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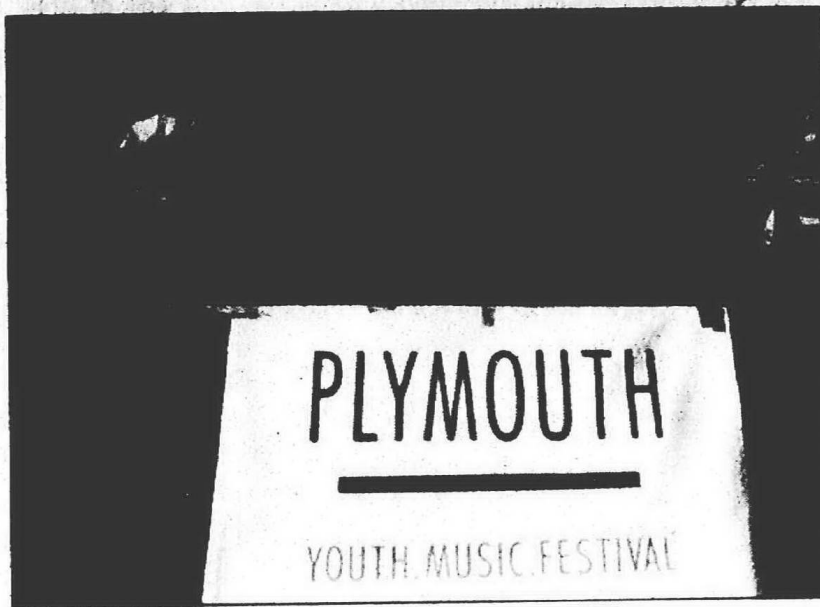
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Youth Music Festival



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The first Plymouth Youth Music Festival had a soggy start, but didn't dampen the spirits of area teens. The all-day Sunday event in Kellogg Park was organized by teens for teens and featured local bands, such as Liquid Plumber (at right). Above, lead singer Mike Piantiak.

Scoggins eager for retirement

■ The search process has begun for a new police chief to replace Chief Bob Scoggins, a 25-year veteran of the department. Scoggins said he is eager to enjoy retirement.

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Chief Bob Scoggins

Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins can't wait for someone to take over his department.

"Hallelujah! Let's do it!" said Scoggins when asked if he's ready for retirement.

Scoggins, 51, plans to retire at the first of the year. However, he said if the city commission can get someone beforehand, he's ready to begin enjoying retirement earlier.

"If they can find someone before January, I'm ready to go," said Scoggins. "My retirement benefits are set, so there's no need to wait for exactly 25 years to hit."

The search process has begun. City Manager

David Rich said notices are going out in national publications, as well as statewide periodicals, to find Scoggins' replacement. "We're a small city, but people move around and look at those national pub-

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Parents give up custody

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The Plymouth couple charged with sexually abusing their own daughters have given up parental rights to two of their three children.

A Wayne County probate court hearing scheduled for Monday was avoided when both parents decided not to fight authorities in taking away their children.

"The father voluntarily waived his right to his children," said Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll. "The mother was going to fight it down to the last minute, but when her attorney saw the evidence we had, she finally waived her parental rights."

Carroll said the 18-year-old daughter, who is mentally impaired, will live with her aunt, who is the

mother's sister. A teenage boy will be adopted by the aunt, according to Carroll. There is another adult daughter who is also part of the case.

A hearing in the sexual abuse case is scheduled for Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court. At that time the parents can either plea bargain the case or decide to take it to trial and a court date will be set.

Last month the parents were found competent to face charges in the case, which involves alleged sexual intercourse by a family friend and the father with his two daughters over a period of nearly 10 years. The mother is charged with taking photographs during the abuse.

The parents are being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$950,000 cash bond.

Vorva offers \$1,000 reward to catch menace

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Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he's had enough, and it's time to find out who's harassing his family. Vorva is so intent on finding who is behind the badgering that he's offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to prosecution of whomever is involved.

"When someone tries to affect my

family, I get mad," said Vorva.

Vorva said that for nearly a year he's been receiving threats of physical violence by mail and telephone. He believes the threats are the result of the lawsuit he filed against the Plymouth-Canton Schools that held up a \$79.8 million bond issue to build new schools, buy buses and advance technology.

Vorva insists he can take care of himself. But what has really upset

him is the fact that his mailbox has been inundated with a hundred different kinds of magazines after someone put his name on subscription lists.

"The shame is my kids can't go out and get the mail from the box because smut magazines are being sent to the house," said Vorva. "The kids love to go get the mail, but now they can't because I never know what's in it. I'm also afraid of getting a mail bomb sometime."

Vorva said that while some of the subscriptions have stopped, he's now getting overdue billing statements from the magazine companies.

"I figure these people have been blabbing about what they've done to people, and after about a year someone in the community knows who's doing this to me," Vorva said. "So, I've offered the reward to find the names of those who did this to my family. The person who

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St. John bestows courses of Matthew, Mark, Luke

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Golfers will have to wait until possibly the end of August to try out the new nine-hole golf course addition at the former St. John Seminary site in Plymouth Township.

There's 18 holes located there now at the grounds located at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads. The existing 18 holes have also been renovated, said Justin Lauer, a PGA golf professional.

The courses are named for the apostles, Matthew, Mark and Luke, Lauer said.

"We want to use all 27 holes," Lauer said. "We have a pretty solid customer base with a substantial amount of golf

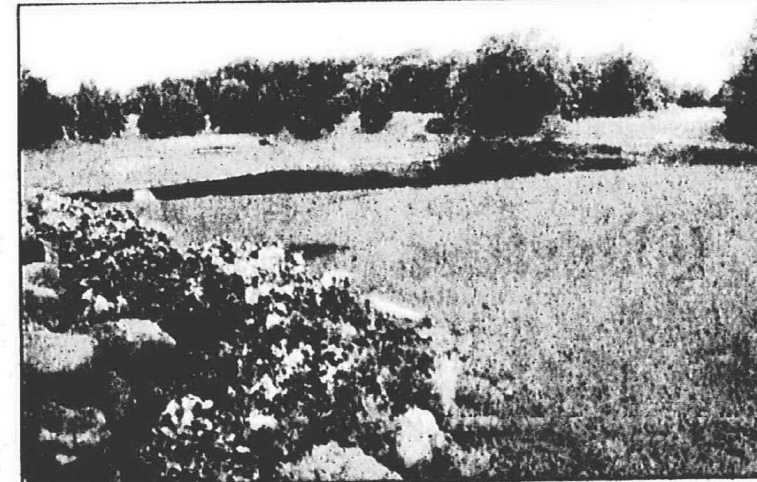
outings. All three courses are heavily wooded with substantial elevation changes. Maintenance has been picked up. It is aesthetically pleasing and a far better facility that it was six or eight years ago."

Modern irrigation, asphalt cart paths and a halfway station have been added.

Lauer said that the first golf course was built 25 years ago with the second course added 10 years later.

The Archdiocese of Detroit, which owns the property, plans to advertise in The Michigan Catholic and other newspapers, he said.

Lauer declined to cite the number of rounds played on the courses. "Suffice it to say we are a busy facility," he said. The clubhouse that he oversees is



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

A view: From one of the new tees at St. John Golf Course decorated with flowers and pond, a view of a green on one of the existing courses is seen.

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Study to determine size of art center

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Size, location and scope of a proposed center for music, dance, drama and education should be established within three to six months.

Funds for a feasibility and business plan study were approved last week by Canton's Board of Trustees. Supervisor Tom Yack said the study/business plan is key to any future for a "Partnership for the Arts" center.

"It will provide very useful and eye-opening information," he said. "It will give us insight as to who wants to be a part or a user of the facility."

Partnership for the Arts steering committee member Joan Noricks agreed.

"It's extremely important to help us define the level of commitment to use of a building," she commented. "We need to hear how much users will pay and how much it would be used."

It won't be the center's first feasibility study.

Last year, a study, which was funded by the Canton Community Foundation, of which Noricks is the executive director, revealed that proper funding for a 500-800-seat center does exist.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

(Canton Township Supervisor Tom) Yack doesn't necessarily agree with his board, which would like to put the facility in its Cherry Hill Village development. He said he favors placing the center with the Plymouth-Canton Community School District's new high school at Joy and Beck roads.

Potential donors said they wanted to see a strong business plan in place before they opened their checkbooks, said Noricks. The center would primarily operate on donations and user fees.

While the first study gauged donor interest in the center, the second will pinpoint potential users' interest, said Noricks.

AMS Planning and Research Corporation, a Connecticut-based firm, will conduct the study. Canton Trustees approved nearly \$27,000, which comes from state grant funds, for the work.

The center's size is a vital question for the study to answer, said Noricks.

According to Yack, location may play a corollary role to size. Many Canton Trustees would like to see the center in the township's upcoming Cherry Hill Village development, he said.

Such a placement, however, would limit the center's size. Yack said a 450-seat facility would likely be the maximum a Cherry Hill site could handle.

"Cherry Hill has emerged as an important project in Canton," he added. "Board members are saying it makes all the sense in the world to have (the center) in Cherry Hill."

Yack doesn't necessarily agree with his board, though. He said he favors placing the center with the Plymouth-Canton Community School District's new high school at Joy and Beck roads.

That location offers several advantages, Yack said.

Because surrounding uses are less residentially oriented than the village will be, a larger facility could potentially be built. Secondly, its location would encourage a more regional center that communities such as the Plymouths and Northvilles might

participate in. "I like the connection to the schools and possibilities of students' use," Yack added.

Noricks sees the schools as a key component as well. A presentation to the school board on the center will be made later this month, she said.

The committee hopes to garner a "firm commitment" from the district, Noricks said.

"This will be a more formal presentation and will ask for a formal level of commitment," she added.

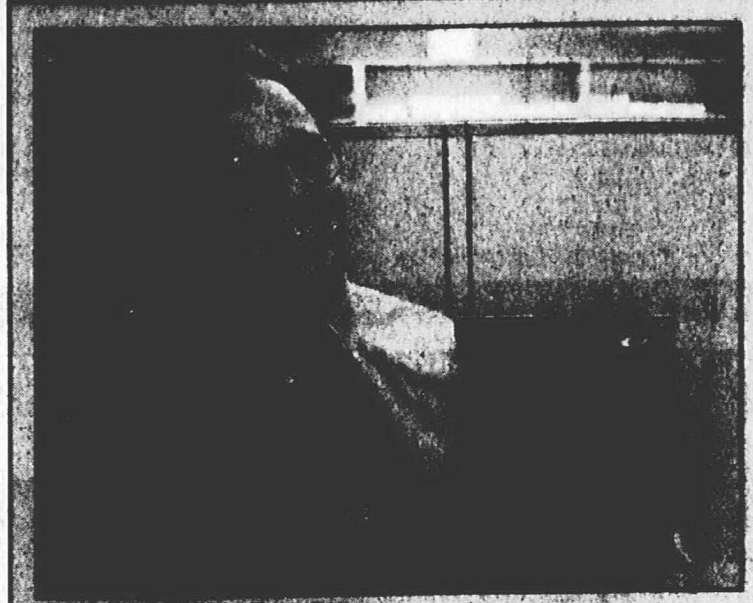
The committee would like to know the school district's intentions by the time the study is completed, said Noricks. At that point, the project will either die or move forward, she said.

As for the study, Noricks sees it as a positive move.

"We've been working on this for three years," she said. "Each step is getting us closer to the reality of building."

Growth of the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in recent months indicates that a need for a center exists, Noricks said.

"It reinforces the notion that in Plymouth-Canton there's a real lack of an arts education facility," she commented. "I still think it's very possible. It's very exciting."



District Court boss awarded by state

Kerry Erdman recently received the honor as Michigan's Court Administrator of the Year.

The award was presented to Erdman, administrator of Plymouth's 35th District Court, by Chief Judge John MacDonald at the Michigan Court Administrators Association convention in Petoskey.

Erdman was nominated for the award by MacDonald. "Kerry had been on the job for only a few months when the court building burned down in July 1997, but he had us up and running the next day," said MacDonald. "He assumed a difficult job and didn't skip a beat. It's just one example of how important he is to 35th District Court."

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the new group. The company named **Stephen H. Morgan** as sales and marketing manager for the brake hose business. He will be responsible for managing all commercial activities for brake hose assemblies with initial focus on establishing Freudenberg-NOK as a

major supplier of this product line in North America. Morgan has 11 years of experience in automotive braking systems. Most recently, he was manager of original equipment sales at Akebono America in Farmington Hills.

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Veterinary Notes
by **Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.**

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Matthew Schmidt, 14, of Plymouth has had perfect attendance for eight years while attending school at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Active with baseball and football, he will attend the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in the fall and plans on never missing a day of school throughout his high school years.

First it was Hillary, then George W.

We've seen candidates like Hillary Clinton and George W. Bush form an "exploratory committee to investigate a campaign" for a national office.

Now comes Matt Cowles, 23, of Northville, announcing he's also "forming an exploratory

committee to investigate a campaign for the 20th District State House of Representatives seat," currently held by Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth.

Cowles has worked in Lansing for several years, with former state Sen. Bob Geake and, currently, for Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow. Cowles has assembled a list of seven people as part of his Citizens to Elect Cowles Exploratory Committee, which will assess the district, which includes part of west Livonia along with Northville, Northville Township, Ply-

mouth and Plymouth Township.

The general election is 16 months away - November 2000.

Sidewalk sale

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Downtown Merchants will hold its annual Plymouth Sidewalk Sales from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, July 31.

Special discounts and bargains will be avail-

able at Plymouth's shops and galleries. In addition to the sidewalk sale, downtown Plymouth will also host Farmer's Market, which is from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday at The Gathering, located adjacent to Kellogg Park.

Artist reception

Artifacts Art Club's Summer Multimedia Exhibit will be held from Aug. 1-15 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Rd.

An Artist's reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Trial dates set in AK-47 case

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Trial dates for two Canton men charged in connection with a June 25 township shooting will be set next month.

Zachary Scott Woodby and Timothy Regan Boster will appear before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George W. Crockett III on Aug. 13.

Woodby faces five felony counts including assault with intent to murder, three charges of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm.

Crockett continued a \$250,000 cash bond for the 20-year-old, who remains in the county jail.

Boster, 21, faces three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Crockett reduced his bond from \$100,000 cash to \$50,000/10 percent.

"He was released July 16," said Boster's attorney Gerald Conley. "His mother put up \$5,000."

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on June 25.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Township police said as many as 11 shots from an AK-47 military assault rifle hit Davis' Chrysler LeBaron.

Police believe Woodby is responsible for firing each of the shots. Three adjacent homes and a day care were also struck with gunfire.

Conley maintains that Boster fired one shotgun round into the air and not at Davis.

"My basic theory is that he didn't shoot at the car or houses," he said.

His argument was buttressed by testimony given by Canton Police Detective Steve Miller at Boster's 35th District Court preliminary examination.

Miller testified that Boster likely only fired his weapon, a small caliber shotgun, once straight into the air.

Conley added that his client "freaked out" and ran when Woodby allegedly began firing at the township woman.

Amazingly, Davis was only slightly injured. A piece of metal shrapnel grazed her right lower leg causing a scratch-like wound.

Canton officers apprehended Woodby and Boster minutes after the shooting. Driving a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am, the duo crashed into a 1989 Ford minivan heading westbound on Michigan Avenue, police reports said.

Three weapons from the vehicle Woodby was driving, including two shotguns and the assault rifle, were recovered. Numerous amounts of ammunition were also recovered by police.



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Vorva

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tells me can be anonymous, but to get the reward the information must lead to civil or criminal prosecution."

Vorva, a former Plymouth police officer, believes there's information out there about who is bothering his family.

"If you're patient, you eventually catch the bad guys."

Vorva said tips can be given to his attorney, Stephen Boak, by calling (734) 455-4560.

Golf

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less than a year old. Mission Grille, the restaurant located inside the clubhouse, boasts a full lunch and dinner menu with specials every day, he said.

Developer William Pulte is the advising strategic planner to Cardinal Adam Maida on the project.

Covered driving range

Plans also call for St. John World of Golf, a new golf learning center. It will have a pro-shop and a covered driving range for year-round golf and is under construction. It will be the area's first golf learning center. "It can be snowing out and you can play golf," Pulte said.

Both Lauer and his assistant Brian Stange are PGA profes-

sionals who offer private lessons. Lauer charges \$55 a half hour; Stange's rate is \$35 a half hour.

Lauer, who has worked for St. John for two years, said his fee is higher because his overall responsibilities make his time more limited. He has also worked for The Links in Novi, Country Club Village in Plymouth and Timber Wolf in Traverse City.

St. John is also devoted to junior golf. "We have golf teams from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools," Lauer said.

The golf course is one of a number of changes on the site that once lodged seminarians. The seminary closed in June

1988. Seminarians are now housed at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Chicago Boulevard in Detroit. Richard Laskos, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit said eight young men were ordained this year; seven last year. "Typically there are four to eight in a given year," Laskos said.

Conference center

Development will be in phases. The main building will be remodeled into a conference center, Pulte said.

Although a hotel has been proposed, no application has been

made. "We want to see how successful the conference center is," Pulte said. A first-class center needs overnight accommodations, he added.

The St. John Center for Youth and Family, also located on site and is used for retreats and weekend seminars for families and couples. It is being expanded to twice its size. Its main purpose is to serve the more than 300 parishes of the Archdiocese, said Fr. John West, rector of the center. Proceeds generated from activities on site support the center's programs, he said.

West said that the participants will not use the main chapel. However, it may be used for special events such as weddings in the future, he said. "We have no plans to operate this facility as a parish opened to the public," West said.

A weekly mass is held that is targeted towards young adults in their 20's and 30's who West calls a "forgotten" group wedged between teens and older adults.

Scoggins

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lications," said Rich. "There may be someone who has left the state and wants to move back."

Rich is in the process of putting together ideas concerning the selection process for the city commission as it begins the search. However, Rich said one thing is for certain. He wants information from all segments of the Plymouth community on what kinds of qualities a new chief should possess.

"It's very important that we get input from organizations, individuals and the commission on the type of person that should be police chief in Plymouth," said Rich. "We need to know the qualities people expect, as well as what issues are important to them, so we can match the community's needs with the individual that is being sought."

"I value community policing and my personal take is to hire someone who will continue to do that," said Mayor Pro-Tem Stella Greene. "My first thought is to find someone who has an experience level in a community similar to our size and composition."

Rich isn't certain how many

applications he will get for the position, but notes, "Plymouth is a desirable community to live and work in." Rich knows that firsthand, considering he was recently hired by the city commission and moved here from Grand Ledge.

Scoggins has spent his entire 25-year police career in Plymouth, serving as chief since April 1991. He's seen the Plymouth area grow and knows today's police force is much different than in the past.

"The growth of western Wayne County has made our police department busier as more serious crime has come our way," he said. "And, because of the growth, we have a lot more traffic."

"But, the change has also dictated how we deal with people. I think we're more sensitive to their needs," added Scoggins. "We began community policing here long before it was in vogue."

Rich, who has worked with Scoggins for the past six months, has respect for the way Scoggins has handled his department.

"He's done a remarkable job


with the challenges before him. Smaller communities have unique challenges," Rich said. "Bob's done a very effective job controlling the cruising. He's also made sure we've had a good police presence during the festivals and other downtown activities."

"I enjoy being a small town police chief," added Scoggins. "I've always felt comfortable with the job and didn't want anything more."

Scoggins said he's ready to relax for a while after retirement. But, the future looks like more time singing with his gospel ministry, The Chapels, which has recorded several albums.

Rich said he believes a new chief can be in position easily by the first of the year. And he's not discounting the fact a new leader could come from within the police department.

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Law enforcement gears up for casinos



Jennifer Granholm: Attorney General

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Let the games begin, but someone will be watching.

As casinos gear up to open soon in Detroit, officials from local law enforcement agencies have outlined who will investigate what crimes now that casinos will be operating shortly in Detroit.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and County Prosecutor John O'Hair agreed to follow a legal protocol of arrest and prosecution that was outlined in a memo of understanding.

A copy of that memo was sent to county commissioners on July 15.

Detroit's first casino, the MGM Grand, is expected to open after the five-member gaming control board votes July 28 on whether MGM is suitable to operate a casino and whether to issue a license. A federal judge also must make a ruling on Detroit's casino process. Entrepreneur Don Barden claims in a lawsuit that Detroit's process of choosing casino developers was unconstitutional.

Crimes of embezzlement, tax

Rivers hosts forum about immigration

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, is hosting a forum on "Immigration and Language Acquisition — A Nation Divided?" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Annex Building of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Center. The building is located at 33500 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Rivers has invited several people to serve on a panel who will discuss immigration, then take questions from the audience.

Residents of the 13th Congressional District are invited to attend. Anyone who has questions about the event can contact Deborah Johnson in the district office at (734) 485-3741.

Gemini give free concert at Hines Tuesday

Gemini, a group that has won awards from the American Library Association and Parents Choice magazine for their original songs, will perform a free concert at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area in Northville.

The duo is performing as part of the Kids Kaleidoscope series of free concerts sponsored through Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

This performance has been co-sponsored through the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. The Waterford Bend Picnic Area is located on Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road in Northville.

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evasion, public corruption, fraud committed against or by licensees, money laundering and racketeering will be investigated by Michigan State Police, and prosecuted by the Michigan Department of Attorney General. The agreement allows the attorney general to defer prosecution of criminal violations to county prosecutors or the city of Detroit.

Other crimes, such as homicides, armed robbery or larcenies, will be investigated by the Detroit Police Department and prosecuted by the Wayne County

prosecutor's office. City ordinance violations may be prosecuted by the city of Detroit Law Department.

A copy of the agreement was sent to Wayne County commissioners by Sheriff Robert Ficano. "It should be noted that the Wayne County Sheriff's responsibilities would not create any additional impact on the budget," Ficano said.

Chief Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor George Ward has met with Eric Eggan, assistant in charge of the casino control divi-

sion of the state attorney general's office, along with attorneys from the U.S. Attorney's office, to discuss casino gaming in Detroit.

Ward said Wayne County prosecutors will continue to investigate criminal cases, but they won't be prosecuting blackjack tables or the casinos themselves. "The attorney general will be handling any gambling-related type of crime," Ward said.

Chris DeWitt, spokesperson for the attorney general's office,

said that the attorney general's office will be the most prominent in prosecuting gambling-related cases.

"We have a casino control division that is working with the gaming control boards and criminal division of the attorney general's office," DeWitt said.

A state/local casino control task force consisting of representatives from these law enforcement agencies will meet regularly to discuss and act upon casino-related law enforcement issues.

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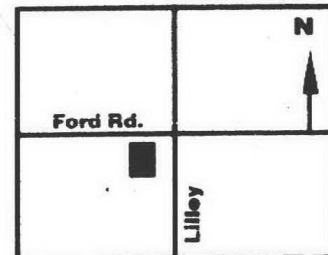
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Senator blames Engler for beach closings

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The blame for the number of beach closings experienced this summer in the southeast Michigan region rests with the state government, particularly the Engler Administration, according to state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

Beach closings - 27 in Oakland County in just the first week of July, compared to 24 for the entire month last year, and eight for the month in 1997 - result when the county Health Department identifies high bacteria levels in the lake water.

Peters says the number is on the rise and it's because the state has yet to begin using \$90 million from the statewide environmental bond approved by voters in 1998. The administration has proposed using \$3 million of

■ 'Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do.'

Gary Peters
State Senator

it per year for monitoring. Peters argues the bond money should be used for capital improvements to improve sewage treatment plants, pipes and septic systems to eliminate pollution sources. Salaries, for activities like monitoring, should be paid out of operational funds, he contends.

And state needs to start those projects, rather than conducting further studies.

"Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do," Peters said. "I'll be working ... this fall to put environmental bond money for cleanup where it belongs. We

don't need more excuses or studies. We need to help communities address the problems of runoff, raw sewage overflows and sprawl that contribute to beach closings."

The administration argues the increase in closings is due to closer monitoring. Currently, Oakland County Health Department officials test water at 125 beaches over the summer. State environmentalists are calling for statewide water quality monitoring.

Much of the bacteria is fecal matter, deposited by birds and other animals and wildlife, then

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washed into lakes and streams. But Peters argues that accounts for only about 20 percent of the contamination. The other 80 percent comes from human sources, such as sewage overflows and failed septic systems.

While the wording of the bond question prohibits the use of the money for addressing sewage overflows at treatment plants - under the reasoning that should be the responsibility of the local communities - the money can be used to address other treatment plant upgrades and non-point pollution sources, such as failed septic fields.

That at least would be progress toward cleaner water, Peters said.

Uncle Sam wants you ... for the draft board

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The Selective Service System wants you to serve on its draft board.

While Congress and the president haven't reinstated the draft for individuals to serve in the U.S. military, the Selective Service System is looking for people who want to serve as members of local draft boards.

Even though the United States hasn't drafted young men to serve in the military since the early 1970s and the Vietnam War, the draft boards continue to act as a part of the country's national defense.

"We've always had local draft boards," said Arthur Tesner,

state director of the Selective Service System. "If a draft ever became necessary, they would decide on deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service based on federal guidelines."

Approximately 2,000 draft boards nationwide would conduct those reviews. Approximately 20 local board member positions are available in Michigan. Members are uncompensated volunteers.

Prospective local board members must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and not an employee of any law enforcement agency registered with Selective Service; not be on active duty or a retired member of the armed forces; and not have been con-

victed of any criminal offense. They also must live in the area in which the board has jurisdiction.

Once identified as a qualified candidate for appointment, they will be recommended by the governor and appointed by the director of Selective Service, who acts on behalf of the president in making the appointment.

Each new board member receives 12 hours of initial training after appointment, followed by four hours of annual training for as long as he or she remains in the position. They may serve for as long as 20 years, if desired.

Tesner said people serve on the draft board because they are patriotic or just want to become

involved.

"It's all part of our national defense," Tesner said. The last time any draft boards met to decide on deferments or postponements was 1974.

The state of Michigan has 72 boards and five on each board.

Anyone who believes that they meet the standards for local board membership and would like to be considered for appointment, contact Region 1 Headquarters, 2834 Green Bay Road, Building 3400, Suite 276, North Chicago, Ill. 60064-3038; Attn: Laurie Stoffel, phone (847) 688-7996 or State Director Arthur P. Tesner, 2500 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing MI 48913.

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Lovely loosestrife is choking wetlands

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Dan Ballnik reached down and pulled a plant out of the ground, then displayed its roots to a small group of people gathered at the wetlands site.

"Look. Two roots and it's still growing," Ballnik said, showing a single plant of the purple loosestrife. Surrounding Ballnik and the group of about a dozen people were thousands of the plants, now overtaking many of the 200 acres of a wetlands mitigation site in Westland.

On Wednesday, Ballnik and other members of a habitat subcommittee of the Rouge River Advisory Council were giving state environmental officials a tour of the wetlands west of Henry Ruff Road and south of Michigan Avenue to show the loosestrife's invasion, problems with erosion and the lack of trees in creating a forested wetlands.

Wetland mitigation sites are manmade wetlands created with the intention to replace or offset the removal of other natural wetlands at other locations. Ford Motor Co. developed the Henry Ruff site about five years ago to replace 33 acres of wetlands removed near the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne so the plant could expand. At that time Ford designated nearly 66 acres of wetlands at the mitigation site.

Ford will need approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to modify its current permit.

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a European plant species which is an aggressive invader of North American wetland, lakes and rivers. Once established, purple loosestrife can become the dominant vegetation, forming monospecific stands which significantly reduce biodiversity and degrade habitat quality.

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Last year Ballnik, an environmental control engineer at Ford, Eric Pearson, Ford Land environmental manager, and Bill Craig, a member of the RRAC's habitat subcommittee and Livonia resident, reviewed why the original tree plantings failed. Ballnik eventually was assigned to the project by Ford in the fall of 1998.

Craig believes a consultant hired several years ago to do the work did not plant the trees at the site properly, leaving roots exposed in wetland areas. "A tree can drown as much as it can dry out," Craig said.

"They were planted in mud, they were planted in water. Planting trees takes time and that many man-hours aren't available."

Before volunteers replant trees, the loosestrife must be controlled.

Loosestrife is heavily loaded with seeds and blooms into small purple flowers. "It can be transported by water or birds," Craig

said. "It does well here."

Ballnik told Department of Environmental Quality officials he had sprayed the loosestrife with a herbicide earlier this month. He wants to defoliate the plant with beetles.

Next spring he wants to plant native woody vegetation, including pin oak saplings. He hopes to use student volunteers from the Wayne-Westland school district to assist Ford with the tree-planting projects, while educating them about the site.

This spring he planted silver maples, swamp white oak, black willow, pin oak, green ash, yellow poplar, bitternut hickory and red maple.

"Those trees wouldn't handle a heavy wash event," Ballnik said. "We need to slow the water down for the trees to get established. We may look at something like an annual rye." The rye will help keep the soil in place and help trees take root.

Once he discusses the wetlands with Ford officials, Ballnik

said he will ask the DEQ to revise the current wetland permit for the mitigation site. Ballnik wants the wooded wetland requirement for the approximately 200 acres lowered from its current 66 acres to a minimum of 33 acres and the balance of the site to contain small shrubs, such as willows, elders and bushes, and species native to emergent marshes and floating leaf wetlands, such as reeds and lilies.

Officials hope they can create a wooded wetland with a 300-400 trees-to-one acre survival rate after five years.

The entire mitigation site contains about 200 acres bordered by Boise Drain and railroad to the north, Merriman to the west, Henry Ruff to the east and trailer park to the south.

"It's struggling," Craig said. "But the ownership responsibility is being met by Ford. They're working and meeting with state officials to make it better."

Ballnik expects to meet with Ford officials about his proposed loosestrife control program and erosion control plans, then discuss the wetlands with state officials.

Barry Horney, a land and water resource specialist with the DEQ, said the wetland visit will help the state in making a decision at a later date, but added that he and other officials would ask many questions on any revisions to the wetlands.

"It seems they have a plan," Horney said. "We'll have to take a look at it and go from there."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A pretty pest: Bill Craig of Livonia wanders through purple loosestrife, an attractive but invasive plant that has overtaken a wetlands mitigation site west of Henry Ruff Road in Westland. Ford Motor Co. designated a 66-acre wetland site there to replace wetlands removed for an expansion of a truck plant.

Granholtz will speak at luncheon

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholtz will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

This year's event will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives. Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nominations in one of six categories:

Arts/communication category honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.

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Professions category honors women who have demonstrated excellence and commitment as a professional in the field of education, health, human service, religion or research.

Volunteer category honors women who have made significant contributions to their community through their volunteer efforts.

Young woman category honors young women of today (age 16-23) who have demonstrated leadership qualities, service to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. A one-page narrative outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements along with a biographical sketch (two page maximum) should be sent to: Debbie Miller - WOAL, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 28279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, MI 48141.

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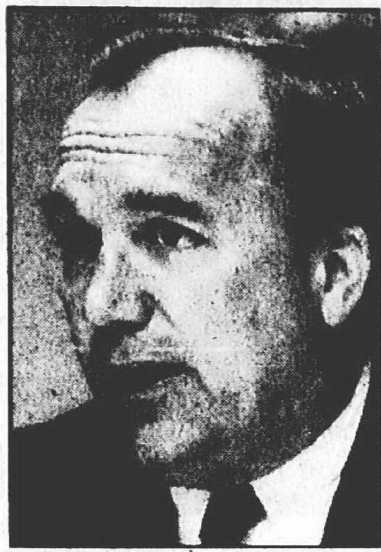
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Critics hit 'fast-track' business tax phase-out

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Gov. John Engler

Once it counted as "reform," but today lawmakers are reforming the Single Business Tax.

Criticized back in the '70s for the hurried manner in which it was adopted - in one of the Legislature's famed late night sessions - the Single Business Tax is now slated to be phased out over the next 23 years.

And detractors are criticizing the "fast track" manner in which that decision was made.

Gov. John Engler signed three bills Wednesday, July 14, which would phase out the SBT and adjust sales and use taxes in a special ceremony at a small business in Southfield. Vettestora-tions, a family-owned business specializing in the restoration of vintage Corvettes, hosted the event.

Getting much of the credit from Gov. Engler were the sponsors of the bills, state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, and Sen. Mike Rogers, R- Brighton.

"As we all know, when the cost of doing business is higher than it should be, it's the consumers

who end up paying the bill," Engler said. "This phase-out is another important step to the long-term strength of Michigan's economy. By phasing out the SBT, we are removing the last significant business barrier and positioning Michigan for an even brighter future."

"Talk about turbo-charging our

economy; eliminating the SBT puts Michigan on the fast track to more jobs and continued prosperity," Cassis said of the measure at the signing ceremony. "Everyone, from families to family-owned businesses, will enjoy the ride ... We're getting rid of one of the most onerous, anti-competitive taxes in Michigan."

And just when opponents of the phase-out were claiming that it would benefit only a minority of companies and provide minimal relief, Cassis said the owners of Vettestora-tions announced that the phase out will allow them to hire one additional employee. That's one additional family with a salary and benefits, Cassis said.

Phase-out gradual

House Bill 4745, the first of those signed, will drop the SBT by 0.1 percent each year, starting with Jan. 1 of this year, until it is phased out in the next 22 years. The bill contains wording that will suspend the phase out should Michigan's economy dip and the state's "rainy day fund" be depleted.

It also amends the SBT, until

it is phased out, to treat all companies doing business here the same. Previously, foreign firms weren't taxed.

House Bill 4744 and Senate Bill 544, Rogers' bill, mainly make technical adjustment to sales and use taxes needed as a result of the SBT phase out and making collections more fair. Among the changes was exempting all "rolling stock" from sales tax collection.

Critic's concerns

Ben Kohrman, deputy director of Media Relations for the House Democratic caucus, said his party has four main concerns with the SBT repeal plan.

For one, Democrats don't believe the measure will provide real tax relief. Only about a third of Michigan businesses pay Single Business Taxes, due to the exemptions that have been placed on the tax. Most of those are larger corporations.

Indeed, Public Sector Consultants confirms that about 75 percent of SBT revenue comes from roughly 5 percent of companies in the state, the largest 5 percent of corporations.

Under the phase out, some firms will pay even more single business taxes until it is eventually eliminated, Kohrman said.

Democrats also argue that if, as Engler contends, the state's economy is competitive and growing, then elimination of the tax isn't needed.

"I thought we already were competitive," Kohrman said.

Corporate profits are up in Michigan. In fact, Kohrman argues, they are reaching record levels. Personal and family incomes are stagnant however, he argued. So any tax relief provided by the state should have come from personal income taxes, he argues.

Cassis argues the state has already dropped the income tax once this year, from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent.

Finally, Democrats say an error in the wording of the bills would have applied the SBT to Canadian firms for business done elsewhere as well as business done in Michigan. With some \$83 billion in trade with Canada, it would be a mistake for Michigan to "start a trade war with Canada," Kohrman said.

Republicans agree there was an error but argue the verbiage was fixed in the state Senate during passage so that Canadian firms will only pay taxes on business done here.

"I'm not convinced. How wording is intended and how it actually works when applied to an individual's or a company's taxes aren't always the same thing. We'll see when this is put in effect how it really works," Kohrman said.

"And that is the problem, really, with fast tracking the process. Had the Canadians not been on the ball, this might have been enacted. It still could have a number of unintended consequences."

No public input

Lyn Jondahl, former chair of the House Taxation Committee,

also came out in opposition to the phase out.

"Perhaps the only thing worse than the decision was the manner in which it was made," he said. Jondahl pointed out that the tax presently produces about \$2.7 billion annually, which is about 30 percent of the state's general fund budget.

Yet little public input was given. Mainly, lawmakers heard from the Senate Fiscal Agency.

What would you do, Jondahl stated, if you were in a position to decide what to do with the state's \$88 million surplus?

"What would you propose? ... I would hope that you would ask for a major public policy debate ... and the participants in the discussion should include more than the Canadian business and government interests."

Yes, the bill was fast tracked, Cassis agrees. But she argues that the content of the bill did not change significantly during the legislative debate. She believes other complaints about the process aren't valid.

Had the state waited for more debate, she said, it either could not have enacted the cut for this year or would have had to go through a costly refund process.

The SBT, Michigan's main business tax, was a 2.3 percent levy on the value a business adds to its product during production. The main components used to compute that value are labor, interest paid, depreciation and profit.

The SBT took effect in 1976 as a replacement for seven business taxes. The SBT returned the state to a value-added tax form of business taxation, which was used from 1953 to 1967 in the form of a business activity tax. Corporate income taxes, used from 1967 to 1976, proved unsatisfactory to the state because of instability in producing revenues due to severe cyclical fluctuations in the economy.

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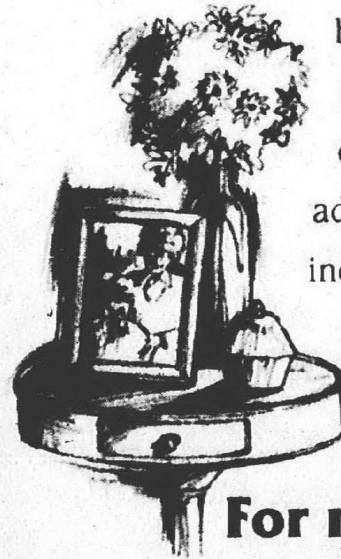
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"Drivers have to eyeball what's going into their truck," Gourlay said. "If there's too much weight, the axles can collapse."

One of the biggest messages truckers want to get across to motorists is that trucks, when packed, creep along while building up speed. Gourlay has a 10-speed transmission, and it takes quite a distance for him to get from one to 10.

In fact, on turns, it seems Gourlay's truck, with a 53-foot trailer packed with aluminum wheel drums and his cab pushed by a 425 H.P. engine, struggles and strains a lot, yet barely budges.

"People get mad if you're not going fast enough," Gourlay said. "But it takes a long time to get going, as well as it takes a long time to stop."

Fighting fatigue

One of the biggest battles Gourlay said long-distance truckers have to fight is fatigue.

By law, truckers can't drive more than 10 hours a day. But at the end of their 10 hours, they often can't find a safe place to stop.

"If they don't get into a spot early enough, they won't get in," Gourlay said. "So they keep driving. That's our biggest reason for having accidents."

With his daycab driving job, Gourlay doesn't have to deal with finding a place to stop at night. But he understands how "performance can drop" after eight or so hours on the road.

For truckers, despite all the dangers, freeway driving is a breeze compared to the hassles they deal with once they turn off the freeway onto main or residential roads.

Headaches here include frequent stopping because of traffic lights, low-hanging tree branches and wires, low bridges, navigating tight corners and watching out for people getting out of parked cars.

"Freeways are safer than surface streets," Gourlay said.

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Big check: Mike Savoie, center, hands a check for \$540,200 to Cathy O'Malley and Len Krichko.

Auto dealers present \$540,200 to youth club

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association has presented Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan a check for \$540,200.

Mike Savoie, from the executive committee of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, presented the check to Boys and Girls Club president and CEO Len Krichko and board member Cathy O'Malley. The check represented Boys and Girls Clubs share of the record \$4.375 million raised at the 1999 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview.

"On behalf of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, I want to congratulate the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan on its commitment to the children of this community," Savoie said. "You have been involved in Charity Preview since the beginning, and as it has grown, so have you. Your continuing good work makes us proud of our

longstanding relationship."

Boys and Girls Clubs is one of only three charities that has been involved in Charity Preview since its inception. Over \$20 million has been raised in and around Detroit since the first Charity Preview 11 years ago. This year, Charity Preview broke records by raising the \$4.375 million in a single night, making it one of the top single-night charitable fund-raising events in the world.

"We are extremely grateful to the DADA for its continuing support over the last several years," said O'Malley. "This check for \$540,200 further emphasizes the DADA's commitment to the children of our community."

Next year's Charity Preview takes place on Friday, Jan. 20. Public North American International Auto Show dates are Jan. 15-23.

Visitors spent \$4 billion in metro area

(PRNewswire) - Metropolitan Detroit played host to 16.2 million visitors in 1998, up slightly from 1997, the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau (MDCVB) announced recently.

Visitor volume rose 1.25 percent over 1997 when 16 million visitors came to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, according to preliminary numbers contained in the 1998 Tourism Market Profile Study, conducted for the Bureau by CIC Research. The steady increase in tourist numbers correlates directly to the healthy economy and low unemployment, said Larry Alexander, acting president and CEO of the MDCVB.

"Additionally, the region is continuing to add new visitor attractions such as Great Lakes Crossing, and enhancing the quality of local events such as the North American International Auto Show and the Woodward Dream Cruise," he said. "These improvements to our tourism portfolio are certainly drawing new visitors and we can expect the numbers to continue to rise as more tourism products come on line in the next few years."

While visitor volume rose in 1998, visitor spending decreased slightly from the previous year.

Spending

Visitors spent \$4 billion in the local economy in 1998 compared to \$4.1 billion in 1997, a 2 percent decrease. Spending last year still remained significantly higher than it did throughout most of the decade. Alexander said the slight slide in spending is not surprising given a number of factors.

"The number of visitors from states throughout the Midwest, including Michigan, increased in

1998 over 1997 while international visitors - those who would likely spend more on their trip - decreased," he said. "That may be in large part because the origin market for the majority of our international visitors is Canada which has continued to experience a serious decline in the value of its dollar compared to U.S. currency. Therefore, its residents have had less motivation to travel to U.S. destinations."

He added that the average number of nights stayed by overnight visitors in metro Detroit declined in 1998, consistent with the national trend, which also accounts for the decrease in spending. Another factor that may have played a role is the August 1998 Northwest Airlines strike - responsible for the loss of both visitors and visitor spending during its duration.

Overall, visitor counts have cumulatively climbed 42 percent and visitor spending has increased 24 percent since 1992 when the first tourism market profile of the region was conducted for the MDCVB.

The majority of the \$4 billion spent in metro Detroit by visitors was spent on the area's two most popular visitor activities: shopping (\$1.2 billion) followed by dining (\$1.1 billion). Approximately \$720 million was spent on lodging, \$392 million on ground transportation and \$302 million on entertainment and recreation.

Top destinations

Following shopping and dining, the top five most visited attractions by tourists were the Renaissance Center, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Greektown, conventions/events held at Cobo Conference & Exhi-

bition Center and the Somerset Collection.

The percentage of visitors coming to metro Detroit for vacation or to visit friends and relatives rose in 1998 - at 79 percent compared to 74 percent in 1997. Visitors to metro Detroit on business trips or attending meetings and conventions dipped to 17 percent in 1998, from 21 percent the previous year.

Of the region's 16.2 million total visitors, 10.2 million were overnight visitors and 6 million were day visitors. The majority of the overnight visitors - 7.2 million - stayed in private homes while 3 million stayed in hotels and motels.

The largest market for overnight visitors was Michigan residents from outside the tri-county area. Michigan residents accounted for nearly 1.3 million - or 12.5 percent - of the 10.2 million overnight visitors.

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OBITUARIES

CHESTER M. BUDZYNSKI
Services for Chester M. Budzynski, 84, of Plymouth were July 10 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Manistee, Mich. He died July 7 in Livonia. He was a telephone installer. He was an avid bowler his entire life. He bowled in two bowling leagues this past season and at age 84 had an average over 150. He was also a member of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club. He especially liked to work in the Kiwanis popcorn wagon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Budzynski, his parents, Vincent and Sadie Budzynski; and four brothers and sisters.

Survivors include six nephews; and two nieces.

Memorials may be made in mass offerings or to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

MARYANN BREEN
Services for Maryann Breen, 78, of Plymouth were July 10 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born May 7, 1921, in Detroit. She died June 27 in Plymouth. She was a clerk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Foydel; and her parents, Jeremiah and Anna Breen.

Survivors include her three brothers, Maurice (Mary) M. Breen of Plymouth, John (Georgia Lee) E. Breen of Beverly Hills, Mich., Jeremiah J. Breen of Saginaw; and one sister, Ann Gleb.

EVERETT WILBERT HALL JR.
Services for Everett Wilbert Hall Jr., 79, of Plymouth were July 14 in St. Anne Episcopal Church in West Chester, Ohio. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, Middletown, Ohio.

He died in Saline. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Hall; one son, David (Ann) Hall of Harrison, N.Y.; one daughter, Patricia (John) Chwalek of Plymouth; one sister, Barbara (Edward) Ozog of Poland, N.Y.; and four grandchildren, Heather (Matt) Chatfield, Holly Chwalek, Cheryl (Ted) May and Lindsey Hall.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wastewau, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

BRENDAN EDWARD MCINTYRE
Services for Brendan Edward McIntyre, 77, of Plymouth were July 16 in St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Alberto Bondy officiating. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

He was born Nov. 14, 1921, in Cranston, R.I. He died July 11 in Plymouth. He was a retired claims adjuster for Ford Motor Co. He came to the Plymouth community in 1997 from Livonia. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia. During World War II he received three purple hearts

and one bronze star. He was a graduate of St. Mary's Redford High School. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his daughter, Catherine Ann McIntyre of Canton; four sons, Michael P. (Marjorie) of Bloomfield, Paul J. of Grand Blanc, John T. (Barbara) of Traverse City, Patrick C. of Detroit; one sister, Imelda Rzeppa of Bloomfield Hills; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

RICHARD O. ASHTON
Services for Richard O. Ashton, 67, of Plymouth were July 15 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Mr. Michael Hazelton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 24, 1931, in Detroit. He died July 12 in Ann Arbor. He worked for Oakland Tire in Madison Heights. He sold truck tires. He was in the tire business all of his work life. He came to the Plymouth community five years ago from Livonia. He was a Little League baseball coach and he traveled with his teams to many out-of-state games.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Owen Ashton. Survivors include his wife, Martha Ann Ashton of Plymouth; one son, Dale James Ashton of Garden City; one brother, John (Nancy Ann) Ashton of Canton; one grandson, Sean Michael Ashton of Garden City; and one granddaughter, Sara Elizabeth Ashton of Garden City.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

MABEL EVELYN SULLIVAN

Services for Mabel Evelyn Sullivan, 93, of Plymouth were July 13 in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Dec. 5, 1905, in Parksburg, W. Va. She died July 11 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two sons, Kenneth (Jeanett) Sullivan of Plymouth, Lawrence Sullivan of Westland; one daughter, Rosemary (John) Victory of Williamston, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ARTHUR ALBERT MECH
Services for Arthur Albert Mech, 70, of Plymouth were July 23 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1929, in Detroit. He died July 19 in Ann Arbor. He was a master set-up man at Kelsey-Hayes in Detroit. He retired in 1991 after 43 years with the company. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was a member of the U.A.W. at Kelsey-Hayes. He enjoyed fishing and playing billiards.

Survivors include his wife, Eugenia Mech of Plymouth; one brother, Henry Mech of Gaylord; one sister, Regina (John) Korzetz of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews.

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Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell

Funeral Home, Plymouth.

KATHLEEN J. SIKORSKI
Services for Kathleen J. Sikorski, 56, of Westland were July 21 in St. Damian Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence Zurawski officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born Feb. 11, 1943, in Detroit. She died July 17 in Westland. She was in phone customer relations.

She was preceded in death by her father, Austin Schimmel. Survivors include her husband, Lawrence J. Sikorski of Westland; mother, Kathleen Schimmel of Farmington; five daughters, Nadine (James) M. Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., Regina (Richard) A. Lavagnino of Wyandotte, Kristin J. Lavagnino of Ann Arbor, Julie J. Lavagnino of Ann Arbor, Carol (James) A. Staab of Kearney, Neb.; two sons, Gary L. Sikorski of Pittsburgh, Pa., Richard L. Sikorski of Dearborn; three brothers, Richard (Nancy) Schimmel of Canton, John (Rosemary) Schimmel of Canton, Michael (Susan) Schimmel of West Africa; two sisters, Paul Schimmel of Alpena, Mich., Joan Schimmel of Alpena, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

GLADYS V. SCHROEDER
Services for Gladys V. Schroeder, 90, of Taylor were July 21 in the Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington with the Rev. John E. Maki officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

She was born Jan. 20, 1909, in Farmington. She died July 18 in Taylor. She was raised in Farmington and moved from Farmington to Plymouth. She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington. She had been a member for almost 90 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth. She helped the ladies at her church

sew cancer pads. She loved to sew. She also enjoyed family gatherings. She liked to play cards, collect newspaper clippings and read.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy H. and one son, John. Survivors include her two daughters, Anna Marie Eads of Taylor, Nancy (Frank) Johnson of Murphy, N.C.; one son, Everett (Theresa) Schroeder of Whiting, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salem United Church of Christ.

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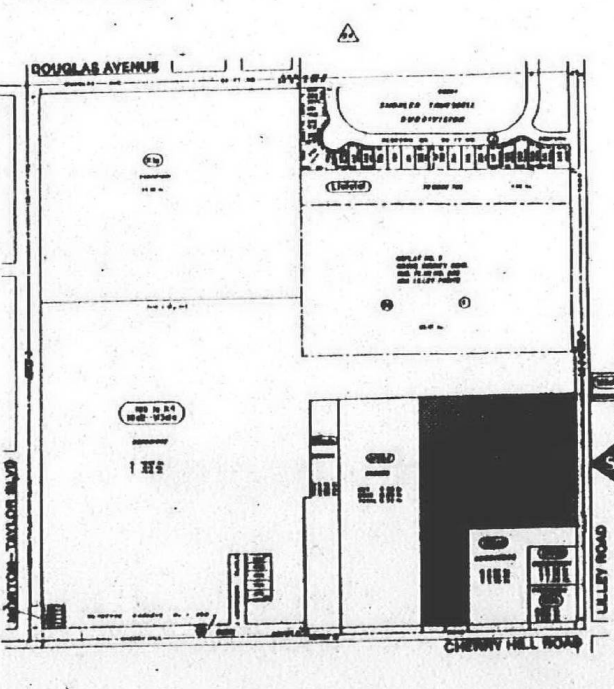
DONALD R. RANK
Services for Donald R. Rank, 82, of Chelsea, Mich. were July 22 in Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Grass Lake. He died July 19 in Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1934. He received his bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1938 and his master's degree in education at Wayne State University in 1952. He was employed by the Plymouth School District from 1946 through 1974. He taught math for four years and spent 25 years as principal in various Plymouth schools. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

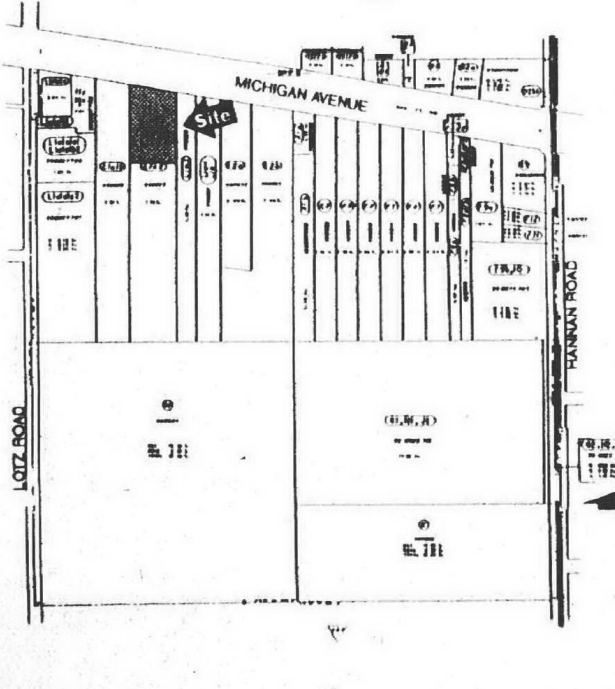
He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen J. Herter. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; one son, David (Virginia) Rank of Grass Lake; three grandchildren, James (Anna) Herter of Grass Lake, Christopher (Colleen) Herter of Canton, and Matthew Herter of San Diego.

Memorials may be made to Maple Grove Cemetery or Salem Grove United Methodist Church.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
By-Law No. 0184.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification
Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:
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Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.
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3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.
Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.
PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN
Secretary, Board of Education
Published: July 22, 1999

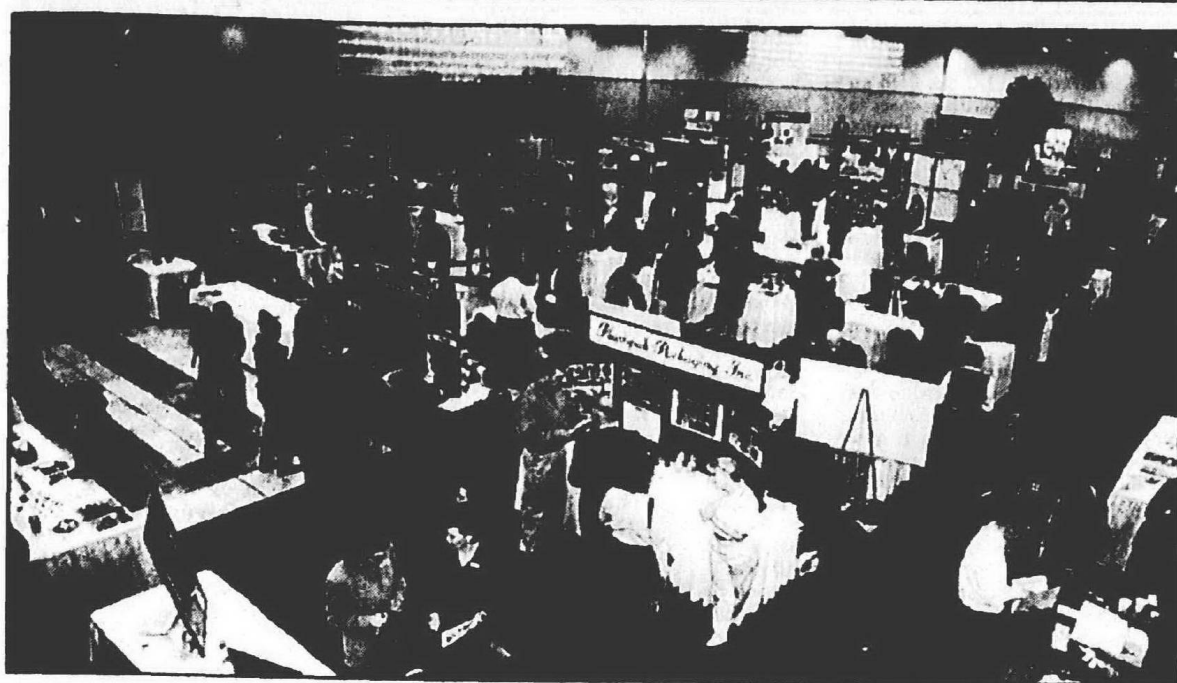
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the 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, August 2, 1999 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:
WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 055 99 0008 000, 055 99 0010 000, 055 99 0011 002, 055 99 0012 000, 055 99 0013 000, 055 99 0014 000, AND 055 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilly Road. Second Public Hearing.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Published: July 8 and 22, 1999

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Plymouth, Michigan
Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on August 12, 1999 at 201 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:
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Sherrie Pryor
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(734) 455-1892 (fax)
Published: July 22, 1999 and August 5, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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CANTON COMPANY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 141 99 0029 000 FROM LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Published: July 8 and 22, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:
David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-543
Published: July 22, 1999

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 2, 1999 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:
J.C. DEVELOPMENT FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 095 99 0008 702.
CANTON TOWNSHIP PALMER/LOTZ FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 095 99 0006 001, 095 99 0006 002, 095 99 0008 701, 095 99 0010 705, LOT NOS. 514 THROUGH 520, BROOKSIDE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION #4, ALL OF AZIZ ESTATES SUBDIVISION #1 AND #2, PARCEL NOS. 096 99 0001 704, 096 99 0003 003, 096 99 0003 706, 096 99 0003 707, 096 99 0003 708, 096 99 0004 000, 096 99 0005 000, 096 99 0006 000, 096 99 0007 000, 096 99 0008 000, 096 99 0009 701, 096 99 0009 702, 096 99 0011 000, 096 99 0012 000, 098 99 0001 001, 098 99 0001 002, 098 99 0002 000, 098 99 0003 001, 098 99 0003 002, 098 99 0003 003, 098 99 0004 000, 098 99 0005 000, 098 99 0007 001, 098 99 0008 001, 098 99 0009 001, 098 99 0010 001, 098 99 0012 001, 098 99 0014 000, 098 99 0015 000, 098 99 0016 000, 098 99 0017 000, 098 99 0018 000, 098 99 0019 701, 098 99 0021 003, and 098 99 0021 006.
Properties are located along the Lotz Road corridor north and south of Palmer Road.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Published: July 1 & 22, 1999



Job fair: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers bring job hunters and employers together.

O&E, HomeTown sponsor job fair

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will sponsor their Fall Job Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Center in Livonia. Laurel Manor is at I-275 and I-96.

This is the third general job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Inc. of Livonia. As many as 125 companies will be recruiting employees.

This general job fair will feature recruiters including: 1/2 Off Card Shop, Absopure Water, American Blind, Century 21 Town & Country, Circuit City, Contempra Staffing, Crain Communications, Day Personnel,

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ing Nurse Association of S.E. Michigan.

Space is available for a fee of \$675 for the Complete Exhibitor Package which includes an eight-foot table plus a quarter page ad in the Job Fair supplement. Electricity is available on a limited basis for an additional \$25.

For more details and space reservations, call (734) 953-2070 or (888) 999-1288.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publishes 16 twice-weekly community papers in Western Wayne and Oakland Counties. The HomeTown Newspapers publishes papers in Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, Milford and Livingston County.

Community Foundation awards grants

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan recently awarded 155 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the seven-county region of southeast Michigan. The grants support the work of diverse agencies providing programming in the areas of arts, culture, civic, health, human services and youth.

Among the total allocations were grants to the following:

- \$20,000 to the Accounting

Aid Society to support the revision and republication of the society's "Michigan Nonprofit Management Manual."

- \$45,000 in grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to five nonprofit housing and business corporations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. These grants were made from the Foundation's Comerica Bank Community Economic Development Fund.
- \$24,000, in grants of \$2,000 each, to 12 teachers from the city of Detroit and Wayne, Oakland

and Macomb Counties, as part of the Foundation's Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards Program.

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The foundation's Web site address is <http://comnet.org/com-found>.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road.

ROLL CALL - Closed Session

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

ROLL CALL - Open Session

All members present. Staff Present: Durack, Machnick, Salla, Lieberman, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Supervisor Yack deleted General Calendar Item 5, Agreement with Canton Waste and Recycling, Item G-11, Purchase of 4 x 2 Utility Vehicle for Grounds Maintenance, and Item G-12, Purchase of Zero-turn Radius Rotary Mower.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve of June 22, 1999 as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS

Dan McCausland, Haggerty addressed the Board on his concerns regarding Consent Calendar Item 1, regarding grass paver blocks within the Wayne county right-of-way at the Wyndchase Townhomes, located north of Cherry Hill and east of Haggerty.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes.

EXPENDITURE RECAP

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEDIAONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, INC., TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT APPLICATION. GRANT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing for MediaOne Telecommunications Inc. at 7:50 P.M. to hear comments on the MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. application for a permit for access to public easements and right-of-ways to provide telecommunication services in Canton Township in accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance.

WHEREAS, by action the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton adopted a Telecommunications Ordinance establishing minimal requirements for a Telecommunications provider seeking access to and ongoing use of the public easements and right-of-way; and

- 1. Must submit plans for approval to Canton Township Public Works and have permit amended for construction of any new lines or relocations of existing lines within the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that subject to conditions stated in the permit, MediaOne be and the same is hereby granted a five (5) year Telecommunications Permit under the Canton Township Telecommunications Ordinance as provided by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1995.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Dated: July 13, 1999 Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR GROUP ANTONLIN PRIMERA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LLC

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 8:15 P.M. David McIntosh and Robert McCausland spoke in opposition to the tax abatement resolution.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to close the public hearing at 8:30 P.M. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution granting an Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate for real and personal property to Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC, when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years, expiring December 30, 2001. Motion carried. All ayes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF GROUP ANTONLIN PRIMERA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LLC INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on January 28, 1998, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551et seq., the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approved a resolution on March 24, 1998, which established Canton Business Center - Building #1 located

on the northwest corner of Beck Road and Michigan Avenue as a speculative building for Ashley Capital; and, WHEREAS, Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a speculative building to be acquired and installed within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on July 13, 1999, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the speculative building occurred less than 9 years prior to, and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before June 3, 1999, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, purchase and occupation of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District to wit: [Legal description is available in the Clerk's office during regular business hours] Parcel No. 128-99-0004-701.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years, expiring December 30, 2001.

CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Election Commission dated June 22, 1999 and further to attach them to the regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of July 13, 1999. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Warranty Deeds for (part of) parcels 071-044-00-0006-003, 071-053-99-0010-001 and 071-053-99-0011-000 granting the right-of-way to the County of Wayne, a Home Rule Charter County. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate funds for payment of summer property taxes on the Canton Softball Center property:

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$33,156

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Land & Improvements #101-200-971-0000 \$33,156

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$712,803 to \$745,959. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table for second publication the amendment to the Water Supply & Sewer System Ordinance No. 30 (M) that reduces the "City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control" service charge for all Canton commercial and industrial sewer users, to become effective August 1, 1999. All ayes.

Second Reading Summary of Ordinance No. 30 (M) Charter Township of Canton Amendment to Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES"; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(g) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OR ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

The Charter Township of Canton Ordains: Section 1. Amendment to Subdivision-Section 20 Ordinance No. 30(m) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows:

1. 112.200 Section 20 Rates. 2. Sewer G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates:

Table with 3 columns: Meter size, Rates, \$/Month. Includes 5/8, 3/4, 1, 1-1/2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 30, 36, 48

Section 2 Savings of all Pending Proceedings and Balance of this Ordinance The balance of Ordinance no 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights an liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when then commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

Section 3 Severability This section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 4 Construction of Ordinance This section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

Section 5 Repeal of Conflicting Sections This section provides that portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6 Effective Date This Ordinance becomes effective August 1, 1999 after publication of the second reading.

I certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 13th day of July 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Complete copies of this ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the administrative changes to the Amended and Restated Host Community Agreement with Allied Waste to incorporate the revisions requested by Wayne County regarding compliance with the Wayne County plan for receiving of waste from other communities (Section 14, Plan Compliance). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjust P.O. #16881 by an additional \$592 for a new total of \$7,268 for the tents, tables and chairs for the 1999 Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park by the low bidder, All Parties Concerned Inc. All ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Office Depot Tax ED #044-99-0017-707. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the resolutions granting special land use and site plan approval for McDonald's Restaurant located on Michigan Avenue between Lots and Hannan Roads (Tax ID #141-99-0028-000). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to conduct the special use and approve the site plan for Quick Oil Change (Canton Center near Ford) part of Tax EDPW 036-99-0006-705. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Dick Scott Kia Auto Sales (Tax ID #137-99-0018-703). Motion carried unanimously.

MI 48071 in the amount of \$8,360. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for the Canton Softball Center Irrigation System Improvements to the low bidder Marc Dutton Irrigation Inc., 4720 Hatchery Road, Waterford, MI 48329-3627, in the amount of \$29,895. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for one (1) Trailer & Vacuum Assembly to Southlans Equipment Co., 27400 John R., Madison Hts., MI 48071 in the amount of \$17,250. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to create and fill three Maintenance Technician IV positions. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to fund the hiring of three new Maintenance Technical IV positions.

Increase Revenues: Appropriated from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$17,234

Increase Appropriations: Salaries, Facilities Maintenance #101-265-705-0000 \$21,000

Fringe Benefits, Facilities Maintenance #101-265-720-0000 6,300

Capital Outlay Equipment #101-265-977-0000 8,000

Contracted Services #101-265-818-0000 (18,066) \$ 17,234

This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Budget from \$1,022,374 to \$1,044,608 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,215,289 to \$18,232,523. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to extend the Telephone System Maintenance Agreement with Allied Communications for a one year period beginning July 15, 1999 through July 14, 2000 for \$7,434. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the formal bid from Jack Dohany Supplies, Inc. for one Portaco Diesel Powered Hydraulic Unit and installation of the unit, for an amount of \$21,000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for one (1) 1999 Case SL 590 4WD Tractor/Loader/Backhoe for a purchase price of \$65,000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the disposal of one (1) 1992 590 Case Tractor/Loader/Backhoe via a trade-in to Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Company at a sale price of \$18,000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and fill the additional Mechanic II position for Fleet Maintenance. The position will be advertised in accordance to the policy/procedure. Interviews and testing will be conducted and the top applicant will be offered the position. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the adoption of the Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy, including the Product and Services Fee Schedule. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Access to GIS Data with Wayne County and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce and table for publication the First Reading of the amendments to Fence Ordinance No. 103 (b). All ayes.

FIRST READING SUMMARY FENCE ORDINANCE NO. 103(b) An Ordinance To Provide For The Regulation And Control Of The Construction Of Fences, Borders And Walls In The Charter Township Of Canton; Providing For Certain Definitions; Providing For Prohibited Acts; Providing For Permit Exceptions; Providing For Fence Permit Application; Providing For Certain Conditions; Providing For General Conditions; Providing For Nonconforming Fences, Walls, Borders; Providing For Building And Use Restrictions; Providing For Enforcement And Violations; Providing For Penalties; Providing For Construction And Appeals; Providing For Repeals; Providing For Severability; Providing For Savings Clause; Providing For An Effective Date.

The Charter Township Of Canton Hereby Ordains: Section 1. Definitions. This section defines the terms: Border, Cul-de-sac Street, Fence, Fence Height, Fence Permit, Front Yard, Nonconforming Fence, Rear Building Line, Required Front Yard Area, Side Yard, Wall, Zoning Districts, Section 2. Prohibited Acts. This section provides for certain prohibited constructions or installations.

Section 3. Fence Permit Requirement, Exceptions. This section provides for fence permit requirements for special events, snow fencing, and those fences exempt from permit.

Section 4. Application For Fence Permits; Contents. This section provides for the contents required for applications submitted to the Department of Building & Inspections.

Section 5. Issuance Of Fence Permit; Conditions. This section provides that the Building Official or his agents, shall grant and issue such fence permit and the conditions of such permit.

Section 6. Borders, Fences Or Walls; Construction; General Conditions. This section provides for the general conditions for the Depth of Posts or Foundation for all borders, fences, constructed or reconstructed.

Section 7. Borders, Heights And Locations. This section provides for conforming requirements to height, length, location of borders

Section 8. Fences And Walls. This section provides for placement, height and location requirements of fences and walls in Industrial Zoned Districts, Rural Agricultural Districts, Rural Residential, Rural Estate, Residential, Commercial Districts and all other Zoning Districts.

Section 9. Nonconforming Fences. This section provides that nonconforming fences shall not be permitted to increase or change from the description given on the permit application at the time the fence permit was issued.

Section 10. Building And Use Restrictions; Covenants; Disclaimer. This section provides that the issuance of a fence permit herein is not intended, nor should it be construed to abrogate or modify the applicant's duties as contained in covenants and restrictions arising from a deed or other document.

Section 11. Enforcement And Violations. This section provides for the procedure of enforcement by notice in person or by mail, the time period for a response and the issuance of a ticket.

Section 12. Penalties. This section provides for the penalties for misdemeanor violation of this ordinance and fines

Section 13. Construction; Nonapplicability; Appeals. This section provides that the ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments.

Section 14. No Conflict With State Law. This section provides that the ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any statute or regulation of the State of Michigan.

Section 15. Repeal. This section provides that ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary of such conflict

Section 16. Severability. This section provides that if any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 17. Savings Clause. This section provides that the repeal provided for shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 18. Effective Date. This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon its second publication in the Canton Observer.

Note: Complete copies of this ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase offer from High Velocity Sports for the purchase of approximately 11 acres at the Canton Softball Center for a price of \$100,000 per acre with the terms outlined in the attached agreement, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this sale. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the agreement with AMS Planning and Research to conduct a utilization, space needs, and business plan study for \$28,800. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the grant agreement with the Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services:

Increase Revenues: State Grants - Cultural #101-000-659-0000 \$26,800

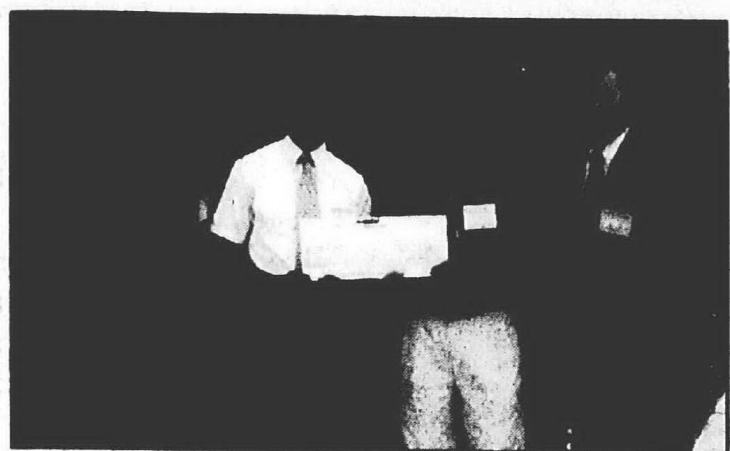
Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services #101-200-818-0000 \$26,800

This budget amendment increases the 1999 General Government Department budget from \$745,959 to \$772,759 and the General Fund budget from \$18,248,445 to \$18,275,245. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to accept jurisdiction for the installation and maintenance of grass pavers for emergency access to Wyndchase Townhomes and further authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Maintenance Jurisdiction Permit subject to a reciprocal agreement from the owner and contingent upon 1) partnering agency permits and approvals and 2) conformation that the Public Safety Director has no reservations regarding the grass pavers. All ayes.

OTHER The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a joint study session with the Planning Commission and Biltmore Properties. The topic will be the Cherry Hill District

ADJOURN Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 10:15 P.M. All ayes. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on July 13, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on July 27, 1999. THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Publish: July 22, 1999



COOL: Salem High School received a C.O.O.L. grant from MediaOne. From left to right: teacher Don Schena, Senior Vice President of MediaOne Charles Jones, Tom Kimball of Salem and Greg Cannon of Media One.



COOL Again: Lowell Middle School Senior Vice president of Media One Don Schena with John Shellhaas, Lynn Formanczyk, Regina Tolk and Greg Cannon of Media One.

MediaOne gives C.O.O.L. grants at Lowell, Salem

MediaOne, the broadband services arm of MediaOne Group, presented Plymouth-Canton's Lowell Middle School with four computers and a grant of \$8,000 as part of the company's nationwide C.O.O.L. Award for Outstanding Educators competition encouraging educators to use technology in the classroom.

An administrator and three teachers from Lowell Middle School were among the 16 teams from around the country to win a MediaOne C.O.O.L. Award for Outstanding Educators. The award program is part of MediaOne's Community Outreach and Online Learning (C.O.O.L.) initiative. The C.O.O.L. Awards program is designed to encourage educators to work as teams to develop innovative classroom applications for video an Internet technologies.

Winning team members from Lowell Middle School are teachers Lynne Formanczyk, John Shellhaas and Regina Tock, and school principal Roche LaVictor.

Their project involves the creation of a technology and arts

class (Animated Graphic Arts) that will enable students to learn both computer animation and video production in a combined format. Research on computer animation will be conducted on the Internet.

As part of the national C.O.O.L. Awards celebration, MediaOne recently provided the 16 winning teams with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where team members met with their Congressional representatives and received training on how to use the Internet as a productive research tool.

Plymouth Salem High School also was awarded a \$1,000 grant. Winning team members from Plymouth Salem High School are teachers Charlie Jones, Tom Kimball and Nicole Shamey, and assistant school principal Carolyn Anulewicz.

Their project involves students creating and maintaining a user-friendly website called "The Career Web," which will feature job and internship opportunities as well as student reviews of job-shadowing experiences.

Ice Cream Social set for Old Village

Old Village Development Authority in Plymouth will hold its annual Ice Cream Social from noon- 4 p.m., Saturday, July 24 in the Old Firestation #2 at the

corner of Spring and Holbrook. There will be live music and hot dogs for \$ 25. For more information, call Sherrie Pryor at (734) 455-1279.

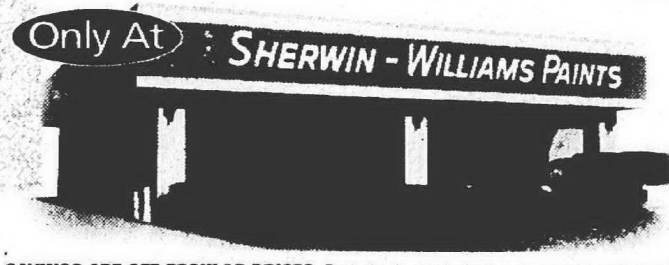
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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1999

Public service

Election re-evaluates motives

The Aug. 3 primary ballot will be just as confusing for voters in the city of Plymouth as the political fracas that has headlined the present commission's tenure.

The pool for the city commission candidates is shrinking, with two of the original 12 candidates dropping out of the race. Voters will find the names of Bill Case and Joe Koch on the ballot, although neither is running for one of the four four-year posts. Both withdrew from the election after the ballots were already printed.

With last week's announcement that Mayor Koch won't run for re-election, the commission will have a majority shift with four - possibly five - new commissioners coming on board in January. The November general election includes a special election to fill the two-year seat vacated by Mayor Don Dismuke. John Vos was appointed to the post and will be challenged by David Byers in that race.

For anyone watching the commission over the past few years, a major shake-up is in order. But the question remains: Will it really be over?

The commission's first order of business will be deciding who will be crowned the next mayor, a decision that could set the tone for the coming year. Speculation is that existing commissioners Colleen Pobur or Dave McDon-

ald will receive the illustrious title.

McDonald also has talked about seeking state Rep. Gerry Law's 20th District House seat in 2000 when Law is term-limited out. Running a state race as the mayor of Plymouth lends political credence for the candidate, but what benefit does it have for the city?

Whoever is appointed mayor we hope it is a person who is looking at the betterment of Plymouth and not simply someone who is using it as a stepping stone for higher public office. With a new city manager on board, a retiring police chief and financial dilemmas plaguing the city, what Plymouth needs is stability.

A bitter fight over the title of mayor would set the stage for a tumultuous year for a new commission. Plymouth doesn't need another year focusing on personalities. The issues at hand need immediate attention.

In addition, the nonpartisan city commission has made party lines an issue that isn't needed in small town politics. It's even more evident in tonight's "Meet the Candidates" forum at the Plymouth District Library. The debate is sponsored by the Republican Party.

Candidates for Plymouth City Commission should be reminded that an elected post is about public service, not political gain.

Slamming needs stricter laws

Several residents from western Wayne County recently complained about the practice by some unscrupulous phone service carriers or fly-by-night firms of telephone slamming, or the switching of phone customers from one carrier to another without the customer's knowledge. Residents appeared at a public hearing before a House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues, chaired by state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

One resident complained that a phone company "welcomed" her back to its phone service, even though she never changed carriers.

Another noticed a switch in the carrier after he was billed a long distance phone charge of \$8.43 for a call of five minutes.

Another wondered why a phone representative passing himself off as a local rep would ask him how to spell "Livonia."

State lawmakers are expected to consider stricter consumer regulations on the telecommunications industry once they return to legislative sessions, but they don't want to re-regulate a deregulated industry. Strict fines for slamming are already on the books, but more legislative discussion is needed about the responsibilities of billing companies or even companies involved in the service switches. Why shouldn't they bear some responsibility, so that consumers aren't stuck with the annoying inconvenience of straightening out a "slam"? Why should consumers be required to make phone calls to straighten out something they didn't order?

You would think some of the larger phone companies would do all they can to battle slamming since the industry has been deregulated. The threat of competition should make the utilities work harder to satisfy their customers, particularly when they call to complain about a bill. Locally, Ameritech recently changed the appearance of its bills to make them easier to read, and a new section on the bill will tell customers when a provider is being changed.

That still doesn't prevent a slam.

Residents who appeared at the hearing were well-informed about the issue of slamming. They had read their bills and letters they received from the utility companies. The task force hearing left us wondering about residents who don't understand the slamming process and how much more they have paid on bills due to changes in phone service that they haven't noticed.

Phone customers should educate themselves on this issue to help protect themselves.

Consumers should realize they have the option of selecting three different telephone companies - one to serve local telephone calls, a second to serve long distance calls within their area code, and a third to handle all other long distance calls.

If you as a consumer don't understand the breakdown of what is and isn't provided by your telephone utility, you are a prime candidate to be slammed. And even if you have educated yourself on the issue, it doesn't eliminate the problem of slamming.

You cannot completely avoid slamming, but you can educate yourself to know your rights as a consumer.

Consumers should never sign anything without reading all documentation and checking the fine print. If they are not interested in switching phone services, they should tell telemarketers that, instead of just hanging up. People who just hang up run the risk of being slammed. Consumers who are interested should get the offer in writing.

Phone bills should be read carefully each month. If there are unfamiliar names or charges that can't be identified, call the company issuing the charges or call the local phone company right away. Consumers who have concerns or questions about telephone slamming may call the Michigan Public Service Commission, which is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, at its toll-free number, (800) 292-9555.

High notes



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Three tenors: The Three Tenors, Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras and Luciano Pavarotti, performed at Tiger Stadium Saturday night to a crowd of 35,000. The highly publicized event raised about \$13 million for the Michigan Opera Theatre and made a statement to the world that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural renaissance.

LETTERS

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Fault lies with commission

After attending the July 6 city commission meeting, I would like to comment on the recent editorial published in your paper regarding the recent legal fees incurred by the city. While I think it is noble to consider a law firm or attorney based here in Plymouth, I think it is a rather impractical idea.

From the meeting, it is apparent to me that in the past year, the city had a need for a wide range of non-recurring legal work. I think it would be unusual to find a single attorney with the experience to adequately represent Plymouth's interests in all matters. Notwithstanding the fact that an attorney with such wide experience would likely command an exorbitant rate.

It seems to me that the current arrangement, utilizing a younger, but capable associate to handle the routine municipal matters while having the wide-ranging resources of a large law firm available to draw upon is an ideal situation. The fault for the large legal bill rests not with Sarah Osburn or her firm but with the commission's past inability to contain the costs through a properly negotiated fee arrangement.

As such, new Mayor Joe Koch met with, and obtained, a more reasonable fee structure from Plunkett & Cooney. In return for an extension of the agreement to provide services for the city, the firm agreed to a substantial fee rebate. In my opinion, this rebate, in combination with the new fee arrangement, should significantly lower the city's legal bill over the next 12 months.

Steven A. Renaldi
Plymouth

A Lions thank you

The Plymouth Lions Club wishes to thank the citizens of the Plymouth area and the guests who visited Art in the Park for making our 4th annual circus a huge success.

We look forward to bringing the circus back to Plymouth next year. You can be assured that the funds received will be shared primarily within the Plymouth community.

William Baxter
Circus Chairman

P.S. If anyone should find a Plymouth Lions Club circus advertising sign that was taken from the intersection of Sheldon Road and Ann Arbor Trail, please return it to the Plymouth Police Department. This sign (value \$250) was donated by some very generous people within the community and we certainly would like to use it again

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped on my campaign for Plymouth-Canton school board trustee. Your assistance and hard work was greatly appreciated by both myself and my family.

I would further like to thank all of the people who went to the polls on Monday, June 14, 1999. It was very encouraging that a much larger-than-projected number of people voted in this school board election, especially since there was no bond issue.

Congratulations to Steve Guile, and I look forward to working with you. I would also like to thank Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney for the fine work and many hours that they have put in on behalf of the children of the Plymouth-Canton Schools. We all owe you a great deal for your efforts.

I would like to extend a large "thank you" to Dr. Little. Under Dr. Little's leadership this community passed bonds to support a badly needed elementary school, middle school and high school. The fund balance also increased under his leadership. He also helped to bring many of the problems with current state funding laws to the attention of this community and its legislators.

Finally, again, I would like to thank my supporters, the voters and the community for your support. I would strongly encourage all the members of this community to join myself and the other school board members in attempting to give our children the best public school education available.

Mark T. Slavens
Canton

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What are you feelings on the latest Kennedy family tragedy?



'I'm devastated. They've had so much tragedy.'

Susan Mohenshill
Canton



'You couldn't make a movie with so many bad things happening to one family.'

Gi Crist
Mesa, AZ



'It's unfortunate, but overdone in the press.'

Sean Kelley
Plymouth



'I think JFK Jr. had a promising political future.'

Paul Semperger
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LETTER

Community celebrates

Just when I was feeling discouraged with events in our Plymouth-Canton community — such as the number of outgoing school district administrators and the lack of cooperation between the City and Township of Plymouth, specifically concerning the Sheldon Road underpass, additional firemen and recreation — several uplifting events occurred.

I was delighted to read of the long overdue accord between the city commission and the township board of trustees in the July 1 issue of the Plymouth Observer. Although I've been a resident of Plymouth Township for 22 years, I have always considered myself a Plymouth community resident. I voted for recreation and additional firefighters and have

always believed the township should pay a larger share of the underpass cost so that each city taxpayer is not assessed disproportionately more. My husband and I have been long-time volunteer gardeners at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Plymouth and enjoy the small town quality of life in this community.

As an involved parent having one or more of our three children as a student in the school district for the past 21 years, I have grown to feel that Canton Township also is a part of my community. Years of school board meetings — some at various elementary schools — plus sharing with parent representatives from all the schools in the district as well as school personnel including the superintendent, assistant superintendents, principals, counselors and

other staff members have led to this sense of greater community. Years ago organizations formed in Plymouth provided services for the area. Now Canton is blossoming with groups and services. I am disheartened when I read of competitive attitudes that are mean-spirited and encouraged by news of cooperation.

I was also delighted to read about the naming of the new (future) elementary school. Thanks to reading in the local paper that this topic was to be on the agenda at the June 22 school board meeting, I made the decision to be there. This one was worth attending. I saw members of the girls' basketball team honored for their high grade point averages and the girls' softball team honored for having the highest GPA in the state. I saw Dr. Little and Sue Davis

present gifts to outgoing board members, Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, with deepest thanks for their service. I heard reports on the status of the new school buildings and on the choice of the interim superintendent.

I saw the school board members unanimously vote to name the new elementary school for George Dodson after hearing Anne Alatalo, E. J. McClendon and Rose Portelli give glowing accounts of Mr. Dodson's dedication and service to the children and staff and parents of this school district. The school board then voted to honor Sandra Sager by giving the Phase III building at P-CEP her name. What a meeting!

A couple of years ago I wrote a letter to the editor telling of the special place in my heart George Dodson

has. I served as PTO president while he was Smith School principal. At the time of my letter he had just received praise from parents and staff for his morale-lifting service as interim principal at Gallimore Elementary. Naming a school for him is a wonderful way to honor a true gentleman who has been a teacher, the first elementary school counselor, principal, and — in retirement — interim principal and transportation department head, a man who lives his belief in the inscription on the rock he donated to Gallimore School, "Children; Our joy and our hope."

The Plymouth-Canton community has its faults and weaknesses. It also has much to celebrate.

Janet Sokolowsky
Plymouth

POINTS OF VIEW

Three Tenors bring pride, but hit sour note of elitism

Who could possibly argue with the purpose and success of the recent Three Tenors' concert at Tiger Stadium?

Not only did the highly publicized event raise about \$13 million for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but it made a statement to the world that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural renaissance.

If it was noted once, it was noted a hundred times: Saturday's concert was the only North American appearance by Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo, thanks largely to the hefty donation from Ford Motor Co., and the persuasive charm of MOT board member Frank Stella, a close friend of Pavarotti.

The funds from the concert are earmarked to retire MOT's debt, and to establish an endowment. If any Detroit-based cultural institution deserves the money and recognition, it's MOT. Long before anyone was

even talking about cultural renewal in the city, MOT had plans to renovate the theater gem at the corner of Broadway and Madison, a few blocks from the historic Fox Theatre.

Since the announcement last January of the Three Tenors concert, however, there have been striking signs that the appreciation of "culture" comes with a prerequisite price tag. How many metro Detroiters could afford to pay \$50 to \$750 for a ticket to the concert?

Granted, performers and concert promoters can set their prices, and choose their venue. Tickets to the Rolling Stones or Bruce Springsteen aren't inexpensive. The difference, however, is that no other concert in recent history has been billed as the type of "cultural event" as the Three Tenors performance. In a pluralistic society defined by the range as much as the quality of choices, the controlling measures taken by concert orga-



FRANK PROVENZANO

nizers are a strong reminder that the wall of elitism is firmly in place.

Rather than guarantee that those who couldn't afford a ticket would still be able to follow the event through media reports, concert organizers — Tibor Rudas, Olympia Entertainment and MOT — placed a price on admission even for the media.

While many large media organizations pay for tickets to concerts and other events, most smaller media

groups can't afford tickets to regularly attend events at the various venues in the area. It'd be the ultimate act of arrogance for smaller media organizations to choose only to review plays and concerts at those venues where tickets were purchased. The media must be autonomous, objective and critical. Fairness comes with the job, not the ticket.

Essentially, concert organizers determined that the major dailies and television stations would be the most appropriate sources of information to the public. Few, if any attempts, were made to work with media that have smaller circulations or relatively low ratings. For the media to simply accept the policy set forth by Tibor Rudas, promoter of the Three Tenors, is to accept that only those with financial resources should control so-called historic cultural events.

Again, the Three Tenors concert wasn't strictly about opera. The wide-

ly promoted "symbol of renaissance" behind the concert is not only news, it's something that everyone living in the area should care about.

If anyone needs reminding, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo are singers. They haven't stopped wars, negotiated peace or discovered a medical cure. Prima donnas? Let's just say they're prone to protect their public image.

Let's hope that the image of a few artists doesn't get in the way of a more clear-headed approach in proving that the symbol of renaissance requires foremost an open attitude to all people, not just those who can afford the price of admission.

Frank Provenzano covers the arts for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Sea of change buoys economy

A quick glance at the recent headlines suggests something big is happening in Michigan's economy.

- "High-tech firms find cash they need in Ann Arbor"
- "Property values skyrocket, led by Livingston County"
- "State's low unemployment rate sets new record"

Although I'm not one of those who trumpet that the business cycle has been repealed, I do sense that a basic paradigm shift in the functioning of our economy has taken place over the past 20 years or so. Three factors in particular deserve attention: venture capital, the stock market (stock options in particular) and high technology.

In the old days, the way you started a business was to go into debt. You mortgaged your house or you took the receivables from your little company to your local flint-eyed banker. And you hoped the resulting interest payments didn't kill your company.

Today, you take your business plan to a venture capital firm, where equally flint-eyed folks poke and prod at every detail before deciding whether to invest. And you hope they don't take too big a chunk of your equity.

The shift from bank debt to equity investment as the basis for financing companies is fundamental. Banks, prohibited since 1933 from making equity investments and therefore concerned primarily with getting their loans paid off, had no particular incentive to support your company through hard times. But venture capital firms take a percentage of your stock, hoping to make a big score when you go public, which means they have an incentive to work with you through thick and thin.

And today there are a lot more venture firms with a lot more capital to invest than even a few years ago. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the big accounting firm, \$11.4 million in venture capital was invested in Michigan in 1996, \$65.2 million in 1997 and \$114.5 million in 1998.

Linked to changes in the capital basis for firms is the amazing stock market. It isn't just that the market is at an all-time high. It's that you can cash in on the success of your little company by going public in a buoyant market, which also gives the venture capital firm a way to make its score and thereby justify the risk of its original investment.

Moreover, most newly formed companies today attract and retain skilled managers, engineers and computer jockeys, not by paying big salaries, but by granting stock options. In granting key employees the right to make a big killing if the stock price goes up, companies not only retain key people but create an enormously effective incentive system to motivate long



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hours and high output.

Certainly, stock options existed 20 years ago, but they were very limited in extent and offered nowhere near the opportunity of becoming an instant multi-millionaire they do today.

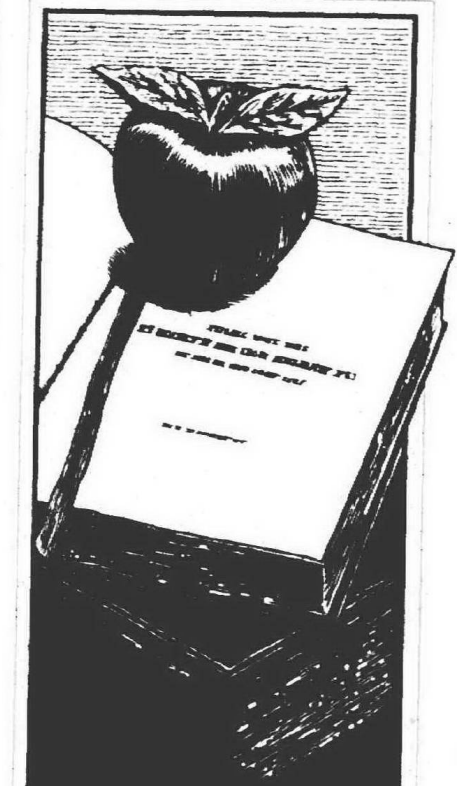
Unlike venture capital and stock options, new technology has always been the basis for successful firms. Water power and, later, gas and electricity formed the technological basis for the prosperity that accompanied the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries. The gasoline-fueled internal combustion engine and mass standardized manufacturing were the core technologies behind Michigan's automobile industry. Both were developed just after the turn of the century.

What's different today is that the technological leaps are far more numerous than in the past, in large part because they are the product of a self-conscious process of research, invention and development that is quite new. Scientists in university or government laboratories today understand that one important consequence of discoveries is the possibility that they can be turned into commercial successes.


This is quite new. Policy at the University of Michigan, for instance, used to be that the university owned the rights to any inventions dreamed up in its labs. But the U-M changed the policy five years ago so that scientists could claim a stake in their inventions, and it's likely the big venture capital boom in Ann Arbor is rooted in the change. Whether it's information technology or software or microscopic sensing or bioengineering, labs in Michigan are providing the technological underpinnings for all kinds of new companies.

I wouldn't argue all this prosperity will last forever. But I do think that we are witnessing today the outcome of fundamental changes in the way our economy works. And at least for the present, we are all the better for it.

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GOP moderate campaigns for speaker

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In a horse race, being first "out of the chute" can translate to being first at the finish line. That philosophy led state Rep. Patricia "Pan" Godchaux, R-Birmingham, to announce last week her interest in running for the position of Speaker of the House in 2001.

"Well, you might say I'm not one of the obvious people to run, and I figure I need the time to do it... Figured I would take the opportunity and be the first one out on all this," she said.

Godchaux explained that she filed with the Secretary of State's office in January to create a "leadership fund," an independent political action committee, to start her run for speaker. A campaign finance fund over and above her regular election account, the PAC will allow her to collect and distribute money to assist other GOP candidates in their quests for election a year from this November. In return for her support, those candidates will pledge their votes to Godchaux for speaker in January 2001.

Too early?

But it's too early to start campaigning, say other likely candidates.

"I recall that in the past this hasn't started until much closer to the election. We have a lot of work to do and we have a speaker, (state Rep.) Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo), who is doing good work," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck. "It's too soon to have members start thinking along these lines. Let's just say it could detract from the work of the caucus."

Already speaker pro tem, Birkholz is currently second in command in the Republican House leadership, and therefore seen as a front runner in the bid to succeed Perricone. She said she is sure she will be seeking a leadership role in the caucus next session. She won't make up her mind about exactly which post to try for until later this year, probably in the fall.

"Godchaux's getting out there first because she needs to be," said Rusty Merchant, aide to House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. That's because he ranks Raczkowski as second in command in current House leadership and therefore the most likely to succeed Perricone.

Raczkowski also believes the race is starting too early and will actually hamper the efforts of the GOP caucus this year, Merchant said. While the floor leader is, indeed, interested, he won't

likely make a decision until this coming January.

Another likely candidate for Speaker next term is state Rep. Mark C. Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, although he has not announced a decision.

Godchaux explained she expects the caucus to pick the speaker from among its most senior leaders, and those four candidates will all be starting their third and final terms in 2001.

And if it sounds as if the race for speaker is starting awfully early, Godchaux says: "Part of the leadership race is providing leadership. You don't provide leadership at the last moment."

"What I'm offering is the choice of a different kind of leadership," she said. "Historically, if you were king of the mountain, you made the mountain look the way you want it to look. I would be more facilitating as a leader than controlling. I don't think that is what we have now. In fact, I know we don't have that now."

Conservative control

House leadership, she said, is currently controlled by what she described as a minority of very conservative Republicans.

"I felt, and a number of my colleagues felt, that there were a lot of times this spring when, if you

weren't with the caucus, you weren't against it," Godchaux said.

She said that much of what was done in the House in the first five months of the current legislative session was accomplished at the expense of the process. The leadership monopolized the agenda and allowed little time for discussion and input.

"Yes, we got a lot done, but what I'm saying is that we could have accomplished just as much, and perhaps we would have ended up in the same place, if we had allowed for more room for discussion in committee. We could have done the same amount and had a more open process," she said. "There were a lot of freshmen who were saying, 'This was not what we bargained for.'"

"Our leadership needs to facilitate everyone to participate so that (representatives) do not feel that someone else has not allowed an issue that is important to them to at least be part of the process," she said. "In the past, the leadership has really determined the whole agenda."

"Everyone comes to the House with an agenda and that's what I'm offering, an opportunity for each and every one of them to work on that agenda and not have to work around a leadership-dictated agenda."

County commission supports 4-year terms

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Wayne County commissioners support state legislation that calls for a change in terms of county commissioners from two to four years.

Wayne County commissioners approved a resolution July 15 that joins the Michigan Association of Counties in supporting legislation proposed by Rep. Rick Johnson, R-Leroy. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Gov. John Engler, state lawmakers and Michigan counties.

The office of county commissioner is required by state law to serve two-year terms.

The resolution said "considerable expense" is incurred through frequent campaigning and elections. A four-year term would provide "greater continuity in county government."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, person-

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ally would like to remove the time and expense that campaigns bring to candidates every other year, but she adds that she believes residents want the biennial elections.

"I think the people want us to be accountable every two years," Bankes said.

Bankes believes the state lawmakers probably won't lengthen the terms.

"As long as Congress and the state House remain at two years, it (county commission) will remain at two years," Bankes said.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, believes a longer term is more practical.

"It gives us more time to focus on our jobs," Husk said.

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JACK GLADDEN

Hot, hot, hot? Air, air, air!

The Feminist finally got so heated up that she decided to bite the bullet, face the music, beard the lion. She couldn't stand the heat, but didn't want to get out of the kitchen. So she swallowed hard, tightened her belt a notch and announced:

"I think we should get some estimates on air conditioning!"

Whoa! I've been pushing air conditioning for years, but every time I brought it up, her eyes turned into dollar signs and started spinning like dials on an electric meter.

It was those 98-degree days in June that did it. Our west-facing kitchen was so hot that, even with no cooking being done and the ceiling fan cranking away, we'd sit at the counter with sweat dripping down our faces. The mornings were so hot that her make-up would melt off before she could get out the door to drive to work in her un-air-conditioned car.

So we called a reputable heating and cooling company, got the estimate and told them we'd think about it. We thought about it and discussed it, sitting at that kitchen counter under the churning ceiling fan.

Finally, we called the company and told them to go ahead. New furnace, humidifier, air conditioner. The works.

They said it would be a month before they could get around to us. I grumbled, but The Feminist assured me a month was not that long to wait and, besides, there would be plenty of hot weather around later in the summer.

"And now you won't be able to complain about mowing the lawn," she said.

■ 'We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s.'

"What does air conditioning have to do with mowing the lawn?" I asked.

"You're always complaining about how hot you get when you mow. You may still get hot, but now you can come inside and cool off."

"Yeah, well, I can see what's gonna happen," I said. "We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s."

"Stop being so grumpy."

The month went by, the temperature stayed up and the grass just kept growing. The Feminist's makeup continued to melt and our kitchen-counter conversations were as hot as ever. Finally, AC Day approached.

"Hey, I'm off that Friday," I said. "Good," The Feminist said. "You can be here in case they need anything." "So I get to sit around the house all day watching them work. I was thinking about going somewhere."

"Oh, well." The day arrived, so did the air conditioning people and ... the rain. It started to fall just as they got everything unloaded from the truck. Not hard, just steady.

They're drilling through brick walls, running electrical lines inside and out and trying not to fall on their faces as they walk across the kitchen linoleum with rain-soaked shoes.

The Teenager, who was always complaining about the heat, decided to spend the night with her cousin. The Feminist drove her there, while I sat at the kitchen counter under the fan, just in case the installers needed my advice.

They didn't. Eight hours or so later, they're done. The rain had stopped, and it had managed to cool things off a bit. That night we slept with the windows open. A cool breeze was blowing through.

The next morning The Teenager called us from her cousin's.

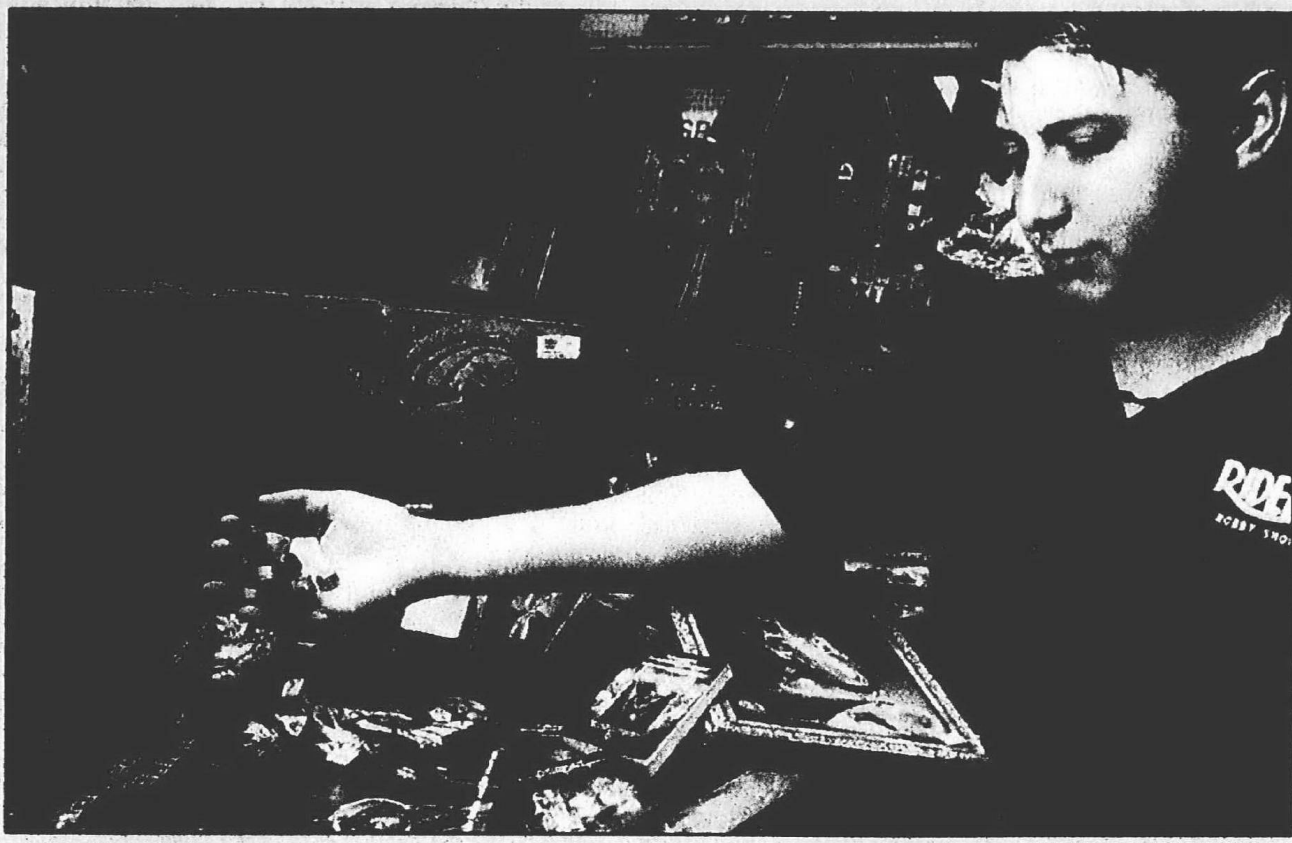
"Do you have the air conditioner on?" she asked.

"Nope," I said.

"Why not?"

"It's 62 degrees outside."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Hot sellers: Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store, says "Dungeons & Dragons" products sell very well, including the starter kit. King has played a variety of role-playing games, including D&D since 1984.

Happy Birthday

D&D still finds favor with fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Enthusiasm for the game varies throughout metropolitan Detroit, but where "Dungeons & Dragons" is hot, it's really hot.

The game has a particularly strong following at Neutral Ground Detroit in Garden City. There, gamers play several times a week.

"I've played just about every game out there," said Jeff Morrison, a Livonia resident and computer programmer who coordinates games at the store.

"Dungeons & Dragons" got its start in the 1970s. Players create elf, dwarf, halfling and human characters who fight with swords and bows and arrows, battle dragons and other beasts, search for treasure and cast magical spells - all in the players' imaginations.

Neutral Ground, 1858 Middlebelt south of Ford, offers gaming supplies and space for people to play. Players can either use

plain round tables or use three-dimensional set-ups containing miniaturized landscapes to give the game a more realistic feel.

The store also hosts tournaments tied in with the 22,000-person GenCon national gaming convention. The local tournaments draw players from all over the region.

Morrison has been an avid player since 1984 and is a judge for GenCon. In addition to D&D, he plays "Vampire: The Masquerade," a role-playing game involving vampires and "Battletech," where players "drive" gigantic, nuclear-powered piloted robotic machines that fight one another.

Dash of escapism

So what's the appeal of the D&D? "Escapism," Morrison said.

Another player, Jeff Ekonen of Southgate, agrees.

"(D&D) allows you to do things you can't do in real life," he said. Whether it's wielding a three-foot sword, casting magical spells or even

slaying monsters, most players thrive on escaping from reality for a while.

Whatever the appeal, D&D players tend to be a loyal lot. While some childhood hobbies end up shelved in a closet when people reach adulthood, D&D is one hobby that has some staying power.

Morrison said D&D players come from all walks of life.

"It really runs the gamut," he said. "Players can be everything from unemployed to computer professionals or police officers. Generally, most of them are college-educated and they tend to be well behaved."

"You don't have a lot of people who go around breaking a lot of rules."

A Romulus woman who asked not to be identified said being a female player has its challenges.

"Sometimes, you run into people who don't take you as seriously," said the woman, who has been playing for 10 years. It's a common assumption that females don't know as much about the game as males, she said.

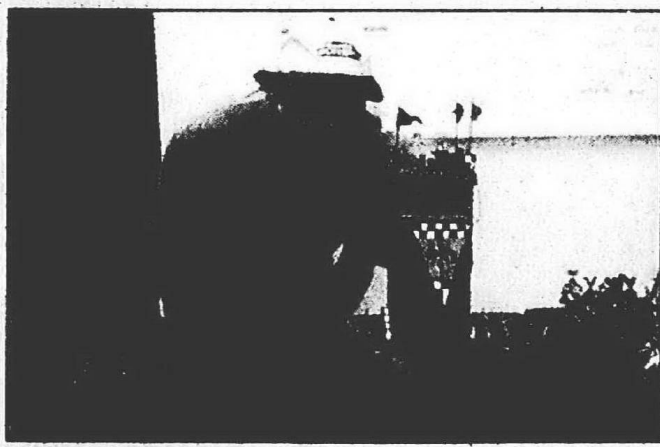
"Sometimes, it can be helpful," she said, adding that female players can give better insight into female characters than male players.

Just one-fifth of players involved in GenCon are women. But Morrison and the other males playing at Neutral Ground agree that they'd like to see more women among the ranks.

Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store at 42011 Ford, said D&D products sell very well, including the starter kit.

"It makes it easier for young people to get started," he said. "There is

All set: Curt Lithgow of Westland checks the tower to see if the games pieces were in place for a round of Warhammer Siege at Neutral Ground in Garden City.



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Anniversary version aims at new fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Twenty-five years ago, "Dungeons & Dragons" introduced the world to elves, dwarfs, wizards, swordplay and sorcery, and the world - mainly teenage and college-age males - fell in love.

Today TSR, the company that produces D&D products, is trying to capture a new generation of players, or "gamers" with a self-contained Adventure Game starter kit, retailing at \$10. The game's release is all part of a 25th anniversary celebration that includes a "Silver Anniversary" U.S. tour and a special anniversary edition of the game's basic box set.

The starter kit, geared toward those age 8 and older, was released in late April and has since sold out of its initial print run, said Keith Strohm, category manager for role playing games for Wizards of the Coast, the Renton, Wash.-based company that bought TSR in 1997.

The subsequent runs also are expected to sell well, and the company expects to sell 70,000-80,000 games by the holidays.

The game is most popular among the 12-16 and 19-21 age groups but is played by people of all ages. Strohm said he estimates there are 200,000 players worldwide.

Birthday celebration

A "Dungeons & Dragons" birthday celebration was launched July 10 in Spokane, Wash., and will continue through the summer at several United States locations.

The "TSR Silver Anniversary Tour" will hit the area 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Aug. 21, at Borders Books & Music, in the Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Blvd.

Events include appearances by celebrity authors and game designers with question-and-answer sessions, game demonstrations, game tournaments and contests with prizes.

There also will be a "Gaming through the Ages" art exhibit, featuring a historical look at the artwork and game tools associated with the D&D game over the past quarter century.

Admission to the celebration is free, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation at a local food bank.

Wizards of the Coast also publishes both the "Magic: The Gathering" and "Pokémon" trading card games.

"Dungeons & Dragons" was born in Lake Geneva, Wis., in 1974. In D&D, players create characters among others who can in turn be wizards, priests, warriors, thieves and even musicians or bards.

A "dungeon master" leads the players through the game by

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Camp lets kids know 'they're not alone'

BY SUE MASON
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When the buses leave for Camp Tamarack in Ortonville on Aug. 20, about 100 children will be heading for a weekend meant to change their lives.

The sixth annual Camp Phoenix Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22, is conducted jointly by Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Hospices of Henry Ford Health Systems. The weekend camp lets grieving children know there are others just like them.

"The universal saying is that the kids learn they're not alone," said Kathleen Dattolo, CHHCS's director of social work. "When they arrive at camp and see the number of kids who have lost someone to death, they see they have something in common."

The camp is for children ages 5-17 and features typical camp activities - swimming, hiking, hayrides, arts and crafts and campfires. But there's also time to explore and express their feelings through specialized group sessions and a chance to say good-bye and for closure at a memorial service.

said Dattolo. "We don't have a lot of weeping and crying, we have a lot of learning and celebrating the person who has died."

The camp was a positive experience for Kristina

■ 'The memorial is the hardest event, but afterward, the children say it is the most important.'

Kathleen Dattolo
Community Hospice

Walker's son, Kristopher. When her father, his grandfather, died in November 1997, she grieved and so did Kristopher.

But while she felt the loss should have pulled them closer together, just the opposite was true. Kristopher was furious with his mother. He threw things, screamed at the top of his lungs and was disobedient most of the time.

"My dad was really the only male role model in his life," Walker said. "But even though I knew how much he missed him, sometimes I felt like he was using my father's death as an excuse."

"I tried to talk to him, but I just couldn't seem to reach him."

Through CHHCS's Connections support group meetings and Camp Phoenix, Kristopher's anger slowly diminished. The camp, according to Walker,

made a huge difference in her son, who is now age 8.

"Because of the experience his life has completely changed," she said. "Once it was difficult for Kristopher to discuss his feelings. There was a lot of emotion involved. But now he can talk about Papa and smile."

The camp registration fee is \$25 per child. Activities are geared to the three different age groups - 5-8-year-olds, 9-12-year-olds and teens age 13-17.

By mid-June, organizers had already seen a 25 percent increase in enrollment. They credit that to the ability to reach more children because of the cooperation between the two agencies.

"We've sent out about 40 applications so far to those who've expressed an interest," said Jean Butrico Cooper, program coordinator for SandCastles, Hospices of Henry Ford Health System's grief support program for children and families. "This has been a great partnership and as a result, Camp Phoenix is getting recognized."

Parents interested in the camp can call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244 or Hospices of Henry Ford Health System at (313) 874-6881.

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telling them what is happening and asking them what they are going to do. Rolls of multi-sided dice dictate how successful their characters are. The dungeon master's decisions are final.

The dungeon master can either use one of the game's many pre-written adventures or make up his or her own.

The starter kit allows players to select from eight characters they would like to play, including human, elf, dwarf and halfling.

Slighter in build and height than humans, elves live in forest settings, love nature and thrive on creativity and artistry. To other races, they come across as frivolous and aloof.

Dwarves are shorter and

stockier than elves. They live underground and are fond of treasure. They tend to be serious, hard-working and gruff.

Shorter and slighter than dwarves, halflings live in valley and meadow villages and are generally outgoing, open, curious and clever. They make excellent thieves. Halflings' most famous appearance was in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Competition from other game makers has only made TSR stronger, Strohm said.

"The diversity of choice for players has helped D&D," he said, adding that a lot of people get involved with D&D through other role-playing games and vice-versa.

Other publications TSR also publishes the "Dragonlance" novel series, which reached the New York Times best-seller list on numerous occasions and the periodicals "Dragon" and "Dungeon." The publishing wing of TSR has always been successful, Strohm said.

The game has had its share of controversy. An early D&D supplemental book entitled "Deities & Demigods" featured graphic descriptions of demons, prompting concerns from religious groups and many parents. In partial response to that controversy, TSR stopped publishing the book, making it a collector's item.

"We've had a lot of negative

press," Strohm said. "It's a very difficult hobby to understand, if you're not involved in it."

TSR hired therapist Dr. Joyce Brothers in the early 1980s to analyze the game. The game company in turn learned the game has many positive mental and social benefits, such as its emphasis on problem solving, focus on mathematics, and reading skills and working together to accomplish common goals, as D&D characters must do.

D&D players also tend to be avid readers.

"What we've learned from parents is that when their children play (D&D), they spend a lot of time reading," Strohm said.

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a very large following. There are people who have been playing since the game started."

King is not only in charge of games at Rider's, but has played a variety of role-playing games, including D&D since 1984.

"It's still very popular," he said. "I think it has a long life ahead of it."

Hot sellers Other hot sellers are the other 25th anniversary products, such as the basic box set, which includes some re-released adventures from the 1980s.

D&D players, or "gamers"

shopping at Rider's are of most age groups, including 10-12 year olds and even adults in their 40s.

David Moffet, owner of Classic Movie & Comic Center at 29473 Seven Mile in Livonia, said D&D product sales are pretty weak. A hotter seller is the "Magic - The Gathering" trading card game.

"We sell a lot less D&D products than we did seven years ago," he said. Some reasons for the lagging D&D sales are simplicity and cost. Card games

tend to be easier to learn and cheaper than role-playing games, he added.

John Landuit, owner of West Point Hobby at 25531 W. Seven Mile in Redford, said that role-playing games, including "Warhammer," a fantasy role-playing game with metal miniatures, and "Battletech" sell fairly well.

"Dungeons & Dragons (sales) have been hit-or-miss," Landuit said, adding that he will order

the supplies for regular customers, if they want something he doesn't have in stock.

Kelly Ziulkowski, assistant manager at Waldenbooks in Westland Center, said D&D products aren't hot sellers in the area.

"We do sell them, but we barely ever sell any, actually," she said. "In other stores, they sell well."

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Committee for Hospice Care and Alpha Xi Delta National Sorority, help the agencies pay the estimated \$40-45,000, based on the number of children, to stage the camp. Expenses include transportation to camp, the life-guards and the backpacks, T-shirts, markers and crayons each camper receives.

More than 50 volunteers from a variety of backgrounds helped make it all happen last year, and a like number are needed this

year. Volunteers can be as young as age 15 and there's a need for male volunteers, according to Dattolo.

The agencies provide 13 hours of training on such things as grief and loss, child development, communication skills, camp specific rules and working with children in a group environment.

There's also a need for more sponsors for such things as the food for the camp's Saturday lun-

cheon to feed 150 and the celebration (400-500 people) on Sunday, when the families arrive to pick up the campers, bottled water, arts and crafts supplies and the like.

"The camp is one of the highlights of my job," said Dattolo. "It's the most work, but it's amazing to see the growth in these kids in three days. They're no longer the odd man out."

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Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. (248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496

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A picnic is planned for Aug. 11 at Rotary Park in Livonia. A reunion is being planned for next year. (248) 647-3743, (248) 334-7641, (313) 421-3150 or (734) 526-2503

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Class of 1969
Nov. 26 at the Mirage in Clinton Township. (313) 937-5032, (810) 263-9180 or (810) 774-1784

DETROIT
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT
Class of 1969
Oct. 23 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center, Clinton Township. (248) 642-7376 or (313) 526-7469

DETROIT HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1949
Sept. 18 at Vladimir's Restaurant in Farmington Hills (734) 464-9172, (810) 737-4612

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A reunion is tentatively planned for May 2001. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1969
Oct. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per person or \$110 per couple (\$100 per couple, if purchased prior to Sept. 23.) (313) 659-0122 or Mackenzie '69 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 04056, Detroit 48204

DETROIT MUMFORD
Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Oct. 23. (248) 788-5790

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN
Classes of 1978-1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 7. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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Classes of 1916-50
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Crofts-Nuffer

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Kathleen, to Daniel Christian Nuffer, the son of Jared and Rebecca Nuffer of Troutdale, Ore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is a senior at Brigham Young University where she is majoring in microbiology.

Her fiancé is studying computer science at Brigham Young University and is employed at Coresoft Technologies in Orem, Utah.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.



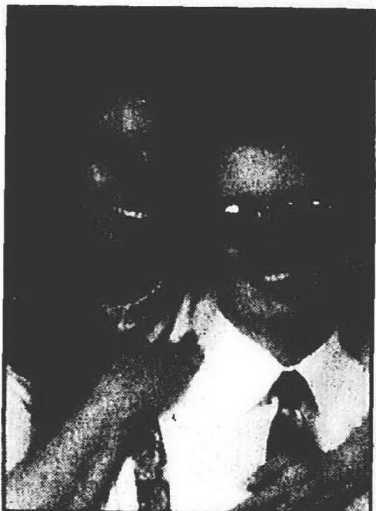
Crofts-Johnson

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Johanna to Mark Richard Johnson of Burkburnett, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and is studying nursing at Brigham Young University.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and is studying accounting at Brigham Young University. He is employed as a project supervisor at Marketing Ally.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.



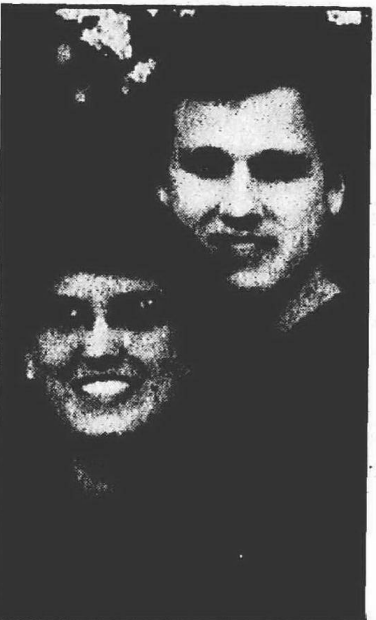
Olsen-Farmer

Larry and Luella Olsen of Bellingham, Wash., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, LeeAnn, to Randy Farmer, the son of Tom and Virginia Farmer of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bellingham High School and Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.. She is employed as an instructional assistant and by the 106.5 FM radio station.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Dearborn school district. He is employed as a senior programmer analyst for Datanational in Farmington Hills.

A July wedding is planned in Bellingham, Wash.



Lenox-Plagens

Hank and Nancy Lenox of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Keith Michael Plagens, the son of George and Lillian Plagens of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in interior design. She is currently employed at Hobbs & Black, Architects, in Ann Arbor as an assistant director of interior design.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1998 graduate of Kettering University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at the Ford Motor Co. as a vehicle development engineer in Power-



train Operations. A June wedding is planned at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in West Bloomfield.

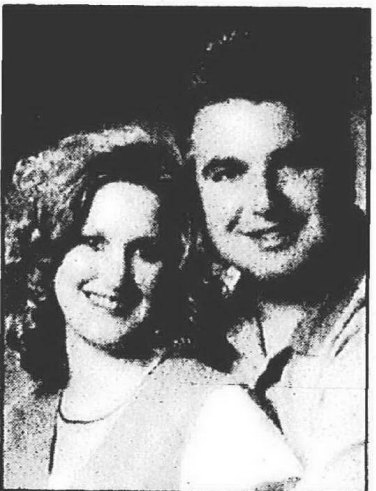
Leap-Hachigian

Ron and Diane Leap of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Nena, to Michael Sarkis Hachigian, son of Onnig and Shooshig Hachigian of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University. She is employed as a paralegal at Domino's Pizza International Inc. in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University with a master's degree. He is employed as a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

A September wedding is planned at St. Sarkis Armenian



Apostolic Church in Dearborn.

Rice-Bowser

Bev Rice of Livonia and Tom and Lucille Rice of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantelle S. to Scott M. Bowser, the son of Earl and Kay Bowser of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Microsoft in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Arthur Anderson LLP in Detroit.

A November wedding is



planned at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Sovel-Gergis

Christine Catherine Sovel and Terence Ramzi Gergis were married at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn by the Rev. Michael Quan.

The bride is the daughter of James and Donna Sovel of Westland. The groom is the son of Ramzi and Mary Gergis of Northville.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed in marketing.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. He is employed in management at Ameritech.

The bride asked Michelle McKimmy Eicholtz to be her matron of honor with Loretta Sovel, Karen White, Renee White, Theresa White and Amanda Juncaj as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Phil Kozlowski to be his best man



with Mark Sovel, Jim Reese and Bob Keyes as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving for a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They are making their home in Novi.

Mimnaugh-Pfeifer

Bernard and Kay Mimnaugh of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Kay, to Jerome Raymond Pfeifer, the son of Jerome and Judith Pfeifer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is employed by Garden City Hospital as a pharmacy technician.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by MSX International.

An August wedding is planned at St. Michael Catholic Church



in Livonia.

Zigouris-Hayes

Odisseys and Athanasia Zigouris of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David J. Hayes, the son of Jerry and Marilyn Hayes of Hudsonville.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of the GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. She is employed with Delphi Delco Electronics.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Johnson Controls.

An August wedding is planned at the Nativity of the Virgin



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OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
 Oakwood Healthcare Center offers osteoporosis screening 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$10. OHA members are \$5. This event is open to the public and is free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. To register call, (800) 543-WELL.

BOBBIN LACE EXHIBIT
 The Plymouth Community Arts Council will showcase the lacework of the Great Lakes Group Inc., a non-profit organization of lace makers across the U.S. and abroad. The display, featuring handmade bobbin lace and tatting projects made by members of the GLLGI, is open to the public through Sunday, July 25, at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278.

BARBIE SHOW
 The Barbie Fashion Doll Show returns from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 are \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

FAMILY FISHING
 Maybury State Park will again host Family Fishing in August. Bring the entire family and join us at the pond from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7-14. Park staff will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques and help beginners get started in this enjoyable sport. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if you do not have your own. Maybury Pond is located inside the Beck Road entrance to Maybury State Park, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. Park near the riding stable and follow the signs to the pond. This is a free event; however, a state park motor vehicle permit will be required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

SUMMER BIRD HIKES
 Maybury State Park in Northville Township hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. The next hike begins 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. These hikes provide a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. Each hike lasts one-two hours. The hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. Call (248) 349-8390.

FEATHERED FRIENDS
 Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The program, Feathered Friends, will take a look at wild birds in the park.

Explore how and where they live through activities and a hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building, Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. The program is free of charge, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call the park office for more detail at (248) 349-8390.

FARMER'S MARKET
 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors Plymouth's Farmers Market. 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and seasonal items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

AROUND TOWN

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS
 Canton Parks and Recreation Services sponsors a series of golf lessons for people age 7-18. Classes will be assigned by age groups and skill levels. The lesson fee, \$50, includes instruction from PGA professionals, range balls, T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Classes are July 21 and 22.

MANDALA DRAWING
 Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsors a mandala drawing workshop 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. No experience needed. Cost is \$35, which includes materials. To register, call (734) 416-4ART.

WORKSHOP
 The Great Lakes Lace Group offers a children's workshop for boys and girls age 6-12 to introduce them to this handmade tradition from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 23, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Denise Knight will teach a basic weaving technique that will enable students to take home a tiny project such as a snake-shaped bookmark. Cost is \$16. Call (734) 416-4278 to register.

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST
 The annual Summer Grain Harvest at Maybury Farm begins 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24. Learn how small grains and corn were harvested and processed in the past through demonstrations and hands-on activities. All activities take place in the Farm Demonstration Building.

HEALTH SEMINARS
 Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth offers a free health seminar this month on growing older. The seminar "Challenges of Growing Older" is from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, July 29, at 14300 Beck Road. Call (734) 453-5600



Awarded: The Dul family, owners of Fox Hills Golf Course, awarded eight scholarships. From left to right (front row) Sandy Dul Mily, Estelle Dul, James Wilson, Michael Aznavorian; (middle row) Michelle Mirzoian, Julie Wetterstrom, Kathleen Dul Aznavorian; (back row) Stephanie Koppe, Vanessa Cline and Stephanie Cline.

Duls dole out 8 scholarships

The Dul family, owners of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, and Clips & Clamps, Industries of Plymouth have announced the winners of the first annual Dul Foundation Scholarships. Eight college students, ranging in age from 18 to 34, are recipients of the scholarships, which totaled \$4,000. Among the eight students were Stephanie Koppe of Plymouth and Julie Wetter-

strom of Canton. Candidates for the Dul Foundation Scholarships are employees, spouses or children of employees of Fox Hills or Clips & Clamps. In addition to grade point average, criteria for awarding the scholarships were based on leadership skills, a commitment to personal and professional growth, personal integrity, character, and community involvement.

to register.

TECHNO MASTERS CAMP
 Day camp is held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26-30 at West Middle School for grades K-8. The cost is \$175, and students must bring a lunch. Call (734) 416-4927.

SOCCER CAMP
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will host a Soccer Camp for children ages 5-11 from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 2-5 at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road. The camp will help beginning and intermediate soccer players develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. Camp fee is \$15 and is payable at the time of registration. Program includes instruction, snacks, materials, a water bottle, and a soccer ball to take home. For more information or to register, call (734) 522-6830.

ART SHOW
 Artifacts Art Clubs will present Summer Multimedia Exhibit from Aug. 1-15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Ply-

mouth. There will be Detroit-based artists in many medias and styles. The artist reception will be 7-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

PATIENT CARE CLASSES
 Arbor Hospice offers a free six-session patient care class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 3-19 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. Participants will learn to provide support and limited care to terminally ill patients and their families. Class registration ends July 23. To register, call Esperanza Barcelona at (734) 662-5999 Ext. 143.

CAMP INVENTION
 A one-week science and creativity day camp is held at Isbister School 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 2-6. The camp is for grades 2-6 and costs \$180. Call (800) 968-IDEA.

CRANBROOK DINNER
 An elegant evening of music and dinner to benefit Cranbrook House and Gardens is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Cranbrook House and Gardens is at 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield

Hills. There is free parking at Christ Church, directly across Lone Pine with free shuttle service provided. In case of rain, many rooms of Cranbrook House will be open. For tickets, call (248) 645-3147.

FLEA MARKET
 The Canton Historical Society hosts a flea market 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. A 10-by-10-foot space for vendors is \$15. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. The society will sell donated items inside the school. Donated items can be brought to the school noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Call 981-1475.

HUNTER'S SAFETY
 The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park present the second annual Hunter's Safety Course 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 7-8. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. A Social Security number will be required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m.

Class begins at 9 a.m. A parent/guardian meeting will be held prior to class. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. The class is held at Summit on the Park-Professional Development Center. The fee is \$20 resident/\$25 non-resident. Call (734) 397-5110.

SENIOR HEALTH LECTURE
 Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Dr. Bharate Srivastava present a series of free lectures devoted to seniors and their health. The next lecture is 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The topic will be health issues of women, including osteoporosis, breast cancer, uterine cancer and nutrition and exercise. Call (734) 397-5444.

ADOPT A DUCK
 The first-ever "Great Canton Duck Derby" is fast approaching. Participants can "adopt" ducks for the Friday, Aug. 13, event at Heritage Park. Adopt ducks at the parks and recreation office at the Summit and at summer events such as concerts in the park. Cost is \$2 for one duck; \$5 for three ducks; or \$11 for seven ducks. Each duck will be entered in the derby and be eligible to win prizes including round-trip airline tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. Call (734) 397-5110.

GOLF OUTING
 Project Compassion celebrates the International Year of the Older Person with its 12th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 16 at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m. Carts, refreshments on the course, full dinner after golf, prizes galore, Toyota Camry hole-in-one contest and Pro Air tickets hole-in-one contest. Price is \$100 per person (\$35 is tax deductible). For more information or to register, call Project Compassion at (800) 626-9622.

SINGLES DANCES
 Dances occur 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster). Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. The dances are for people age 21 and over. No jeans. Call (734) 981-0909.

WALK IN THE PARK
 Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville holds a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. Saturdays. The walk is on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Call (248) 349-0911.

CAMP BORDERS
 Camp Borders is a free 10-week program for children 7-12 years old. All metro area Borders stores will offer a variety of educational and cultural events every Thursday at 7 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

offers a 24-hour hotline of upcoming events. Call (734) 453-1540.

CRAFTERS NEEDED
 Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6-foot with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

REGISTRATION
 Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years of age. Garfield Co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135. Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CAMP MONARCH
 The "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice sponsors a family-oriented weekend camp. Camp Monarch is a bereavement camp designed for young people and their caregivers who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and ends noon Aug. 15. The cost of \$75 per family includes housing, meals and activities. However, Camp Monarch is open to every family regardless of its ability to pay. Call (734) 464-7810.

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

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

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

COUNTERPOINT
 Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-7005.

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

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: _____

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Additional Info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth MI 48170.

HEADMASTER LIST

Cadet Brian Munson, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Michael Munson of Canton, made the headmaster's list at Howe. He received the award by attaining at least a 3.0 grade point average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Munson has been attending Howe Military School since August 1995. This is the third time this year he has been named to the headmaster's list.

COMMAND

Army Capt. Scott Swartzwelder recently took command of B Company of the 307th Engineering Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Capt. Swartzwelder graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1993 and received a master's degree in science engineering from the University of Missouri in 1997. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1989, and lives with his wife, Stacey, in Fayetteville, N.C. Swartzwelder is the son of Dean and Nancy Swartzwelder of Plymouth.

NATO PARTICIPANT

Navy Chief Petty Officer William J. Simpson, a

1980 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is participating in the NATO military offensive against Yugoslavia while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. While on deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf, Simpson's squadron is helping conduct the NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military and strategic installations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Currently home-based at Jacksonville, Fla., Simpson's squadron flies the F/A-18C Hornet, a twin-engine supersonic strike fighter that features an all weather intercept, identify, destroy and ground-attack capability. He joined

the Navy in November 1981. Simpson is a 1984 graduate of St. Leo College, St. Leo, Fla., with an associate of arts degree.

DEANS LIST

Cadet Andrew Short, son of Carl and Mary Short of Plymouth, was named to the spring semester dean's list at the U.S. Military Academy. To qualify for the dean's list, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Short graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1995. He graduated from the Military Academy on May 29 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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BIBLE CONFERENCE
Fair Haven Baptist Church's fifth annual summer Bible conference occurs 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. Pastor R. B. Ouellette of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport will preach. Child care will be provided for people age 3 and under. Call (734) 728-4549.

DESTINY
The Young Continentals, 30 high-energy, high-impact singers and technicians, will present "Mission of Love" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Young Continentals is an evangelical group of young people who communicate the message of love found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The performance is free of charge, however, a freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call Brenda Phillips at (734) 425-5950.

DISCIPLES OF LOVE
The Disciples of Love Prayer Group will have a pot luck picnic 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia. All prayers groups are welcome, and participants should bring their friendship and a dish to pass. For more information, call Geri Soelz at (734) 8906 or Paul Tetrault at (734) 462-0344.

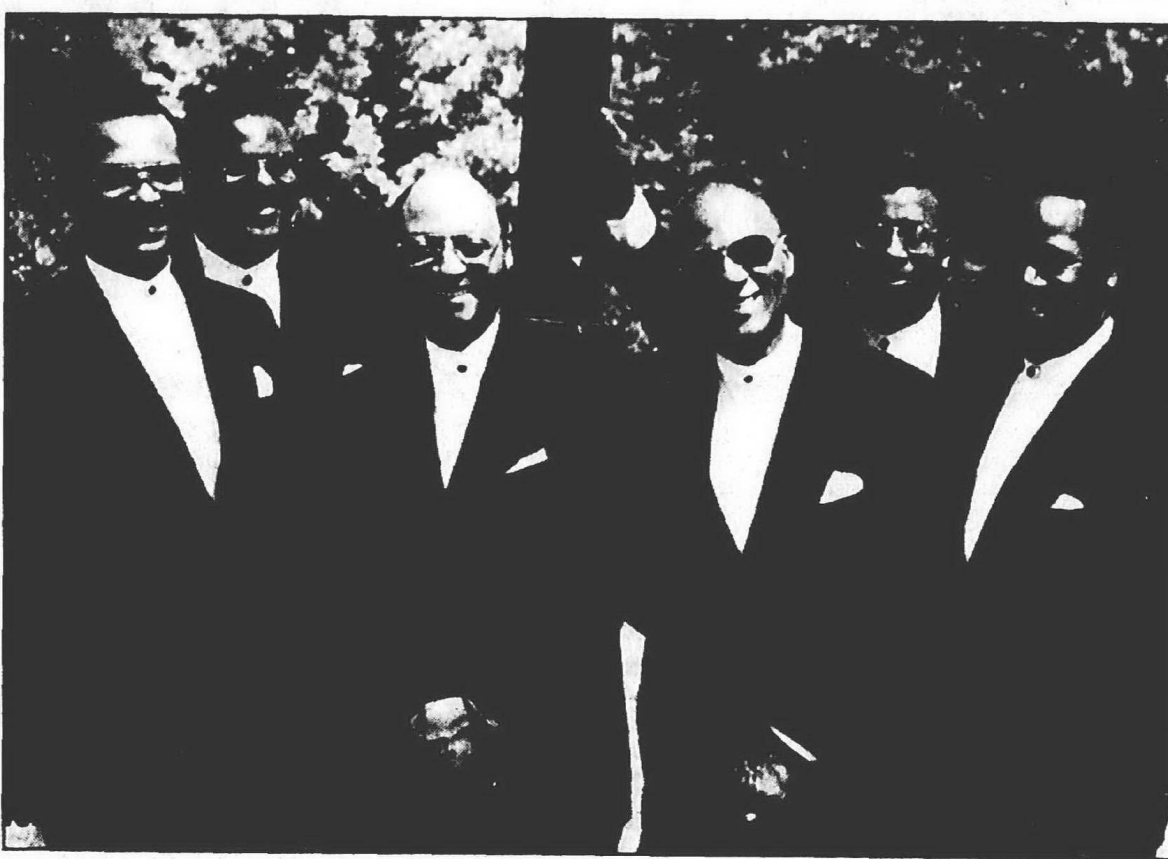
GUEST SPEAKER
Deacon Bruce Simpson, a

Catholic evangelist from Florida, will be guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group's meeting beginning 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the University Center. The public is welcome. Call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

VOICE OF PRAISE
Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne. The group of 12 singers from the Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., will perform traditional, gospel, old-time gospel, contemporary and a capella music. The group is directed by David Dale, minister of music at the Lexington church. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-7410.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

Rainbow Festival
St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/periogi dinner on Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug.



In concert: God's Golden Voices gospel group from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will perform and New Hope's minister, the Rev. Joseph Chattena, will speak about "Right Relationships Mean Right Living" at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at The Gathering, located at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. The Gathering meets at 6 p.m. Sundays at the church. For more information, call (248) 474-3444.

21 and pork chop dinner on Aug. 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing to the Dyna Dukes, Duane Malinowski, Misty Blues and Polish Kid and Co. For more information, call the church at (313) 561-1977.

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visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

TAI CHI CLASSES
The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11

Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool to eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3-4-year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically-based environment. For more information, call (248) 348-9031.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, is accepting applications for enrollment in preschool through eighth grade in the upcoming school year. The school offers full day kindergarten, small class sizes, structured environment, "Saxon Math" and "Accelerated Reader" programs, computers in every classroom, competitive athletics, sports clinics and before- and after-school care. For more information, call (248) 474-2488.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 17810 Farmington Road in Livonia, is accepting applications for enrollment in the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten program for children who will be age 4 on or before Dec. 1 meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The preschool program for children age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. A combination 3-4-year-old class (age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained or age 4 by Dec. 1 and not previously enrolled in preschool) meets 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For tuition fees or more information, call (734) 421-1470.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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LAKE POINTE BIBLE CHAPEL
Lake Pointe Bible Chapel's vacation Bible school, "Full Armour of God," 9:15-11:30 a.m. July 26-30 at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Children preschool-age through sixth-grade will sing songs, play games and learn Bible verses. For more information, call the church at (734) 420-0515.

GARDEN CITY FIRST UM
Garden City First United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Jungle Journey," 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at the church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood, Garden City. The school is for children ages 4 through sixth-graders. On July 30, there will be a picnic noon-1 p.m. for the children and staff and a closing program, followed by an ice cream social for families and friends at 7 p.m. For more information or a registration form, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

UNITY CHURCH
Unity Church of Livonia is accepting registration for Kid's Camp '99 9 a.m. to noon July 26-29 at the church, Five Mile east of Middlebelt. The camp is for children ages 5-11 and will include crafts, songs, games, exploration of Mother Earth and more. There is no fee, however, an offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

ROSEDALE GARDENS
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team-building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats,

visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking on water and another day be thrown onto a prison ship with the Apostle Paul. Each day will conclude with a Treasure Time finale to celebrate what they have learned. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

CLARENCEVILLE UM
Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5 at the

church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Children 4 and older will use their talents to serve God the king while enjoying Bible stories, crafts, games and music. There also will be a Royal Regalia Feast and Program on Aug. 8. (Reservations are required.) For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3444.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN
Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m.,

followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. There is no charge, but registration is required by June 30. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR
Church of the Savior, Reformed Church in America, will have its vacation Bible school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 2-6 at the church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. The theme will be "A Jungle Journey," and there will be a review at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 and picnic for participants and their families 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. Aug. 6. The deadline for registering is July 26. For more information, call (248) 888-8480 or (734) 464-1062.

ALDRERSGATE UM
Aldersgate UM will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth grade may attend a castle adventure set in merrie olde England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

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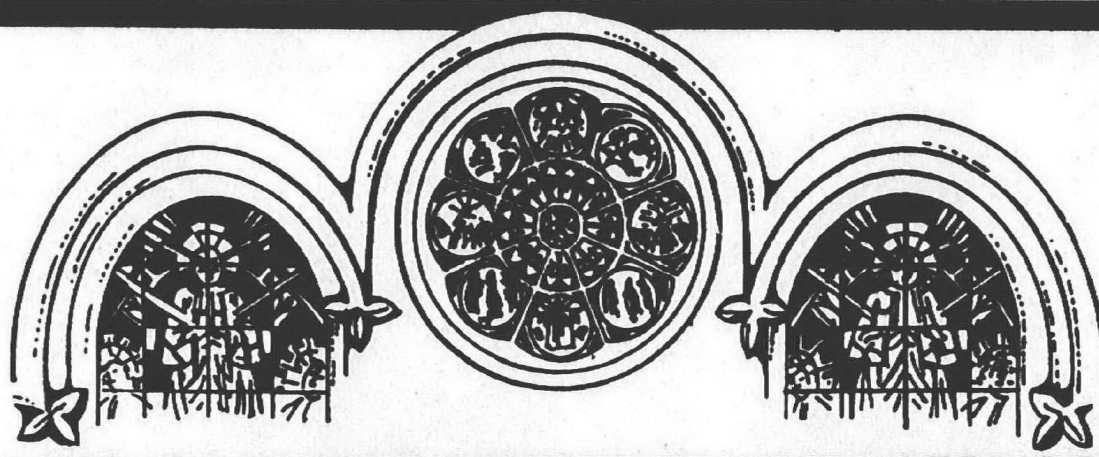
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YWCA seeks nominations for achievement awards

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon, presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

The awards luncheon will be noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives.

Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County

and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nomination in one of six categories:

■ The arts/communication award honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.

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■ The professional award honors women who have demonstrated excellence and commitment as a professional in the education, health, human service, religion or research categories.

■ The volunteer service award honors women who have made significant contributions to their community through their volunteer efforts.

■ The young woman award honors young women ages 16-23 who have demonstrated leadership qualities, services to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. A one-page narrative, outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements, along with a biographical sketch (two-page maximum), can be sent to Debbie Miller, Women of Achievement Luncheon, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster 48141.

For more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bertal-Schou

Dr. John Bertal and Dr. Diane Darlene Schou of Cedar Falls, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with renewal of their vows with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on June 22, 1974, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

mouth. She is the former Diane Darlene Wheeler of Plymouth.

They have one son, Paul Bertal Schou of Cedar Falls.

He is president and co-owner of Agricultural Custom Research Experimental Service (ACRES). She also is co-owner of Agricultural Custom Experimental Services (ACRES) and has her own consulting business, AIMM.

Reeves

Harlan and LaVerna Reeves of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary July 10 at a gathering of family members and friends at the Amvets Hall in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on July 11, 1949, in Angola, Ind. She is the former LaVerna Bollinger.

He retired from the city of Westland 10 years ago, and she retired from Atlantic and Pacific Tea 11 years ago.



Hilliard

Robert and Irene Hilliard of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25 in a Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church and with family members at Niagara Falls.

The couple exchanged vows June 25, 1949, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. She is the former Irene Papierniak.

The Hilliards have six children - Marie Harrington, Debbie Noe, Michelle Loveland, Diane Hilliard, Carol Bergin and Annette Hilliard - and six grandchildren.

He is retired from General Motors, and she is retired from real estate and banking.



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Winning team

At golf outing: Carl Simms (left), Ed Mohlman, Jason Flynn and Dan Cornwell from Cambridge Services walked away with first place at the "Smiles for Children" charity golf tournament June 17 at the Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The club's board of directors designated \$20,000 from the annual benefit for the infant hearing screening program in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at \$20 for a 6-foot table. For more information, call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062.

ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

ST. DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore Catholic Church is

looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental

available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-

by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. For an application, call (734) 432-5603.

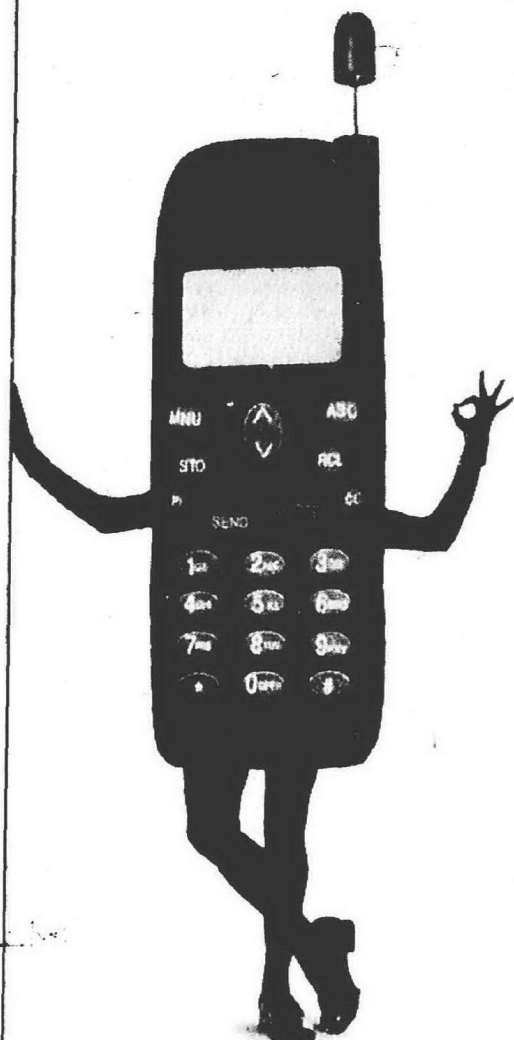
ST. EDITH

Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

ST. VALENTINE

Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Long drive winners

There's still one chance left to win a trip to Mesquite, Nevada and the RE/MAX National Long Drive Championship Oct. 20-23. But first things first, and first you've got to get to the district round of competition, which will be Sept. 25 in Hudson, Ohio.

Last Saturday in the first of two local sectional qualifiers at the Highland Golf Center in Highland, three golfers earned a spot in the district round of competition. Karl Lindh, of Canton, was the winner in the Open Division with a drive of 333-yards, 1-foot, 9-inches; placing second in the Open Division was Al McFarland of Westland with a drive of 312-yards, 1-inch.

Paul Rigsby of Highland took top honors in the Senior Division (55-and-over) with a drive of 279-yards, 2-feet, 1-inch.

The sectional was hosted by former Livonia Stevenson HS graduate Rob Peters. Peters said another will be held Aug. 14, again at Highland Golf Center (located on Lone Tree, west of Milford and across from Milford HS). A total of \$250,000 is up for grabs at the Nationals in October, with a \$75,000 first prize.

Tournament champs

The Michigan United States Specialty Sports Association Girls State Fast Pitch Tournament was hosted by the Canton Softball Center last weekend, with champions crowned in four age divisions. A total of 45 teams competed.

Here are the winners:

•19-and-under division — Bay City Classics (Essexville) over Finesse (Westland) in the title game;

•16-and-under — Rage (Portage) over Computare Orange (West Bloomfield);

•14-and-under — Finesse (Macomb) over Finesse White (Howell);

•12-and-under — Motor City Madness (Novi) over Plymouth Canton Thunderbirds (Canton).

Wings win again

The Canton Wings under-9 boys soccer team completed a clean sweep by collecting their second-straight championship. The Wings were a combined 17-2-1 for the fall and spring seasons, placing first both times.

Team members are Steven Betts, Michael Ciuffoletti, Phillip Creed, Ryan Fleisher, Bradley Harbison, Kyle Justus, Nick LaPorte, Matt Lewandowski, Dajon Mingo, Todd Peterson, Jerry Pitts, Kyle Sanders and Caleb Thompson. The team was coached by Greg Sanders, Kris Sanders and Ron Moise.

Oaks qualify

Team Mater, one of four teams divided from the Canton Oaks under-10 select soccer team for the 3v.3 soccer tournament in Birmingham, placed third in their division to qualify for the 3v.3 regionals later this year in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brandon Roberts, Eric Piwowar, Robert Mater, Ryan Neu and Nicholas Plescia were members of Team Mater, which was coached by Chuck Thomas and Greg Sanders. Of the four teams (20 players) derived from the Oaks for the Birmingham tournament, three advanced to the second round of play.

Holes-in-One

•Joseph Lopata, of Canton, knocked down a hole-in-one on May 28 on the 14th hole at Falukwood Shores Golf Course in Howell. Lopata used a seven-wood to get his ace on the 172-yard par-three.

•Jerry Grady, of Canton, got an ace at The Majestic at Lake Walden Golf Course in Hartland on July 13. Grady got his hole-in-one on the par-three, 196-yard 16th hole, using a five-iron.

Keeper needed

An under-13 boys select soccer team playing in a Little Caesars division is searching for a keeper. Boys born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987 are eligible.

For more information, please call (734) 454-9072.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Knights dash Lightning

The Livonia Knights moved a step closer to clinching the National League championship in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League by sweeping the Plymouth Lightning in a double-header Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, 3-2 and 8-3.

The Knights, who play a twinbill tonight at Churchill against the Canton Cobras, are now 12-2 in league play. They need a win to clinch at least a tie and a sweep to win the title outright.

The Lightning finished their schedule at 13-3.

A three-run fifth inning and the one-hit pitching of Meghan Misiak gave the Knights a one-run triumph in the opener.

Jenny Long and Sallie Kuratko both walked and Carly George delivered an RBI single to bring home the first Knights' run.

Christine Fones' fielders choice groundout sent Kuratko home and Sheila Gillies' sacrifice fly scored George.

The Salem-based Lightning also tallied both of its runs in the fifth.

Losing pitcher Amanda Sutton had a lead-off single. Two Knights errors followed, bringing home Sutton and Shae Potocki.

Misiak pitched seven strong innings to earn the victory. She struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Sutton, meanwhile, struck out six and walked three. She allowed four hits.

The Knights completed the sweep in the nightcap as Kuratko collected two hits and George added a two-run single to key a three-run fifth inning.

The Knights, who out-hit the Lightning 8-4, also tallied three runs in the first, one in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Winning pitcher Stacy Newcombe struck out one, walked two and hit three batters.

Losing pitcher Liz Dekarske fanned two and walked two. She also had an RBI single.

Lasers 17-15, Thunder 2-8: Also on Tuesday, the Livonia Lasers (10-4) rolled to a double-header sweep of the visiting Plymouth Thunder at Franklin High School.

The first game went just four innings.

Jamie Linden, Kerstin Marshall, Kendra Andrews, Shari Drayer and Sara Knopsider each collected two hits in the opener.

Andrews got things rolling with a two-run double in the first inning.

Knopsider also had an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Nicole Zabkiewicz allowed just one hit (to Tudor). She struck out four and walked four in four



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Tough loss: Lightning ace Amanda Sutton surrendered just four hits and three walks while striking out six, and she singled and scored a run — but it wasn't quite enough for a victory.

innings.

She also got the win in the nightcap, tossing a three-hitter over five innings. She scattered eight walks.

Zabkiewicz also had a two-run double in the first inning, while Linden and Jeanette Bertrand each finished

with two hits and one RBI apiece.

•**ALL-STAR GAME:** The Incredible Girls Fastpitch League American and National League All-Star games will be at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, Saturday at Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

Bulldogs on top in MSHL

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SUMMER HOCKEY

The Bulldogs re-captured the top spot in the Metro Summer Hockey League, at least temporarily, by scoring the first six goals of Tuesday's game against the Wildcats en route to an 11-5 triumph at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The 'Dogs improved to 7-2-1, one point better than the Huskies (7-3-0). The Wildcats slipped to 5-5-0.

Eric Bratcher and Kevin Swider

(from Livonia) propelled the Bulldogs to the victory. Bratcher had four goals and three assists; Swider collected two goals and five assists.

Adam Krug (Livonia) added a goal and two assists, and Corey Swider (Livonia), Matt Prater, Brad Yonemura (Garden City) and Brian Halas (Canton) each had a goal and an assist. Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) chipped in with two assists.

Phil Osaer (Livonia) and Ted Martens divided time in goal for the 'Dogs.

Sean Kass picked up two goals and an assist for the 'Cats, and Tad Patterson (Canton) had two goals. Darrin Silvester finished with a goal and an assist, and Vic DeCina (Canton) had two assists.

Aaron Jones (Troy) was in goal for the Wildcats.

The MSHL season is entering its final weekend of regular-season play.

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Building a program Lady Ocelots still looking strong

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RECRUITING

Take a lot of time in trying to describe just how things have changed with the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team. Get into the details, debate the reasons, give credit to every source imaginable, from the administration to the players.

Know what? It won't really matter. Because all that really matters is realizing that things have changed. They are better.

When Bill Tolstedt took over as coach just prior to the 1997 season, the team he inherited was a mish-mash of leftover players. "It was a unique experience, one that I don't want to repeat," Tolstedt recalled. Finding 11 players to put on the field wasn't always easy.

But the Lady Ocelots managed.

After a 1-5-1 start, they jelled and finished that season at 8-8-1.

Last year, Tolstedt — with a full year to devote to the program — put together a more formidable squad. SC eventually moved up to the No. 12 ranking in the NJCAA, and the Ocelots finished with a 13-4-1 record.

Things figure to be even better this season. And how can one assume such a thing? Because not only does Tolstedt have a full complement of players once again, he's actually making cuts. Some of those who played on his team last season won't return, simply because the new recruits are better.

"We've upgraded ourselves," Tolstedt said in evaluating his roster

for the 1999 campaign, which kicks off Aug. 10 with the opening of practice.

He can say that after losing such stars as midfielders Annie Hagenah (to Madonna University), Julie Majewski (to Western Michigan University) and Lisa Tolstedt (to Indiana Institute of Technology), forward Dawn Koontz (to Indiana Institute of Technology), and defender Dianna Dean (to WMU or Indiana University), among others. All will continue playing at their new schools.

Even though so much is gone — Tolstedt has seven returnees — the SC coach is optimistic this season's squad will be even better. That's because, although they've "lost a lot of offensive punch from last year's team," they still "have a lot of tal-

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FOOTBALL

Twisters are raring to go

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The Wayne County Twisters, entering their third season in the Lake Shores Semi-Professional Football League, appear to be more than ready for Saturday's season opener against the Fremont, Ohio Stallions.

Game time is 3:30 p.m. at Academy of Detroit (formerly Cherry Hill High School).

The Twisters, sporting a 52-man roster, have put in 34 practice days since mid-March along with a two-hour scrimmage recently against the Monroe Timberwolves.

"You've got to be in shape or you'll get hurt easily," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. "We spend about 35 percent of our practice time conditioning. That limits injuries."

Coming off an 8-3 season from a year ago, the Twisters may have their most talented and deep team since Brothers started the program in 1997. The Twisters went 9-2 in their inaugural season.

These players, who range in age from 19 to 34 and in weight anywhere from 155 to 325 pounds, simply do it for the love of the game.

Brothers pays for the jerseys and pants, but the players must provide their own equipment. Team members also sign both an injury liability waiver for the league and the team.

"We don't have any lawyers or doctors right now... I wish we had a doctor," Brothers said. "But we do have school teachers, law enforcement people, graphic

We usually get anywhere from 36 to 42 guys out each practice. We usually go three times a week. Sometimes we lose four, five or six players for various reasons. We have to work around weddings, funerals, vacations, jobs, schooling — you name it."

Former Westland John Glenn High player William Davey, a 30-year-old, 6-foot-5, 325-pound left tackle, missed four games last year when his Detroit Edison emergency crew was called out-of-state.

"They had that big hurricane in South Carolina and he was gone for about a month," said Brothers, who retired two years ago as a section supervisor and packaging engineer for truck operations at Ford Motor Co. "That's why we have 52 players. We try to get everybody in."

The 10-game season also includes a date Saturday, July 31 at Inkster High School against defending Lake Shore League champion the Motor City Cougars.

The league is divided up into two divisions with the Twisters a member of the North.

"Our league is really strong and

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARTLEY

Top recruit: Salem grad Kristina Senich could start at midfield for SC.

SANDBLOT BASEBALL

Concealed Security captures national title

Lou Pirronello has taken several sandlot baseball teams to national tournaments, but until last weekend none came home a champion.

The Concealed Security 12-under Dodgers won the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in thrilling fashion in Sylvania, Ohio.

The Dodgers beat Mansfield, Ohio, 10-5, in the championship game on Saturday behind the winning pitcher of Chris Rusin (Canton).

The players threw their gloves in the air like the Red Wings did with their sticks after winning the Stanley Cup, and managed to pick them up, too.

Pirronello said the closest any of his teams came in the past was a fourth-place showing last year at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

"It was a good celebration and I don't think anyone left anything behind," Pirronello said. "What made the whole thing happen was the cooperation of everyone, from players to coaches and parents."

The Dodgers, 66-13 overall after recording a 4-1 record at the national tournament, return to the CABA World Series, which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb.

Rusin, who had two pitching victories, struck out five in the

championship game.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield), named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, had a double and one RBI. Scott Szpyrka (Orchard Lake) had three hits and two RBI and finished with a tournament-best .733 batting average.

"Coach (Al) Shay dubbed him Mr. July," Pirronello said. "That's two World Series in a row he's picked his game up a notch, defensively and offensively. Hitting .733 against pitching like that... your average usually goes down."

"Bill Szpyrka (Scott's father) spends endless hours giving those two batting practice. They're buddies and their success has to do with him working with them."

Rusin, Eric Drieselman (Garden City) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) also collected two hits each.

Concealed scored all its runs in the first three innings, five in the first.

The Dodgers earned their way into the final with a 10-9 win over Joliet, Ill., in the semifinals.

Richard had three hits and four RBI and Shay, who earned the save with two-thirds of an inning of clutch pitching, collected two hits.

Andrew Stafford and Alan Hagedon (Westland) also con-



National champs: Concealed Security's 12-under team with its trophy.

Front row, from left to right, Alan Hagedon, Joey Levic, Andrew Stafford, Lance Latkiewicz, Jeff Richard and Matt Rodeghier; middle row, left to right, Scott Szpyrka, Steve Karchefski, Eric Drieselman, Mark Pirronello, Eric Vojtkofsky and Chris Rusin (of Canton); top row, from left to right, coaches Larry Vojtkofsky, Al Shay and Lou Pirronello, and Ryan Shay.

tributed two hits as did Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne), bravely playing designated hitter despite wearing a cast on one of his hands.

Drieselman was the starting

pitcher and pitched well into the seventh, according to Pirronello.

Defense played a role in helping the Dodgers get to the championship round.

Concealed opened the tournament with a 13-12 win over Baltimore, a team previously undefeated in 60 games.

Rusin was the winning pitcher, scattering 12 hits with six strikeouts and three walks in five innings. Shay earned the save, allowing one hit and a walk in one inning.

Rusin also helped at the plate with two hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Szpyrka was 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Mark Pirronello (Livonia) made a diving catch in the sixth inning with a runner on second base to help save the win. Baltimore was the team that eliminated Concealed from last year's CABA World Series.

That gave the Dodgers momentum heading into the second game against Lenox, Ill. The Dodgers mercied this team in the regional and would eventually beat it in the championship game, but this game had a different ending.

Concealed lost for the first time, 8-4, to New Lenox as Joey Patlevik suffered the loss on the mound.

Rusin had two hits, including a triple, and an RBI. Szpyrka was 3-for-3 with three RBI.

"We were so sky high after (beating) Baltimore, then played a night game against New Lenox, the team we beat in the regional, and they beat us," Pirronello said. "We didn't feel good at all about that."

That set up a must-win situation for Concealed against Mansfield, Ohio, in the final game of pool play. Concealed responded with a 6-5 win to advance to the semifinals.

Shay tossed a six-hitter with nine strikeouts and only two walks to earn the pitching victory.

Shay also helped his cause with three hits, including two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored.

Stafford, Rusin and Szpyrka had two hits each.

Stafford also came up with the defensive play of the game, going into the hole at shortstop to fetch a grounder with runners at second and third and two outs.

"If he doesn't make that play, we don't advance," Pirronello said. "Same with Mark's catch against Baltimore."

Pirronello said the Dodgers will carry a bigger reputation into this year's CABA World Series than last.

"I don't know if this makes us a favorite," Pirronello said. "People definitely know who we are. Stuff goes on the internet, we did well last year. We were the last team to fall out of the winner's bracket last year."

Pirronello and Al Shay are joined on the coaching staff by Pat Rusin and Larry Vojtkofsky. The team's roster also includes Steve Karchefski, Lance Latkiewicz and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills).

Jeremy Shay (Garden City) and Tyler Rusin (Canton) are bat boys.

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All seven teams will make the playoffs, but because of the odd number of teams, the Huskies will play one extra regular-season game and then sit out the first round of the playoffs.

The regular season ends Sunday, the first game of the playoffs is Monday, with the next two on Tuesday and single games on Wednesday and Thursday. The MSHL championship will be played at 8 p.m. Aug. 1; all games will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Broncos 9, Wolverines 1: The Broncos moved into a tie for third place at the expense of the Wolverines (now 3-7-0), who sank closer to the MSHL's cellar with Tuesday's loss at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) paced the Bronco attack with three goals and three assists. Scott Marlinga and Nick Field added a goal and two assists apiece, and Joe Jones and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) had a goal and an assist each. Baron Becker and Scott Kale also scored goals.

Will Hamele and Rick Marnon (Canton) split time in goal for the Broncos, who are now 4-4-2. Matt Krupa scored the Wolverines' goal. Mike O'Keefe (Redford) was in goal.

Huskies 16, Spartans 5: A poor third period had cost the Huskies on Sunday night. They weren't about to compound that mistake with a bad start on Monday.

The Huskies poured in 13 goals in the first two periods against their MSHL foe, the Spartans, Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Pietilas accounted for nine of the 16 goals, and John Pietila was responsible for five of those; he also had two assists. Phil Pietila added two goals and two assists, Ron Pietila had a goal and three assists, and Glen Pietila netted a goal and one assist.

Other Huskie scorers were Jay Storm, with two goals; Dwight Helminen, with a goal and four assists; Ben Blackwood and Kyle

Joncas, each with a goal and three assists; Jim Tudor (Canton), with a goal and two assists; and Eric Joncas, with a goal and an assist. Frank Bourbonais added three assists, and Keith Pietila had two assists.

Art Baker was in goal for the Huskies.

The Spartans got a goal and three assists from Jason Lawmaster (Westland), and a goal and two assists from Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills). Mike Porter (Catholic Central) added a goal and an assist, and Chris Powroznik (Redford) and Pete Mazzoni each had goals. Eric Pagel (Redford) and Tom McNeil (Plymouth) were in goal for the Spartans.

Wildcats 15, Huskies 12: And everything seemed to be going so well, at least for the Huskies.

After all, they had just managed to take over first place in the MSHL at the end of last week, and in their game against the Wildcats Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center they had opened up a 10-7 lead after two periods. But then things started to go awry.

The 'Cats scored five-consecutive goals in a 9-22 span to turn things around and, even after the Huskies recovered and managed to re-tie it with 3:48 left, the momentum could not be shifted. The Wildcats added three goals in the final 1:46 — two by Brent Bessey — to surpass the .500-mark in the MSHL standings.

Sean Kass, who was leading the league in scoring entering this week's action, added four goals and five assists to his total for the 'Cats. Brent Thomas was their other leader on offense, pouring in five goals and adding three assists, while Bessey finished with three goals and an assist and Darrin Silvester netted a goal and four assists. Shaun Harrington (Livonia) contributed a goal and an assist, Daryl Schimmelfenneg (Canton) had a goal, and Jeremy Motz collected two assists.

The Huskies got four goals and

three assists from Phil Pietila. Dwight Helminen added two goals and three assists. Glen Pietila totaled two goals and two assists, Ben Blackwood had a goal and three assists, Jim Tudor (Canton) a goal and two assists, Ron Pietila a goal and an assist, John Pietila got five assists and Kyle Joncas scored a goal.

Thomas Monnier (Redford Catholic Central) played goal for the 'Cats. Art Baker was in the net for the Huskies.

Broncos 8, Lakers 5: The Broncos opened up a 6-2 lead through two periods and held on against the Lakers in an MSHL game Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) led the Broncos with two goals and two assists; Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) added two goals and one assist while Nick Field collected a goal and two assists and Tony Keshishian (Plymouth) got a goal and an assist. Other Bronco goals were scored by Gord Statham and Mike Mattila.

Rick Marnon (Canton) and Will Hamele split time in goal for the Broncos.

The Lakers got one goal and two assists from Nick Jardine (Bloomfield Hills); Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) and Nick Anselm (Canton) each added a goal and an assist, and Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) and Jeremy Majszak (Canton) both scored goals.

Brandon Hothem (Troy) and Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) divided time in goal for the Lakers.

Bulldogs 20, Wolverines 5: This MSHL game was over almost from the drop of the puck.

The Bulldogs scored six unanswered goals in the opening period and had a lead of at least five goals the remainder of the game Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Kevin Swider (Livonia) did most of the damage for the 'Dogs, riddling the Wolverines for seven goals and five



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Point-producer: Dwight Helminen collected a goal and four assists in the Huskies' win over the Spartans.

assists. Eric Bratcher was nearly as tough, collecting three goals and eight assists.

Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) added three goals and two assists, Adam Krug (Livonia) had two goals and an assist, Brian Halas (Canton) got a goal and three assists, Corey Swider (Livonia) chipped in with a goal and two assists, and Brad Yonemura (Garden City), Andy

Domzalski (Livonia) and Nick Martens each notched a goal and an assist.

Phil Osaer (Livonia) was in goal for the Bulldogs.

The Wolverines got two goals and an assist from Eric Hawkins (Redford Catholic Central) and a goal and an assist from Jim Wheaton (Plymouth). Brad Feiler (Canton) and Todd Bentley (Farmington Hills/Catholic Cen-

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 20)			
Bulldogs	7	2	15
Huskies	7	3	14
Wildcats	5	5	10
Lakers	4	4	10
Broncos	4	4	10
Wolverines	3	7	9
Spartans	1	6	5

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 18)			
Name (team)	G	A	Pts
Sean Kass (Wildcats)	23	11	34
Brian Jardine (Lakers)	14	15	29
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	10	16	26
Jim Tudor (Huskies)	16	9	25
Darrin Silvester (Wildcats)	7	18	25
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	16	7	23
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	11	11	22
John Pietila (Huskies)	12	9	21
Eric Dolesh (Lakers)	12	7	19
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	12	7	19
Phil Pietila (Huskies)	10	9	19
Dwight Helminen (Huskies)	8	10	18
Krikor Arman (Wolverines)	5	13	18
K. McNeilance (Broncos)	12	5	17
Ben Blackwood (Huskies)	9	8	17
Glen Pietila (Huskies)	4	12	16

LEADING GOALTENDERS		
Name (team)	GA	Avg.
Phil Osaer (Bulldogs)	9	3.57
J.J. Weeks (Huskies)	17	4.85
Art Baker (Huskies)	13	5.21
Rick Marnon (Broncos)	28	5.55
Brandon Hothem (Lakers)	23	5.70
Will Hamele (Spartans)	17	5.74
Ted Martens (Bulldogs)	23	6.61

tral) also scored goals. Thomas Monnier (Catholic Central) and Mike O'Keefe (Redford) were in goal for the Wolves.

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it's improved a lot the last two years," Brothers said. "For some of the new guys who have never played, I think it's a good experience and it really opens their eyes.

"This is not recreational football. This is big boy football."

The Twisters' home field, located on 28500 Avondale (at Harrison) between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, does not have lights. Admission for each is \$5 for adults and \$2 per student. Seniors (60 and up) and children under-12 (with a paid adult) will be admitted free. (Concessions and restrooms are provided on site.)

Home games are also scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 vs. Zanesville (Ohio) Fury; Aug. 28 vs. Lima (Ohio) Thunder; Sept. 18 vs. Black Swamp (Ohio) Patriots; and Oct. 2 vs. Motor City Cougars.

"We've been working on the field, the weeds have been a problem but we've got that pretty much cleared up," Brothers

said. "I wish we had lights. It gets pretty hot out there.

"But we're thankful the charter school (Academy of Detroit) lets us use the field. It saved this organization.

Former Glenn product Jason Hagelthorn is the Twisters' new head coach. His assistants include former Chicago Bear Rodney Swanigan, Christian Brothers, Michael Candela, James Perkins and Jake Rathmann.

Several key players return including five All-Americans — 6-2, 240-pound linebacker-tight end Aaron Brothers, who played at Akron and Central Michigan; former Ferris State player Bob Pensari, a 6-2, 240-pound linebacker; 34-year-old Keith Nash, a 6-2, 325-pound right tackle from Detroit Martin Luther King High; and Reggie Brandon, a 5-8, 155-pound wide receiver from Wayne High.

The quarterback position will go either to former Woodhaven signal caller Rob Elswick, just 19

years-old, or 6-2, 215-pound Jerome Drake.

Expected to start in the backfield is Eddie Trent (5-7, 190) at tailback and former Eastern Michigan University griddy Aaron Williams (5-8, 230) at fullback.

Two Wayne High products, fullback Corey McClelland (6-1, 245) and lineman Mike Kennedy (6-4, 270) also show potential, according to Brothers.

"We've been primarily a running team," Brothers said. "But this year I think we have three quarterbacks including former Detroit Chadsey product Leonard Morawa) who can all throw the ball.

"We basically had the long passing game, but now we can hit the shorter routes. I think we're loaded this year."

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and coming in." The one area of concern for Tolstedt after last season was in goal. "My sense was, if we had a problem anywhere on the field, it was in goal," he said. "I knew we were suspect in that area."

Shannon Brooks will return from last year's team, but she'll face competition for the starting job from Kerrie LaPerte, who played at Livonia Churchill, and Wendy Jacobs, a 1996 graduate of South Lyon HS. Their addition give SC quality depth, something new goalkeeper coach Bob Roland will be expected to develop.

With the losses at midfield, one would think Tolstedt would be concerned. But the additions have allayed those fears.

Kelly Connell, from Plymouth Canton, and Kristina Seniuch, from Plymouth Salem, are "both strong players. They're going to be big pluses for us."

Indeed, Tolstedt is expecting both to step in and start. But they'll still have to earn it — because there is plenty of competition.

"I've always had a real strong propensity toward midfield play," the SC coach said. "I think we have the players there to keep us strong at that position."

Tolstedt has several new players who can move easily between midfield and forward, like Lisa Abadi, an all-district player and team MVP at Dearborn Fordson; Mary Moore, another all-conference standout and team MVP at Taylor Truman; Danielle Shaffer, who signed with SC out of Linden last year but had a year-old ankle fracture that kept her

out of action. "I know she's a physical player," Tolstedt said. "I'm excited to have her back on the field." Callie together with Brooks, Seniuch and LaPerte, who was all-league and all-district last year, will be the war/midfielders for the team. "I'm excited to have her back on the field," Tolstedt said. "I'm excited to have her back on the field," Tolstedt said.

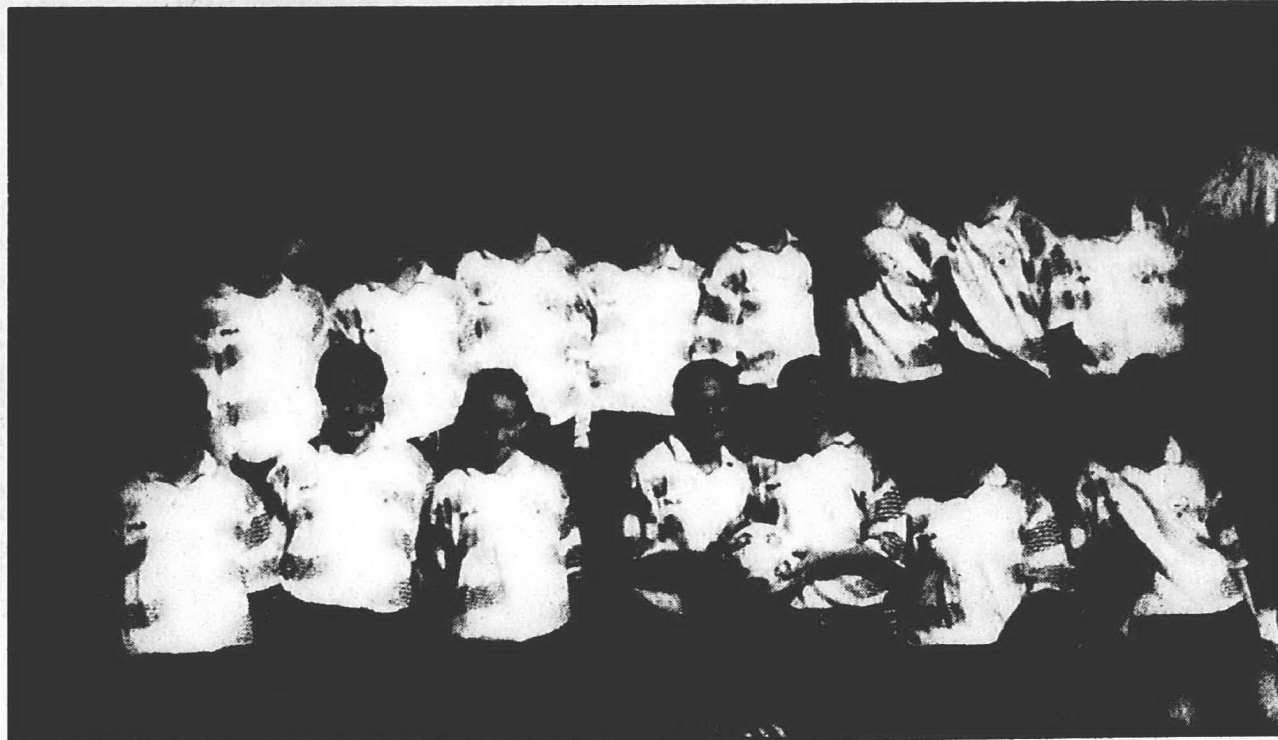
"They're going to be a real surprise," Tolstedt said of Abadi. He had been tipped off about her after last fall, when Abadi played club soccer for the Bedford Blue Stars. "I saw her play for us indoors, and was very impressed," Tolstedt said. "She's very strong physically and very strong tactically, and she can protect the ball."

Other recruits, like Abadi, Moore and sweeper Regina Bander (from Farmington Harrison), possess "good skills and lots of enthusiasm," said Tolstedt. "They have a lot of intensity." Bander could develop into another Marina Vasquez, a Farmington HS grad who became SC's most improved player last season and is expected to challenge for a starter's role this fall.

As for Gregory, she "has a good understanding of the tactical aspects of the game," Tolstedt explained, then added, "And she has lots of speed."

What SC will have this season is defensive experience, which should give the newcomers a bit of time to coagulate as a unit. But don't take too much time developing — as Tolstedt said, "You know, I've got 15 candidates for the 2000 season already, letters I've already gotten back."

There seems to be just one direction this program knows, and that's where it's heading.



Bublitz leads Clarenceville team at Flag City Invitational

Joe Bublitz of the Clarenceville Swim Club went six-for-six, not a bad average for first place finishes at the Flag City Invitational age-group meet held recently in Findlay, Ohio.

Bublitz, an All-Observer pick from Livonia Stevenson, took high-point honors for Boys 15-16. He also was on two first-place relays.

He posted a record-breaking performance in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:19.94.

Other firsts came in the 100 butterfly (1:04.37), 100 freestyle (58.39), 50 freestyle (26.27), 200 freestyle (2:09.46), 100 backstroke (1:07.26) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.02).

Teammate Brett Meconis was runner-up for high point honors in the Boys 15-16 division after taking seconds in the 400 freestyle (4:43.13), 100 butterfly (1:10.79), 200 freestyle (2:12.13) and 100 backstroke (1:11.78). He also added a third in the 200 IM

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(2:40.5).

Keith Falk was second for Clarenceville in the Senior Boys division after placing first in the 1,500 freestyle (17:48.81), 200 butterfly (2:17.24), 400 freestyle (4:28.14), 100 butterfly (1:04.18), 100 freestyle (58.71) and 50 freestyle (26.85). Falk also took third in the 200 freestyle (2:06.13) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.14).

In the Girls 11-12 age bracket, Clarenceville's Julie Ward was second in points. She finished first in six events including the 100 breaststroke (1:32.95), 50 freestyle (32.33), 100 butterfly (1:20.44), 100 freestyle (1:09.63), 50 breaststroke (41.74) and 200 IM (2:54.0). She also added a third in the 200 freestyle (2:06.13) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.14).

OTHER C'VILLE FINISHERS SENIOR BOYS

Michael Porth: first, 200 freestyle (2:03.83); 400 IM (5:04.6); second, 400 freestyle (4:28.33), 200 IM (2:25.92); 1,500 freestyle (17:52.71).

Nick Sosnowski: second, 200 backstroke (2:23.96); 100 butterfly (1:05.37); 200 freestyle (2:05.99), 100 backstroke (1:08.84); third, 1,500 freestyle (18:04.82), 400 freestyle (4:29.18).

Ted Burmeister: first, 200 breaststroke (2:44.93); second, 100 breaststroke (1:16.74).

SENIOR GIRLS

Rebecca Noechel: third, 200 butterfly (2:47.13); 100 butterfly (1:15.94).

BOYS 15-16

Michael Nemer: third, 100 breaststroke (1:23.33).

GIRLS 13-14

Stephanie Cummings: first, 200 backstroke (2:45.22); third, 100 backstroke (1:17.26).

GIRLS 11-12

Kathryn Kusupio: second, 200 freestyle (2:40.29); third, 50 backstroke (39.09).

Courtney Green: second, 50 breaststroke (42.43).

BOYS 9-10
Jeffrey Pauza: second, 50 backstroke (41.51); 100 backstroke (1:33.45); third, 50 freestyle (38.01).

GIRLS 9-10

Mara Loniewski: first, 50 backstroke (42.22); 50 freestyle (34.83); second, 100 backstroke (1:31.44); second, 100 freestyle (1:16.42); third, 50 breaststroke (46.87); third, 200 IM (3:22.67).

Carly Burgio: first, 200 freestyle (2:45.15); third, 50 freestyle (36.01); 100 freestyle (1:16.5).

C'VILLE RELAY WINNERS

Senior Boys: Michael Porth, Brett Meconis, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk — 800 freestyle (8:37.63); 800 medley (4:27.37).

Boys 15-16: Joe Bublitz, Brett Meconis, Michael Nemer and Jon Burmeister — 400 freestyle (4:20.91); Bublitz, Meconis, Nemer and Justin Ketterer, 400 medley (4:51.41).

Girls 11-12: Julie Ward, Courtney Green, Kathryn Kusupio and Allison Goldsmith, 200 freestyle (2:13.15); 200 medley (2:31.51).

Girls 10-and-under: Mara Loniewski, Carly Burgio, Kristina Navas and Anna Polkowski, 200 freestyle (2:25.25).

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REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

REGION V JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS July 8-11 at Plymouth Canton HS (Due to technical difficulties, all the results from the Region V meet were not immediately available. The following are the results from events held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 8-11.)

Thursday, July 8

Young women's (17-18 years-old) heptathlon: 1. Folake James (Ohio Assoc.) — 3,902 points; 2. Richelle Wardell (Lake Erie Assoc.) — 3,769 points; 3. Akeya Terrell (Flying J's) — 3,513 points.

Intermediate girls (15-16 years-old) heptathlon: 1. Desiree Jones (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,365 points; 2. Ahimsa Hodari (Ohio Assoc.) — 3,839 points; 3. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.) — 3,766 points.

Intermediate boys decathlon: 1. Eli White (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,428 points; 2. Justin Conly (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,192 points.

Friday, July 9

Youth girls (13-14 years-old) pentathlon: 1. Jasmine Rogers (Ohio Assoc.) — 2,061 points.

Saturday, July 10

Intermediate girls

100-meters: 1. Lauryn Williams (Detroit Cheetah TC), 12.01; 2. Katrice Walton (Maximum Output), 12.29; 3. Angel Dooley (Capitol City Comets), 12.33.

200-meters: 1. Katrice Walton (Maximum Output), 24.69; 2. Jennifer Lawson (Maximum Output), 24.90; 3. Latosha Jollett (Detroit Cheetah TC), 25.15.

400-meters: 1. Jennifer Lawson (Maximum Output), 58.05; 2. Andrea Ulewellyn (Lake Erie Assoc.), 1:00.65; 3. Francesca Dorsey (Ohio Assoc.), 1:00.73.

800-meters: 1. Lauren Dozer (Swift TC), 2:27.10; 2. Gina Mazzone (Main Attraction TC), 2:27.57; 3. Francesca Dorsey (Ohio Assoc.), 2:28.12.

1,500-meters: 1. Brittny Vollmar (Ohio Assoc.), 4:58.00; 2. Tera Duff (Miami Valley TC), 5:11.02; 3. Jennifer McKellar

(Miami Valley TC), 5:13.68.

3,000-meters: 1. Brittny Vollmar (Ohio Assoc.), 11:20.36; 2. Lisa Bensman (Ohio Assoc.), 11:48.47; 3. Amanda Husted (Miami Valley TC), 12:17.99.

3000-meter race-walk: 1. Samantha Whetherholt (Miami Valley TC), 21:17.09.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Amanda Mullins-Hall (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 14.86; 2. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.), 15.03; 3. Courtney Johnson (Ohio Assoc.), 15.20.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Jillian Brown (Ohio Assoc.), 1:10.54; 2. Amanda Mullins-Hall (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 1:12.94; 3. Laniese Lucky (Ohio Assoc.), 1:15.55.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Detroit Cheetah TC, 48.83; 2. Maximum Output, 48.91; 3. Capitol City Comets, 50.72.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 4:03.90; 2. Main Attraction TC, 4:05.35; 3. Massie Heat TC, 4:27.24.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Miami Valley TC, 11:46.07; 2. Eastside Pride TC, 12:08.31.

High jump: 1. Christine Edwards (Eastside Pride TC), 5 feet, 1 inch; 2. Heather Byrne (Ohio Assoc.), 4:11; 3. Katie Young (Ohio Assoc.), 4.7.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Wise (Michigan Assoc.).

Long jump: 1. Zakiya Harris (Lake Erie Assoc.), 17:11.5; 2. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.), 16:11.5; 3. Taylor Washington (Maximum Output), 16:10.0.

Triple jump: 1. Jillian Brown (Ohio Assoc.), 33.8.75; 2. Amanda Austin (Ohio Assoc.), 30.8.5; 3. Angela Daniel (Ohio Assoc.), 30.0.75.

Shot put: 1. Becky Breisch (Michigan Assoc.), 47.1.50; 2. Jillian Weiner (Ohio Assoc.), 40.7.0; 3. Tia Jameson (Ohio Assoc.), 36.7.75.

Discus: 1. Becky Breisch (Michigan Assoc.), 141.10.0; 2. Jillian Weiner (Ohio Assoc.), 125.10.0; 3. Ashley Swainston (Michigan Assoc.), 120.9.0.

Javelin: 1. Jenna Rebensdorf (Ohio Assoc.), 93.4.0; 2. Jillian Weiner (Ohio Assoc.), 86.10.0; 3. Miranda Bond (Ohio Assoc.), 84.8.0.

Intermediate boys

100-meters: 1. Johnnie Drake (Maximum Output), 10.74; 2. Theodore Dues (Capital City Striders), 10.90; 3. Lance Gaillard (Maximum Output), 10.96.

200-meters: 1. Damon Sherrill (Detroit Cheetah TC), 22.06; 2. Johnnie Drake (Maximum Output), 22.45; 3. Lance Gaillard (Maximum Output), 22.68.

400-meters: 1. Damon Sherrill (Detroit Cheetah TC), 50.69; 2. Steven Tucker (Maximum Output), 52.12; 3. Quincy Edwards (Ohio Assoc.), 52.33.

800-meters: 1. Abdi Adam (Toledo Alive), 2:01.04; 2. Vershawn Miller (Swift TC), 2:03.55; 3. Stephen Powell (Ohio Assoc.), 2:04.31.

1,500-meters: 1. Manvir Gill (Raptor TC), 4:22.75; 2. Donnie Warner (Raptor TC), 4:25.44; 3. Stephen Powell (Ohio Assoc.), 4:30.41.

3,000-meters: 1. Abdi Adam (Toledo Alive), 9:17.01; 2. Michael Montgomery (Ohio Assoc.), 9:59.72; 3. Tyler Thompson (Ohio Assoc.), 10:03.27.

3,000-meter race-walk: 1. Brian Davis (Ohio Assoc.), 17:08.80.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jason Hodges (Ohio Assoc.), 14.48; 2. Brandon Woodson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 14.98; 3. Byron Winbush (Ohio Assoc.), 15.08.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Jason Hodges (Ohio Assoc.), 58.14; 2. Byron Winbush (Ohio Assoc.), 58.62; 3. Nick Sparlock (Lane 4 TC), 1:02.66.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 43.45; 2. Unity Life Striders, 45.40; 3. Excell TC, 50.95.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 3:33.21; 2. Toledo Alive, 3:39.54; 3. Capital City Striders, 3:39.95.

High jump: 1. Brandon Woodson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 6.4.25; 2. Joshua Voornes (Excell TC), 5.8.75; 3. Charles Goodlow (unattached), 5.8.75.

Pole vault: 1. Michael Richmond (Ohio Assoc.), 2. Kyle Roy (Michigan Assoc.); 3. Ryan Shannon (Grand Rapids TC).

Long jump: 1. Dailafrancis Moore (Ohio Assoc.), 20.9.0; 2. Rafael Manriquez (Ohio

Assoc.), 20.4.5; 3. Virgil Lee Robinson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 20.4.25.

Triple jump: 1. Edward Brown (Stingers TC), 32.10.25.

Shot put: 1. Stephen Lammers (Ohio Assoc.), 46.9.50; 2. Brian Bing (Gina's Thunderbirds TC), 44.1.50; 3. Andy Walker (Eastside Pride TC), 43.9.75.

Discus: 1. Jonathan Meenach (Ohio Assoc.), 142.4.0; 2. Stephen Lammers (Ohio Assoc.), 129.9.0; 3. Tim Nguyen (Ohio Assoc.), 128.8.0.

Javelin: 1. Shawn Arnett (Ohio Assoc.), 148.9.0; 2. Justin Conly (Ohio Assoc.), 132.5.0; 3. Linton Lewis (Ohio Assoc.), 129.5.0.

Young women

100-meters: 1. Melanie Williams (Maximum Output), 11.93; 2. Tanea Green (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 12.15; 3. Ciarra Chic (Capital City Striders), 12.33.

200-meters: 1. Melanie Williams (Maximum Output), 24.53; 2. Tanea Green (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 25.03; 3. Angka Morris (Michigan Assoc.), 25.16.

400-meters: 1. Erica Burks (Main Attraction TC), 57.95; 2. Angka Morris (Michigan Assoc.), 59.28; 3. Jennifer Grimm (Ohio Assoc.), 1:00.18.

800-meters: 1. Kia Flowers (Main Attraction TC), 2:24.35; 2. Imani Williams (Maximum Output), 2:29.27; 3. Abby Hamrick (Ohio Assoc.), 2:32.85.

1,500-meters: 1. Abby Hamrick (Ohio Assoc.), 5:15.24; 2. Molly McNally (Lake Erie Assoc.), 5:31.52.

3,000-meters: 1. Shelby Pride (Ohio Assoc.), 11:37.55; 2. Kristi Wieble (Michigan Assoc.), 13:46.40; 3. Kristy Bruner (West Virginia), 16:12.29.

800-meter hurdles: 1. Lebrin Martin (Ohio Assoc.), 14.80; 2. Jol Hall (Ohio Assoc.), 15.59; 3. Delilah Johnson (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 15.80.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Lebrin Martin (Ohio Assoc.), 1:05.41; 2. Erica Reese (Capital City Striders), 1:08.98; 3. Jol Hall (Ohio Assoc.), 1:09.68.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output,

3:51.71; 2. Cincinnati All-stars, 4:32.68; 3. Lane 4 TC, 4:41.80.

High jump: 1. Christina Estrick (Main Attraction TC), 5.8; 2. Ryan Bennett (Ohio Assoc.), 5.8; 3. Amanda Young (Ohio Assoc.), 5.1.

Pole vault: 1. Stephanie Teepie (Michigan Assoc.); 2. Anna Vandrie (Grand Rapids TC); 3. Jennifer Jenkins (West Virginia).

Long jump: 1. Kia Flowers (Main Attraction TC), 17.6.75; 2. Tara Conley (Main Attraction TC), 17.5.25; 3. Christina Estrick (Main Attraction TC), 17.1.50.

Triple jump: 1. Adriana Leigh (Ohio Assoc.), 33.6.5; 2. Lauri Pletz (Ohio Assoc.), 27.1.25.

Shot put: 1. Alexis McCall (Lake Erie Assoc.), 42.0.5; 2. Naysa Gockenbach (Ohio Assoc.), 36.5.0; 3. Molly Winter (Ohio Assoc.), 36.4.25.

Discus: 1. Beth Hochstetler (Ohio Assoc.), 118.6.0; 2. Stacie Lemke (Lake Erie Assoc.), 116.11.0; 3. Kimberly Sampson (Detroit Cheetah TC), 113.5.0.

Javelin: 1. Richelle Wardell (Lake Erie Assoc.), 108.11.0; 2. Safiya Hodari (Ohio Assoc.), 48.10.0.

Young men

100-meters: 1. Jeremy Richardson (Ohio Assoc.), 10.81; 2. Derrick Johnson (West Virginia), 10.89; 3. Martin Jackson (Ohio Assoc.), 10.92.

200-meters: 1. Jeremy Richardson (Ohio Assoc.), 22.05; 2. Eddie Whitehead (West Virginia), 22.16.

400-meters: 1. Jesus Wardi (Dayton Gem Elite), 50.32; 2. Jonathan Mullins Hall (Ohio Assoc.), 50.38; 3. Chris Bowman (Unity Life Striders), 50.84.

800-meters: 1. Jason Thurman (Detroit Cheetah TC), 1:57.77; 2. Jeremy Auer (Detroit Cheetah TC), 1:59.48; 3. Kai Murray (Eastside Pride TC), 1:59.72.

1,500-meters: 1. Bartholomew Smith (Ohio Assoc.), 4:18.53; 2. Jimmy Middleton (Capital City Striders), 4:35.32; 3. Ryan Shoemaker (Ohio Assoc.), 5:06.93.

5,000-meters: 1. Bartholomew Smith

(Ohio Assoc.), 16:38.96; 2. Justin Keyes (Red Glare TC), 18:23.83.

3,000-meter race-walk: 1. Dan Dalton (Ohio Assoc.), 14:06.59; 2. Eric Smith (Ohio Assoc.), 14:52.48.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Eddie Lee Larkins (Ohio Assoc.), 14.71; 2. Justin Stokes (Unity Life Striders), 14.83; 3. Tarrence Daugherty (Detroit Cheetah TC), 14.90.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Javin Tucker (Dayton Gem Elite), 54.88; 2. Matthew Weaver (Detroit Cheetah TC), 56.57; 3. Eddie Lee Larkins (Ohio Assoc.), 57.15.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 43.25; 2. Capitol City Comets, 44.21.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Dayton Gem Elite, 3:20.99; 2. Detroit Cheetah TC, 3:24.13; 3. Toledo Alive, 3:27.87.

High jump: 1. Jordan Chapman (Michigan Assoc.), 6.2.75; 2. William Woodard (Kentucky Assoc.), 6.0.75; 3. Scott Cothren (Ohio Assoc.), 6.0.75.

Pole vault: 1. Robert Tant (Capital City Striders); 2. Jordan Chapman (Michigan Assoc.); 3. Wayne Ratliff (Ohio Assoc.).

Long jump: 1. Brandon Howard (Capitol City Comets), 22.3.0; 2. Jason Munsch (Ohio Assoc.), 21.11.0; 3. Antuan Hall (Ohio Assoc.), 21.8.75.

Triple jump: 1. Jason Munsch (Ohio Assoc.), 41.6.5; 2. Adam Bray (Lake Erie Assoc.), 38.2.0; 3. Brent Pickering (Ohio Assoc.), 38.0.0.

Shot put: 1. Jason Caldwell (Lake Erie Assoc.), 50.10.25; 2. Larry Piggee (Grand Rapids TC), 50.10.25; 3. Joshua Whisman (Ohio Assoc.), 48.10.0.

Discus: 1. Tzouanakis Tony (Kentucky Assoc.), 184.7.0; 2. Jason Caldwell (Lake Erie Assoc.), 161.4.0; 3. Brian Knippen (Ohio Assoc.), 158.1.0.

Javelin: 1. Brian Knippen (Ohio Assoc.), 150.7.0; 2. Matt Conly (Ohio Assoc.), 148.6.0; 3. Jeffrey Finegan (Ohio Assoc.), 144.3.0.

Sunday, July 11

Youth girls 4x800-meter relay: 1. West Kentucky Warriors, 10:minutes, 42.88 seconds; 2. Eastside Pride Track Club, 11:35.96.

SWIMMING

Swim Across America

The deadline to register your team for one of the biggest swim challenges of the summer — the Lake Michigan 6-Mile Relay Swim — is fast approaching.

Team registration deadline is Saturday, July 24. The relay is scheduled to leave the Ohio Street Beach in Chicago at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 31.

The race, it should be noted, is not necessarily to see who's fastest in Lake Michigan. This is a Swim for Cancer, to aid the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center in Maywood, Ill.

Those without teams need not be left out. You will be placed on a team.

Funds are asked to be collected prior to the swim, including the matching funds companies agree to donate. T-shirts and goody bags will be available to participants.

Also: A tentative captains meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29 at the Ohio Street Beach.

To receive registration information, call (708) 216-SWIM, or e-mail your address to edgelane@msn.com.

Pizzaman Swims

The Domino's Pizzaman Swims are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25 at Big Portage Lake, located in the Waterloo Recreation Area in Waterloo. The 1.5-mile open water swim will consist of three half-mile laps.

Entry fee is \$18 for late entries. A USAF license will be required to compete in the swim. For those not possessing one, a one-day license may be purchased at registration for \$5.

Race day registration will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the park, or from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at the Tortoise & Hare Concept Store, located in the Traver Village Mall on Plymouth in Ann Arbor. Entries are available by calling (734) 662-1000, or by faxing (734) 662-3388.

Coastal Crawl

The Harbor Springs Coastal Crawl, featuring a one-mile, two-mile or three-mile open water swim in Little Traverse Bay, will be Aug. 1 at Zorn Park, located on Bay Street in Harbor Springs. Check-in is 7:55 a.m.; there is a mandatory meeting at 8 a.m.

The three-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the two-mile at 8:45 a.m. and the one-mile at 9 a.m. Average water temperature for Aug. 1 is 65 degrees.

Entry fee is \$20, which includes a picnic lunch. Applications are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Marilyn Early, 6212 Emmet Hts., Harbor Springs, MI, 49740. Mail check and application to the Hammerhead Swim Club, c/o Erin Fortune, 3125 Valley View Trail, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 by July 18. Registrations are limited to the first 150 applicants.

A limited number of custom-designed T-shirts for the race will also be available.

Wet suits and flotation devices, or any device used to maintain body heat, will not be allowed. The races are open to all swimmers, but those under the age of 13 must provide written competency from their coach.

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Falvos: A long legacy of athletic excellence

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Wrestling and baseball only seem to go hand in hand when a batter rushes the pitcher's mound.

That's not the kind of play that attracted Jack Falvo to America's Favorite Pastime so those who knew him growing up are probably wondering what turned him on to baseball and softball.

Jack was strictly a wrestler as a kid, good enough to compete at Western Michigan University after earning all-state honors at Dearborn Fordson.

It had to be his cousin, Redford Township resident Mark Falvo, formerly the Dearborn Divine Child baseball coach who is now an assistant coach at Henry Ford Community College.

Switching his allegiance, he spends springtime coaching the Farmington Hills Mercy girls softball team, on which his daughter Dana plays, and summertime coaching the Michigan Lake Area Rams 10-under team, for which his son Jonathon plays.

Joining the cousins on the Rams' coaching staff are Nick Falvo, Jack's oldest son, and Tom Whiting. The Rams, with three players from Redford and three from Farmington Hills,

won the American Amateur Baseball Congress district in Dexter last weekend and are headed to the regional, which starts today, in Fort Wayne, In.

"I always say to Jack 'Remember who taught you this game,'" Mark said, laughing. "Sometimes it's bad for him because he'll go up to the plate and the umpire will say 'Are you related to Mark?' and he'll say, 'Wait, before I can answer that, is that good or bad?'"

Mark and Jack have sons the same age who two years ago played on different teams. Last year the elder Falvos decided to consolidate teams, and Nick Falvo secured the Rams as a sponsor.

Nick played for the Rams growing up. Sean Falvo is Mark's son and Jonathon is Jack's son.

"We had an all nine-year-old team last year and took our lumps, I think we won six games," Mark Falvo recalled. "The kids hung together, had fun, improved so much. If you had told me a year and a half ago this team would win districts and be 29-9, you'd get a lot of bets against that. Everyone told me just wait a year, there'll

be a big difference, and boy has there been. We've gotten bigger and better, and it's a pleasure to watch."

The Rams, financed by Dan Varon, recorded a 4-1 record to win the double-elimination district.

The Rams won their first two games Thursday, starting with a 25-8 victory over the Rochester Rockies. The final score is deceiving, very deceiving.

Remarkably, the Rams scored 18 runs in the top of the sixth to turn a 7-7 score into a rout.

"They were all base hits, no 'gimmies,'" Mark Falvo said.

The win sent the Rams into the second round where they disposed of the Detroit PAL Pirates, 38-0, a game called after four innings because of the mercy rule.

Nick Davenport led the barrage with three hits, including two doubles, and Brandon Malinowski added two hits. Tom Whiting (Farmington Hills) led the Rams with five runs.

"We were bunting in the last couple innings just to get outs," Falvo said.

The Rams started Friday with a 7-6 win over the Grand Rapids Braves, scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth to break a 6-6 tie.

The Rams suffered their first

setback, 8-1, to the Saline Hornets in the next round that afternoon, but with only one loss still received a berth in the district's championship game.

Because the Rockies and Hornets received first-round byes, they had to play each other in the semifinal.

The Rockies beat the Hornets and jumped to a 3-0 lead with three runs in the top of the first against the Rams in the championship game. But the Rams recovered and beat the Rockies, 9-5, for the championship.

Drew Davenport settled down after the shaky first and went on to pitch a complete-game five hitter, walking only one with five strikeouts.

"When you walk one hitter you're going to keep yourself out of trouble," Mark Falvo said.

The Rams rallied impressively throughout the game.

They scored one in the bottom of the first on walks to Jonathon Falvo and Sean Falvo and a double by Davenport.

"The two little guys (Falvos) can run and we put the 'thumpers' on after that," Mark Falvo said.

The Rams cut the deficit to 3-2 on a ground out by Sean Falvo that scored Evan Morris (West Bloomfield), who had doubled and advanced to third on a bunt

single by Jonathon Falvo.

The teams traded runs in the fourth.

The Rams' run came after Morris walked, stole second base and went to third on a wild pitch. Nick Plinka's (Redford) ground out scored him to cut the Rams' deficit to 4-3.

The Rams erupted for six runs in the bottom of the fifth for the championship.

Sean Falvo started the rally with a single and stolen base. A base hit by Davenport and walk to Steve McCollum loaded the bases.

A walk to Duane Henderson forced in a run for a 4-4 tie.

Morris' three-run triple gave the Rams a 7-4 lead.

Plinka brought Morris home with a bunt. Plinka scored the final run on Jonathon Falvo's ground out to shortstop.

The Falvos have their sons on the team, of course, and another player from New Boston who almost seems like family to Mark Falvo: Jonathon Cervenak.

Cervenak's older brother, Mike Cervenak, played shortstop for Falvo at DC before going on to star at University of Michigan. The younger Cervenak plays catcher.

"A lot of times at this age you get on first base and second and third are automatic bases with steals," Mark Falvo said. "But

with Jonathon, he can make the throw down there and can get people out at second and third."

The Rams were allowed to draft one player from the district to take to regionals and they elected to take Saline pitcher Casey Dishman, an easy choice according to Mark Falvo.

"He's beat us three times this year," he said. "We asked the kids who they wanted to take and it was him unanimously. I don't care what level you're playing. The guy who makes the biggest difference is on the mound."

Mark Falvo gives the players' parents and Varon a good deal of the credit for the team's success.

"The key to any little league or younger team is the parents," he said. "Both the mothers and fathers are at the ballgames, all positive. The most important thing is to have fun at this age. Dan is very supportive, loves the game of baseball, especially the young kids."

The Rams finished the Little Caesars League with a 17-6 record for second place.

The Falvos won't coach together again until next summer because this combination just won't work in softball, Mark Falvo said.

"I don't think the girls could take me," said Mark, laughing.

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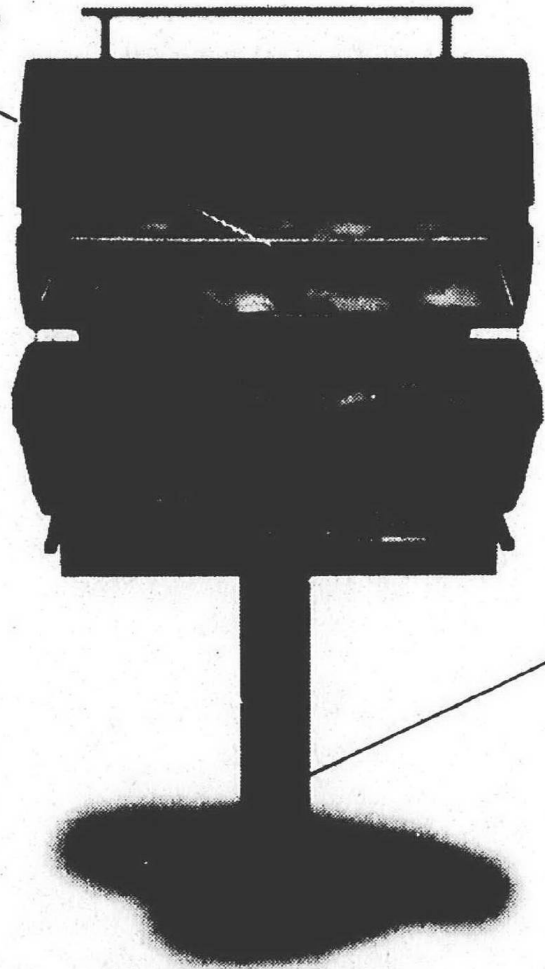
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SOFTBALL SCHEDULE	
INCREDIBLE GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL	AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE (playoff games at 6 p.m.)
NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE (all double-headers at 6 p.m.)	Thursday, July 22: First place vs. Second place at Farmington Hills Mercy (Diamond No. 1); third place vs. fourth place at Livonia Ladywood; fifth place vs. sixth place at Farmington Hills Mercy (Diamond No. 2); seventh place vs. eighth place at Livonia Franklin.
Thursday, July 22: Diamonds vs. Hornets at North Farmington; Cyclones vs. Thunder at Livonia Stevenson; Knights vs. Cobras at Livonia Churchill; Lasers vs. Lancers at Livonia Ladywood.	Saturday, July 22: All-Star Game at Shiawassee Park in Farmington, 7 p.m.
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE
PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 3RD, 1999

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, August 3rd, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. At that time candidates for the following offices will be voted on in the City of Plymouth.

CITY COMMISSIONER (FOUR POSITIONS)

Also to be voted on will be separate ballot issues for the following:

VACANCY POSITION FOR CITY COMMISSION (2 years)

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Telephone number is 453-1234, x225 or 234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's office from 8:30 to 2:00, on Saturday, July 31, 1999. On Monday, August 2nd, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the City Clerk's office until 4:30 p.m.

All polling places in the City are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped (ADA Requirements). You are further notified that the City's two (2) precinct locations are as follows:

(please be aware that the school and city precinct locations are different, check your voter registration card or call the Clerk's office to verify)

PRECINCT	LOCATION
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3	CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 650 CHURCH STREET

If you are a qualified voter and find it necessary to require an absentee voter ballot and have not applied for one, applications are available for pickup or mailing at the front office or Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

Published: July 11, 22 and 25, 1999

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
Downtown Development Authority

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan Downtown Development Authority will receive sealed proposals and bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 5, 1999 for the following:

SOLID WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PROGRAMS
to include commercial refuse pick up and recycling options

Proposal requirements and conditions, and all other related documents to this Proposal and Bid may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Administrative Services at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular working hours.

Work related to their Proposal and Bid consists of furnishing all necessary labor, supervision, equipment and supplies for the collection and transportation of commercial solid waste and recyclables. Disposal of waste and recyclables shall be at approved sites provided by the Contractor.

The Downtown Development Authority Board of the City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and Bids and to waive any irregularities. The Downtown Development Authority Board reserves the right to select various options from the Proposal/Bid that are in the best interest of the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

ADDRESS PROPOSALS AND BIDS TO:

Linda Langmesser
City Clerk
201 S. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170

Proposals and Bids must be in a sealed envelope bearing the inscription "Proposal and Bid for DDA Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Programs."

It is the responsibility of the bidder to insure that their Proposal and Bid are delivered and accepted in a timely manner. It is suggested, although not required, that Proposal and Bids be hand delivered or delivered by Express Mail, FEDEX, Airborne, UPS, Etc. with a guarantee of delivery with a signed receipt.

LINDA LANGMESSER
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TIME TO GET TOGETHER
 Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad#.9915

SHARE MY FAITH
 This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad#.7575

THE BEST THERE IS
 Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS
 Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad#.6440

STILL SEARCHING
 Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad#.4444

END MY SEARCH
 Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

UPLIFTING
 Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, 5'4", who enjoys long walks, dancing and more, would like to meet a SWM, 46-56, with similar interests. Ad#.5614

SIMPLY PUT
 Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE?
 Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
 Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad#.1212

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD
 This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad#.1098

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
 Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad#.4488

LET'S CUDDLE
 Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

THE POWER OF LOVE
 SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#.7141

A RARE FIND
 Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8317

FRESH START
 Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWW, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#.3907

ALL THAT & MORE
 Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.2655

LOVE'S IN THE AIR
 Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad#.1203

UNTIL NOW
 Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2451

VALUES HUMOR
 Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad#.2041

HONESTY COUNTS
 SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad#.8498

SOUND LIKE YOU?
 Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad#.3131

LET'S TALK
 Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad#.3333

POSITIVE VIBES HERE
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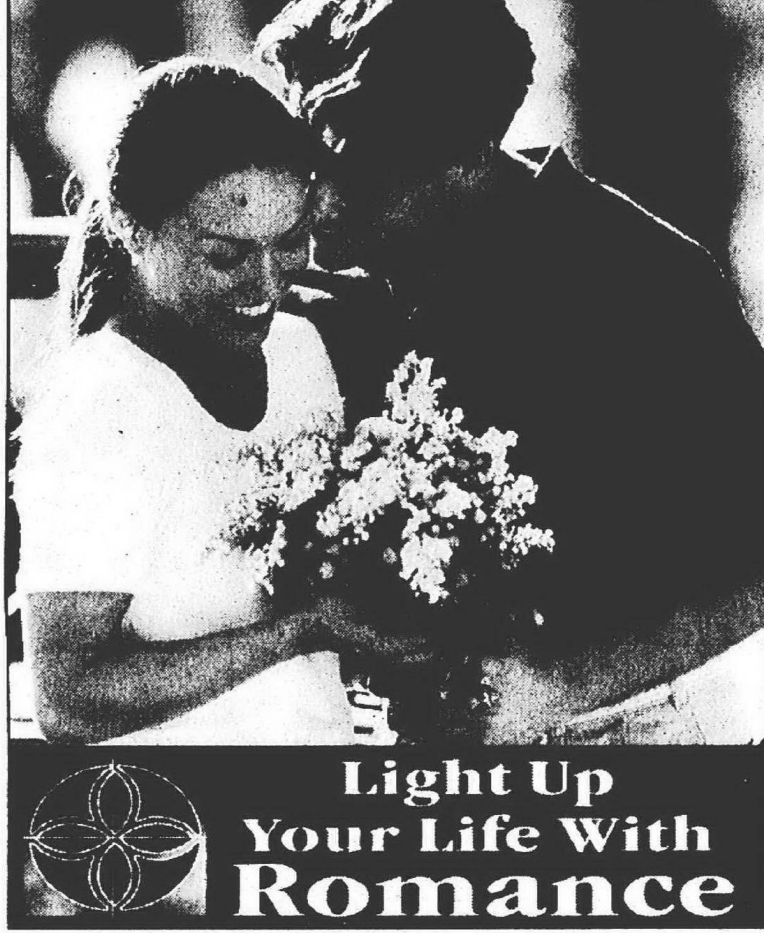
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Dabco ends Velluccis' run *Mentadent: top stars*

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Nobody on the Dabco Tool softball team spoke of creating a dynasty like the one they eclipsed Sunday when the team won the annual Farmington Founders Festival tournament.

The Dabco Tool players were too happy celebrating their new role as 1999 champions after ending years of frustration as they watched Velluccis win five straight titles.

"We've been playing in this thing for 12 years; it's just good to finally win," said Dabco Tool pitcher Rich Fruitman, who was named the tournament's most valuable player by his teammates.

"We came up short every year. We'd always make it to Sunday and then lose to Vladimir's or Vellucci (which played under the Compuware name this year)."

Dabco Tool was undefeated but lost the first game of the finals to Vladimir's, 10-9. But it rebounded with a 15-11 victory in the winner-take-all contest at Founders Park.

"The best finish we ever had was third, so it's great to finally come through and win it," Dabco Tool player/manager Jeff Temple said. "It's the first time I've been on a championship team. To win the hometown tournament is a big thrill."

Dabco Tool defeated Sand's Lounge, Greene's and Vladimir's on Saturday and then Shamrocks in the winners bracket final Sunday while Vladimir's was fighting its way through the losers bracket, knocking out defending champion Vellucci along the way.

"It was still a rough road ahead with the heat and humidity," Vladimir's manager and tournament icon Mark McDonald said. "We had three more to get to the final to win it all."

Vladimir's defeated Shamrocks, 29-12, to earn the right to face Dabco Tool in the finals, but McDonald wished there had been a mercy rule in the losers bracket final.

"We had to play seven innings when the game was out of reach after the first inning," he said. "That played on our minds, because we were all gung-ho to get it done in five and play Dabco. That wore us down a little bit."

Vladimir's led all the way in the first game of the championship round, but Dabco Tool rallied with four runs

SOFTBALL

in the bottom of the seventh inning to steal the momentum despite losing by a run, 10-9.

"We knew we could hit eventually," Temple said. "We were still up; we really thought we could take it. I think there was more pressure on them, because they had to beat us twice."

Dabco Tool started the second game with three runs in its first at-bat. Its lead grew to 7-0 in the third inning, and it doubled with a seven-run fourth.

"What gave them confidence was they came back and made the first game closer than it should have been," McDonald said.

"That made them believe they could keep the ball rolling, and that's exactly what they did. And they sorta held their breath when we had that big inning."

With Dabco Tool ahead 15-2, Vladimir's rallied to score nine runs in the bottom of the fifth to make the game interesting.

But Vladimir's never scored again, leaving runners at the corners in the sixth and going down in order in the seventh.

"It wasn't safe by any means," said Temple of the four-run, 15-11 lead. "But, if you give a team one big inning, you can usually hold them. I still felt confident, and I'm sure all the other guys did, too."

Fruitman, who has been refining his craft since he started pitching in the intramural softball program at Michigan State University in 1982, stopped Vladimir's when he needed to. Dabco Tool had a 20-17 edge in hits.

"I wanted to throw strikes and let the guys behind me catch the ball," he said. "I was trying to throw a knuckleball and let the wind take it and bring it in over the plate."

In the final game, Dabco Tool's Buddy Pope had four straight hits and ended up 4-for-5 with four RBI; Alex Sarafin was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Rob Dace had two hits and knocked in three runs.

Dean Temple, Duane

Horecki, Bryan Bossco, Jeff Temple and Fruitman added two hits each. Pope and Dean Temple also scored three runs apiece. Horecki and Bossco had single RBI on base hits.

"We were hitting the ball a lot better this year," Jeff Temple said. "Plus, Fruity was pitching real well. He had a shutout in one game and a couple others he only gave up four or five runs. That's why we voted him the MVP of the tournament."

Vladimir's Kurt Perry was 3-for-3 and Brian Smolinski 3-for-4; Greg Tome drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a double; Dave Timmis and Dave Tome had two hits each. Dave Schultz, Perry, Mike Gibson, Mike Rudin and Dave Tome had RBI singles.

"We knew we could chip away (at the 14-0 deficit)," McDonald said. "Our mentality was 'Cut it in half and go from there.'"

"The key was when we didn't get the big two-out hit in the bottom of the sixth (with runners at the corners). (Greg Tome, who hit a flyout to center field) didn't pull the ball enough. It would've been a home run if he pulled it a little more. When we didn't get that, it sorta deflated our momentum."

In Vladimir's 10-9 win over Dabco Tool, Timmis hit a pair of RBI doubles; Dave Tome had two RBI with a double and a sacrifice fly; Rudin drove in two runs with a solo homer and a sacrifice fly. Ronnie Bol, Dave Schultz, Greg Tome and Mike Petrovich had one RBI each.

BY MARTY BUDNER
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John McEnroe won't be there, but Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg will be in action. Add such players as Mats Wilander, Yannick Noah, Mel Purcell and court comedian Mansour Bahrami and you have an attractive field of senior tennis stars.

Officials are hoping that group of aging, but still competitive and very highly recognized, tennis players will serve up plenty of entertainment this week in the fifth annual Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions tournament at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

The Mentadent Senior Tennis Circuit tournament, that is combined with the Joe Dumars Celebrity Tennis Classic, began last night and is slated to conclude Sunday afternoon with championship finals in both singles and doubles play.

The first three senior tournaments were played at the Fairlane Tennis Club in Dearborn. Officials moved the tournament to Bloomfield Hills last summer and

the players are happy to return to the regal BOH complex this year.

"I'm looking forward to returning to Bloomfield Hills," said Connors, who lost last year's singles championship to McEnroe. "The fans love the tennis and it's always been a great place to play."

Purcell, who is currently sixth overall in the senior tour standings, is coming off a second-place finish at the recent circuit stop in New York. A former Wimbledon quarterfinalist, Purcell has been a steady performer on the senior tour like he was as a regular touring professional.

"I played three tournaments since '94, and every year since then I've averaged about eight tournaments a year so basically you can say I've pretty much been a (senior tour) regular," said Purcell, who is the head tennis coach at Murray State University (Kentucky) during the winter months.

"I got to the finals of the

New York tournament about a month ago, beating (Andres) Gomez, (Guillermo) Vilas and McEnroe, so if you hang around long enough you're going to get a few good wins. You know, some weeks the guys aren't in the best shape as they are maybe the week before just being 40 years old. Some days you wake up feeling a little stronger than others.

"I've been lucky enough to make a few hundred thousand dollars on the tour. That's something I didn't think I'd be able to do when I retired in 1990," he said. "The tour's been a good thing for everybody who's been involved."

The top-seeded Connors plays his first match 7 p.m. Friday against the winner of Thursday's match between Vilas and Johan Kriek. Connors is the senior circuit's top player and has won two of the seven domestic events this season.

Borg is scheduled to play his first-round match 1 p.m. Thursday against John Fitzgerald. Borg and fellow Swede Wilander combined to win 18 Grand Slam titles during their playing days.

Outdoors *from page C7*

SUMMER EVENINGS

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

SPECIAL SEEDS

Bring an old soup can for a special project and learn about seeds during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at Highland.

CONSTELLATION HIKE

Explore the night sky and learn Native American folk lore during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Maybury.

CREEPY CRAWLIES

Take a look at the amazing world of insects and other small creatures during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Maybury.

HAVEN HILL HISTORY

Learn about the park's rich cultural history and the habitat it provides during this 90-minute walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Highland.

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST

Learn about grain harvesting and processing during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Maybury.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Comedian Bill Barr performs 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, in the Canton Recreation complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Musical comedy impressionist Ron Parker will open the show. No charge; call (734) 397-5110 for information.



SATURDAY



Elizabeth Lurie of Farmington Hills will sell functional wares and this wall piece at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair on South and East University and Church streets. The fair, one of three, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by David Alan Miller, presents "A Song of Broadway" featuring vocalists Lisa Vroman and Brent Barrett 7:30 p.m., at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT



Cool jazz takes center stage at the seventh annual Birmingham JazzaFest Thursday-Saturday. Free concerts will take place in the heart of downtown Birmingham at Shain Park, south of Maple Road, between Henrietta and Bates streets. Keyboardist Jeff Lorber performs 7 p.m. Saturday. Participating nearby restaurants are also featuring jazz performers. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 433-FEST. See schedule on page E4.

Musical: Brad Ellison (left to right) portrays—Albert Peterson, M. Brian Odgen, Conrad Birdie, and Rebecca Hyke, Kim MacAfee, in Stagecrafters Youth Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."



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Youth theater rocks with

Bye Bye Birdie

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What do an Elvis-like rock-n-roll idol, his manager and secretary, an overpowering mother and a bunch of all-American kids in saddle shoes add up to?

The fun, upbeat, family musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," book by Michael Steward, music by Charles Strouse, and lyrics by Lee Adams.

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is presenting seven performances of this entertaining show beginning 7 p.m. Friday, July 23. All performances are at the historic Baldwin Theater, 415 South Lafayette in Royal Oak.

Additional performances are 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and Thursday through Saturday, July 29-31. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m., July 25 and Aug. 1. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youths 17 and younger. For information call (248) 541-6430.

"We have a group of 36 very talented and energetic kids on stage and that many behind the scenes for this show," said director Deborah Landis-Sigler. "I'm really proud of what they're going to present to the public."

"All of the actual work is being done by the kids," added youth theater chairwoman Margaret (Peg) Pierce (her daughter, Katie, is in the show). "Besides the actors on stage, the kids are also working behind the scenes on props, production, lights, sound, costumes and more. We feel it's important to give them experience in all

aspects of theater."

"Bye Bye Birdie" also represents the first time Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is doing a full-fledged musical production instead of a more scaled-down children's show.

"This musical is a big undertaking for these kids," Pierce of Royal Oak added. "Because of the size of the show, it's the first time we're having a youth theater production run for two weekends."

Pierce, who seems to always be at the theater working at the sewing machine or putting together costumes from used clothing, has known many of the youths in the show since they were eight years old.

Brad Ellison, 17, is one of these.

The Royal Oak resident has acted with youth theater since he was eight. Since he graduated from Kimball High School this year, this is his last youth theater show. He plays Albert, the manager of Birdie, an Elvis-Prezley-like heart-throb who's on his way to join the armed forces.

Ellison is going to Oakland University in the fall, where he'll major in music theater.

He's also busy rehearsing for the part of Joseph in Stagecrafters' upcoming production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although he's only 13, Justin Noroyan of Farmington Hills has many Stagecrafters productions under his belt.

"I tried out for this play because I thought it would be a fun thing to do this summer," said the Warner Middle School student. He's happy with his role as the younger brother, Randolph, in the MacAfee family.

"I like this role because the character is younger. He's not into the boy-girl thing yet," Noroyan said.

Please see BIRDIE, E2



Family ties: M. Brian Ogden (on bike) portrays Conrad Birdie, who gets involved with the MacAfee family, played by Justin Noroyan (left), Brian Thibault, Shauna Mancini and Rebecca Hyke.

Young thespians 'act up' at Cranbrook

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Jessica Gorchow of Troy spent three summers studying acting at the Cranbrook Theatre School, but this year she's working in the costume department.

"It was fun," said Gorchow about the summer program she attended in junior high. "It was a chance to meet kids that were not from my school. I was always interested in theater. You learn a lot through doing scenes from plays and attending classes. In the final week, you present a show. It's the best experience, it's a little stressful, but it prepared me for theater in high school."

Students in Cranbrook Theatre School's junior division, grades three through eight presented the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" July 20-21. On Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27, the senior division, grades nine-12, will present



JOYCE MOREHOUSE

Acting: Michael Williams and Heidi Bennett perform "The Tide that Binds" a short play by John Rutherford.

What: Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, presents "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27.

Where: Outdoor Greek Theatre, Cranbrook Campus, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: \$5 at the door. Call (248) 645-1576 for more information.

"Our Town."

The performances are the culmination of the program that began the third week of June. Students in the junior division attend for five weeks, and the senior division six weeks.

"Students come from all over the metro area," said program director Joyce Morehouse of Bloomfield Hills. "Everyone gets a speaking part. Each child has one moment in the sun."

The philosophy is "learning by doing." Students attend classes and practice doing scenes from a variety of plays. They get a lunch break and chance to swim in Lake Jonah on campus, which is really a pool.

"We believe everyone can use theatrical skills," said Morehouse. "We're not interested in producing stars, but

Please see THESPIANS, E3

SUMMER THEATER

Shakespeare festival creates intimate outdoor setting

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The popular and critical success of Academy Award-winning "Shakespeare In Love," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the anticipation of the soon-to-be-released "Titus Andronicus" only validates what Shakespearean actors, scholars and admirers have known: The 16th-century bard from Stratford-upon-Avon with a gift for lush poetry and a turn of a phrase is eternally relevant.

The outdoor setting of this year's Michigan Shakespeare Festival, beginning tonight, and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 8, honors the tradition of theater to "reach out" past the stage and make drama accessible to anyone willing to listen.

Don't expect slick Hollywood productions. "The joy of Shakespeare is coming to terms with the language," said John Neville-Andrews, artistic director of the festival.

Set amid the rolling hills of Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, the festival is hardly along the beaten trail for metro Detroiters. Then again, Stratford, Ontario isn't exactly a spin down I-75.

The five-year-old festival, which expanded from two to three weeks this year, strives for authenticity.

What: Michigan Shakespeare Festival
When: Thursday, July 22 to Sunday, Aug. 8
Where: Ella Sharp Park, 3225 Fourth Street, Jackson

Performances:
"Hamlet" — 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Friday, 30, Sunday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 5, Saturday, Aug. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 8.
"Twelfth Night" — 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Sunday, July 25, Thursday, July 29, Saturday, July 31, Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7; 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Sunday, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8.
Tickets: \$10 and up.
For information, call (517) 788-5032

Volunteers for Shakespeare-in-The-Park
West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation needs volunteers for a Shakespeare-in-The-Park presentation of a "Midsummer Night's Dream."

The performance is scheduled 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Drake Sports Park, Drake Road south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. To volunteer, call (248) 738-2500.

Nine performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night" will be performed on a wooden stage with minimal props where the only amplification will be the sound of voices bouncing off the back stage wall.

"The Shakespeare Festival in Stratford started in the middle of nowhere with a few tents," said Neville-Andrews, who teaches drama at the University of Michigan, and is searching for local venues, where

the plays could be performed after the festival.

"This is the way theater was performed in Shakespeare's time."

The 17-member cast will perform "close to nature," competing with the sounds of birds, planes flying overhead and hoots and hollering from a nearby baseball field. The stage is set at the bottom of a hill where actors look up at an elevated audience. The venue can seat as many as 300.

"We make it an intimate experience for our audi-

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Birdie from page E1

Rebecca Hyke, 16, of Rochester Hills is playing the role of Kim, the typical American girl chosen to receive the "last kiss" from Birdie before he enters the armed forces.

"This is a fun musical to do no matter what role you have," Hyke said. "The show has good music; it's a cute story and it's

easy for all different people to relate to.

"We've worked really hard on it," added the Rochester High School junior. This is her first show with Stagecrafters.

M. Brian Ogden, 18, is playing Conrad Birdie. He gets to wear flashy costumes and sing ala

Elvis. He also performed the Birdie role in a production at Berkley High School.

"I'm having so much fun doing this show," he said. "I'm much more relaxed so I think I'm doing a better job the second time around."

Both Ogden and Dayna Jarae Dantzer, 17, of Warren who's

playing the role of Rose, are leaving for Western Michigan University in the fall. They're majoring in music theater.

Although he's got another year before he starts college, Brian Thibault, 17, of Ferndale already plans on acting being his main source of income when he's an adult. Performing Mr. MacAfee in this show, he hopes, will bring

him one more role closer to his dreams.

Other supporting characters are Shana Gagnon (Mayor's Wife) of Rochester Hills, Craig Hemming (Mayor) and Sara Lennox (Urula) both of Berkley, Kristin Phillips (Mrs. Peterson) of Warren, Shauna Mancini (Mrs. MacAfee) of Sterling Heights, Blair Mellow (Hugo

Peabody) of Huntington Woods, Sara Geraldts (Gloria) of Madison Heights, Joel Pietrzak (Harvey Johnson) of Clawson and Chris Moultrup (Mr. Johnson) and Bianca Vorves (Sad Girl) both of Royal Oak.

The ensemble includes Carolyn Lusch of Redford, Erin Broley of Birmingham and Ashley Miles of Southfield.

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ence," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who directs the up-tempo farce "Twelfth Night."

"It's a challenge for our actors to make sure that the audience isn't distracted," she said. "If you can make Shakespeare personal and human, (then) doing modern theater is like falling off a log."

Eaton, who won plaudits for her directing of "The Tempest" at Planet Ant in Hamtramck in

May, recently cofounded, "Shakespeare," a company that produces and teaches the works of Shakespeare.

On weekends, the actors will have to shift gears quickly from farce to tragedy in performing "Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet."

"The plays are vastly different," said Eaton. "For actors with good concentration, the costume change affects a psychological

change." On weekends, the actors will have to shift gears quickly from farce to tragedy in performing "Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet."

With many states having Shakespeare Festivals, Eaton believes there's an opportunity for collaboration among universities and equity theaters throughout the state to further develop the annual celebration of Shakespeare's work.

"When you pick up on Shakespeare's imagery and compare it to just about any modern play, you'll realize that modern plays aren't as deep," she said.

Next year, festival organizers expect to add several more plays and, hopefully, several sponsors.

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Saturday, February 26, 2000, 8:00 P.M.
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Dedicated volunteers work to restore Wayne Theatre

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Few things in life can evoke a feeling of desolation like an abandoned theater. Perhaps because it's not difficult to imagine a time when the marquee gleamed, town folk gathered, and memories of a lifetime were formed.

Sometimes I can quell that awful tumbledown turmoil by reminding myself of the many successful renovations of aging theaters that have ushered in

exciting new eras as performance and cultural centers. Of course, with ample financial backing, any old lonesome prairie can be turned into a glittering entertainment district.

From the high-profile renovations of the Fox Theatre and Gem Theatre — to the community-based plans for such venues as the Civic in Farmington — success hinges on a sustained blend of vision, dedication and funding.

Major obstacle

But, more often than not, available cash is the major obstacle. As a result, theaters become dry cleaning outlets or

pharmacies, or have an eventual date with a wrecking ball.

At the risk of sounding like tabloid TV or one of those best-seller of the moment self-help books, there are fascinating stories that fuel every restoration project. It is a case of "Theaters... and the people who love them too much." You'll see that kind of devotion in the renovation effort of a long-neglected theater in an edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 25.

The Wayne Theatre dates back to the 1920s, when it served as a showplace for vaudeville performers and film shorts. When the silent movie era had passed,

it became the first movie house with sound in a stretch from Detroit to Jackson, according to Bob Welch, one of the passionate members of a volunteer organization intent on renovation.

Virtually unused for decades, the dream of turning the Michigan Avenue structure into a cultural center is kept alive by an annual fund-raiser. Fittingly, it's a haunted house that thrives on performance rather than gore and special effects.

"I would love to bring in \$50,000 from our haunted theatre show, but competitors with advertising dollars are making it difficult to raise the support that we have in the past. Our show is

different than others because it's more theatrical and family oriented," says Welch.

One thing that makes the volunteer effort so noble is that there are no expectations that the Wayne will someday be a huge profit center.

Performing arts center

"My dream is that we can provide a performing arts center that can be used by the many colleges and high schools in the area. In addition to staging high quality productions, it could also be a venue for the visual arts," says Welch.

He adds that grants are being

sought to move the project along. Volunteers and fund-raisers can only take you so far.

It's easy to root for the folks who have worked to create a future for the Wayne Theatre.

"Sadly, Detroit architecture tends to be disposable. With so much work that remains to be done, the dedication of the members of the organization to restore the Wayne is admirable," says Lex Kuhne, who hosts the BACKSTAGE PASS segment about the theater.

Its destiny may not be as a money machine or a money pit. A niche as a center where young artists can develop and showcase their talent would be just fine.

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giving students new skills, although some kids do become professional actors."

Participating in theater, Morehouse believes, helps children learn to work together as a team, improves self confidence, and helps them speak clearly before an audience.

On Monday nights, the students showcase what they learned in classes that week by performing for family and friends.

The senior division concentrates more on acting than the junior division. All of the students work with a dance instructor to learn how to move on stage.

"I love the fact that we do nothing but concentrate on the theater during this time," said Morehouse who has taught English at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School for the past 13 years, and is a member of the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook.

"The students can focus and memorize something overnight. Most of us are doing this because we love theater," said Morehouse.

John Rutherford is producing "Our Town" and is head of the senior division. "Everyone has a part, we work together as a team," he said. "This is my eighth summer. I teach theater at Warren Fitzgerald High School. The summer program draws students from many com-

munities and varied backgrounds. We're all working together to do one thing, put on a play. It breaks down barriers and boundaries. Students improve their acting skills, and become more tolerant of others. Each year presents new challenges and accomplishments, we try to work on weaknesses and move students to areas that are less comfortable to them."

In college, Gretchen Alexandra played the part of Emily in "Our Town."

"I have wonderful memories," said Alexandra who is directing the Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, production of the play at the outdoor Greek Theatre.

"I enjoy seeing the play come to life," she said. "I love having the chance to work in theater. It is my passion and love."

A language arts teacher, Alexandra, who is assistant director of the senior division, enjoys watching the students grow. "The kids choose to be here," she said. "It teaches them how to focus, to work together as a group and meet deadlines. They learn how to present themselves well in front of people. Any kid would benefit from being here."

"A lot of the kids graduate from the program and come back to teach, and help. It's nice to see that."

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OPERA

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 With The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$45 and \$27.50 reserved. Seniors 62 and older, and groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$27.50 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>; special autograph signing 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Harmony House Farmington Hills, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile. (248) 626-4533

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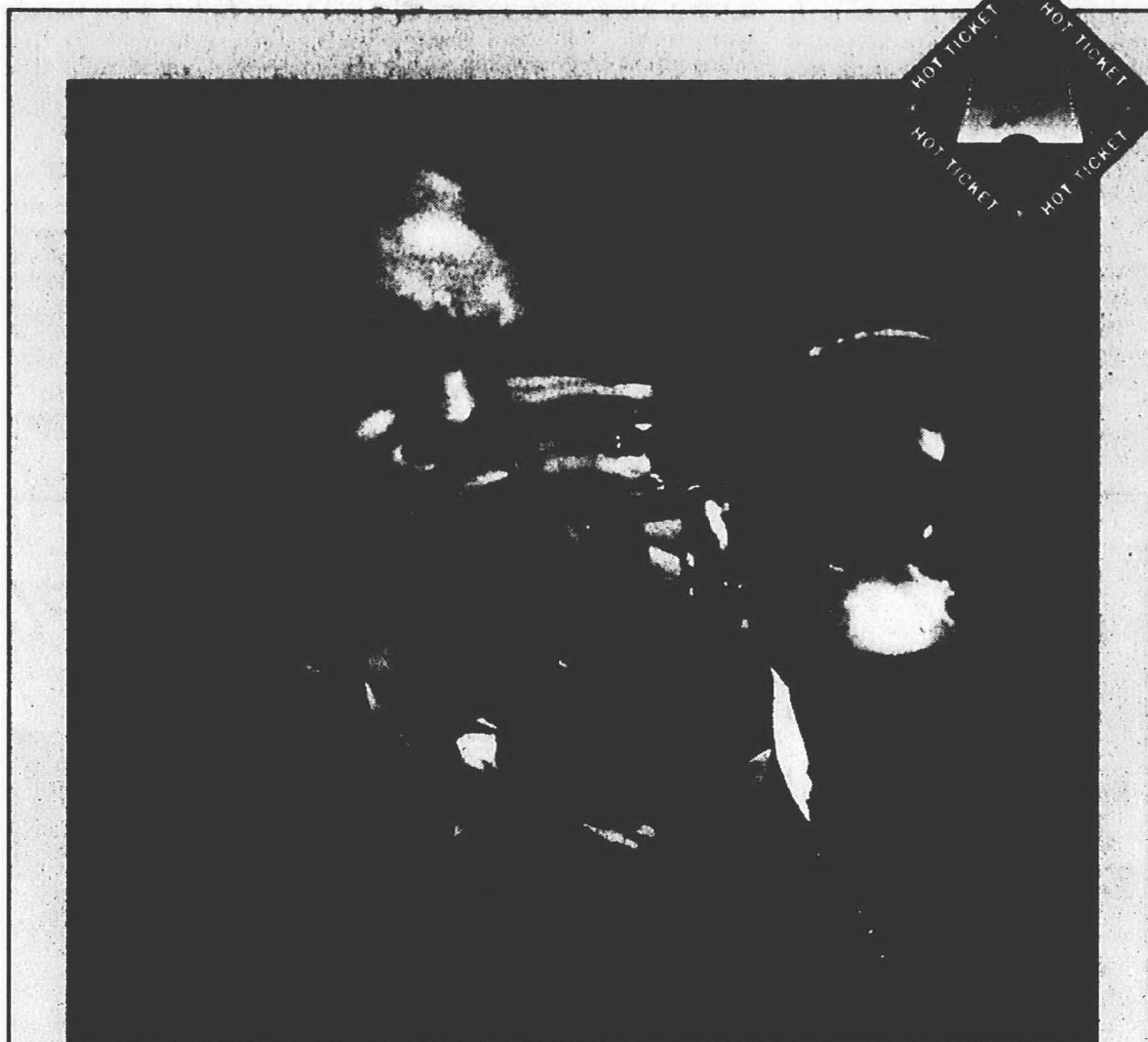
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Friday, July 23
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9 p.m. Friday, July 23 - Tim Weisberg, flutist

Saturday, July 24
 11 a.m. - Chautauqua Express for KIDS

1 p.m. - Vocalist Kimmie Horn

2:30 p.m. - Remy Scott, saxophonist

4 p.m. - Jazz pianist Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars

5:30 p.m. - Ken Navarro, guitarist

7 p.m. - Jeff Lorber, keyboardist

Here is the schedule for groups playing at restaurants in downtown Birmingham during Jazzfest.

Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24

Bad Frog Tavern - 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400

9 p.m.-midnight, Thursday - Soul Mechanix

9 p.m.-midnight, Friday - Kristyn Smith & Blackstone

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Bates Street Cafe - 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832

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8 p.m. & midnight, Thursday-Sat. - Larry Nozero

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Dick O'Dows - 160 Maple, (248) 642-1135

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Thursday - Mack Jazz Trio

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday - Den Cathane & Friends

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 Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS
 Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

JAZZ

TASILIMAH BEY
 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

CONCERTS IN THE PARK
 Doug Deming & The Blue Suit Blues Band, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (jazz)

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN
 Imperial Swing Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, on the lawn of the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive. (248) 424-9022

DAVE CARTHANE AND FRIENDS
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road,

Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

WILL DOWNING
 With Oleta Adams and Pieces of a Dream, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Chene Park, Detroit. \$35 and \$35. All ages. (313) 983-6811

RICHARD ELLIOT
 With Brian Culbertson, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$32.50. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666

FREE FLIGHT
 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Corson Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50-\$29.50. (616) 276-6230

FUNKTELLIGENCE
 With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (avant jazz/funk)

TEDDY HARRIS JR. QUINTET
 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10 in advance. \$15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

BILL HEID TRIO
 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
 With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, Northern Lakes Seafood Company's Tavern Bar, 475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 646-7900 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON QUARTET
 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

MACK JAZZ TRIO
 9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

JAZZHEAD
 10 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (acid jazz)

SHEILA LANDIS/RICK MATLE
 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
 With Jack Brokensha (vibes), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

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

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO
 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
 With Dan Kolton and Tom Brown, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday Saturday, July 22-24, at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION
 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
 9:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29. 1 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

WORLD MUSIC

DISTRACTIONS
 9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

IMMUNITY
 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, July 23, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222; 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Free. 21 and older. (734) 449-0040 (reggae)

JOY NAB
 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

NEW ORLEANS KLEZMER ALLSTARS
 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicicbag.com>

PLANETA DE CRYSTAL
 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, July 22, The Plaza, one block west of

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Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

REDFORD THEATRE
 Film "Shall We Dance?" with guest organist Gus Borman, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, July 23, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, July 24, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

SWEET ADELINES REUNION
 The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International invites past members to a 40th anniversary and reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center, 37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was formerly called the Mecom County Chapter, Utica-Rochester Chapter and The Charmonizers. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

BENEFITS

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

BARBEQUE & BREW AT THE ZOO
 6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, Australian-themed outdoor party including cook-out, entertainment by Blue Moon Boys presented by the Wild Thing Society, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Detroit. \$15, to benefit the Detroit Zoo's tree kangaroos. (248) 541-5717

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
 Garage Sale and Car Wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. To benefit Ridgedale Players' Scholarship Fund. To donate items or

for questions, (248) 988-7049

ROARING 20'S CELEBRATION
 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Omni Detroit Hotel, 1000 River Place. To benefit Variety-The Children's Charity. (248) 855-6777

FAMILY EVENTS

BEN SPITZER
 Juggler and magician, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

DETROIT'S 99TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
 Cake and ice cream, and performances by The Chenille Sisters (1:15 p.m.), The Sun Messengers (11:05 a.m. 12:40 p.m.), magician J.R. McAtee (1:50 p.m.), Mosaic Youth Theatre (11:45 p.m.), on the grounds of the Detroit Historical Museum and Detroit Public Library, on Woodward Ave., between Kirby and Putnam. (313) 833-7912 or www.detroitshistory.org

ZEEMO
 The "Yo-Yo Man" performs 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS
 Farmington Community Concert Band, 7:30 Friday, July 23, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

GAZEBO CONCERTS
 Motor City Brass Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph,

Southfield. (248) 424-9022

"IN THE PARK"
 Alexander Zonjic & Friends, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Shain Park, Birmingham.

MOTOR TOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL
 Noon to 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 24-25, features Thornetta Davis among others, at Dearborn City Hall Park, Michigan Ave. at Schaefer.

"MUSIC IN THE PARK"
 Noon Wednesday, July 28, Gratitude Steel Band, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Pennington and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater. (734) 416-4ART

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"
 Ernest Matchulet - Next Generation Band (favorites) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia; Bob Durant Band (Big Band sound) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

8 guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Keely Wygonik; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (Latin)
GERARD SMITH
 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)
UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ARNA CAREY BARR
 With Marble Brown, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319
LIBERTY R.O. DANIELS
 With Marye Miller, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 22, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

M.L. LIEBLER
 Children's workshop, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 28 and Aug. 4, and adult's workshop 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne. (313) 538-4257
JA MEETS JESUS
 With M. Wade Curenton and Liberty R.O. Daniels, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, July 25, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181
LIBERTY R.O. DANIELS
 With Marye Miller, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 22, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319
"POET IN RESIDENCE"
 Rod Rheinhardt, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 22, 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, minimal walk-throughs, music by the Contraprenuers, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863
MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE
 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4 member, \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298
TERPSICHERE'S KITCHEN
 "Summer Dances," a showcase of the best choreographic and dance talent in the Ann Arbor area, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (2/1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

COMEDY

COMEDY CONCERT IN THE PARK
 Bill Barr, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, musical comedy impressionist Ron Parker opens the show, in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Twp. Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Free. (734) 397-5110
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Keith Ruff and Vince Vicelli, Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24 (\$10); Paul Venier and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
 at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
 Jimmy Ham, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10 (734) 996-9080
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
 at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>
SOUPY SALES
 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road,

Farmington. \$25. (248) 473-7777
SECOND CITY
 "Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
 Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001
CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
 Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26 (\$10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Screen Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week, "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Celebrates its 39th anniversary with free admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 24, visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE

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

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), and concerts 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 21-28 at the Anderson Theatre in the museum (313) 943-3095; the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids, 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 30 to Aug. 4) through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and over, \$4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140

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

POPULAR MUSIC

AGNOSTIC FRONT
 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
AIR MARGARITAVILLE
 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 524-3484 (Jimmy Buffet covers)

APPLES IN STEREO

With Beulah, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (roots rock)

JOHNNY AWESOME BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Zim's Irish Tavern, 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467; 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Old Hickory, 7071 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton. (810) 735-7630 (acoustic rock)

BEAMSHIP

9 p.m. Friday, July 30, 313 Jac, above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.staterecords.com/313jac> (rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>; 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 or <http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com> (blues)

THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

THE BIZER BROTHERS

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at Champ's Pub, 140 E. Grand River, Brighton. (810) 227-4443

BLACK BEAUTY

9 p.m. Friday, July 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

THE BLEND

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

BLUES CONFUSION

9 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (blues)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Fritt's Pub, 77 N. Main St., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (810) 469-0878 or <http://www.bluerose.uma.com> or blueroseband@hotmail.com (blues)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Friday, July 23, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (blues)

CAROLINE

With Stunning Amazon, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 313 Jac, above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.staterecords.com/313jac> (alternative rock)

CHEAP TRICK

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

CHER

With Cyndi Lauper and Wild Orchid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, and Saturday, Sept. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$75.25 and \$45.25, special Superfan seating available. 25 cents from each ticket goes to charity. The July 23 show is sold out. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

CHICAGO

8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$21.50/\$36.50

(616) 276-6230; With the Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35.25 pavilion, \$18.75 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

COWBOY JUNKIES

With Leo Kottke, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50-\$29.50. (616) 276-6230; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (alter-napop/twang)

THE CULT

With New American Shame, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Harmony Riley, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

THE DONNAS

With Delta 72 and The Crumbs, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

ELIZA

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

ELLIOTT

With Fireside, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS

9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, BoatHouse Billiards, 770 N. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 693-4100; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, The Alibi, 33500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 478-2010 or <http://www.freeyew.com/members2/bluebite/page1.html> (blues)

FLETCHER PRATT

With Cloud Car, 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (alternapop)

FISH

From the English pop band Marillion, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Canceled. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock/pop)

THE GATHERING

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (gothic)

GORDON BENNETT

7 p.m. Thursdays in July, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

GROOVE WITH IT

9 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (blues)

GRR

10 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

IRON MAIDEN

With Monster Magnet and Clutch, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Bogy's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rockabilly)

LYLE LOVETT

8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50/\$32.50. (616) 276-6230 (country)

LUSCIOUS JACKSON

With Ciba Motta, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$15. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternapop)

THE MAKE UP

8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

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With Blonde Redhead and Dianogah, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (alternative rock)

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (pop)

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MUDDPUPPY

Featuring Paul Randolph, 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

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With Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, and Keb' Mo', 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

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9 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

ROXANNE

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic modern rock)

KRISTIN SAYER

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (R&B)

SHUTDOWN

With Catch 22, Canderia, E. Town, Concrete and Indecision, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

THE STILL

9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Musical duo on the road to success with first CD

BY LINDA ANN CHOMEN
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Steven and Abha Dearing never dreamed there would be so many small details involved with producing their own CD.

Their excitement built steadily as they talked about the endeavor recently. Sitting side by side,



Take One: Abha and Steven Dearing play music from their new CD, "Take One," at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

the husband and wife duo seemed in complete harmony except for the few times when their enthusiasm got the better of them and they stepped on each other's sentences. Then one of them would gently nudge the other and they were back in sync.

The intense conversation was the exact opposite of the mellow guitar and flute selections on "Take One." The CD is easy listening music, the kind that makes you want to close your eyes and lay back.

If you'd like to hear their music live before purchasing the CD at Border's in Birmingham, Off The Record and Repeat The Beat in Royal Oak or Harmony House Classical in Ferndale, catch the Plymouth duo at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs on Friday, July 23. The Dearing's will be joined by dozens of other entertainers in different areas throughout the three fairs.

"There were so many things we didn't anticipate, securing copyright permission and a bar code," said Steven. "Just when we thought we were done, another thing would come up."

The Dearing's choice of a photographer to shoot the image for the cover was easy. They chose Jim Steele, the same Detroit photographer who took their wedding pictures a year ago in April. Their neighbor across the street, Nikki Lorence, did the graphic design.

Steven, a classical guitarist, and Abha, a flutist, stepped into a Cleveland studio to record the mix of repertoire from Ravel and Bizet to Latin selections, and an original composition by Wayne State University professor James Lentini certain they were ready, at least musically. For Abha, the returns from producing their first CD were many.

First step

"It was our first step into the professional world," said Abha. "And to be professionally mixed

What: Abha and Steven Dearing perform music from their new CD, "Take One," at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. They're among the nearly 30 entertainers, including Three Men and a Tenor, Bakra Bata and Mr. B, featured at four performing areas at the fair.

When: 10:50 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Friday, July 23, on South University near the Tappan Street intersection, Ann Arbor. There are also performance areas on the corner of East and South University and Church Street.

and mastered was thrilling."

Steven's take on the session differed slightly. That's okay with Abha because the two respect each other's opinions.

"Playing in a studio is like playing in a tin can," he said. "You don't have reverberation. You can't hear yourself. My favorite part was when it was done. In the studio, we were four feet apart. We usually perform right next to each other. It was tough because we really had to listen to one another. I couldn't hear her breathe. When she breathes, I know when to come in."

Engineered by Bruce Gigax at Audio Recording, the CD took less time than expected which was important to the Dearing's who weren't spending their own money. An anonymous sponsor picked up the cost in exchange for a promise that the Dearing's repay the money when they could.

"It was very concise," said Abha. "We played each of our pieces three times. Our engineer said, we're one of the most prepared groups he'd worked with."

Potpourri of styles

From their eight hours of literature for guitar and flute, the Dearing's chose selections that would propel their performing career forward. While the duo play weddings nearly every week, concerts, like ones last year at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and The Community House in Birmingham, are fewer and far between. They hope the CD will pave the way for future performances. With the help of a computer they purchased two months ago, Steven is searching the web for lists of promoters presenting concerts throughout the U.S. He is then able to e-mail them with information about the Dearing Concert Duo.

Lentini's gift to Steven preceded his meeting Abha nearly five years ago when both were students at Wayne State University. Today, Steven teaches guitar at the University of Windsor and Macomb Community College. A private music teacher, Abha is choir director at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. This fall, she will direct the school's prestigious vocal group, the Mercyaire.

"It's kind of nice because I was a Mercyaire," said Abha who will perform with Steven at the school in fall. "It's also important for our students to see us perform."

Added Steven, "Not just to listen to what we're saying but to see what we do."

The Dearing Concert Duo's CD is also available at Repeat the Beat and The Coffee Studio in Plymouth.

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Spanish cuisine served at new Hola! Tapas Cafe

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In Spain, even the smallest village has at least one spot where locals gather to enjoy tapas, drinks and conversation with friends. Now, on a larger scale, you can enjoy a fairly authentic Spanish experience at Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

Spanish dishes are today's "in" food. A Spanish-theme restaurant means a U.S. metro area is dialed into the world of international foods.

Make no mistake, I'm talking about Spanish cuisine, not Mexican, and there's a world of difference.

In mid-June, owner Nino Cutraro transformed Baci Abbracci in Pontiac from an Italian restaurant. He said "Hi" (Hola!) to decidedly Spanish. The little Xs and Os etched on glass dividers still speak to the hugs and kisses translation of baci abbracci, but a loving touch is OK in any language!

Interior face-lifts opened up the main dining room to the bar/dance floor and produced a female flamenco dancer in brilliant red dress on the wall. Gone are the white table cloths. Now terra cotta covered with white butcher block, tables offer the feeling of casual, a place to gather with friends, kick back and order rounds of tapas and a cou-

Hola! Tapas Cafe

Where: 40 W. Pike Street, Pontiac (248) 253-1300.

Hours: 5-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Menu: Spanish all the way from tapas (little dishes of Spain), four types of paella and entradas (main courses) prepared a la brasa (roasted), a la plancha (flame grilled) or a la sal (baked in salt).

Entertainment: Thursday DJ Salsa night at 9 p.m. Live Latin music Friday and Saturday evenings at 10 p.m.

Cost: Tapas \$3-8; Paella \$9-13; Entradas \$13-17.

Reservations: Accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

ple of paellas — food to be shared.

Tapas originated around the 19th century in Andalusia, the most-laid back region of Spain. It was a bartender's practice to top a sherry glass with a cover (tapa) to keep the contents free of flies. The custom progressed, and today, tapas are the rage of Spain. They can be as simple as a dish of olives, fried salted almonds, jamon Serrano or Manchego (traditional Spanish cheese) to an elaborately prepared hot seafood dish.

Hola! Tapas Cafe offers 10 tapas frias (cold) and 10 tapas calientes (hot). Tortilla Espanola is one of the cold, or more precisely, room-temperature tapas. This tortilla is nothing like the Mexican. It is more like an omelet with potato, onions and green peppers, akin to an Italian-

frittata.

Among hot tapas, try Vieiras a la Plancha, grilled sea scallops with saffron sauce, topped with roe mayonnaise; Calamares Rellenos, stuffed squid with multi-colored peppers, onions and sausage in a light pescadora sauce; and Pincho de Solomillo a la Pimienta, grilled tenderloin of beef brochette rolled in cracked black pepper.

Having spent several weeks in Spain and some days in Valencia (paella's capital) recently, I've grown very fond of paella. In Spain, one of the ways you know paella is made to order is that the menu requests allowance of 30 to 40 minutes for its preparation and the minimum is a two-person order, priced per person. This is precisely what Hola! Tapas Cafe does for its four paellas: Mariscos (seafood), Valen-

ciana (chicken and pork), de Verduras (vegetable), and Fideau de Mariscos (macaroni-like pasta with seafood).

Pretty close to authentic! At one of Valencia's star paella restaurants, my husband Ray and I paid just under \$40 U.S. for dinner that included a sherry copa for each of us that came with tapas, paella Valenciana, a bottle of quality Spanish red wine and a shared flan for dessert.

At Hola!, without the sherry, you'll pay \$10 per person for the paella, \$30 for the most reasonably-priced Spanish wine and \$4 for the flan.

Close, but driving up the cost is the wine, which at its source was much cheaper. Handicapping for our airfare, your drive to Pontiac for a near-Valencia experience is priced fairly.

Among entrees, the most interesting is the Dorada a la Sal, red snapper baked in salt and served with alioli sauce. It, too, is made to order and requires a prep time of 40 minutes. Amuse your taste buds with tapas while you wait. On a low sodium diet? Don't fret. The salt crust is not eaten, it's just the medium used to bake this Mediterranean-style fish specialty.

Interesting Spanish desserts include two unique: Arroz con Leche, baked Spanish rice pud-



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGFIELD

At your service: Executive chef Bradley Kimelman, (left) and sous chef Bud Saley prepare authentic Spanish cuisine at the new Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

ding. If your mother made better, you're lucky! Leche Frita is fried milk with vanilla and cinnamon, sugar laced with black raspberry sauce.

Behind all this authenticity is Cutraro's friend Chef Julia, a native of Vigo in the Galicia region of northern Spain. Chef Julia is director of the culinary school in Vigo, Spain's largest fishing port. She created all the recipes and taught Hola's

kitchen staff including executive chef Bradley Kimelman, a 1981 OCC culinary department graduate, who has been executive chef and general manager at a number of area restaurants before Hola.

Nino's brother Luigi Cutraro is banking on this because he's opening Sangria, a similar Spanish-theme restaurant in Royal Oak on Lafayette at the corner of Fourth Street, in a few weeks.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Here are some restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Shivers Cafe — 34365 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (in the Stark Plaza, on the southeast corner of Stark and Plymouth Roads), (734) 421-6090. Open year round. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 1-10 p.m., Saturday; 1-9:30 p.m., Sunday

Menu: Bagel sandwiches,

homemade soups, salads, quiche and desserts (brownies, cookies, pies, cakes), ice cream, frozen yogurt and a selection of coffees, teas and juices

Cost: Inexpensive. **Credit cards** are not accepted. Everything on the menu is available to go.

Buca di Beppo — 38888 Six Mile Road, (between Haggerty and I-275), (734) 4-MANGIA, 462-6442. Open seven days a week, dinner only; 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11

p.m. Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday. **Reservations** accepted before restaurant opens for that day. Advance reservations accepted during restaurant hours. No call ahead seating.

Menu: Classic southern Italian

dishes. **Cost:** All courses are served family style. Salads (a small Caesar serves four) cost \$6.95 to \$13.95; pizzas range in price from \$9.95 to \$17.95; pasta prices are \$7.95 to \$19.95; and entrees range in

price from \$14.95 to \$19.95.

Credit cards: All majors.

La Shish — 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (734) 983-9000. Open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

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