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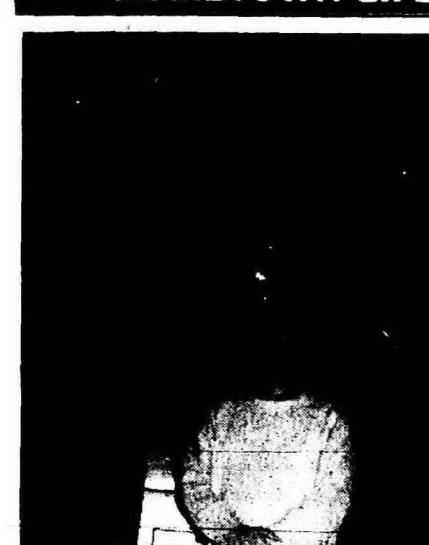
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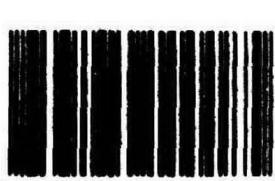
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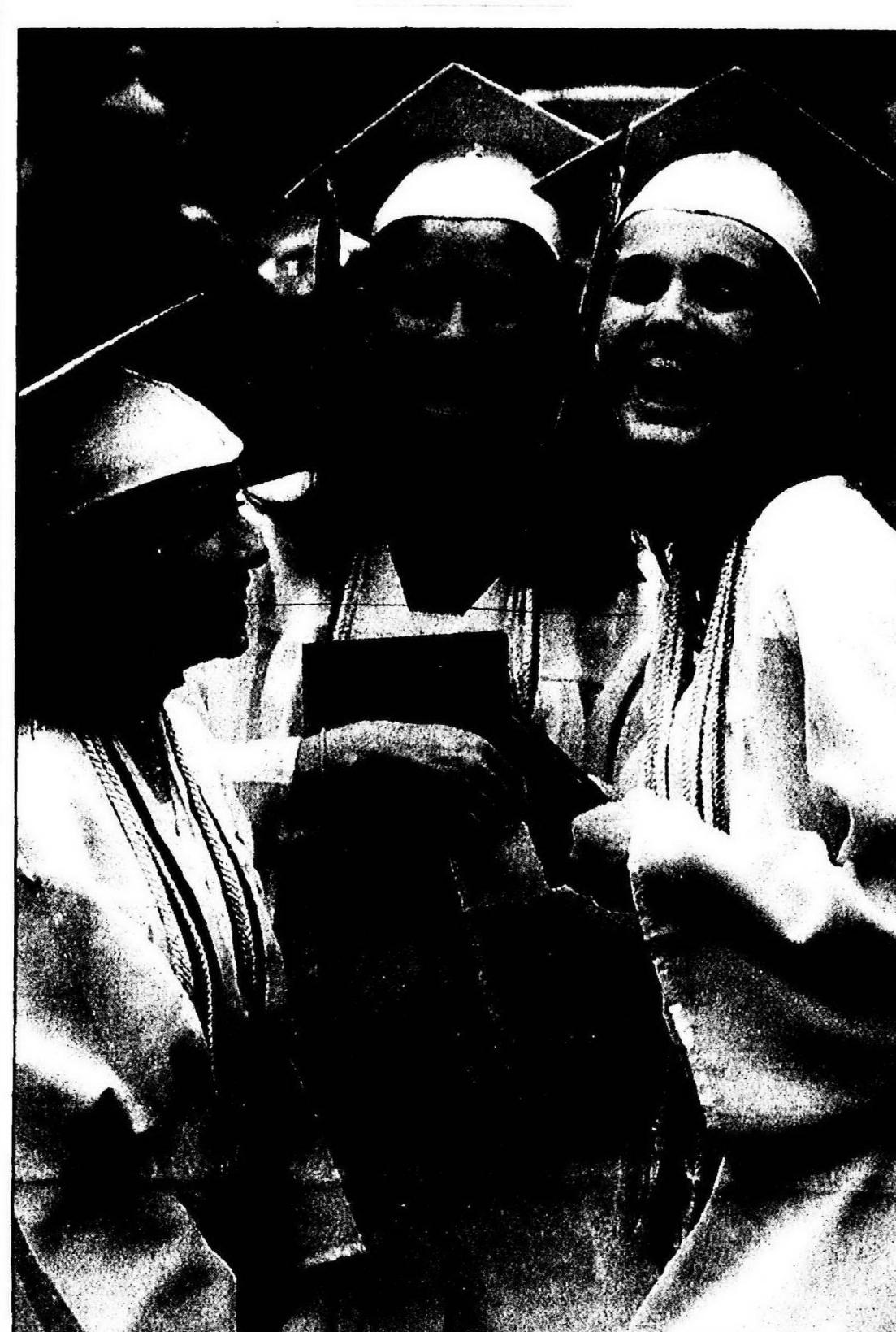


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Into the future



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No more teachers: Nicole Gilman (left), Amy Dupuis and Kim Yount celebrate their graduation from Plymouth Canton High School Sunday after commencement at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. More than 500 seniors were graduated from Canton this year, and you can find their names and more photos on page A6.



No stopping: Patricia Cauchi didn't let crutches keep her away from one of the biggest moments of her life — her high school graduation. Here, she lines up with the rest of the class of 2000 as they enter Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Sunday for commencement. Sarah Dean (below left), Andrea Garibaldi, Leah Inman and Katie Dysarczyk ham it up for a photo for the parents after commencement.



Winner: Plymouth Canton Community Schools school board incumbent Judy Mardigian celebrates as the final results are displayed in Monday's school board election.

Voters pick incumbents



■ There weren't very many, but the voters who did turn out chose to return Liz Givens and Judy Mardigian to the school board.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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It was a close race until the very end, however the two incumbents prevailed in winning re-election to the Plymouth-Canton school board in Monday's election.

Trustees Judy Mardigian (1,532 votes) and Liz Givens (1,529 votes) will each serve four more years on the board of trustees.

Finishing a close third was challenger Carl Battishill (1,447), followed by James Donahue (549) and Kathleen Payne (364).

"I think it came down to working really hard, and having a lot of people who believed in me help me with a grassroots campaign," said Mardigian, the top vote getter. "I was told by many people that they wanted someone who would represent the community, and I think they saw that in the end."

Givens said she didn't feel there were any big issues in this year's election, with voters wanting to keep the status quo.

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Commissioners approve manager search process

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Plymouth city commissioners have decided to use the blueprint from the previous city manager search to find a replacement for David Rich, who unexpectedly announced his resignation 10 days ago.

In a special meeting last Friday, six of the seven commissioners revised the plan to their liking and voted to implement it. Commissioner Sean FitzGerald wasn't present at the session.

Phase I calls for Rich to develop a list of outstanding city projects and their estimated completion dates by tomorrow, June 16. The city



Dave Rich

commission is expecting status reports on those projects at every city commission meeting.

Phase II is slated for Monday, June 19, through Sept. 3. It calls for Assistant City Manager Paul Sinecock to

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Residents grumble but pay the price as gas costs soar

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

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Suck it up.

That appears to be the overwhelming sentiment among frustrated motorists shelling out hard-earned cash to fill their gas tanks at Canton and Plymouth-area gas stations.

Some are paying as much as \$60 to fill larger vehicles like trucks and sport utility vehicles. Most said they have begun making fewer unnecessary trips and pay closer attention to pump prices.

"I think it's obscene," said Betty Dvors of Canton while filling up a mid-sized sedan Tuesday at the Total gas station on Ford and Canton Center. "I'm not going out as much. I'm sticking closer to home."

Prices at Total Tuesday ranged from \$2.09 to \$2.23 per gallon.

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Still time for YMCA run

The early deadline has passed, but there's still time to get in on the fun of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA's 21st-annual Run.

The run takes place Sunday with the first event, the Kid Jog for ages 5-8, at 7:30 a.m. The Kid Trot (3-4), the one-mile run/walk, the 5K run/walk, the 10K run and the Diaper Dash all follow.

Late fees, including the day of the race, are \$12 for the kid races, \$20 for the one-mile, 5K and 10K run, and \$30 to do the "MDG Triple" (all three adult races).

Check-in and late registration can be done at The Gathering beginning at 6:30 a.m. up to 15 minutes prior to each race.

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Kid Jog and Kid Trot participants get ribbons, and awards go to the top three finishers in the other races.

Start locations are Union and Ann Arbor Trail for the mile run; Ann Arbor Trail and Main for the 5K; and Ann Arbor Trail and Hamilton for the 10K.

For more information, call 453-2904.

Discovery Shop coming

The American Cancer Society will open a Discovery Shop in downtown Plymouth, hopefully by the end of the summer.

What ACS officials are looking for now are volunteers and donations. The Discovery Shop is run by volunteers, and counts extensively on donations. ACS is currently seeking donations of new or gently used clothing, household items, antiques and collectibles, furniture and jewelry. ACS reminds potential donors that donations are tax deductible.

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Residents ask board for details on development

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

About 50 Plymouth Township residents politely converged on township hall Tuesday night, insisting the board of trustees hear their concerns about the proposed Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park.

Members of surrounding neighborhoods wanted to hear more about the 60-acre planned unit development. If approved, the multi-phase park would be located at the southeast corner of Haggerty and Five Mile roads, right near their homes.

"We have no adequate information on the development," said Larry Cooper, a Lake Pointe homeowner speaking on behalf of the crowd. "We've had no opportunity to express our concerns."

Homeowners are worried about traffic, noise and safety issues.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy replied

that the development wasn't on the agenda and the board doesn't have much information to share about the project since it hasn't heard the developers' presentation yet.

Developers applied for a planned unit development option on March 24 and were supposed to present plans to the board on Tuesday. Developers were unable to attend the meeting, Keen McCarthy said. She didn't offer a specific reason why they were absent.

She said developers will offer a presentation at the June 27 meeting. She promised residents the board won't make a decision until residents meet with Community Development Director Shirley Barney to voice their concerns and get their questions answered.

No meeting date has been set.

Township officials said residents within a five-mile radius will be notified by mail at least a week before the meeting.

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perform any regular administrative functions assigned by the city manager. Rich will work primarily on the project tasks and the transition plan.

Phase III is scheduled to begin Sept. 4, the first full day after Rich's planned departure. Sincovich will assume the position of acting city manager, just as he did in 1998 during the exodus of Steve Walters.

Phase IV is the first day on the job for the new city manager, which is planned for around Oct. 1.

Mayor Dave McDonald said national and statewide job ads are expected to be placed by June 16, with resumes being accepted through Aug. 17. After whittling down the candidates, the interview process is expected to begin Sept. 20, with a new city manager hopefully in place by early October.

In the last search, city commissioners interviewed eight hopefuls before selecting Rich, who was city manager in Grand Ledge.

"I believe it's important that everyone take part in the process," said McDonald. "We need to come to a consensus on the next person we'll be working very closely with."

"I think this is a very aggressive plan," added McDonald. "It's very similar to the last search, which took four months to complete. Hopefully, there will be no hiccups along the way."

When the city began its search to replace Walters in late 1998, commissioners received 44

resumes.

Commissioner David Byers said one aspect of the search he considers important is public input.

"I think we need to sit down as a commission and get input from the citizens of Plymouth," said Byers. "We should know what attributes they want in a city manager. We also need to discuss what kind of offer we want to make."

"While the timetable we've set is very aggressive, I think the process is long and it will take time to find a new city manager," Byers said.

"We can't afford not to be aggressive," added Commissioner Dan Dwyer. "We can't operate with an acting city manager."

Rich announced at the June 5 city commission meeting that he is leaving his post no later than Sept. 3 to become a professor of public administration at an unnamed Ohio university. His departure comes approximately 18 months after being hired.

Mark Nottley, director of municipal consulting services for the Michigan Municipal League, said despite Rich's short tenure, he doesn't expect Plymouth to have a tough time finding qualified candidates for the job.

"There are enough good people out there, and Plymouth is a good city and good job opportunity," said Nottley. "It will be important for commissioners to identify the type of person they want in the very beginning to make the process go smoothly."

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Winning combination: Incumbents Judy Mardigian (left) and Liz Givens share their victory after the election Monday night at the school board office. Mardigian's son Charlie Nahra, 12, is at left rear.

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"I think people are happy with the way they see things going in the district, and they see this board working together ... and they want to leave it," said Givens. "I think even the teachers and administrators are happy with the way things are going."

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association earlier endorsed Givens and Battishill, leaving out Mardigian because of her part in introducing a mandate which is forcing teachers and administrators to make high school curriculum changes in exchange for putting the third high school near the present two schools.

"Of course I'm disappointed, but we put on a good race," said Battishill. "Both of the incumbents are very good and respectable, and I have nothing but confidence in them."

A total of 2,906 people voted in Monday's election, which is approximately 3.5 percent of the district's nearly 75,000 registered voters. It was a fairly typical apathetic number, but less than the 3,500 people who participated in last year's board election.

Givens won nine of the 18 precincts, with Mardigian capturing five precincts and Battishill four. However, Mardigian was the big winner in absentee votes, receiving 484 to Battishill's 396 and Givens' 342.

"I think lower class sizes, early intervention and making our high schools feel smaller without changing them were some of the big issues," said Mardigian. "I've been working on lowering class

size since 1994, as well as working on our state funding issue. Clearly, people are now starting to understand the issue of our low state funding."

Those were some of the issues voters spoke about at the polls as their main concerns in deciding who to vote for in Monday's election.

"I am very concerned with class size issues, and I want to see good, strong programs continue at the high school," said Isbister first grade teacher Joanne Kokoszka of Plymouth Township, wearing a Mardigian support button. "I voted for the incumbents because of their performance in the past, how they discussed issues and worked with the other school board members. I didn't always agree with them ... but they stand by their issues and they don't cave in."

"Class size is important to me ... we don't always do this well," said Sue Ingroat of Plymouth Township. "I also want to make sure we spend our money well. I want board members who aren't always interested in technology, but what is going on with the kids."

"I'm disappointed in the MEAP. I think we spend too much time teaching too much of the tests," said Dan Donaldson of Canton Township outside his Miller Elementary voting precinct. "And, concerning the new high school, nobody seems to know exactly what it's going to be or where it's going to go. By the time they figure it out, it's going to cost twice as much."

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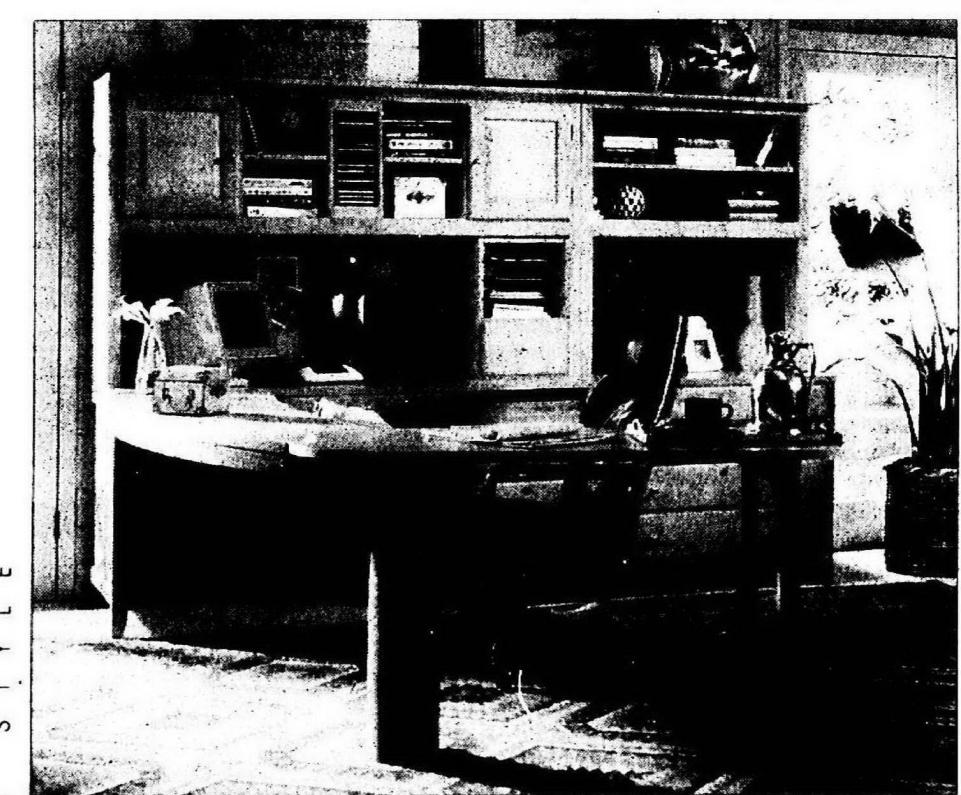
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Elaine Cawood of Canton said she's been having a tough time believing some of the rumors about why prices are so high. She was filling up a full-size pick-up, which cost her about \$60.

"They're trying to say the gas spill in Jackson had something to do with it but it doesn't," Cawood said. "Prices were high before that."

She said she feels especially sorry for teenagers just trying to keep their tanks full for driving to and from work.

"It's hard for them to try to fill their gas tanks."

One Canton gas station owner, who asked not to be named, said his company, ExxonMobil, has begun receiving gasoline shipments from Niles in Southwest Michigan, near the Indiana border. Prior to the June 7 gas spill near Jackson, they received gasoline from Woodhaven.

"We've been getting smaller quantities," he said. "The company's trying to get everybody to not run out of gas."

A press release from ExxonMobil stated that delivery quantities would be 40-60 percent of normal load size as a result of the gasoline spill. The increased driving distance combined with the cleanup efforts from the spill have both helped keep gas prices high.

"I'd like to see prices come down," he said.

At the Speedway Station at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, one customer said she thought \$2.09 per gallon gas was a bargain. Prices ranged from \$2.09 to \$2.23 per gallon Tuesday.

"I'm just trying to figure out why prices are so high," said Julie Peruzzi of Plymouth Township after putting two gallons of gas for \$5 in her Mercury Cougar. "Fortunately, I don't have to drive very much."

Inside, a cashier, who asked not to be named, said she bears the brunt of customers' displeasure.

"It stinks and I get yelled at all the time," she said.

Mike Lazorka of Plymouth Township said he's glad he traded in his Ford Expedition before the gas price hike. Now he drives a slightly smaller Ford Explorer. He was pumping at the Clark station at 950 S. Main in Plymouth, where prices Tuesday ranged from \$2.07 to \$2.27 per gallon.

"If I had an Expedition right now I'd go broke," he said. When he bought his Explorer a year ago, he said he paid about \$18 to fill it up. Now it costs about \$31.

A manager at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth Township said so far people aren't trading in their hulking sport-utilities for smaller sets of wheels. At least not yet.

"We really haven't seen too much of that," said Tim DeHority, service manager. "But if the prices keep going up, anything

could happen.

"Most of the people who have large sport utilities have the money so they don't care (about gas prices)," he added.

Like frustrated customers at gas pumps, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District is feeling the pinch as well.

Mary Bartell, Plymouth-Canton's transportation director, said the district uses about 2,000 gallons of gas each week. On May 8, the district paid 92 cents per gallon and \$1,847 to fill its reservoir. By June 7, those numbers jumped to \$1,32 and \$3,315 — a jump of 56 percent, said Bartell.

Spread over an entire school year, the district would pay "\$10,000 to \$12,000" more for gas if prices stay at current levels, he added. While it's a significant cost, Bartell said the majority of district vehicles run on diesel fuel.

The cost of diesel has stayed pretty steady.

During the same one month period, diesel prices rose by 4 cents per gallon, Bartell said, adding that all of the district buses run on diesel.

"We're trying to use diesel vehicles as much as possible."

Staff writer Scott Daniel contributed to this report.



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Sky high: The price of tea in China has nothing to do with the high gas prices at the Clark Station on South Main Street in Plymouth. Gas prices have soared to record highs in recent weeks.



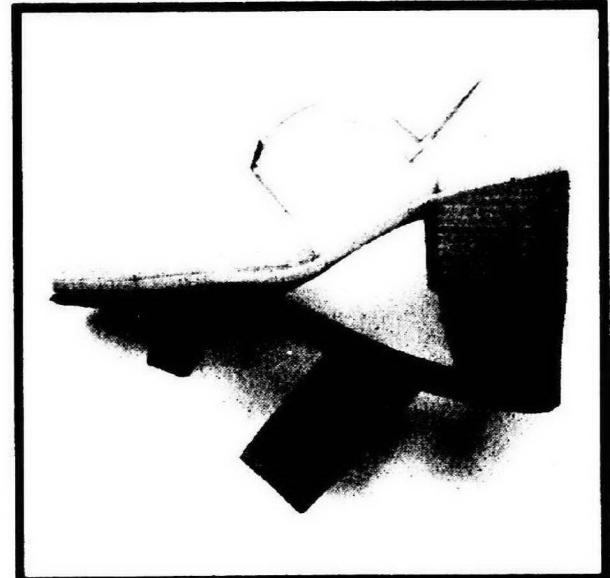
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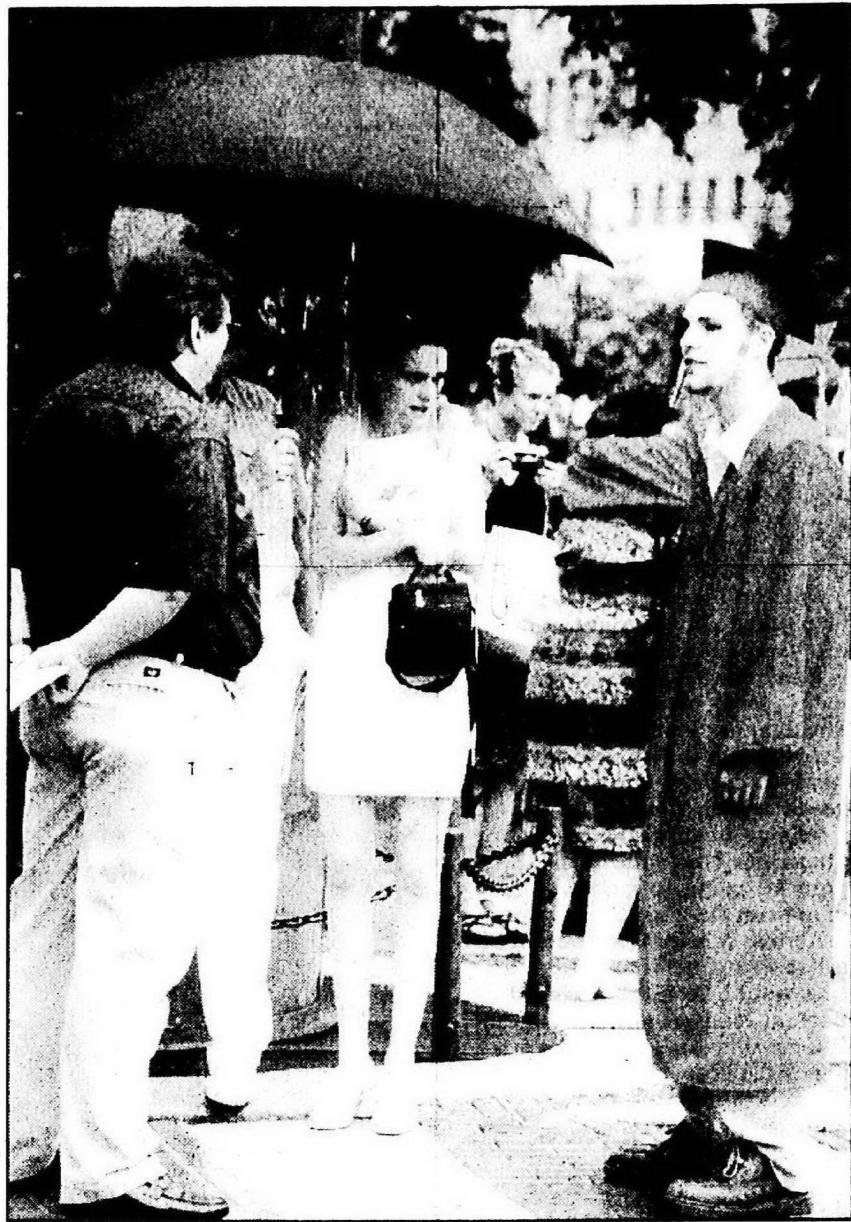
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The high sign: Ramon Villanueva gives the thumbs up as he and the class of 2000 file into Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor for commencement Sunday.



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Diamond grads: Members of the Plymouth Canton baseball team link hands as they enter Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Sunday for commencement.



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All wet: The Lamb family - Rod, Gail, Erin and graduate Ryan - attempts to stay dry following Plymouth Canton's commencement at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Sunday. Rain fell during the ceremonies and let up just as the graduates were released to their parents.

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Gas prices making area officials nervous

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Frustrated about the price of petrol these days? You're not alone.

The rapid rise in gasoline prices is making government officials across Wayne County nervous, too.

While some tax exemptions keep government fleets from paying quite as much for unleaded gas as do average consumers, they are still affected by the increases.

On Tuesday, one called the price run-up "frightening."

Brian Wilson, assistant superintendent for public services for the city of Livonia, said if the city had purchased fuel the day before, "our price would have increased 88 percent since last month."

"It's frightening, really," he said of the seemingly unending run-up, which AAA Michigan said Monday broke two records — one for the largest weekly jump (27.1 cents) since 1973, when AAA began tracking prices, and the other for highest statewide gas average: \$2.011 for self-serve unleaded.

None of the public officials contacted by the Observer anticipate any immediate cutbacks in services, but they were concerned about the financial impact.

Livonia has \$120,000 budgeted for fuel for public services such as maintenance of facilities, streets and traffic signs; grass-cutting at golf courses and parks and forestry service, as well as for the water and sewer department, said Wilson.

The city purchases fuel

At the pump:
Gas prices soared up to \$2.19 a gallon at some stations in western Wayne County by mid-week.



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through the Tri-County Public Purchasing Cooperative, which includes Southfield, West Bloomfield, Novi, Troy and Sterling Heights, he said. It has to fill its two 10,000-gallon underground tanks every three weeks, but has had no problem with deliveries and doesn't foresee any.

But "if we have sustained (higher) prices" for unleaded

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fuel, said Wilson, "we may have to look into moving some money and scramble around a bit."

Leo Snage, director of public services for Redford Township, said, "We're hoping and praying that the prices go back down."

"But if they don't go back down, we may have to deal with the finance department for a budget adjustment," he said.

Garden City Fire Chief Mike Todd said the current price increase won't affect emergency services. The city has a contract with a private vendor.

However, he said, Garden City started looking at "alternative

ways of fueling (equipment), such as natural gas, propane long before the present situation.

The federal government mandates that a certain amount of a city's fleet be alternative fuel vehicles," he explained. Todd acknowledged continued price increases could push the city to review the budget.

Cameron "Kim" Priebe, Wayne County public services director, said road work plans aren't being changed.

"If necessary, we'll have to eat into our fund balance" to get it done, he said. "All the work we do is relatively seasonal, so we want to continue and get it done. And there's plenty of work to be done."

All those contacted said their respective departments are telling staffers to cut back on fuel usage wherever possible.

"We're telling people not to let engines idle," said Redford's Snage. "If you're not using it, turn it off."

"Ironically," he said, Ford

plans to make the huge Rouge plant "environmentally friendly."

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There's a way Gov. John Engler could ease the gas-price run-up, but he's not going to, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Not so much because the fuel that could be sold would increase pollution in the short run, but because it would significantly hurt economic development in the long run, said John Truscott, Engler's communications director.

Engler could petition the federal Environmental Protection Agency for a waiver permitting Michigan service stations to sell higher-emissions unleaded gas, the spokesman said.

But the EPA will use the resulting higher emissions data when it considers approving new projects such as the proposed General Motors plant for Lansing and the rebuilding of the Ford Rouge facility, Truscott said.

"We can request a waiver. However, it would be held against the state," he said.

"If our emissions are too high (in total), we can't expand."

The EPA "looks at all the emissions in the air and (considers) how much emissions a plant is likely to produce. And if it we're over the limit, we don't get new plants," Truscott said.

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plans to make the huge Rouge plant "environmentally friendly."

But they could be restricted" by the EPA.

Among fuel-oil distributors talking to Engler is Sam Simon, owner of Atlas Oil Co. of Taylor, southeast Michigan's largest distributor of petroleum products.

Simon, whose customers include the City of Garden City, the Taylor school district and the Meijer and Costco discount stores, said he told Engler the problem is a shortage of the specific fuel mandated by the EPA to control ozone emissions.

He said the gas required during the June 1 to Sept. 15 summer ozone season carries a Reid Vapor Pressure rating of 7.8 pounds, but that "The refineries didn't do a good enough job" of producing it.

However, there's plenty of gas rated at 9.4 pounds — which would produce more fumes, he said, but not as much as the 13-pound RVP-rated gas sold the rest of the year. It also would be a lot cheaper.

Since the refineries can't come back and produce more 7.8 gas, said Simon, they are putting their dealers on allocation, limiting monthly quantities.

To keep from running out of gas and having no business, said Simon, dealers are raising prices to reduce demand.

When the pipeline near Jackson burst, things got worse.

"This (situation) is going to stay for a little bit," Simon said.

Truscott said the EPA slowed the pipeline repair by mandating the state check each of the stoppage valves like the one that failed.

"These have never failed before," Truscott said, "so it's not like it has a history of failure."

State Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, has joined fellow Democratic Sens. Burton Leland and Ray Murphy, both Detroit; Dianne Byrum, Onondaga, and Don Koivisto, Ironwood, on a bipartisan task force to investigate the price increases.

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State colleges highly rated, but voters worry about cost

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

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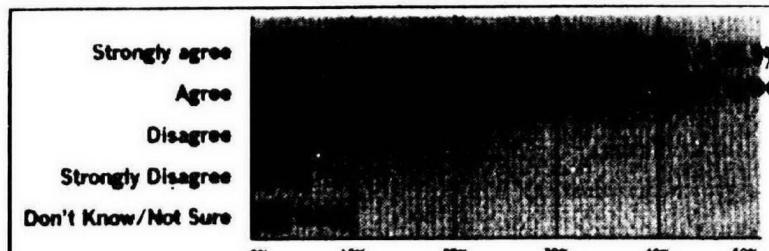
Michigan residents are happy with their state universities but concerned about increasing tuition costs. They would like the state to increase its support in relation to tuition.

These are the findings of a survey conducted by Rossman Martin & Associates for the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. The poll of 600 Michigan voters was conducted April 24 to May 1 of this year.

"We're pleased to see that our universities are viewed positively by the public, more than 90 percent saying so for value and quality of education," said Dr. Glenn R. Stevens, executive director of the Presidents Council, during a wide-ranging conversation with Observer editors Friday. "And it's also important for the other things universities are doing that there is an awareness and appreciation that universities do research and that has an impact on quality of life issues."

The survey finds that 92.1 percent of voters rate Michigan's 15 public universities as good or better, 44.5 percent rating them very good. University research was rated as important by 25.3 percent.

The survey also found that 30.7 percent of those polled



Costly: Most surveyed feel Michigan colleges are getting too expensive.

believe the state's storied sports programs are probably the best known feature of state schools nationwide, but medicine and academic research also rated highly. The state's negative image as a place of drinking and party schools was only cited by 3.1 percent.

But residents are clearly concerned about rising costs, with 85.3 percent saying they agree or strongly agree that Michigan public universities are too expensive. The majority of those polled, 76.5 percent, believe students should pay some of their education costs, but 85.4 percent say the state should increase funding to state universities.

The Presidents Council says that, nationally, states pay for about two-thirds of public college funding, while in Michigan, the state pays only about a half.

Stevens said he is happy with the relationship the universities have built with the state's Eco-

years and that relations are good between the universities, Gov. John Engler and the Legislature, Stevens said the organization wants to promote consistency in state funding.

"We are challenged by the uncertainty about what the state would provide," Stevens said. "We need to increase state support and have continued restraint on tuition."

Stevens outlined three challenges faced by the state university system, which is the sixth largest public university system in the nation with about 260,000 students. First is tuition restraint. Second is attracting "the best possible faculty to compete in the national marketplace." Third is working with the private sector in economic development of the state.

Stevens said he is happy with the relationship the universities have built with the state's Eco-

nomic Development Corporation. He said partnerships with industry have helped them with research and development while drawing their support for the universities and attracting federal research money.

He said research is important but it is also important not to burden students with the cost of the research.

"The question is how do you do these things objectively and independently. This is also an important issue for corpora-

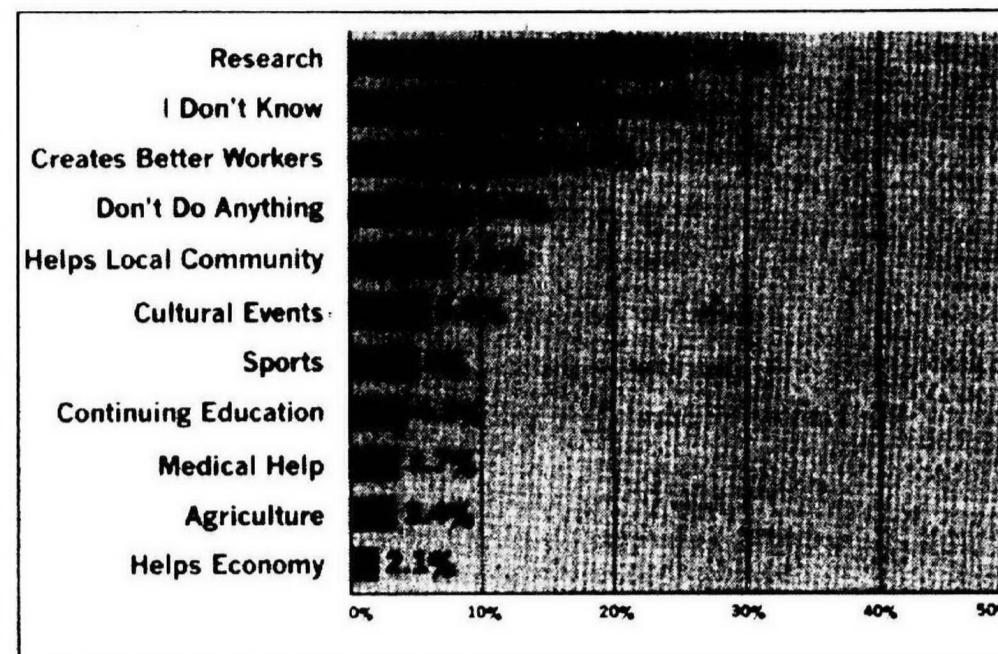
tions," Stevens said.

Ed Bagale, vice chancellor for government relations for the University of Michigan-Dearborn, said it was important to provide continuing education in a number of disciplines, including engineering and education, strong majors at his school.

"In our school of engineering, when we graduate a student what they learned at the beginning of their studies becomes obsolete by the time they graduate, so there is a need for ongoing education."

Stevens and Bagale said the question of who should profit from patents developed at a university is important but that few universities, outside of Michigan and Michigan State, will be involved in the kind of research that will result in large profits.

Stevens said the universities are still trying to determine how the MEAP Merit Awards will fit into funding and how they will count toward a student's financial package.



Details: Anyone who could name three state universities was also asked what else the institutions did that benefited the people of Michigan. Research was the number one answer.

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Survival: Company shows local owners that businesses that work together, stay together

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Surviving in a brutal desert environment — with incessant heat, dangerous predators, sandstorms and a perilous lack of water — is not much different from surviving in the dog-eat-dog business world.

That's the thinking behind survival simulations — where employees figure out what to do if they are stranded in a desert, the Arctic, tropical rain forests or burning forests. The way they answer the teamwork questions supposedly reveals their level of aggression — or passivity as employees.

Human Synergistics International, 39819 Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, designs and markets the simulations for corporations and organizations. They've been in business 30

■ If you go out and crash on a desert island, you not only have to use your basic survival skills, but you have to use your people skills.'

Gerry Clarke
—Human Synergistics
president

years and have offices in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The goal is to encourage employees to be neither aggressive nor passive, according to Gerry Clarke, president of Human Synergistics.

"We teach people through the

use of the simulation to work together to change the (corporate) culture," Clarke said.

Cooperation and teamwork is the key. The wrong way was shown on the television program "The Simpsons."

In that episode, nuclear plant owner Montgomery Burns ordered his employees to do a teamwork exercise on a snow-covered mountain. His employees had to pair up and set out to find a remote cabin. The last team to arrive would be fired, Burns decreed.

Since not all companies can afford to send their employees on location to the Arctic or the Sahara, the virtual simulations are a good alternative, Clarke said.

Another good example of how *not* to work well as a team can be seen on the CBS television show "Survivor." The show's premise is a competition in which 16 people are "stranded" on an island. Each week one person is eliminated; the last survivor wins \$1 million. The show airs 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

"The 'Survival' show is the antithesis of everything we do," Clarke said.

Companies that are good candidates for survival simulation exercises are those plagued by high turnover, low morale and union/management conflict. Human Synergistics has worked with large corporations such as IBM, Citibank and the Big Three automakers. They have also worked with regional organizations such as the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"These simulations are good for companies that are not as profitable as they would like to be," Clarke said. Large, bureaucratic organizations are ideal.

Companies from Plymouth that have used the simulation include Johnson Controls, Office Depot, Spartan Stores, PlastiPak Packaging, Unisys Corp. and SME.

In Canton, those companies include Target and Community



Virtual reality:
Since most companies can't afford to send employees to the real thing, Human Synergistics uses simulations such as a brush fire (left) and a rough sea (below) to create virtual conditions.

Simulating success

Who: Human Synergistics International

Where: 39819 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township

What they do: Designs and markets simulations used by organizations to help answer teamwork questions

Information: (734) 459-1030

Testimonials: Businesses from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford have all used the company.



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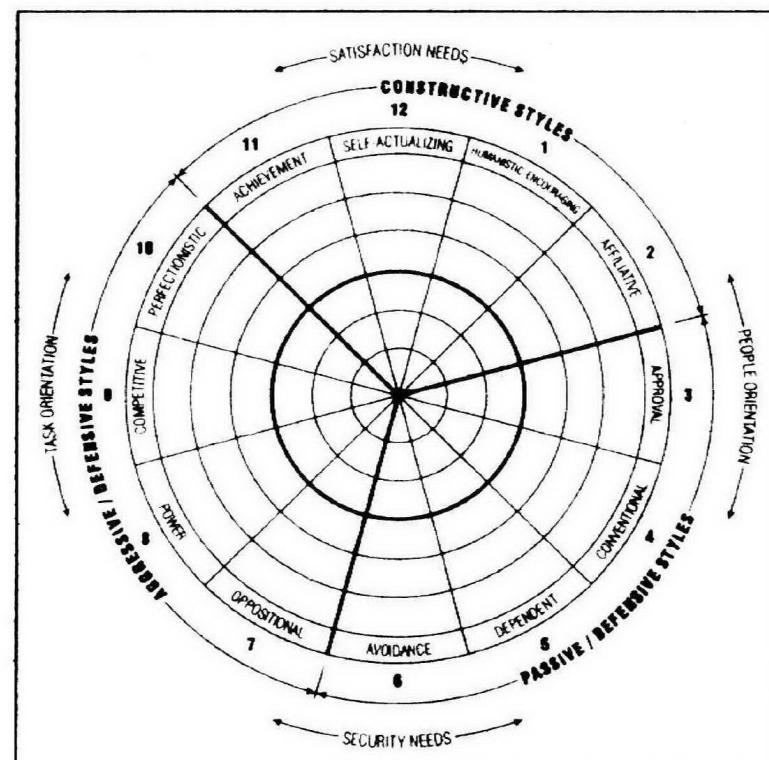
■ North Oakland Vocational, Redford

The simulations work by asking individual employees to rank a list of survival items according to importance — these items may include compasses, potable water, matches, flashlights and blankets, among other things. Next, they team up with other employees and try to reach con-

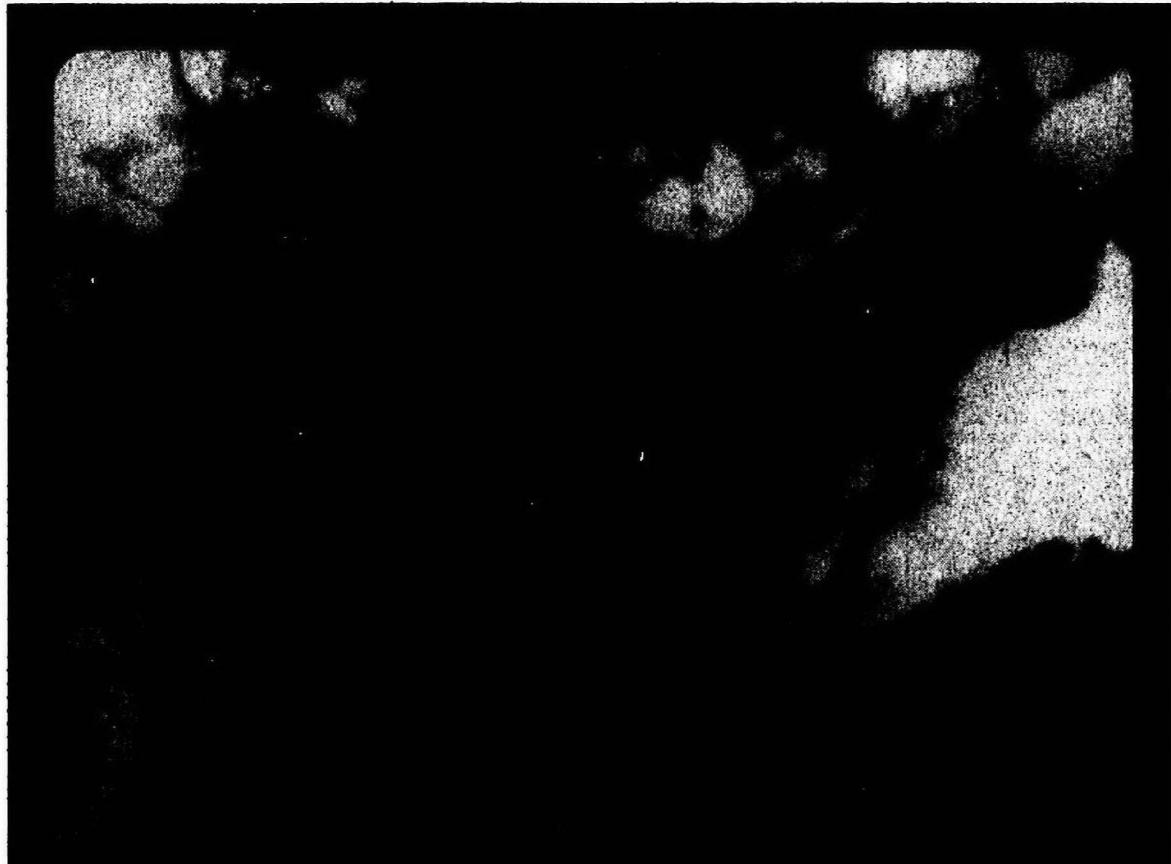
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The employees and teams are then ranked on a three-color "Circumplex" wheel, where red areas signify aggression, green areas signify passivity and blue areas signify constructive cooperation. The best team workers score in the blue area.

"If you go out and crash on a desert island, you not only have to use your basic survival skills, but you have to use your people skills," Clarke said.



Figuring It Out: Employees are ranked on a "circumplex" wheel to assess aggressiveness, passivity and constructive cooperation.



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Airport 'very near' to turning over financial records

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A Wayne County airports official said the county's executive branch was "very near to completing discussions" with the county commission's attorney about turning over Detroit Metropolitan Airport records on the APCOA parking lot operations when "this subcommittee thing popped up."

Michael Conway, airports pub-

lic information officer, spoke in response to a Detroit daily newspaper's story Wednesday that the commission's ways and means committee had voted Tuesday to subpoena County Executive Edward H. McNamara to provide the records.

The story said McNamara's staff and airport officials have refused to provide the information to the commission, which is looking into airport operations, as is a state Senate committee.

But Conway said the county

"executive branch was in discussion with" commission counsel Ben Washburn, "negotiating a manner in which to deliver these documents that doesn't damage the county's position in pending lawsuits."

The county is suing APCOA to recover about \$1 million in alleged overcharges for leased vehicles used to take passengers to parking lots, based on a 1998 parking audit by commission Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a member of the ways and means committee, disputed that any subpoena came out of the committee meeting.

"We were in closed session a couple of hours and there was no strong consensus as to" whether to subpoena McNamara, she said.

"I don't think there was a majority to subpoena," Ricardo Solomon, chair of both ways and means and the county commission, "was going ahead as if

there were."

Furthermore, she said, the power-outage Tuesday in downtown Detroit made it unlikely any formal notification to McNamara would be ready by today (Thursday), when the story said Solomon would deliver it.

And, she said, "Some people (on the committee) are tired of appearing to be feuding with" McNamara.

June West, McNamara's spokeswoman, noted the motion was not passed by the entire

commission, which meets this morning. West thought it was "very unlikely" the full commission would take such an action.

In explaining the negotiations with Washburn, Conway said, "It's a long-standing county policy to very carefully manage documents that could turn out to be discovery in pending lawsuits, so that they couldn't be disseminated to other parties to the litigation and therefore damage the county's case."

"We were in the process of doing this and very near to completing the discussions" when the subpoena vote was taken "and there was nobody there from the county executive branch" to explain the situation, Conway said.

He also took exception to claims that many high-ranking county airports department employees lack previous experience in airport operations.

Conway cited Hassen Makled, assistant division director of operations, whom he said has been with airport 26 years, working his way through different duties and responsibilities to get to his present position.

Conway said Barbara Hogan, appointed as Conway's deputy last year and who handles his division's budget, has more than a high school diploma: "She has some college. She studied marketing and communications at Madonna" in Livonia.

Conway said his staff tallied up the years of experience of the 18 Metro Airport managers and got 193 total years.

Besides, he said, "Anybody older than 40 is not going to have aviation management degrees" because the degrees are relatively new.

Conway himself had outside public relations experience before coming to the airports department and now serves as a vice-chair of a committee with the Airports Council International, a lobbying group for North American airports.

"You don't get to that position by being a nitwit," he said.

Van pool avoids gas crunch

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Car- or van-pooling and telecommunicating are getting new looks these days as ways of saving money and fuel.

"It's hard to get people to pay attention" to such transportation alternatives "when (gasoline is) 99 cents a gallon, but now it's getting into people's pocketbooks," said Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

"Given the inadequate funding for mass transit that we have, this (gas price spiraling) should be a wake-up call for us," he said.

At 20 miles per gallon per vehicle, traveling 8,000 miles per year to and from work, a person pooling or telecommunicating can save an estimated \$1,200 per year at today's \$2-a-gallon prices, Tait said.

By telecommunicating - using computers, faxes and telephones to work from home - a person can perhaps avoid driving a couple days a week, he said.

SEMCOG already has its (313) 963-RIDE program in place. It matches - free of charge - riders with drivers of automobiles (door-to-door transportation) or vans, which pick up and drop off people at collection points.

Anita Blasius, SEMCOG outreach program manager, said the agency has 2,500 poolers in its seven-county database. The main restriction is that riders work within the region.

While carpools involve personal vehicle use and sharing of either fuel costs or driving duties, the vans, which hold seven to 15 people, are leased by SEMCOG and require a monthly commitment by passengers, who pay a fee.

"If you carpool, you automatically cut the cost of commuting by 50 percent," said Blasius, who did it for three years.

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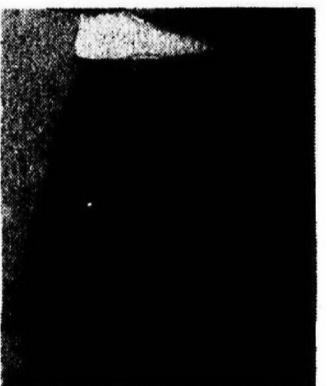


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Sewer overflows topic of regional meeting June 21

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Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) - a hot topic, considering the recent \$3.25 million judgment against Dearborn Heights for flooded basements resulting from one - will be examined at this month's Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council (RRAC) meeting.

The meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, about a half-block south of Goddard Road.

Scheduled to participate are state Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Tom Rohrer, chief of water quality enforcement for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and possibly state Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. The program will

consist of presentations followed by questions and answers.

Sanitary sewer overflows recently garnered more public attention when federal Judge John Feikens proposed that MDEQ permit SSOs into the Rouge River during extreme weather conditions - a move which would ease sanctions against communities in which SSOs occur.

Feikens is overseeing cleanup of the Rouge.

Sanitary sewer overflows are discharges of raw or inadequately treated sewage from municipal sanitary sewer systems, which are designed to carry domestic sewage, but not storm water. SSOs are different from combined sewer overflows (CSOs), which are from sewer systems designed to carry both domestic and stormwater loads.

When an SSO occurs, raw sewage may be released into basements, city streets, properties, rivers and streams. They are illegal and often threaten the environment and public health.

The MDEQ aims to identify the separate sanitary sewer overflow discharges in the state and take appropriate regulatory actions to eliminate them.

Royal Oak's Johnson has introduced legislation that would increase notification requirements for SSO reporting by local governments.

Her Senate Bill 1201 is opposed by RRAC, which said the bill "seems to add more burdensome and costly state mandates for communities who already have to comply with numerous and expensive federal Clean Water Act requirements."

Wetlands effort wins national honor

(PRNewswire) - The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced that Wayne County's Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve was honored with a Merit Award as part of the Design for Transportation National Awards 2000.

The awards, distributed every five years, recognize those facilities that have made an outstanding contribution to the nation's transportation systems and the people they serve. This is the third national award won by Crosswinds Marsh.

"We are deeply honored to receive this national recognition," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

One of the largest built wetlands in the country, the 950-acre preserve was designed and constructed to compensate for unavoidable wetlands impacts resulting from expansion of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

In a process that took over a year, drains were redirected, enormous basins were excavated

and thousands of tons of dirt were moved to create 367 acres of wetland," said Airport Director Lester Robinson. "The wetland was designed to provide a variety of ecological functions, including wildlife and fish habitat, storm water management, and water quality improvement."

Crosswinds Marsh also serves as the focus of a variety of interpretive, educational and passive recreational activities with hiking trails, boardwalks, canoe trails and equestrian trails. Fishing platforms, wetland gardens and a screen house are provided to allow visitors to experience the wetland environment while protecting the ecological integrity of the Marsh.

SmithGroup JJR, a nationally recognized landscape architect, urban planning, civil engineering and environmental services firm, led a multidisciplinary team of environmental specialists throughout the design and implementation of the project.

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport manages the maintenance of Crosswinds Marsh and the Wayne County Division of Parks manages public access.

Crosswinds Marsh is located in the southwest corner of Wayne County, off Haggerty Road west of I-275 in Sumpter Township. Visitors are encouraged to experience a unique wetland habitat that is home to over 172 species of plants, 25 species of birds, 11 species of fish and 28 species of mammals, as well as a pair of bald eagles which have been observed building a nest in the marsh.

In addition to the merit award presented by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Crosswinds Marsh also received the President's Award of Excellence from the American Society of Landscape Architects and an Environmental Achievement Award from Airports Council International-North America in 1999.

College offers workshop for English teachers

Madonna University in Livonia is offering an English workshop in June.

"Approaches to Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*," a workshop for teachers, will be held on Friday, June 23, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students will read, discuss and

write about Morrison's first novel, *The Bluest Eye*. The book will be placed in its socio-historical context and in the canon of African-American literature. Ways to teach the book will be explored.

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Wine debate bubbles over in Senate

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Legislation intended to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors, who might otherwise be able to order such beverages over the Internet, is sparking controversy because it will also keep some brands of alcohol out of the hands of adults.

"Not all the population, you know, is under 21 years old; there's a few of us who are over 21, and we do have a right or two and don't particularly like to have that taken away," said Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City.

McManus, along with Sens. Arthur Miller, D-Warren, and John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, argued that the bill will block adults from being able to order fine wines from small, out-of-state wineries.

They also contend it will have an effect on the sales of Michigan's 24 small wineries.

"Well, wine is not CDs or books; rather, it's a substance with which we need to be very careful," Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, argued. "The problem with the status quo is that language was drafted 20 years ago before the freshness and newness of the Internet, and by maintaining the status quo, we have a potential problem and, frankly, a real problem, bypassing the three-tier system, and we have flooded the gates with wines from out of state that, frankly, could hurt Michigan wines."

House Bill 4752, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, would block Internet sales of alcohol to minors. It requires sellers to label packages of alcohol and requires shippers, such as Federal Express and United Parcel Service, to check the identification and age of

Pro: Kids shouldn't be able to buy wine over the Internet; the state needs the sales tax revenue.

the recipient.

But the bill also funnels such shipments through Michigan's existing distribution system for alcohol, known as the "three tier" system.

And that's the problem. Wine consumers say many small, out-of-state wineries can't afford to get licensed in Michigan. And wholesalers aren't likely to be interested in carrying small amounts of product from those vintners.

If out-of-state wineries can't ship here, they point out, Michigan wineries won't be able to ship to other states either, because such arrangements are set up on a reciprocal basis.

Already passed in the House, the bill was amended by Schuette in committee to allow for the "personal importation" of up to a case of wine at a time. But that would require the person to transport the wine himself and would not extend to Internet sales for adults.

Cassis said the Schuette amendment was an improvement, although she doubted it would make all fans of fine wines in the state happy.

"The health, safety and welfare of our children must be the overriding consideration as the Internet continues to rapidly change our way of life," she said. "The anonymity of the Web leaves open the possibility of abuse regarding alcohol sales. We can protect our children by creating stop-gaps in the delivery process."

Con: Adults, small wineries are unfairly restrained by bill; precedent could lead to blocking sales of other items.

Some senators were not convinced.

"We're cutting people of the state of Michigan out of being able to participate, in this case, for one commodity only, but certainly, others will follow in the commerce system that we're going to have in the 21st Century," Schwarz said. "When you go home this summer and bump into your constituents who wanted to buy that case of wine or wanted to buy a bottle of wine, and you said this year they could do it, but starting next year when this bill takes effect they cannot do it. I hope you respond and tell them that you wanted to make sure that you protected the three-tier system," Miller said.

"I regret that we did not today give Michigan consumers the right to purchase a bottle of wine, and I hope that everyone here makes it to that wine celebration in northwest Michigan this weekend because it's going to be your last opportunity to buy a bottle or a case of wine from a Michigan winery without going to Meijer next year."

Opponents of the bill argue it is an attempt by beer and wine wholesalers to maintain their control over the state's distribution system.

Opponents also argue wholesalers fear a loss of business if out-of-state wineries are allowed to bypass the three-tier system.

The bill is expected to return to the House June 20 to face a vote on concurrence with the Senate-added amendments.

Feds give snow removal agency \$4.8 million for high-tech project

REGIONAL

The partners in the Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management (SEMSIM) project, a first-of-its-kind partnership of the four largest road agencies in southeast Michigan, learned recently the Federal Highway Administration has approved the final \$4.8 million in federal aid needed to complete the project over the next several years.

The SEMSIM partners are the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), the Wayne County Department of Public Services, the city of Detroit Department of Public Works and the Road Commission of Macomb County.

The partnership was formed to improve winter road maintenance in southeast Michigan by uniting the four agencies in the introduction of state-of-the-art automated vehicle location (AVL) and global positioning system (GPS) technology to the agencies' fleets.

These technologies will improve the efficiency of winter

road maintenance in the region and allow the partner agencies to best respond to adverse winter weather.

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is also a partner in SEMSIM and provides the modern radio system that will transfer data between vehicles and base stations.

The Federal Highway Administration, on April 28, approved spending \$4.8 million in federal Congestion and Air Quality Mitigation (CMAQ) money for the SEMSIM project. This approval followed the Feb. 25 approval of the spending by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Executive Committee. This money, coupled with \$5.3 million in previously designated federal funds plus \$2.5 million in local match provided by the partners, pro-

vides the \$12.6 million budget for the project.

Phase 1 of SEMSIM, which involves 10 vehicles from each of the four road agencies and focuses on the area around Dequindre Road and Eight Mile (where the four road agency jurisdictions meet) was implemented this past winter.

Full implementation will include all of the four agencies' 500 winter maintenance vehicles.

"We appreciate the action taken by the FHWA and SEMCOG Executive Committee," said RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair. "Clearly, both recognizes the regional value and importance of this project and the long-term benefits SEMSIM will have for motorists across southeast Michigan."

Bair added that SEMSIM is the first multi-jurisdictional effort of its kind in the nation and is being monitored by road agencies nationwide.

CLARIFICATIONS

Schoolcraft story

The story in last Thursday's (June 8) newspaper on Ameritech Corp. matching employee contributions to Schoolcraft College Foundation endowments contained an error.

The college's Business and Industry Training Center addition to Waterman center will cost \$20 million, not \$32 million.

U of M Funding

A story published in this newspaper regarding a move by state lawmakers to slash funding for the University of Michigan by 10 percent unless it gave up plans to offer a course entitled "How to be Gay" incorrectly listed the vote of State Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton.

Scranton voted "no" on the amendment, in opposition to the cut in funding.

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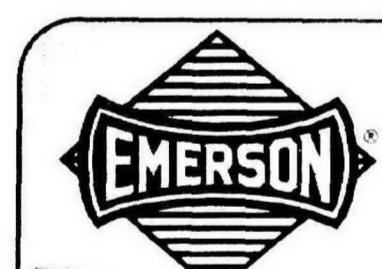
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Getting it right

Decision on Mann was a good one

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees took what could have been a very large political hairball last week and turned it into "much ado about nothing."

Who says these people can't work together?

We speak, of course, of the hastily called special meeting to consider the question of whether township police Officer Steve Mann, who is running for township supervisor, should have to take a 60-day leave of absence before the Aug. 8 primary. Such a leave, provided for in Public Act 169 of 1976, would be unpaid and would have cost Mann roughly \$8,000 in salary.

Apparently, though this would be rare in our experience, the public act was brought to the attention of board members by township attorney Tim Cronin without any prompting. Generally speaking, township attorneys are brilliant at providing opinions when asked, but don't usually go out on a limb – not to mention spend township money – all on their own.

Cronin, after telling the Observer he doesn't comment to reporters, said he simply wanted the board to know its options. And one of those options would have been telling Mann, essentially, to take a hike until his campaign against incumbent supervisor Kathleen McCarthy had run its course.

The discussion had been posted as though it would take place in closed session, another one of the "options" suggested by Cronin. While it seemed obvious at the beginning of

the meeting at least one of the board members would have been happier talking about it in private, the consensus from the start was the meeting should be open. An eventual vote on the subject came up 7-0, which warmed the cockles of our open meetings-loving heart.

The board even let Mann, who watched the lively discussion from his front-row seat, come to the podium to give his opinions. Naturally, he thought the whole 60-day leave thing was silly from the beginning, since it's never been done before in the township. He justifiably thinks the whole thing was a political ploy, though everyone denies it.

While most of the talk centered around Cronin's presentation, in the end trustees did what was fair. The debate about what constitutes an "employee" aside, Keen McCarthy wasn't going to be forced to leave her job for 60 days, why should Mann?

To her credit, Keen McCarthy tried to stay out of the discussion, asking the board's permission to abstain, rightly pointing out she had the most to gain or lose from the debate. But Clerk Marilyn Massengill – for reasons only she could explain (she didn't, by the way) – voted no, forcing the supervisor to vote. Keen McCarthy voted "no" on both the idea of going into closed session and on exercising the 60-day leave option against her opponent, Mann.

Of course, her opponents will point out she simply took the political high road to make herself look good, to which we say, so what? It's sort of refreshing to see a politician avoid the gutter, no matter the reason.

Flawed wine bill restrains trade

"No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State. No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another..."

—U.S. Constitution

Ever notice that when lawmakers conspire to take away one of your constitutional rights they always have some really noble cause in mind?

So it is with House Bill 4752. It's intended to crack down on the sale of alcohol over the Internet to youngsters. A noble cause indeed.

Unfortunately, it will also have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, for Michigan consumers to get access to more than a thousand small wineries across the country.

These aren't foreign wines. They aren't being imported from exotic locales. They're U.S. wines.

Not your issue? You don't drink fine wines from out of state, so you don't care?

OK. But when lawmakers find some noble cause for restricting access to a product you do use from out of state – electronics, lumber, clothing, movies, software, computers, furniture, etc. – perhaps you will realize it started here.

HB 4752, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and approved last week by the state Senate, not only blocks sales to minors but

funnels purchases of out-of-state wines through the state's current "three-tier" system of wholesalers and retailers. In doing so, it gives preference to the largest producers, the ones which make enough product to keep wholesalers interested in stocking supplies.

The bill was amended by Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, last week to allow for personal importation of those wines for personal use, but in order to do that, consumers will have to travel out of state to make the purchases.

It's supposed to be an improvement, but it's not. Imagine if you had to fly to various states to buy each product you wanted – electronics, lumber, clothing – in order to ship it or carry it home.

Simply put, the effect of the bill, however noble the cause of restricting sales to minors, is an attempt by wholesalers to retain their monopoly in Michigan over the distribution of alcoholic beverages here.

And the state is happy to do it in order to ensure the collection of taxes on those sales.

The bill goes back before the House June 20 for a concurrence vote.

We would urge the proponents of this bill to reconsider whether they really want to violate the Constitution by enacting a restraint of trade.

And we would urge others in the House of Representatives to withdraw their support for this flawed legislation.

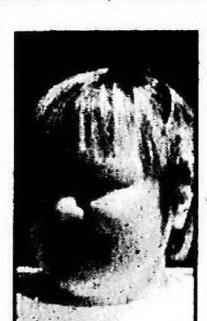
CLARIFICATION

An editorial urging donors to check out charities and their spending records before turning over their money incorrectly referred to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan as spending most of its income soliciting donations. Actually,

a 1998 income tax form shows the organization spent about 75 percent of its income on program services, which means granting wishes. We regret any inconvenience caused by the error.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
What are you planning for your summer vacation?



"Relax and go up north."

Peggy Blaisdell
Plymouth Township



"I'm going on a Scandinavian cruise."

Joyce Stephens
Westland



"We're going to have a family reunion in Trenton."

Maureen Schneider
Plymouth



"Travel to see relatives."

Lee Herberger
Plymouth Township

This question was asked in front of the Plymouth post office on Penniman Avenue.

Geof Brooks



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Thanks for support

Since my announcement on March 6, I have been a candidate for re-election to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. As I write this letter I do not know the outcome of the school board election. Whether I win or lose, however, I owe thanks to many people.

A special thanks goes to the dozens of individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to assist in my campaign. I am proud of the efforts we made to communicate with the voters. We had a positive message that I know was heard by many. That would not have been possible without your help.

To the voters themselves, a thank you for voting. Whether or not you voted for me, the fact that you voted is important. You are a small minority of registered others, which makes your trip to the polls even more appreciated.

To other candidates, thank you for running campaigns that refrained from personal attacks and negative messages. Hopefully, the example you set will be a lesson for others in our community.

Thanks also to my co-workers who helped pick up the slack at the office while I focused on the campaign. Your understanding of why this is important meant a lot to me.

Finally, thanks to my family for their support and patience. You are the ones who made this possible for me to do.

Whatever the final decision of the voters may be, I will look back on this election with memories made warm by all the people who were a part of it.

Judy L. Mardigan
Plymouth Township

Political ploy

This letter is to express my outrage at the remarks by Plymouth Mayor McDonald last week concerning the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. McDonald was quoted as attributing a so-called increase in patriotism to the partisan political candidacy of members of his political party.

I deeply resent this statement, both as a veteran and as a citizen of Plymouth.

The citizens of Plymouth have always shown great support for the veterans of our community. This year's Memorial Day Parade

was no exception. The event is, and always has been, an event designed to show respect for, and to pay tribute to those who have served in the military to preserve our freedom.

This event, in Plymouth at least, has never been political, and has never been partisan. I am appalled by Mr. McDonald's blatant references to such partisanship to further his political goals. I do not think that the majority of members of his political party would agree with his politically using the Memorial Day Parade in such a way.

I do not speak for any other veterans except myself. But I do not think that many of them would subscribe to such political misuse of the day set aside to honor those who sacrificed themselves for us.

I would like to read a written apology from Mr. McDonald addressed to the community and to the veterans we honored last week.

Dennis F. Shrewsbury
Plymouth

Yack 'blackmailed'

I was very disappointed to read that Canton Supervisor Tom Yack had capitulated to the legal blackmail of National Heritage Academies in their bid to force Canton to allow them to build a charter school there. National Heritage has been rejected soundly and emotionally in their first two attempts to build a charter school in northwest Canton. National Heritage then had the arrogance to sue Canton in court to force Canton to allow them to build in defiance of our strong objections.

There is something very ominous about a company that will go to such lengths to achieve its goal.

Charter schools belong in districts where the public education system is failing. This is not the case in Canton therefore I suspect they have another agenda, an agenda they are not willing to divulge and one that could come back to haunt all of us in Canton.

Janusz M. Szyszko
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Sure work's important, but a little R&R is just as vital

When you read this, I will be on my way home from vacation.

There are some people who resist going on vacation. In this hurry-up, get-it-done-yesterday, fast-fast-fast world, vacations are seen as subversive.

Some people think they are so indispensable to their company that if they go on vacation, the whole house of cards will collapse. They are certain that if they slip away for just a day, they'll return to find the company has gone under and they'll be to blame.

I felt that way at one time and gave up several weeks of vacation. Then I noticed when I did take a vacation, the company got along without me just fine (well, for a little while, anyway).

There are others who feel that if they take a vacation, someone else will take their job. Of course, this does happen. Disc jockeys are especially susceptible to losing out when their sub is found more attractive to teenage girls. But, for most of us, this isn't even a remote possibility. Is it?

You need a vacation. You need time away, time to regroup. Most of the time there are a dozen voices in your ear all the time demanding, and probably deserving, your attention. There is no time to listen to that singular voice, your own. There is no time for quiet reflection, no time for self-evaluation, no time to get a handle on where you are.

Vacations take a variety of forms, but the essential thing is to be away from what you regularly do, to forget for awhile your work obligations and deal with your other obligations to yourself and your family.

This vacation is a cultural journey to Canada for some theater. It's a working vacation of sorts as I will be covering Ontario's two world-class theater festivals, Stratford and Shaw, for these papers, but it's still time away.

It's also time in two small towns that have capitalized on their settings. We can learn a lot about developing a downtown, creating restorative park settings and drawing on our cultural heritage from Stratford and Niagara-on-the-



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Lake. These towns seem almost pristine in comparison to American towns of similar size and location. Similarly, a bike ride along the Niagara River to the Falls is another reminder of how much more sensitively Canada has treated this magnificent natural wonder than the anything-goes, for-a-profit American approach on the other side.

Vacations give you a chance to think about these things and wonder how we ever got so far off the track.

Later this summer, we'll be taking a different kind of trip, up to the Upper Peninsula. This annual trek "Up North" is a Michigan ritual that is peculiar and unique to this state. New York City residents go Up State, but Up State includes several big cities mingled with more natural areas. In Michigan, there has long been this divide north and south of the Pentwater line. South is cities, factories, working farms - work. North is fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, hiking, biking, relaxing - fun.

For years Up North was the Sleeping Bear and the clear waters of Glen Lake and Lake Leland. But recently developers have started to move in - condo subdivisions, gaudy casinos, towns that vaguely resemble the towns people are trying to escape. Traverse City is a never-ending traffic jam. Yes, it's still a beautiful area and it will take at least another 20 years before developers totally destroy it, but it's not what it used to be.

The UP is rawer, less amenable to development. It has too many flies in early summer. You can't swim in Lake Superior. The winters are too long, too cold and too snowy. But it is strikingly beautiful, with miles and miles of trails through rich forests and miles and miles of sandy beach and rocky shores on a lake that takes the breath away. There are also fine, twisty rivers and dozens of waterfalls. It'll take developers at least 100 years to destroy it. I figure I'll be gone by then.

As you see by the way this column has been rambling, I'm already in vacation mode. A co-worker always asks anyone about to go on vacation if they're already "winding down." And, yes, I'm winding down and ready to recharge a sputtering battery.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus is misguided

When the new high school question was on the ballot, I was among those voting yes. I voted for the new high school for two reasons: Plymouth-Canton schools need more capacity for high school students, and the new school would not be on the site of the current campus.

I was extremely disappointed in the legal wrangling over the "lost" votes and the district's unwillingness to have a revote on the issue. However, I believed it was within their right to stand by this position.

The last twist in this sad spectacle goes beyond comprehension for me. The board has simply decided to change what we voted on after the fact. I believe this is legally and morally wrong. I cast my yes vote based on the school board's presentation of facts, and they have disregarded their own words and changed the facts to suit their whim. I voted for a third high school in a separate (and specifically named!) location, not a continued expansion of the educational park!

I would never have voted for the plan knowing the school would be built on the current campus site, or even knowing that the third school would share services and staff with the current two. All the current research I have seen points not only to small class size, but equally important, small school size, as critical for students' development. I voted for the new school specifically because it was separate, and offered me some hope that my children would not be forced to attend the massive campus that now makes up Plymouth-Canton's only public high school choice.

I do not understand how the school board can ignore the overwhelming evidence that smaller schools are healthier for our students, both intellectually and emotionally. A recent summary of school size research (Raywid, 1999), discussing the overall findings about the superiority of small schools, stated:

"All of these things we have confirmed with a clarity and at a level of confidence rare in the annals of education research." As one researcher summed it up, "a large body of research in the affective and social realms overwhelmingly affirms the superiority of small schools" (Cotton, 1996b).

Another researcher noted that size exerts a "unique influence" on students' academic accomplishment, with a strong negative relationship linking the two: the larger the school, the lower the students' achievement levels (Howley, 1994).

A thoughtful summary of some of the recent research in this area can be found at: <http://www.southborough.org/highschoolstudy/e>

ducation.htm

I am saddened and, frankly, disgusted by most of the school board members' complete disregard for the will of the voters. I also believe they are misguided in their choice of direction, and I believe the children of our community will suffer for it. Our community needs a school, not a "campus." And we need a school board that respects the vote of the community, rather than deciding it simply knows best.

Lynne Ellen Kaiser
Canton

Reaching out from recovery

To everyone this wonderful "Observer" paper reaches:

My name is Erika Beth Ungersma Fenn. My roots are Dutch and Irish. I am a wife, even though my husband of 36-1/2 years died three years ago. I go on to being the daughter of a very Irish woman, non-deceased. And then I go on to being the mom of three very bright, beautiful children married to wonderful spouses.

To make my story short, I reach out to everyone in recovery in Livonia and every where the Observer reaches. I am Erika, an alcoholic.

I always wanted help. But I had to learn how to ask. I was the proud wife of a pharmacy professor. I was (and still trying to be the proud mom of three wonderful children.)

I ask you in my heart to not dismiss people with substance abuse as failures. We are your judges, lawyers, doctors and just people. I welcome your comments to my home (734) 464-7536. Perhaps we can help the youth of today. I know that I am trying very hard, and I welcome your input.

Erika Fenn
Livonia

Where's fee for mass transit?

I would like to make a comment about mass transit. "Activist argues need for mass transit" was an article written by staff writer Richard Pearl and published in The Observer.

Does anyone remember during the mid-1970s when license plate fees for the average motorist increased from about \$12 to close to \$40 a year?

The extra money was to pay for a mass transit system. Did we get one? I don't think we did. I wonder why not.

Harold J. McDonald
Garden City

Shifting social landscape results in political shifts, too

You no longer have to be a Republican to be pro-business. You no longer have to be a Democrat to be pro-worker," state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said recently on Mackinac Island.



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It was part of a speech given in a fund-raising reception for herself and Secretary of State Candice Miller during the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Policy Conference.

The gist of the talk was that the interests of the two political parties are coming together. Workers don't do well when business is bad. Businesses don't do well when it's hard to find employees.

It's a bit of an oversimplification. Chamber President Richard Blouse would argue that his organization has been supporting Democratic candidates all along, but Granholm's comments served to point out some of the trends that have emerged in the conference.

Changes in the social landscape are also changing politics. And the driving factor is often technology.

Among the biggest changes is Michigan's low unemployment rate. That's produced a worker shortage.

Michigan is already an estimated 20,000 workers short in engineering and other high-tech fields. Attracting employees has become such a major issue that government officials at the state and county level have begun recruitment efforts to bring new employees to the state.

Finding and attracting new employees, in fact, was the subject of the session on the island. Obviously that leads to better pay and benefits for employees.

Another issue affected by this change is the environment. A subject that used to pit businesses against activists has seen new interest from both sides.

As Bill Rustem of Public Sector Consultants pointed out, it's a quality of life issue. Employees won't come to this state if they find it to be a polluted, dirty place to live. And that may count for the renewed level of interest on the part of businesses for addressing the environment and urban sprawl.

Those social changes also create a whole new set of issues, although the resulting divisions occur, not necessarily between the political par-

ties, but sometimes in places rather unexpected.

A case in point may be the issue of taxation on the Internet. Republicans at the state level want to begin applying sales taxes to items purchased across the Internet.

They maintain the law has been on the books for years to tax out-of-state sales. Residents saw the first attempt to collect on tax forms this past April.

But the feds want to put a moratorium on new taxes on the Internet. In fact, they just extended their old three-year moratorium to a new five-year moratorium. The reason, according to U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, is that state and local governments collect such a wide variety of sales taxes, and some at different rates, that collecting it would be difficult at best.

In the session on Mackinac regarding e-commerce, he urged states to use the time to consolidate and coordinate the way they collect sales tax.

Another new issue is where to get all those high-tech workers so much in demand. That, of course, is the issue that has U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham embroiled in controversy with his challenger, U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow.

He's proposed granting more visas to foreign workers who have high-tech skills. His critics argue that steals jobs away from Michigan workers.

But Abraham maintains that if we tried to train that many workers from among our own population, it would put the state behind in technological development.

It turns out there are several "digital divides," not just one, a contention supported by the work of Katherine Willis, president of Cyberstate.org.

There is the divide between haves and have-nots, of course. But there is also a huge division between young and old. Interestingly, there are regional variations in access to computers and technology. Detroit and the Thumb lag behind the rest of the state.

How and what, if anything, the state should be doing about these discrepancies are issues that have Republicans and Democrats alike scratching their heads and searching for solutions.

And it's no longer easy to predict where they may land.

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State's fastest growing county gets daily paper

Michigan's fastest growing county will have its first daily newspaper — and the nation's first new daily since 1997 — when *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* hits newsstands Sept. 6.

The new daily, published by HomeTown Newspapers, will merge the *Livington County Press* and *Brighton Argus*, two of the oldest and most respected twice-weekly newspapers in the state.

The County Press, based in Howell, is 155 years old. Ten miles to the southeast is Brighton, where the *Argus* is 120 years old. Both papers currently are published twice weekly — on Wednesdays and Sundays. They will be combined into a single newspaper that will be published in the afternoon Monday through Friday. A weekend edition will be delivered Sunday mornings.

The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus will maintain both editorial staffs as well as their offices. The company anticipates the creation of several new positions. Phil Jerome will retain his position as executive editor.

The dynamic growth of Livingston County has created the need for a daily newspaper, according to Rich Perlberg, vice president and general manager of HomeTown Newspapers. "This is an exciting announcement for both the company and the people of Livingston County," he said. "This newspaper will play an important role in unifying the county."

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The county currently has the highest median household income (\$58,349) in the state. During a formal announcement to employees on June 8, company officials promised that the new daily would be guided by traditional HomeTown values.

"Our objective has always been to be the sole unsubstitutable source of information to people in this county," said Perlberg. "We will continue to provide the essential tools for living the good life in Livingston County. Those are the values that have brought us this far and they will drive us in the future."

The *County Press* was named the best weekly newspaper in the United States last year by the National Newspaper Association. The *Argus* has been named the best community weekly newspaper in the state

by the Michigan Press Association for the past two years.

The new paper is expected to debut with a paid circulation of more than 20,000. That would make its circulation larger than the combined circulation of all other newspapers in Livingston County. It would also make it one of the 20 largest of the state's 50 daily newspapers.

Press & Argus readers will continue to find the extensive local coverage they've come to expect in their HomeTown weekly newspapers. In addition, the new daily will carry state, national and world news as well as a complete sports line-up, nationally recognized syndicated columnists, stock reports and all the other features commonly associated with daily newspapers.

HomeTown Newspapers is a subsidiary of the Livonia-based HomeTown Communications Network, which publishes 70 weekly and twice-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, including all *Observer & Eccentric* editions.

This will be the corporation's first daily newspaper. HomeTown Communications also publishes phone directories, specialty publications and the *Insider Business Journal* of Livingston, West Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Last month, the corporation announced the formation of HomeTownDigital.com, which will develop Internet solutions for local merchants and manage all Web activity for HomeTown Communications Network (www.home-townnewspapers.net).

State environment agency launches Web site

The Department of Environmental Quality is launching its environmental education Internet Web site, which provides science-based information for all levels of interest, Director Russel Harding said.

The DEQ has offices throughout the state including one on Seven Mile in Livonia.

The Web site at www.deq.state.mi.us/enved was developed by the DEQ's Office of Communications and Education with assistance from throughout the agency. It has information suited for casual and sophisticated users. The site features separate sections for students, educators and the general public. It also includes a Kids' Corner, which links to games and activities that will appeal to younger viewers.

Topics are listed under four main subject areas in each section: air, land, waste and water. In addition, the site offers sections on special events and dates, access to environmental publications, links to other environmental sites and initiatives, and ways that people can care for the environment.

The department's Web site is www.deq.state.mi.us.

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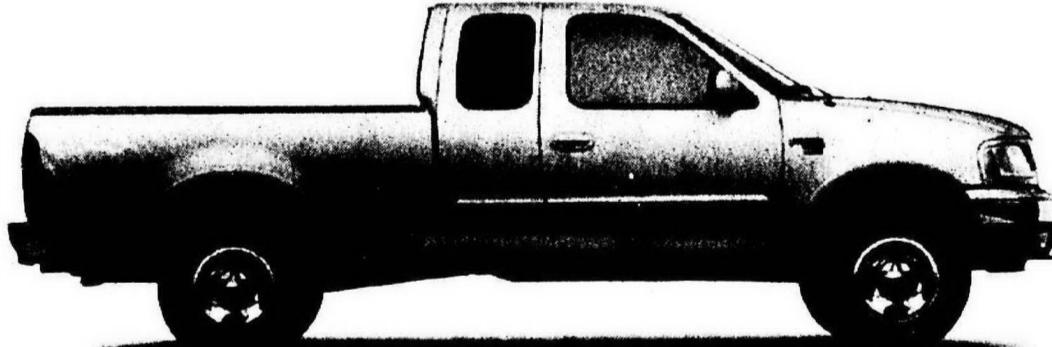
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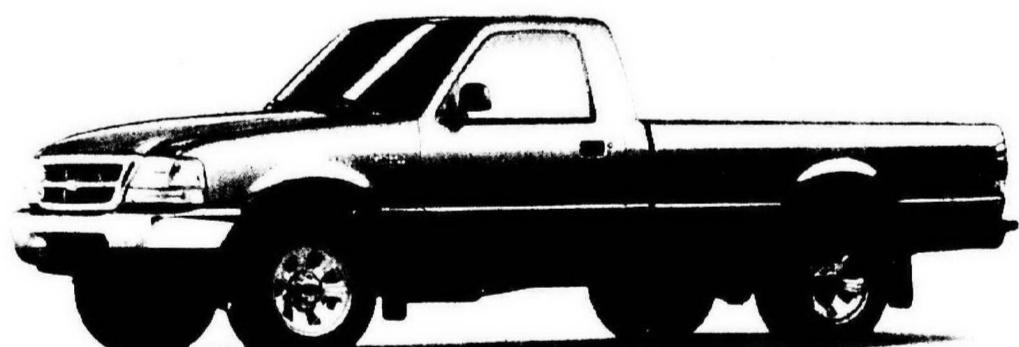
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Honor kids on dad's day

Mother's Day gets most of the attention. And this year a million moms (well, maybe 750,000) decided to celebrate by marching on Washington to demand more gun control laws. They were doing it "for the children."

When police departments use underage "decoys" to try to purchase tobacco products from party stores and service stations, they're doing it "for the children."

And when schools enact and enforce "zero tolerance" policies, they are, of course, doing it "for the children."

Yet there is no day set aside to honor children in the same way that Mother's Day honors mothers or Father's Day honors fathers. And with all of these groups intent on protecting children from themselves, the question arises: What are we doing to the children in the process?

As fathers, let's turn things around and use this Father's Day to honor some of the children who have become victims of mindless policies allegedly designed to "protect" them. Let's remember (and perhaps apologize to):

The 17-year-old Eagle Scout honors student and leader of a Christian youth group in Savannah, Ga., who was given a long-term suspension and transferred to an "alternative school" after school officials searched his locked car and found a broken ax in the trunk and a Boy Scout pocket knife and cell phone in the glove compartment. He had used the ax the previous night in a demonstration at a Scout meeting. The knife and cell phone were gifts from his father. But possession of the items violated the school's code of conduct and he was ousted.

The North Carolina high school student who was suspended for a full year and transferred to an "alternative school" after police, conducting a random search for drugs on school property, found a hunting rifle in its case inside his locked car. He had gone hunting before school that day and in his rush to get to school on time had left the rifle in the car. No charges were filed, no police action taken, the superintendent admitted the student had no ulterior motive. But rules are rules and he was out.

Also in that same North Carolina district, the fifth-grader who brought a decorative pocket knife to school for show-and-tell. He never got that far. After telling a friend that he had the knife, the friend told a teacher and, as the principal explained, "we followed proper procedure by calling the police." Since, according to the principal, "the knife was not considered to be a weapon, and it was not a firearm situation, he was suspended for three days."

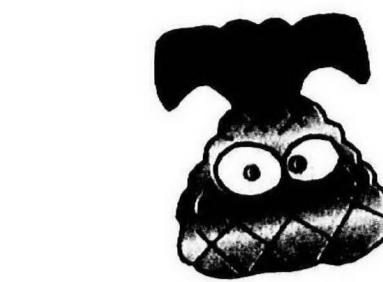
The 9-year-old New Jersey student who said he was going to "shoot" a female classmate with a paper wad propelled from a rubber band. The girl told her parents about it that night, they called school officials, the officials called police and after midnight two uniformed police officers showed up at the kid's home, rousted him out of bed and questioned him. The cops decided it wasn't a police matter. When the boy's parents met with school officials the next day, the officials said their son could return to class - but only after he had been "evaluated" by an outside psychologist.

The Sayreville Four, four New Jersey kindergartners who were suspended for three days after pointing their fingers at each other and saying "Bang! Bang!" during a game of cops and robbers on the school playground. "We have to be extra careful in today's world," the principal explained. "It may be just a game or something said in jest, but it can be taken differently by other children."

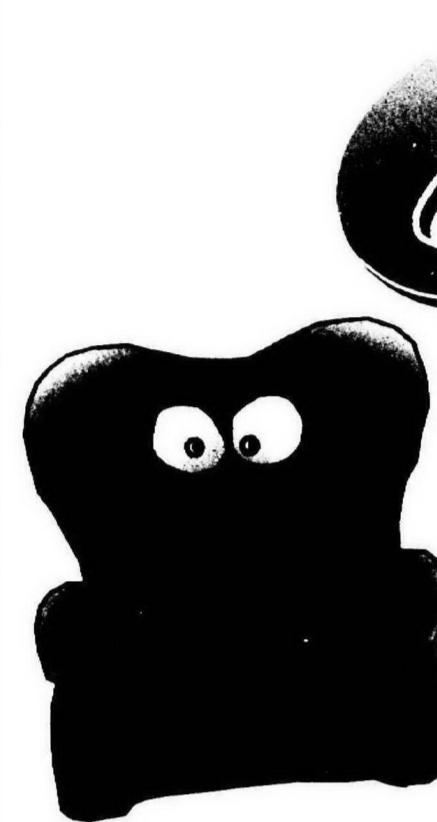
The Seattle sixth-grader who was expelled when a squirt gun fell out of his backpack in the school lunchroom. Three weeks later the expulsion was reduced to a suspension and he was allowed back in school - after his parents hired a lawyer.

Last, but not least, the 5-year-old kindergartner in Pittsburgh who was suspended for one day after the school principal had a "serious problem" with the child's Halloween costume. The costume, which the kid's mother had bought, was a firefighter's outfit: a yellow plastic jacket, a red helmet and - the problem - a five-inch plastic firefighter's ax!

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'Dem bones, dem bones, dem ...'



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Kids who play with Crazy Bones aren't aware of the "guerrilla marketing approach" the company credits to its growing success; they only know they like playing with, trading and collecting the plastic figures because - they're cool.

"Crazy Bones are a really cool thing at school," said Alex Turchan, 9, of Livonia who has been trading and playing with Crazy Bones for the past year.

Based on ancient Greco-Roman games known as *tabas* and *astragal*, children 2,000 years ago painted faces on clean, dried sheep knuckle bones and would throw them on the ground similar to the clear, metallic and brightly colored plastic figures of today. Each Crazy Bone is a unique character played to classic games like marbles, tidily winks, jacks and bowling.

How to

Playing the game "traditionally" calls for each player to take turns throwing Crazy Bones in the air at the same time. Your score depends on how your Crazy Bones land. Standing up five points; on their side two points; face up one point; and face down zero points.

Maybe that's what makes the game itself so popular - the simplicity of play. But when it comes to collecting and trading the plastic figures it's the names, faces and attitudes of the characters that really draw Crazy Bones fans.

"My favorites are Jaws, James Bone and Melon Head," said Alex, who attends Adams Elementary School in Livonia.

The third grader said Crazy Bones are now banned from being brought or played at his school because kids were having them stolen away.

That hasn't slowed the playing of the game any at home, according to Maria Turchan, mother of Alex, 9, Jacob, 7, and Tyler, 4.

"Now that the weather is nicer they're a little more busy with soccer and baseball but they love playing and collecting," said Maria. "I think they're cute ... all the faces and funny names. I never let them get into the Pokemon thing. All they could do was look at those. They can play games with Crazy Bones."

Currently there are eight character series (Series I/GoGo's, Series II/Things, Aliens, Buddies, Glowies, Toy Story 2), the newest being Dragonball Z based on good and bad guys from FUNimation's "Dragon Ball Z," an animated television show on the Cartoon Network. Among the character series there are approximately 280 Crazy Bones personalities and countless games that can be played with the one-inch figurines, including Crazy Score, On the Line, Airbone,



Treasure: Jacob Liepshutz, 7, of West Bloomfield looks for a bone to trade.



Concentration: Kirsten Wood, 9, of Livonia shoots a Crazy Bone playing battle at the Gags & Gifts Crazy Bones Extravaganza in Livonia. Below, Alex Turchan (from left), Jonathon Holmes, Nicholas Najduk, Jacob Turchan, Richard Holmes (behind right) and - throwing a crazy bone - Tyler Turchan, all from Livonia, play bomber box.



December 1997 became president of the Ohio-based toy company that licenses and distributes Crazy Bones.

"The game doesn't really come across on television. You have to hold them and play with them and then you're hooked. That's why the different strategies we have initiated to get the product on the market have been successful."

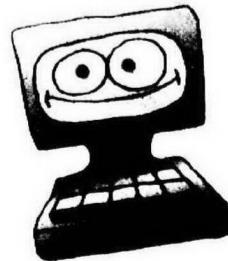
Jacob Turchan, 7, and his friend Jonathan Holmes, 6, both say getting a new Crazy Bones either by winning, trading or buying is the best thing about the toys.

Both first graders have favorites - Jacob's being Fly Boy and Jonathan's E.T. - but it's Nitro they're in hot pursuit of.

"I haven't been able to get him yet," said Jacob, "but he's the one I really want."

On the horizon

Flaherty said the company is looking forward to offering monster-sized Crazy Bones this fall in



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McDonald's Happy Meals. "There are 12 retired bones and new bones kids can collect," said Flaherty. The toy company president added consistent feedback from children go into the creation of both games, merchandise and new characters.

"I get at least 20 to 30 e-mails a week that are passed onto me of ideas kids have come up with that they want me to take a look at," said Flaherty. Most of the

games we get are from kids. We'll be selling something called a Bomber Box in the fall that a kid from Virginia created."

Points of purchase

Local businesses such as Noodle Kidoodle of Northville and Gags and Gifts of Livonia sell Crazy Bones and related merchandise to both boys and girls ranging in age from approximately 5 to 12 years old. Kim

Conrad, assistant manager of Gags and Gifts, said they've had Crazy Bones in stock for a couple of years but have seen an increase in popularity with some local demonstrations and a "Crazy Bones Extravaganza" they held in April.

"Every Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. we're going to have a trading night here," said Conrad, "where kids can do one-on-one exchanges."

The assistant store manager said Crazy Bones packets, which contain three and four figures and stickers per foil pack, retail for \$1.99. "We also sell Crazy Bones merchandise such as cages, bags, wallets, magnets, coffins, starter kits and metal cases," added Conrad. "We have it all."

Kierstyn Oldenburt, assistant store manager of Noodle Kidoodle, said Crazy Bones are "huge"

in this area. The Northville retailer said her store sees a lot of foot traffic from Crazy Bones enthusiasts and she expects to see more as a "buy one - get one free" sale runs through July 25 as stock permits.

"We sell to both boys and girls pretty equally," said Oldenburt. "It just depends on what their friends are playing with."

The Crazy Bones team will be at the "Fun 2-3-4" traveling

exhibit at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum (220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor) from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. The Crazy Bones team will do demonstrations on how to use game in conjunction with the "Crazy Bones Math Home Center"—a curriculum developed to improve math skills that utilize Crazy Bones figures. Call the museum (734) 995-5439. To know more about Crazy Bones visit www.crazybones.com

Congregation welcomes new pastor at upcoming installation

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTON
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Pastor Michael R. Bryan says he has jumped right into his new position with "both feet" after arriving from Belle Fourche, S.D., to serve as minister of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

The congregation will hold an official installation ceremony following the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 25. Bryan will fill the position vacated by former Pastor Paul White, who is now serving as a faculty member at a Christian college. White left 19 months ago and was replaced by interim pastor David Bowley.

"We lived in South Dakota for 10 years so this was a hard move, but I felt it was something God was telling me to do," said Bryan. "I was really concerned about the move because two of my children are teenagers in high school and I knew this would be hard on them, but they have been very supportive," added Bryan.

The Plymouth pastor said he studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, before transferring to Bethel Seminary in St. Paul with his wife — then fiancée at the time — where he

Bryan. "When they contacted me by phone I was feeling conflicted but believe it was time to do something different and it wasn't necessarily with that group of people."

Bryan now resides in Plymouth with his wife, Denise, and three children, Matthew, Laura and Daniel. Matthew and Laura will attend Plymouth Salem High School in the fall.

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Pastor Michael R. Bryan
First Baptist Church of Plymouth

received a master of divinity degree. Presently he is a doctoral candidate at North American Baptist Seminary where he expects to receive a doctor of ministry in the summer of 2001.

Feeling comfortable

Despite moving several thousand miles east to Michigan, Bryan says he has never felt out

of touch when he relocates because he's always "welcomed into a church family."

"You have to remember that God really calls you to a church ... you're not placed in a church but work on God's behalf," said Bryan.

Bryan said he has several personal goals for himself in his new role and already has plans

to travel with 10 youths from the church to a region of South Dakota where two Episcopal churches are in desperate need of repair. Bryan said the team of young people will spend a week in July refurbishing the structures that time and several tornadoes have taken their toll on.

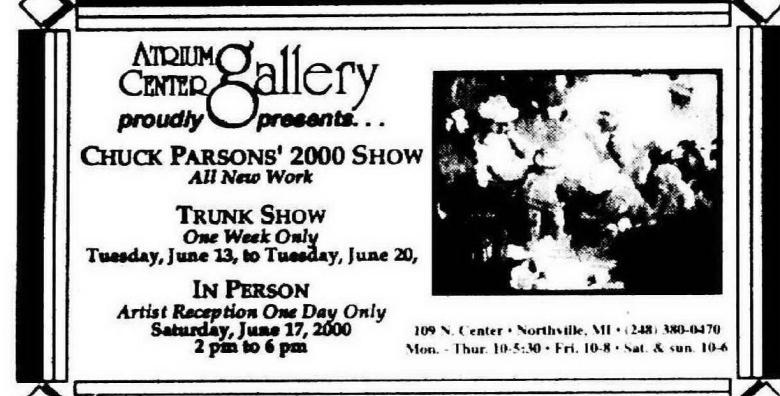
"I want to make sure people are excited about their faith and to give others the opportunity to find things to plug holes in their life," said Bryan. "I'd like to extend an open invitation to others who are also new to the community. My own philosophy that I'd like to impart to the church is that we need to look for those who haven't found a church because there are still a lot out there. The church is a place where people can put the missing links of their life together."

The installation service for Bryan will be held Sunday, June 25. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. with a dinner following at 12:30 p.m. Bryan expects the ceremony to begin following the meal.

A regional representative from the American Baptist Churches of Michigan will be in attendance as well as others from Baptist churches in the southeastern Michigan area who will serve as well-wishers. Bryan said he views two of the most important aspects of the installation as the charge to the minister and the charge to the congregation.

"The charge to the minister is that he remembers God called him to the church. There is an equally important charge to the congregation that they remember why they come to worship," said Bryan.

The First Baptist Church of Plymouth is at 45000 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-2300.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING
On Tuesday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to review plans under a U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program grant to purchase targeting equipment for the new Public Safety Department gun range. The FY 1999 award is \$31,283. All persons are invited to provide oral or written comments on the plan.
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: June 15, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2000 for the following:
PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2000 (or current) FORD EXPLORER, 4-DOOR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE
Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening and be received by the Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m., June 24, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.
The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
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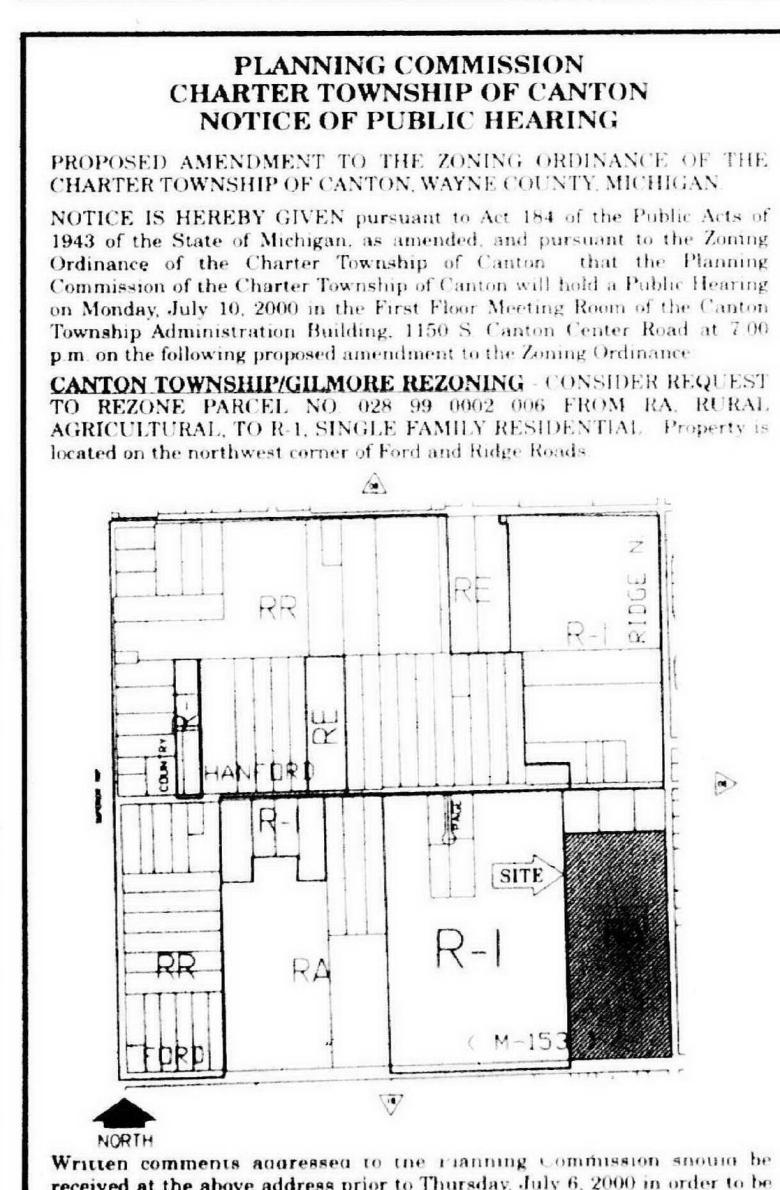
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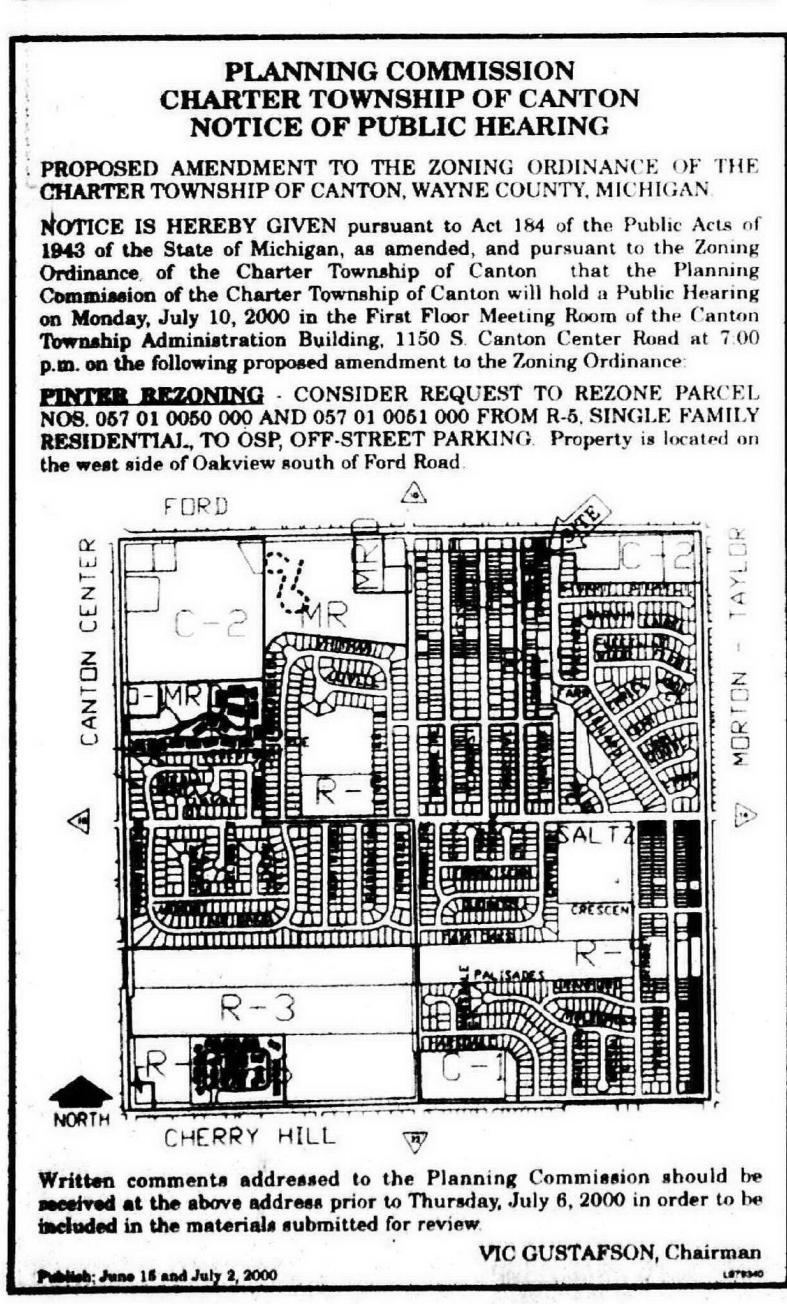
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:
CANTON TOWNSHIP/GILMORE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 028 99 0002 006 FROM RA, RURAL, AGRICULTURAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads.

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VO'GHT/SUMMERS/SINGH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 107 99 0001 001 AND 107 99 0002 001 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 6, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: June 15 and July 2, 2000



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Publish: June 15 and July 2, 2000

ANNIVERSARY**Pinard**

Ronald and Rachel (Mecteau) Pinard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed on May 15, 1950 in Quebec, Canada and they have lived in Michigan since 1971. The Pinards have seven children, Diane, Jacques, Johanne, Mario, Marielle, Carol and David, who all live in Michigan. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Ronald retired in 1989 from A.M. General as a sheet metal supervisor and now spends his time in his wood shop, gardening and fishing.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Bill and Teri Evans of Centerline, formerly of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Rachel Nicole** born Dec. 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She joins twin brothers Joshua and Zachary, 4. Grandparents are John and Diane Macik of Plymouth Township and Bill and Sandy Evans of Brighton, formerly of Redford.

Derek and Michel Brewer of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Marissa Leigh** born April 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Darrell and Lynn Wolfrum of Brighton and Chuck and Pam Clinton of Westland.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre' Spears of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Ciare Cherish** born April 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Siblings are Ronal, 6; Treyan, 4; and Julius, 2. Grandparents are Guy-mil and Somalia Sanders of Detroit and the Hall family.

Stephanie and Jason Riling of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Drake Andrew** born April 7 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Cindy Jacka, John Riling, Vickie Schmidt, and John Fultz.

Steven and Rhonda Ferguson of Redford announce the birth of **Nathanael Jacob** born April 8 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Paul and Sharon Shaw of Dearborn and George and Bonnie Ferguson of Ypsilanti.

Todd Nabozny and Michelle Noll of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Trevor Jay Nabozny** born April 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Katherine Nabozny of Garden City and Patrick and Joanne Noll of Garden City.

Laina Burgan and Mark Sanderson of Westland announce the birth of their son **Anthony James Allen Burgan** born April 17 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Toni Burgan of Westland and Robin Ashford of Westland. Great-grandmother is Marjorie Painter of Westland.

Elliott Thorn and Lanise Farmer Thorn of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter **Kaleeya Chantay Joelle Thorn** born April 17 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Darnell and Corrine of Detroit.

Please see **NEW ARRIVALS**, B7

Burnham-Bakowski

Pat Burnham and the late **Kenneth W. Burnham Sr.** of Minden, Louisiana announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Lisa Lynn**, to **Adam John Bakowski** of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Minden High School in Louisiana and a 1997 graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she earned a degree in psychology. She is currently employed as a veterinary receptionist and assistant at VCA Woodland Animal Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiance, son of Robert and Irene Bakowski of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University where he earned a degree in zoology. He is currently employed as an animal care supervisor at the Lab Animal Medicine Unit of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

His wife, **Rachel** is a home-maker and also enjoys playing cards and bingo.

After renewing their vows for their anniversary, the Pinards enjoyed a family dinner and party at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

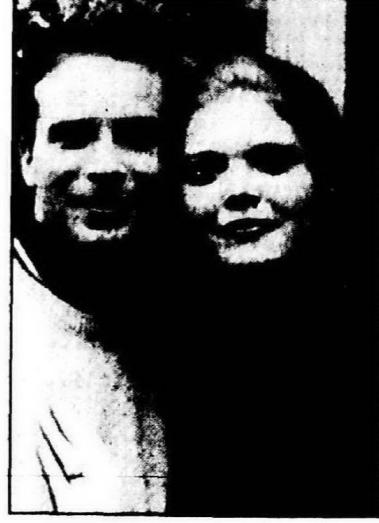
ENGAGEMENTS**Dick-Berres**

Pam and **John Janson** of Walled Lake and **Chris Dick** of Milford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Teresa Lynn** to **Scott Berres** of White Lake.

The bride-to-be earned a business management degree from Oakland Community College.

Her fiance, son of Donna DeGennaro of Sterling Heights and Ray and Pat Berres of Berkley, graduated from North Farmington High School. He is currently working as a facilities and machine technician at Cardell/Molex.

A June wedding is planned at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake.

**Robertson-Valik**

Wally and **Lauri Robertson** of Chelsea announce the engagement of their daughter, **Heather Lynn**, to **Ryan Karl Valik** of Hartland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology. She works for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.

Her fiance, son of Tommi Latoff of Frederic, Mich., and Tony Valk of Corunna, is a 1993 graduate of Hartland High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in crop and soil science.



He works for ConAgra in East Lansing.

A June wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.

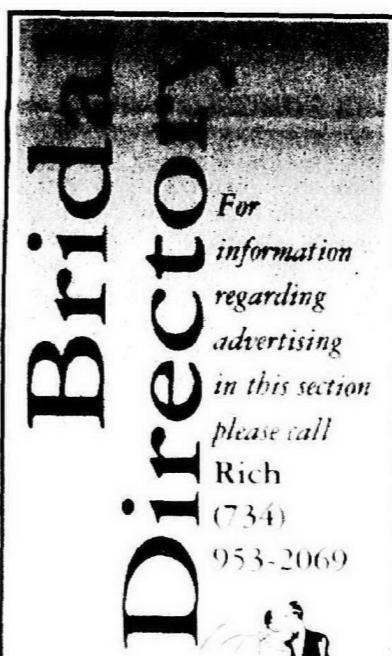
CRAFTS CALENDAR**CRAFT FAIRE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Crafters are needed for the Saturday, June 24 "Craft Faire and Ice Cream Social" at the Wayne Tower Senior Citizens Apartment Building. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. at 35200 Sims, Wayne. For information or to participate as a crafter call Constance or leave a message at 734-721-9254 — Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations from the ice cream social will be donated to

the Jacobetti Disabled Veterans Home in Marquette, MI.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a SASE P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND LIVONIA

WEEKEND

PRINCETON REVIEW

The Princeton Review will hold a free law school workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Attendees will learn information regarding the admission process to law school, as well as strategies and techniques to enhance their proficiency on the LSAT. Refreshments will be provided. Those who wish to attend must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop.

TUTOR TRAINING

The Community Literacy Council Inc. will hold its last volunteer tutor training session of the 2000 spring/summer season 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The fall/winter schedule will be announced in August. For more information or for reservation (preferred), call (734) 416-4906.

WALK/RUN EVENT

The Belleville Strawberry Festival will hold its annual five-mile run, two-mile walk and Kids 1/2-Mile Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$17 (T-shirt, if available) the day of the race. Kids' event doesn't include T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit the Girlstown Foundation. For more information, call Ty Patton at (734) 699-2047.

WEEKEND GOLF OUTINGS

Michigan State University-West Metro Detroit Alumni Club holds its fifth-annual golf outing at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor. Cost is \$95 for golf, dinner, open bar and prizes; \$90 for those belonging to the Alumni Association, and \$35 for just dinner and cocktails. Proceeds benefit local student scholarships. For more information or to register, call Kim Vieulin at (313) 389-1806.

The Salem Dugout Club will hold its sixth-annual golf outing to benefit the Salem High School baseball program Saturday, June 24, at The Woodlands of Van Buren Township, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. The outing begins at 2 p.m. with a scramble format and shotgun start. Tickets for the outing are \$92 (\$27 for dinner only) and include gifts, prizes, a skills contest and skins game. Make checks payable to the Salem Dugout Club, Mail to Marty Mayotte, 6556 Raintree Court, Canton 48187. Call (734) 981-0118 for information.

The fifth-annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield, to benefit breast cancer. This year are two starting times: 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and prizes such as a week at a Florida golf resort. LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available. The outing fills up quickly, so call early. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-

2907.

LECTURE PRESENTATION

■ There will be a lecture presentation on "Schizophrenia and Family Support," from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, at St. Mary's Hospital. For more information, call (734) 655-2550.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

■ Canton Firefighters sponsor a "Spaghetti Dinner," from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 23, at the Liberty Fest in Canton Heritage Park. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the Canton Firefighters Charitable Foundation. For more information or for tickets, call Capt. Davison at (734) 398-5262.

AROUND TOWN

CEDAR POINT TRIP

■ Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Cedar Point for middle school children on Friday, June 16. Buses will depart Northville Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Cost ranges from \$52-\$59. Adult chaperones are needed. For more information, call Dan at Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203.

SUMMER ART CAMPS

■ D&M Studios present a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Kids will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is now open. Camps run from June 19-Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16.

GARDEN WALK

■ The fifth annual "Flowers are Forever" Garden Walk will be held from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. Tickets are \$6 pre-sale and \$7 the day of the walk. The Trailwood Garden Club, located in Plymouth, is a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, and is a sponsor.

AUCTION/FUND-RAISER

■ The Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter DAR will hold an auction/fund-raiser Monday, June 19, at Sandra Rakoczy's home, 2862 Woodmont, Canton. Please bring school supplies, arts and crafts items to donate and also books and toiletries for the veterans. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For more information or directions, call Doris Richard at (734) 453-4425.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

■ Plymouth Salem varsity tennis coach Tom Kimball again will offer a summer tennis camp through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. This skills camp will offer tennis instruction to all levels of players ages 10-18. The camp will focus on fundamental tennis skills and will include drills, games, strategy, and match play scenarios. The camp schedule is: June 21, 22, 26-29 and July 5, 6, 10, 11-13. No make-ups are scheduled for rain days unless more than two are canceled. Registration fee is \$60. (1) Beginner, ages 10-14 from 9-10 a.m.; (2) Beginner, ages 14-18 from 10-11 a.m.; and (3) Intermediate/Advanced, ages 12-18 from 11 a.m. to noon. New tennis rackets will be available on-site from the Cayman Sports Co. at a greatly discounted rate. Sign-up is limited. For more information, contact the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department.

BNI MEETINGS

■ Business Network Inter-

national will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 22, for the Plymouth Chapter at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will meet from 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, June 23, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

CLUB CAN-DO

■ Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills is turning into a clubhouse of Can-Do-Kids this summer

A slice of home



Good reading:
Central Middle School sixth graders went on a school-sponsored field trip to Chicago recently, but couldn't leave home without their hometown Observer newspaper. The students showing off the paper are (from left) Molly Dowd, Annaliese Kelch, Jeff Piper, Michelle Pagliaroni and Holly LaCross. That's the Buckingham Fountain behind them.

and all kids are welcome. At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how children (just like themselves) from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Can-Do Kids will learn how they can make a difference in the world around them. Club meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon June 26 through June 30 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Nardin Park Church, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (just west of Middlebelt). All kids 4 years old by June through fifth-graders are invited. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

■ Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship tourney, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork and movement without the ball. There will be two camps for boys. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The second camp will be from Monday-Friday, June 19-23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 2-7 with the exception of Tuesday, July 4. The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130, and the cost for both the boys and girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call coach Bernie Holowicki at (734) 432-5591 or (734) 261-3346. Madonna University is located in Livonia at 196

and Levan Road. **GOLF FUND-RAISER**
■ The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation invites you to participate in a golf fund-raiser for the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation on July 11 at Pheasant Run, Canton. The shotgun start outing begins at 8:30 a.m. and is a four-person scramble. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, beverages on the course, lunch at the turn, chances to win great prizes and a banquet with open bar. Banquet only tickets can be purchased for \$50. Banquet starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Jim Davison or Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262 Station No. 1. R.S.V.P. by July 1.

BICYCLE RIDES

■ Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers, will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday Mondays). These low-mileage bike rides (8-11 mph, 8-20 miles) will meet at the Comerica Bank back parking lot on Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon. Initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low mileage end and be geared toward basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS will lead a bike tour that meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. Wearing helmets is strongly advised but not required. A multi-gear non-racer type bike is preferred but not necessary. For more information, call tour leader, Alan VanKerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cul-

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary



CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Hee stand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.I.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

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VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

■ St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org.

■ Hospices of Henry Ford seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office or to assist with special projects. They will be offering a 20-hour training program from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, Tuesday, June 20, and Thursday, June 22. This training is required for anyone interested in working with patients. For more information, or to register, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Hee stand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

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STARTING OVER

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NEW COOKBOOK ON SALE

The Counsellor's Youth Chorale of Plymouth, CYC, is pleased to announce the sale of their new cookbook "Sing for your Supper." This first edition of a collection of family favorites includes savory recipes from current members of the children's music ministry of Our Lady of good Counsel Church and neighboring communities, as well as alumni and local celebrities. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will benefit the CYC European Tour of the International Children's Choir Festival in London and Paris this summer. Cookbooks are \$15 each and can be reserved by calling (734) 453-0326.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Garden City Presbyterian Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will host a Strawberry Festival from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 16 on the church grounds. Strawberries, cakes and ice cream will be sold as well as baked goods and crafts. Square dancing will be hosted from 6-8 p.m.

HEALTHCARE CLASSIC

Golf pro Hollis Stacy will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic. The 8th annual all women's golf event will be presented by Oakwood Healthcare System June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$175 per person. To register call (313) 791-1234.

DAR AUCTION

The Daughters of the American Revolution (Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter) will host an auction/fund-raiser at their June 19 meeting. Please bring school supplies and arts/crafts items to donate as well as books and toiletries for the veterans. Meet at Sandy Rakoczy's home (2862 Woodmont, Canton). For information, directions call Doris Richard (734) 453-4425.

CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER

Newburgh United Methodist Church will be selling chicken dinners on June 29 to help fund their building project. Telephone orders will be taken through the

church by calling (734) 422-0149 on Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine, fax or e-mail. They will be ignored. Call in orders only. Pick up time is Thursday, June 29 from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adult (1/2 chicken) and \$4 for children (1/4 chicken).

You do not need to be a child to order a child's meal. In addition a baked potato, biscuit, cole slaw and dessert will be included. Payment made at the time of order. Checks can be made payable to Newburg UMC.

GOLF CLASSIC

The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Class will be held Friday, June 23 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffer or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and great prizes (week at a Florida golf resort).

LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital. Corporate sponsors are available. Call (734) 655-2907 to register.

WAALK & ROLLATHON

Lutheran Adoption Service (Michigan's largest adoption program serving over 600 families per year) and the Park Jarrett Agency Aid Association for

Lutherans are sponsoring the WAALK and Rollathon 2000 at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 24 at Hines Park in Westland. Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the walking and rolling at 9:30 a.m. You have the opportunity to

walk/run, wheelchair, bicycle, stroller, or rollerblade one to six miles total. Features will include entertainment, lunch, refreshments and prizes. The event will start at the Nankin Mills Recreation Area (Hines Park) in Westland. Call (800) 225-8558.

JULY FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church flea market to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. (Next to Big Boy Restaurant on Wayne Road). Space available. Cost is \$20 per spot. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NORTHLVILLE CHRISTIAN

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available, call (248) 348-9030.

TUBBS FAMILY CONCERT

The Jim Tubbs Family will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene (45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth).

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will hold identical services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, June 18 honoring fathers. Guest speaker Lucille Sorenson's talk will be titled "The Father Within and Without." The services will be followed by a blueberry pancake breakfast. Fathers eat free while adults are \$3 and children \$1.50.

UUCF SUNDAY SERVICE

The Sunday June 18 service of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will include guest speaker Sean Kosofsky, Triangle Foundation's Director of Policy and Victim Services, presenting "Families: Past, Present, and Future" discussing family issues involving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and couples. UUCF is a welcoming congregation. Summer services at 10 a.m. only, no Sunday School. UUCF is located at 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River) Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

ST. JOHN'S VBS

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) is accepting registrations for Vacation Bible School June 19-23. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each day. Classes for children entering kindergarten in the fall through adult will be from 6-8:30 p.m. The theme is based on Noah's Ark. Activities include drama, crafts, music and Bible stories. Call (313) 538-2660 to register.

MT. VERNON VBS

For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be held June 19-23 (8828 Wormer, Redford). The theme is Good News - Ocean Odyssey for children ages 3-12. The session runs from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23.

OUTBACK EXPEDITION

Outback Expedition - Celebrating God's Family will include Bible stories, drama, music, games and crafts. Children age four through grade six are invited to attend. To register call (313) 537-7480.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

On Mon. June 19th a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

YAU BARBECUE

On Saturday, June 24 the Young Adults of Unity will be having a barbecue at Bell Creek Park Picnic Area B at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your choice of meats. Drinks and desserts provided. YAU is for singles, couples, high school graduates, collage students and all young adults ages 18-35 who seek fun and fellowship. Bell Creek Park is located on Five Mile Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Livonia.

ST. RICHARD ANNIVERSARY

St. Richard Parish of Westland will celebrate their 40th anniversary. The even will start with a parish picnic on the parish grounds on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5 p.m. Former parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to attend call the rectory (734) 729-2240 and let them know how many will be attending.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$5 per child.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Westland Church of the Nazarene, 38600 Palmer Road in Westland, will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8 p.m. June 19-23. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) of Livonia will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23.

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JULY VBS

Explore, experiment, examine! Plymouth First United Methodist church will host Vacation Bible School July 17-21 for grades preschool through sixth. Call (734) 453-5280.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme.

ST. MATTHEW VBS

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School (5885 Venoy Road) of Westland will host Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 7-9 p.m. at Holy Word Studios. A light meal will be served from 6:15-7 p.m. with free will offering. The lesson and craft will follow from 7-9 p.m. In addition, adult confirmation class and adult bible class will be offered simultaneously. For information call (734) 425-0260.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon June 26-29. Register by June 19 at Fellowship Hall or obtain forms in the church office. For children ages four through the sixth grade. Adult adult volunteers are needed. Fee is \$6 per child or \$18 per family. Call 432-0164.

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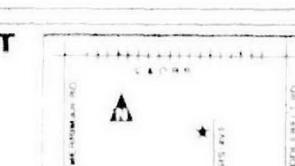
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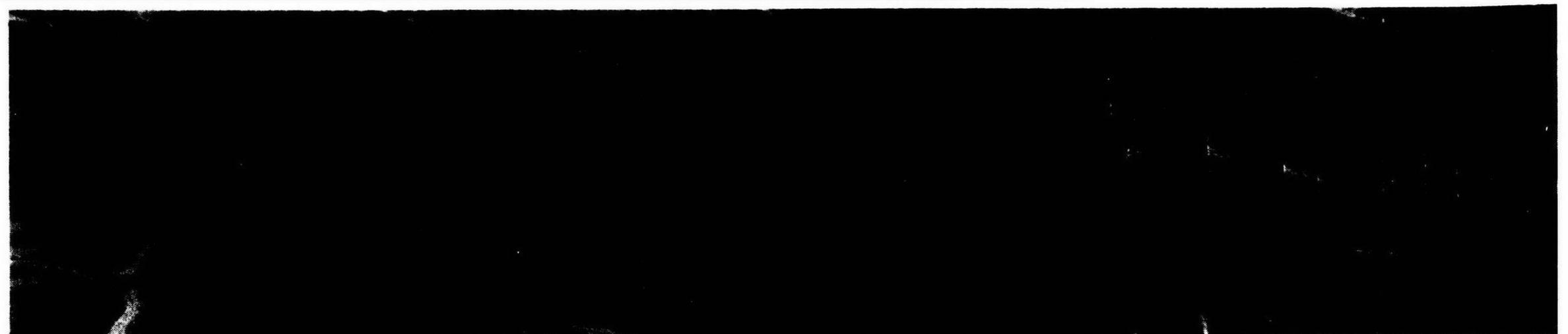
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My relationship with my own father from an early age was fraught with anger, resentment and hurt. I saw him as intolerant, emotionally abusive, and unloving. I sought to distance myself from him. I vowed to be nothing like him. By the time I prepared to leave home for college, ugly verbal exchanges were common.

Then in my early twenties a new view of the Bible's teachings showed me I am actually the son of an all loving Father-God, a Father who can do nothing but love me because He is love itself. This true Father knows nothing of an unloved, unlovable son. I learned to know myself as God's image and likeness. And this image and likeness is not the victim of imperfect fathering.

New arrivals from page B3

■ Courtney Erdman and Ryan St. John of Westland announce the birth of their son Kyle Sebastian St. John born April 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Carole and Kerry Erdman of Redford, Marilyn Parker of Westland and Ron Brady of Dearborn Heights.

■ David and Melissa Oberstaedt of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son Nicholas David born April 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Nicholas joins sister Kara, 2. Grandparents are Carolyn and Richard Oberstaedt, Dennis and Susan Derouin of Livonia, William Oberstaedt of Garden City and Jackie Komperda of Shelby Township.

■ Michael and Roxanne Dowd of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Marina Jean born April 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Marina joins siblings Travis, 8; Michael, 6; and Drew, 4. Grandparents are Ron and Gail Truesell of Livonia and Michael and Marjorie Dowd of Livonia.

■ Andrea and Jeff Larmee of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Elizabeth born April 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Clarita and Robert Beslack of Livonia and Lynne and Larry Larmee of Livonia.

But my spiritual understanding was initially limited. While I had begun to accept my own identity as a son of God, I was not so quick to accept it for others. A particular family function comes to mind. I approached my father with the haughty arrogance of moral superiority. I had decided it was my Christian duty to tolerate him. A predictable nasty exchange followed.

Later in prayer as I attempted to make sense of the situation it dawned on me. While I had been willing to see myself as being loved, I had not been willing to include my father in this same truth. I continued to see him as flawed.

As I continued in prayer I remembered the commandment, "Honor thy father" and the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, spiritually interprets this in her textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, as "And Love is reflected in love."

As I had accepted God's love for me, even so I needed to reflect this love toward my dad. I began to see my father as God sees

him, as God meant me to see him. I was able to appreciate his strengths of character. His steadfast commitment to the well-being of his family in good times and bad. His willingness to work excruciatingly long hours to see that we never did without. His unyielding stance in the face of whatever he thought threatened my education and opportunity. His impatience with character weakness.

I realized how much I really did love him and how much more he had given me than I had ever before stopped to appreciate. My own false sense of victimhood had blinded me to this love. And he had continued to love even in the face of this ingratitude.

Our relationship changed. It became characterized by friendly banter, humor, approbation, and solicitous concern - by love. I am now a father to two sons of my own. I am quite amused to hear them tell me that I am a lot like their grandfather. I take this as a compliment. As I came to honor my heavenly Father, so I was able to honor my human father.

Happy Father's Day.

Written by a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth.



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Astronomy club attracts star gazing

BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

Looking up at the sky on a dark, clear night some people may only see little dots of twinkling light. Others, however, see so much more and have many questions about the stars, planets, space travel, extraterrestrials and even the origin of the universe.

To answer some of those questions, Mike Best of Plymouth started an astronomy discussion group in February at the Plymouth District Library.

The Plymouth astronomy group meets 7-8 p.m. on the third Monday of every month. Twenty of the group's members, from throughout southeastern Michigan, are scheduled to meet at the library until the end of this year.

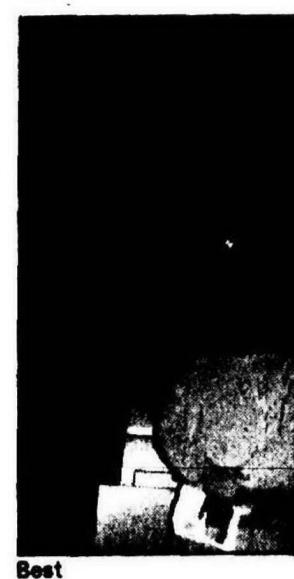
Best, who has been studying astronomy for 54 years, wanted a place where people who liked planets, stars and the universe could have a discussion. He also hoped to create a group that parents and their children could come together.

"I always say that ages six to 106 are welcome," said Best, 66, a former newspaper reporter who retired after 40 years in the field. "I wanted to make (the group) a family thing."

Astronomy is popular among all of the age groups because there is so much exposure to space travel on television, Best said. "Curiosity eventually gets to people. People flock in with so many questions."

Exploration

Best's own curiosity about science fiction is what led him into



Best

studying astronomy at a very young age. He found that despite the little green people in science fiction stories, the astronomy part always seemed to be accurate.

"I started to ask, 'could the stars possibly be that big' and 'could the universe possibly have a beginning?'" Best said.

The Plymouth resident, who has been lecturing on astronomy for over 25 years and is director of the Southfield Planetarium, tries to continue to answer all of those questions for the discussion group while also feeding their interest in the subject matter.

Daisy Aimar, a discussion group member who resides in Westland, became interested in astronomy after gazing into a friend's telescope several years ago.

"When I looked in it, my God, there was Saturn and I could see

the rings moving," Aimar said. "I told myself that before I die I have to see it again."

At the time, however, Aimar never had the opportunity to further pursue her curiosity in the world of astronomy. It wasn't until Aimar, 58, who is now retired, saw a brochure at the library about the discussion group that she decided she finally had some time to learn more about astronomy.

"(Best) is full of really good information," Aimar said. "He's an expert in his field."

Best feeds the group a lot of information in a short amount of time, Aimar said. Every meeting, Best selects a particular subject and begins with a short lecture on it. He also answers questions and peaks the group's curiosity by showing videos or presenting some of his 600 astronomy slides.

Best currently has no plans to increase the astronomy group's meeting days or times. He does hope to have a session this fall where the group can go outside and just look up at the stars.

Anyone who has ever had a question about the universe and did not want to take a college course on the subject is invited to join in on the group's discussions, Best said.

"(Astronomy) is a lonesome hobby and now people have a place to go and chit-chat," Best said.

The next meeting of the Plymouth astronomy group is Monday, June 19 and the topic will be meteors. To find out more about the discussion group, or for facts about astronomy, visit Mike Best's Web site at <http://members.aol.com/mbest12345/>

Mike Best's background is about as vast as the space he studies in the sky.

The Plymouth resident's love of the stars began as a teen when he started following the mysteries of the Unidentified Flying Objects phenomenon in 1947.

He later turned that curiosity into a career by spending more than a decade as a field investigator ("Man in Black") for the Dr. J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. He has been affiliated with both the International and Michigan divisions of the Mutual UFO Network. In the 1950s he flew in a U.S. Navy air-sea rescue squadron in the Pacific. It was here he founded his first astronomy club, the Kwajalein Island Astronautical Association.

Back in the states Best founded the Astronomy Club of Livonia in 1976 and in 1985, the Astronomical Society of Michigan. The Astronomical Society of Michigan has evolved into an educational organization consisting of some 270 members from across the state. Best currently serves as president.

He keeps busy as director of the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Adler School of Southfield. He is a member of the Astronomical League, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Great Lakes Planetarium Association, National Space Society, Planetary Society, and the SETI Institute.

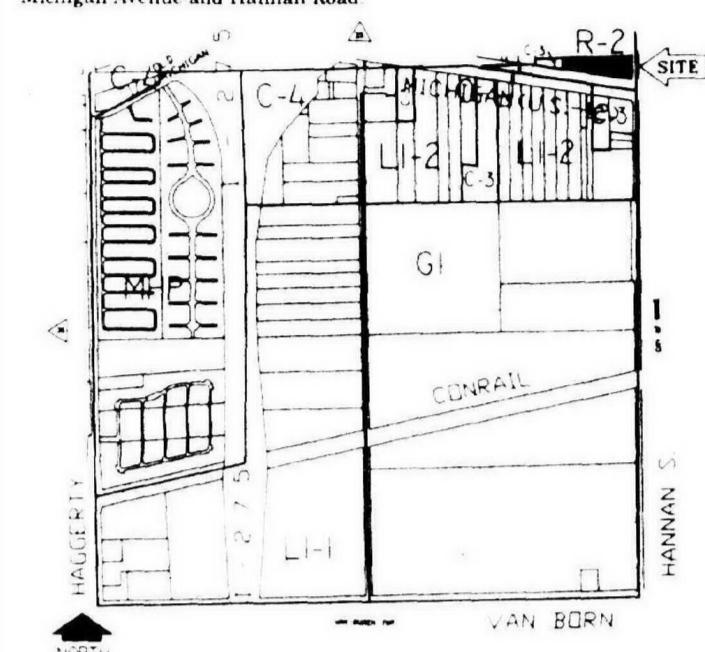
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 6, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish June 15 and July 2, 2000

Salem cheerleaders plan June events

The Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleading team will be holding a fund-raising Cheer-a-thon from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday June 20 in the Salem gymnasium. All proceeds raised will help pay for UCA Cheerleading camp. This year the team will be attending camp in Bloomington, Indiana at Indiana University in Aug. Call 981-0062.

The team will also host a UCA Championship Stunt Clinic June 24 at the Salem gymnasium. All Detroit area schools are invited to attend.

The clinic will provide instruction at all levels (beginner to elite by UCA experts), new innovative stunts, transitional stunts, stunts as seen on ESPN and ESPN2. To register call the UCA office (888) CHEERUCA or (734) 459-3393.

EPC to convene at Ward church

The 20th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) convenes June 22-24 to address matters of common concern to the church community.

Hosted by Ward Presbyterian Church, 700 pastors, commissioners and guests from all across the U.S. will gather. This annual General Assembly kicks off a year of celebration for the EPC now entering its 20th year of ministry.

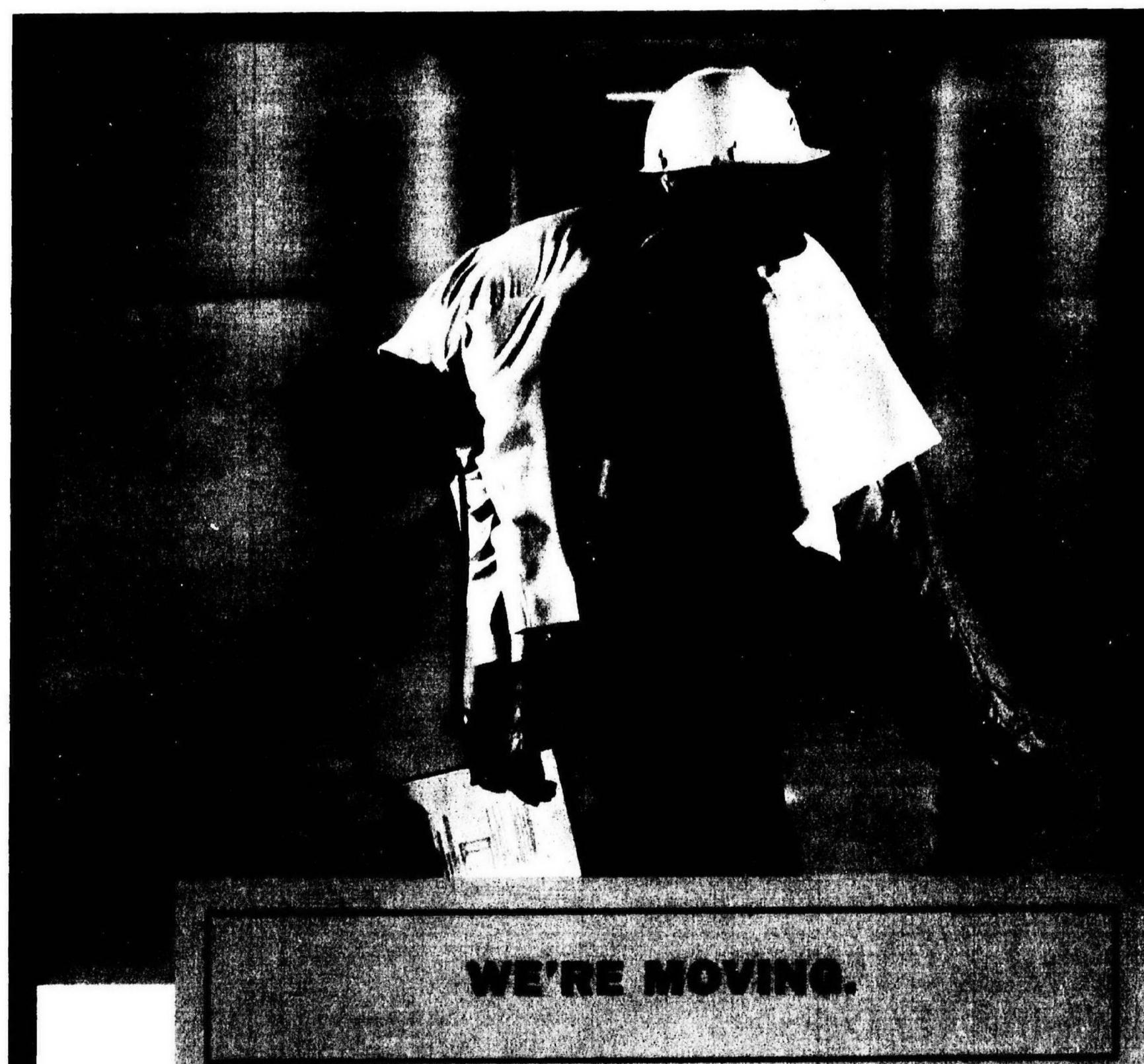
Guest speakers and keynoters includes: David Chadwick, the pastor of Forest Hill EPC in Charlotte, NC; Michael Glodo, assistant professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL; Richard Swenson, national and international speaker on themes of stress, overload, complexity and societal change; and Florence Littauer, a well-known motivational/inspirational speaker and author of over 30 books.

The schedule of activities is extensive: a presentation, workshop and luncheon all sponsored by Women's Ministries; an evening of special music featuring the renown King's Brass; morning and evening worship services; exhibitors; and a dinner to recognize newly ordained ministers. Lunches are available by advance reservations.

Child care for children, nursery through preschool will be provided for conference attendees.

General Assembly activities are open to all EPC church members. Evening worship services June 21, 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. The GA will meet at the new site of Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road) in Northville.

For information call (877) 852-8801.



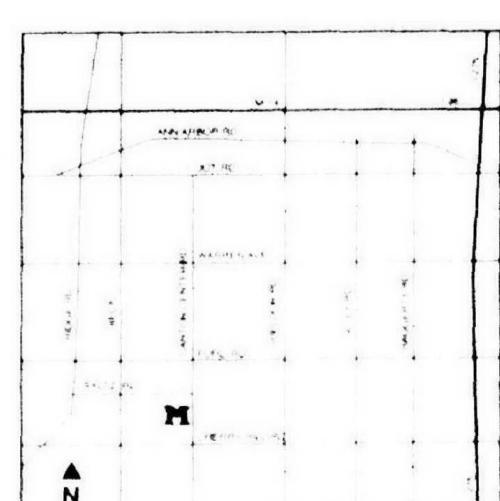
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**OBSERVER
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Volleyball standouts

The Madonna University Junior Crusaders 15-and-under girls volleyball team finished second in the Michigan Junior Volleyball Association state tournament in Grand Rapids last weekend.

The Junior Crusaders defeated Frankenmuth 25-15, 25-12; Grand Rapids Juniors 25-19, 25-14; 4u2Fear (Lansing) 25-10, 25-19; Maple City 25-14, 25-13; Grosse Pointe 25-16, 22-25, 27-26; and the Dead Frogs 25-11, 25-16.

The Junior Crusaders lost in the finals to Inside Out (Muskegon) 25-15, 25-19.

The team won four of the five tournaments it played in this season.

Coached by Debby Karabees-Betts, team members are Anne Roosevelt (Farmington Mercy), Erica Alemdar (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), Sarah Bergmooser and Caitline O'Hara (Monroe St. Mary's), Kathleen Knutson and Kari McLeod (Westland John Glenn), Kristin Kummer, Katie McDonald and Amy Szymanski (Redford St. Robert's), Gina Seefeld and Christine Jury (Livonia Ladywood), and Jordan Falcusian (Plymouth Salem).

The Junior Crusaders will travel to the National AAU Tournament this weekend in Chicago.

The Motorcity Volleyball Club's 17 Elite team brought home the bronze medal this weekend in the Open Level Gold Division at the State AAU Tournament in Grand Rapids.

The Motorcity team, coached by Karen Chase and Ann Poglitis, lost in a close three-game match to Inside Out Volleyball of Muskegon in its final match. Motorcity will complete its season at the National AAU Tournament this weekend in Chicago.

Team members of the Livonia-based club are from all over suburban Detroit and include: Erin Bartee (Livonia), Leslie Dzingle (Dearborn), Brittany Henson (Brighton), Lyndsay Howard (Farmington), Meghan Mitchell (Dearborn), Dayna Niemi (Canton), Jamie Pikus (Troy) and Becky Thoreau (Troy).

Kurka honored

Tomas Kurka, a native of the Czech Republic who was a rookie for the Plymouth Whalers last season, was selected to the all-Canadian Hockey League's all-rookie team, it was announced Tuesday.

Kurka totaled 36 goals and 28 assists (64 points) in his first season for the Whalers, who repeated as the regular-season champions in the Ontario Hockey League.

The CHL all-rookie team was selected by the National Hockey League's central scouting bureau after reviewing all 54 teams in the CHL. Other team members were goalie Dan Blackburn of the Kootenay Ice (Western Hockey League), defenseman Jay Bouwmeester of the Medicine Hat Tigers (WHL), defenseman Rostislav Klesla of the Brampton Battalion (OHL), right wing Ben Knopp of the Moose Jaw Warriors (WHL) and center Derek Roy of the Kitchener Rangers (OHL).

Coaching vacancies

Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team is searching for individuals to assist in coaching the varsity program this fall. Those interested should have some knowledge in distance running and possess the ability to convey it to high school athletes.

Financial compensation will be determined by the athletic department and head coach. Those interested should contact Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 for an interview.

Both Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central high schools have openings for several coaching positions. At Walled Lake Western, there is a need for a head girls swim coach, an assistant girls swim coach, an assistant boys swim coach and an assistant wrestling coach.

At Walled Lake Central, an assistant boys soccer coach and an assistant girls soccer coach are needed.

Call director of athletics David Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074 for further information or to apply.

Football camp

The Plymouth Canton HS football coaching staff is sponsoring a wing-T football camp for high school-aged students from 9 a.m.-noon June 19-23 at Canton HS.

Cost is \$25. Participants should wear football cleats. For more information, call Richard Mui at (734) 207-4972.

Chiefs top Brighton in OT

BY C.J. RISAK
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A game that had everything.

Start with a long list of possible descriptions, with "gut-wrenching" at the top. Clutch performances? Got several of those, too.

There was also a lot of time — the full complement of regulation plus a 90-minute rain delay and two 15-minute sudden-death overtimes. And a lot of chances, by both teams, to end it before it came down to the dreaded penalty-kick shootout.

Yes, this Division I state semifinal had everything, including all the drama one could wish for in a match of this magnitude. In the end, though, it was Plymouth Canton that got the most out of it.

That's because the Chiefs survived, outdueling No. 1-ranked (and previously unbeaten) Brighton by outscoring the Bulldogs 3-2 in the shootout Wednesday at Jackson's Mehall Field.

The win puts Canton, now 21-1-2, into Saturday's state championship opposite Troy Athens, which beat Troy 2-1 in Wednesday's other Division I semifinal. Athens is the only team to beat Canton this season, by a 3-0 margin.

"We've been practicing penalty kicks every day for the last four weeks, before the state tournament started," said Canton coach Don Smith, who will be trying to guide the Chiefs to their third state title Saturday.

Asked if the order for his kickers in the shootout was pre-planned, Smith produced a slip of paper with a list of names. "It's all right there, baby," he said.

That, as much as anything, was all that separated these two squads. Certainly the two 40-minute halves — separated by a 90-minute break at half-time due to lightning — failed to produce a superior squad.

Brighton scored in the opening half when midfielder Andrea Bryant lifted a shot from 20 yards that got over Canton keeper Amy Dorogi, making it 1-0 with 6:24 left in the half.

Canton emerged from the long intermission with more determination, and after the opening five minutes of the second half the Chiefs were in control.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERHORN

Leap of Joy: Amanda Lentz bounds into the arms of a teammate after the Chiefs' victory. Lentz's penalty kick proved decisive.

This finally paid dividends when, with 22:03 left in regulation, Anne Morrell angled a shot past Bulldog keeper Adrienne Beller, knotting it at 1-1.

It was another vintage Morrell performance. Marked tightly throughout



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

Keeping her close: Canton shortstop Paula McKernan helps check Mercy baserunner Erin Carson, but it didn't help — the Marlins scored four times.

SOFTBALL REGIONALS

Canton ousted by Marlins, 4-0

BY MONICA PUGNO
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Megan Fediu pitched a two-hitter and struck out nine batters Saturday to lead Farmington Hills Mercy's softball team to a 4-0 victory over Plymouth Canton in a Division 1 regional championship game at Royal Oak Memorial Park.

"(Fediu) pitched the best game of her career," said an elated Mercy coach Jack Falvo, who was drenched after his players poured Gatorade on him after the win.

"She did a magnificent job. She kept balls low and in the strike zone and kept Canton off their game. She's a tough, tough competitor."

Canton's Laura Stewart earned the loss despite fanning 10 batters. After retiring the Marlins in order in the first inning, Stewart ran into trouble in the second but pitched her way out of it.

Mercy's Carrie Brankiewicz led off the inning with a triple to right field, but she was tagged out at home plate on Alex Duda's failed attempt at a sacrifice bunt.

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Kimball nips Salem in semi

BY C.J. RISAK
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It shouldn't have been a surprise.

First rule of state tournament baseball: The better your pitching, the further you go.

If you only need two runs to win a game, your chances of success are pretty good if you have a pitcher who's unhittable.

Royal Oak Kimball's Ryan Drews didn't exactly match that description. But he was close.

Drews stymied Plymouth Salem's heavy hitting attack on five hits and, just as importantly, Drews didn't walk a batter in outdueling the Rocks' Steve Gordon 2-1 in Saturday's Division I

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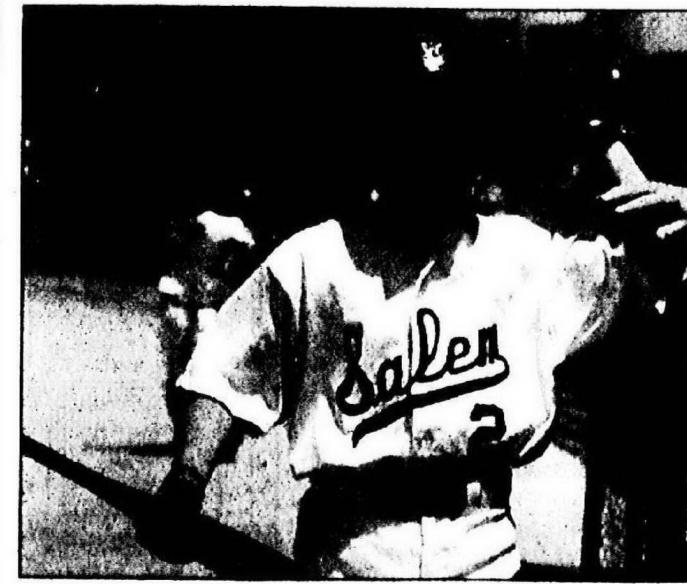
regional semifinal played at Royal Oak's Memorial Field.

Salem finished its season with a 20-14 overall record. Kimball went on to defeat Birmingham Groves in the regional final 10-3, improving its record to 25-7 and earning itself a spot in Tuesday's state quarterfinals.

Certainly Gordon, a senior righthander, deserved a better fate. He too surrendered just five hits, but unlike his adversary, Gordon walked four and hit a batter. Gordon struck out six. Drews, a junior righthander, fanned seven.

We only got five hits,"

Please see SALEM, C5



One and only: Chris MacKinder gives a high-five after scoring Salem's only run of the game.

the match by Brighton's Carolyn Valade. Morrell took advantage of Canton's mounting pressure and used what slight space she could find to launch the game-tying shot.

Although the Chiefs continued to have the better of the play for another 12 minutes, they could not put another shot past Beller. And Brighton, in the last 15 minutes of regulation, did get several shots at ending it before OT — two of them by Michele Lawrence, who forced Dorogi to make a pair of leaping saves.

In the two 15-minute OTs, the Bulldogs had more good chances in the first (at one point, they took five consecutive corner kicks) — with the wind at their backs — but Canton should have ended it in the second. With just over four minutes left, the ball bounced behind Beller and sat on the goal line, seemingly waiting to cross it.

But none of the Chiefs could reach it. That meant penalty kicks.

And that favored Canton from the coin toss. Brighton kicked first, and Kelly Lord did something that would be a precursor to her team's fortunes: She kicked it over the crossbar.

Abi Morrell's PK went past Beller and into the left corner, giving the Chiefs a lead they would never lose. The Bulldogs next two kickers, Katelin Spencer and Lisa Taube, both converted; Canton got one on a shot by Jessica Palis, but Stephanie Johnson's attempt was blocked by Beller, leaving it tied at 2-2 after three kickers in this best-of-five format.

However, Brighton self-destructed after that. Kate Lord knocked her PK over the bar; when Amanda Lentz scored for Canton into the lower right corner, it left it all up to the Bulldog's Valade, their fifth kicker.

Like her two earlier teammates, her shot went over the bar, taking with it any chance of reaching the state final.

For the Chiefs, it was their third tournament win (two in overtime) over a team ranked higher in the state. To win the title, they'll have to do it again: Athens was No. 2 in the final poll.

"You play in the state tournament, you have to beat great teams," noted Smith.

In Canton's case, you have to beat a bunch of them.

Prep runner is a star at International

Don't be mistaken, Dathan Ritzenhein looks more like your local paperboy than somebody trying to make the Olympic Trials cut in the 5,000-meter run.

BRAD EMONS

High junior tried to steal the show Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School in the Michigan International, a track and field meet, which piqued enough curiosity to bring out over 1,000 spectators on a warm and gusty night.

The headliners were Canadian miler Kevin Sullivan and Cadillac native Paul McMullen, the man who represented the U.S. in the 1,500 at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

But Ritzenhein, a scrawny lad trying to go where very few high school runners have dared to go, had the crowd buzzing with anticipation.

And he didn't disappoint the fans.

Ritzenhein, the Foot Locker national cross country champion, the state record holder in the 1,600 and the national indoor record holder in the 3,200, pressed the envelope against a field of well-seasoned men.

On the second lap, Ritzenhein heard some chirping from one of the older competitors.

"That guy told me, 'If you're so good, why not take the lead,'" Ritzenhein recalled. "He was kind of mocking me."

Nobody likes to be shown up by a kid, just ask Karl Malone, who once got irritated in an NBA All-Star game by an up-and-coming Kobe Bryant.

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Marlins rule Observer golf team

With the best team in Observerland, Farmington Hills Mercy leads the 2000 All-Area Girls Golf Team with three first-team players.

Half of the eight-person squad — Mercy's Erin Borowiec and Lindsey Densmore, Farmington Unified's Cassie Jemison and Livonia Churchill's Heidi Aittama — consists of repeat selections.

Borowiec won her second straight Catholic League title, and Jemison is a two-time Western Lakes Activities Association tournament champion.

Borowiec, Densmore and Katie Dinsmore helped the Marlins to their ninth consecutive league championship, a Division 1 regional title and a third-place finish in the state tournament.

Jemison led the Farmington Unified team to its first WLAA tournament championship, and Aittama led the Chargers to a fourth-place showing in the Division 1 state finals.

Also representing WLAA runner-up Churchill is Ashley Johnson. Livonia Stevenson also has two first-team players — Katie Carlson and Kristen Polanski.

Introducing the 2000 All-Observer Girls Golf Team.

FIRST TEAM

Erin Borowiec, junior, Mercy: Borowiec finished fourth at the state final with a two-day score of 160. She was second at the regional with 77.

Borowiec won seven tournaments this season, including the Traverse City Invitational, where she shot a 153. She also won the Catholic League championship.

again.

Her average score for tournaments was 78, and her overall nine-hole average was 39.2.

"Erin continues to excel on and off the course," Mercy coach Vicki Kowalski said. "She is an excellent student and golfer. Coaches often comment on her beautiful swing. Erin is one of the top golfers in the state. I look forward to her senior year."

Lindsey Densmore, senior, Mercy:

Densmore shot a 162 to finish sixth at state. The Mercy team captain received the Catholic League Scholar-Athlete Golf Award. She carded a tournament average of 91 and averaged 46 strokes overall for nine holes.

"Lindsey saved the best for last," coach Vicki Kowalski said. "Her 82 the first day of state finals was her best high school round, and she followed with an even better 80 on the second day. Lindsey has true team spirit and leadership."

Densmore, a finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award, will continue her golf career at Albion College.

Katie Dinsmore, junior, Mercy: Dinsmore finished third at the Catholic League tournament with an 86. She won the Petoskey Invitational by carding an 88. She averaged 92 at tournaments and 46.5 overall.

"Katie's game has improved greatly from her sophomore to her junior year," coach Vicki Kowalski said. "She has performed well in dual meets and tournaments."

"Katie is a delight to have on the team and works hard to continue her golf game. She is very coachable and will provide team leadership in her senior season."

Cassie Jemison, senior, Farmington Unified: Jemison was the medalist in the

WLAA all division team after shooting an

89 at the conference tournament.

"Heidi is one of a kind," Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski said. "She is full of energy and drive to succeed in something she truly loves to do, and that is to play golf at another level. She is very knowledgeable about the game and the steps needed to make her a better golfer in the future."

"She has an excellent work ethic and practices year round. She will continue to be competitive in coming years and hopefully, an inspiration to the younger

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FIRST TEAM

Erin Borowiec, junior, Farmington Mercy

Lindsey Densmore, senior, Farm. Mercy

Katie Dinsmore, junior, Farmington Mercy

Cassie Jemison, senior, Farm. Unified

Heidi Aittama, sophomore, Liv. Churchill

Kristen Polanski, freshman, Liv. Stevenson

Katie Carlson, junior, Livonia Stevenson

Ashley Johnson, senior, Livonia Churchill

SECOND TEAM

Kelley Parzuchowski, soph., Liv. Churchill

Carli Heppner, senior, Livonia Stevenson

Latanya Foster, senior, Farmington Mercy

Maureen McFawn, junior, Farm. Mercy

Christina Cibario, freshman, Farm. Mercy

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THIRD TEAM

Angle Jones, senior, Plymouth Salem

Sarah Laird, junior, Farmington Unified

Laura Haddock, senior, Livonia Stevenson

Kim Wazyniec, sophomore, Farm. Mercy

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Amber Henn, sophomore, Wayne Memorial

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Amanda Graves, Mary Griffin, Betsy Raisz;

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Melanie Fleisch: Salem: Kim Tamme, Kelly Tamme, Jenny Schwan, Molly Hedges; Grosse Pointe: Christine Stupok, Julie Ziekan, Jessica Pondell.

team members."

Kristen Polanski, freshman, Stevenson:

Polanski qualified for the state final as an individual; she shot an 86 on the first day but did not advance. She earned all-conference honors by finishing fourth at the WLAA tournament.

Polanski won the Stevenson Invitational and earned medals at the Traverse City and Monroe Jefferson Invitations.

She tied for first in duals against Walled Lake Central and Dearborn.

Kristen is a skillful, focused competitor with a work ethic that will benefit her team for three more seasons.

Stevenson coach John Wagner said.

"She enjoys tough competition, and has the work ethic it takes to continue to improve."

"Beyond her value to her team as a superior golfer, Kristen is an outstanding student, a sensitive team member, and she always displays a positive attitude."

Katie Carlson, junior, Stevenson: Carlson earned all-conference honors after finishing second at the WLAA tournament. She won duals against Franklin, Churchill, John Glenn and Canton.

Carlson tied for first against Walled Lake Central and Dearborn. She finished third at the Stevenson Invitational and

Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

"Katie was a consistent contributor to our team's success throughout the season," coach John Wagner said. "She has a superior work ethic and has made tremendous improvement in the ability to score and manage her game."

"We will continue to be competitive next season, as we were this season, because of Katie's skill, drive and leadership."

Ashley Johnson, senior, Churchill: Johnson finished 16th in the state after shooting 174 at the state final. She fired an 88 at the regional to finish sixth and was an all-conference player by carding an 88 at the WLAA tournament.

Ashley averaged 46.9 for nine holes and 89 for 18 holes.

"Ashley has been a real joy to coach for the past four years," coach Sharon Laskowski said. "Her leadership — three years as captain — speaks for itself."

"She has a great work ethic, team spirit and sportsmanship that is respected by all the team members. She will be difficult to replace in the lineup and will be sorely missed."

"She has truly been a role model for the underclassmen on the team. She has the determination and know-how to succeed in whatever life has to offer."

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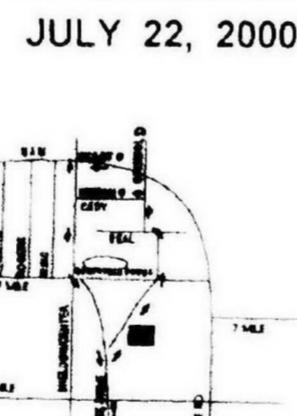
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11:25.

Men's International 100: 1. O'Brien Gibbons (Canada), 10.53; 2. Chad Buttell, 10.63; 3. Gerald Rasool (Athenian), 10.87; 4. Shawn Dailey (Athenian), 11.02; 5. Mahwenn (Liberia), 11.05.

Men's long jump: 1. Sean Robbins, 25 feet, 11 inches; 2. Henry Russell (Athenian Athlete), 22.10; 3. Jason Richards, 21.2.

Men's high jump:

1. Paul Carabello (Grena-

da), 6.10; 2. Mike Hanson, 6.8; 3. Matt

Weishun (Pinckney H.S.), 6.8; 4. D.J. Benion

(Athenian), 6.6.

Men's 110-meter hurdles:

1. Jalil Mayo

(Athenian), 14.23; 2. James Webb (Athenian),

14.45; 3. Randy Gilson, 14.55.

Men's National 100 dash:

1. Darry Stal-

worth (Athenian), 10.91; 2. Okpara (Nigeria),

11.06; 3. Darren Witherpoon (Athenian),

11.06.

Men's 200:

1. Shawn Dailey

(Athenian), 21.62; 2. Mayo (Athenian),

21.76; 3. Duwayne Wright (Athenian), 22.0;

4. Witherpoon (Athenian), 22.57; Erik Jenkins (22.3).

Men's International 200:

1. Clement Chukwu (Athenian), 20.95; 2. Gavin Herring (Athe-

nian), 21.1; 3. Gibbons (Canada), 21.26; 4.

Buttell, 21.27; Billy Chenault (Athenian),

21.54.

Men's International 400:

1. Herring (Athe-

nian), 45.84; 2. Fabian Rollins (Bahamas),

45.87; 3. Wright (Athenian),

48.41; 4. Eric McKeon (Athenian), 49.96.

Men's National 800: 1. Winston Tidwell (New Balance), 1:47.24 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Bobby True, 1:47.73; 3. Potter, 1:49.27; 4. Batiste (Huntsville International), 1:49.47; 5. Jeff Delong, 1:49.97; 6. Travis (UWMTC), 1:50.07; 7. Derrick Jackson (Athlete), 1:50.78; 8. Paul McMullen (Saurocy), 1:55.86.

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Women's 800: 1. Hope Sanders (Indiana Invaders), 2:04.5 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Melissa Smith (Grand Valley), 2:06.03; 3. Minelle Sankating Smith (Suri nam), 2:10.56; 4. Sarah Hamilton (Plymouth).

Salem/University of Michigan), 2:16.29.

Men's International mile: 1. Kevin Sullivan (Reebok Canada), 3:55.87 (set Michigan all-comers record of 3:58.8 held by Tom O'Hara, Loyola of Chicago, 1963); 2. Ray Hughes (Nike Athletics), 4:02.96; 3. Nedeau (New Balance), 4:03.11; 4. Mitchell (Fila Boston), 4:03.5; 5. Treadwell (New Balance), 4:04.62; 6. Bonsall (Adidas), 4:06.85; 7. Jeremy Hurley (Nike Athletics), 4:07.93; 8. Kipyegon (Kenya), 4:08.04; 9. Mike Franko (Nike Athletics), 4:09.91; 10. A. Downin (Wisconsin Adidas T.C.), 4:10.23; 11. Blacque, 4:14.14; 12. Chris Balak (UTCO Canada), 13. Jay Brock (Athletics America), 4:14.75; 14. Koppin (Second Sole T.C.), 4:19.72; 15. Chiardo (Athenian), 4:22.46; 16. MacDonald (Ottawa Lions Canada), 4:22.46; 17. Bima (Manitoba Lions), 4:26.22; 18. Echo (T.C.), 4:23.36.

Women's 1,500: 1. Krestena Sullivan (Canada), 4:15.73 (Olympic Trials qualifying time); 2. Jamie King, 4:16.76; 3. Sauder (New Balance), 4:18.94; 4. Karen Haverty-Sullivan (Canada), 4:22.44; 5. Beth Bayser (Nike Athletics America), 4:23.21; 6. Rebecca Wilmes (Athletics America), 4:24.59; 7. French (Indiana Invaders), 4:25.45; 8. Edmundson (Sarnia Athletics Canada), 4:27.53; 9. Rachel Eggerbrecht, 4:35.56; 10. Dueringer (Indiana Invaders), 4:36.06; 11. Treilles (Brooks), 4:43.72.

Men's International 5,000: 1. Jim Jurcevich (Hanson's), 14:07.83; 2. Dathan Ritzenhein (North Kent Track Club), 14:13.8; 3. Buck Jones (Club Northwest), 14:26.22; 4. Jeff Leonard (Dexter), 14:48.56.

Women's 5,000: 1. Catherine Schmidt, 5:21.86; 2. Julia Schmidt, 5:22.75; 3. Michelle Kinkella, 5:24.53; 4. Maryanne Marasco, 5:26.07; 5. Stephanie Probst, 5:27.64; 6. Rebecca Probst, 5:29.52; 7. Katie Danyko, 5:35.39; 8. Nicole Blake, 5:48.99.

Simonich (Nike Athletics America), 14:27.49; 5. Trull (Wisconsin Adidas T.C.), 14:29.49; 6. Clint Verran (Hanson's), 14:52.32; Mike Grant (Nike Athletics), 14:55.06.

Boys high school mile: 1. Brendan Robinson (Rockford), 4:31.13; 2. Charlie Stanbouian (North Farmington), 4:36.87; 3. Marvin Gill (Plymouth Salem), 4:38.42; 4. Brian Klotz (Livonia Franklin), 4:41.98; 5. Jason Richmond (Livonia Churchill), 4:42.73; 6. Ben Leonard (Dexter), 4:48.56.

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Ritzenhein didn't win Saturday night, that honor went to former Michigan State standout Jim Jurcevich, a 24-year-old who has already made the Olympic Trials cut (13:47.0) in the 5,000.

But Ritzenhein certainly gained a lot of respect, collapsing at the finish line in 14:07.83.

Jurcevich, who rallied to win the race on the final two laps after Ritzenhein had pulled along the field, won the event in 14:07.83.

"He's certainly one of the up-and-comers, that's for sure," said Jurcevich of his young sidekick. "I'm sure he's going to step up to the 10K some day."

Ritzenhein may give his dream of going to the Trials, which starts July 15 in Sacramento, Calif., one more crack at the Foot Locker outdoor meet later this month in Raleigh, N.C.

But he didn't go away empty-footed.

His times at 3,000 (8:18.5) and 3,200 (8:52.5) are both state schoolboy bests. His 5,000 finish time ranks him among the top 10 ever run nationally by a prep.

And by his senior year, the legend of Ritzenhein should grow even more.

And just for your information, no high schooler in this country has qualified for any track and field event in the Olympics since 1976.

"I felt good going in tonight, but during the

race I was wobbly, queasy and the wind was pushing me around," said Ritzenhein, who later was able to greet fans and talk to reporters. "I was dying the last mile."

"I have not been training enough because I've been training for the mile. I knew today I couldn't hit that time. It's a lot different running a 5,000 on a track than on a cross country course."

Chalk one up for experience, but also chalk one up for gaining respect.

McMullen, a local icon in his sport to a certain degree, had seen Ritzenhein race before and came away even more impressed.

"He's got a lot of courage and I'm proud of him because tonight he stepped out of his comfort zone," said the former Eastern Michigan University standout and high school footballer. "There were the winds and it was warm, but tonight was very exciting for the state of Michigan."

"Now, I've got to show him how to play to the crowd."

McMullen, nursing a sore Achilles tendon, made a cameo appearance in the 800. The much anticipated mile matchup between Sullivan, who has already qualified for the Canadian Trials, and McMullen, will have to wait another day.

But Sullivan did not disappoint the crowd, putting an exclamation point on an amazing night of track and field for the curious locals

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Salem from page C1

Salem coach Dale Rumbower: "You'd have to go back to early in the season to find a game like that."

All the scoring came in the second inning, and it wasn't without controversy. After retiring the first Knights' batter on a groundout, Gordon hit Mike Ferber with a pitch and walked Ryan Doyle. Gordon struck out Doug Falkenburg, but a double-steal during his at-bat advanced the runners to second and third.

Joe Leibald, a sophomore catcher and the No. 9 hitter in Kimball's lineup, then laced a two-out, 3-2 pitch to center field that scored both runs.

The controversy came when Doyle came in to score.

Although the play was going to second base, the Knights' senior third baseman barreled over Salem catcher Ian Winter, leaving him writhing in pain near the plate. Winter had to be helped to the dugout and during the next inning was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Although it was apparently unwarranted contact and Doyle made no attempt to slide, no action was taken by the umpire. Doyle remained in the game.

"It was a hard baseball game," said Rumberger. "These kids competed well."

The Rocks narrowed the gap by a run in their half of the second, and it was Gordon — their brightest star in this game — that started it. With one out, Gordon blasted a Drews' pitch over the left-fielder's head for a double. Chris MacKinder went in to run for Gordon.

Ian Kolb, Salem's next batter, followed with an infield single to Doyle at third, when Doyle's throw to first was high, MacKinder scored, making it 2-1.

After that, however, the Rocks could do little against Drews' breaking balls. "He was ahead on the count a lot," said Rumberger. "The umpire was giving him the inside corner. It was just unfortunate."

After Steve Stiles' one-out single in the fourth, Drews retired 12-straight batters,

allowing just one baserunner on a passed ball on a strikeout. That threat was eliminated on an attempted sacrifice bunt that was turned into a double play.

Salem's last, and best, scoring chance came in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Gordon and Kolb singled, with MacKinder (running for Gordon) reaching third on Kolb's grounder off the bag at first. Gordon and Kolb led the Rocks with two hits apiece.

But the game ended when

Mike Thackaberry hit a hard

one-hopper to Kimball shortstop Kevin McKnight, who touched second and fired to first for a double-play.

"If you're playing a high-

school game and you force him

to make a play like that, and he does, well, you can't com-

plain," said Rumberger. "Give

Royal Oak credit. They're a

good ball club. They work hard

too."

For Salem — winners in 15

of its last 20 games after a 5-9

start — the season ended one

run short.

Top golfers to vie at qualifier

BY MONICA PUGNO
STAFF WRITER

A lot of changes are expected for this year's National Public Links Qualifying Tournament, scheduled for Thursday and Friday at the Salem Hills Golf Club.

In past years, more than 200 amateur golfers competed in the tournament. This year, there are 109 entries.

Pete Owens, a representative of the United States Golf Association who is in charge of the two-day tournament, said one of the reasons for the lower turnout is because the U.S.G.A. no longer pays for those who win

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the tournament to fly to the national championships in Portland.

"Last year, we had 220 entries," Owens said. "The U.S.G.A. changed the rules this year. It used to be the only U.S.G.A. tournament where we would pay for the winners to play at the national championship. They stopped doing that this year."

Owens said another reason less people signed up for the tournament is because the U.S.G.A. lowered the handicap requirement

"It used to be wide open," he said. "They used to let people who had a 20 handicap play. They lowered it to 8.4 this year."

The tournament still draws some of the best amateurs from around the world. The top four finishers will qualify for the national championships in Portland. The winner of the event in Portland qualifies for the Masters.

The tournament begins at 6:30 a.m. Thursday. The top 51 golfers will play again on Friday from 7 a.m. to noon.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$30. For more information, call the Salem Hills Golf Club at 248-437-2152.

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Stewart walked the next two batters to load the bases with two outs. She fanned Marissa Lawrence to end Mercy's threat.

"(Stewart) is a hell of an athlete," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "She's come a long way from a year ago. Last year, believe it or not, she was our No. 3 pitcher. She worked hard to be our No. 1 pitcher this year."

Stewart's luck changed in the third. Dana Falvo led off with a bunt single, and Erin Carson hit a fly ball to center field that was dropped. The two players performed a delayed double steal to put runners on second and third with one out.

The double steal was critical in the game," Jack Falvo said. "It put two runners in scoring position with one out.

"We knew coming in it was going to be a close game. We told the girls to be prepared for a 0-0 or 1-0 game. We wanted to be aggressive. We wanted to score in the beginning, so we could play our game."

Brankiewicz tripled to right field to drive in two runs. Duda singled to right field to score Brankiewicz, and Nuverre Naami doubled to center field to drive in Duda, giving the Marlins a 4-0 cushion.

Fieduk and catcher Carson kept Canton off the scoreboard. Carson picked off two Chiefs at first base and threw out another runner trying to steal second.

"We're very disappointed," Arnold said. "We didn't hit the ball well. We let one bad inning get to us."

"But we played with an extreme amount of class. I'm proud of our players. It's sad for the seniors. This is the best athletic team since I've been in Can-

ton (10 years)."

The Chiefs finished the season 23-12. Mercy, meanwhile, improved to 32-10 and advanced to the state quarterfinals Tuesday night against Fraser in Clinton-Dale.

"At this level, we're only going to face quality teams," Falvo said. "I think the team that comes to play is going to win (Tuesday)."

Getting to the final

Mercy reached the regional final by easily defeating Detroit Mumford in five innings, 17-0. Senior Erin Howard struck out eight and allowed one hit.

Canton's road to the final was tougher. The Chiefs beat Warren Mott, 4-0. Stewart fanned 12 and

allowed three hits.

Canton scored two runs in the second and one run in the fifth and sixth innings.

Stewart led off the second with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Christina Kiesel and advanced to third on a base hit by Brianna McNicholas. Jenna Perino singled to drive in both runners.

In the fifth, Megan Coulter singled and scored on Paula McKernan's line-drive down the first-base line. Perino scored in the sixth on a hit up the middle by Stacie Griffin.

"We played real well," Arnold said. "We could have done a better job hitting, but we did well enough to win."

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BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Mike Wadowski sat down in the dugout, wiped the sweat off his shaved head, stopped putting his equipment in his bag, sighed, then tried to sum up the kind of day he and his Redford Catholic Central baseball team had on Saturday.

The condensed version was a pretty good one.

The Shamrocks, defending champions in Division I, rallied past seventh-ranked Southgate Anderson in the opener, 3-2, then disposed of Garden City in the regional final, 14-4. The Cougars advanced to the final with a 8-6 win.

"To tell you the truth, we had the same mindset for both games," said Wadowski. "We were confident because we knew what we had to do. I just tried to smooth out my swing and shorten up my stroke."

Just smoothing out his swing and shortening up his stroke paid off for Wadowski. The junior was 2-for-3 against Southgate, with a homer in the second inning to tie the score and a single in the sixth inning for that tied the score. Against Garden City, Wadowski was 3-for-4 with four RBI, a two-run homer, two runs scored and pitched 2 1/3 innings of one-hit relief ball.

"Wadowski had a great day,"

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said CC coach John Salter. "His homer in the first game allowed us to tie and his homer in the second gave us a comfortable margin. And he came in a closed to give us another arm with playoff experience."

It was a tough way for the Cougars (23-5) to end their outstanding season.

"We hadn't won a district in 16 years and had never been to a regional final," said a disappointed coach Steve Herman. "You learn by inches. Last year, we went to the district final; this year, we went to the regional final. You have to take things step-by-step."

After Wadowski's RBI single scored Dave Tovey in the second inning of the championship game, CC went to town in the third inning, sending 12 batters to the plate in an eight-run, five hit frame. Starting pitcher Robbie Hudson (6-4), who got the win in relief of Justin Ockerman in the first game, took the loss in the second game — giving up five runs on five hits, with three walks and two strikeouts. Ryan Krol came on in relief and didn't fair much better, giving up six runs on four hits and three walks in 1 2/3 innings.

"We gave them too many opportunities to score and they

took advantage of them," said Herman. "I thought when we pulled to within five runs, we could have had a chance. Then when they got it back to eight runs, it took the wind out of our sails."

The Cougars did fight back in the fourth with four runs, keyed by a two-run homer by designated hitter Brent Pelz — his second dinger of the day — to chase Shamrocks' starter Kevin Entsminger. But CC came right back in the bottom of the inning, manufacturing three more runs on just two hits and an error.

"The biggest thing was that we made sure we swung at strikes," Salter said. "I thought if we were disciplined at the plate, we would have a good chance."

In all, the Shamrocks banged out 12 hits. John Hill was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBI, Brian Williams was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored, Ryan Rogowski was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Dave Tovey was 0-1, but walked three times, was hit by a pitch and scored three runs, Adam Kline was 2-for-3

with an RBI and two runs scored and Matt Loridas and Charlie Haeger had and RBI.

Pelz paced Garden City by adding a single to his homer, while Jeff Fletemier, Mike Sparks, and Matt Gordon all singled, while Gordon added an RBI.

"I've never had two homers in a day before. I just wanted to end the season on a good note," said Pelz. "I wish we could have done it with a win."

CC 3, Southgate 2: Pitching kept Southgate off stride, even though the Titans took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Southgate took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth. CC came back strong in the bottom of the inning as Haeger led off with a walk, stole second, went to third on a ground out by Kline and scored when Wadowski singled.

Wadowski went to second on a wild pitch by Ross Niemiako (11-1) and was lifted for pinch runner Mike Greis. Tovey singled to left scoring Greis with the winning run.

After Southgate scored the game's first run, Wadowski evened it by taking a 1-0 pitch over the fence.

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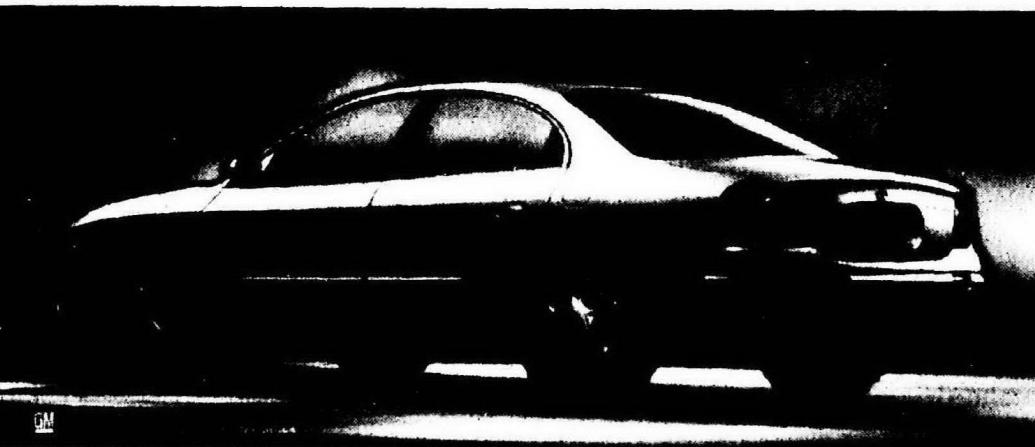
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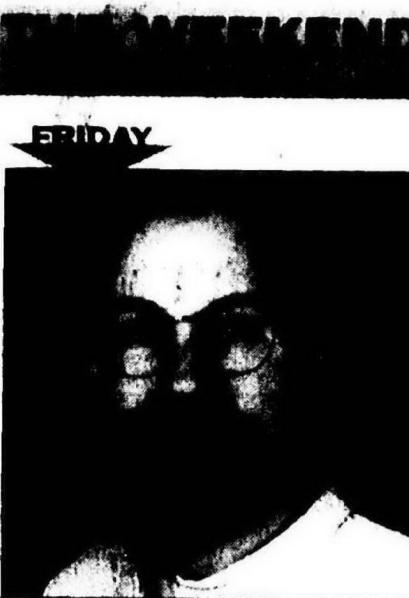
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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia, 36071 Plymouth Road, presents Billy Ray Bauer 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 per person, dinner/show package \$24.50 per person, call (734) 261-0555.



SATURDAY
The Swedish Club presents its annual Midsummer Festival at the club, 22398 Ruth Street at Freedom Road in Farmington Hills. The event begins 9:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. Maypole raising at noon followed by Scandia (pictured) and Arpi Chorus performances, folk dancing and children's games. Baked goods and Swedish imports offered for sale. Dinner served 1:30 p.m. Call (248) 646-4073 for information.



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HOT TICKET
The Woman in Black
When: 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 16-17
Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, west of I-275, Livonia
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New media: The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents a trio of dances including the multi-media performance spectacle "The Ariel Web."

VIRTUAL DANCERS



Sparling Company ventures into new arena

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Through all the years of dancing with Martha Graham's company, Peter Sparling partnered with dozens of lithe and lovely females. Technology changes that when Sparling steps onto the stage of the Power Center Friday, June 30.

In an adventure in new media, Sparling whirls across the boards in a duet with cameraman Jonathan Tyman. *The Ariel Web* is one of a trio of dances the Peter Sparling Dance Company will perform during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, which opens Friday, June 16.

A collaboration with Sparling's colleagues at the University of Michigan, the performance spectacle layers poetry, music and dance in a celebration and exploration of arts and technology. Sparling, Richard Tillinghast, Jim Cogswell, Andrew Mead and Fred Bookstein, assisted by the technical wizardry of Tom Bray, first produced the work in March at Rackham Auditorium.

"You've got to see it to believe it," said Sparling who danced with Martha Graham from 1973 to 1980 before founding his own company in New York in the early 80s. "It pushes the boundaries. Each time we do it, the meanings shift between the text, visual and movement. It's like a series of overlaid metaphors that take on meaning as they align themselves."

Sparling, who spent his teen years in Plymouth, choreographed the work on two separate stages. As Sparling takes the angular movements across the Power Center stage, his company will dance at the Media Union across campus. The virtual dancers' video projected sequences will appear all together on the Power Center stage.

"It's going to be fun to do and tricky," said Tim Smola, a Canton resident and one of the company members dancing in the remote location. "There will be 20-foot video monitors allowing

Adventures In New Media
What: The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents a trio of modern dances during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.
When: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. An informal performance preview begins at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby.

Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor.
Tickets: \$26-\$20, \$14, call (734) 764-2538.
See Ann Arbor Summer Festival schedule inside.

all of us to appear simultaneously on stage. A van will be waiting to speed us to the Power Center to complete the dance."

World premiere

The second work on the program, *Possible Dances*, returns to reality with a vignette of recollections written by Sparling. Set to a score by New York composer Paul Epstein who uses electronic music and Sparling's recorded voice to create a soundscape, the six poems run the gamut of emotions from mourning the loss of a friend to the wonder of being alive. In the choreographer's own words, it "explores relationship of movement imagery with text imagery, how words signal images in our mind and how movement imagery can create words."

"It's very surreal," said Smola. "It

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Vengeful ghost haunts audiences at Trinity House Theatre

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P.W. Henry warns theatergoers to step sprightly to their cars after seeing *The Woman in Black*. The ghost in the Parlour Theatre production could be lurking in the graveyard behind Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

"She's not a friendly ghost," said Henry, a Westland resident who plays one of the two roles in this British story. "The graveyard out back adds to the eeriness and mystery and they'll probably want to do a double take."

A play within a play, *The Woman in Black* is a thriller about a man (Henry) haunted by

a vengeful ghost. Fearing he's going mad, the character turns to an actor for help. Arthur Kipps believes if he can just get his story told, the curse will be reversed.

"He wants to exorcise this vision," said Henry. "We put on this play where I'm doing the part of five or six characters, most with British accents and one with a Scottish accent. It's a challenge to remember which character is next and which tone I'm using."

Even if Henry broke character it



British thriller: P.W. Henry (left) and Brian Catton try to rid themselves of a vengeful ghost in "The Woman in Black."

"Our theater group usually does comedy but we were fascinated with it," said Ed Meade, who founded Parlour

Theatre Productions with his wife Jeannine. The couple lived for many years in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills before moving to Northville. "We saw it in London three times. It's a good story. It's not entirely gothic. It takes place in post-Victorian times with horses and buggies running alongside automobiles in the streets. The sound effects create the mood. As the story evolves it becomes an integral part."

Mystery ghost

Jeannine will reveal little about the ghost she plays. Dressed in a floor-length black cape, her actions tell the story.

"I have no lines so it's pretty easy," said Jeannine.

But as everyone knows, actions speak louder than words.

"Her movements really are quite terrifying especially when they're seen through all the fog coming up from the ground," said Brian Catton who plays

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The Actor Catton's experience in the film *Vampire's Kiss* was good training for *The Woman in Black*. So were the years he spent off Broadway in plays such as *Fool for Love*, *Out of the Frying Pan* and *Song for Singapore*. "It's like we're out in the moors."

Traveling troupe

The Woman in Black is one of six shows that Parlour rotates at dinner theaters, retirement centers, and bus tours which stop at hotels in resorts such as Frankenmuth.

"We're really on the road a lot," said Meade, who taught voice and theater at public and parochial schools in Dearborn Heights and Dearborn until retiring nine years ago. "We pack up all of the scenery, costumes and props. It's a little bit of work but it's fun."

"We take theater to people who

We take theater to people who might not otherwise be able to see it. It's a traveling troupe. That's why Ed called it Parlour Theatre. We bring it to your parlor.'

Jeannine Meade
Actress

might not otherwise be able to see it," added Jeannine. "It's a traveling troupe. That's why Ed called it Parlour Theatre. We bring it to your parlor."

If you miss "The Woman in Black" at Trinity House Theatre, they'll play it again Sunday, July 23, at The Ark in Ann Arbor, call (734) 763-TKTS.

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takes you to another place. The composer did a neat job. That's what makes the dance really exciting. They're very human, just real people. We're asked to be real people in real life not fairies. It's about human experience. The only exception is in the piece about bees on a country road where I dance as the windshield wipers."

Whitley Setrakian concludes

the program with choreography inspired by the real life drama of Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz. Setrakian created the compelling work after seeing Abakanowicz's installation at the University of Michigan Museum of Art where she is public relations director. This *Flock* was originally performed as part of a program Setrakian coordinated to bring new insight to Abakanowicz's installation at the

Ann Arbor museum in March 1999. Set to a score by English composer Geoff Smith the work recalls a scarring memory in the sculptor's childhood. During World War II, Nazi's burst into the Abakanowicz home on the outskirts of Warsaw. Their guns blazing they shot off the arm of her mother. Setrakian, who's teaching dance this summer at Michigan State University, never forgot the story after viewing the

installation. She revived the work earlier this year on the East Lansing campus of Michigan State.

"I loved her piece very much," said Setrakian, a dance instructor at the Milligan School of Ballet in Dearborn Heights. "It was very compelling. It has enormous power with 30 some standing figures without heads. It speaks to individuality and conformity."

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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 Sunday, June 25 - 8 p.m. Trinity Academy Irish Dancers
 Tuesday, June 27 - 8 p.m. Kate Clinton in Y2K8.comedy
 Wednesday, June 28 - 8 p.m. The Reduced Shakespeare Company in *The Complete Millennium Musical*
 Thursday, June 29 - 8 p.m. Rockapella
 Friday, June 30 - 8 p.m. Peter Sparling Dance Company
 Saturday, July 1 - 8 p.m. The Ahs Trio
 Tuesday, July 4 - 8 p.m. The Capitol Steps
 Wednesday, July 5 - 8 p.m. Jose Feliciano in Concert
 Thursday, July 6 - 8 p.m. Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir and The Paris Children's Choir
 Friday, July 7 - 8 p.m. Peter Schickele Meets P.D.Q. Bach with The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra
 Saturday, July 8 - 8 p.m. Anthony Zerbe & Roscoe Lee Browne in Behind the Broken Words
 Top of the Park
 Friday, June 16 - 7:30 p.m. Folkin' in A-Squared - Ann Arbor-based folk artists Chris Buhalis, Lisa Hunter, Kevin Meisel, Jim Roll, Jo Serrapere and Rollie Tussing III; 8:45 p.m. Cadillac Cowboys - country, rock
 Saturday, June 17 - 7:30 p.m. RFD Boys - Ann Arbor Bluegrass Favorites; 9:11 p.m. The Ambassadors - Classic 1940s big-band/swing
 Sunday, June 18 - 8 p.m. Nicholas Payton and Ensemble A Louis Armstrong Centennial Celebration
 Monday, June 19 - 8 p.m. Natalie MacMaster and Mark O'Connor
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 Wednesday, June 21 - 8 p.m. David Grisman, John Hartford and Mike Seeger
 Thursday, June 22 - 8 p.m. Spalding Gray in Morning, Noon and Night
 Friday, June 23 - 8 p.m. Spalding Gray in Morning, Noon and Night
 Saturday, June 24 - 7:30 p.m. Mid Life Crisis Blues Band - Rockin' blues, and debut CD release party; 10 p.m. movie: Selena
 Sunday, June 25 - 7:30 p.m. Witch Doctors; 10 p.m. movie: Superman
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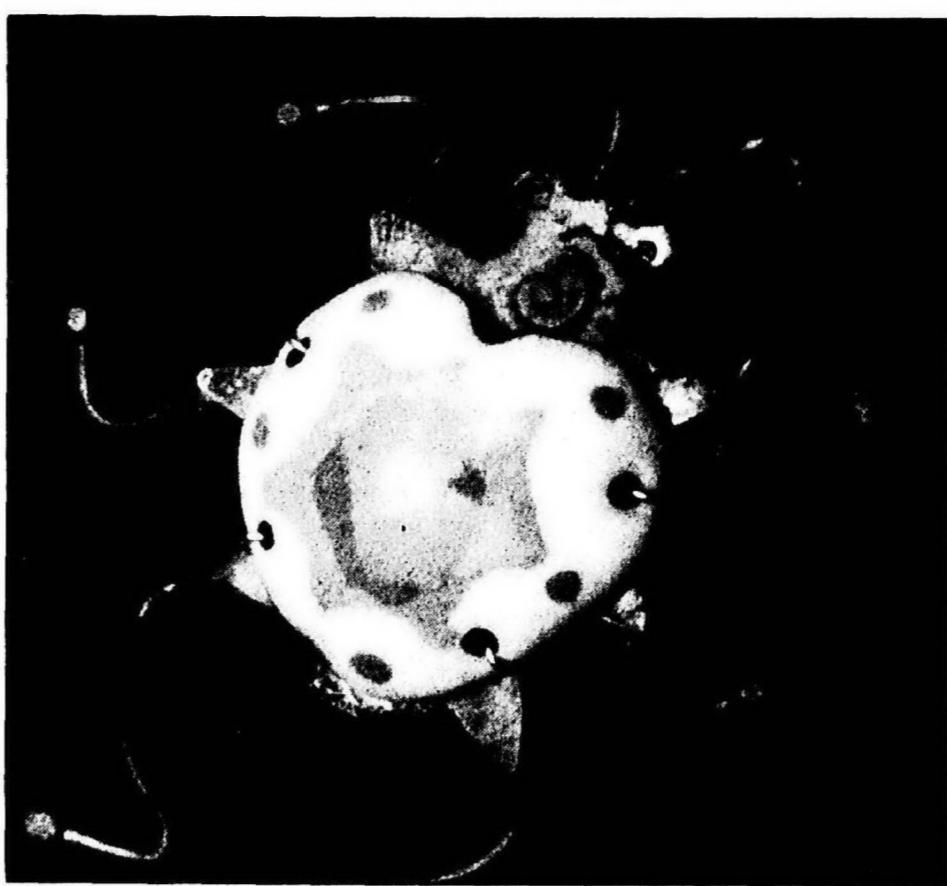
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Featured artist: Marjorie Rawson Johnson of Chelsea will be showing her work at Art in the Sun in downtown Northville.

Chamber Music Festival features William Bolcom

The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival continues this week with a program that features the music of Bach, Chopin and Brahms and works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence, William Bolcom.

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- 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17 – Conversation with William Bolcom, performance by the Gotham String Quartet, Schubert's Variations for 2 pianos, 2 cellos and horn, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 pieces for String Quartet, *Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile and Lahser Road.*
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■ 8 p.m. Sunday, June 24 – Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Poulen's Le bal masqué for baritone and chamber ensemble, Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* for narrator and orchestra. *Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary.*

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BACKSTAGE PASS



Why do things happen the way they do? Well, in the performing and visual arts – as in life – positive things happen because of inspiration, dedication, and a variety of circumstances, such as luck, generosity and personality.

Why did RCA recording artist Dave Matthews, along with his business manager/tour manager, and a band associate, recently launch an independent label? The idea was fueled by Matthews' desire to get more exposure for some of his favorite artists.

The first signing by the new label, According to Our (ATO) Records, was Welsh raised singer David Gray, and an enhanced CD version of Gray's most recent album, *White Ladder*, released in March.

David Gray is such a perfect

example of someone who is so phenomenal and beautiful – but someone who has been more or less overlooked in the U.S., Matthews told Billboard magazine.

The consolidation of major labels also is enough of a concern to Matthews to make "indies" necessary. "There are a lot of interesting artists who won't get a chance to get heard because of the often-blindness of an industry that ignores something that's maybe not in fashion or doesn't seem viable."

Many of the performers who have appeared over the years on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS have also found it difficult to obtain the exposure that they have earned. Mergers by media companies tend to work to the advantage of established artists or those fortunate, but few emerging artists that have a look, sound, or style that adapts well to the broadest audience and marketing strategies.

BACKSTAGE PASS was conceived as a showcase for performance and visual artists whose

work is worthy of a broader audience. That's why there's a place for a distinctive folk-rock talent like David Gray, who performs in the studio on an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

There's also room for performers who are highlighting two of the season's most noteworthy arts events, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. To put you in the mood to string and dance, the June 18 program previews the festivals and offers performance by the Artemis Quartet and The Peter Sparling Dance Company.

Few of us have the clout that Dave Matthews has to advance the music or art that we consider deserving of more popular appeal.

But when we do decide to stray from a music collection that's growing tired, or any art form we enjoyed but discovered only because it was readily available, we're having much more impact than we even imagined.

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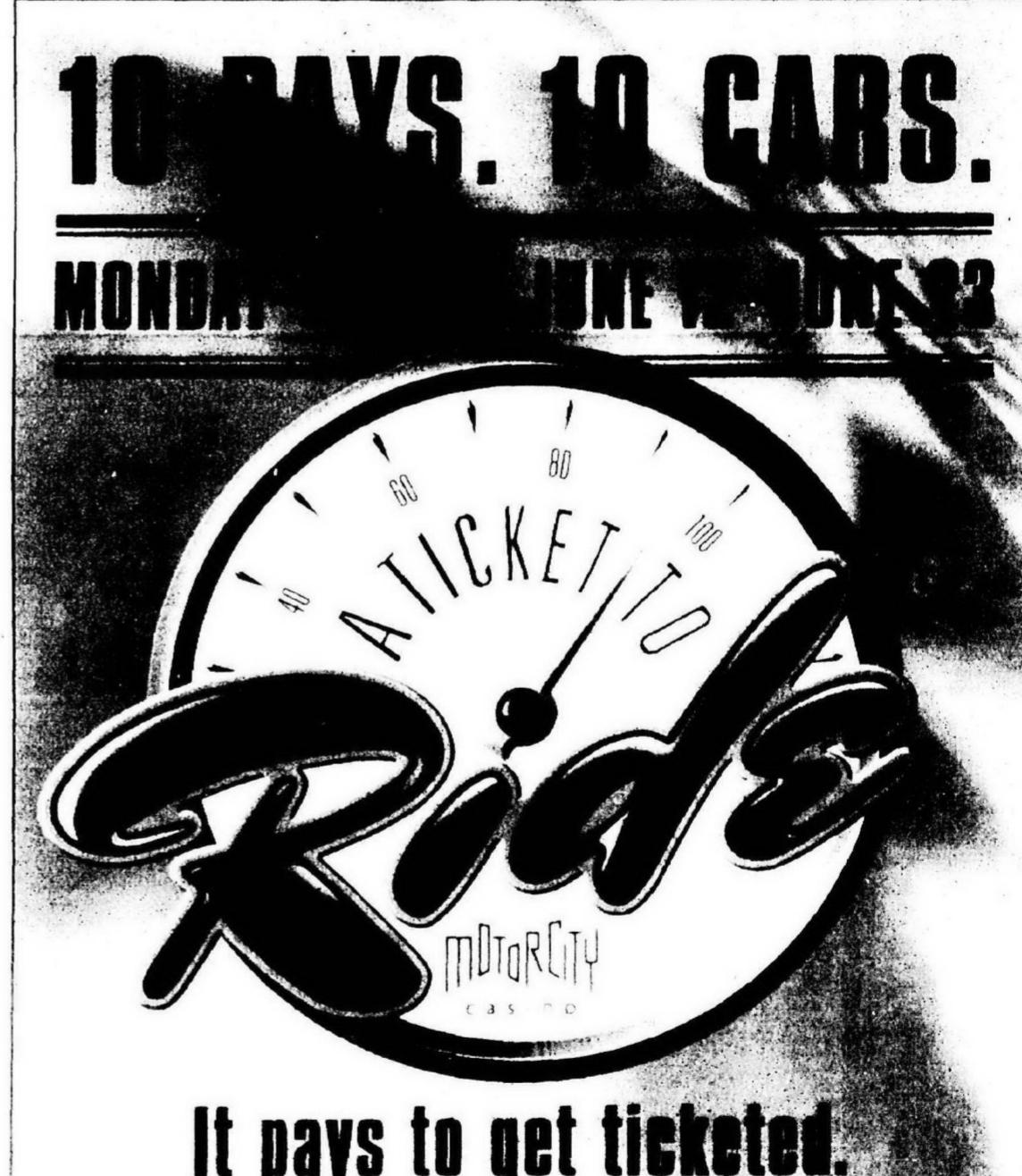
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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE:

"Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit.

\$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-

9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:

"Nocturne for a Southern Lady," continues through Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m.

Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: "The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "Shame on Me," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17 and 23-24, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "Full Circle," Jeff Chastang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

COLLEGE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

One-act plays, "Cats and Dogs" and excerpts from "Commedia Americana," contains adult material, you must be 18 to enter, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 15, at the Adray Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Dearborn. \$4. (313) 845-9817

COMMUNITY THEATER

NORTHLVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY:

"Family Outings," a play about relationships, 7 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Northville Christian. (248) 348-9030

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: Presents the Parlour Theatre Production, "The Woman in Black," a British ghost story, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the theater, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302/(248) 449-6540

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: "Canker Sores & Go Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 24, Wunderground Theatre, Royal Oak. June 9 show sold out. \$12.50. (248) 541-1763

LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATRE GUILD: "One Acts-Travaganza" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, June 23-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly in Redford across from the police station. \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. (313) 531-0554.

DINNER THEATER

MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN:

"Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. (248) 960-9440

SPECIAL EVENTS

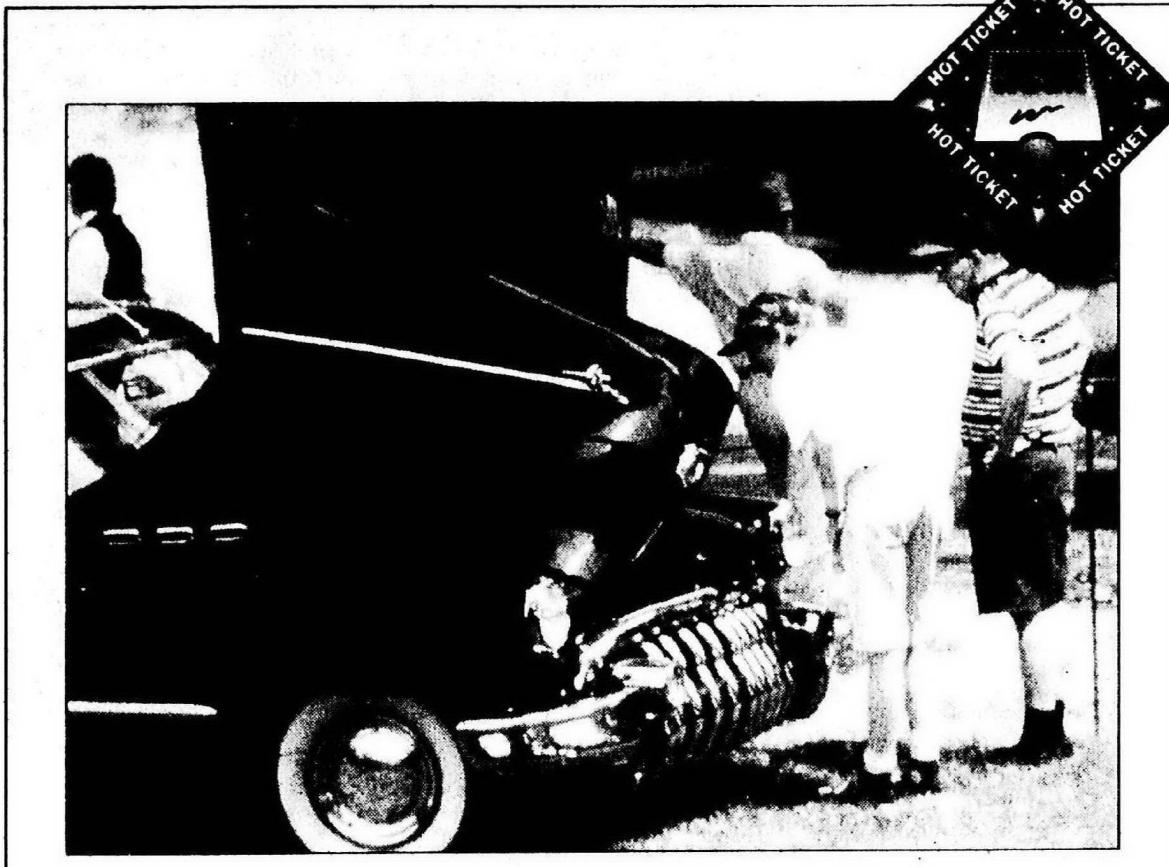
DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS:

6:9 p.m. Thursday, June 15-Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

LIBERTY FEST: Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25, a festival for the entire family, pie eating contest, fine art and fine crafts show, kids art work shops, fireworks, K-9 demonstrations, classic car show, entertainment, paddle boat rides, "Taste of Canton," in Heritage Park, Canton. (734) 397-5110

SWEDISH CLUB'S MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17; pancake breakfast, noon

Maypole raising followed by chorus singing, folk dancing and children's games, 1:30 p.m. dinner, at the club, Farmington Hills. Breakfast \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children under age 12; dinner \$8 adults; \$4 for children under age 12. (248) 646-4073/(248) 478-2563



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Rev your engines: Take the top down this summer and join Motor Muster at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18. The village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Motor Muster events begin at 10 a.m. Watch the Grand Parade of vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles each day at 10 a.m., or a Special Convertible Parade at noon. Costumed presenters will show you how to hula hoop, pogo stick, and play games such as "kick the can," and "red light/green light" on both days. Greenfield Village is located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway. Admission is \$13.50 adults, \$12.50 seniors age 62 and over; \$8.50 ages 5-12; under 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

DETROIT ZOO:

6:7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the zoo, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission (248) 541-5835

IN THE PARK:

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra with Charles Greenwell conducting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15; Band Jam 3 featuring rock bands from Birmingham high schools, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16; Birmingham Concert Band and Straw Hat Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

KIDS KALEIDOSCOPE SERIES:

Gratitude Steel Band presents a fun show for kids that includes the limbo, steel drums and the conga line, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Bell Creek Park, Redford.

MUSIC IN THE AIR:

7 p.m. Friday, June 23, Kellong Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

STARS IN THE PARK:

Matinee String Quartet 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

The 3 of us, good old rock n' roll, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

BENEFITS

AVON PLAYERS:

Hosts its annual fund-raising golf outing and auction 8 a.m. Monday, June 26, at the Rochester Golf Club. \$125 (individual golfer, includes 6 p.m. dinner followed by live auction). Proceeds go to theater's building renovation campaign. (248) 608-9077/(248) 852-4800

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozera Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

SCOOL JAZZ PRIME:

The vocal jazz group performs a benefit concert 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Donations accepted at the door for Dekoor, a 28-member close harmonic choir from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. The group tours America for the first time this July. Dekoor is coming to the area at the invitation of PRIME after the two performed together in

CLASSICAL

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:

Brunch with Bach series features the winners of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, guest seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert. \$22, \$11 under age 12, \$5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL:

Continues to Saturday, June 24, at various locations. (248) 362-6171

ORGAN

DAVE WICKERHAM:

7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Senate Theater, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-4100

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS:

Auditions for "Bus Stop," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 at the theater, Clarkston. \$5 audition fee for non-members. For performances Sept. 8-9, 16-19 and 21-23. (248) 352-0176/(248) 625-1826

FRANKLIN TUNING CONCERT BAND:

Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

GREAT LAKES LYRIC OPERA:

Auditions for baritone and mezzo-soprano roles in the September production of "The Old Man and the Thief" and future productions

Monday, June 26. For more information and to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail GLLO@mediacone.net

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS:

Auditions for adults, college and high school students, and children (especially boys) ages 6-11 for The Who's "Tommy" continue by appointment through Monday, June 26 at the Alfred Noble Library, Livonia. (734) 797-JACK

SECOND CITY:

Improv camps for kids, June 12-22, July 10-20 and Aug. 7-17, at Second City, Detroit. \$150. (313) 471-3453

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:

Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM:

Auditions for "Cole," a musical revue of Cole Porter, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the theater, Birmingham. (248) 647-0052

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY:

In conjunction with The Blue Nile Restaurant is inviting high school

students to enter a writing contest as part of the educational component of the 18th annual African World Festival, deadline for entry is Sunday, June 25, the theme is the same as the festival: *The Souls That Bind Us: A Celebration of our Similarities*. Entries can be essays, poems/lyrics or short stories that examine the cultural connections, comparisons, and/or similarities between African Americans and at least one other society in Africa or the African Diaspora. (248) 584-3715/(313) 494-5853

POPS/ SWING

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7:11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bisteca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JAZZ

MARK ARSHAK:

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS:

9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO:

Performs 7:11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

AL HILL:

9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOE MANERI QUARTET:

8 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 734-2999

MATT MICHAELS TRIO:

With trumpet Peter Johnny Trudell 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, with trumpet Louis Smith June 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovannis, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS:

8:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR:

7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

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8 p.m. Friday, June 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-1755

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RAY CHARLES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

CHICAGO: With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20.25-\$30.25. (248) 645-6666.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion/\$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND: Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.50-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666.

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

CREED: With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Aug. 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISTED: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

MARSHALL CRENSHAW: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

DAMAGE MANUAL: Featuring members of Ministry and PIL, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

DEADLY SNAKES: With Les Sexareenos, Them Wranche, 9 p.m. Friday, June 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

DEEP CUT: Open jam, 9 p.m. Sunday, June 18, U.S. 12, Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

DEF LEPPARD: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

DIXIE CHICKS: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$32.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50.

GEORGE DUKE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

EELS: Monday, June 19, 7th House Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

KURT ELLING QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday Saturday, July 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

ENCORE: Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

PETER FRAMPTON: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

GIVE: With Face, 60 Second Crush, Six Clips, 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 377-0100.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.

Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring Danilo Perez and John Patitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666.

SCOTT HENDERSON: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$16. (248) 544-3030.

CHARLIE HUNTER: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

IMMUNITY: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711; 7 p.m. Friday, June 23, Cleary's Pub, Howell. (517) 546-4136.

INDIGO GIRLS: With Kelly Hogan and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.25-\$47.75. (248) 645-6666.

MB2: 3 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Shiawassee Park, Farmington. (248) 473-9570; 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Canton Summit on the Park Pavilion. (734) 397-5110; 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, Family Fun Day, Berkley. (248) 546-2450; 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, Troy Civic



INSIDE 5 MINUTES: With Small Brown Bike, Quixote, 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860.

JAG: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

JO NAB: 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, Saturday, June 17, Friday, June 30, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500.

STANLEY JORDAN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

THE JUDDS: With Lee Roy Parnell, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666.

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KID ROCK: With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C. and Uncle Kracker, 7:30 p.m. Thursday Friday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre.

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.

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PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palaceonet.com

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THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farmworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

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7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Divine Trash' unlocks John Waters' film treasures

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One look at director John Waters and you just know there's something brilliantly sinister lurking behind those beady eyes and that pencil-thin black mustache which hovers slightly above his upper lip.

One look at a film like his cult classics *Pink Flamingos*, *Hairspray* or the most recent *Pecker*, and it's easy to see into the freakish world he embraces for the love of making movies.

Steve Yeager's *Divine Trash* is a documentary that rewinds to Waters' childhood in Baltimore and the making of the film that catapulted the director to the

status of other '70s visionaries like John Sayles and John Cassavetes.

Since *Pink Flamingos*, Waters has proven to be the director who isn't afraid to cross the line. His films feature freakish characters as stars and those who can't relate to the topsy-turvy antics as villains. Yeager captured this in his unflinching way beginning with black-and-white televised interview footage of a lanky, long-haired Waters in 1972.

"I'm not trying to say anything," says Waters to the reporter. "I'm just trying to make 'em laugh and give 'em a little shock value for their money."

Juxtaposing full-color inter-

view footage of Waters' parents, friends and foes with the most disturbing clips of his films and the films that inspired him, the end result earned a 1998 Sundance Film Festival Award.

And it's not surprising Yeager traces Waters' childhood back to the 8-millimeter camera his grandmother gave him on his 16th birthday, and early fascination with violence and villains. From *Howdy Doody Time* to creating his own puppet shows, Waters showed creativity and promise early on. His first films were shown in the basement of a local church. Even the local priest supported his efforts.

Sneaking to a nearby drive-in to watch the latest B-flicks by Russ Meyer or the Kuehner

Brothers, Waters always veered off the usual path. *Divine Trash* makes sense of a man who made an overweight transvestite named Divine famous. Waters described Divine as a cross between Clarabell and Jayne Mansfield, who liked to be referred to as a character actor or a "s-him." According to the film: "Glenn (Milstead) liked to dress in drag before America knew what drag was."

Proving that Waters has always been ahead of his time, actor/director Jim Jarmusch and stars like Steve Buscemi called him an inspiration. "He inspired me to make films my own way," said Jarmusch, who directed *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai* in 1999.

While everyone in the quick-paced documentary has his own take on Waters, no one can agree on his style. Some say his films were unscripted, others admit to having to learn them word-for-word, and still others recall Waters telling them how to say their lines. Like his films, the filmmaker has an unexpected effect on all those around him.

An almost comedic effect is added to the film by Mary Avara, whose title reads "The Last Film Censor in America." Avara pops in and out to describe her horrific reaction to Waters' films. "I have my own rating," she said of *Multiple Maniacs*. "R.T. for real trash."

Divine Trash is anything but trashy. The second half of the film deals mostly with the making of *Pink Flamingos*, and in turn the making of the man himself. The documentary finally gives credit to a filmmaker who



Talking trash: In 1972, John Waters directed the cult hit of his career, "Pink Flamingos." In 1998, Steve Yeager released "Divine Trash" documenting Waters' rise to success in underground films. Catch a special showing 9:30 p.m. tonight at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

gives misfits a voice and audiences a laugh. Tying loose ends with footage from Waters' recent hit *Pecker*, the documentary proves his career is just as divine as ever.

See "John Waters: Divine Trash" in its Michigan premiere 8 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, June 14-15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. Tickets cost \$5. Call (248) 544-3630.

'Gone in 60 Seconds' hardly the hit it was meant to be

BY JON KATZ
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In your job and mine, we're only as good as our last project. Not so in Hollywood where, if you're a major player, you get three stinkeroos for every hit. Which means that Nicolas Cage has paid for "Leaving Las Vegas" with "8MM," "Snake Eyes" and "Gone in 60 Seconds"? Perhaps, depending on how many rabid car thief freaks can drag a paying guest along.

The safe bet is that "Gone in 60 Seconds" is not so much a hit as a prediction.

As the former, however, it refers to the supposed time it takes to "boost" (steal) a vehicle. Randall "Memphis" Raines (Cage) was the best there was before his mama made him go legit and run a gas station/garage track in northern California. Memphis did what she told him to do, probably because he was grateful she didn't nickname him "Chattanooga."

When Memphis learns that kid brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi) is not only following in his felonious footsteps but is also in trouble with Mr. Big, he's sucked back into the business for one last heist. In fact, he must steal 50 luxury cars in one night to save Kip's life.

"Gone in 60 Seconds" comes out of the Jerry Bruckheimer stable, which means there's a wall of noise like the producer's "Armageddon," thrills and spills like "Con Air," and suspenseful action sequences like "The Rock," the last two of which were successful Cage-Bruckheimer collaborations.

Unfortunately, "60 Seconds" rarely gets out of first gear in any of the categories that matter



Gone, gone, gone: Angelina Jolie and Nicolas Cage star in the over-hyped "Gone in 60 Seconds" in theaters now.

In fact, the best part of the movie lasts just about that long, a comedy relief scene with one of Cage's old boosting buddies who's now a driving instructor.

Three Academy Award-winning performers, including Cage, can't rev up the story. Robert Duvall (most recently in "A Civil Action") plays crafty, crusty Otto, the former chop-shop operator who was Memphis' mentor in the old days. And Angelina Jolie (Oscar winner for "Girl, Interrupted") is Cage's onetime gal pal now a mechanic by day and barmaid by night. She wears blond dreadlocks, with the emphasis on dread, and has maybe a half dozen lines.

While Cage and company are busy stealing cars, Delroy Lindo as the police detective in pursuit of the Raines Gang pretty much steals the movie.

Cage tools one off with "60 Seconds," but still has two strikes on him. He needs that hit.

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Romantic comedy explores the games that men and women play. Stars Freddie Prinze, Jr., Claire Forlani, Jason Biggs.

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In a journey that begins after Earth ends, a rebellious teenager named Cole embarks on an adventure through space to find the legendary spacecraft, the Titan, which holds the secret to salvation for the human race. Animated full-length feature movie with the voices of Matt Damon, Drew Barrymore.

SHAFT

Samuel L. Jackson is Shaft, a private detective on the trail of a murderer who wants to eliminate the key witness to a

crime. Stars Vanessa Williams, Christian Bale.

JESUS' SON

Based on Dennis Johnson's cult novel, this saga stars Billy Crudup, Dennis Leary and Jack Black.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 23

SUNSHINE

Directed by Istvan Szabo, the film conjures up three themes: the inhumanity of human species, the symbolic meaning of a family name and the aching tolerance and acceptance in modern society.

BUTTERFLY'S TONGUE

Set against the backdrop of civil war in Spain 1936, the story of an extraordinary relationship between a shy young

boy and his compassionate teacher who teaches him to find his way in an increasingly frightening world.

ME, MYSELF AND IRENE

Comedy about a mild-mannered Rhode Island cop with a split personality, his alter ego escorts a woman back to her home town. The cop and his hyper-aggressive alter ego both fall in love with the confused lady and he wages war with himself for her affections. Stars Jim Carrey, Renée Zellweger.

CHICKEN RUN

Full-length animated feature is set at Tweety's Chicken Farm, where any chicken who doesn't make her egg quota can meet a "foul" fate. Features the voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha and Miranda Richardson.

STREET SCENE

For Small Craft Sighting hearing is believing



Small Craft Sighting don't really aspire for fame or fortune in the rock world — the band hopes to reach beyond all that.

"We want to be the first band to play on Mars, if that's possible," quips bassist and frontman Joe Kirkland of Farmington. "We don't want to be signed to a record label, we want to sign to NASA."

The Wayne County-based modern rock trio that also includes drummer Courtney Cahill and guitarist Chris Nagarah, both Livonia residents, obviously share a sci-fi sense of humor about what they do. Make no mistake, the band takes its music seriously. Surrounding a large wooden table at Dick O'Dow's in downtown Birmingham, bandmembers set their sights on the future.

Schoolyard chums

Small Craft Sighting has a long history, despite the fact that the bandmates are all in their early 20s. They met in grade school and have been friends ever since. "We've known each other all our lives," said Cahill. And he means it. He and Nagarah were actually born one day apart at Southfield's Providence Hospital. Instant friends, they met Kirkland while attending second grade at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington.

The friendship wove its way into a shared interest in music by the time the boys entered junior high school. They first performed on stage at a talent show in February 1990. A decade later, Small Craft Sighting is writing and performing personal songs with an edgy feel. "They come from the heart," said Kirkland, who writes mostly about relationships. The music plays in stark contrast with crunching guitars and fearless drumming. Naming influences such as Smashing Pumpkins and The Who, bandmembers understand how their tight friendship plays into the music.



Waiting for his ship:
Small Craft Sighting's Joe Kirkland is the voice and words behind this Wayne County-based band.

breaking into the Detroit scene. Since both Cahill and Nagarah attended Western Michigan University and Kirkland attended Loyola University in Chicago, the band spent the past several years making a name for itself along the western side of the state. "It's been quite a trip," reflected Kirkland, who is now attending law school at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Tim Pak of Woodshed Studio in Oak Park engineered the band's latest CD and said their history shows in the music. "There's a vibe they pick up off each other," he said. "A band like that, you know they had a plan. They're true believers."

The Web to success

Small Craft Sighting (whose moniker comes from a Tennessee Williams play) has gone from

humble beginnings to electronic — sort of. The modern rock trio recently entered an unsigned band competition on the Internet. Of thousands of entries on garageband.com, their single "93" has advanced into the top 75. This final "virtual battle" will elicit for the a winner a \$250,000 recording contract. Two such contracts have already been granted. Small Craft Sighting is the first Michigan band to make it to the finals on this internationally known site.

The music is ranked based on reviews made by music fans who are listening to songs without knowing what artist or genre it will be. Kirkland was most impressed by the system, which he calls credible and completely based on trust. He remembered when the band's song was first uploaded, he would check on it occasionally. "Our song would be 4,713 and I'd think 'We're up a spot,'" he recalled. Now included in the prestigious "Final Countdown," bandmembers are thrilled to have a shot at the contract. The song was at number 35 on the chart at press time.

For Small Craft Sighting, a chance to work with industry icons such as The Beatles' famed producer George Martin or former Talking Heads member Jerry Harrison could become a reality when the winner is chosen next week. Harrison helped found the site in 1999.

While hearing the band on the Internet or on CD offers a taste of the melodies that make Small Craft Sighting so appealing, it is very much a live band. Cahill describes what sets the band apart: "When I go to a concert, it's hard to get into a band when you don't know the words. Our hooks are so good, by the second

chorus you're singing along with the band."

Nagarah said the band likes to have fun with its audience, engaging them in the show the whole time. "There's no barrier between the crowd and the

band," he said.

See **Small Craft Sighting** for yourself, with guests **The Recital**, Saturday, July 1, at **Jacoby's**, Detroit. (313) 962-7067.

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Treat dad royally on Father's Day

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Attention, dads. Do you really want to sweat over a hot grill this Father's Day only to hear complaints that hot dogs are burnt and the hamburgers underdone? Of course not. Let someone else do the sweating.

The following restaurants serve some of the best chops, seafood and pasta in town, food fit for a king — you! Happy Father's Day.

Laffrey's Steaks on the Hearth — 24201 W. Seven Mile Road (off Telegraph), Detroit (313) 538-4688; open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Atmosphere: Comfortably close quarters, dark, perfect for cocktails and serious dining. Menu: Chops, steaks, seafood. Great appetizers. Price: Entrées \$13.95-\$27.95; appetizers \$7.95-\$9.95. All credit cards accepted.

Reservations a must on weekends. There's nothing trendy about Laffrey's, and that's good. It's probably why this family-owned restaurant has endured for 40 years while other restaurants have come and gone.

Laffrey's is a place for people — like dear old Dad — who appreciate

he try an order of Laffrey's hand-cut onion rings. They're big and beautiful.

"We're world famous for our onion rings," he said. "They're lightly breaded. You can't beat a hand-breaded onion ring."

Carvers — 24275 Sinacola Court, 10 Mile Road and Grand River, Farmington Hills, (810) 476-5333; open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. for dinner Friday and Saturday (band plays to midnight); 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Atmosphere: Dark with warm lighting and nice art. Fine dining. Menu: Prime rib, steaks and chops, fish and seafood, chicken and ribs. Prices: Entrées \$17-\$24.50; Appetizers \$7-\$8.

Extras: Entertainment on the weekends; cigar smoking in the lounge. All major credit cards accepted; reservations recommended.

"It's like this little hidden gem," said general manager Donna Neumann about Carvers. "People think it is new. The lighting is beautiful. It's clean and it sparkles. The dining room is open and there's lots of glass."

Sound inviting? Just wait until you try the food, boasted Neumann. Carvers is place where the steaks are bold and the sauces are robust. The kitchen

In the mood for fish? No problem. Neumann suggests trying the "fabulous" Norwegian salmon, baked with a light crust of mustard and basil, or the parmesan-crusted whitefish.

If Dad craves a little pasta this Father's Day, he should try the Tenderloin Blue Cheese Pasta, made with tenderloin tips, penne and heavy cream. Maybe not heart-smart but the stomach doesn't care. Besides, Father's Day comes once a year.

"It is so rich. It's just wonderful. It's instantaneous gratification just to see their mouths water," said Neumann.

And if Dad wants to wet his whistle with something stronger than white wine, he can select from the bar's 15 single malt scotches. Mmmmm, mmm. Prime rib, a good scotch and a great atmosphere ... is there a better way to celebrate Father's Day?

Cleveland's Gill & Grill, 311 S. Main Street (between Liberty and Williams, across from The Ark), Ann Arbor, (734) 213-2505; open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; and 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$10-\$15. A 20-ounce prime porterhouse will be the Father's Day special. "It's beautiful," said

"Oh, it's really good, highly touted by all," said Cleveland.

Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002; open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch and 5-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch and 5-11 p.m. dinner Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$10.95 lunch and \$15.95 dinner. Father's Day specials include prime rib for \$18.95 and — for the really macho man — a 24-ounce porterhouse steak with Italian herbs and a baked parmesan cheese topping.

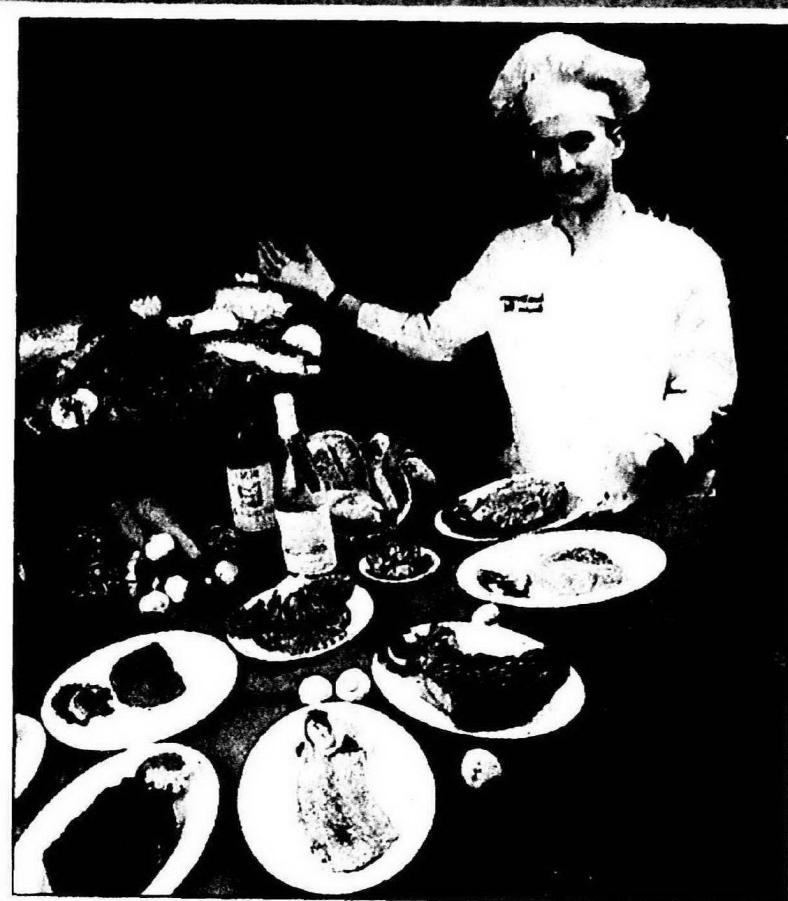
Ginopolis, 27815 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 851-8222; open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$15-\$18. Big, friendly restaurant with lots of pasta, seafood, fish, steaks, chicken and ribs. Their Montgomery Inn barbecue ribs are rated No. 1 by the famous and infamous alike.

Rose's, 201 N. Canton Center Road (near Cherry Hill), Canton, (734) 981-9904; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$7.45-\$17.95. Family-owned Italian restaurant where's everything is homemade, including the loaf of bread that arrives at each table in a white paper bag. Steaks, chicken, seafood and plenty of pasta. "Our Alfredo sauce is the best in the world," said Richard of three brother-owners.

Alexander the Great, 34733 Warren, Westland, (734) 326-5410; open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$7-\$10. Alexander's has been serving their famous rotisserie-cooked barbecue ribs, the house specialty, for 23 years. Menu also includes steaks, seafood and chicken. Cocktails available.

Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, 19333 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (734) 432-1700; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Entrées: \$12.99 average. Their meaty St. Louis-style babyback ribs are the house specialty. People come to Damon's after they've tried ribs elsewhere, said manager Jennifer Taylor. The menu also includes steak, seafood, chicken and pasta.

Beaver Creek, 1609 Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 462-6442; open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 a.m. Entrées: \$7-\$15. Why not treat Dad to the "Wild Thing," a manly appetizer plate filled with venison, whitefish pâté, barbecue buffalo balls, wild boar ravioli and duck tenders? If Dad is on the tame side, menu also includes great steaks, burritos and shepherd's pie. And for dessert, try a plate of homemade

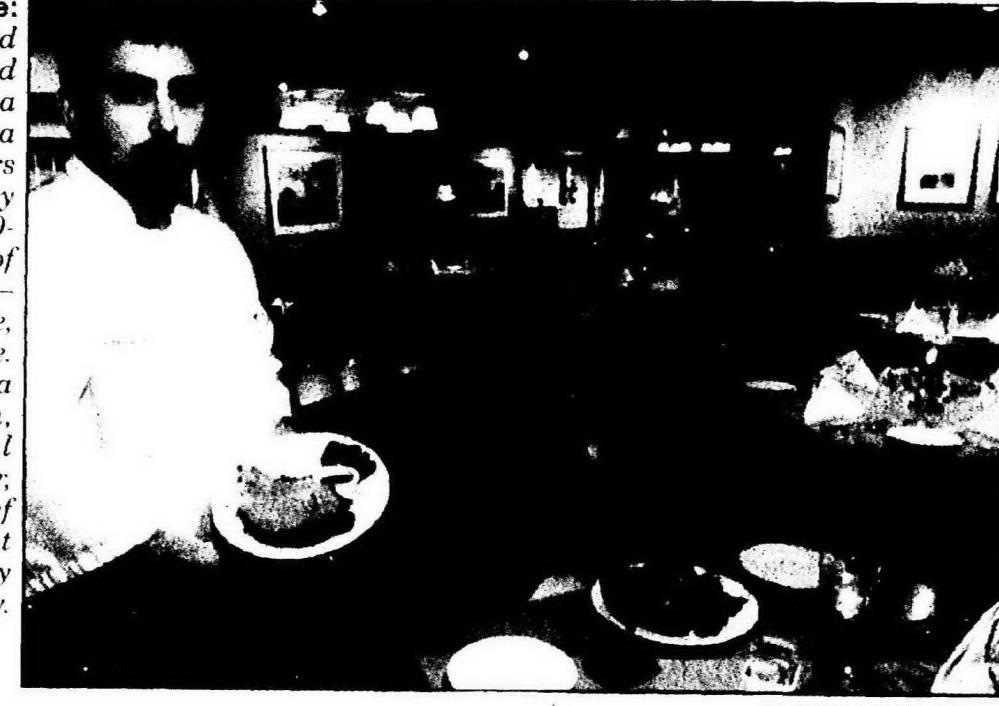


A royal feast: Executive chef Darin Thompson shows off some of the prime rib, steak and seafood dishes that have made Laffrey's a popular dining destination.

Lone Star also is located at 36600 Ford Road in Westland (734) 721-2200 and 30005 Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills (248) 626-2882.

Damon's Club House, 43750 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 207-7427; open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$8-\$14. Dad can have his pick: the 16-ounce prime rib or a "fabulous" porterhouse, rib eye of New York strip. Menu includes lamb, pork and seafood.

Cooker's Bar & Grill, 41980 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-6595. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Entrées: \$5.95-\$16.95. Want to bring tears to Dad's eyes? How about old-fashioned meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Or the Father's Day special: Barbecued babyback ribs and an assortment of draft beers. And if you've never tried Cooker's homemade biscuits, now's the time. Cooker's is also located at 38703 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 462-3650.



ate well-aged and perfectly grilled steaks and chops. Executive chef Darin Thompson, son of owner Sandy Thompson, credits the char-grill, seasonings and a special meat-aging process with producing great-tasting beef, pork, veal and lamb.

But Laffrey's is not just a vintage steak place. They've developed a reputation for innovative seafood as well, like White Fish Oscar, served with asparagus and king crabmeat with béarnaise sauce. When it comes to fish, Thompson is a fussy chef.

"I buy it from the Seafood Company in Boston and have it flown in by Northwest Airlines overnight," he said.

Thompson has a few specials planned for Father's Day, including a 20-ounce ribeye steak, veal chops, and crab legs. Whatever Dad orders, Thompson suggests

hand-cuts the steaks every day, and the prime rib comes in 10-ounce and 20-ounce portions and is served with a homemade horseradish sauce.

"I get no complaints," she said.

owner John Cleveland. "I'm not a red-meat eating guy, but, gosh, it's tasty."

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