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...said that the foundation... over 1,000 responses to the survey... representing approximately 15 percent of the residents of the City of Plymouth and 30 percent from Plymouth Township. According to the survey, 81 percent of those who responded from the City of Plymouth and 74 percent of those from the township selected "Would not consider" when asked if they would consider selling their home. Please see SURVEY, A5

Hey, what happened to spring?



...You at home in the... advances to the next round this evening at... School.

Hilton puts city on map

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Downtown Plymouth is back on the map. Months after the Hilton Garden Inn along M-14 opened, the hotel chain is printing new literature that acknowledges downtown Plymouth exists. "The literature that came out when the hotel opened shows many local companies and attractions like the Detroit Zoo, Ann Arbor, Metro Airport, but no mention of us," said Daniel Harshberger, project manager of the Plymouth Downtown Business Association. "We're right in their backyard with a movie theater and 150 businesses in a seven-block area." Hotel general manager Brian Barton admitted "the pre-opening flier for

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Error may cost \$1 million

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The Plymouth-Canton school district has discovered an accounting error that nearly cost the district \$1 million in state funding over the past three years. After the error in adult education funding was discovered by a persistent program coordinator, the state agreed to reimburse the district \$400,000 it was due this year. However, there's no word when the district will get back the \$600,000 it lost during the previous two years. "The error got past the county and state (education) auditors," said John Birchler, executive director of business and operations. "We went back to the state and they agreed we were entitled to more money. I've not heard anything, yet, on whether we will get the additional funding from past years. The total is about \$1 million according to our calculations." "I'm glad we found the error, not someone else," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "We can go back two years from when the change was made.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

I haven't heard yet about the money, but county (education) officials say it's extremely likely we'll get it back." Little said the money will be used to increase the district's fund balance. The error was found by Carol Saunders, adult education coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools, who couldn't understand how her program had more students in adult ed than many other districts, but wasn't generating as much state funding. "The numbers just didn't look right," said Saunders. "I just couldn't understand why." The big break came when Saunders, still puzzled about the figures, began mentioning it to her colleagues in other districts. "A few weeks ago I was talking with people from another district about the state pupil accounting rules, and I found out that other schools were interpreting the rules differently than we do, and consequently getting more money from the state," said Saunders. "I compared their figures and ours and found the difference." Saunders said the state legislature made some changes in pupil accounting rules back in 1996, but no one in the district made the change and it wasn't caught by auditors. Board member Roland Thomas said he believes it was a misunderstanding in the change of the state requirements. "When there is a change, we need to make certain we understand it. There needs to be a check and balance that should have caught it," added Thomas. "I'm not angry, but upset that we nearly lost the money. I need more information as to why it happened." "I'm glad we had a committed employee who investigated the situation, or we could be out more money," said Trustee Darwin Watts. "It raises questions about how this could happen." "I have concerns that someone didn't interpret the changes correctly. We need a checks and balance process,"

Please see ERROR, A5

Maloney: Experience will guide the district



BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton school board president Mike Maloney believes experience will be the key in guiding the district through budget problems, the opening of three new school buildings, and the challenge of charter schools. Maloney is hoping that voters will choose experience and re-elect him to the Board of Education in the June 14 election. "It takes a while to get acclimated on the board, and with everything that's going on now, people should go with experience to keep continuity," said Maloney. "I don't think there's anybody else on the board, or who is running, that has

the business experience I've got, the financial background, and the experience of running a large organization," said Maloney, director of the Multimedia Strategic Business Unit for Vision. "I've tried to bring that experience with me to the board." Maloney said he's proud of his first four years on the board, naming successes in developing a five-year financial plan, the Goals 2000 and Strategic Plan, and improvements in labor relations. However, Maloney said there's still plenty of work to be done. "It's difficult to say where we're heading because it depends on the financial situation," he said. "All our funding comes from the state ... and I

Please see MALONEY, A5

Police release composite of abductor suspect

Plymouth Township police have released a sketch of a man wanted in connection with a possible attempted child abduction from the Knart store at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

The man is believed to be between 65 and 70 years of age with gray hair and brown eyes. He is estimated at 5-foot, 6-inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds.

During the time of the incident, which took place on May 16, he was believed to be wearing a tweed, tan colored suit jacket and glasses.

"This is a reminder to be matter of fact in discussing safety with your children," said Officer Jamie Benkell of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "Teach them what a stranger is and that adults should not be asking them questions."

Anyone with knowledge of this incident is asked to call Plymouth Township police at (734) 455-5555.

Police release composite of abductor suspect

By Elizabeth R. Wynn
Plymouth Township Police



Sketch: Plymouth Township police released this computer-generated sketch of a man who attempted to abduct a child from the Knart store at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty on May 16. He is described as 65 to 70 years of age with gray hair and brown eyes, stands about 5-foot, 6-inches tall and weighs 140 pounds.

THIS WEEKEND

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at Theodore and Main. The procession will head south to Kellogg Park for a ceremony. About 20 groups from the Plymouth and Canton area will march in the parade, including marching bands, color guards, Boy Scouts and Girl Scout troops. The Plymouth-Canton Chapter 38 Vietnam Veterans Association, VFW Mayflower-Lt. Canby Post 6606, American Legion Post 112 and American Post 361 will be participating. For more information call 451-0475.

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by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

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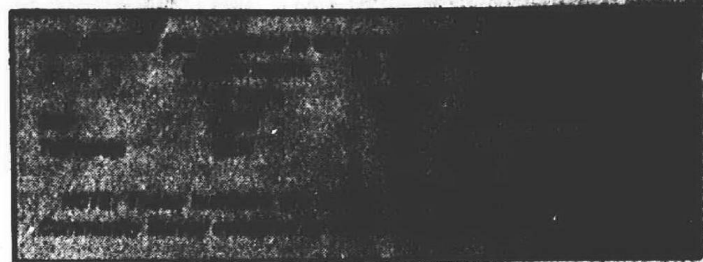
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Over 200 people show interest in volunteering time



BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Over 200 Plymouth City and Plymouth Township residents responded to the Plymouth Community Foundation's recent survey, asking for information about volunteer opportunities in the area.

Foundation President Bill Joyner said that the names and phone numbers of those responding to the volunteer section of the survey have been forwarded to the organizations in which they indicated interest.

Lt. Jim Spencer of the Salvation Army said that the survey could turn out to be a big help to his organization.

"I thought it was a good survey," he said. "We've gotten quite a healthy response as a result of it. I would estimate that maybe 15 people have requested information about the Salvation Army."

The key for Spencer is that a bulk of those 15 individuals come through with volunteer efforts.

"If we do get them to come in and volunteer some of their time, it will be a big help because we won't have to hire the people to fill those positions," he said. "But, if we just send out the paperwork to them and they know about us, it won't have as big of an impact."

Of the 9,000 surveys mailed out 3 percent returned the form asking for more information about service clubs. Nearly 20 percent responded to the survey portion.

On average each resident requested information about three organizations.

According to the preliminary results of the survey, 57 percent of city respondents said they volunteered once a year or never. In the township, 49 percent gave a similar response.

"Fifty percent of those who responded (to the survey) said they don't volunteer," said

"We've gotten quite a healthy response as a result of it. I would estimate that maybe 15 people have requested information about the Salvation Army."

Jim Spencer
Salvation Army

Joyner. "Our job now is to find out how we can change that. We want to move that 50 percent into the more active category."

The Friends of the Library, Historical Society, YMCA, Business and Professional Women, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Hospice and the Plymouth Community Arts Council were the most requested, averaging nearly 30 requests each.

But even the Plymouth Poets had people requesting information along with the Evening Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club and Jaycees. Over 35 organizations listed had Plymouth residents ask for information about them.

Each person requesting information has received a letter thanking them for participating. Their names have been forwarded to the organization they requested.

The Plymouth Volunteer Center is pleased with the "order form" packet that they will be sending out starting June 1 to each new family moving into town.

This will be a part of the "Welcome to Town We are Glad You are Here" program that was test-marketed last year.

According to Joyner, new homeowners will receive a packet of information on Plymouth that includes a free art rental at the arts council, material on the symphony and historical society, a walking map of Plymouth and other items relating to their new hometown.

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"I think that people aren't looking at the value of their homes as going to go up and will continue to go up in Plymouth."

The Board member of the City of Plymouth said that the survey showed to have produced some good results that can be followed up on.

"Always, when we can get feedback from the community like that, it helps in determining where's best," he said. "It's very interesting but I do think it's a positive thing. It's a good benchmark that we can work from in the future."

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the information put forth as a result of the survey can't hurt.

"It's very relevant information when you can get 1,500 households responding to something like this," he said. "I thought it was a tremendous idea that somebody was out there surveying the community."

Koch said the results were interesting, especially in terms of the low volunteerism and the issue of the Sheldon Road underpass.

"People are confident that the value of their homes is going to go up and will continue to go up in Plymouth."

Bill Joyner
Community Foundation

"It's interesting that more of the township residents (66 percent said they were very supportive of the project) wanted it than did the city residents (65 percent)," he said.

A total of 81 percent of both communities responded "very" or "some" in regards to their support for the project, as opposed to 19 percent who answered "little/none" or gave no response.

Edwards was also intrigued by the large response in favor of the project.

"I think the survey shows that they want (government) to use (its) money wisely and not to tax them more," he said. "In terms of the overpass, the survey shows that people are for it overwhelm-

ingly but they don't want to be taxed on it, which I agree with."

"If you bond it out over a number of years, the township has the money to pay for it."

"It's a beginning," said Dan Herriman of Herriman and Associates, who originated the idea of conducting the survey. "The people have spoken."

Now that the surveys are in, Herriman said the next step for the foundation is to hold a summit to meet with representatives from education, business, volunteer and religious organizations in the Plymouth area to identify some concerns and find solutions to problems within the community.

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The transportation program is to help cover these periods and places not available through current services for seniors. Volunteer drivers are needed, who

are willing to drive a senior to the hospital, doctor, or to get groceries. The program will be set up by the community council office at 201 Main St., Plymouth. The office is located next to the elevator on the second floor of City Hall, 201 Main St., Plymouth.

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Garden Park: Members of the Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club pose for a photo after planting flowers in Forest St. in Plymouth Wednesday morning. From left, are: JoAnn Harreld, Karen Horton, Janet Morton, Ann Leland, Evelyn Erdelyi, Marueen Armstrong and Mary Jane Robinson.

Garden Club spruces up parks

The Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association kicked off its spring planting season last week in several parks in the Plymouth area.

The volunteers began sprucing up the flower boxes on Penman, east of Main. Work will continue at the Plymouth

Township office courtyard and at the Garden Club park at Sutherland and Forest.

The Plymouth Garden Club has been involved in the community since 1936. In addition to landscaping various parks and public properties throughout Plymouth, the group also hosts a Green's Mart and

Home Tour to raise funds for its various projects and scholarship program.

This year the Garden Club awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Carrie Hayes of Canton High School, who will be attending Michigan State University this fall.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA-BOUND

Four Plymouth Canton High School students will spend 21 days in Australia during July as part of the People to People Student Ambassador program.

The local participants are Plymouth Salem students Brian Dorogi and Ashley Corney; and Plymouth Canton students Jason Evans and Laura Wild. They will join 36 other student ambassadors from Wayne and Monroe counties.

Their itinerary will include stops along the Great Barrier

Reef, working through the rain forest, living among the Aborigines in the outback, a family home stay and a final week in Sidney. Other sights of interest will be a stop at the Sidney Opera House and a visit to the Olympic Village.

The ambassadors will meet with Australian government officials during their stay as well.

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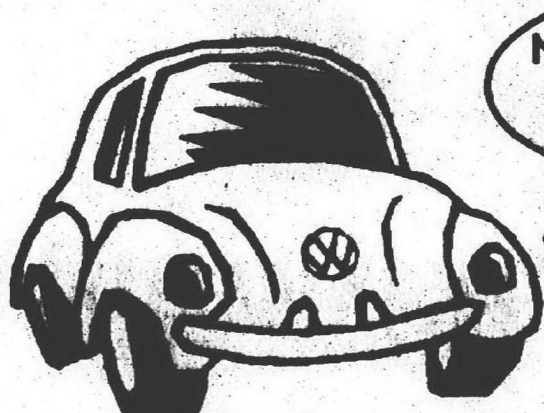
Raymond K. Hoedel was among the five outstanding people who were inducted into the Michigan Education Hall of

Fame at a dinner that was held on May 3 in the Sheraton Hotel, Lansing.

Hoedel was nominated by the Michigan School Business Officials.

Hoedel was the assistant superintendent for business and operations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 22 years and prior to that worked in the Clintondale district for five years. He is a former president and board member of the Michigan School Business Officials.

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to increase public awareness about the rivers in southeast Michigan.

Here is a list of activities at several Wayne County and other nearby sites in the Rouge River watershed with contact people listed:

■ Canton Township: storm drain stenciling, "aesthetic" stream survey and stream survey at various sites. Meet at township building, 1150 Canton Center Road. Contact Steve Shaw at (734) 397-5405.
■ Dearborn: stream cleanup,

shrub planting, streambank erosion prevention demonstration; Ford Field Chicago Road House parking lot, north side of Michigan Avenue at Brady. Time Supinger, (313) 949-2150.
■ Dearborn Heights: stream cleanup in Hines Park, Wallaceville area near Beech Daly/Warren Avenue. Kurt Halse, (313) 277-7413.
■ Detroit-Rouge Park: river cleanup. Larry Truel, (313) 935-

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■ Farmington Hills: stream cleanup. Jean Barrett, (248) 473-9521.
■ Livonia: stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, Botsford Park on Lathers north of 7 Mile. Sharon Sabat, (734) 466-2540.
■ Northville: Northville Park cleanup, Main Street and Center. The first 60 registered volunteers will receive a free Rouge Rescue/River Day cleanup T-shirt. Dan McGuire, (248) 349-0908.
■ Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, stream cleanup; 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Mike Kadrofske, (248) 471-7606.
■ Plymouth: stream cleanup, bike tour. Linda Langmesser, (734) 455-9144.
■ Plymouth Township: stream cleanup, bike tour, Alan van Kerkhove, (734) 455-9144.
■ Redford Township: stream cleanups, two sites, register at northwest corner of Puritan and

Pomona (Beech Daly). Wayne and Joyce Bates at (313) 559-0250 or Redford Department of Public Works at (313) 267-6000.
■ Southfield: stream cleanup; Beech Woods Park, Beech Road just south of Nine Mile. Barbara Bakula, (248) 354-5544.
■ Westland & Holiday Homes Preserve, wetland planting, stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, nesting boxes, race parking lot, Service Merchandise, Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. Bob Fattah, (734) 586-0288 ext. 223.

Group eyes petition drive on concealed weapons law

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

If Michigan lawmakers go ahead with plans to change the state's conceal weapons permit process, it will likely be challenged at the ballot box.

Carolynne Jarvis, executive director of the Lansing-based Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence, said her group is compiling a list of names of anyone who would like to get involved in a petition drive to overturn any "shall issue" law that may be passed by the legislature.

A petition drive would be headed up by the Law Enforcement Coalition, a group of associations representing prosecutors, sheriffs, state troopers and other law officers, Jarvis explained.

She said the groups expect to challenge any changes to the law which say local gun boards "shall issue" permits when certain criteria are met, eliminate a "determination of need" to get a permit, or reclassify the majority of permits as general rather than restricted. Most permits issued currently are restricted.

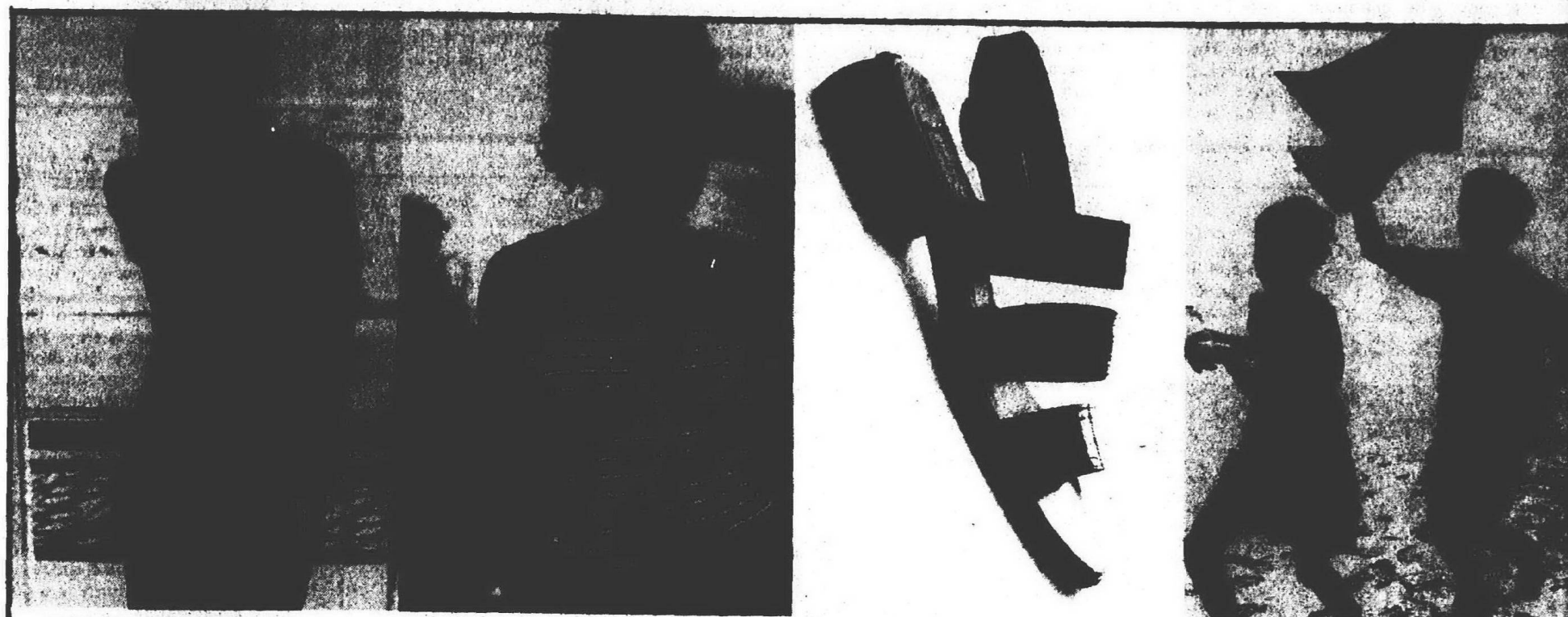
"At a time when kids are picking up guns as personal problem-solving tools, it's atrocious that an entire legislature is saying that for adults guns are personal problem-solvers of first resort, that the world is so dangerous adults have to walk around with a gun strapped to their hip on a daily basis," Jarvis said.

State senators delayed action on the proposed conceal weapons legislation last week in the wake of yet another school shooting, this time in Georgia. But the proposal was expected to be back on track this week. Passage of bills changing Michigan's permit process is expected before lawmakers recess for the summer in June.

Before the Senate is a package of bills passed earlier by the House of Representatives as well as its own version of concealed weapons reform, Senate Bill 460, sponsored by Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township.

According to Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, the result will likely be a combination of the two packages.

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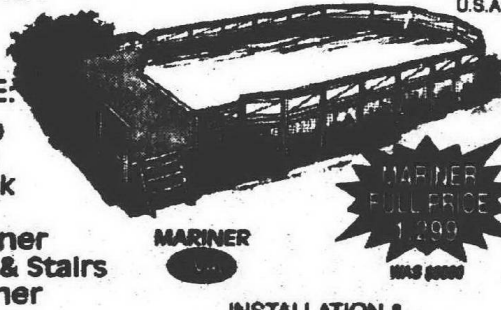
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Prosecutor's review of airport leases continues

By The Associated Press

AP Wire Service

Even though a tentative settlement of \$450,000 was reached Monday with a parking operator at Detroit Metro Airport to reimburse Wayne County for refund claims on shuttle van leases, an independent evaluation by the Wayne County's Prosecutor's office is expected to continue this week on the company's vehicle leases.

Questions about the leases were first raised by Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy in an audit report released in December. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County

Metropolitan Airport, said airport officials reached a tentative settlement with Cleveland-based APCOA. Katz expects to send letters this week to county commissioners and the county prosecutor's office informing them of the settlement.

"The commissioners gave us instructions within a range of \$380,000 and \$500,000 and the \$450,000 is within that range," Katz said.

Since that range was established, county prosecutors now believe Wayne County may be owed more than \$1 million, after they obtained information on more than 100 vehicle leases and title histories.

Monday's settlement also came four days after county commissioners voted to end the parking contract unless an agreement was reached with APCOA. In late March commissioners had approved a contract conditional upon the county

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George Ward, assistant prosecuting attorney, Wayne County

and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range of \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days.

Commissioners set that

range after George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$605,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses.

On May 19 the prosecutor's office filed a complaint in Wayne County Circuit Court against McQ Leasing, the firm renting vans to APCOA, to obtain sales information on lease vehicles.

"The question to be confronted is, why did Wayne County pay at or near levels that constituted full payout and still get no credit for the disposition value of vehicles which were only 1 1/2 years

old?" asked George Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecuting attorney, in a letter May 12 to county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Ward said Wednesday: "My understanding is that the county commissioner's instructions were (Wayne County) wouldn't settle this thing until we evaluated it."

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy also reported his findings to the county prosecutor's office in accordance with the county ethics ordinance.

In March Ward said the prosecutors "did not find reason to suspect that the mistakes made locally on these leases reflect a culpability which should disqualify the corporation in the current bidding."

"However, the above refund (\$605,647) is an obligation of APCOA to Wayne County," Ward wrote. Ward had suggested if APCOA qualifies as the lowest responsible bidder on the pending contract, which it did, commissioners should require the refund claim as a contract condition.

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debate is what the laws say about carrying concealed weapons into schools, bars, restaurants, churches or sports arenas. The House-approved package, centered around House Bill 4630, sponsored by Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, would allow such establishments to post signs barring weapons from being brought into them. Senators are expected to amend the package to strictly prohibit concealed weapons from some buildings, schools in particular.

Another issue is whether local gun boards should be altered or done away with altogether. One proposal would hand the responsibility for permits over to the Secretary of State. Another would realign the membership of local gun boards.

At present, anyone who wants a permit to carry a concealed weapon has to apply to the county gun boards, which consist of prosecutors, sheriffs and representatives of the state police. Currently, those boards have

discretion in handing out permits, and applicants are required to prove their need for a concealed weapon.

Both proposals would require the boards to issue permits if the applicants meet the criteria. Jarvis said her group favors the current discretionary system on conceal weapons permits.

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New laws for those who own, operate watercraft

Owners and operators of personal watercraft will learn new rules taking effect this season with a new age limit and required training.

AAA Michigan wants to remind people of those rules this week during National Safe Boating Week.

No one under the age of 14 may operate a personal watercraft in Michigan, except for children aged 12 to 14 before Jan. 1, 1999, and who obtained a boating safety certificate before that date.

Those born after Dec. 31, 1976, must pass a boating safety certificate to operate a PWC. Certificates are received after passing a safe boating class. Classes are offered by boating organizations, the Red Cross and local law enforcement.

Other changes include:
 • Children 18 years and under must wear an approved personal flotation device to ride a PWC. All PWC users must wear a PFD. Those under 12 are

restricted to Type I or Type II devices, which keep an unconscious person face up in the water. Other types are Type III, which requires a person to tilt back his or her head to avoid being face down in the water, and Type IV, a ring or cushion to be thrown to an overboard victim.

• No one under age 7 shall be aboard a PWC without a parent or guardian.

• Anyone renting a PWC who does not have a valid boating

certificate must participate in a safety briefing and obtain a temporary certificate from the rental vendor only for the rental period.

"These new state laws were created to help curb the number of PWC accidents, injuries and deaths due to the PWC's rapid rise in popularity," said Jerry Beach, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

PWCs comprise less than 10 percent — 66,000 — of the more than 800,000 registered watercraft in Michigan. Yet 40 per-

cent, or 214 of the 514 boating accidents in 1996 involved PWCs.

Four of the 25 people killed in boating accidents during 1996 were on PWCs, compared to only one in 1997. Of 68 accidents reporting more than \$100 in damage to craft or property, 25 percent, or 17, involved a PWC.

PWC operators should follow these tips:

• Take the required classes to operate a PWC.

• Know your passengers and non-owner operators. Be sure friends can legally operate your PWC, or you could be liable.

• Never operate a PWC or any watercraft under the influence of alcohol. About half of all fatal boating accidents are alcohol-related.

• Know and follow all local boating regulations.

• Wear the proper personal flotation device. Last year 28 of 25 people killed in Michigan weren't wearing a PFD.

Canton helps lead building boom in '98

Southeast Michigan saw a building boom in 1998, the biggest year for residential construction in 25 years.

Some 25,870 building permits were issued in the region's seven counties during 1998, according to figures recently released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The last time residential building permits exceeded the 25,000 mark was in 1973, SEMCOG says.

Leading the way were Macomb Township where 1,848 permits were issued, Canton Township (1,279), and Chesterfield Township (865). Sterling Heights (822), Shelby Township (740), Independence Township (722), Waterford Township (717), Pittsfield Township (604), Ypsilanti Township (524) and Novi (519) rounded out the top ten.

For apartments, Canton topped the list with 398. Independence ranked third with 347. Dearborn (7th, 280), Westland (8th, 266) Auburn Hills (9th, 264) and South Lyon (10th, 238) were the most built in areas.

Low mortgage rates, a surging economy and low unemployment were attributed as the causes for the growth. More young couples, many with children, seeking homes in the suburban fringe areas was also given credit for the growth, according to SEMCOG.

The report, "Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 1998," concludes Oakland and Macomb counties together accounted for more than half of the region's total growth.

Macomb Township, Canton and Chesterfield topped the list for residential units for the second year in a row. But Independence had the largest growth in new permits over 1997, seeing 441 more permits issued than last year. Holly and the city of Plymouth reported the largest declines.

The City of Detroit had the largest percentage gain in issuance of new housing permits, 232 percent, since new permits reached 316 when only 95 were issued the year before. Detroit led the region in demolitions with 5,609 homes being torn down.

In Livingston County, new single family homes are going up fastest in Genoa Township (301), Ocoola Township (264), Hamburg Township (259), Hartland Township (163), Marion Township (149) and Brighton Township (145).

In Oakland County, new single family homes are being built most in Waterford (528), West Bloomfield (425), Independence (375), Novi (348), Rochester Hills (306), Commerce Township (286), Troy (274), Rochester (239), Orion (225), Oxford (218) and Oakland Township (216).

Other Oakland communities with more than 100 new homes were Farmington Hills (193), White Lake Township (193), South Lyon (155), Lyon Township (150), Springfield Township (138), Brandon Township (130), Pontiac (122), Highland Township (107) and Wixom (103).

In Wayne County, Canton led the single family home construction pack with 881 new homes. Then came Brownstown Township (293), Plymouth Township (233), Northville Township (200), Van Buren Township (142), Livonia (135), Southgate (127) and Westland (116).

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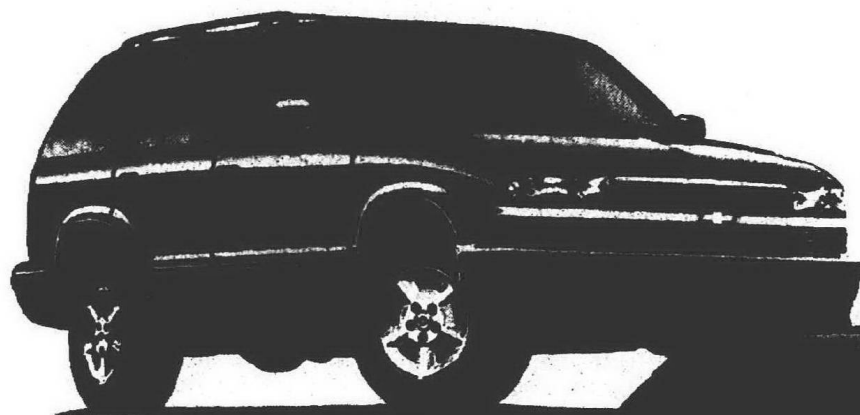
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Lowell teachers receive grant for school web site

Four Lowell Middle School educators went to Washington, D.C., to receive a MediaOne Community Outreach and Online Learning Award for Outstanding Educators.

Teachers Lynne Formanczyk, John Shellbass and Gina Tock, along with principal Roche Layector, went for a three-day visit to receive the grant.

Included in the MediaOne award is \$8,000 in technology and training. Lowell also will receive a multimedia computer for the media center, and each teacher will get a personal laptop computer.

"We want to incorporate the use of computers into art class,"

said Tock, who wrote the grant application. "We want to show students how they can incorporate animation on Web sites, editing and movies."

The grant will allow students in eighth grade to participate in a 10-week graphic art class to learn computer animation. The course will incorporate the study of movies and TV shows that use computer animation. Students will research computer animation on the Internet and use the research to begin a storyboard in an animation sketchbook.

Students in seventh grade will get a two-week course and sixth graders a one-week course in computer graphics and computer animation.

Consumers Energy to repair city gas mains

In addition to the city of Plymouth paving streets and installing water mains along Junction and N. Evergreen later this summer, Consumers Energy also will make repairs to their natural gas mains.

A contractor for Consumers Energy is moving equipment and supplies into the area. Work is

scheduled to begin soon.

If residents have any questions regarding the work being done by Consumers Energy or their contractor, contact Consumers Energy. If you smell gas, you should contact Consumers Energy. The 24-hour toll-free phone number for Consumers is (800) 477-5050.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999 REQUEST TO TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 92-441 FROM DIVERSEY-LEVER, INC. TO WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 92-441 from Diversey-Lever, Inc., to Warner-Lambert Company. The facility is located at 48701 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township 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 Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 48990 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48176, on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Telephone number 488-3840 X 324.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: May 27, 1999



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

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| Z-99-04 | 530 W. Ann Arbor Rd. | Non-Use Variance Requested
Sign Height
Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Rd. Corridor
Applicant: Bret Row |
| Z-99-05 | 705 S. Main Street | Non-Use Variance Requested
Front Yard Parking
Zoned: B-3, General Business
Applicant: Joseph Phillips |

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201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

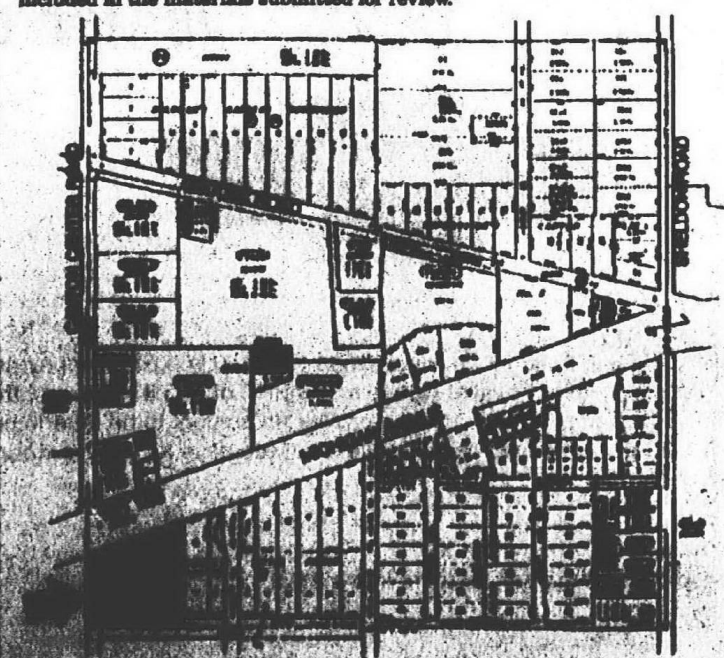
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

SHURGARD SELF STORAGE CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.10 FOR PARCEL NOS. 135 01 0017 300, 135 01 0018 300, AND 135 01 0019 300. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Sheldon Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 3, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept proposals until 5:00 p.m., June 14, 1999, at the Resource Development Division, third floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM WORK SPECIFICATIONS WRITER

Specifications are available from the Financial Services Division at the address above. (NOTE: The work specifications writer will not be a Township employee and will receive no benefits.) Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, 313-397-5992. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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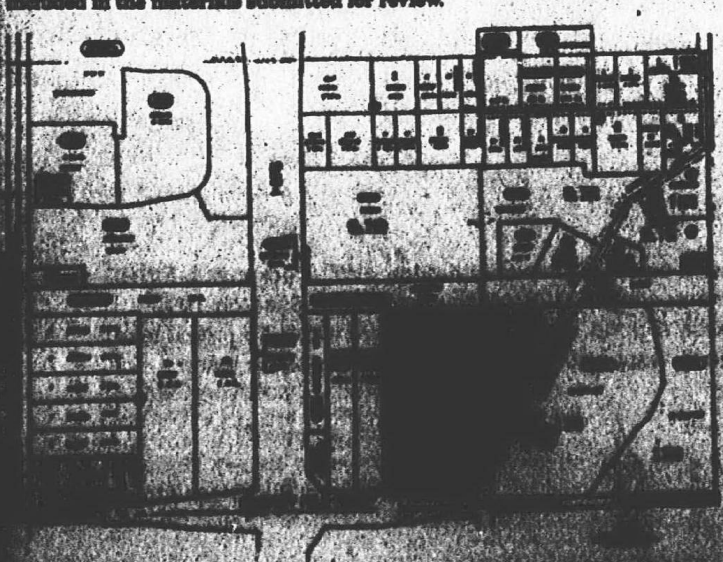
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CHERRY HILL FORTY ASSISTED LIVING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 12.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NOS. 061 99 0081 000, AND 062 99 0017 000. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Lots Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 3, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Roadwork comes to a halt for holiday weekend

BY KEN ABRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

kabraham@ecce.com

With nearly 300 construction projects in progress across the state, motorists will need to allow for extra time if they leave before this holiday weekend.

But travelers received good

news Wednesday when Gov. John Engler announced that most construction on Michigan freeways and highways will be suspended from 5 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Tuesday so that motorists will have an easier time reaching their destinations.

That means construction on I-75 and U.S. 24 in the Flint area

will be suspended, along with work on I-66 between Kent Lake and Novi roads. Southbound I-275 traffic will continue its crossover to the northbound lanes through July while the new southbound lanes are repaved.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will continue roadwork with some traffic restrictions on only 33 projects during this period.

"We are focusing our investments, fixing our worst roads first and applying a mix of fixes that will give motorists good roads for years to come," said Gov. John Engler in a prepared statement. "As residents and visitors from other states kick off the summer travel season, we want them traveling."

AAA Michigan estimates that nearly 2 million Michigan motorists will hit the highways this weekend.

About 80 percent of travelers

will drive more than 100 miles and half will be headed out of state, according to an Auto Club survey.

Vacation travelers leaving before Friday have pretty good odds that they will be driving through construction zones. Once the weekend begins, traffic may flow easier through construction zones where construction cones are expected to be removed.

With the increased traffic, motorists should prepare for their trips to take longer.

"Leave (yourself) a lot of time for travel," said Debbie Pearson, broadcast supervisor for AAA Michigan. "The state is taking down a lot of construction cones, and in some years, they take down as many as half of them."

"It depends how far they are into the project."

AAA reports that MDOT is not expected to close the Southfield Freeway in Wayne County on

the holiday weekend, but in Oakland County two left lanes of the southbound Southfield over M-10 and Nine Mile are closed until late August. Also closed is the ramp from southbound M-10 to southbound M-36. The right two lanes of northbound Southfield are closed at Nine Mile, as is the ramp from northbound Northwestern Highway to northbound Southfield until late June.

Lanes will be closed this weekend on Telegraph between 10 and 12 Mile roads.

On I-275, construction crews are expected to pour new concrete during the first week of June, if the weather cooperates through the end of this week.

I-275 has been reduced from four lanes to three during this year's \$49 million resurfacing project.

During Memorial Day weekend in 1998, 17 people were killed in 15 fatal crashes in

Michigan, an increase from the 16 killed in 14 crashes in 1997. Alcohol was a factor in three of the fatal crashes, while 47 percent of the 1998 victims were not wearing seat belts.

This weekend will also see resumption of AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive" road tests to more than 100 mile stations throughout the state to alert motorists to traffic problems. Signs will be posted at dozens of Operation Care road areas statewide, where emergency offices and refreshments will be served.

For detour information, motorists should call 1-800-AAA-MICH to receive traffic reports that will be updated hourly. Motorists also can click on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.html

Nankin Mills hosts day camp

Fun and nature go hand in hand this summer at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center Day Camp. Open to children of various ages, the six week-long sessions start the week of June 28 and end the week of July 26.

Each session will focus on various topics during the day such as mammals, insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians and pond life. Pioneer history and Native American history will be highlighted.

Each day camp session is designed for a different age level. Participants should have completed the grades listed for each session, unless otherwise specified.

Parents can call (734) 261-1990 for detailed session information and registration fees. Registration fees range from \$40 to \$100 depending on the grade level and length of the session.

Here is the day camp schedule: Fifth and sixth grades, June 28-July 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; preschool, ages 3 and 4, July 6-9, 9:30 a.m.-noon; kindergarten, July 12-16, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.; first and second grades, July 19-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and third and fourth grades, July 26-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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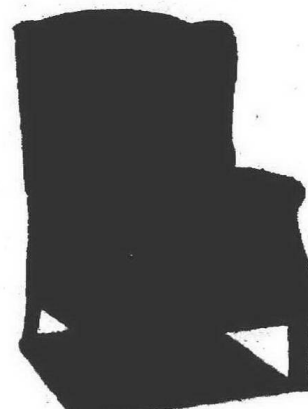
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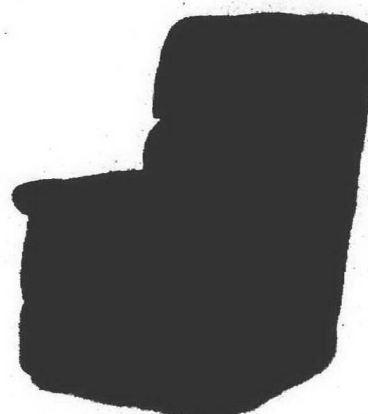
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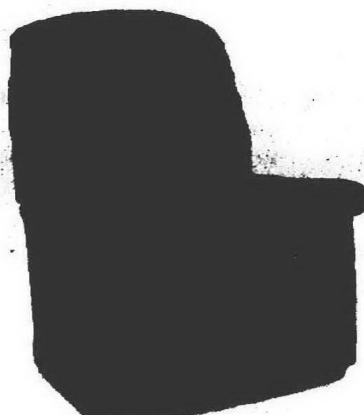
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School election Blamer, Slavens deserve posts

On Monday, June 14, voters will make a decision to fill two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The four hopefuls are incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, and newcomers Steve Guile and Mark Slavens. All four candidates have much to offer the school district. Rarely have we seen four more qualified individuals vying for school board seats.

Blamer and Maloney have proven themselves during the past four years by serving on the school board. It's been four years of progress with two successful bond initiatives to build three new schools and add new buses for our aging fleet. The incumbents have addressed financial dilemmas due to the fall-out from Proposal A and a burgeoning district population. A five-year financial plan has set the course for the future of the schools.

The newcomers also bring impressive resumes. Guile, the former director of Plymouth's DDA and current DDA director in Westland, has years of experience in public administration that could benefit the school district. He could bring a new financial perspective to the Board of Education. Slavens, an attorney, has been active with the school district by serving on various committees, such as chairman of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, chairman of Summit on School Equity and chairman of Building Level Campaign for Discovery Middle School.

All the candidates could bring experience to the school board table. However, two of these hopefuls stand out simply due to their dedica-

tion and their passion for making the school district a better place for children. And that's why the Observer recommends Carrie Blamer and Mark Slavens for the Board of Education.

Before Blamer called herself a realist at a recent candidate's forum, we already knew that. She is a realist when it comes to finances and understanding her role as a policy maker. Blamer also is inquisitive and won't vote on an issue unless she has received all the answers. But most importantly, Blamer represents every parent in the school district. While many school board members view themselves as operating a big business, Blamer hasn't lost sight of what her job is all about - setting policy so that our children can have the best educational opportunity available to them.

Slavens has vision. From his past experience on various committees, particularly Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, we know he won't settle for the status-quo. The school funding group was one that went directly to legislators about the inequities created by Proposal A in growing school districts. Legislators later increased per pupil funding. Slavens is in search of solutions. He will go to the nth degree to find a workable answer to whatever plagues the district. With more financial bumps expected ahead for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Slavens would add a fresh mix to the Board of Education.

Blamer and Slavens are the best choices for school board on Monday, June 14.

Thoughts for Columbine High



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Remembrance: Students from Plymouth Salem High School's Executive Council hold a banner destined for the students of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. The banner was signed by students at Salem, and reads, "Our Thoughts Are With You!"

LETTERS

Board made right move

I would like to thank the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for not dropping the learning specialist from the elementary schools. This shows the parents, students and teachers that you do care about all the students in the district. It also shows that you are accountable and you do make the final decisions. My concern is, which administrator gave you this recommendation? This should again show you how little our assistant superintendent for instruction, Dr. Pat O'Donnell, and assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, Mr. Erroll Goldman, really care or listen to the teachers of this district. If they cared, they would not have made this recommendation to the board.

The board is looking better every day. You now have to take the lead in negotiations with the Plymouth-Canton administrators' union. Yes, your district negotiator, Mr. Goldman, is again speaking for you. He is quoted as saying "the board believes the leaders of the district should be judged by a merit system." If the board really believes this, then Mr. Goldman should be getting less pay each year because of all the money that has been spent by the district in the last 10 years for settlements directly involving Mr. Goldman, and also for settlements he negotiated. These settlements came directly out of money that should have gone to student education.

I thank you for being open minded and respecting others' ideas.

Kenneth H. Smith
Canton

Township should buck up

I have been a resident of the Plymouth Canton community for over 30 years. I have lived in Plymouth Township, Canton Township, and for the last 12 years, in the city of Plymouth. I do not consider myself a political person, but after reading your editorial on the funding of the CSX underpass on Sheldon Road, I feel compelled to voice my opinion.

Your editorial opinion is that city residents should "buck up" and pay over three times as much as township residents for the necessity of having an underpass at the CSX crossing. I reserve my right to disagree. Your attitude, and it seems as that of township residents, is "that's the breaks."

As a city resident, I am sick and tired of township residents riding on the existence of the city as the core of the community, without paying a fare share towards its charm.

Lawrence F. Rakosy
Plymouth

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— Philip Power

Volunteer for Rouge cleanup

The annual cleanup of the Rouge River has come a long way in the last 14 years and so has the river.

Thanks to lots of federal money, persistent and visionary county, state and local leaders and many dedicated volunteers, one only has to drive throughout western Wayne County to witness a changed waterway.

It didn't just happen overnight and there's still a lot to be done. That's why this year, on Saturday, June 5, Friends of the Rouge needs some 2,500 volunteers to remove log jams and debris from the Rouge and stencil storm drains at 20 area work sites.

This year's cleanup is different because it represents an effort to focus greater attention on the plight of rivers in southeastern Michigan. Volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for River Day '99.

The core of River Day '99 in the Rouge River watershed will be the 14th annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup. Local sites in Livonia at Botsford Park, in Westland at Holiday Park Nature Preserve, in Farmington Hills, Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Redford Township, Plymouth Township, Northville and Oakland County Community College still needs lots of volunteers. Volunteers for River Day '99 get free T-



shirts and more important they know their efforts do make a difference.

Keep the momentum for a cleaner Rouge River flowing. Take a few hours on Saturday, June 5, and help out.

For more information or to sign up, call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9627.

What would our heroes think?

Littleton, Colorado. Conyers, Georgia. Port Huron, Michigan. Trench-coat Mafia. Copycats. Bomb threats. Armed police patrolling the halls of suburban high schools.

On Belle Isle, a high school "senior skip day" turns deadly when an "attack" by a high-powered water squirt gun is answered by fire from a 9-mm semiautomatic.

With construction projects across the state causing traffic to back up and tempers to grow short, police warn drivers to try to keep calm, warning about more violent instances of "road rage."

A press release from a group calling itself the National Mothers Association carries the warning: "Memorial Day travelers beware: Police are preparing their shot guns." After reading this, I think I'll skip the beach and stay home. What would our heroes think?

The National Mothers Association goes to great lengths to keep its members informed. I think it's a good idea, but the warning is a bit over the top. In this setting, Americans prepare to cele-

brate Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor American soldiers who died in wars to keep this country "safe for democracy."

One anonymous Memorial Day tribute begins:

"These heroes are dead. They died for liberty - they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless..."

We don't mean to be negative, but we wonder what those fallen heroes would think about school bomb threats, drive-by shootings, road rage and armed police in school hallways. Is this what they were fighting for? Dying for?

However you choose to celebrate Memorial Day this year, take a few minutes to think about what it means. Think about the soldiers who died defending their country. But even more important than them, think about what they were fighting for and dying to defend. They may have been a bit idealistic, but they didn't die in vain. We need to think about what we are fighting for. In this time of peace, we wouldn't be so sure of that. This is today.

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I stepped onto the plane and looked into my bag and got ready for the long ride to Space Camp in Huntsville, Fla. The plane ride was long but fun," quipped Molly McKay. Everyone was tired, nervous and excited all at once.

At 2:30 p.m. we ate light lunch of turkey and cheese sandwiches. Then we went to the testing center to hear

Then we went to lunch and ate sloppy joe and grilled cheese. We walked over to the Main Room and watched a movie about Mars. Then we learned about the

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'It was a quiz just finding our luggage'

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I arrived where the buses would pick us up. My friends and I snapped a few pictures, loaded our luggage and boarded the bus. I was waving goodbye to

my mom as did the other kids. We slowly drove away. In no time we had arrived at the gate and boarded the plane. Everyone was taking pictures and chatting. We were served our meals and drinks which we quickly consumed. The pilot's voice suddenly boomed throughout the plane announcing that in 10 minutes we would be landing. We excitedly prepared for

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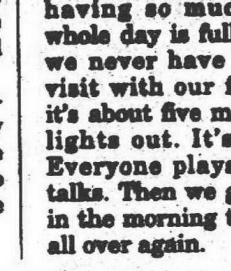
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“What’s the problem with these kids, anyway? What’s the matter with their parents? Kids have no respect. Parents don’t take responsibility. Kids don’t take responsibility. Mothers should stay home and raise their children instead of sending them off to day care. Teenagers need to develop tougher skin. It’s the fault of the guns. Guns don’t kill people, people kill people. It’s television. And video games. MTV. Rock and Rap. The Internet.”

I don't know what happened in Littleton. I don't know what happened in Georgia. I don't know what happened in Fort Huron. I don't know what happened in our local schools. Why do kids (or adults) make bomb threats, write out hit lists, put up posters warning that these people or those people are going to die?

"Just talk to your kids," one pundit writes. "Listen to them. Do things together. Spend some time at a family cottage."

"No," a second-amendment advocate proclaims. "We have a constitutional right to bear arms. Guns don't kill ..." And so on.

Now, as the parent of a 15-year-old daughter AND a 25-year-old son, I've got some pretty strong opinions about what's wrong with the public school system. I could do a whole series of columns just listing the problems. But the schools aren't to blame for Littleton.

Who's to blame?

Now that's an old cop-out going back to the Hippies of the 1960s or even the Lost Generation of World War I. Society was at fault for their misery.

④ **Video games.** We've come a long way from "Pong," that little square circle bouncing off computer-generated walls on your TV screen. If you've ever played (or seen) games like "Doom" or "Castle Wolfenstein," you know there is violence in them.

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On the 11th of May, 1941, the first issue of the *GALE* Papers was published. It was a small, hand-printed, 16-page pamphlet, and it was the first of a series of similar pamphlets, each of which was published at intervals of about a month. The first issue was devoted to the history of the *GALE* Papers, and it was followed by issues on the history of the *GALE* Papers, the history of the *GALE* Papers, and the history of the *GALE* Papers. The first issue was published at a time when the *GALE* Papers were still in the hands of the *GALE* family, and it was the first of a series of similar pamphlets, each of which was published at intervals of about a month. The first issue was devoted to the history of the *GALE* Papers, and it was followed by issues on the history of the *GALE* Papers, the history of the *GALE* Papers, and the history of the *GALE* Papers.

The contest was the second of five in the United States designed to promote teen tolerance. Initially, the song was dubbed "High School Hate" because the target fan would win a private show at a club for his or her high school.

The plan was revised, however, after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Accusetti said that her high school is finally acknowledging kids are a little different. Recently, she won the senior prize for "Most Creative Wardrobe" for her baggy pants, slippers and tattoos.

"I thought it was cool because I got tired of being myself, not necessarily having the prettiest eyes, best dress or best car," Lorenzetti

She and fellow ticket winner Brian, a student at Lutheran High School West in Westland, said that if the teachers and administration had a better rapport, the incidents of this would decrease. As a testament to that, Lorenzetti took her art teacher, Heidi Bloom, to the concert with her.

"A lot of people, if they had better relationships with adults and teachers, they would realize it's really not OK to do that," she said about making fun of other students.

Joanne Hargreaves, a Walled Lake Central High School student, agreed. "People act violently and small

"People are inherently and maliciously because they lack attention, love, and predominately tolerance," he said. "They need at least one mentor or person they trust to direct them away from hate."

Rose said school administrators should take a stronger stance against

"Public school teachers can't get involved in anything," he said. "If two kids are fighting, they can't break it up. In our school, there's no

Ross described a recent incident in which a student was suspended for making a bomb threat.

"They got involved. They heard something was going on and they got action on it."

The well-mannered and well-spo-

RESEARCH

Her grateful gardens say thanks for help

Erica Fenn fondly remembers those days when she and her husband Gary would drift on their boat, fishing for mako off Bois Blanc Island.

Gary loved to fish and Fenn believes they caught more pike than any other person on the island where they have had a summer home since the mid-1970s.

So, her choice of containers for her late husband's remains, while odd, is quite appropriate.

"It was my son Gary's idea, he said why not a bait box," said the Livonia resident with a chuckle. "So my husband is in a bait box from Meijer ... it was either that or a golf bag."

It also fits with his final resting place on Bois Blanc, situated in Lake Huron near Mackinac Island. On July 31, in a ceremony that will involve residents of the island, she will say good-bye and lay him to rest.

"I don't know why I waited so long; I guess I didn't want to say good-bye," she said. "My good-bye will be his eulogy."

Fenn talks easily about her husband, the former assistant dean and professor of pharmacy at Wayne

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Cowden-Artuso

April Anne Artuso and Daniel Joseph Cowden were married Jan. 28 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills by Msgr. Anthony Tocco, the Rev. Joseph Mindling and the Rev. Daniel Mindling.

The bride is the daughter of Muno Artuso of Pinckney and Robert and Sheena Kliza of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Patricia Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech pathology and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at Audian Medical Center in Missouri.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He currently is a surgical resident at the University of Missouri Hospitals and plans to continue at the University of Arizona in Tucson in two months.

The bride asked Karalee Kliza to serve as her maid of honor with Teri Brown as matron of honor and Leslie Mannelli, Kristin Kegg, Kristen Hughes,



Amy FitzGerald, Catherine Fox and Christine Cowden as bridesmaids. Abigail and Mavis Orrick and Alexiss McKinney were flower girls.

The groom asked Robert Lalain to serve as best man with Matthew Moore, Kayle Green, Michael Cowden, Thomas Cowden, J. David Cowden, Gregory Fox and William Cowden as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Orchard Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake before leaving on a honeymoon trip to St. Martin. They are making their home in Columbia, Mo., before moving to Tucson later this year.

Kirchner-Johnston

Robert and Katherine Kirchner of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Kirchner, to Philip Thomas Johnston, the son of Thomas and Patricia Johnston of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a sales manager at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and has a bachelor's degree in business management from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a headlines manager at Dick's Sporting Goods.

A June wedding in Livonia is



being planned.

Bachert-Rooke

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bachert of Bloomfield, N.M., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Joy Bachert of Farmington Hills to David Thomas Rooke of Westland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Rooke of Elk Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Bloomfield High School and a 1995 graduate of Western New Mexico University. She is currently employed as a computer instructor with New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed as a customer service representative with Philip Services Petro-Chem Processing Group in Detroit.



A June wedding is being planned in Farmington, N.M.

Clark-Harden

Kenneth and Denise Clark of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Matthew Jon Harden, the son of Robert and Deborah Harden, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Alma College with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Her fiancé also is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Honda.

A June wedding is planned at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in



Livonia.

Spence-Shorkey

Jan and Lowell Spence of Farmington City, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Brian Shorkey, the son of Louis and Madeline Shorkey of Harbor Beach.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a fifth-grade teacher at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Cousino High School in Warren. He is self-employed.

A June wedding is planned at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Garry-Bianchi

Glen and Part Garry of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Michele, to Steven S. Bianchi, the son of Sabatino and Wanda Bianchi of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan. She is employed in network and computer operations at the Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed in product development/finance at the Ford Motor Co.

A July wedding is planned at



St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Demaine-Cuevas

Peter and Phyllis Demaine of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Daniel A. Cuevas, the son of Miguel and Patricia Cuevas, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a project administrator at HoMedics in Keego Harbor.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is working on his bachelor of arts degree at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Plymouth Construction Equipment in Canton.



A July wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Dupuis-Stachura

Gloria Nell Stachura and Christopher Scott Dupuis were married in April 17 Renaissance-style wedding at the Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Virginia Stachura of Canton. The groom is the son of Daniel and Georgianne Dupuis of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Citizens Insurance and Wayland Inc.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Livonia.

The bride asked Kristina Grady, Kimberly Comai and Lisa Vonholten to serve as her attendants.



The groom asked Eric Dupuis, Fred Comai and Paul Dupuis to serve as his attendants.

The couple and their guests enjoyed dinner and a show at the Excalibur. They are making their home in Westland.



Griffen-Kieltyka

David and Regina Griffen of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Jeremy Louis Kieltyka, the son of Dan and Laurene Kieltyka, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate in applied science degree. She is employed as a data entry clerk in the Staples Business Advantage regional sales office.

Her fiancé also is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School. He attended Schoolcraft College and studied the tool and die trade. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

A June wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

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The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual yard sale is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the museum, 155 S. Main. Call (734) 455-8840.

► One-week camp taught by semi-pro European soccer players. An informational meeting will be 7-8 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in the cafeteria at Pioneer School. The camp will be held 9 a.m. through noon of 1-4 p.m. July 12-16 at West Middle School in Plymouth for middle school students and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-23 at Heritage Park in Canton and 9 a.m. to noon at Central Middle School in Plymouth for elementary students. Cost is \$88. A T-shirt is included. Call (734) 418-4927.

■ **The Princeton Review** will be holding free practice full-length SAT and ACT tests 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Call (800) 2-REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register.

■ The Canton Home Depot and the Canton Township Department of Public Safety will sponsor a Kids Safety Day 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5. The event is free and open to the public. Parents may pick up Child Identification Kits provided by Canton police. Other activities include the Fire and Smoke House, St. Joseph Hospital's Medivac helicopter, demonstrations of the Jaws of Life and the canine and SWAT teams. Free cotton candy, popcorn and balloons also will be available.

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Plymouth's Farmers Market. 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and seasonal items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 463-1540.

ANNUAL ARTIST SHOW
 ■ The 28th annual Artists and Craftsmen show sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists and craftsmen to participate in its Sept. 11-12 juried show at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. For an application, call Betsy (734) 416-4278 by May 28.

■ The Creative Music Cen-

City of Plymouth and Division is offering first summer adventures. Village classes begin the week of June 1, and end July 27. Classes begin the week of June 1 and end July 1. All classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). Call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

■ Plymouth Salem Co-Ed Cheerleading Team will be conducting tryouts for all male and female students attending Plymouth Salem High School this fall 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1; Wednesday, June 2; Thursday, June 3; and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5. All tryout sessions will be in the Salem gym. This past year, the team placed 12th at the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla.

■ The Ann Arbor Women's City Club presents its annual "Tables and Tea," 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. Featured will be table settings created by City Club members, their friends, and area design and retail firms. Admission is \$10 includes tea and light refreshments. Luncheon at a charge of \$10 will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for the luncheon. Children younger than 12 will not be admitted. Call (734) 662-3279.

■ WSDP 88.1FM will air an interview with the University of Michigan Football Coach Lloyd Carr at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2. The interview will air on "Lemonade," a show hosted by Plymouth resident Betty Smith. Lemonade was created as a voice for local senior citizens and is produced in cooperation with the Canton Township Senior Citizen program. Smith is an avid University of Michigan fan. On a past show she interviewed former coach Bo Schemmeler. WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

■ There will be a yoga workshop: "Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Principles of the Body" at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton on Canton Center at Palmer. There will be four classes on Wednesdays, evening only, June 2-23. Presented by Jacqui Magon. Cost is \$40. No walk-in. Call (734) 398-7557.

■ 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. Call Norina



■ St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor will host a

Pro Am Golf Classic, with proceeds benefiting the Interactive Health Education Center in Canton's St. Joseph Mercy Health Building. Each team will be accompanied by a Michigan golf professional. Cost is \$350 per person. Dinner tickets are \$75 per person. Novice Golf Clinic is \$150 per person. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available. Continental breakfast, a golf

ed. Tee off is 9:30 a.m. A cocktail reception will take place at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Senior PGA golfer Larry Laoretti will be conducting a golf clinic at 8:30 a.m. Call (734) 712-3192.

■ **Crosswinds Community Church invites children to Vacation Bible School.** Preschool (age 3) through sixth grade are welcome. There is no fee, but registration is required by Jun 12. The SonCastle Faire Vacation Bible School is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sun-

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day, June 20, through Thursday, June 24. Cross-Winds Community Church is located at 45701 Ford in Canton. Call 981-0499.

■ In conjunction with the DIA and Plymouth Canton Community Education, the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a lecture series at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. The speaker will discuss how and why artists choose to incorporate plants in the images they created. Registration is required. Cost is \$4. Call (734) 416-4278.

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following Adult 6-on-6 Soccer Leagues: Men's Open (18 and older), Men's Masters (30 and older), Women's Open (18 and older), Women's Master (30 and older). Registration deadline is June 16. Minimum of seven games. Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fees. Season starts week of June 28. Call (734) 455-6920.

■ West Middle School i

Plymouth will hold a summer theater camp from 9 a.m. - noon for grades 1-6, July 6-16. Cost is \$114. This program is under the direction of a professional actress and director who specializes in youth theater. Call (734) 416-4927.

■ The Taoist Tai Chi Society is offering tai chi classes 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Newburg United Methodist Church. Tai chi is a complete and integrated exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. Observers are welcome. The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a nonprofit, charitable organization. Call (248) 332-1281.

■ Last year a group of handbell ringers from different communities and different churches came together and formed "The Liberty Bells." They rang "Stars and Stripes Forever" from a flat bed trailer and want to do it again this year. To join them, call Fran Loiselle at (734) 459-4263.

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-458-2224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus News, send the original, printed or typewritten, to: Campus News, P.O. Box 1000, Canton, Ohio 44703. Phone: 393-7000.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY announced the fall semester schedule for its students at the University Center.

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Meaghan Blake, the daughter of Dennis and Mary Blak of Plymouth Township, will be participating in the upcoming Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine this summer in Washington D.C. In addition to Meaghan's special interest in a career in the medical field, she is a member of the National Honor Society and plays Varsity softball. She is a junior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Annual event helps state 'Parade into 21st Century'

Spectacular was the word for recent Michigan Parades into the 21st Century, the 10th annual parade, hosted by the state's capital city, Lansing.

Part of the series of 11 annual statewide parades, it celebrated the last 100 years in the state and the arrival of 21st century in the year 2000.

"What an extravaganza this parade is to help us all remember Michigan's great history," said Gov. John Engler. "This parade has become a spectacle for the entire state to appreciate and enjoy."

The parade was made up of entries from many of the 83 Michigan counties and salute a different decade of American history each year. This year's parade featured the 1990s and recognized Michigan State University's championship basketball and hockey teams and their coaches.

In addition, 21 bands, including a contingent from Garden City High School, military and veteran units, fraternal and service clubs, historical units, floats, festival queens, antique farm tractors and equipment and clowns added to the fun and excitement.

This 2 1/2-hour parade is one of the largest in the Midwest with more than 200 units, involving more than 4,500 people from more than 100 Michigan communities participating.

In the parade this year were 25 animal units - horses, canine heroes representing Leader Dogs for the Blind, camels, zoo animals and others.

This year's equine parade entrants represented some of the best and rarest horses in the country and the world. Leading this year's equine division was the newly formed Michigan Department of State Police Voluntary Mounted Unit, with Insp. Shelby Slater and Sgt. Lorenzo Veal.

The Michigan State Police was formed in 1917 as a mounted constabulary. In 1924, the horses were replaced by motor vehicles, but in August 1998, a move

was made re-form mounted unit.

Slater and Veal own their own mounts and cover all expenses to make mounted presentation. The unit is accepting donations of horses and equipment to help develop it.

This year's equestrian grand marshal was the MSU Spartan Chariot, pulled by a team of white Arabian geldings and driven by Mike Hall of HJH McCoy Arabians of Traverse City.

Costumed units

Ethnic equine units included Harmony Acre Arabians, owned by parade equine chair Nancy Harm. Harm's Arabian geldings, "Harmony Diamond" and "Harmony Tarifa," were ridden by Harm and Laura Roberts of Salem.

The horses and riders were attired in authentic imported tack and costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. This year the Arabian horses were escorted by three Saluki dogs whose origins are from Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Eight Peruvian Paso Horses from the Lagos Grandes Paso Horse Club, organized by president Connie Hydel of Redford, demonstrated the smooth ride of the only non-trotting equine breed on earth. The Peruvian Paso horses and riders were in authentic tack and costumes consisting of white shirt and pants, ponchos and hats.

The Michigan Paso Fino Club, led by Diane Hunt of Adrian, demonstrated the horse's smooth gait with eight horses in English Tack and riders in black Spanish tuxedo outfits with flat hats. The four beat lateral gait is a reason the breed is becoming so popular with older and physically challenged riders.

New to this year's parade was the unique and powerful Clydesdale drill team from Sunnybend Farm in Augusta. Shay Weirick is the captain of the group, which provided the parade's largest equine, measuring 18 hands and weighing more than 2,400 pounds.

Representing English Dressage riders was Susan Heston of Durand, riding her 25-year-old registered Half Arabian gelding, "Spirit of Freedom," which competes in Dressage and Class A Arabian shows. He also is used to educate children about horses.

The historical black Buffalo Soldiers 10th Cavalry Calico Troops who fought to settle the Western Frontier were represented by horses and costumed riders led by Jimmy Buchanan of Detroit.

Several members of the Michigan Horse-Drawn Vehicle Association displayed a variety of horse breeds and equipment. Lucille Jensen of Morris drove her Arab Welch pony "Rainbow," pulling a 1908 Sears Runabout Carriage decorated with silk flowers.

Jackie Fleming of Bridgeport drove her imported Clydesdale gelding, "Scotty," pulling a survey used in the early 1900s to take visitors around Bell Isle in Detroit. Linda Aloya drove another Clydesdale owned by Fleming, pulling a survey made at the Lansing Wagon Works.

Dade Schultz of Charlotte brought his familiar 4-hitch matched bay mules, pulling a red show wagon. This award-winning hitch has won numerous awards at the Great Lakes International, Michigan and Ohio state fairs.

The popular award-winning Polkadot Precision Drill Team, led by Mary Pine of Laingsburg, was represented by eight women riders in hot pink and silver sequined outfits, performing drill formations throughout the parade.

The Michigan Posse, led by .

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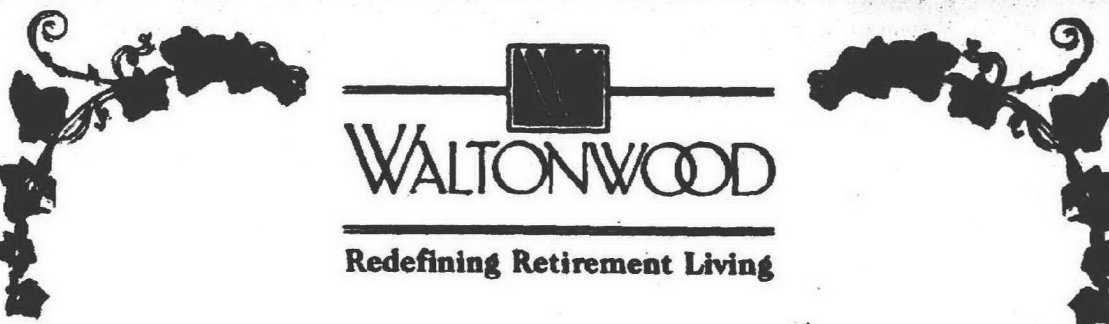
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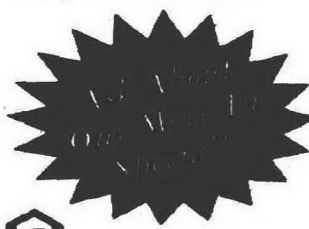
On the move: Wearing authentic costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Nancy Harm rode "Harmony Tarifa" and Laura Roberts of Salem rode "Harmony Diamond." Also a part of the unit were Mary O'Connor of Livonia (from left), U.S. Rep Debbie Stabenow, who coordinated the Salute to Michigan Mothers, Chelsea Clark of South Lyon with "Adytha," Andy Kron of South Lyon, Carmela Kudyba of Northville, Karis Welty of Ann Arbor with "Emir," Marie Clark of South Lyon with "Jordan" and Kathleen O'Connor of Livonia.

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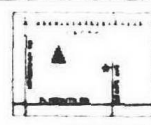
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He is a member of the Communist Party and has been active in the party since 1945. He is a member of the National Student Reliance Hospital, New York City, and has been active in the Elks Lodge and other social volunteer work at the hospital.



She is employed as an office manager. He is a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy and enjoys rac-

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He recently celebrated 3 years of service with Ford Motor Company and is currently working in emission testing. She is legal assistant in Westland.

He retired from Burroughs Unisys in 1982. Their interests include gardening.

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Parade

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Janet Washington of Lansing, also performed drill exercises. The posse is a new group comprised of experienced parade riders who have ridden in the 1998 Presidential Inaugural Parade, Martin Luther King Holiday Parades and several America's Thanksgiving Day Parades in Detroit.

Also performing was the Michigan Black Horsemen's Association, led by Wade Jones of Detroit, attired in their traditional black, gold and white costumes. The group introduces inner city youth to the world of horses through various projects in Detroit.

Crowd pleasers

Miniature horses, always a

crowd pleaser, were represented by "Soot's General Patton," driven by Lisa Migot, and "Candied Milkway," driven by Gloria Redd, both of Ray, Mich. "Candied Milkway" is a 4-year-old stallion futurity winner who has placed in 98 percent of the horse shows he has entered.

The Canine Hero Unit, a big hit with spectators young and old, featured the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester which brought 20 guide dogs and puppies in training. The Leader Dog Program is unique to Michigan and was started by the Detroit Area Lions Club in 1913.

Traditionally, the parade has provided lunch and a collectible embroidered patch for participants. Equine entries were

awarded a special red, white and blue ribbon to wear in the parade and given a bag of the parade's official canine parade treat, "Buckeye Peppermint Snacks," provided by Dr. Dan Kapper and John Fischer of Buckeye Feed Mills Inc. in Dalton, Ohio.

Parade volunteers included equine photographers Pam Cowling of Ionia and Linda Phelps of Farmington, OOSTCO of Farmington Hills also provided one-hour photo processing.

Sue Shultz and friends from Standish helped distribute food and horse snacks as well as escorted units. The Denville Wranglers 4-H Club of Ingham County, led by Joan Bettin, Sue Emerick and Karen Rolison, pro-

vided cleanup following the animals.

According to Harm, the Michigan Parade Committee hopes to make the equine division one of the country's top equine parades and is seeking breeds and other animals and activities not represented this year.

The Equestrian Legends Unit offers an opportunity for parade riders with out a group to participate and be with other horses. Schoolcraft College in Livonia also offers classes on parade training, drill formations and costume making through its Equine Certificate Program for those who want to prepare and participate in parades.

For more information, call Harm at (248) 437-5672 or reach her by fax (248)-437-1636. Applications are being accepted for the 2000 extravaganza which will be at 11 a.m. May 14, 2000, in Lansing



All dressed up: Karen Hopkins of Durand, who graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, paraded down Michigan Avenue in Lansing with her Half Arabian gelding, "Spirit of Freedom."



Smooth ride: As president of the Lagos Grande Paso Horse Club, Connie Hydel of Redford (second from left) led a group of eight Peruvian Paso horse riders in the May 15 parade.

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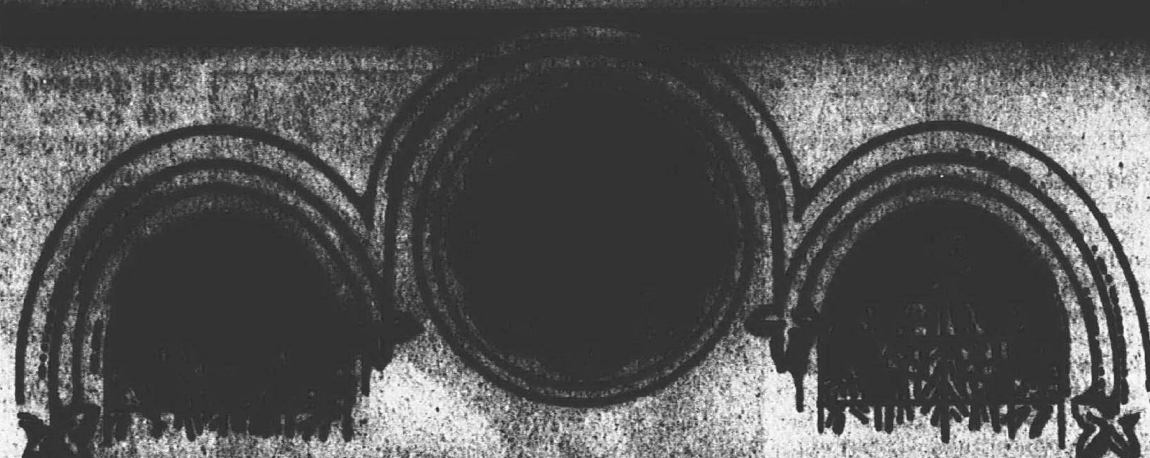
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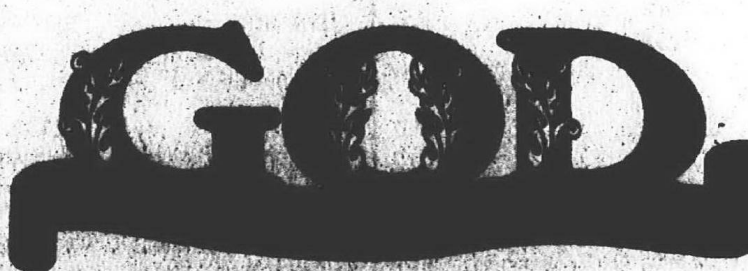
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Band without a name enhances worship at Memorial

By KENNETH VOYLES
Staff Writer

The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Pearl Jam ... Great bands with equally great names.

At Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, great music from a great band can be heard each Sunday morning during the contemporary worship service. The music is courtesy of ... the congregation doesn't know its name and neither do the musicians.

The name isn't important to this group of people. The only thing that matters is enhancing the praise portion of Memorial's weekly service. For a growing number of people, the music is a key reason why they are drawn to the Livonia church.

The six-piece group (not including the backup vocalists) is made up of musicians from throughout the metropolitan area. They are led by Les Hardin, a 27-year-old Kentucky native with a wry sense of humor, who came to Livonia more than a year ago as Memorial's new associate minister.

Hardin is in charge of the worship services, among other duties, and takes great pride in the growth of musical praise at Memorial.

"We really don't perform for the people in the audience or for ourselves," said Hardin. "We perform for an audience of one - God. We try to consistently provide a quality avenue for people to express themselves and their worship for the Lord."

Musician's name

The band's name might not count, but the music does. And it's the music that has the talented efforts of so many people on display each week, serving up songs of worship, praise and exaltation.

Les Hardin, who leads on vocals and plays acoustic guitar, the band includes Jay Harnish of Livonia as drummer, Steve and Kathy Long of Belleville on electric guitar and keyboards, Carly Polanski of Detroit on tambourine and Grant Reed of Canton on bass.

Various tries of Memorial members provide backup vocals and other backup musicians include Laurie Hildreth of Novi on keyboard and Monica Hoppe of Commerce Township and Lori Martin and Ryan McGilvray of Livonia on guitar.

The group formed shortly after Hardin arrived at Memorial when he hooked up with Reed and another drummer, Chris Meyers. They talked about starting a band and were supported by the church's Worship Committee as it developed plans for a contemporary service in the new worship center.

"As the band grew, we were blessed that God sent us the people we needed," Hardin said. "We always wanted our core to be around the drums, guitar and bass. Grant wanted to be a part of it from the beginning and went out and learned the bass in little more than three months."

The church has always includ-



Musical enhancement: With more than 200 worshippers, Les Hardin believes his band with no name is having an impact on people deciding to return for the Livonia church's contemporary service.

ed music in its service - with members often performing songs of praise to recorded music - but only since Hardin's arrival and the move to a more contemporary worship has that effort taken on the guise of a "music

ministry." It's just another sign that the 53-year-old church is trying to stay fresh and contemporary, said the Rev. Mark McGilvray, Memorial's minister for more than 26 years.

Having an impact

The band is having an impact. Attendance at the 9:30 a.m. service has grown to more than 225 people each week.

"One of my goals was to have

people that transcend the kind of modern Christian music usually seen in worship," Hardin said. "What makes it unique is the style of music we play. It's contemporary guitar with a heavy rock feel."

"Worship bands aren't unique, but they tend to be a bit better and more polished by now," Hardin said.

Hardin hasn't heard anyone else's name for the band, but he believes it helps people make a decision to return.

"When people visit a church for the first time, they check two things, the nursery and the bathrooms," he said. "People want to know there is a place for their children and that the place is clean."

"More and more, though, people are looking at how your worship is presented. Worship is a two-way street. You get out of it what you put in. We want people to worship the Lord and know it's also OK to have a lot of fun doing it."

As for the band's name, that's up in the air. One idea the group jettisoned is "Penhaven."

"In practice, we can never find a pen when we need one to jot something down," Hardin said. "So we've come up with 'Penhaven' in anticipation of having all the pens we'll ever in need in heaven."

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0722.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News 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.

NEW PRIEST

Jeffrey Day, the son of Dennis and Victoria Day of St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland, was among eight men ordained to the Catholic priesthood by

Cardinal Adam Malda on Saturday, May 22, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. Day will serve as associate pastor of Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn, beginning July 1.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will speak about "The Grief Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, 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.

Flea Market

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its

annual spring flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly and Eight Mile, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, some antiques and bake sale. Lunch also will be available. For more information, call Kathi Burger at (810) 977-1674 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Lola Valley United Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken barbecue 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday,

June 6, at the church on Delaware at the corner of Puritan in Redford. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12 to eat in or carry out.

HEALTH FAIR

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a community health fair 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Botzford and St. Mary hospitals will have tables at the fair and seminars on nutrition

and diabetes. Cholesterol screening and blood pressure checks also will be available. The American Red Cross will be on hand 8-9 p.m. to accept blood donations. There also will be food, music and prizes. For more information, call 442-8832.

LET'S TALK

The Interfaith Connection will present Let's Talk, a four-part discussion series for interfaith couples, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday,

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

For vacation Bible school is scheduled in June at the following churches:

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will host the "Cross Roads" Christian city camp by LORMM 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 11400 E. 12 Mile, Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and religious and families. The cost is \$5 per child per session. For more information, call Sue Stettin at (248) 387-4878.

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Church will have its vacation Bible school, Sun-Dance Park, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 11400 E. 12 Mile, Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and religious and families. The cost is \$5 per child per session. For more information, call Sue Stettin at (248) 387-4878.

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June 7, 21 and 25, at the Agnes G. Church, 11400 E. 12 Mile, Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and religious and families. The cost is \$5 per child per session. For more information, call Sue Stettin at (248) 387-4878.

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual Strawberry Festival 8-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Garden City. Activities include strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot and cold beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts, children's games and more.

Rich Melheim, a Lutheran pastor, will present an energetic, insightful new way to do Confirmation with youth at a Faith Inhibitors Conference 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June

11-12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 28200 Five Mile, Livonia. The free morning event will also include the "Total Family Summer School" and "Faith Deepening Summer" concepts. There also will be music, games and creative commercials modeled at 6:30 p.m. June 11.

To register, call Faith Inhibitors at (888) 55-FAITH.

Women of Faith is presenting a two-day seminar "Outrageous Joy," at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, and 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are available only by calling Women of Faith at (888) 493-2484.

Worldwide Marriage Encounters offers a weekend experience for married couples to

improve their relationship. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and religious and families. The cost is \$5 per child per session. For more information, call Sue Stettin at (248) 387-4878.

The New & Chorus from throughout the area will present a musical celebration at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1961 E. Lafayette, Detroit. For more information, call the church at (313) 547-0213.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 25-30 for children entering the first grade through

third grade. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and religious and families. The cost is \$5 per child per session. For more information, call Sue Stettin at (248) 387-4878.

TAI CHI SOCIETY The Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization, offers tai chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 30840 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 20087 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tai chi is a complete and integrated exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Tai Chi Society at (248) 882-1381.

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool through fourth grade classes at the school, 41800 Six Mile, Northville. The school has morning and afternoon sessions for 3

and 4 year olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically based environment. For more information, call (248) 343-9061.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is accepting applications for enrollment in 1999-2000 prekindergarten program for 4 year olds. Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon classes are available at the school, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-9022.

Registration is taking place now for kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Christian program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

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Chiefs

Great homecoming

It's a moment Tim Davey had long hoped for. And on Monday, he got his shot.

Davey, a Plymouth Salem graduate now in his first Major League season as a pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays, got a chance to pitch against the team he grew up watching: the Detroit Tigers. And he made the most of it.

The Jays had struck for 10 runs in the seventh inning to open up a 12-2 lead. But the Tigers were rallying; they scored four times in the bottom half of the inning off two pitchers and had two runners aboard and one out when Davey was summoned.

The 6-foot-7 righthander put out the fire immediately. He pitched the final 2 2/3 innings and did not allow a hit or a walk, striking out three.

Davey, who set aside more than 50 tickets to the series for friends and family, lowered his earned run average to 4.85 with the performance.

Dolphins first

The Plymouth Dolphins eight-and-under girls soccer team finished first in both the fall and winter indoor seasons at Total Soccer in Wixom with a combined record of 18-1.

Team members are Kristina Ortle, Katelin David, Kara Gregory, Beth Heldmeyer, Tessa Heldmeyer, Jackson Falconson, Haley Hoffman, Kacy Moran, Leann Mitchell, Tracy Rymph, Loren Scott, Lauren Thiele and Diana Turley. The team was coached by Fred Heldmeyer, Mike David and Rick Theile.

Buckeyes' MVP

Doug Stibel, a senior at Ohio State University from Canton, was named the gymnastics team's Most Valuable Performer at the annual year-end banquet May 15. Stibel earned All-American honors at the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Lincoln, Neb., by placing second in the parallel bars with a 9.775 score and sixth in the floor exercise. He earned All-America honors three times in his career.

Stibel also won the 'Stick' Champion Award at the banquet, presented to the gymnast who sticks the most dismounts through the course of the season.

With his collegiate career over, Stibel plans to compete for a spot on the Pan American Games team.

Szczechowski signs

Nick Szczechowski, a senior at Plymouth Salem and a third-team all-state soccer player, has signed a national letter of intent to attend, and play soccer at, DePaul University in Chicago.

An NCAA Division I team that plays in Conference USA, DePaul also inked Warren DeLaSalle's Eddie Kiefer.

Szczechowski was a three-year starter at sweeper for Salem, helping the Rocks to a No. 1 ranking in the state in both his junior and senior seasons. He was also a first-team all-observer selection, prompting Salem coach Ed McCarthy to say:

"He is one of the most poised, calm players I've ever seen. He's a great distributor, he has great vision and he's strong in the air."

Close clash

The Canton Lightning under-15 boys premier soccer team met Vardar III in the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association State Championship Game Sunday in Saginaw in a rematch of last year's final, and lost 1-0 on a goal late in the second half scored on a header that deflected off the goalpost and Canton keeper before rolling into the net.

The Lightning had beaten the Holland Grand Valley Premier, the Sterling Heights Phantoms, the Rochester North Metro Mustangs and — in the semifinals — the Troy Flash.

Canton players are Jeffrey Branch, Jai Billmoris, Nick Boudet, Josh Keenemore, Brent Kwiatkowski, Jared Lambers, Daniel Longpre, Keith Lukash, Pat Meyer, Travis Paluszko, Jason Priobe, Aaron Schmidt, Kevin Schepferay, Carl Smith, Kevin Strudel, Ben Wiele, and Joe Zdzienicki.

They were coached by Watson Williams, Michael Longpre and

BY BEN FARMER

SPORTS EDITOR

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A stake in her hometown proved to be advantageous for Plymouth Canton pitcher Gretchen Hudson Wednesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game in Walled Lake. With her drop ball rising throughout the game, the senior righthander handed out Walled Lake Central into just three hits in pitching the Chiefs to their second-straight conference championship with a 1-0 victory over the Vikings. Hudson struck out 11 and walked no one as Canton picked up its 29th victory of the season against just losses. The Chiefs finished 15-2 in

Walled Lake. "It feels good to win it. There's been one of our goals from the beginning of the year," Hudson said.

Although Hudson frustrated the Vikings' hitters, she admitted her pitchers weren't doing what she expected them to do.

"Honestly, something was wrong in our defense. I don't know what it was, but I was watching," she said with a winning smile. "I'll take it."

"It really wasn't me as much as it

was my brother, Mark. He was calling the pitches and letting the ball so I could get the ball."

What little fireworks there were in the contest came early as the game opened with a bang.

Lead-off batter Paula McKernan, a junior shortstop, singled to open the game for the Chiefs. Senior outfielder Melissa Brown then slapped a line drive to Central second baseman Lindsay Garland, who caught the ball and threw it to first. McKernan beat the throw first by a split-second in a play that could have been called either

Please see CANTON SOCCER, C4



Victory preserved: Canton's Marie Pochron tags out Central's Lindsay Garland as she attempts to score from second on a Kami Scott single in the bottom of the first.

Canton clubs South Lyon

BY C.J. REBAK

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So much for the preliminaries. Now the real fun begins for Plymouth Canton's soccer squad. The Chiefs only had to be careful in their first two matches to advance to the next step: Don't get anyone hurt and don't do anything reckless, like allowing an opponent they should dominate get a big lead early.

What comes next is certain to be a far greater challenge than either of their first two games in the Division I state district tournament.

Two opponents, two easy wins. In Wednesday's district semifinal, Canton scored early and often in trampling South Lyon 7-1 at Canton. Which means that in their two tournament games, the Chiefs have outscored their foes 13-1.

On Saturday, they will play for the district title against the winner of the Plymouth Salem-Northville game, which will be played at 7 p.m. tonight at Northville HS. Saturday's district final will be at 1 p.m. at South Lyon Junior HS.

Either Salem or Northville will prove to be far more difficult than Canton's first two foes. The Chiefs have played the Rocks twice in the last two weeks, tying them 1-1 then beating them 3-1 last week in the Western Lakes Activities Association title game. Against Northville early in the season, Canton posted a 2-0 victory.

"It's supposed to be tough," said Canton coach Don Smith. "It's the district final."

"They're both good teams. We can't afford to let them get fired up against us."

That's something the Chiefs never allowed South Lyon to do. Anne Morrell got them on the board early, then Stephanie Johnson and Morrell scored goals in a 2-0 span to make it 3-0 before the first half was half over. With 16:03 still left before the intermission, Allison Mills converted a cross to make it 4-0.

The Lions ended Canton's shutout bid when Cassi Teeple lofted a shot

over Chiefs' keeper Amy Dorogi with 13:50 left, making it 4-1.

The second half was as steady as the first had been — much like Monday's 6-0 win over Pinckney, during which Canton scored three times in each half. The bottom line was this: South Lyon never really had a chance against the deeper, more talented Chiefs.

A Morrell cross to Beth Sandusky with 30:17 left in the match resulted in Canton's fifth goal, and once again pried open the goal-scoring floodgates — through which the Chiefs poured in two more goals within the next 5:00.

Amanda Lents set up the first, taking the ball into the middle of the box before passing it back to Abi Morrell, who ripped a shot from 18 yards out into the net to make it 6-1. It was Lents' second assist of the game.

Just 52 seconds later, Lents got a goal of her own on a shot from the right side to account for Canton's final marker.

Lents has been a key ingredient in Canton's late-season surge. After tying Livonia Churchill and Salem in

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Heads up: Anne Morrell (left) scored two goals in Canton's 6-0 win over Pinckney Monday.

1 down, 2 to go

Salem nips Novi; Northville next

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If you're a Plymouth Salem girls soccer player, the fun is beginning right about now. Because with each game comes another shot at redemption.

Payback time.

It really started Monday, when the Rocks met Novi at Salem in the opening round of the Division I state soccer district tournament. In the first week of the season, Salem and Novi had played to a 1-1 draw, much to the chagrin of the Rocks.

There would be no tie this time. There couldn't be, not in the state tournament. Indeed, Suzi Towne made certain the result would be favorable for the Rocks when she dribbled through the Wildcats' defense and lofted a

shot from 20 yards out that got over the Novi keeper and into the net for the game-winning goal with 8:09 left in a 2-1 Salem victory.

The win pushed the Rocks' record to 10-5-2. It also gives them a second payback shot, this one at 7 p.m. tonight against Northville in the district semifinals at Northville. Salem lost 2-1 to the Mustangs in the regular season in the game following its tie with Novi.

So the incentive is there. And if further motivation is needed, then here it is: A win over Northville would give the Rocks a third shot at beating Plymouth Canton, this one when it means

the most — with the district championship at stake, at 1 p.m. Saturday at South Lyon.

Certainly, Monday's game with the Wildcats provided Salem with a warning, if it was necessary. The victory did not come easily.

"They really do (make it difficult)," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld of Novi. "They defend well and they work hard."

"The key to stopping them is containing Kristy Arrington. Once you do that, you can concentrate on your offense."

Which is exactly what the Rocks did. They never trailed the 'Cats, but they never led by more than a goal, either.

Salem scored first, with Kristina Seniuch converting a pass

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Salem's Suzi Towne is mobbed by team-mates after scoring Salem's winning goal in Monday's 2-1 victory over Novi.

100

WLAA track

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"We didn't even score in this meet," Dollaway said. "We started recruiting kids from other sports, mainly football and soccer. I figured it would make everybody better. We have 54 kids on this team now."

Two sophomores also gave the Vikings a boost. Jason Kittle took third in the high jump, while Chris Haney took a fifth in the pole vault.

"Everything pretty much turned out the way I thought," Dollaway said. "In the field events we didn't get as much, but we got more in the running events than I figured."

Churchill, the Western Division dual meet champion, appeared primed to win

the title, but then senior standout Ryan Kearney pulled out of the 300 hurdles and a leg of the 1,600-meter relay with a sore hamstring after setting a WLAA record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.2.

Kearney shattered the mark of 14.5 set by Churchill's Jason Belaire in 1999.

"We felt pulling Jason out was a smart move for us," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We didn't believe he could help our team with a sore hamstring and we didn't want to jeopardize anything with him going into the state meet."

Churchill also went 1-2 in the shot

put led by Mike Gaura and Guy Diakow. Eric Scott also added a second in the long jump.

"Our kids ran great tonight," Austin said. "But Central won the last five events. They're a very talented team. You don't need seconds and thirds when you have these powerful runners like that taking first."

Injuries kept Salem from making a serious run at Central. The Rocks were without middle distance standout Bobby Cushman, who was injured in the regional, along with sprinters Mike Shull and Chris Mason.

"The last three or four years we've been slim on injuries in the big meets,

but this year they hit us pretty hard," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "At one point of the meet we thought we had a shot at it, but the injuries mounted up too much."

"We just have to recoup and go back at it next year."

Salem's Nick Allen captured the 1,600 in 4:27.6 and added a second in the 800. Allen also teamed up with Matt Anderson, Donnie Warner and Jon Little to capture 3,200 relay.

But the meet's star was Walled Lake Western's Lorenzo Parker, who set a meet record with a clocking of 10.8 en route to winning the 100.

Parker's time bettered the mark of 10.9 established in 1997 by Western's John Glenn's Harrison James.

Parker also earned 25 firsts, 1 first in the long jump and was a member of the victorious 400 relay (49.2). He was also a part of meet record 800 relay team (1:30.0) for the Warriors along with Chris Payton, Richard Barbera and Eric Sage.

Other individual champions included Livonia Stevenson's Dustin Williams in the discus; Franklin's Ryan Shiplett in the pole vault; Plymouth Canton's Jordan Chapman in the high jump; and Canton's Jerry Gaines in the 400.

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BOYS TRACK MEET

May 25 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walled Lake Central, 133 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 107; 3. Plymouth Salem, 105.5; 4. Walled Lake Western, 83; 5. Plymouth Canton, 81.3; 6. Livonia Franklin, 58.8; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 57; 8. Farmington Hills Harrison, 53; 9. Farmington, 38.3; 10. North Farmington, 28; 11. Northville, 22; 12. Westland John Glenn, 15.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Mike Gaura (LC), 48 feet, 1 1/2 inches; 2. Guy Diakow (LC), 47-1; 3. Mark Snyder (PS), 45-1; 4. Brad Arsenault (LS), 44-8; 5. Andy Brandt (PS), 44-5 1/2; 6. Nate Henaman (LF), 44-2; 7. James Doherty

(WJG), 41-7; 8. Richie Cieslak (PS), 41-1 1/2.

Discus: 1. Dustin Williams (LS), 148-4; 2. Diakow (LC), 143-11; 3. Kurt Plankush (LS), 138-0; 4. Brandt (PS), 134-1; 5. Paul Lindsey (WLC), 132-0; 6. Brad Person (FHH), 131-2; 7. Nick Samples (WJG), 130-3; 8. Gaura (LC), 128-7.

High jump: 1. Jordan Chapman (PC), 6-1; 2. Chris Kalls (PC), 6-0; 3. Jason Kittle (WLC), 6-0; 4. Alex Haines (N), 6-0; 5. Alex Hritcu (WLC), 5-10; 6. John Turner (LF), 5-8; 7. Paul Karolak (LC), 5-8; 8. three-way tie.

Long jump: 1. Lorenzo Parker (WLW), 22-1; 2. Eric Scott (LC), 22-1; 3. Devin White (LC), 20-5 1/2; 4. Hritcu (WLC), 20-4 3/4; 5. Gabe Coble (PS), 20-1 3/4; 6. Pat Johnson (PS), 19-10; 7. Ugo Okumabua (PC), 19-5; 8. Jewin Spinks (F), 19-3.

Pole vault: 1. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 12-6; 2. Chapman (PC), 12-0; 3. Brandon LaPointe (LC), 12-0; 4. Derek Laskowski (FHH), 11-8; 5. Chris Haney (WLC), 11-8; 6. (tie) Jim Gabriel (NF), Nick Jasko (WLW), Brian Page (PC), 10-8 each.

330-meter hurdles: 1. Ryan Kearney (LC), 14.3 (set meet record in prelims, 14.2); 2. Nick Hall (FHH), 14.6; 3. Jason Culbert (WLC), 14.7; 4. Ricky Bryant (FHH), 14.8; 5. Ryan Thomas (PS), 15.0; 6. Pat Hayes (LF), 15.1; 7. Brian Jones (LS), 15.2; 8. Dave Clemens (PS), 15.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Culbert (WLC), 39.9; 2. Hall (FHH), 40.3; 3. Josh Keyes (WJG), 40.8; 4. Brett Pauling (N), 41.1; 5. Brant Hauck (LC), 41.4; 6. Jeff Frederick (F), 42.2; 7. Mike Convery (WLC), 42.2; 8. Thomas (PS), 42.5.

200 dash: 1. Parker (WLW), 10.8 (meet record set in prelims); 2. Kevin Woods (FHH), 11.1; 3. Paul Merand (WLW), 11.1; 4. K.J. Singh (PC), 11.3; 5. James Bertala (LS), 11.5; 6. Dustin Gress (F), 11.5; 7. Mike Lenardon (LS), 11.5; 8. Johnson (PS), 11.5.

300: 1. Hritcu (WLC), 23.0; 2. Woods (FHH), 23.1; 3. Todd Anthony (F), 23.1; 4. Clemens (PS), 23.7; 5. James Bertala (LS), 23.8; 6. White (LC), 23.9; 7. Mark Ostach (F), 24.0; 8. Cory Harris (LF), 24.1.

400: 1. Jerry Gaines (PC), 51.3; 2. Chris Payton (WLC), 51.4; 3. Kevin Schneider (LF), 52.0; 4. Anthony Beal (NF), 52.5; 5. Jason Babcock (WLC), 52.7; 6. Andrew Beck (F), 53.3; 7. Mike Millat (NF), 53.4; 8. Justin Blake (WLC), 53.6.

800: 1. Jeremy Auer (WLC), 2:03.0; 2. Nick Allen (PS), 2:04.0; 3. Ryan Gell (PS),

2:05.5; 4. LaPointe (LC), 2:06.4; 5. Steve Blossom (PC), 2:06.6; 6. Marty Kane (PC), 2:08.1; 7. Jason Rutter (PC), 2:08.2; 8. Brian Kots (LF), 2:08.2.

1,600: 1. Allen (PS), 4:27.6; 2. Todd Mobley (WLC), 4:28.5; 3. Charlie Stamboulan (NF), 4:30.8; 4. Josh Burt (LF), 4:31.3; 5. Jon Little (PS), 4:34.0; 6. Joe Verellen (LS), 4:35.2; 7. Auer (WLC), 4:45.4; 8. Eric Bohn (LS), 4:45.6.

3,200: 1. Mobley (WLC), 9:50.5; 2. Little (PS), 9:52.2; 3. Burt (LF), 10:03.8; 4. Kevin Arbuckle (N), no time available; 5. Verellen (LS), 10:07.9; 6. Bohn (LS), 10:17.9; 7. Jason Richmond (LC), 10:20.3; 8. Joe Robinson (LC), 10:21.6.

400 relay: 1. Western (Parker, Merand, Richard Barbera, Eric Sage), 43.3; 2. Farmington, 44.1; 3. Churchill, 45.4; 4. Salem, 45.7;

5. Northville, 45.8; 6. Canton, 46.4; 7. Stevenson, 46.5; 8. N. Farmington, 46.8.

800 relay: 1. Western (Payton, Parker, Barbera, Sage), 1:30.0 (meet record); 2. Canton, 1:32.5; 3. Farmington, 1:33.0; 4. N. Farmington, 1:33.6; 5. Churchill, 1:38.5; 6. Canton, 1:34.1; 7. Stevenson, 1:38.8; 8. (tie) Salem, Franklin, 1:39.2 each.

1,600 relay: 1. Central (Culbert, Babcock, Blake, Auer), 3:22.6; 2. Franklin, 3:24.2; 3. Canton, 3:26.0; 4. Western, 3:26.5; 5. Salem, 3:27.9; 6. N. Farmington, 3:29.2; 7. Churchill, 3:40.3; 8. John Glenn, 3:42.4.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Matt Anderson, Donnie Warner, Little, Allen), 8:15.9; 2. Central, NTA; 3. Stevenson, NTA; 4. Canton, NTA; 5. Churchill, NTA; 6. Franklin, NTA; 7. John Glenn, NTA; 8. Western, NTA.

Coaches should report updates for the list of boys best track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7279 by fax.

SHOT PUT

Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 54-1
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51-5
John Kava (Redford CC) 51-3 1/4
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49-5
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 49-4
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 48-11 1/2
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-6 1/2

Mike Morris (Redford CC) 41-3 1/4

Mike Morris (Redford CC) 40-3 1/2

DISCUS

Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 186-1
Scott Genord (Thurston) 159-7
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 157-10
Dustin Williams (Stevenson) 156-1
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 152-2
Kurt Plankush (Stevenson) 142-0
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 136-7
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137-0
Steve Migliore (Harrison) 136-5
Ase Hensley (Canton) 134-6

HIGH JUMP

Chris Kalls (Canton) 6-4
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-4
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Vethoven (Redford CC) 6-0
Jon Glenn (Canton) 6-0
Ryan Gell (Salem) 5-10

Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5-11
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-10
Darnell Davis (John Glenn) 5-10
C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 5-10
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 5-10
Devin White (Churchill) 5-10
Matt Mikal (Farmington) 5-10
Dan Ferris (Stevenson) 5-10
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 5-10
Joe Darnen (Redford Union) 5-10
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 48-11 1/2
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-6 1/2

LONG JUMP

Eric Scott (Churchill) 22-1
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 21-4 1/4
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 21-0
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20-10
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-8 3/4
Devin White (Churchill) 20-6 1/4
Ugo Okumabua (Canton) 20-6
Brent Barrick (Redford CC) 19-11 3/4
Pat Johnson (Salem) 19-11 1/2
Andre Davis (Harrison) 19-10

POLE VAULT

Joe Frando (Garden City) 13-6
Ryan Shiplett (Franklin) 13-0
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 12-6
Ian Billington (Garden City) 12-6
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-0
Shannon Simon (Garden City) 12-0
Jason Davis (Lutheran Westland) 11-6
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-6

Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 11-0
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 11-0

110-METER HURDLES

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.2
Ricky Bryant (Harrison) 14.3
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 14.4
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.4
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 14.4
Dave Clemens (Salem) 14.5
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 14.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14.8
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.1
Chris Kalls (Canton) 15.1
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.1
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 15.1

300-METER HURDLES

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 39.1
Nick Hall (Harrison) 40.3
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 40.3
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 40.5
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 40.8
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41.0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41.0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 41.5
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 41.7
Chris Kalls (Canton) 41.7

100-METER DASH

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 10.5
D. Anglin (Bishop Borgess) 10.9
Scott Genord (Thurston) 11.1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.1
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.1
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 11.1

Mike Shull (Salem) 11.2
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 11.2

Chris Mason (Salem) 11.2
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 11.2

Derek Andersen (Redford CC) 11.3
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.3
Ramon Scott (Bishop Borgess) 11.3
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.3

200-METER DASH

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22.5
Mike Shull (Salem) 22.5
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22.5
Jason Blach (Farmington) 22.8
Devin White (Churchill) 22.8
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 23.1
Andre Davis (Harrison) 23.1
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.1
Scott Genord (Thurston) 23.1
Joe Frando (Garden City) 23.2
Cory Harris (Franklin) 23.2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2

400-METER DASH

Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.4
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50.6
Matt Freeborn (Stevenson) 51.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 52.1
Gabe Coble (Salem) 52.2
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.6
Brian Kuszyński (Redford CC) 52.8
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 52.8

Ryan Kracht (Franklin) 52.9
Adam Mantay (Thurston) 53.1

Mike Millat (N. Farmington) 53.2
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 53.2

Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Steve Kestemati (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Steve Blossom (Canton) 2:02.0
Jon Little (Salem) 2:02.4

800-METER RUN

Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:02.6
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 2:02.7
Jason Rutter (Canton) 2:03.1
Charlie Stamboulan (N. Farmington) 2:03.2
Brian Hinzman (Garden City) 2:03.6
Nick O'Keefe (Redford CC) 2:04.0
Nick Allen (Salem) 2:04.0

1,600-METER RUN

Nick Allen (Salem) 4:22.3
Jon Little (Salem) 4:24.5
Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:25.5
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Charlie Stamboulan (N. Farmington) 4:26.8
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 4:27.5
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 4:30.1
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:32.6
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.2
Bob Cushman (Salem) 4:36.2

3,200-METER RUN

Dan Jess (Redford CC) 9:32.3
Jim Curtiss (Redford CC) 9:37.1
Nick Allen (Salem) 9:41.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:42.0

Jon Little (Salem) 9:44.9
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 9:48.4

Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 9:51.3
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 9:56.2
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:03.8
Joe Robinson (Churchill) 10:08.7

400-METER RELAY

Farmington Harrison 43.5
Farmington 43.8
Plymouth Salem 44.4
Livonia Churchill 44.8
Plymouth Canton 44.9

800-METER RELAY

Farmington 1:31.9
Livonia Stevenson 1:32.6
Redford Bishop Borgess 1:32.8
Plymouth Salem 1:32.9
Lutheran Westland 1:33.5

1,600-METER RELAY

Livonia Franklin 3:27.6
Plymouth Salem 3:29.3
Plymouth Canton 3:30.6
Livonia Churchill 3:32.3
Livonia Stevenson 3:32.4
Livonia Stevenson 8:11.6
Plymouth Canton 8:13.2
Plymouth Salem 8:15.2
Livonia Churchill 8:21.3
Livonia Franklin 8:24.3

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1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$9 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

Cage camp

Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will host a basketball camp for girls in grades one through 12 this summer at Schoolcraft.

A half-day camp, for grades 1-6, will be 9 a.m.-noon June 21-25. Cost is \$70, which includes a camp T-shirt.

The camp for grades 7-12 will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 2-5 and from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 6; cost is \$110, which includes a camp T-shirt and a basketball.

Both camps will be run by Lafata, her assistant coach, Maria Christian, and Schoolcraft players. For more information, call the Schoolcraft athletic department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

Adult soccer

The Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor a range of 6-on-6 soccer leagues, with play beginning June 28. Cost is \$270 per team, plus referee and non-resident fees.

There will be four separate divisions: Men's Open (18-and-over), Men's Masters (30-and-over), Women's Open (18-and-over) and Women's Masters (30-and-over).

Deadline for registration is June 18. Teams will play a minimum of seven games and a maximum of 10 games. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

Girls hoop camp

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem basketball coaches will join together to host the Canton-Salem Skills Camp, a girls summer day basketball camp for girls who will enter grades fourth through ninth this fall, co-hosted by Salem's Fred Thomann and Canton's Bob Blohm.

There will be two sessions. Session I, which will run June 21-24 and June 28-July 1, will be 1-3 p.m. each day for girls in grades fourth through seventh. Session II, for girls in grades eighth and ninth, will be 1-3 p.m. each day July 6-8 and July 12-16.

Cost is \$65 for each session. All sessions will be at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums. Included are a T-shirt and a basketball.

Checks should be made payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and sent to Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department, Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

For more information, call Coach Thomann at 459-7315 or Coach Blohm at 414-8156.

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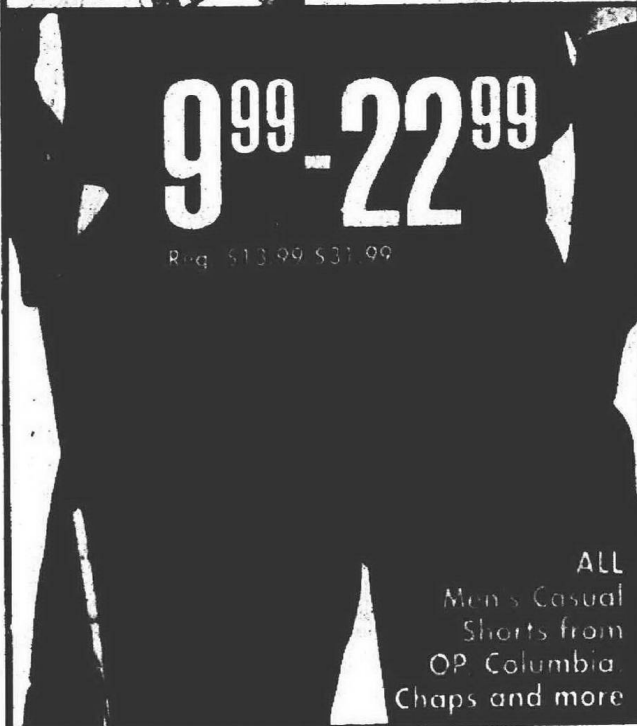
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- FOOD TENTS: Main Room
- Entertainment: LAUGHORS 7 PM - 11 PM in the Big Tent

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- BASKETBALL • 8 PM - 11 PM at Grady School Gymnasium
- FOOD TENTS: Round Roof
- BAKE SALE: Round • 6 PM
- ENTERTAINMENT: Don-Johnny House - 3:30 PM
- Church School • 7 PM
- LAGS • 6 PM - 10 PM in the Big Tent

SUNDAY • JUNE 6, 1980

- Carnival Rides Open • 8 PM • Game Tent Open • 8 PM
- LAG Vendors Open from 7 PM-10 PM (Subject to ID)
- Bible Study with "The Sticky Leavened" in the Church • 9 AM
- FOOD TENTS: Round Canopies • BAKE SALE 8 AM • 6 PM
- Entertainment: Grady School Gymnasium Noon-7 PM
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The Detroit area has always been fertile ground for developing talent, talent, and many of those who make it to the national stage decide to stay here and join the tradition.

During his time at the Birmingham School of Law, when he was a student at Stanford in the late 1950s and early '60s,

There were a lot of great players at my school and great

players at Northwestern and East Tech, so many good musicians and many of them went on to play professionally," he said.

For Detroit singer Kimmie
Horne inspiration came in the
late '20s from an established
Detroit music figure.

"It started about 10 years ago. I went to see a local performance by the Jean Ball, and that was the first group I got involved with. After seeing all the energy she possessed, I said I want to do that," Horne said. "It was a female doing it."

and that inspired me. I said, 'That's what I want to do.'

Kuhn and Horne join an all-star lineup June 4 for the PBS 2 broadcast from New Orleans. The Center Stage will perform Friday on a bill with Janet Alexander, Sauter and Guttuso, Joe Williams, King, Duke Ellington, and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Kuhn, Horne, and Kuhn's Musical Theatre Company will perform Saturday and a night show featuring Guttuso.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, June 4

- 3:30 p.m. Gates open
- 4:30 p.m. Randy Scott
- 5:30 p.m. Break
- 6 p.m. Kimble Horne
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Alexander Zoryc
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Lee Ritenour
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Saturday, June 6

- 11 a.m. Gates open
- Noon Tim Bowman
- 1 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Diane Krall
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Rick Braun
- 5 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Keiko Matsui
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Earl Klugh
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Peabo Bryson
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Saturday, June 6

- Noon Gates open
- 1 p.m. Straight Ahead
- 2 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Brian Bromberg
- 4 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Steve Gyr
- 5 p.m. Break
- 6:30 p.m. Larry Carlton
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:30 p.m. Evening of Guitars and Saxes
- 10 p.m. Show ends

■ **Jazzfest '88** - Seventh annual festival 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Fernside High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest. All day admission \$5 per adult; \$3 seniors/children; children under age 6 are free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information. Features professional, college, high school and middle school jazz bands including drummer Miguel Gutierrez with his group, Truth, the Henry Ford Community College Jazz Band, Don Dale's Duet, and the Troy Athens High School jazz band.

■ **Michigan Jazz Festival** - Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Father's Day Brunch with the Larry Nozaro Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person, proceeds benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for details.

■ **Birmingham Jazzfest** - Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24, with performances by Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars, Tim Weisberg, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott, Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, Ken Navarro, Warren Hill and others, at Shaln Park and various Birmingham restaurants. For information call (248) 433-FEST after July 1.



Ultimate Horror



1997

Jazz legend: Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield is part of an all-star lineup performing outdoors at the Village on the Green in Southfield during the three-day, V98.7 Smooth JazzFest.

Cranbrook's virtual roller coaster ride

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER
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Arriving at the apex of any roller coaster ride, the routine is quite common: Take a deep gulp, choose your religion, hold ooooooooooooo and scream for redemption.

Or at least scream the name of the engineer who hopefully took all the necessary safety precautions in designing the roller coaster upon which you've tossed your fate - and possibly your lunch.

Or not.
For those who've only thought about coming face-to-face with the 5Gs of King's Islands' invert-

ed roller coaster, or those looking for a deeper appreciation of why roller coasters elicit thrills, chills and a modified reassemblage of breakfast, the Cranbrook Institute of Science will unveil this Saturday, "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters."

Reasons for the thrill

In the days where virtual experiences are becoming indistinguishable from the real thing, the Institute of Science offers a laboratory for vicarious and vertigo-loving thrill seekers.

"Scream Machines" includes

six distinctive interactive displays that examine the scientific and physiological reasons roller coaster riders are filled with terror and joy.

"We're looking at roller coasters as sheer fascination," said Larry Hutchinson, curator of exhibits.

"There's a lot of science that goes into it. You can fool your eyes and ears. From the pure science side, you can respect the physics and physiology."

The exhibit includes:
 ■ A massive roller coaster model that simulates the principles of gravity, momentum,

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When: Saturday, May 29 to Monday, Sept. 1
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Trip to Neverland: Joey Bybee as Peter and Carrie LaFerle as Wendy lead the cast of "Peter Pan."

Area universities offer youth classics

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie, in Meadow Brook Theatre, on the Oakland University campus, June 2-5.

Performances 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2; Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. Friday, June 4 and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3300 for reservations, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For groups of 20 or more, call (248) 370-2030.

"Peter Pan" the fairy-tale by Sir James Matthew Barrie has captivated children and adults alike since 1903.

The title character has become symbolic for perpetual childhood and colorful supporting characters like Wendy, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook have also become a part of the cultural lexicon.

The original play, upon which this production is based, has inspired musical and movie adaptations that are still popular today.

Director Kerro Knox 3, Oakland University Assistant Professor, took a modern perspective in casting by mixing up traditional male/female roles.

The Oakland University student cast includes Joey Bybee (Peter Pan), Carrie LaFerle (Wendy), Steven Price (John), Emily Pepper (Michael), Jen Smith (Tinkerbell), Caitlin Burke of Farmington Hills (Mrs. Darling/ Tiger Lily/ Pirate), Christian Maurice of Bloomfield Hills (Mr. Darling/ Captain

Hook), and Laura Moss (Liza/Pirate/Mermaid/Indian).

The Lost Boys are portrayed by Adam Granke, Pat Butcher of Rochester, Courtney Presley of Oxford, Heather Whitfield, Concetta LaMacchio of Birmingham, and Theresa Catalfo.

Completing the cast are Cassandra Svacha (Smee), Scott Daniel Vance (Starkey) of Rochester Hills, Matt Omans (Panther, Pirate/Bird), Jessica Elwart (Indian/Pirate/Mermaid) and Heidi Marie Brown (Nana the dog/Indian/Pirate) of Clarkston.

The technical staff includes students Chuck Charbeneau (stage manager, assistant director), Andrea Smith (lighting designer) and Corrie Shotwell (prop coordinator).

OU staff members Brian Damabacher and Suzanne Hanna are scenic designer and costume designer.

Pocahontas

Wayne State University's Department of Theatre is presenting "Pocahontas" by Aurand Harris, Thursday, June 24 through Saturday, July 10 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit.

Performances 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday, July 10; Thursday-Friday, June 24-25; and Tuesday, July 6 through Saturday, July 10. No performances Monday-Tuesday, July 4-5.

Tickets \$4 individuals; \$3 groups of 10 or more (1 complimentary ticket per 10 for chaperone). Call (313) 577-2972 for tickets.

Church presents original play

Mt. Zion Church of Clarkston presents "The Alabaster Vial," a musical play by Rick Bruderick of Lake Orion, a minister at the church, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church 4900 Maybee Road. Tickets \$3, \$10 first and second rows, call (248) 391-6166.

The three act musical play explores the human relationships, lifestyles and individual personali-

ties of several biblical characters including a brother, Lazarus, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

The script revolves around Mary and the tragedy of innocence lost, but forgiveness and mercy found.

"The Alabaster Vial" will feature a large cast of actors, dancers, musicians and vocals from the 4,000 member congregation.

Cast sings Gershwin with style

Stageworkers presents the final Main Stage show of the 1998-99 season, "Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 418 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The idea seemed foolproof: take twenty old Gershwin tunes, tie them together with a new book by Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me A Tenor") and collect your Tony awards. And that's just about how it happened, as "Crazy For You" won 1992's Best Musical honor.

Well I like a Gershwin tune — how about you? And it must have been nirvana to open up

George and Ira's trunk and be able to pick and choose from such immortals as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It"...oh go ahead and sing, we'll wait.

But right there, that's the dilemma. It would have been easy, and maybe better, to let the songs stand by themselves in a review format. Jazz great Louis Jordan was saluted that way with "Five Guys Named Moe." Rock 'n roll songsters Lieber and Stoller had their catalog paraded in "Smoochy Joe's Café." No book, no lines, just wonderful songs. But then again, do you feel shortchanged?

Instead, we get a Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers plot involving inept New York banker's son Bobby (Jeff Drewno), who has other career plans ("I wanna dance. I don't care about money.") He's sent way out west to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on the town's theater/post office. There he meets and falls instantly in love with

the theatre-owner's daughter Polly (Tracy Murray) and concocts a plan to save the theatre: "All we have to do is put on a show — Mickey Rooney does it all the time!"

Standing in his way is evil landowner Lank (Rob Stalder), who vows "I'll stop this show if it's the last thing I ever do!" He says that. Really. Then there's Bobby's fiancée Irene (Diana Geralt) and Ziegfeldian producer Bela Zangler (Marc Meyers) who arrive at just the wrong moments. You get the idea. To quote Oscar Hammerstein, "the corn is as high..."

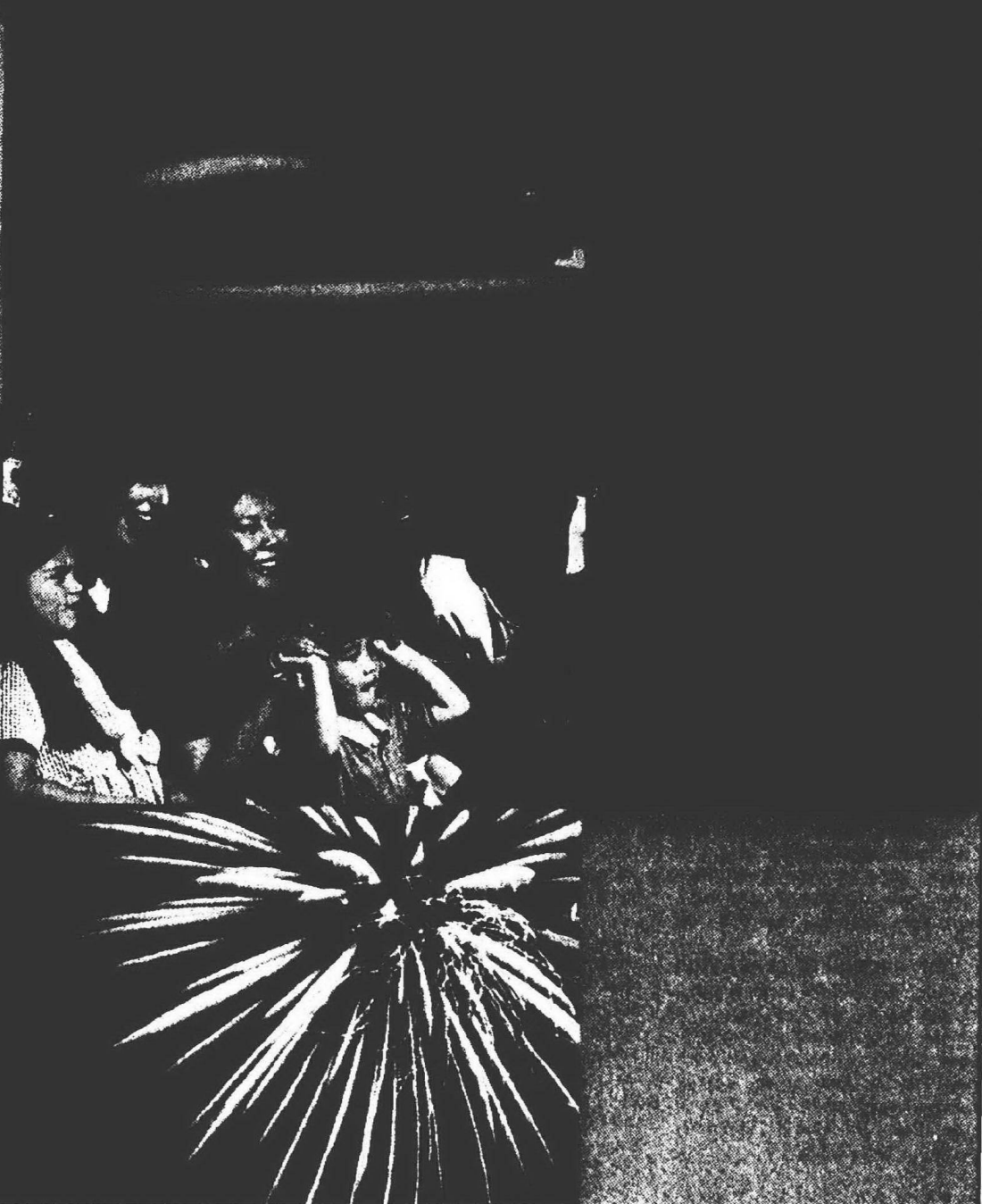
It's the songs, then, that stand the test of time, and this cast does them with verve, sparkle and warmth. Jeff Drewno is every inch the song-and-dance-man his Bobby aspires to be. "They Can't Take That Away From Me" is one for the highlight film. Tracy Murray is best when the cast clears the stage for her to render eloquently winsome versions of "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "But Not For Me."

The 10 tapping chorus girls certainly qualify as a group star. Choreographer Valerie Mould has done it again, infusing the gypsies with her trademark high-octane energy that peaks in "I've Got Rhythm" but is never lacking in that '30s enthusiasm. The cowboys, too, are a cut above your typical community theatre male choruses; they harmonize well and don't look like they had nothing better to do.

Priscilla Benson's orchestra lends flawless support, with special kudos to the pit salem pianist. The "follies" costumes earn their own audience appreciation. In all, director Shar Douglas offers a well-assembled production that is generally tight, often outstanding, and pulled down only in moments of goofiness like an overly long drunk scene.

So "who could ask for anything more?" Maybe a Mel Brooks book. That's it: "Blazing Gershwin."

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Angelique," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angelique, runs Thursdays-Sundays June 3-27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET
"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron Defoy Theatre, 6800 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

COMMUNITY THEATRE

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

STAGECRAFTERS
"Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

PONTIAC THEATRE IV
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 881-6215

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK
"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, June 4-5 and 11-12, and Thursday, June 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6, in the Cranbrook Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students age 18 and younger. (248) 644-0527

WALK & SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT
"Who It Is," a musical journey in search of American identity written and performed by Andy Kirchner, a tapestry of jazz, gospel, reggae, scat, remixed Debussy, Yiddish, Afro-Cuban and rap music, June 3-6 and 10-13, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$18, \$15 students/seniors/museum members. (313) 494-5800

ZEITGEIST THEATRE
Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 12, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. (313) 965-9192

MT. ZION CHURCH OF CLARKSTON
"The Aleister Vial," a musical play exploring human relationships, lifestyles and individual personalities of several biblical characters, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church 4900 Maybee Road. \$3, \$10 first and second rows. (248) 391-6166

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBACCI ITALIAN CROQUETTE
"Tony n' Tine's Wedding," has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$65 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-9668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

SHAWNEE THEATRE
The musical "Annie," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 29 and June 6, at the theater, 1000 E. Warren, Farmington. \$15, \$12 seniors/children. (313) 962-2913



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On-going series concludes with U-M history professor Regina Morantz-Sanchez speaking about "Becoming Modern: American Jewish Women in the 20th Century," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Jimmy Preston Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

POLISH COUNTRY FAIR
Polish food, entertainment, fine arts show, midway, Vegas tent, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, and noon Saturday-Monday, May 29-31, St. Mary's Prepitory, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 682-1885

REDFORD THEATRE
Film "Road to Rio," with guest organist Steven Ball, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 28, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 29, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford>

STAR WARS-STAR TREK ACTION FIGURES SHOW
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 1-275 and Six Mile. \$10, \$5 children, includes mint-on-card action figure. (734) 591-3272

BENEFITS

"FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH"
Gourmet brunch with the Larry Nozaro Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the Waterman Building at Schoolcraft College, 18800 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$25, to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival July 18 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

6-K FUN WALK
Presented by the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts to benefit programs for people with special needs, registration begins at 8 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, in Auburn Hills beginning at the Comerica Bank at Hamlin and Squirrel roads, \$10 advance, \$15 day of walk. Advance registration by June 5. (248) 882-6297

FAMILY EVENTS

PROUD LAKE/THIRLAND FES AREA
"Wetland Wander" is walk through a wetland habitat, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Wetland Wander, 1000 E. Warren, Farmington. \$15, \$12 seniors/children. (313) 962-2913

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Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, open to high school graduates, all levels of experience, grades 1-12, placement auditions 1-4 p.m. Sundays, June 6 and 27, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

GERALD ALBRIGHT
7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

RAY BROWN TRIO
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 3-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$25. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK SYRLEY DUO
7-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside the Kingsley Suites and Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)

COLEMAN-RHODES DUO
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27780 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)

DELTA RHYTHM KINGS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

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8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27780 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Seafood Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11-1 a.m. Saturdays, at No. VI's, 27780 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Arbor Brewing Company, 154 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (cassidy man)

GRILL BURN
With local and storyteller (Ireland's Head, Man), 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Grill, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 962-2913

SHAWNEE THEATRE
The musical "Annie," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 29 and June 6, at the theater, 1000 E. Warren, Farmington. \$15, \$12 seniors/children. (313) 962-2913

CHRISTIAN MONROE'S FAMILY
7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (jazz/pop)

MART MICHAELS TRIO
With special guest Larry Nozaro, sax and flute, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, with Paul Vornhagen (saxophone, flute & vocals), Thursday, June 3, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK MOULTROP TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY
7-11 p.m. Wednesdays in May, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in May, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

WILBERT PAEGLER
6-10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (jazz piano)

JIM PARAMANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

OWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
7-11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (contemporary jazz)

MICHAEL SCHENKER
With Vinnie Moore, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$21 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE
9 p.m. Mondays in May and June, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

JOHN SINCLAIR AND HIS BLUES SCHOLARS
With Arwulf Arwulf and featuring Ted Harley, Cary Kocher and Matt Bauder, as part of Mood Indigo night, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

"VIBES 7 SMOOTH JAZZFEST"
Featuring Lee Ritenour, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott and Alexander Zonjic, Friday, June 4 (free); Keiko Matsui, Earl Klugh, Peabo Bryson, Rick Braun, Diana Krall and Tim Bowman, Saturday, June 5; "An Evening of Guitars and Saxos" (Kirk Whalum, Peter White, Marc Antoine, and Everette Harp), Larry Carlton, Brian Bromberg, Spyro Gyra, and Straight Ahead, Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center's The Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. \$18 (one day), \$28 (both days). (248) 855-2400/(248) 645-6666

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BRIDSON
Fridays, June 4, 13, 25 and July 2 and Saturdays, June 12 and July 3, at the Main Event Restaurant inside the Pontiac Silverdome,

8 days a week

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COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Ron Morey, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 38071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0665

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PANSANO'S

Ruben-Ruben, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Walt Willey, who plays Jackson Montgomery on "All My Children," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, June 5 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8665

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Léo DuFour and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Sunday, May 26-30; Kevin McPeak and Jr. Remick, Wednesday-Sunday, June 2-6, 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>

CHRIS ROCK

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75, \$37.50 and \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515

SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays; "Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays through June, Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. \$5. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

Extends their Friday evening hours 5-10 p.m. from June 4 to Aug. 13 with a discounted joint admission, at the art museum visit "Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," (248) 645-3361, at the institute take a wild ride through science in "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," also permanent exhibit "Our Dynamic Earth," and also planetarium and laser programs, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-9400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE

Estate tours include the restored Riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Civil War Remembrance featuring traditions, fashions and music from the era, Sunday-Monday May 30-31: The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoesen Farm, 1005 Van Hoesen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

A grand opening for the interactive automotive science and technology center takes place 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, entertainment by swing band

Cherry Poppy! Daddies and daddies Valentin and Kaja of Cirque du Soleil, at the center across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 1351 Village Road, Dearborn. Free, but tickets required for admittance. (313) 317-7474

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Free concert celebrate Black Music Month 6-8 p.m. Fridays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 on the museum's lawn; "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro League Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Memorial Day Observance offers museum tours, displays, used-book sales, photographs and airplane tours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 31, at the museum, Beck Road, south of Ecorse Road, Gate 1 on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Free. \$4, \$2 children for pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to noon. (734) 483-4030

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

AVAIL

With By All Means and Boy Sets Fire, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

JOCELYN B.

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

BARE JR.

With Old Pike, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance, \$7 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BLACK BEAUTY

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; With Thoretta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockabilly)

"BLACKAPALOOZA REVIEW"

With My Brother's Dream, Goat, Jessica Kamara, Kas Serenity, Miyon Traymayne and City Slickers, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28; and Rachid, Sheila Horne, ONXYZ, The Young and The Restless, F.F.O.C., and Magdalen Hu-Li, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (variety)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Lost Dog, Huddle, Blue Tuesday and Warmth, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 4-M Lounge, 15500 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 521-9059; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or <http://www.bluerose.iuma.com> (blues)

BLUE SHAKERS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (R&B)

CALOSO

With Big Sam, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CHROME LOCUST

With 4 Percent and Strut, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (noise rock)

DANNY COX

6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic

BONNE DAWSON

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

THE DETERANTS

With Jill Jack and Big Sam, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

DIAMOND RIO

With The Clark Experience, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

DOESTAR

Featuring bassist Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Hello Dave, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

EKOSTIK HOOKMAN

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock)

EL TOPO

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Taproot and Crack Abraham, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

EVEN KEEL

8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (pop/folk)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400

THE GHETTO BILLIES

With Tayacan, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funny rock)

GRR

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES

With Soot and Lord Mudd, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HASTINGS STREET BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>; 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin St., (at Orleans Street), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 259-1374 (blues/honky-tonk)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Alley, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hope-orch> (pop)

LISA HUNTER

6 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books, Oakland Mall, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 585-6029; 9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanciapling/lisa.htm> (pop)

KANSAS

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rockabilly)

SLEEPY LABEL

8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

LEFTOVER SALMON

With Blueground Undergrass, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 30, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (jam rock/Cajun/bluegrass)

LES INCAPABLES

With Greenhorns, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (French Canadian garage band)

JASON MASSE

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (solo guitar)

MAGNIE, PIERCE AND EJ

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (eclectic rock)

MASHINA

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MINE

With Ridgemonte and The Whoremans, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

EDDIE MONEY

With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

MUDPUDDY

Celebrates release of CD "One Night Only," 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

STEVE NARDELLA

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

19 WHEELS

9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (roots rock)

OPEN SPACES

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

JEFFREY OSBORNE

7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (R&B)

JIM PARAVANTIS WITH MERIDIAN

Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 865-9300 (pop)

KENNY PARKER

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

POISON

With Ratt, Great White and L.A. Guns, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

POUND

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, as part of Ignition night at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (rock)

REEFERMEN

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

RHYTHM HOUSE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Lucky 13, 21350 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (313) 274-6066 (R&B)

ROOSTER

With Knee Deep Shag, 9 p.m. Friday, June 4, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (funk/rock)

ROXANNE

10 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (acoustic rock)

ROYCE

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (pop/rock)

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Thursdays, May 27 and June 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

KRISTIN SAWYER

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (funk/Motown)

JOHN SINCLAIR AND HIS BLUES SCHOLARS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

SLEATER-KINNEY

With Versus, 9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

SPLENDER

Charming 'Love Letter' has romantic appeal

BY VICTORIA THAS
Special Writer

If you enjoy charming summertime romances, set in charming New England villages, you'll probably find "The Love Letter" to your liking. From the recent novel by Cathleen Schine, the slightly-cluttered story is a bit reminiscent of last year's "You've Got Mail," Joseph Mankiewicz's "A Letter to Three Wives," of a half-century ago, and the Bard's 16th century hit, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The letter of the title is definitely small-mail, but Hong Kong director Peter Ho-sun Chan, making his American debut, keeps things snappy and pace

from start to finish in this fun-to-watch movie flavored with touches of mystery and wit. Though the film is more light comedy than whodunit, much of the fun lies in trying to identify who wrote the rather oddly-worded missive that turns up one day in the village of Loblolly by the Sea, and to whom.

"Dearest," it begins. "Do you know how in love with you I am? ...I have fallen in love without taking step."

Kate Capshaw plays Helen MacFarquhar, a rather uptight and pernickety bookshop owner who discovers the letter first. Soon, she's made up her mind that the unaddressed note is intended just for her. She also

decides that a young employee of hers wrote it, although she'll have second thoughts about this later.

In the meantime, the employee (Tom Everett Scott) finds the letter himself and is, in turn, convinced that Helen has written it for him. Also in the meantime, another employee (played by Ellen DeGeneres) comes across the letter, and assumes it is meant for her — only she believes that its source is a guy named George (Tom Selleck), who she's had a crush on since high school, and for whom she still carries a hefty torch.

Also figuring into the hodgepodge is another bookstore employee (Julianne Nicholson), a

local cop (Bill Buell), Helen's glamorous mother (Rhye Danner), plus a cutely-aging eccentric and arm-wrestler extraordinaire named Miss Scattergoods (Geraldine McEwan).

All of the above may sound a bit like a cast of characters in a hokey high school play, but don't despair; most every performer brings style and zing to their role, making them into something we enjoy watching, and lifting everything out of the realm of cardboard.

Kate Capshaw's Helen is both flawed and likable at once. She's fussy and maybe even a little priggish at first, but still we can sense a certain passion and lust for life just beneath her no-frills surface. She's a character who looks lived-in, maybe even a little frowny around the edges, but she's attractive, nonetheless, and it's no stretch to go along with the idea that a much younger man would find himself smitten with her image.

As her cohort, Ellen DeGeneres once again proves that she's more than a stand-up comic, more than the main player in a sometimes flat sitcom. She may, in fact, be the best thing about this movie. Her acting at times seems so artless that you can't quite figure if she's performing extremely well, or not performing at all. In some scenes, it almost appears as if she's dropped in and found herself wrapped up in conversation with the other players. Her character is as down home as a clam-bake, an optimist with a slight, sassy edge to her sunny side, a realist who's just a heartbeats away from all-out romantic notions.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, May 28
"NOTHING HILL"
Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant team up in this romantic comedy about a small bookstore owner whose world is turned upside down after the biggest movie star in the world walks in.

"GUT REAL"
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Romantic comedy: Janet (Ellen DeGeneres) flirts with George (Tom Selleck), wondering whether he might be the author of the mysterious love letter she thinks was intended for her in "The Love Letter."

Tom Selleck, playing a smoldering fireman in the village (his most recent heroics involved a toaster oven fire), brings to the role a kind of sweet, almost-avuncular bemusement. (None of that frowny stuff recently witnessed on the Rosie O'Donnell show).

Tom Everett Scott makes an incandescent mark as the young man who yearns for Helen. The youthful actor appears to have come a long, long way from his days as Brett Butler's son on TV's "Grace Under Fire."

Helen's twittery grandmother (played by Gloria Stuart) seems superfluous — so much that moviegoers may wonder why

anybody bothered to bring her into the action at all. Perhaps some significant parts of her character remain on a cutting room floor somewhere?

A musical track of everything from Satchmo's version of "I'm in the Mood for Love" to Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely" to selections from "Tosca" and "La Boheme" punctuates "The Love Letter," and enhance its warm, romantic spirit.

This friendly movie may not be a cinematic landmark, as its heftiest competition right now. But if you're tired of waiting in long lines, you could definitely do worse than taking a look at "The Love Letter."

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La Shish serves excellent Middle Eastern fare

By Mary Dunlop
Special Writing

Sometimes when Janet Buck craves a veggie-friendly meal, she opts to dine at one of her favorite eateries, La Shish.

On a recent Sunday evening, Buck of Livonia, visited the Canton restaurant, the newest La Shish location to open.

She was impressed. "The food is excellent," said Buck. "The staff makes you feel very welcome. The night we ate there, the service went beyond excellent."

Her server, Rania, patiently explained menu items and offered helpful suggestions. After dinner, husband Rabi, demonstrated a technique for baking pita bread in an igloo-shaped oven.

Buck describes the 140-seat eatery as "spacious, light, airy and comfortable." Once inside, you'll be greeted by a friendly staff, lively Arabic music, dazzling chandeliers and a potpourri of tantalizing aromas seeping from the kitchen.

The Canton La Shish opened in mid-April; the seventh restaurant owned by a Lebanese immigrant named Talal Chahine.

In January, 1989, he opened his first La Shish (the skewer), in East Dearborn.

Buck's choice of a dinner drink was a mango smoothie, a tasty concoction of fresh strawberries, banana, mango and honey. Other juice smoothies include fresh apples, oranges, papayas or carrots.

Order some warm pita rounds. Break them apart and then cover them with heaping portions of hummus, a smooth appetizer of parrot chickpeas, tahini (sesame seed) sauce and a hint of fresh garlic. Or, try saaj, a traditional Lebanese flat

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11000 Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (248) 553-0000
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Restaurant scheduled to open in July: La Shish, 37367 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

bread that is baked until it is crispy. Other starter choices include kibbee (anything with cracked wheat), stuffed grape-leaves (veggie or lamb filled), spinach pies and Mediterranean chicken wings.

Most popular entrees? "The chicken kabob with rice and salad," says Hice Sleiman, Canton manager. You'll find seafood dishes (shrimp, red snapper and salmon), an assortment of lamb, beef and chicken entrees, salads (spinach, Greek and fattoush), soups and sandwiches. "Fattoush is our house salad," said Sleiman. "We add toasted pita bread and parsley to the remains."

It's okay to bring the kids," he said. "We usually serve kids a lamb burger or chicken strips."

Share an entree with your meal partner - it's a great solution to taste testing unfamiliar foods. One of Buck's favorite dishes is baba ghannooj, char-

grilled eggplant blended with tahini sauce, olive oil, garlic and lemon juice. Hommus works well as an appetizer, however, combined with lamb, chicken, beef or vegetables, it satisfies heartier appetites.

Save some space for desserts. "The baklava was the best I have ever tasted," commented Buck. "I don't know what they did to it. I would order it again."

Other sweet options include creme caramel (custard), rice pudding and Lebanese ice cream (the chocolate is yummy!). If it's your birthday, dessert is on the house. And, an extra special bonus - the wait staff sings "Happy Birthday" in English and Arabic.

"The La Shish owner always wants everything to be the best," said Jamil Eid, corporate executive chef. "The quality is number one."

"In order to maintain this high quality," said Eid, "all the



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At your service: Chef Mahmoud Hachem invites diners to try a taste of the Middle East at the newly opened La Shish in Canton.

preparation is done at the food quality control center in Dearborn. There is no difference

between the food at the different locations. From Dearborn we deliver to all the locations."

"Hopefully, in July, we will open another La Shish in Livonia," says Eid.

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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, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.hometown.net

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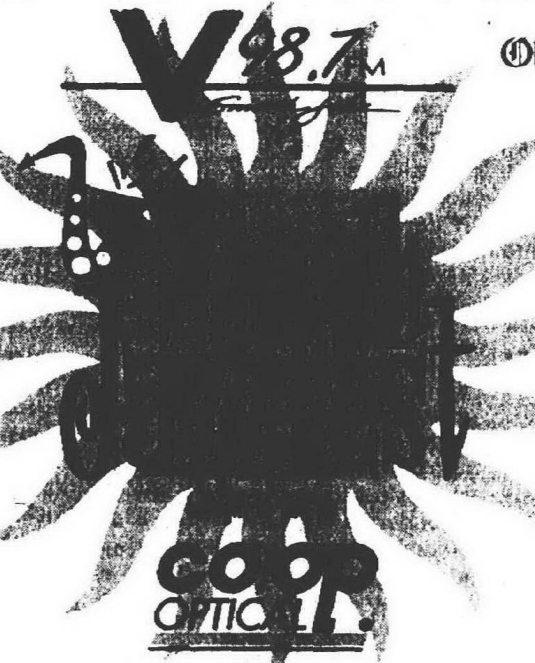
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