 478-1499.

### PEACE TALK

Ronald Stockton will present "Jerusalem and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Talks" 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,

Of Standing, May 9, Cl 

He has served as an editor of InterVarity Press and "Chris-tianity Today" and is a con-

### 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Stockton is a professor of political science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a research associate at the University of Michigan Center for Middle East and North African Studies. He has a special interest in the role of religion in the political process, a topic which he has written several articles and coauthored a book, "A Time of Turmoil."

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has a degree from Banger Semi-nary in Maine, attended Yale University as a public health -nurse and completed training in. For more information, call the certified pastoral education.







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Shurch also will begin its Women of the Bible series. Lead by Reifmyer, the group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-5406.

### IND AND FIRE

- Life in the Holy Spirit Semiars will be presented 7 p.m. Mondays through May 17 at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church. 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westand. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

### ENT SEMENAR 11

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Ohurch will sponsor a "Money Matters at Retirement: What You Don't Know Could Hurt You" seminar Tuesday, May 4, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information and reservations, call the church, at (734) 458-7932.

The seminar is one of the requirements for the church's d Association for Lutherans Branch 5058 to receive a Gold Star rating by the fraternal benefit society in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to the community.

The branch has 540 members,

led by Charles Gray of Livonia as chairman, Kay Gray of Livo-nia as recorder and Mel Tornow of Garden City as treasurer.

The Rev. Kurt Stutz will speak about "Help for the Family in Grief when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

As part of the National Day of Prayer, a prayer and praise service will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road. The service, sponsored by the Board of Women's Ministry, will focus on the greatness of the Lord and petitions for the nation and its leaders, churches, community and families.

The theme for the National Day of Prayer is "Light the Nation ... with Prayer." The observance was established by federal law in 1952 when the U.S. Congress signed a joint resolution, signed by President Harry Trumen. The law was amended in 198, designating the first Thursday in May as the offi-cial National Day of Prayer. For more information, call Suann Dibble at (784) 522-6830.

### CHURCH WO NEW LONGTON

Church Women United Suburban West-Detroit will celebrate Fellowship Day, Friday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. The program, "God's Sweet Surprises: Angels, Mentors and Friends," will be at 9:15 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast. The cost will be \$2. Participants should bring their Love pillows for the children's hospitals.

For reservations and baby-sitting, call Betty Haines at (313) 535-8355. The deadline for registering is May 2.

### MYSTERY DINNER

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will stage a mystery dinner, "The Mild, Mild West," at 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

An evil villain is trying to wrest control of the Bar-B-Q dude ranch from Sweet Sue Sobright. Her only hope rests with a clumsy and not-very-bright cowboy named Tex Toogood. Can the hero save the ranch?

Come and see if you can solve the mystery. Compete with other tables to see if you can win the evening's prize.

Tickets, including dinner, are \$12 for adults and \$10 for youth 8-12 years old. The deadline for ordering tickets is Saturday, May 1. They are available from Nancy Wasson, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 303900 Six Mile, Livonia 48152, or by calling (734) 425-2325.

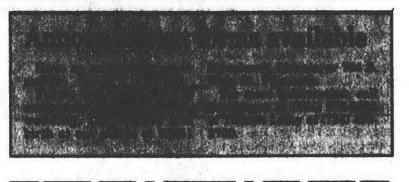
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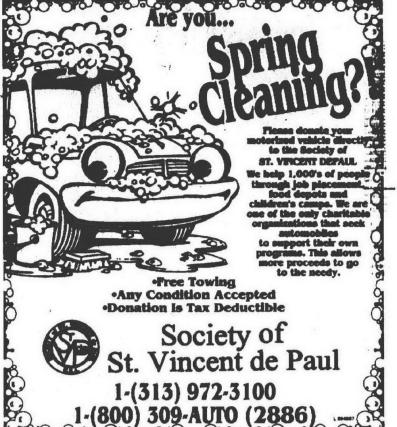
"Dolls Galore" will be the theme of a mother and daughter banquet Friday, May 7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Isabel Stanton will talk about "The Joy of Loving and Making Dolls." Participants are invited to bring a favorite doll to share at the doll table (security will be provided).

Tickets are \$7 for mothers and daughters ages 13 and older, \$4 for daughters ages 4-12 and free for daughters age 3 and under. For tickets, call Bev Breest at (734) 459-9765.

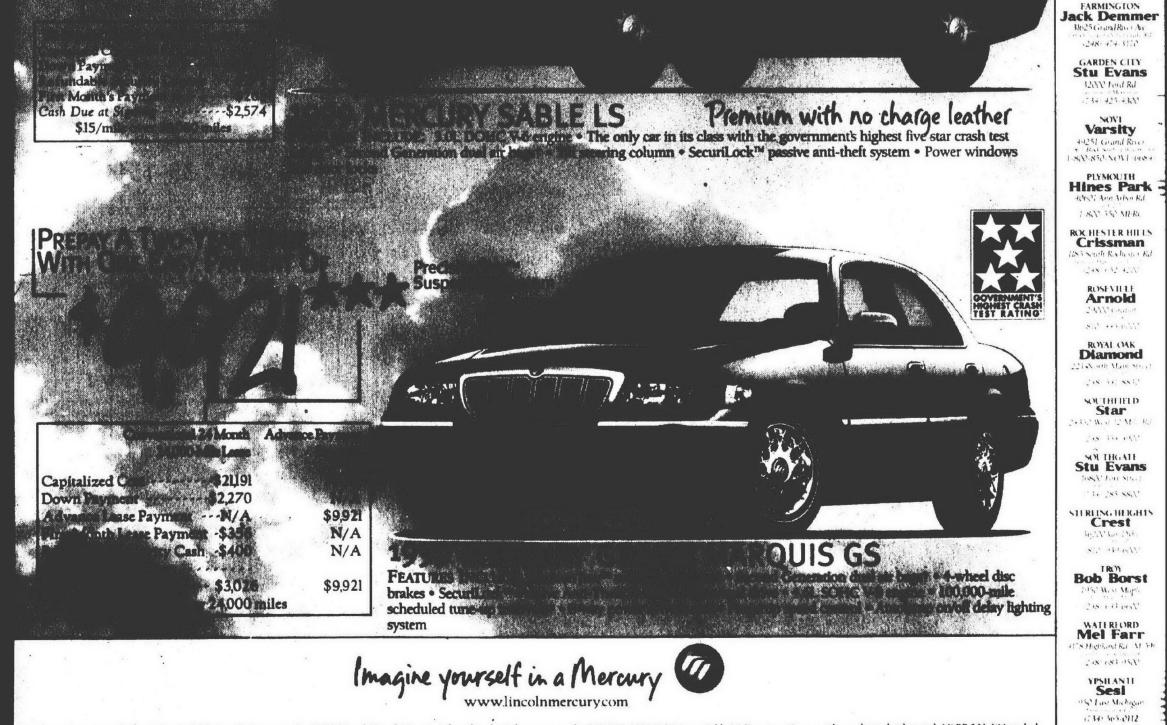
### **SPRING CARD PARTY**

St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have its annual spring card party 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be a dessert buffet table, table prizes, door prizes and raffle prizes. The cost will be \$6 and reservations can be made by calling Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy at (313) 533-5698.









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### Ambassadors win Cup

The Compuware Ambassadors completed their three-game sweep of the St. Louis Sting with a 4-0 shutout Friday at Compuware Arena, earning them the Robertson Cup as playoff champions of the North American Hockey League.

The Ambassadors, who also won the regular-season title in the NAHL, swept through the playoffs with seven wins and no losses. Both Compuware and St. Louis now advance to the USA Hockey Junior 'A' Gold Cup Championship Tournament, which starts this weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

St. Louis opens the Gold Cup tourney against Des Moines at 3 p.m. Friday. The Ambassadors play Lincoln at 7 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, Compuware tangles with Omaha at 3 p.m. and the Sting goes against Lincoln at 7 p.m. Then on Sunday, it's the Ambassadors vs. Des Moines at 11 a.m. and St. Louis vs. Omaha at 3 p.m.

The Gold Cup semifinals are scheduled for Tuesday, with the finals 7 p.m. Wednesday.

In last Friday's win over St. Louis, Compuware got a power-play goal and two assists from both John Shouneyia and Pete Broccoli to lead the Ambassadors. Steve Jackson added a power-play goal and Josh Bowers struck for a short-handed marker. Compuware outshot the Sting 23-15 as goalie Craig Kowalski posted the shutout win.

### **Official honored**

Brian Foust has been officiating swim meets, both high school and college, for 27 years. Earlier this month, his work was recognized.

Foust, a Plymouth resident, was named by the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association as the 1998 Michigan Swim-Official of the Year. The NFIOA cited Foust's committment to officiating, his dedication to the sport, his willingness to give back to the sport and other officials, and the professionalism he exhibits while officiating.

A special education teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district, Foust has officiated several state high school swim championship meets and junior college swim championships.

# Salem jolts defending state champs

What would it take? Last year, some would have insisted a miracle. But this Livonia Stevenson could be beaten; Salem coach Doug Landefeld was convinced of it. On Wednesday night, his Rocks proved him right.

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It wasn't a rocket, it wasn't a pretty set-up, it wasn't a singularly-determined play that provided half the answer to that end-of-the-season equation: Who will play whom for the Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer championship?

It was the wind, as much as anything else. And it was Plymouth Salem that rode that breeze into a berth in the WLAA finals, getting a wind-aided goal from Jeannine Edwards with just 1:20 left in the match to edge defending state champion Livonia Stevenson 1-0 Wednesday at Stevenson.

"They knew we had to score to get into the (WLAA) finals," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, whose team (now 4-3-1 overall) had struggled through much of the season - until Wednesday. "We've just been waiting for something to go our way.'

It did. With the clock ticking away, the tide had turned; Stevenson had

Two teams sporting dual-meet

records that couldn't be more oppo-sits. And yet, when they collided on the Hilltop Golf Course Monday, the

results were as close as anticipated. When Plymouth Canton and Ply-

mouth Salem meet in anything, it's

usually a tight struggle. When the two girls golf teams met Menday,

even though Canton could boast of

three wins in its previous four

matches while Salem was winless in

its first three, it was about as close

For the second-straight year, the Chiefs prevailed - 226-228. The win

gave Canton a 4-1 overall record, 2-1

in the Western Lakes Activities

Association. Salem is 0-4 overall, 0-3

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owned most of the play in the first half, but the Rocks — thanks to strong goalkeeping from Jill Dombrowski - had weathered it. A strong wind had aided the Spartans in that first half; in the second, it favored Salem.

The Rocks kept the ball in Stevenson's end of the field for the majority of the second half, but could not finish. Perhaps their best opportunity came with 26 minutes left, when Suzi Towne struck a Jami Coyle pass off the football upright.

Then, with less than two minutes to play, Coyle put a restart into the box in front of Stevenson keeper Lesley Hooker. The ball bounced free and was finally volleyed out, but Edwards gained possession 30 yards away. Her hard shot was carried by the wind over Hooker's outstretched hand and into

the goal, giving Salem the victory. "We didn't deserve to win," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, his team now 6-2 overall. "We knew going in. We knew Doug would have 'em ready to play. This turns their season around."

The win ended two years of frustration for the Rocks, who were pounded twice by Stevenson last season. Those games were decided early as the Spate tans put multiple goals on the board.

Which made the opening minutes of Wednesday's game extremely impor-tant. "We tried not to mention it," said Landefeld. "Last year, after the first 10 minutes we were out of the game. But Jill (Dombrowski) played great in the. first half tonight. She cleaned everything up. She kept us in it."

### Ohiefs best Rocks Salem edges Farmington, make inreads after a disappointing finish to last year. And Salem? Well, the Rocks' slump might con-

tinue.

Canton and Salem were the bot-tom two teams at the WLAA Tourna-ment last spring. Since the start of the season, Riggs has believed this could be a turnaround season for the Chiefs.

"The next two weeks will be interesting for all of us," the Canton coach said, noting the Chiefs' duals with Livonia Stevenson Tuesday, Livonia Churchill today at Hilltop and against Westland John Glenn, Farmington and Northville next week.

For Salem, the immediate future does not seem as bright. Was there anything the Rocks could have done differently to affect Monday's outcome against Canton?

Come against Canton? "I wish we would have shot three structure better, said Bellin, consti-tion. We just meeted one more (golfer to score) in the 50s.

"All of them could have shot a little lower.

Medalist honors went to Canton's Stephanie Koppe, a senior who shot

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They made it antagonizingly cloub but in the end Plymouth Salem's so ball team had enough to pull out a twin in eight innings over Farmingt in a Western Lakes Activities Association tion Lakes Division game Monday

Farmington. The Rocks, who improved to 5-3 over all with the win, carried a 5-1 lead in the seventh inning but couldn't hold The Falcons struck for four runs knot it at 5-all, only to lose it in the seventh on a single by Dawn Allen for lowed by a run-scoring base hit by Shot Potocki that scored Allen from first. Allen led Salem with two hits and three runs batted in in the game; and had a two-run single in the Rocks' sto ond inning. Maureen Buchanan and had two hits and two RBI, and Heath Sonntag had an RBI single. Katie Kelo Farmington.

Sonntag had an RBI single. Katie Kel added two hits to the attack.

Jacqui Slebodnick was the winning pitcher, working seven innings and allowing five runs on five hits and one walk, with four strikeouts. Amanda Sutton got the save with one inning of perfect relief.

The extra-inning win gives Salema 2-0 record in extra-inning games the season.

On Sunday, the Rocks hosted Live



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### **Gymnastic 1st**

Kara Ahern, a 10-year-old from Canton, finished first on the balance beam at the state gymnastics club meet held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Competing in Level 9, Ahern - a fifth-grader at Bentley Elementary School in Canton - scored 9.275 to win the beam.

She also placed third in the allaround with a score of 35.225, qualifying her for the USAG Regional Meet to be held later this month in Indiana.

### New name, same run

The name changes, but the event is the same.

The National City Run, formerly known as the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run and the First of America Run, will be the same weekend - Memorial Day, May 28-29 - as its 25 predecessors, along the same basic course, appealing to both serious runners who want to compete in a half-marathon, a 10kilometer or a five-kilometer race to those who want to walk through a five-kilometer course.

A total of \$7,000 in prize money will be up for grabs in the half-marathon and 10K runs.

The Kids Run will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, along a 600-meter course in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown, for those from two to 12 years. A pasta dinner will also be available that same day at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor.

Registration forms for all eight races are available at any National City Bank or Ann Arbor area running and/or fitness stores, including Tortoise & Hare and Running Fit; on-line at www.doitsports.com/nationalcityrun; by phone at (734) 995-2752; by mail at National City Run, R-F00-C8, P.O. Box 8615, Ann Arbor, MI, 48107; or by FAX at (734) 995-2510.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Rissk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 501-7270.



### **Build a Web site for your team on mihometov**

Has Little League practice time changed? Do you want to know the score of Friday night's high school basketball games?

Want to sign up people for your soccer or hockey team, but you don't want to do a mass mailing or spend hours on the telephone? You need a site on the World Wide Web.

Now, thanks to a new service being offered by the Observer Newspapers, you

can have one, free and easy. (See related story on Page A1.) Mihometown.com makes creating a Web page as easy as click-

ing a mouse. And for community sports groups, such pages may offer an outlet not available anywhere else.

Brion Roberto, manager of the Observer & Eccentric Enhanced Media Department, said everyone from Little League teams to sports clubs to bowling leagues to school sports teams can have their own Web pages where they can post scores of games almost instantaneously, recruit new members, pass along team news, post calendars of events, provide links to other related Web pages, or just enter a chat room to talk with other participants.

"With this new service, not just the school, but each team for each sport could have its own Web site," he said.

Users can post comments on message boards and send e-mail 

to other participants with just one mouse click.

Coaches or managers can have their own private areas on the site if they want to share information that they don't want the world to 800

And Roberto said that bringing many local groups' Web sites together in one place creates a sense of community, in addition to making the sites easier to find. Training sessions are scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 19, at CompUSA in the Novi Town Center.

Each session will last two and a half hours, after which Roberto said, you will be ready to set up your site.

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Franklin, Northville, Detroit Country Day and Farmington in the weather delayed Salem Invitational. Original scheduled for Saturday, soggy field conditions forced a delay to Sunday. Dear born, which was supposed to play in the tournament, could not reschedute for Sunday and did not show.

That forced a change in format, with the five teams playing a round-rou format with the team with the bar record named champion. Tiebreak included head-to-head results, follow by fewest runs allowed and then mo runs scored.

The tiebreaker was needed. Sale Franklin and Northville all finished in the tournament, with each beating each other. Franklin was named char on the runs allowed basis; the Patric gave up just eight, while bo Northville and Salem surrendered That forced another tiebreaker to who finished second; the honor went Salem, which outscored Northville ; 24

The Rocks opened the tourname with a 10-2 win over Country Day. See

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# Salem pursuing a title repeat

on the same day as the Kenticky Derby, treditional on the first day in May — the 29th running of the Observerand Boys Track Relays.

And it looks like it should be a two-horse race Saturday at Redford Union's Kraft Alumni Track.

Defending champion Plymouth Salem, which ran away with the title last season with 112 points, could be pushed by upstart Livonia Churchill.

.The Chargers, who scored 53.5 a year ago to edge North Farmington for second place,

Another team that could have been in the money, but will probably not contend for the title this year is Redford Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks will have a split squad this weekend.

CC, beasting a strong distance crew and potent throwing contingent led by Nick Brzezinski, will send some of its varsity athletes Friday to the Jackson Invitational, while some will compete Saturday at Observerland.

Brzezinski, however, will go to both meets. The Duke-bound gridder has thrown an eye-popping 186-1 in the discus at Saturday's Monroe Invitational and 54-1 in the shot put.

Any darkhorses in the field?

Unlikely at this stage.

"We're hoping to repeat," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "We always go into this to win. It's for bragging rights in our area. You have to perform at big meets, and this is a big meet.'

What do the Rocks need to do in order to emerge victorious?

"We have to have all our people step up," Baker said. " We need to score everywhere, in every event. I think we can - that's what it takes to win."

Salem will certainly miss middle distance star Ian Searcy, who has graduated and gone on to Central Michigan. And the Rocks will be without top sprinter Mike Shull, who is out until next week with a pulled hamstring.

"I think we're more balanced, which makes us a little stronger," Baker said. "Our balance is really good this year, but we lack in certain events. Still, all of our distance guys are around and running better than ever. We didn't lose any hurdlers, and our sprinters are running times as good as last year."

Salem's distance team is strong led by Nick Allen, Jon and Craig Little and Bobby Cushman.

"They are running real well, and we have kids to fill in behind them," Baker said. "I'm hoping to see a real good mile this year."

CC will ride the legs of one of the state's

top hurdlers, senior Ryan Kearney, who is headed to Western Michigan.

Keerney ran 14.4 to win the Observerland 110-meter hurdles last year and could be a threat to break the 1995 mark of 14.1 set by Wayne Memorial's Ken Riley.

Last weekend, Churchill, the Livonia City champions, finished runner-up, eight points behind Western Lakes Activities Activities Association foe Walled Lake Central at last Saturday's Belleville Tiger Relays.

"This year I think we can get points in every event," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "But we have to score in the top four in everything. If we do that, we have a nice shot at it.

"We'll try to play to our strengths. We have a nice throws team and our high jump and pole vault are more than adequate.

"Salem is still pretty strong and they've been there before. They've got bodies to cover most events and they're strong at the distances."

The meet will also feature some individual standouts including defending 1,600 champion Josh Burt (Livonia Franklin), pole vaulters Derek Laskowski (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Joe Frendo (Garden City); sprinter/long jumper Kevin Woods (Harrison); high jumper Chris Kalis (Plymouth Canton); 1,600 runner Dan Jess (CC); long jumper Devin White (Churchill); sprinters Kwame Hampton (Wayne) and Scott Genord (Redford Thurston).



The top teams in Observerland would appear to be the defending state champs, Livonia Stevenson, and Plymouth Canton. And the team that rules both of them:

Troy Athens.

The Red Hawks made it a clean sweep against the Observer powers by edging Canton, 3-2 Saturday at Canton. Earlier this season, Athens ended Stevenson's unbeaten streak at 42straight with a 2-0 victory.

On Saturday at Canton, the Chiefs got goals from Lisa Tomasso and Amanda Lentz. Tomasso and Anne Morrell had assists.

The loss, combined with Monday's 8-0 trouncing of Westland

of Commerce

John Glenn at Glenn, left Canton with a 5-2-1 overall record. The Chiefs' other loss came against Stevenson.

In the win over John Glenn Monday, Morrell did the bulk of the damage, scoring three goals and assisting on another. Lentz did her share for the Chiefs, too, accounting for two goals and two assists. Melanie Dunn contributed a goal and an assist, with Allison Mills and Stephanie Johnson getting single goals and Tomasso adding two assists.

Salem 6, W.L. Western 0: Maybe the break did some good. Plymouth Salem's non-league match against Birmingham Seaholm, scheduled for last Friday. was rained out. No make up has

been scheduled.

The cancellation came on the heels of a 3-2 loss to Livonia Churchill suffered last Wednesday, the Rocks second defeat in Western Lakes Activities Association play.

The Churchill match was a game Salem coach Doug Landefeld thought his team could have, indeed should have. won. The Rocks did even their overall record at 3-3-1 by beating Western Monday (pending Wednesday's game at Livonia Stevenson).

Christina Seniuch paced Salem with three goals against the Warriors. Jessica Bucks, Jami Coyle and Kristen Shull added single scores.

The Rocks led 3-0 at the half. Jill Dombrowski was in goal for Salem.



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### BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

Nearly 1.000 turned out Wednesday to pay tribute to Paul Scicluna, the man who championed and nurtured the sport of soccer in this area.

Scicluna, the head women's soccer coach at Eastern Michigan University, was killed Saturday afternoon during a one-car rollover accident while traveling in his 1999 Chevy Blazer heading northbound on US-23 in Monroe County.

Scicluna, 57, was returning from a recruiting trip in Ohio.

Mourners packed the indoor field at Total Soccer of Wixom, one of four metro area facilties Scicluna co-operated with EMU men's coach Brian Tinnion.

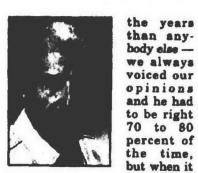
Scicluna, a native of Malta who came to the U.S. at age 14. was remembered as father figure who put soccer on the map in the Livonia community and branched out into other areas.

EMU assistant men's coach Walt Barrett, who played for Scicluna in the old Bonanza Express League (now Little Caesars) as a 13-year-old, may have summed up best Scicluna's influence on his beloved game.

"He got everything going 25 years ago, he's the Godfather of soccer, at least on the west side of town," said Barrett, who coached the Livonia Stevenson High team to two state titles. "No, he's the Godfather of soccer for the entire state of Michigan."

Tinnion called the Farmington Hills resident "an originator, a creator and a composer.

"He was like a father, big brother, business partner and cocoach - all rolled into one," said the former Detroit Express player and Detroit Rockers coach. "I've probably had more debates and discussions with him over



Paul Scic Soccer leader

Scicluna, who came from a large family of multiple siblings, graduated from Detroit Western High School in 1958 and went on to play in the Detroit Soccer League from 1963-68.

His first job was sweeping floors in Detroit's Corktown.

Twenty years later, Scicluna would own a chain of flower shops in the metro area, including his anchor store, Livonia Florist.

Living in Livonia during the 1970s, Scicluna helped launch, along with Larry Christoff and Paul Dugan, the highly successful Livonia YMCA youth soccer program.

He was also was one of the the architects of Livonia high school soccer, coaching the boys at Bentley, starting in 1978, and later on the girls team. He also served as head coach at Redford Catholic Central High.

During the mid-80s Scicluna also helped develop the Livonia Y Wolves (boys) and Hawks elite travel squads. From 1977 through 1995, Scicluna led his age-group squads to 10 state championships, two regional titles and two national runnerup finishes.

He also took CC to a Catholic League title, Bentley to two divisional crowns, and performed various duties coaching in the

the years Olympic Development program (1980-98).

> "I don't think there's many youth groups he hasn't been a part of," said Livonia native and Mid-Michigan Bucks co-owner Jim Duggan, a longtime friend who played and coached under Scicluna. "He was in the kid business.

> "He was always teaching players life lessons, and his integrity and honesty were unparalleled. Paul was interested in helping us mature into responsible adults more than in winning. The things he did that drove us crazy while we were players aro the same things that hundreds of us are doing now as coaches with our kids. He was the ultimate role model and family man.

Scicluna is survived by his wife Jan and four children, Eric, Lisa, Amy and Kim, along with eight brothers and one sister.

In 1989, Scicluna became majority owner of the indoor team, the Rockers, bringing pro soccer back to Detroit after a seven-year absence. Gus Moffat. Tinnion and Duggan were also partners in the venture.

The franchise won the NPSL championship at Cobo Arena in 1992 under the coaching direction of Tinnion.

Mike Ilitch of Little Caesars. the Red Wings and Tigers, then purchased the franchise followng the 1992 season.

Known as a fiery competitor and a tireless promotor of the game, Scicluna became EMU's first women's soccer coach in 1995

His 1997 Eagle squad made it to the championship final of the inaugural Mid-American Conference Tournament before bowing to Northern Illinois in the finals, 3-2, in overtime. His 1998 team also qualified for the MAC tourney and finished the year 13-7-1.

In four seasons as EMU's coac Scicluna was 38-32-3 overall.

"This is a devastating loss to the Eastern Michigan University athletics program," Interim **EMU** Athletic Director Carole Huston said. "Paul was a great" coach and had a tremendous love of promoting soccer on all levels. He related well not only with our players, but also with the entire athletic department staff. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him."

Tom Coyne, who coached with and helped turn the Livonia Y Hawks into a national club power in girls soccer, wonders if anyone can carry on Scicluna's legacy.

"I came from Pittsburgh 17 years ago and I was in awe of the new sport he introduced me to," Coyne said. "The first thing he did was recruit me as a coach. He helped me get in.

"But what I remember most was his passion and his unadulterated enthusiasm for the game.

Although Scicluna sometimes. clashed with referees, on occasion he took a turn at blowing the whistle.

"I got my first red card (ejection) from Mr. Scicluna when I was 12 years-old," said Paul Tinnion. Brian's son

Added Brian Tinnion from Wednesday's visitation at Wood Funeral Home in Livonia: "For a guy who supposedly never got along with referees. I've never seen so many in one place. What does that tell you?"

Burial was held Wednesday at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Paul's name to the EMU Foundation, care of Paul Scicluna, 2000 Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197.

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52. Julie Dziekan, a junior, had a 54 and Christina Slupek, a sophomore, shot 55. Katie Herbeck, another sophomore, fired a 65.

For Salem, Kristine Pollice had the low team score with a 53. Kim Tamme was next best with a 55, followed by Angie Jones with a 57 and Grace Yelonek with a 63.

What buoys Riggs' confidence is the play of his three low scorers, Koppe, Dziekan and Slupek. "Those three are capable of shooting scores that will keep anybody," Riggs said.

The magic number, of course, is 200. Put four players' scores together and get in that range or an average of 50 per golfer and your team will be in the hunt for a victory

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Canton has flirted with that number at times this season. Salem has not.

Which may indicate that, while Monday's outcome was close, the gap between the two could widen by season's end.

### **Spartans stun Canton**

Livonia Stevenson remained beaten in WLAA dual meets,

lows.

Stephanie Koppe and Christina Slupek led the Chiefs (4-2 overall) with 53s. Julie Dziekan had a 54 and Katie Herbeck shot 60.

Mara Mazzoni's 45 paced Stevenson (5-0 overall). Carli Heppner had a 47, Katie Carlson a 48 and Teresa Lavman a 55.



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"Now, it's just a matter of the mental aspect of the game."

beating Plymouth Canton 195-220 Tuesday at Whispering Wil-

### WAYNE CITY COMMISSION **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to establish within the Sheriff's Department an Electronic Monitoring Program and to establish eligibility criteria and requirements for the use of the program. (98-69-016) The hearing will be held:

> THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1999, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Building 600 Randolph, Commission Chambers Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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### Alderman tops Canton's effort

A late start couldn't keep Ply-mouth Canton's girls track team from making its mark at the Cougar Invitational in Grand Rapide Saturday.

A late bus forced the Chiefs to arrive late and miss the first two events of the Invitational. But they recovered and eventually finished fourth out of eight teams, just 15 points out of second place.

The best performance of the meet went to Crystal Alderman in the 100-meter hurdles, which

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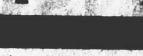
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she won in 16.7. Alderman also ored the 1,600 relay team of Meredith Fox, Kristen Schilk and Terra Kubert which finished first in 4:20.1.

Alderman also anchored the 800 relay, with Fox, Schilk and Tekia Bude, that placed second (1:54.2).

Other strong performances came from Jenny Sciberras, third in the shot put (31-feet)

and fifth in the discus (82-9); Kelly Tabaka, fourth in the long jump (14-1 1/2); Fox, Bude, Andrea Gauvin and Schilk, third in the 400 relay (54.8); Amy Roberson, Sherry Leventhal, Kubert and Jaclyn Bernard, fourth in the 3,200 relay (11:10.8); Erin Rogala, Sarah Armer, Amy Rogersen and Kubert, fourth in the sprint medley (3:20.4); and Rogerson, Jessie Myks, Bernard and Erin Dowd, fifth in the distance medley (15:29.4).

# Crusaders miss a sweep

This was a twinbill that should have belonged to Madonna University.

Janell Leschinger's strong pitching in the first game - she gave up three uncarned runs on six hits and one walk, with three strikeouts - was the difference in the first game, a 5-8 Crusader win over visiting Indiana Tech Tuesday at Ladywood HS. Vicki Malkowski had two hits and two runs batted in to lead the Madonna attack; Jamie Cook added two hits and an RBI, and

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) had a hit and two RBL

But when you're trying to gain ground in a tough league like the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, splitting double-headers isn't good enough. But it's what Madonna had to settle for when it lost the nightcap, 6-3.

Madonna is 28-20 overall, 11-9

in the WHAC. Indiana Tech is 7-29 overall, 4-18 - and in last place - in the WHAC.

Janelle Schmidt pitched three strong innings to start the second game. Leschinger came in but was ineffective in the second game, allowing four runs (two earned) on two hits and three walks in 273 of an inning. She took the loss, making her 17-6.

The Crusaders actually outhit Tech in the second game, 8-4, but three errors paved the way to three uncarned runs. McDonald was 3-for-3 at the plate, with an RBI, and Malkowski had a single and an RBI.

Madonna 5-11, Olivet 4-3: Game No. 1 set the stage for Game No. 2.

And it all turned out well for Madonna University's softball team, which rallied from a tworun deficit with two out in the seventh inning to edge visiting Olivet College in Monday's first game of their non-league doubleheader played at Ladywood HS.

In the second game, Madonna took an early lead and never looked back in rolling to an easy victory, the Lady Crusaders' fifth in six games. Olivet is 18-18.

Madonna trailed 4-2 with two out in the seventh in the opener, with Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton) and Jenny Kruzel on base and Vicki Malkowski (Westland) at the plate. Malkowski ruined the Comets' victory bid, however, slugging a three-run home run. Jen Walker had a single and two runs batted in for the Crusaders, and Jamie Cook had two hits.

Missy Bako (Garden City) started and worked the first four innings for Madonna, allowing two earned runs. Janelle Schmidt pitched the next two innings, giving up one unearned run; she was followed by Tanya Liske, who surrendered a run on three hits in her one inning on the mound. Liske was the winning pitcher (now 4-5).

The second game wasn't nearly as dramatic. Madonna scored seven times in the first inning en route to a five-inning, eight-run mercy victory. Schmidt went the distance, scattering five hits and a walk, allowing three runs (one earned) in five innings to improve to 6-3.

Walker paced the attack with two doubles and three RBI. Litwin and Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) added two hits and a pair of RBI apiece, and Kruzel had a double and two RBI. Malkowski also had two hits and an RBI.

Madonna 4-0, Aquinas 2-8: On Sunday, the Crusaders failed to close any ground on Aquinas College, the fourth-place team in verine-Hone





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Conference. Madonna won the opener with a three-run seventh. highlighted by Kelly Zurawski's two-run double. Vicki Malkowski also had a double and a single, and Courtney Senger added a run-scoring single.

Janell Leschinger got the pitching win, improving to 16-5. She gave up one earned run on six hits and two walks, with three strikeouts. Crystal Lubbers was the loser for the Saints.

Aquinas improved to 23-19 overall and to 12-8 in the WHAC (Madonna fell to 10-8) with a shutout win in the nightcap, stopped after five innings by the eight-run mercy rule. Tanda Barcheski tossed a one-hitter, giving up only a double to Jenny Kruzel. She walked one in improving to 4-2. Janelle Schmidt started and lasted just one inning for Madonna, allowing two earned runs on three hits and a walk.

Madonna 3-5, Tri-State 1-1: Crusader pitching proved too tough for Tri-State University Saturday in a WHAC doubleheader played at Ladywood HS.

Janell Leschinger was the winner in the first game, allowing one run on three hits and two walks, with four strikeouts. Raeshelle Peters took the loss for the Thundering Herd, who fell to 4-28 overall with the two losses.

Jen Walker was 3-for-3 at the plate with an RBI to lead Madonna's seven-hit attack in the opener.

The second game was more dramatic, as the Crusaders entered the bottom of the seventh trailing 1-0. Kristy McDonald reached second base on two errors to open Madonna's half of the inning; she was sacrificed to third and scored the game-tying run on a fielder's choice play, with Walker safe at first. Consecutive walks loaded the bases for Jenny Kruzel, who unloaded a grand-slam home run.

Kruzel had two of Madonna's five hits in the game. Leschinger was credited with the win.

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Coaches should report updates for the list C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 5-8 of boys best track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7279 by fax.

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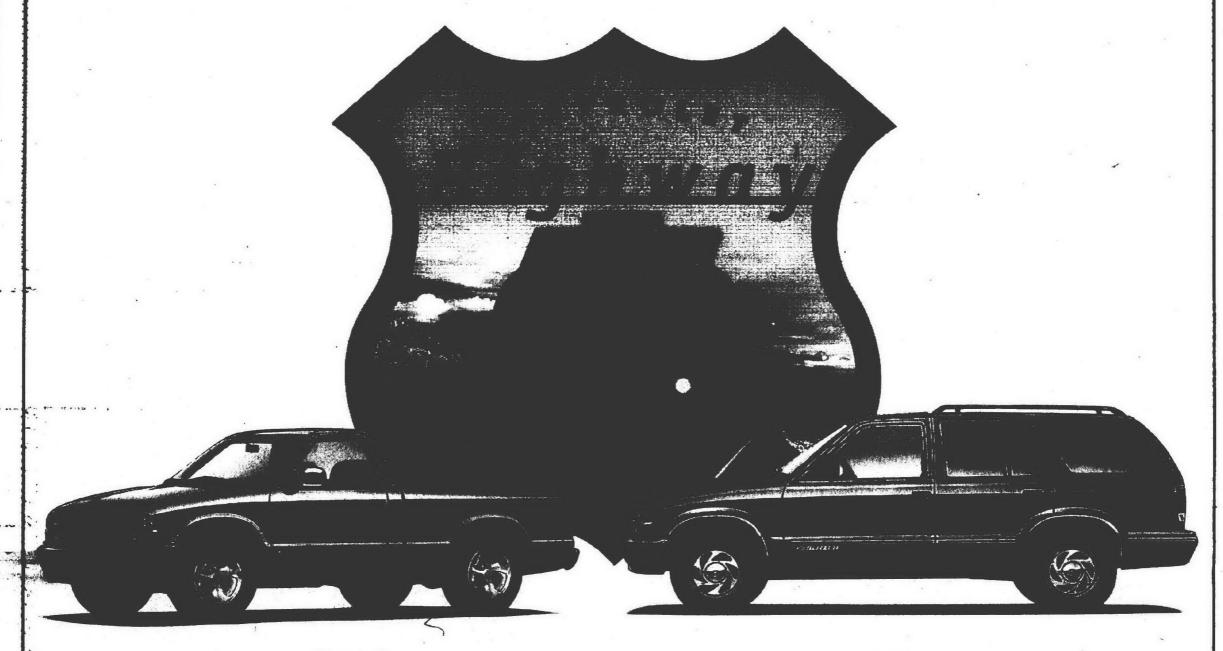


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### JET premieres 'The Caregiver'

### BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WEITER kwygonik@ce.home

It's unusual for the Jewish Ensemble Theatre to present a play that hasn't had a full production, but they're mak-ing an exception for "The Caregiver" by Ian Strasfogel, which opened Wednesday, April 28, for previews. It will be JET's third world premiere of an original work in 10 years.

It is the story of an aging, retired world class conductor who suffers from dementia, and the relationships he has with his only son, Eric, and caregiver Laura. Eric is beginning his career as a conductor and on tour as the play progresses

"I loved it," said Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of JET Theatre.

She heard about the play from an old friend, Max Wright, an early graduate of the Hilberry Theatre program at Wayne State University.

Wright and Orbach appeared on stage together at the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit in 1976 and kept in touch.

A successful actor, Wright did a reading of Strasfogel's play, and invited a friend, Sol Frieder, who performs often at JET Theatre, to attend.

"They talked and realized both had worked with me," said Orbach. "Sol and Max said I should do this play. The playwright set

up a reading at his apartment in New York. Sol read the part of the conductor. He him. He's a



Drama: Sol Willinger in a scene from "The Caregiver."

experience of caring for his father, a renowned opera coach and conductor who developed Alzheimer's when he got older.

When his father got very ill he could still sit down at the piano and improvise," said Orbach. "He was still a very sophisticated musician."

He used other source material. helped inspire the story. "The leading man falls in love, it's a very charming role for Sol," said Orbach. "It's funny and, in some places, sad and poignant." In the play, the conductor and his caregiver, portrayed by Kate Willinger, recently seen locally in "I Love You, You're Perfect - Now Change" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, fall in love. She sparks his creative spirit, and he

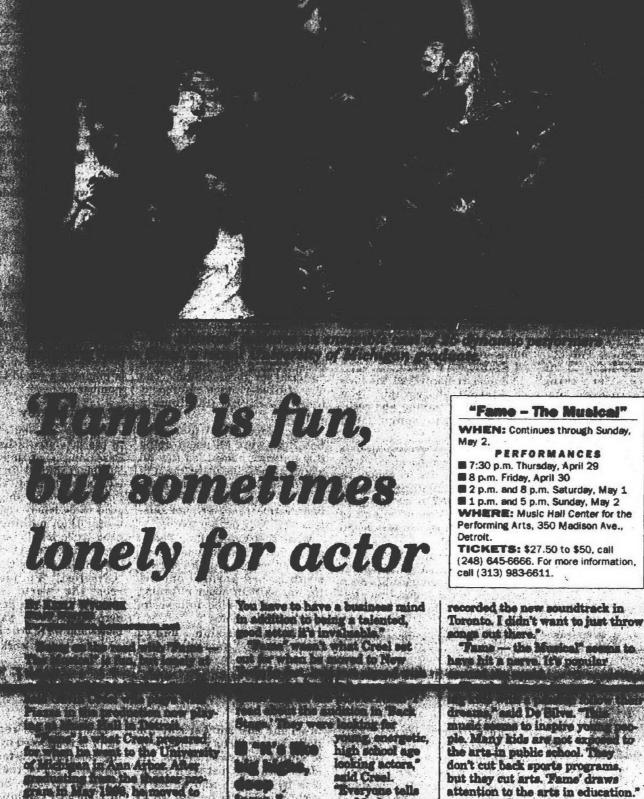
Pianist Awadagin Pratt performs Beethoven's Concerto No. 3 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tick ets \$13 to \$48, call (313) 576-5111.



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was perfect for the part, and I decided to do it. This is Sol's fifth or sixth production at JET. Our audience is always pleased to see

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The Duttons bring their blend of country, folk, classical and toetapping bluegrass to the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Admission to the 3 p.m. concert is \$10 per person. Call (248) 424-9022 for tickets and more information.



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for the part. Forms, set in the 1960s at New York's High School of Performing Arts, follows a group of students over four years. Nick, the role Creel plays, is a meter who has done some

serious actor who has done some commercials, TV and a movie. A child star, he wants to work hard and learn the classics.

"It's a journey to see where he fits in," said Creel. "He learns to Pane the 1980 MGM motion

in, inspired a TV series of The stage musical preinged 15 years after the movie and the second

is music in the title song, all of music in the musical version of Parmer is new.

"I didn't want to do a compila; tion of songs," said De Silva. "We

theater crowd. "A lot of kids don't know what they want to do. But the arts are important no matter what they decide to do. You'll be a better lawyer if you study acting, even if you don't become a professional musician, you'll go to concerts and buy recordings if you study music. The arts feed the spirit. We're bringing up a genera tion of children in some school districts that are not exposed to the arts. When I was in school we had music appreciation classes, I doubt if they do anymore."

Students from Abbott Middle Students from Abbott Middle School in West Bloomfield and Thurston High School in Redford, are among the thomands of su-dents in southeast Middlean who will tune in via telesconterings 10-11 a.m. Thursday, April 20 to watch a live education presenta-tion with the cast of "Pane - The Monter of the second second Musical." The program will show students how the work they do in

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### On Stage

WHAT: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "The Caregiver" by Ian Strasfogel

WHERE Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corrier of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfield

WHEN: Previews continue through Sunday, May 2. Show opens 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Show dates May 5-9, May 12-16, May 19-23, and May 26-30. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: \$15 to \$23, discounts for seniors and students. Call (248) 788-2900.

### POPULAR MUSIC

### Julian Lennon won't be manipulated by Yoko

### BY CHRISTINA PUOCO STATT WRITER

Surrounded by McDonald's wrappers in a Highland Park photo studio, Julian Lennon kicks back and takes a long drag off a cigarette. Funny and personable, Lennon chats up his new album "Photograph Smile," his seven-year hiatus from the music business and the days he spent relaxing in his home in northern Italy.

Upon the mention of his stepmother, Yoko Ono, Lennon's disposition changes.

He leans forward, puts his hands on his knees and peppers his conversation with the word "manipulative."

Lennon explained that it's more than a mere coincidence that "Photograph Smile" was released in the United Kingdom on May 18, 1998, the same day as his brother Sean Lennon's "Into the Sun.'

"She indirectly had me taken off the priority list on some of the distribution labels we were with. Many other scenarios which are not nice at all will come

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Visiting Detroit: Julian Lennon stopped in Detroit briefly to talk about his latest album "Photograph Smile," as well as his rocky relationship with Yoko Ono.

STAFF PROTO BY ELEASETH CARNEGE

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Be story about New York's High School Performing Arts (new called the Piorella La Geerdie High School of Music and Art and Performing Art) was a good idea waiting to be

"We're not moon in June out of the blue," he said. "This story

is reality based." "The dancers are the stars of the show," said Cresi. "It's all about dance. They keep the bergy up. We're all on stage all

Creel is part of an ensemble cast of 25 people. "Each of us have our own responsibilities." he said. We're each equally important. We all heve the same responsibilities and one one carries it. To prove the son elacks off ve all here the For Creel the hereast part is

learning how to keep things fresh and keep his sanity off

After Detroit the play moves to Kenses City. By then, Creel will have done it 200 times.

Two never done enything 200 times," he said. "I'm signed up until Nov. 17, 1999. I'm living forever, baby."

ALL AND A

When his time for "Fame" is done, he wants to get an apart-ment in New York City. The North American tour will

continue into 2001. De Silve said he's happy to let "Rent" be the 1990s and "Fame" the 1980s.

We've become retro," he said. Bet discussion of the second s

the show, this is their first job. it's a show they can get into. It's inspiring to so many people. It has a romantic vision that's important."

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Caregiver from page K1

begins to play the piano again. Brie, portrayed by David Wolber, recently featured in JET's production of "Never the Sinner," worries about taking care of his father, finding a proper caregiver and being able to mea-

sure up to his father. JET commissioned original music by composer Allen Shawn

out in public at a later date," he

Ono wasn't trying to pit the

"It was a question of manipu-

lation and how much Yoko was

willing to spend as far as his pro-

motion, as opposed to mine and

how obviously she could afford

that and overshadow my costs by

used to baby-sit him. I think he's

incredibly talented, but she's

already, as far as I'm concerned,

manipulated one Lennon too

The 36-year-old Lennon told of

One's disrespect for him and how

she puts Sean Lennon on a

"She wanted Sean to be seen

as the shining, genius Lennon

son, and me to be the drunk, old,

drugged, useless son, you know?

"That's nothing against Sean. I

great amounts," Lennon said.

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he added. She had another mis-

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Julian from page E1

### for this production. Shawn's credits include scores for the New York Shakespeare Festival, the La Jolla Playhouse and the Lincoln Center Theatre, and music for the film, "My Dinner With Andre."

In the play the conduct improvises at the piano, and Orbach believed the production had to

have music appropriate to a man of his talent.

"We couldn't just ask someone to plunk a few keys on the. piano," said Orbach. "We were very lucky to get Allen. The playwright recommended him. He's done a quality job. Sol is quite musical. The music just gurgles out of him." Shawn also composed music to introduce the second act and

for scene changes.

tracks recorded."

warm feel.

Strasfogel has directed all over the world. His productions of both classical and contemporary operas have been presented at the San Francisco Opera, the

Lennon and Rose, who had

worked with Roy Orbison, con-

centrated on "Photograph Smile"

for a year, producing enough

material for three albums. The

duo utilized vintage equipment

"The ideas that I took with

Bob Rose were all about doing

this natural, honest, as raw an

album as possible using the nat-

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wanted to use great-sounding

instruments that were not sam-

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ples, that were not keyboards."

New York City Opera, The Washington Opera at Kennedy Center, the Frankfurt Opera and Stuttmart Opera.

As a librettist he created the text for "Icarus" and "Talking Heads," performed in Austria, Germany, France and Boston. Other writings include dramatic portraits of classical composers which have been performed by Tom Hulce and Roddy McDowall working with leading American symphony orchestras.

Strasfogel was in town for the opening week of rehearsals and will return for opening night on Sunday, May 2.

1984's "Valotte" which spawned the hit "Too Late for Good-byes," Lennon eschewed his father's

changed with the critically acclaimed "Photograph Smile." "Day After Day," with its soaring instrumentation, and "I Don'i Wanna Know" are replete with Bestles/John Lennon influnces. On the closing track, "Way to Your Heart" he references "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.

If there was anyone who should have those influences, he said, it's him. Lennon, donning a T-shirt that read "Lennon and proud of it," made his point clearly during a Feb. 17 appearance on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

"I thought that was the perfect opportunity to wear that T-shirt. A friend made it up for me a couple of years ago and I've never worn it, but I thought this is the time to wear it. Finally."

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### When they wrapped up "Photo-graph Smile," Lennon's next hur-After coming up with 20 or 30 dle was releasing the album song ideas, he ran into producer which he had financed himself. Bob Rose who persuaded Lennon He was skittish about returning

weighed his options. "The last decision I had to make was, Do I want to sign to a

major label and sell my soul to there three or four days. By the the devil for another five to 10 end of the first week we had 11 years?"

Instead. Lennon took the reins. He started his own label. Music From Another Room, distributed by Fuel 2000/Universal. Lennon is planning a world tour for this summer.

### to give the 14-track album a Lennon legacy

"Photograph Smile," dedicated to his late stepfather, Roberto Bassanini, is, at times, painfully autobiographical. In the acoustic-based ballad "Good to be Lonely," Lennon sings "And it's good to be lonely sometimes/It's better than nothing at all/It's good to be lonely sometimes/at east I'm prepared for the fall."

Manipulation is the subject of 'Crucified." "I'm just one that sees the world with open eyes/the countless lies, the truth denied/whichever way the wind blows/and we're crucified."

On his earlier works, including

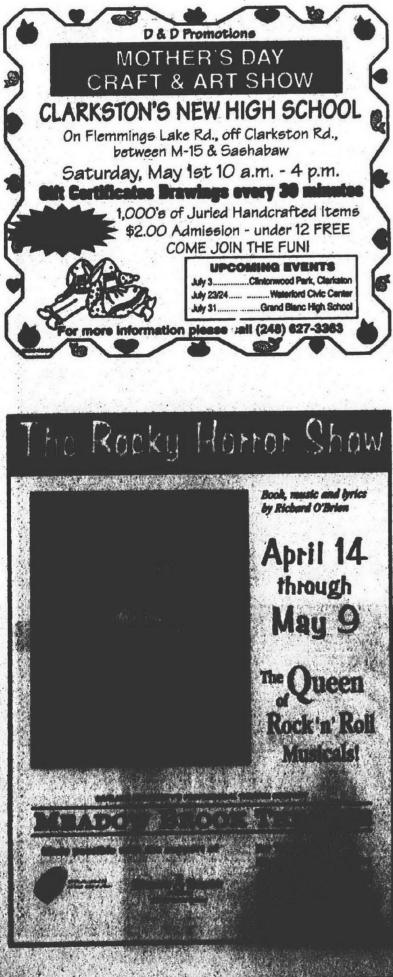
I wasn't about to play that game. The work speaks for itself."

### Seven-year itch

"Photograph Smile," released in the United States Feb. 23, marks Lennon's return to the music industry after taking seven years off to regroup after his last album, 1991's "Help Yourself," failed commercially. Lennon said he felt disenchanted with the industry after the single "Saltwater," which was in the top 10 worldwide, barely made a splash in the United States.

"In America, zilch. There's only one reason for that. The record company withdrew support. There was no play on the radio. Radio tried to play it but there's only so much you can do without the support of the label." Lennon explained.

quits and it took me approximately five years to be released from the contracts, not only from



"So I said, 'Enough.' I called it

the record company but management as well."

He spent the time reflecting on life and trying "to figure out who in the hell I was outside of the music industry and to figure out what I wanted in life."

Lennon rediscovered his love of painting, photography, "the written word," sailing and cooking. Soon, the songwriting nipped at him.

"I just started writing again a couple years ago because I love to write music. It's as simple as that. I was actually writing to challenge myself to see how good a songwriter I could be and to prove my own sort of self worth as a songwriter."

to return to the studio - no pressure, just to lay down a few tracks.

"We were only supposed to be

### 'American Enterprise' closes Hilberry season

University's graduate theater company, presents Jeffrey Sweet's historical drama, "American Enterprise," in rotating repertory through May 15. Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with selected

The Hilberry, Wayne State town for the workers at his Pullman car factory. In an era of slums and sweatshops, his ideal town was met with suspicion by the rich and an early rush of euphoria by the workers.

However, the paternalistic dictatorship of his town began to crumble when Pullman slashed wages during an economic depression without lowering the rent workers paid for company-owned housing. Pullman had lowered wages to keep the company open during the depression by selling Pullman cars at a loss. However, after rents were deducted, workers had very little left to live on. Quoting capitalism and free enterprise the way a preacher quotes Scripture, Pullman's ego and stubbornness prevented him from agreeing to any compromise that might have eased his workers' plight. The anger and desperation of the workers triggered the infamous railway strike that led to the formation of the American Railway Union.

The historical reality of the story is reinforced by a fascinating montage of historical photos projected above the stage onto different screens. Sepia images of George Pullman, his town, the workers are paired with poignant images of Chicage

man - and Pullman's bitter rival.

Sara Wolf creates a strong yet likable persona for Jennie Curtis, one of the worker representatives, by using a seamstress' simple stories to capture the poignancy of the workers' strug-Lucas Caleb Rooney as union organizer Eugene V. Debs exhorts the workers into a united front with a passion and strength of purpose that reverberates off the house. Rooney's strong stage presence creates an image for Debs that allowed him to believably and powerfully confront the iron will of George Pullman. In a break from typical Hilberry tradition, the theater company delivers much of the play's emotion with voices raised in song. While the show is not billed as a musical, the songs it presents - strong, folklike ballads - capture the mood of the play and create an emotional union rallying cry. And while the talented Hilberry ensemble was not chosen for their musical prowess, the actors held their own wocally and created a likable chorus.

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Wednesday and Saturday 2 p.m. matinees. The Hilberry Theatre is at 4743 Cass, at Hancock, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For more information or to order tickets by phone, call (313) 5 7-2972.

### BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Detroit premiere of "American Enterprise" paints a brilliant picture of the challenging and complex contradictions of capitalism and philanthropy by taking a historic and colorful ride with George Pullman, the man made rich by the railway car that bears his name.

Pullman, a self-made man with an equally strong ego and a myopic point of view, created his own version of a Utopian fires and starving children, lending a startling realism to the story.

Aaron Lake endows the larger-than-life role of George Pullman with a strong mix of confidence and angry stubbornness. He helps synthesize Pullman's puzzling contradictions: his benevolent idealism and his staunch, unbending worship of capitalism. Lake also captures the vulnerability of Pullman, who was emotionally unprepared for the labor violence that erupted or the government's pronouncement of the moral unsoundness of his choices.

Mike Schraeder as J. Patrick Hopkins is delightfully fresh faced and boyish as Pullman's protégé. Schraeder takes Hopkins from a naive youth to a shrewd politician and business-





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# 'Rugrats — A Live Adventure' for actress

### BY KEELY WYGONIE STAFF WRITER

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It's easy to get discouraged when you're 24, living in New York, away from family and friends, and trying to break into show business.

"Wherever you go there will be someone better than you, but you'll be better than someone else," said Amy Sonne, a 1992 graduate of North Farmington High School who is appearing in the "Rugrats — A Live Adventure," opening April 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. "As long as you love it, it will work out. You'll be happy that you did it."

Sonne started taking dance lessons when she was three years old.

"I wanted to be 5-foot-6 and have long legs," said Sonne who is 5-foot, 3-inches tall.

After graduating from Michigan State University, Sonne moved to New York City in 1997 after graduating from college. She got the part in "Rugrats" after answering a dance call for female dancers, 5-foot 3-inches and under last September. She's been touring with the show since October, and called from Knozville, Tenn.

"It turned out pretty good," said Sonne who is doing something she never dreamed of, portraying Phil in the "Rugrats - A Live Adventure."

"I wanted to go on tour," she said. "Dressing up as a baby Rugrat has been a good adventure."

Sonne worked in children's theater for two years in college. One of the things she likes "Rugrats" is that it's for children. "This show is often their first

### "Rugrats - A Live Adventure"

When: 7 p.m. Friday, April 30; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and May 8; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 and May 9; and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$25, \$19.50, and \$12.50, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

exposure to live theater," she rainy day, and the babies are left in Grandpa's care. Chuckie's said. The show draws everyone from babies to adults, but especially children ages four to eight who regularly watch the popular Nickelodeon series show on TV.

"Rugrats - A Live Adventure" brings the show to life with music and colorful sets. It's the same show that came to Detroit last May with some changes.

"Some of the characters are different," said Sonne. "We have a new cast and crew."

As the curtain rises, it's a

as "crasy. His twin is Lil. They love to play in the dirt and eat worms. Because her character is so

playful, Sonne said she can be creative. "There aren't many restrictions for physical movements."

Detroit is the end of the road for Sonne who will be leaving the show to spend the summer at Michigania, a family camp for University of Michigan alumni in Boyne City.

She won't be dancing. "I've been director of the nature center for the past three summers, they offered me the job again," said Sonne. "I love camp, it's a great way to work with children. I'm interested in environmental education."

After the summer, Sonne plans to move back to New York City.

Sonne describes her character Her dream is to teach dance and dance history at the university level. In the meantime, she'd like to dance or perform in musical theater. "I'd really like to dance with a modern dance company, but there aren't many opportunities," she said.

Dancing is what's she doing now, but Sonne isn't sure if it will be her life's work. "Who says it's what you have to do forever." she said.

Having the support of her fam-ily has meant a lot. They go to all of her shows, big and small. Besides "Rugrats" Sonne's theater credits include productions of "West Side Story," "Hello Dolly!" "Anything Goes," and "Company."

"My family has supported me all the way," she said. "Tve met people who don't any family support."

# Immunity among top winners at Detroit Music Awards

### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER ecomm.net cfuoco@oe.hom

The diversity of the Detroit music scene flourished Friday night as the reggae band Immunity, the folk group The Luddites, the country act Forbes Brothers and pop singer/songwriter Stewart Francke came up the top winners at the Detroit Music Awards.

Immunity took home Outstanding Reggae Artist/Group, Outstanding World Artist/Group and Outstanding Artist/Group Deserving Wider Recognition, while its "Live" album won Outstanding World Music Recording at the ceremony held at the State Theatre: Immunity members Jonathan Pettus and Bill Koggenhop were named Outstanding World Music Vocalist and World Music Instrumentalist, respectively.

The Forbes Brothers swept the nade" to his mantle.

country awards adding Outstanding Country Recording, Country Artist/Group, Country Vocalist, Country Instrumentalist and Country Songwriter to their resume.

### Some of the winners

Ruling the pre-show award ceremony held in the mezzanine level of the State Theatre, The Luddites won Outstanding Acoustic Artist/ Group, Outstanding Folk Artist/ Group, and Outstanding Artist/ Group Deserving Wider Recognition in the folk category. Its album "100 Years of Lunacy" was named **Outstanding Acoustic/ Folk Blue**grass Recording.

After a four-song set, Francke added Outstanding Local Rock Artist/Group, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter, and Outstanding Local Rock/Pop Recording for "Sunflower Soul Sere-

His organization, the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, was given this year's Special Achievement award for community and charity work. Francke was diagnosed with the disease and had a bone marrow transplant last year.

"I just want to point out that as far as the Leukemia Foundation goes, a lot of people worked very hard on it. My sister Kit is somewhere out there. She worked very hard on it and also gave me bone marrow," he said.

Distinguished Achievement honors also went to Detroit radio . DJ the Electrifyin' Mojo, jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and rockers The Romantics. The ska/punk bands Telegraph and The Suicide Machines paid tribute to The Romantics through song. Romantics singer Wally Palmer played harmonica during The Suicide Machine's cover of "What I Like About You," which

will be included on "Before You Were Punk Vol. 2" due out in July on Vagrant Records.

afraid of thunder. Tommy

invents a "People-Ator," an

invention that makes toys come

alive. As long as there are peo-

ple around, Chuckie isn't afraid,

but the bratty Angela steals it.

With help from his friends,

Chuckie tries to get the "People-

Imagination, sharing and

friendship are some of the

lessons children learn as they

enjoy this fun-filled production.

Ator" back.

Other multiple winners included Jill Jack, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis, Jazzhead, Howling Diablos, Sun Messengers, and Fred Hammond and Radical for Christ.

In a moment of pure brilliance, novelist Elmore Leonard gave the Immortal Winos of Soul the Outstanding Band Name prize.

### Live energy

The live performances, however, injected energy into the event. The Miracles, without Smokey Robinson, took the stage for four songs - "The Tears of a Clown," "I Second That Emotion," Ooh Baby Baby" and "Love Machine" - forcing the stagnant audience out of their seats. Punk rockers and oldies fans alike sang and danced in the aisles.

The four-and-a-half hour ceremony also featured performances by Esham, Derrick Starks and Today's Generation, Demolition Dollrods, Willie Max, Jeff Haas with Marcus Belgrave, Enemy Squad and the Rat Pack All-Star Rhythm and Blues Revue with a variety of Detroit blues performers.

Rap ruled the roost at the Detroit Music Awards. Kid Rock, who was playing in Grand Rapids Friday night, took Outstanding National Album for "Devil Without a Cause," National Single for "I Am the Bullgod" and Hip Hop Writer/Producer.

Eminem, whose major-label debut "The Slim Shady LP" isn't eligible until next year, was honored with Outstanding Hip Hop Recording for his "Slim Shady' EP, Hip Hop Artist/Group and Hip Hop MC.

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"We tried for so long just to get to this point. MTV showed us so much love. I'm sure he'd want to thank his mom, whatever, she's not here. You should start supporting your local artists. You didn't give him any love at first now he's blowin' up," said a man who accepted on Eminem's behalf who only identified himself as a producer.

The seven-and-a-half minute, much-touted trailer for "MC5 \* A True Testimonial" lived up to its hype until director/co-producer David C. Thomas took the stage. He used the opportunity to shamelessly beg for money.

"If everybody contributed the price of a dinner we could finish our principal photography," he said.

For a complete list of winners, visit http://www.detroitmusicawards.com.

# Farmington Players shine in madcap 'Don't Dress for Dinner'

The Farmington Players present "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2; and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and May 14-15 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile (1/2 mile west of

on opening night, no easy task when performing a fast-paced physical comedy before a audience for the first time.

Best of all, seldom did any of the outrageous situations appear "staged;" they flowed naturally from the well-developed comic characters. For example, they had great fun with a repeated gag whereby cast members stamp out imaginary insects to hide what's really going on - adultery and deception. The setting is a converted French farmhouse. Bernard has planned the perfect weekend. His wife (Jacqueline) will visit her mother (otherwise known as the "old buzzard"). His sleek Parisian mistress (Suzanne) will stop by to keep the home fires burning, so to speak. Unfortunately for Bernard, and happily

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for the audience, the rendezvous doesn't go according to plan.

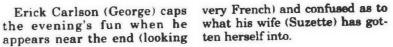
The scheme quickly unravels, when his wife learns a Cordon Bleu cook (Suzette) has been hired, and his best friend, Robert, is also coming over.

It turns out that Robert and his wife are also lovers. She the cook, but if these folks want decides to stay home for a little double adultery.

fect foil for Bernard. His smooth comic timing is first rate.

Julia Spina-Kilar (Suzette) creates one of the most definitive characters seen in some time. She brings energy, comic timing and a flair for farce that is a joy to behold. She enters as

appears near the end (looking ten herself into.





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Orchard Lake Road), Farming ton Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

### BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Players' string of excellent productions continues with "Don't Dress for Dinner." a madcap French farce by Marc Camoletti, (adapted by Robin HawJon), that starts slowly, then swiftly catapults into one hilarious scene after another.

Under director Bill Salisbury, the cast appeared in great form

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Bernard tries to cover up his intentions, but this only leads to misunderstandings, mistaken identities and clever doubleentendres. Mix the movie "Clue" with Abbot and Costello's "Whose on First?" and you have some idea of the comic absurdi-

Nick Szczerba (Bernard) and Jan Salisbury (Jacqueline) are terrific as the dueling spouses. Mike Megerian (Robert) is suave and debonair and a per- the kitchen and the meal.

to play games, she's game, for a price - as she charges 200 francs for each role she's asked to play (niece, mistress, etc). Her line, "I've never been so many people or had so many affairs with so many different men in my life" sums up the show itself.

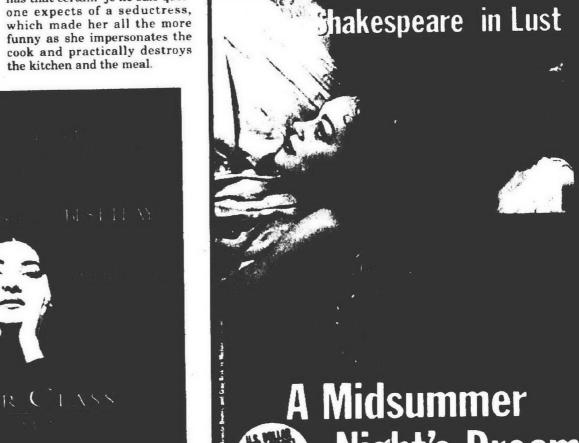
Georgina Schuetz (Suzanne)

has that certain "je ne sais quoi"

one expects of a seductress,

which made her all the more

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"The Silent Cry- God is Watching You," the No. 1 gospel musical drama that tackles the issues of domestic violence in families, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through May 2, 2952 Woodward, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-7835 GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE "The Rocky Horror Show," Richard O'Brien's rock 'n' roll sci-fl spoof, through Sunday, May 9, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-

### \$35. (248) 377-3300 **NEW STUDIO COMPANY**

"Master Class," a drama featuring veteran Detroit actress Susan Arnold about soprano Maria Callas as she teaches a master class of opera hopefuls, through Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 5-8, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16. New Studio Company is a new alliance between Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's Department of Music. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666 PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY "Jitney," through May 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American Hisotry, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$15-\$18, \$10 previews. (313) 872-0279

### OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE "Madame Butterfly" featuring Bolshoi Opera (Moscow) star Marina Mescheriakova and Chinese star Sun Xiu West, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Sunday, May 2, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666



Family show: See Angelica and all your friends at "Rugrats - A Live Adventure," a musical stage show based on the popular Nickelodeon TV series, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 7 p.m. Friday, April 30; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and May 8; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 and May 9; and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7. Tickets are \$25, \$19.50, and \$12.50, call (313) 983-6611 for infor-mation, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of 1-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. \$9, \$8 advance. (248) 349-7110 **RIDGEDALE PLAYERS** 

"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, April 30-May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois roads. \$13, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049 **ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS** "The Dining Room," April 30-May 1, and 7-8, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River east of Lahser, Detroit, \$10, (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

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REDFORD Students from Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts program

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Cynthia Moss renowned for her 30year study of African elephants, talks about elephant families as well as her sometimes dangerous experiences on the African savanna, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 541-5717, ext. 1205 **GUITAR SHOW** 

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The Ruach Group of the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah is hosting its third annual progressive dinner, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at a members' homes. The Vineyards, Uptown Deli, The Shiek, LaShish, Sweet Lorraine's, Mai Thai, Mei Ling, Big Daddy's, E.G. Nicks, Marty's Cookles and Diamond Bakery have donated food. Benefits the Madassah Medical Organization, comprised of two hospitals, outpatient clinics, research facilities, and a community health center. (248) 960-3145/(248) 737-8999 SCARAB CLUB AUCTION Noon Sunday, May 2, at the club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$5, proceeds will go toward restoration of the historic Scarab Club built in 1928. (313) 831-

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The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic. on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26 NOVI THEATRES

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For girls ages 5-10 to sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from the "Wizard of Oz" for a gala to raise funds for cancer research, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at 29555 Mullane Drive, west of Orchard Lake Road off 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. For performance Saturday, May 15. (248) 349-4466

### **RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL**

Final call for experienced actors (background in dance, martial arts, swordplay or drill team/cheerleading helpful) to perform in the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, by appointment only Saturday, May 8, at Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. For festival to run Aug. 14-Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS JUNIOR ACTORS

Audtions for young people ages 12-18 for the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. For performances June 25-27. (810) 677-2077 STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE

Auditions for ages 8-18 for "Bye, Bye Birdle," 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, registration begins at 9 a.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances July 23-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1. (248) 541-4832.

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8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 CHARLIE HUNTER AND ADAM CRUZ

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. / Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### LIQUID SOUL

8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (avant

jazz) LEE KONITZ TRIO

With Pete Siers, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

MATT MICHAELS TRIO With Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29; with Tom Saunders and Jim Wyse (cornet and sax Thursday, May 6, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800 MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)

8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 NORTHWOODS IMPROVISORS 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 1515 Broadway, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 965-1515 JIM PARAVANTES With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight

Fridays-Saturdays in April, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS with Jazznead, 9:30 p.m. Sa May 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

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### VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Holds its' fifth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition" for high school students 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 10 finalists will sing, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$5 seniors/high school students, and available at the door. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

### COLLEGE

### HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Pippin," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, April 29-May 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 845-9900 or http://theatre.henryford.cc.mi.us/ WOU HILDERRY THEATRE

"American Enterprise," in rotating repertory to May 15; "The Playboy of the Western World," runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit: \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

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present "The Diary of Anne Frank" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets by reservation only, (313) 531-0554

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Seturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1.p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

### WILD SWAN THEATER World premiere of "Brothers of the

Heart," for ages nine and older, May 5-16, gala opening 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 with old-fashioned ice cream social and afterglow in the Towsley Theater, (\$20, \$15), at the Towsley Theater, in the Morris Lawrence **Building at Washtenaw Community** College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS.



IGADWAY CONCERTS Faaturing baritone Mark Vondrak, ano Maria Cimarali and other artists from the Michigan Opens Theatre performing music from Rodgers and Heminerates, Lerner and e. (248) 681/7649

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Fashion shows, health and fitness information, financial planning, career information, parenting resources, entertainment by "The Singing Handyman" Mike Carluccio among others, childcare provided, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive. \$7, \$6 advance at Kroger's, \$3 ages 4-12. (800) 849-0248 or www.southernshows.com JEWISH FOOD FAIR

Cooking competitions in five categories, tastings, Michigan's largest talking gefilte fish,, children's entertainment and activities, noon to 4 . p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, troy. \$12, \$7 children ages 5-12; admission includes five tastinngs. (248) 547-6053

### MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL.

The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television, features films and videos by students, grades K-12, Seturday, May 1, at the Detroit Film Theatre. Free. (248) 547-0847

### '99 COLLEGE ALL STARS VS. HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., (1-75 and Lapser Road), Auburn Hills. \$35, \$35 and \$15 reserved. Special Superfan seating available. Kids 12 and younger and seniors older than 60 receive \$2 off tickets. Special rates for groups of 15 or more available. (248) 377-0100

### BENEFITS

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Frasier, and arranged for orchestra by Steve Heitzeg, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8-\$22 (\$30 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

### MEET YOUR BEST FRIEND

At the Detroit Zoo, adopt a loveable pet, the Michigan Humane Society and 30 participating humane organizations are trying to find new homes for hundreds of homeless animals, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free, parking not included. (313) 872-3400/(248) 398-0900

### CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With planist Awadagin Pratt and conductor Eri Klas, Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Gershwin, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

### CONCERT BANDS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND "Fanfare for Spring" concert featuring a variety of music from across the ages, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen. Free, donations appreciated.

### ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY "Show Boat," starring Howard Keel,

Kathryn Grayson and Ava Gardner, 8 p.m. Friday-Seturday, April 30-May 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, organ overture begins 30 minutes before per formances with Tony O'Brien, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lehser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

### POPALANING

11.1 1.17 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitehen, 1565 Frenklin, Detroit, (313) 209-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at

Fort Street Chamber Orchestra with Thomas Sheets of the University Choral Union conducting, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort St., Detroit. \$12. (313) 961-4533 FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY AND SHOW CHOIR

From Henry Ford Community College, dance and choral works concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474 LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

"Jump 'n Time" concert of '30s and '40s swing music 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia, \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 620-4807 MADRIGAL CHORALE OF

### SOUTHFIELD

Under conductor Robert A. Martin, with the Livingston County Chorale sing 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, highlights include "The Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray and "Canticle of Praise" by John Ness Beck, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 546-5733

### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

The men's choral society performs 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. \$10, \$5 children ages 10 and younger. (248) 626-6606

### JAZZ

AH LAROCCA 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (avant jazz) THE BLEND

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

### GERALD BLUMER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 29, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. (248) 645-2150 (pieno/bess/drums) SANDRA BOMAR

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Seturday, May 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

### GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

### PETE SIERS TRIO

With Johnny O'Neal, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

### TOOTS THIELEMANS QUARTET

With Kenny Werner, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310 HARVEY THOMPSON AND FRIEND

### 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734)

662-8310 PAUL VORNHAGEN

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150 (saxophone, piano/bass/drums) DONALD WALDEN QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass/drums)

### URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

JAAP BLONK

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

### NEW AGE

The dutch voice performer and sound poet appears with Swedish multireed experimentalist Mats Gustafsson and Chicago percussionist Michael Zerang in an evening of improvisational excursions exploring sound possibilities out past the edge, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4. at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kchelo.net

### WORLD MUSIC

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8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students with student ID at Michigan Union Ticket Office. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Cettic)

### MUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, Hamtramck Funtrain at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-1115; 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Rio Bravo, 2065 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 371-0333; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 769-2500 (reggae) JO NAB

9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (reggae)

### NATALIE MACMASTER

8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 5-6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

### GEAROID O'HALLMHURAIN

All-Ireland champion concertina player and uillean piper, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JIM PERKINS DUO

9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/folk) TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS

With Morgan Heritage, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

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### PATTY LARKIN

With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com THE DUTTONS Bring their blend of country, folk, clas-

sical and bluegrass to the Southfield Centre for the arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Admission \$10, call (248) 424-9022. CHRIS PROCTOR

8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$11 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org RFD BOYS

The bluegrass band performs at Folk Vespers, a professional fold music conAdray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474 TANGO CLASSES

8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Seturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy. WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR

### DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight Seturday, May 8, at the Italian-American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 members. (810) 573-4993

### COMBDY

GALLAGHER II: THE LIVING SEQUEL 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road, Farmington. \$20 and \$25. (248) 473-7777 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Allyn Ball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12); Billy Ray Bauer, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

### PAISANO'S

Diana Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and ladies only night, 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

### "KINGS OF COMEDY TOUR"

With Steve Harvey, Cedric "The Entertainer," Bernie Mac and D.L. Hughley, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$47.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY

"Extra Terrestrial Chicken" is an Alternative Mondays productions running 8 p.m. Mondays through May 10 (\$8); "Improv Jammers" every Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) beginning May 4 (\$5);



Playing the Bag: Patty Larkin (above) and Jennifer Kimball perform Thursday, April 29, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18-and-older show. For ticket information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

### BLUECAT

7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247 (blues)

### BLUE SUIT

9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

### **BUMPIN' UGLIES**

With The Unfriendlys and The Daggers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk) SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

3-5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Borders Books and Music, 3527 Washtenaw. Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 677-6948 (rock)

### **COMPANY OF STRANGERS**

9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Dick O'Dow's. 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock /trish)

CRAZY FLYING GIANTS

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1. The Habitat inside Weber's. 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books

and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780; 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Borders Books and Music, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 677-6948 (alternative rock)

### HOUSE OF LISHER

With Bon, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (prog rock) LISA HUNTER

8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/l isa.htm (acoustic rock) IMPACT 7

8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 F. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

JUVENILE

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Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) ... NO MONTH

With Moods for Moderns, 6:30 p.m. Monthly, May 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hell, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (213) 901-MELT or filtp://www.S61melt.com (rock) NOBOOY'S BUS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Ford Road Bar and Grill. 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

SUGAR RAY NORCIA 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndele. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues) THE ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE

With The Scavenger Quartet featuring Frank Pahl, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) **OUT IN WORSHIP** 

With Drumhead, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (dub) PHIFE

With Xibit and Defari, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$15 in advance. \$18 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (hip-hop)

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40 dance)

### GARY RASMUSSEN AND STEPHEN GRANT WOOD

6 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 (rock) MYK RISE

5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock) ROYCE

8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

### SAFFIRE: THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

8 p.m. Friday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues) SAGE

Wth Gene Yu, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and r, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327N. Seginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (alternative rock)

### ICHIN WANTE

6:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15, \$20 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (rock) WILCO

With Joe Henry, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6. Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (roots rock)

### CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

### BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar Spin Off" night with Will Gilford, Nasty C, ATM, Lauren Flex and Seven, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's). old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

### THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays: gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB

Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

### MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older: "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

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# Don't expect smooth flight in 'Pushing Tin'

### BY VICTORIA DUAR SPECIAL WRITER

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"Pushing Tin" stars John Cusack, Billy Bob Theraton, Cate Blanchett, and Angelina Jolie, four of the most capable young screen actors around these days. It's directed by Mike Newell, who counts "Donnie Brasco" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral" among his stellar accomplishments.

Also, it's a film that takes a a long-neglected subject that would seem to be utterly replete with excitement and dramatic potential - the world of the air traffic control room.

Maybe one of this movie's

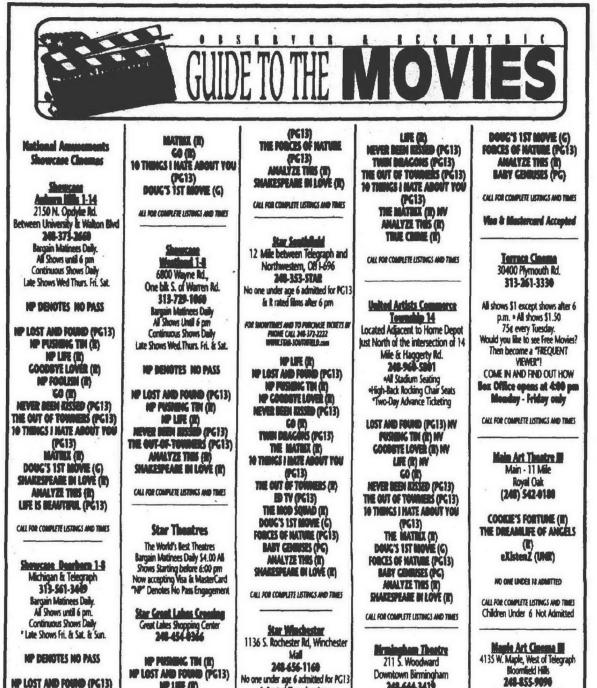
problems is that it holds too much promise for its own good. It's not really an awful film, crashing and burning on take-off in one big, dreadful beap. Nevertheless, it does have some trouble getting off the ground.

In it, Cusack is Nick Falsone, a fast-talking controller who hums golden oldies as he works the radar scopes, "pushing tin" in the overcrowded skies above New York City. Nick is one cool guy. IN fact, he's the coolest guy in the control room. He never messes up. He makes his nail-biting job look effortless. And though he knows he's one heckuva traffic controller, he's so friendly and down-to-earth that everyone

likes him anyway. He has a loving wife (played by Cate Blanchett), two cuts kids, and a nice home in the suburbs.

And then, something happens to really gum u the works for Nick. Competition rides into town on a glittery motorcycle, in the form of a guy named Russell Bell (Billy Bob Thornton), to make a job in the same control room. Half-Irish and half-Choctaw, the taciturn Russell proceeds to take NIck down several pegs and, almost before we can say "Mayday," Nick is losing his wife, his kids, maybe his job, and most definitely his compo-SULTO.

Despite some especially good





Drama: John Cusack (clockwise, left to right), Billy Bob Thornton and Jerry Grayson monitor the scopes in "Pushing Tin."

performances by Cusack and Blanchett, much of what happens in this movie about man-toman competition seems vaguely silly instead of funny or amusing, and oddly fragmented instead of cohesive or fast-paced. At the film's conclusion, you may feel as if you've taken an overlong trip that's grown especially tiresome as it lumbers toward

the finish line. "Pushing Tin" is also hampered often by its own split personality. It's one of those movies that can't seem to decide quite what direction it wants to take. Does it want to be Funny? Does it want to be poignant? Does it want to be a "message film"? Because of its schizoid tendencies, often what it ends up being is implausible.

Some scenes seem especially nonsensical. Take, for instance, the boys-will-be-boys fight that breaks out in the control room between Nick and Russell, while all that tin is stacking up like

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Scheduled to open Friday, April 30 "ENTRAPMENT"

An insurance investigator sets a trap to catch a legendary gentleman thief who's never been caught. But things take a turn and now both the hunter and the prey may have to pay a high price for freedom, Stars Sean Connerv.

Kennedy, Newark, etc. Even as competitive as these two characters seem, and even as much as a moviegoer may yearn to suspend disbelief, as it's presented here, such a scenario is hard to swallow.

A few scene feel as if they've wandered over from some other movie or TV show (Glen Charles & Les Charles of "Cheers" fame wrote the screenplay). At one point, Nick leaves Long Island and the control room, and goes to Colorado in search of Russell and some answers to the mysteries of his life. Because this is the kind of movie that it is, he finds him right there in great outdoors, fishing in a cold, mountain stream.

This gives Russell the chance to say things like "He knows I caught him, and I know I caught him," referring to a trout he's just hooked and let go. It also gives him the chance to say things like "Jump into the

lethal sardines over LaGuardia. water!" and to deliver other brief sermonettes that sound as if they might have been intended for a segment of SNL's "Deep thoughts." The two cohorts then conclude the day by standing in the turbulence wake of a 747 as it comes in for a landing. Maybe it's a guy thing.

Billy Bob Thorton's Russell Bell is often so wooden and remote that he's like somebody s slightly overdose on an anti-psychotic medication. The eccentricity may lie more with the character than with the actor, but it's hard to empathize with wooden and remote, and consequently, a challenge to care about such a character, which further disables this picture. The Screen play for "Pushing Tin" was adapted from Darcy Drey's "Something's Got to Give," an absorbing New York Times article about controllers at the New York Terminal Radar. Approach Control on Long Island. Too bad this movie doesn't fly nearly as effectively as Frey's article.

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magical comedy. Stars Christian Bale, Rupert Everett, Calista Flockhart, Kevin Kline, Michelle Pfeiffer and Stanley Tucci.

### "THE MUMMY"

Sci-fi epic about an expedition of treasure-seeking explorers in the Sahara Dessert in 1925 who stumble upon an ancient tomb and unwittingly set loose a 3,000 legacy of terror. Stars Brendan Fraser.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 14

### "THE CASTLE"

A warm hearted comedy about a work ing class man who takes enormous pride in his property and family must



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Scheduled to open Wednesday. May 19

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Story of a 9-year-old boy named Anakin

Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi, a brash young Jedi Knight. This first chapter in the Star Wars saga follows Anakin's journeys as he pursues his dreams and confronts his deepest fears in the midst of a galaxy in turmoil. Stars Liam Neeson, Jake Lloyd.

### Sliding Doors' has interesting plot

### BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

How someone's life turns out can be altered by some bits of good or bad luck - like whether you caught the subway train and got home sooner than if you had taken a taxi. That's the premise of a rather flat 1998 British film "Sliding Doors."

The plot device of the film is interesting enough - it shows parallel plot lines what happens if a woman, played Gwyneth Paltrow, arrives home early enough to find her boyfriend in bed with another woman or just after the other woman has left.

In the first instance, the woman breaks up with the boyfriend - a loser she has been supporting while he stays at home to work on his novel. Conveniently, she met a very nice man on the subway train and

even more conveniently runs into him again while trying to drown her sorrows about her domestic problems. The course of her new relationship seems too good to be true and naturally doesn't have a smooth course.

In the other scenario, the woman decides to take a taxi and gets mugged which delays her journey home. As a result, it takes her some time to figure out what her boyfriend has been up to while he was supposed to be working. After getting fired from her public relations job, the woman works two lower paying jobs to make ends meet while the boyfriend continues his career as an unfaithful layabout. Keeping track of the two versions gets easier after Paltrow's character

goes blonde and gets a short haircut in one version.

Directed by Peter Howitt, 'Sliding Doors' can't decide if it's a drama or a romantic comedy. Neither effort is successful due to a weak script and equally weak performances by most of the cast. Paltrow is very earnest in her performance. As her unfaithful boyfriend, John Lynch has too many strained scenes that are apparently supposed to be funny. Even worse is the shrill Jeanne Tripplehorn as the other woman - she doesn't have a real moment in the whole film.

Upon further reflection, another problem with "Sliding Doors" is that despite the events and choices made in the two scenarios, Paltrow's character basically ends up in the same place. Maybe the real message, is that like the movie itself what happened really didn't matter in the end.

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# Big Sugar celebrates latest album release

Louis Arena, Big Sugar players Gordie Johnson and Kelly Hoppe are starstruck. Johnson and pompadoured FUOCO keyboardist. Hoppe, both Windsor

natives, glance around at the championship flags hanging from the rafters.

They're even thrilled when they see part of the ice sticking out from a makeshift wood floor. Fashionably stylish with his Hugo Boss red sweater, dark pants and bright red cowboy boots, Johnson is one band member who feels at home in the Joe.

"Some of the crew are diehard Maple Leafs fans but they're gonna just have to bite the bullet today because me and Kelly are so (in awe), walking around the place going. 'Oh, look at the picture of Gordie Howe,' " singer/guitarist John-son said while picking at his guitar.

Big Sugar was in town April 17 to play during the "Made in Hockeytown Rally" at the Joe. The group, which also includes bassist Garry Lowe, returns to the area Saturday, May 1, to celebrate the release of its latest album "Heated" at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"Heated" boils with rock and blues influences as well as '70s classic rock, reggae and psychedelia. Johnson, who produced "Heated," attributed the

Standing on a variety to "hundreds of gigs a stage at Joe year and different personn

"Different people have come through the band over the years and they all leave their influence. They all leave their mark," said Johnson, who has also produced Govt. Mule and Chris Duarte.

Toronto, the city in which he has lived for 10 years, has also had a hand in Big Sugar's music.

"Since I've been living in Toronto for 10 years, I really got into reggae music 'cause it's a really strong community there. It's the largest concentration of West Indians outside of Jamaica. That was just a natural resource that was just there waiting for me in Toronto. That brought a lot of reggae music into our sound, like working with Garry."

Music has been a lifelong aspiration for Johnson, 35. Growing up in Windsor, his musical preferences were Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and Deep Purple. As he got older, he indulged in Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, John Lee Hooker, and acoustic blues

"When I was 8 years old, I was telling my mom, 'Don't worry about that D on my report card. I know I'll never need mathematics 'cause I'm going to be a rock star.' Parents don't want to hear that when you're 8 years old," he said with a smile, stray hairs hanging over his right eye.

"They love it now. They see our videos on TV. They've got platinum records hanging on

their wall with their actor with They're a little mere and standing new. We only taken them 30 years to convince them.

The real sign of success, he explained, appeared during a drive through Detroit.

"When I was a little hid I grew up listening to stations like the RIF (WRIF 101, L-FM), all the FM rock stations in Detroit, man, from the time I was 6, 7 years old. All of a sud-den to hear our song on the rif driving through Detroit is like, it's matrice macross it's making me crazy."

Big Sugar and Keller Williams perform Saturday, May 1, Magic Bag: 22920 Wood-ward Ave., in Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com.

### Edge good-bye

DJs from WXDG-FM (The Edge) are saying good-bye to listeners on Saturday, May 1, with a live Internet broadcast from the attic of former morning show host Spike. The former Edge radio personalities will spin on the net, via Real Audio at

http://www.radioedge.com, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Spike said they may slip in a few previously unheard "Edge Sessions." SV3 Media Group of Rochester Hills is donating its services for the event. A chat room will be set up for listeners to chat live with the DJs and each other.

**Cyber news** 



Amazon.com is offering free digital downloads of two new recordings from Sarah McLachlan's upcoming live album "Mirrorball," due out on Arista/Nettwerk June 15. Live versions of "Building a Mystery" and "I Will Remember You" may be downloaded from http://www.amazon.com/sarah-exclusive. ... Coal Chamber is taking time out from mixing its upcoming

Roadrunner release "Chamber Music" to chat with fans at 11 p.m. Thursday, April 29, via http:// www. sonicnet. com/ channels or http:// chat. yahoo. com. Coal Chamber is tentatively scheduled to play Detroit's State Theatre with ICP and Kool Keith on Friday, July 2.

ar --- from , Kelly loppe, hey boards and sax, Garry Lowe, base, Gordie Johnson, guitars and vocals - is having a CD release party in support of its latest album "Heated" (Capricorn) on Saturday, May 1, at the Magic **Bag** in Ferndale.

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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# George Friend, Black Beauty live for the blues

### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Happiness slowly creeps across the face of blues guitarist George Friend. During an impromptu soundcheck between sets by Harbinger's Mile and Jill Jack at the Magic Bag, Friend keeps his head down, engulfed in the blues.

When the crowd rises to their feet as he and Black Beauty hit the stage, Friend looks up

material a year ago and of the eight songs he penned, five made it on the CD.

"I was just starting to get used to writing songs. I had never really written that much before. It was scary to say the least. I started to get the hang of it and I started writing material for Thornetta too. I started to feel more comfortable with it," Friend explained.

At first, Friend was focusing a funny band."

Friend began writing the title track winds its way through rock, blues and soul.

### Holding the reins

Friend has "played all sorts of different kinds of music" since he was a child growing up in Marquette. Upon graduation in 1983, he moved to San Francisco for four years with his band Pedxing, a "quirky kind of pop, new wave, like the Talking Heads and Devo. It was kind of

In 1988 he returned to Michigan, this time settling in Detroit where he studied jazz at Wayne State University. Expanding his already vast musical resume, Friend hooked up with Alex Trajano and formed the avant jazz act Blue Dog in 1988. Friend then spent time in Spanking Bozo and the Sun Messengers before getting caught in the Twistin' Tarantulas' web.

whom he had played in the Sun Messengers. Friend formed Black Beauty in early 1998.

"I formed this band to do a wider variety of music instead of just doing rockabilly or whatever we were doing, jump blues. I really had an interest in doing more Chicago blues and funk and different things," he said.

Davis plays select gigs with Black Beauty, which also includes bassist Jim Simonson of Detroit and drummer Todd Glass, formerly of the Twistin Tarantulas, of Westland. In January, keyboardist Chris Codish, who won Outstanding Blues Instrumentalist and Outstanding R&B/Urban/Funk Instrumentalist at the Detroit Music Awards April 23, joined the band.

the Scandinavian tour Black Beauty did with rockabilly singer Robert Gordon.

"They're just nuts about rockabilly over there. We played in Helsinki for 1.200 people, and another small town in Finland with another 1,200 kids. There were kids there just 16 years old with giant pompadours and leather jackets. Every single kid was dressed up."

No matter what he's playing,

Davis was also on board for to a lot more blues records. I never played it a lot. I really enjoy the music. I feel like everything that I've played comes pretty much from there."

> Black Beauty performs at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. The free show is all ages, call (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The 21 and older show is free, call (248) 543-4300. Black Beauty's Web site is http:// www. blkbeauty. com

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pleasantly surprised. When special guest Thornetta Davis confidently struts on stage, they go crazy.

"It was scary," Friend said enthusiastically. "After we finished that first song by Booker T and the MGs, everybody just jumped out of their seats. It was great. It's a rush."

That's pretty much the reaction every time Black Beauty plays. At the Lower Town Grill in Plymouth, fans hit the dance floor when Black Beauty plays songs off its debut CD "Senor Smoke.

on writing rockabilly and jump blues songs. When he eased up on his self-imposed limitations. the music kept coming.

"They (the songs) were all right, they just felt like I was trying to do something instead of just writing a song and letting it be what it is. That's why the CD was a little more varied. My influences definitely came through once I just let it flow."

The opening track "Beaten Down" has all the swagger of Keith Richards while surf owns the seductive "Gonna Do It." The eight minute and 11 second

For 1-1/2 years, Friend played with the Tarantulas. When he left the band, he looked to old friend Thornetta Davis, with

There's a mutual admiration thing going on between Black Beauty and Davis, who is working on her sophomore effort. When she's not performing with Black Beauty, the band is backing her.

"She loves us," Friend said.

Friend knows the blues is in his heart.

"I had always been listening

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# For casual or special dinners try Bonfire Bistro & Brewery

### BY KEELY WYGO

Bonfire Bistro & Brev ry is an appropriate name for this newly opened restaurant in Northville.

The earthly smell of burning wood greets diners as they open the door to upscale, yet casual Bonfire Bistro & Brewery. It's the kind of restaurant you can go to for a quick pissa before a movie ... or anniversary dinner.

Wood fuels the ovens here, everything from the pizza oven to the rotisserie and char-grill.

-- "It gives the food great flavor," said manager Rob Bennett. "We have a great menu, not just beer and sandwiches. Our staff is very knowledgeable and friendly."

Three brightly colored murals decorate the restaurant, which is decidedly urban with rich wood tables and booths.

Wood is piled up along the open kitchen where you can see your meal being prepared.

Chef David Platzer studied at

39550 Seven Mile (near Haggerty), Northville, (248) 735-

14 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight S-S- value ny; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

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Ing for dinner: Menn: Fresh seefood, steaks, chops, chicken, pasta, hand-tossed pizzs. Some vegetarian items. Handcrafted beers and rootbeer. Children's menu for ages 12 and under. Cost: Selads and semilations, \$3.95 to \$9.95; Pizza (6 pieces, served as an appricant \$7.95 to \$8.50; lunch entrees \$7.95 to \$12.95; dimme entrees including pasta \$12.95 to \$26.95. Chil-dren's menu Tems \$4.50 to \$5.50; Carry-set: Available Credit Gards: All majors Seats: 240 people, artificional seating (6 tables) on outdoor patio

Seats: 240 people, additional seating (6 tables) on outdoor patio.

### the Culinary Institute of Ameri-ca. Ron Jeffries is the Brewmas-

ter, and tours of the brewery can be arranged if you call the restaurant in advance.

For lunch or dinner, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery offers a truly memorable dining experience. The lunch menu features more sandwiches than the dinner



Pizza: Michael Ollie gets ready to put a wild mushroom pizza into the wood fire pizza oven.

menu For starters, Bennett recommends the Gorgonzola Ale Dip or Beer-Steamed Mussels.

Pizzas are hand-tossed and cooked in a wood-burning oven. Choose from Chicken & Artichoke Pizza; Pizza Classico -Italian sausage, Roma tomatoes and wild mushrooms with woodroasted tomato sauce and mozzarella; Wild Mushroom Pizza or **Roasted Vegetable and Goat** Cheese Pizza.

The Onion Porter Soup - sliced Spanish onions and shallots in a hearty beef and porter broth with crispy haystack onions and Swiss cheese - is a specialty.

For dinner, Bennett points to Planked Salmon, available for dinner or lunch - a fresh Atlantic filet, wood fired on a cedar plank with honey mustard glaze - served with wild rice pilaf and fresh vegetable.

Grilled Lamb Chops, and Herb Chicken Linguine 2 rotisserie chicken tossed with wild mushrooms, scallions, roasted garlic, sun-dried tomatoes and sage cream sauce over fresh linguine - are also often-requested dish-.

Vegetarians will enjoy Portobella Penne - Fire-roasted portobellas, onions, peppers and roast-

From the rotisserie, choose from Herb Crusted Prime Rib. Spit Fire Duck or Chicken, all slow-cooked over a hickory fire and served with fresh vegetable.

tomato fennel broth, topped with

grated Parmesan cheese.

If you're hungry for a sandwich for lunch or dinner, Bennett recommends Beef & Boursin shaved prime rib with creamy. boursin cheese, red onions, lettuce and tomato on a hoagie roll with horseradish mayo.

The lunch menu features the popular Cherry Chicken Salad, **Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap** Sandwich, Black Forest Ham & **Cheddar Sandwich and Grilled** Portobella & Vegetable Wrap.

There are six items on the children's menu – Bowtie Pasta with tomato sauce and cheese, Chicken Tenderloins, Grilled Cheese with fries, Cheeseburger and

ed garlic with penne noodles in a fries, Fish and Chips, and sugar. Cheese Pizza.

Toast a special occasion with one of Bonfire's handcrafted beers. There's a wide variety from the Firelight Lager, to Vulcan's Ale, Burning Brand Bitter-Extra Pale Ale, Promethean Porter, and a seasonal specialty.

\*For something really different, try one of Bonfire's two cask-conditioned beers - Smoldering **Coals Imperial Stout or a Special** Rotating Cask. These Englishstyle ales are naturally carbonated and served at room temperature.

Wine by the glass, beer by the bottle, draft cider, martinis and other cocktails are available also.

Desserts are made in house. The Vanilla Malt & Porter Praline ice creams are made exclusively for Bonfire Bistro & Brewery using the sweet extract of malted barley, fresh cream and

Popular dish: Executive Chef David Platzer presents Mediterranean Seafood Farfalle, an often requested dish at the newly opened Bonfire Bistro & Brewery.

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Other delicious ways to satisfy your sweet tooth include Cappuccino Creme Brulee, S'More Cheesecake, Hot Fudge Brownie made with a white chocolate brownie, Apple Cherry Pie, Fresh Fruit Anglaise, and a Rootbeer

Bennett said they plan to revise and change the menu to keep it fresh. Every attempt will be made to accommodate special requests.

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what's cooking

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, e-mail or kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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### reservations. COMEDY DINNER THEATER

Tony & Maria's Wedding, Saturday, May 8, Livonia American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road. Cost \$44.95 per person, call (800) 817-6279 for information, reservations.

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MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS

Mother's Day Brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fox Hills Club House, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, \$15.95 per person, call (734) 453-7272. Fox Hills serves brunch every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. the cost is \$14.95 adults, and \$5.50 (chilrestaurant a call (248) 816-8000 a half hour before you plan to arrive and if there's a wait list (which there will be on weekend evenings), your name will be added. Upon arrival, notify the host staff that you called ahead. When your name reaches the top of the list, you'll be seated at the

Celebrates Cinco De Mayo, Mexico's independence from France, Wednesday, May 5 at their restaurants in Livonia, 28407 Five Mile Road (734) 421-3310 and West Bloomfield, 5566 Drake Road, (248) 661-8088. Piñata breaking 4 p.m. at the Livonia restaurant; 5:30 p.m. at the West Bloomfield Restaurant. Both locations will have menu specials. The West Bloomfield location will also have Latin music 7-11 p.m. including at Mariachi Band at 10:30 p.m.

### **GOLDEN MUSHROOM**

French Wine dinner, Monday, May 3, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield. Cost \$90 per person, plus tax and gratuity, call (248) 559-4230 for information and

At the Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9. Family-style luncheon, music by the Eddie DeSantis Ensemble, adults \$25 per person, \$10 children (ages 6-12), \$3 children (ages 4-6), children age 3 and under, free. Call (734) 953-9724 for reservations/information. No tickets sold at the door.

### CORSI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND **BANQUET CENTER**

Mom's Day Buffet, noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Adults \$12.95, seniors \$12, children under age 10, \$6. Call (248) 777-4960 for reservations/information.

next available table.

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Popular P.F. Chang's China **Bistro in Somerset Collection** South, Troy, does not take reservations, but has adopted "call ahead seating." Just give the

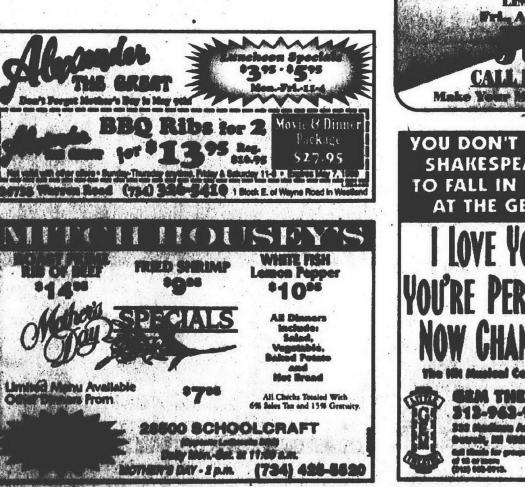
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