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Planning pick becomes hot topic



Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann figured the appointment of former township trustee K.C. Mueller to the planning commission was no big deal, but two other trustees apparently have different ideas.

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What seemed the simple appointment of former township board member K.C. Mueller to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission turned into a small political brawl Tuesday at the township board of trustees meeting.

Trustee Abe Munfakh tried to block the appointment of Mueller, who served on the board as a trustee from 1992 to 2000, because she is a real estate agent, contending the position would create a conflict of interest. Before the meeting ended, the same charge was being thrown back at Munfakh by Treasurer Ron Edwards. Munfakh said he didn't have a per-

sonal problem with Mueller, but he thinks a real estate agent would be directly impacted by decisions made by the planning commission.

"I have a big problem with a real estate agent sitting on the planning commission. It is a big conflict of interest, because she makes decisions that directly impact development in the township. It gives her an unfair advantage over other real estate agents," he said. "My problem would dissipate if Ms. Mueller would put her license in escrow while she sits on the commission."

Only Trustee Ron Griffith agreed with Munfakh, voting against the

appointment. The rest of the board voted to approve it. Trustee Kay Arnold was absent.

Supervisor Steve Mann said there is nothing illegal about real estate agents, developers or builders sitting on a planning commission or zoning board of appeals. In fact, developer William Steiner is currently on the township zoning board of appeals.

"I have spoken to legal counsel and don't believe there is any conflict of interest here. Realtors have every right to sit on planning commissions," Mann said.

Discussion on the issue broke down

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Carving away: Sculptor Pierre Bataille works at the 8-foot leprechaun he's carving out of a dead tree in the yard of Patrick Gallagher's Mayflower Street home.

Carving out a niche

Sculptor brings talent to Plymouth home

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During the nearly 50 years he has been sculpting, French artist Pierre Bataille has worked with just about every material imaginable. He has shaped granite and marble into life-size statues, carved oak panels into scenes of world history, and even once twisted barbed wire from a Nazi concentration camp into a giant crucifix.

This month he added to the list a 300-year-old dead maple tree in Ply-

mouth Township.

Over the course of the last three weeks, Bataille, who has presented work to the Pope and England's Queen Mother to name a few, has been busy carving the tree into a large leprechaun.

Standing nearly 8 feet tall, the unique, cartoonish sculpture greets visitors to Patrick Gallagher's Mayflower Street home, which sits just north of Joy.

Gallagher owns the Restoration Station, a woodshop and furniture refurbishing business on Ann Arbor

Trail in the township. Several years ago he cut down the massive dead tree in his front yard with the intention of someday turning it into a carved figure. He just wasn't sure what.

"I didn't want your typical eagle or bear. I wanted something a little more special and unique," he said.

Fate smiled on Gallagher. Bataille's daughter Laura moved to Plymouth a little over a year ago, and has been doing some work for Gallagher. When her parents came to

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School board gives A's to Booher

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Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher received accolades from the Board of Education, getting both a positive annual review and a salary increase.

The board gave Booher a 2.76 percent pay hike, using a formula equivalent to 60 percent of the 4.6 percent state foundation grant increase given Plymouth-Canton Schools by the State of Michigan.

Booher's increase of \$3,593 raises her yearly salary to \$133,756. Booher was hired in January 2000 after negotiating a \$125,000 contract.

'I think she's done a good job, considering the circumstances this year.'

Steve Guile
—School trustee

"She was graded on all the things that encompass the operation of the school district, including how she personally conducted business within the district, how she operated the district in terms of educational performance and the budget," said Trustee Steve Guile. "I think she's done a good job, considering the circumstances this year. It hasn't been a typical year with some of the controversies and public issues, which she's handled in a professional manner. Sometimes when you have these extraneous issues, it takes away from the main job, which is educating kids."

Some of those issues described by Guile include the controversy surrounding the expansion of the high school sports complex involving North Pointe subdivision residents and Can-

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Primary 2001 — The race for the Plymouth City Commission

Incumbent wants chance to 'continue the advances'

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Plymouth Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur believes "things are great in the city, and I would like to continue the advances the commission has put in place."

Pobur, completing a four-year term on the commission and seeking reelection, looks to the water and sewer infrastructure, the budget and recreation as areas where the commission has been successful during the past four years.

"It's important to understand we have an aging infrastructure, and we need to work with our engineering

COLLEEN POBUR

firm to build a realistic plan for street repaving and rehabilitation of the sewer system," said Pobur. "Too many times we've had situations where we paved a street and then found out we had problems with the sewers."

Pobur said she's especially pleased with the financial status of the city.

"The budget is in the best shape we've had in years," she said. "We have a \$900,000 surplus, which lets us breathe easier and helps with our

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Critic says city management is 'not on the right track'

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Jerry Vorva believes the city of Plymouth needs a watch dog, someone who won't go with the flow when things are going wrong.

That's why Vorva is running for one of four seats on the city commission — he doesn't think the general direction of the city is correct.

"If people are at least half as concerned as I am about the direction of the city and what's been going on the past few years, they should elect me. I have an understanding of how government works, and how it should function."

JERRY VORVA

Vorva, a one-time city commissioner, said tops on his list is a review of the city charter.

"I've been a proponent of that for a long time. The charter is 50 years old and probably older in philosophy, and it's not operating well. We have spot zoning going on, ordinances that are unconstitutional for being too broad and vague. There needs to be a complete review of practices and policies that go into the day-to-day operations and the accounting prac-

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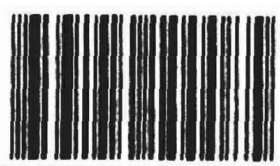
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...tices, to see if the industry is being spent properly."

Vorva isn't afraid to expose which departments he thinks are "renegade."

"There are a couple of renegade departments. You don't have good accounting from the finance director, and I think you have a runaway police department. You need a very serious, independent review of those practices and policies to make sure they comport to the law."

Vorva has been a proponent of a strong-mayor form of government.

"A strong mayor would be responsible and accountable to the people, and if not he could be voted out of office or recalled. You can't get rid of a city manager. You'd have to recall four commissioners to get rid of him. Small communities aren't right for city managers."

Vorva believes a strong mayor would have helped downtown become much stronger during the most recent economic boom.

"We had a boom that lasted seven or eight years, but it was-

n't taken proper advantage of by downtown. We didn't have enough foresight to have good downtown development and redevelopment plans. With a strong mayor, you could have had a strong leadership take advantage of the boom."

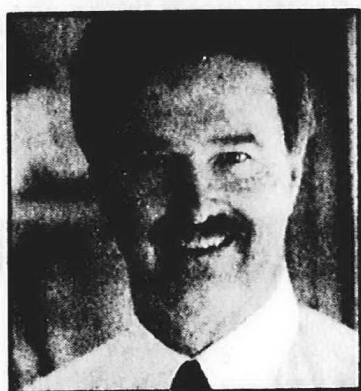
While Vorva said he welcomes development, like the Mayflower and the Wilcox property, he would rather see the city with a central theme instead of approving what he called "spot development." And, he wants to see the parking situation resolved.

Vorva also said he would like to see more cooperation among local entities to develop additional recreational opportunities.

"The only true recreational facility we have is Central Middle School. We haven't utilized the YMCA enough. The city, township, schools and YMCA should work together to make recreation better."

Other views from Vorva:

■ "Relations with Plymouth Township aren't good, probably at an all-time low. We need to get along with the township and



Jerry Vorva

school district and have open dialogue with them."

■ The \$100 million civil rights lawsuit against the city by Tom Prose "is a symptom of the general problem of the policies and the way city government is run. It should have been settled a long time ago."

■ "I would not have voted for Paul Sincock as city manager. Paul is a nice guy, but I don't think he has the ability to pull it off. Call him temporary."

■ "Giving \$100,000 for parks is using taxpayers' money for political purposes to look good at election time. That money should have gone to the water or road fund. You can't do anything else without a good infrastructure."

Rotary scholarships

Rotary Club of Plymouth President Mark Baldwin this week announced the winners of the Plymouth Rotary Memorial Scholarships.

Plymouth Canton High School graduate Douglas Kurth and Plymouth Salem High School graduate Elizabeth Martin will each receive a \$4,000 Rotary scholarship, to be paid out over four years. In addition, the club was able to provide a special one-time award to Salem graduates Nicole Kownacki and Christine Szubeczak. Kownacki will receive \$750, while Szubeczak gets a check for \$250.

"I'm pleased to announce the winners, as they represent the finest of traditions for Memorial Scholarship winners, representing the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self," Baldwin noted.

The scholarships are funded from the proceeds from the club's annual chicken barbecue, which takes place during Fall Festival, and the Spring Rotary Golf Classic. In addition, Baldwin pointed out, there are "several generous donations from present and former club members that help make the schol-

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arships available.

"Former club members Arthur Haar and Walter Panse were instrumental in establishing the various Rotary Scholarship programs through very sizable contributions through their estates," Baldwin said.

Water, tax payments

Residents of the City of Plymouth trying to make their water and tax payments can no longer make them at local banks.

Payments will no longer be accepted at local banks, according to an announcement published by the city this week.

Payments can be mailed to City Hall, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170-1688. Drop boxes are also available at the city hall Church Street entrance and behind the library, next to the book return. Payments may also be made at City Hall during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-

day through Friday.

Book signing

Dr. Dave Janda, author of *The Awakening of a Surgeon: One Doctor's Journey to Fight the System and Empower Your Community*, will sign copies of his book at Little Book Shoppe on the Park Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Janda is coming off an appearance on Oprah, where he touted his book and helped lead a discussion of sports injuries and the health insurance industry.

Little Book Shoppe on the Park is located on Main Street, across from Kellogg Park.

Park program

The city's Neighborhood Summer Parks Program began Tuesday at Lions Club Park, Kiwanis Park, Rotary Park, K-of-C Park and Garden Club Park.

There is no charge for the program, although field trips may have minimal costs. Park staff is generally on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Even the thought of picking up a club makes you wince, maybe it's time to ask your physician to give you a referral for physical therapy, rather than give up an activity you enjoy. At the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we provide a wide range of treatments, including orthopedic and neurological therapy, to ensure maximum performance and recovery. To schedule a consultation and exam, call 455-8370. You'll find our offices located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. We offer day and evening appointments. Most insurances accepted.

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visit her last month, Gallagher and her father immediately hit it off, largely because of their shared love for woodworking.

It didn't take long before the immense tree trunk in Gallagher's front yard became the topic of conversation.

"We're both woodworkers, but on top of that he is a super person. At first, I didn't even think of asking him to do the carving. It just kind of came up," Gallagher said.

While the project wasn't as prestigious as working for the Pope, Bataille was intrigued by the idea of turning the dead tree into a leprechaun.

"When Patrick proposed the idea, I was interested because it was a new material and something I have never done. It is a very amusing piece," he said.

Bataille, 65, approached the project just as he would any other.

First he made a small scale model of the leprechaun and then went to work. Using a mallet and an array of chisels, he whittled down the trunk with precision. There were no chain-saws involved.

By Bataille's standards, the leprechaun is a relatively easy project.

In contrast, it took him about eight years to carve a 220-foot long Bayeux tapestry composed of 22 separate oak panels depicting the events of the Norman conquest of England.

He has completed similar works portraying the voyage of the Mayflower and Jacques Cartier's discovery of the Canadian interior.

Bataille's penchant for history dates back to World War II, when, as a child, he witnessed the massive D-Day invasion of Normandy.

In fact, his village of St. Mère Eglise was one of the first to be



Finished product: Sculptor Pierre Bataille, left, with his creation at the home of Patrick Gallagher, whose Basset hound, Gus, is 15 years old.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

liberated by the Allied forces.

His woodworking career began in the 1950's, largely because his father worked in a woodshop.

Since then, Bataille has completed countless pieces of art and his name is well known in the international art community.

Gallagher realizes how fortunate he is to have a part of that legacy in his front yard.

"It is awesome having him do this. It is awesome having him do this. It is definitely a spectacle in the neighborhood for a while. People have been stopping by and asking questions everyday," Gallagher said. "I couldn't be more fortunate."

"I'm mailing announcements to voters and including a sticker on label and a pencil with my name on it to assist them in remembering to vote for me," said Loiselle. "Hopefully I'll get enough votes to come in eighth and make the cut for the fall election."

Former mayor plans to run primary write-in campaign

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Former mayor and city commissioner Ron Loiselle has officially declared himself a write-in candidate for the Plymouth city commission Aug. 7 primary.

Loiselle filed his "Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent" to City Clerk Linda Langmesser Monday, becoming the 11th candidate to seek one of four open seats on the commission. The top eight vote-getters will advance to the Nov. 6 general election.



Ron Loiselle

"I'm mailing announcements to voters and including a sticker on label and a pencil with my name on it to assist them in remembering to vote for me," said Loiselle. "Hopefully I'll get enough votes to come in eighth and make the cut for the fall election."

Langmesser said if Loiselle makes the final eight, he'll

have an easier time in November's election.

"If he is among the eight who make the final cut in the primary, his name will appear on the general election ballot in November," said Langmesser.

Loiselle has been elected five times to the city commission, serving a total of 18 years, with two of those as mayor. He's currently the chairman of the city's planning commission.

"I hope because of my background and experience enough people will write my name in," he said. "Generally, it's a long shot for write-in candidates. However, many people have encouraged me to run, and volunteered to walk the neighborhoods and hand out the stickers."

Langmesser, who has never run an election with a write-in candidate using stickers, said she'll test the voting machines next month.

"We'll be testing the machines July 24 to see if the stickers will jam the voting machines," said Langmesser. "I'm not sure if our machines are sticker-friendly."

The tests will be conducted by DeLong Champ Government Consulting Services, a

state-approved firm.

Loiselle turned in nominating petitions to the city clerk's office by the May 16 deadline to run for the commission in the Aug. 7 primary, but withdrew his name to be with his wife, who was battling colon cancer. However, Loiselle said she is doing extremely well, which will give him the time to devote to city business.

As well as running his own campaign, Loiselle will remain as treasurer for the city commission campaign of Phil Pursell. According to Carol Larkin, the campaign finance coordinator for Wayne County, Loiselle can remain treasurer for Pursell while running his own campaign.

Four candidates — Greene, Loiselle, Pobur and Pursell — have received written notice of endorsement from two law enforcement organizations. Each has received letters from the Plymouth Police Officers Association, signed by union president Mel Meck. They've also received backing from the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

"The endorsements speak for themselves," said Meck, who declined further comment.

Township sends out water quality report

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has begun sending out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U. S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit-metro area, including Ply-

mouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who haven't received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 453-8131.

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bond rating. A few years ago that wasn't the case."

She also points to the city's recreation program, which she labels as "a wonderful gift" to residents.

"Our recreation department has done a wonderful job of getting \$1.5 million in grants and using it to enhance the programs they offer our citizens, from infants to senior citizens," noted Pobur. "Communities would die to have the expertise we have in our recreation department."

Concerning downtown development, Pobur doesn't think the Mayflower Centre and the Wilcox developments "are monstrosities. We put a height ordinance in place to make sure developments are scaled correctly for our community."

However, she emphasizes it's important the city commission continues to work with the planning commission to create a plan for the future development of Plymouth that's appropriate.

"We want to maintain the small-town charm of Plymouth, and the only way to do that is to have planning that supports our goals," she said. "We want strong plans that make it clear to developers what is appropriate for all parcels of land in the city so our community stays unique, vital and vibrant."

Pobur doesn't believe Central Middle School is the number one issue for the community, especially since the school district hasn't decided what plans are in store for the site.

"However, I'm not in favor of putting a bunch of stores on the property," she said. "The city commission has directed the planning commission to look at the zoning of the property so we don't get into trouble in the future."

While some are quick to lay blame on Pobur as being part of a commission that took two searches to finally land Paul Sincock as city manager, the mayor pro tem looks at the search as one of her most proud achievements on the commission.



Colleen Pobur

"It took awhile because the city commission didn't want to hire someone to just fill the position, the market for city managers was tight, and some candidates were scared away when some commissioners made statements about their dissatisfaction with certain candidates, including ones to whom we made job offers," said Pobur. "But, we got someone with a proven record. I don't consider it a failure, but a triumph."

"The hiring of Paul to the position has led to the successful budget process, creating an environment where city employees are empowered, and a program where our engineering firm is encouraged to build a coordinated street-sewer program," she said.

Pobur wants to continue efforts to improve the police department, as well as the city's influence in the operation of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"We need to focus on community policing because that's the appropriate kind of policing for a downtown like ours," she said. "And, we need an increased oversight role in the fire department. Hirings are made without a great deal of input from the city, and structural changes are made without a lot of input from the city. That's not how the program was designed. The city was always supposed to have an equal voice."



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Why: Running for four open seats
Who: 11 candidates, including...
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Observer Sunday, July 1...
comes Thursday, July 12

These meetings are open to the public. Any realtor can attend these meetings and monitor what is going on.

K.C. Mueller
—Planning commissioner



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to finger pointing when Edwards called Munfakh a "hypocrite" for making the conflict of interest charge. Edwards accused Munfakh of having a conflict of interest about several township issues.

Edwards said the engineering firm Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May, which employs Munfakh, has done engineering work for R.A. DeMattia, a developer that has done a substantial amount of work in the township. All development must be approved by the board.

Munfakh's firm is also one of the leading engineers for the Western Townships Utility Authority, which provides wastewater services to the townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

"Abe is the biggest hypocrite around," Edwards said.

Munfakh denied working for DeMattia, and said he has abstained from voting on any issue related to WTUA. He demanded an apology from Edwards, but did not get one.

Mueller, who is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Ted Jordan, said there will be no conflict of interest. She also said she has no intention of giving up her license because she won't have an unfair advantage over other Realtors in the township.

"Absolutely not. I could see how there could be a conflict of interest. It depends on the individual. But these meetings are open to the public. Any Realtor can attend these meetings and monitor what is going on," she said.

League hopes name change draws members

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Hoping to expand their network of members and opportunities for its mission, the Livonia League of Women Voters has changed names.

After a unanimous vote of members at its annual meeting earlier this month, the league changed its name to League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

"With the name change, we hope to increase our membership," said the League's Paula Bowman. "More members means a greater ability to carry out our mission and provide service to the citizens in the communities we serve."

The original Women Voters of Livonia was founded in 1960. According to Bowman, a Northville-Plymouth-Canton League, probably organized in the 1970s, folded in 1990. The League of Women Voters

More members means a greater ability to carry out our mission and provide service to the citizens in the communities we serve.

Paula Bowman
—League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

The league is active in helping conduct candidate forums, including the Observer's forum for city commission candidates scheduled for July 19 at the Plymouth District Library. The current board of directors is made up of members from Plymouth Township, Westland, Wayne, Livonia and Canton. About a third of the league's members live outside Livonia. Hence, the name change.

"Even before our name change we have provided, and will continue to provide, voter information to 10 communities," Bowman pointed out. Those communities include Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Wayne and Westland.

The work of the league is financed, Bowman said, by the dues of members and by contributions from citizens in the community. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age. For more information, call (734) 421-4420.

MILITARY NEWS

GRADUATION

Army National Guard Spec. Christopher A. Purzer, son of Andrea and Richard Purzer of Plymouth, graduated from basic military training at Ford Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. He is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and

a 1994 graduate of Wayne State University.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Jeffrey A. Paszko, son of Sherry and Robert Paszko of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth

Salem High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Richard T. Lashbrook, son of Kathryn H. Maxwell of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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Police raid apartment looking for local woman

BY KURT KUBAN
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A Plymouth Township man was arrested Monday night after township police officers suspected him of holding a 43-year-old mentally limited woman against her will at his apartment.

Officers arrested 39-year-old Arnold Robert Fawley after they broke down his door with a battering ram. The woman, whose name is being withheld, was unhurt.

The incident began when the woman's 59-year-old mother, with whom she lives in Northville, told police that Fawley would not let her daughter leave his apartment. The mother told officers her daughter has the mental capacity of a child and has been on disability since the age of 18.

Around 11 p.m., officers went with the mother to the Heritage Apartment complex where Fawley lives. They waited outside the door while the mother called her daughter on a cellular phone.

Armed with shields and a battering ram, the officers prepared to go in. Before they did, however, the door opened and the woman came out. Fawley immediately shut the door and began to pry the board against it, despite calls from the officers to come out. At 11:39, they broke down the door and arrested Fawley.

Kidnapping charges against Fawley were dropped after police officials determined the mother's story to be "less than accurate," according to Lt. Robert Smith of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

"Based on the information the mother provided us, we thought we had a case of kidnapping and false imprisonment. The intent of the officers on the scene was to protect the woman. They acted properly and did a great job," Smith said.

"However, after further questioning, we determined her disability wasn't as bad as the mother led us to believe. She is a cognizant adult who is able to make her own decisions. We don't believe she was being held against her will."

However, Fawley had at least four outstanding warrants for unrelated incidents: two from Canton Township, one from Detroit, and another from the city of Plymouth.

Fawley also has a warrant for

domestic abuse against the same woman from an incident last week. Police officers have been dispatched to Fawley's residence several times in the last couple months for domestic disputes with the woman, Smith said.

On Tuesday Fawley was arraigned in the 35th District Court on one of the warrants for malicious destruction of property in Canton Township. He pleaded not guilty. A pretrial hearing is set for Sept. 6. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Westland man charged in shooting of Plymouth woman

BY DARRILL CLEM
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A Plymouth woman, accidentally shot inside a Westland apartment, remained hospitalized in fair condition Tuesday as a court hearing loomed today for her accused shooter.

Ruth Renee Castor, 40, was in University of Michigan Hospital after she was shot by a 12-gauge shotgun while sleeping last Thursday night inside Hines Park Apartments, near Cowan and Warren.

Her lower left leg was par-

tially "destroyed" by the shotgun blast, a police report said, and the shot was so powerful that investigators found blood on the ceiling, wall, couch and floor.

Castor, attending a party as she and a friend were preparing to move north to Ishpeming, had fallen asleep on the living room floor while apartment resident Calvin Tijuana Logan was showing someone how to work the shotgun, police said.

Witnesses said the gun was accidentally fired. They also told police that Logan hadn't

argued with anyone or made threatening remarks.

Even so, Logan fled the apartment with another man, but police later arrested him.

Logan, 25, faces a hearing today in Westland 18th District Court on three charges:

■ Being a felon in possession of a weapon, punishable by five years in prison.

■ Careless discharge of a firearm causing injury, a two-year misdemeanor.

■ Felony firearms, which, with a conviction, carries a mandatory two-year prison term.

Logan was arraigned on the charges late last week by Westland District Judge Gail McKnight, who placed a not-guilty plea in his court file and ordered him jailed on a \$25,000, 10 percent bond.

He was charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon because he has prior assault-related crimes on his record, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

According to police reports, another man was "playing" with Logan's shotgun and asked him how to load the gun just before the shooting occurred.

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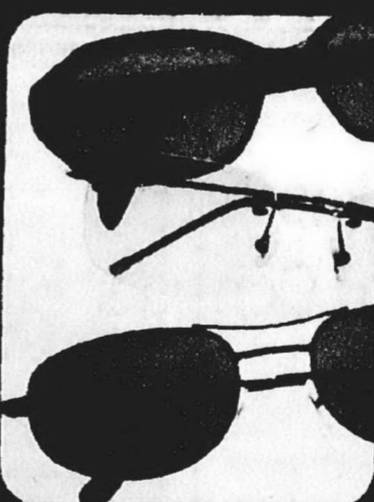
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ton Township, as well as the tensions caused by an opinion published in the school newspaper concerning Martin Luther King Day.

"I'm very pleased with what she's done for the district," added board member Mark Slavens. "She's put together a great central administration staff, and I see a new mood there. She did well in all areas of the grading, which included personnel, communication with the community, and curriculum."

Trustee Elizabeth Givens said Booher's review will be discussed at the board's July 10 meeting, at which time the board of education will unveil Booher's goals for the upcoming school year.

Meanwhile, the school board also approved pay increases of 2.76 percent for non-affiliated personnel, which mainly includes administration and staff at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center.

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Family looks for help finding missing woman

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Amy Derewitz disappeared three weeks ago today, and her family and friends are desperate for even a hint to what happened to the 22-year-old woman.

"I've never seen her go this long without calling anybody," said Becky Walstead, who described herself as Derewitz's best friend and supervisor at Westland Clinic, on Wayne Road.

Derewitz, a receptionist, would call her mother if she was leaving work early, even though she didn't live with her, Walstead said. Derewitz didn't want people to worry.

Walstead last saw her friend on June 1, two days before she disappeared.

"Everything was fine," Walstead said.

Friends and family are frantic to hear from Derewitz or to find out what happened to her. She

was last seen June 3 at her ex-boyfriend's house near Detroit and Colgate, in Dearborn Heights.

Her vehicle, described by Dearborn Heights police Sgt. Michael Petri as a green Ford Escort, was found four days later a few blocks away.

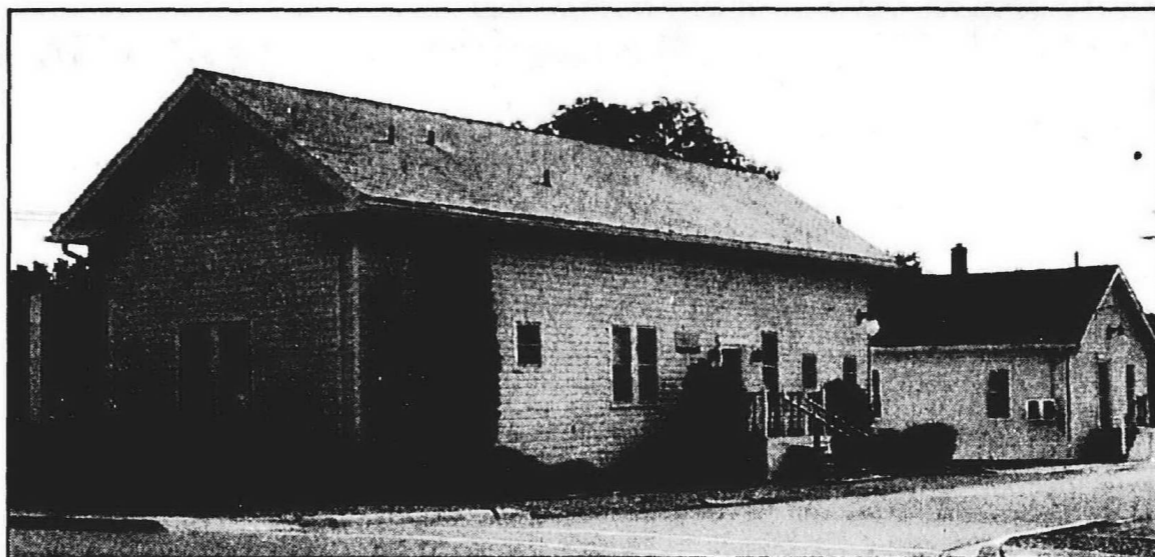
"She just kind of vanished," Petri said.

Derewitz is described as a 103-pound, 5-foot-4 woman with brown eyes and dark blonde hair. She had recently moved from Dearborn Heights to Dearborn.

A cash reward is being offered for information leading to her whereabouts.

"It's a nightmare," her step-mother, Cheryl Derewitz, said. "We're not holding up very well at all."

Police need help to find Amy Derewitz. Anyone who has information is urged to call Dearborn Heights police at (313) 277-6770 or (313) 277-7708.



New digs: Foursight Creative Group, Inc., recently moved its offices into this historic passenger train station in Old Village.

Local company renovates station to keep historic flavor for new offices

Foursight Creative Group Inc. this week moved its offices and studios into the historic passenger train station in Plymouth's Old Village.

Foursight, a 14-year-old advertising and marketing company, recently bought and renovated the two buildings, which were built in the late 1800s.

The remodeling team was led by Foursight president Joan Blough and included her family,

employees and friends. Blough, who sought to strike a balance between restoration of the buildings and creating a 21st century design studio, said she is pleased with the result.

"Refurbishing the old ticket counter and preserving the character of the building was a high priority. We wanted to make sure the new technology blended with the historical elements."

Leading the construction pro-

jects, Joan's husband Bob Goode, said he felt as if he were reliving an earlier time in his life when he managed the N.A. Mans Building Center in Canton. "I've enjoyed becoming part of the Old Village community. People here really care about preserving the historic buildings."

The Plymouth train station has a personal connection for Blough. "My aunt, Edith White, managed this passenger and freight station," she said. "She was the first female station manager in the Detroit area. Both Aunt Edith and her husband, Robert, worked here in the '60s and '70s."

"Having our own space will allow us to expand the way we serve our clients," Blough said.

Foursight Creative Group Inc. provides services in marketing, strategic planning, advertising, design, Internet/ Web, and integrated communications solutions. Clients range from international firms through regional enterprises to specialized niche companies and organizations.

For information about Foursight Creative Group, please contact Mike Carne, director of client services, 900 Starkweather, Plymouth, Mich. 48170, (734) 453-6991; or visit the Web site at www.foursightcreative.com

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for providing **Natural Gas Management Services**. Requests for Proposals are available through Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed proposals are due on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2001 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Natural Gas Management Services, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening: Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.
Resolution Due: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.
Board Review: Tuesday, July 23, 2001

Publish: June 28 and July 5, 2001

**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:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 23, 2001** in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (2001-3)

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, Section 6.09 Site Development Standards for the Cherry Hill Overlay District

by amending the following subsections:

C. **Principal Permitted Uses and Structures**, by amending subsection 26 regarding multiple family dwellings and adding subsection 30, Automobile Filling Stations, and re-numbering subsection 31.

D. **General Design Principles** by amending subsection 1 to modify the number of dwelling units in the Village Edge area not to exceed six units and in the Village Core area not to exceed 12 units, as defined in Figure 1 of the Design Guidelines.

E. **Design Guidelines** by including apartments as a building use within the Village Core area and

Cherry Hill Village Overlay Map by adding the easterly 15 (+/-) acres of parcel no. 078 99 0009 707 to the overlay district.

Cherry Hill Village Area Map (Part of the Design Guidelines) by redefining the Village Core area.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 19, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: June 28 and July 15, 2001

**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, July 23, 2001** 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:

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHERRY HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO RE-DESIGNATE THE AREA LOCATED NORTH OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, SOUTH OF THE DETROIT EDISON POWER LINE CORRIDOR, EAST OF RIDGE ROAD AND WEST OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CHERRY HILL DISTRICT FROM COMMERCIAL OFFICE, TOWNSHIP OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTY AND RESIDENTIAL (4-6 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) TO MIXED USE ALLOWING A MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL DENSITY OF 12 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE. (Hearing is rescheduled from July 16, 2001)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 12, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Canton grad gets biology scholarship

Albion College student Lindsay M. Miller received a Marilyn Young Vitek Merit Scholarship in biology at the college's annual honors convocation held at the end of the school year. These awards recognize exceptional academic and personal achievement gained by the college's best scholars.

Miller was also recently inducted into the college's chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society established for outstanding students in scholarship, leadership and service.

Miller is a junior majoring in biology. She is the daughter of Jonathan Miller and Bonnie Miller of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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Gun owners show support for concealed weapon law

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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A decision is expected late this week from the Michigan Supreme Court on the fate of the state's law that would allow the carrying of concealed weapons (CCW).

About 250 gun owners gathered Monday in the Livonia Civic Center Library at a public meeting of the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners to express their support for the law.

"Folks, I am expecting a good decision," said Ross Dykman, the executive director of MCRGO. "I think we are on the winning side. We are right and we are numerous. I expect a decision probably by the end of the week."

If upheld, the law is slated to go into effect on July 1. Thirty-two other states have already enacted CCW laws, he said.

The meeting drew several area politicians who expressed their support for the CCW legislation, including state Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; state Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton; Westland City Council member Eileen DeHart; Livonia City Council candidate Don Knapp; and Redford Township Trustee Miles Handy.

"It is good to see so many influential people come out," said Richard Dillard, MCRGO Wayne County Chapter chairman.

McCotter urged voters to be ready in 2002 to vote for candidates that support gun ownership rights.

"Your opponents are unconstrained by the truth. Prepare for November 2002 to defend your rights," he said.

McCotter added, "The overwhelming feeling is a total absence of an intellectual element to the other side. It is totally fear based."

He urged members to "keep the high ground" on the CCW issue.

Knapp, who characterized his campaign as a grassroots effort, told the audience, "I want to make it where we don't have a politician (who) tells us what is good and bad for us."

'Your opponents are unconstrained by the truth. Prepare for November 2002 to defend your rights. The overwhelming feeling is a total absence of an intellectual element to the other side. It is totally fear based.'

*State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter
R-Livonia*



Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, supports gun-legislation.

Dingell said that opposition to the CCW bill is worried that more guns will lead to more crime.

"Their 'Chicken Little' shrieking will be shown to be baseless," Dingell said. "You have a right to own a pistol and do reasonable things with it."

Macomb County along with nine other Michigan counties have CCW laws in place, Dingell said. "Out of 20,000 permits issued, they have only revoked 12," he added.

Dykman said that CCW opponents "scare the soccer moms and senior citizens by saying they're going to be shootings in parking lots."

Handy said this was the first MCRGO meeting he had attended.

"I just think it is important to protect the Second Amendment," he said. "There are a lot of falsehoods about this law."

"This is a personal issue for me - I'm a sportsman."

One man, who identified himself only as a federal law enforcement officer, said, "I'm for people having guns. That is what the Constitution established; but, I'm all for prosecuting criminals too."

Charles Harris, 24, of Westland is a supporter of the MCRGO. "I think they are supporting a good and righteous cause. They need to keep up

their efforts."

Hillary Carey, 23, of Ann Arbor is undecided on the issue.

"I came to hear the opinions," she said.

"I was a little disappointed with some of the comments. There were a few low digs."

She said of the MCRGO, "I don't support it, but I do appreciate their responsible attitude."

John Levis, 58, of Livonia is a MCRGO member. "I've been involved in shooting sports as long as I can remember," Levis said.

"I'm active in this group because I like their approach to gun ownership."

The CCW issue will be crucial to re-election to the state Legislature in the 2002 election, Dykman said.

"We elected our public servants to go to Lansing, and told them we wanted this bill passed," he said. "Everyone who stood firm on CCW was re-elected."

Dykman is confident that the CCW law will be upheld.

"Before it is all said and done we are going to make Michigan the most gun friendly state in the country. We're going to be the envy of Vermont and Florida," Dykman said.



New facility: Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, left, and Margaret DiPonio at the dedication of the Diane DiPonio Wing, built with a grant from the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation.

Madonna University dedicates Diane DiPonio Wing for nursing

With the addition of the new Diane DiPonio Wing to the Angelo DiPonio Building at Madonna University, the College of Nursing and Health continues to broaden its reach.

Housed in this wing is the national office for the Transcultural Nursing Society, a worldwide organization established in 1974 to promote culturally congruent care. Offices for the hospice education department are also part of the new renovation.

The wing, designed and constructed by Monal Construction and Allen and Laux, was made possible due to the generosity of Mrs. Margaret DiPonio and the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation, in memory of the DiPonios' daughter, Diane, who died at the age of 39. The DiPonio family has been a major benefactor of Madonna University for many years. In 1991, the

building, which houses Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, was purchased due to a \$1.2 million gift from the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation to honor the late Angelo DiPonio, who was head of Greenfield Construction Co. in Livonia and served two consecutive terms on Madonna's board of trustees.

Among the invited guests attending the dedication of the new wing on Tuesday, May 8, was Margaret Leininger, founder of the Transcultural Nursing Society. Leininger expressed her deep gratitude for the new office and said, "Madonna University is a caring institution. Its mission, like that of the Transcultural Nursing Society, is to serve. It is fitting that the international Transcultural Nursing Society's office has its home here," said Leininger.

Madonna University's Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Mary Wawrynski said, "We, at Madonna University, are extremely blessed to have this beautiful structure which further enhances our commitment to educational quality and service to society."

Established in 1962, Madonna University's nursing program is one of the largest four-year programs in Michigan. Nationally renowned for its high percentage of graduates passing the board examinations on the first attempt, the nursing program has broadened its curriculum to prepare students for the expanded roles within the community. Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health offers the only formal hospice education program in the United States at the bachelor's and master's levels.

Wayne County Mud Day is July 10

Mud Day returns to Wayne County 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10. Children, ages 12 and under, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County Parks' most popular events at the Nankin Mills Area of Hines Park.

Wayne County mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and a muddy time is had by all. Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age, to participate in "Mud Limbo" and the wheel barrow races. At the conclusion of the event, Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site clean up area will be provided. The Wayne County Fire Department will be on hand with hoses to aid in rinsing mud off the children. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. Worried about how to transport the old clothes home? Don't panic, plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty

clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

"It's an opportunity for the little ones to get dirty with Mom's permission," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "They really enjoy it, after all, how often does that happen?"

The Hines Park Nankin Mills area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. This event has been co-sponsored with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

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Madonna University names area grads for spring 2001

Madonna University in Livonia announced the following graduates or candidates for graduation from Observer area communities:

Canton

Michael L. Bobrowski in television and video communications; Tina M. Compton in nursing; Michael J. Dombrowski in business administration; Nancy Erment in nursing; Francine Ann Girard in education certification; Sharman Rae Lehmann in education certification; Janell Lynn Leachinger in secondary provisional program; Sandra M. Medley in nursing; Keith D. Midaugh in SSC-social studies for teachers; Thomas J. Munzenberger in legal assistant; Alison M. Phillips in business administration; Michael A. Quattro in business administration; Bernard Kenneth Rice in mathematics.

Farmington

Courtney C. Cerano in sign language studies; Laura K. Prete in business administration.

Farmington Hills

Patricia M. Delle-Monache in education certification; Mary Ann Heathfield in elementary provisional program for initial certification; Janet Marie Kelmigian in secondary provisional program; Ioanna Tolios in education certification; Leigh Ann Tunstall in education certification; Thomas Charles VanHoy in education certification; Glynette S. Wolk in sign language studies; Dina J. Zamczyk in dietetics.

Garden City

Deena A. Alamat in nursing; Lillian M. Durecki in nursing; David W. Rybinski in ASC-electronics technology core; Donna M. Waldron in legal assistant; Sherry L. Welker-Clark in management.

Livonia

Kristi J. Allen in social work; Alison Lynne Bales in English; Gregory T. Barnier in computer information systems; Carol A. Bedard in allied health administration; Alice Marie Berry in education planned program subsequent to initial certification; Janeane Ruth Bickham in education certification; Kimberly Ann Bowe in education planned program subsequent to initial certification; Maureen A. Centers in nursing paralegal; Irene D. Duncan in business administration; Nancy A. Earhart in accounting; LeAnn Marie Flett in pastoral ministry; Jennifer L. Frechen in merchandising management; Marybeth Gendjar in sales specialist; Virginia A. Giurastante in marketing; Julie Gail Hamburg in education certification; Debra Ann Higgins in education planned progress subsequent to initial certification; Gary R. Hilger in business administration; Wendy A. Hoppe in nursing; Teresa G. Hulack in general studies; Amy Beth Keppler in education certification; Cheryl-An Klaska in nursing; Janet Rosalie Kopka in education planned progress subsequent to initial certification; Elaine Marie Kramer in education certification; Lynda J. Lyall in nursing; Anthony Michael

Malinowski, elementary provisional program for initial certification; Gregory G. Maple, marketing; Luann M. Mayoros, nursing; Susan M. McMullen, business administration; Connie A. Mickelson, nursing; Gary J. Miller, commercial art; Ryan M. Mollien, marketing; Jennifer A. Morrissey, nursing; Steve T. Parnin, criminal justice; Shannon A. Ponagai, nursing; Amy Christine Rice, elementary provisional program for initial certification; Gale Ellen Schwalm,

education certification; Jennifer A. Sulak, journalism/public relations; Andrew J. Tremel, accounting; Sarah C. Wagner, biology; Derek Jason Williford, secondary provisional program; Evelyn M. Wojtkowiak, music; Jennifer A. Wood, marketing.

Plymouth

Brian S. Baraszu, general studies; Christina M. Castagna, nursing; Pamela A. Cionca, allied health administration; Victoria S. Clements, nursing; Joseph F.

Danyko, ASC-metallurgy/materials core; Tami L. Gill, biology; Jennifer O. Hiorns, elementary provisional program for initial certification; Elizabeth C. Innes, English; Darlene M. Krol, dietetics; John Martin Lewis, English/journalism; Elaine R. McDonald, nursing; Erin Ann Moorhouse, elementary provisional program for initial certification; Mary Kathryn Smith, education certification.

Redford

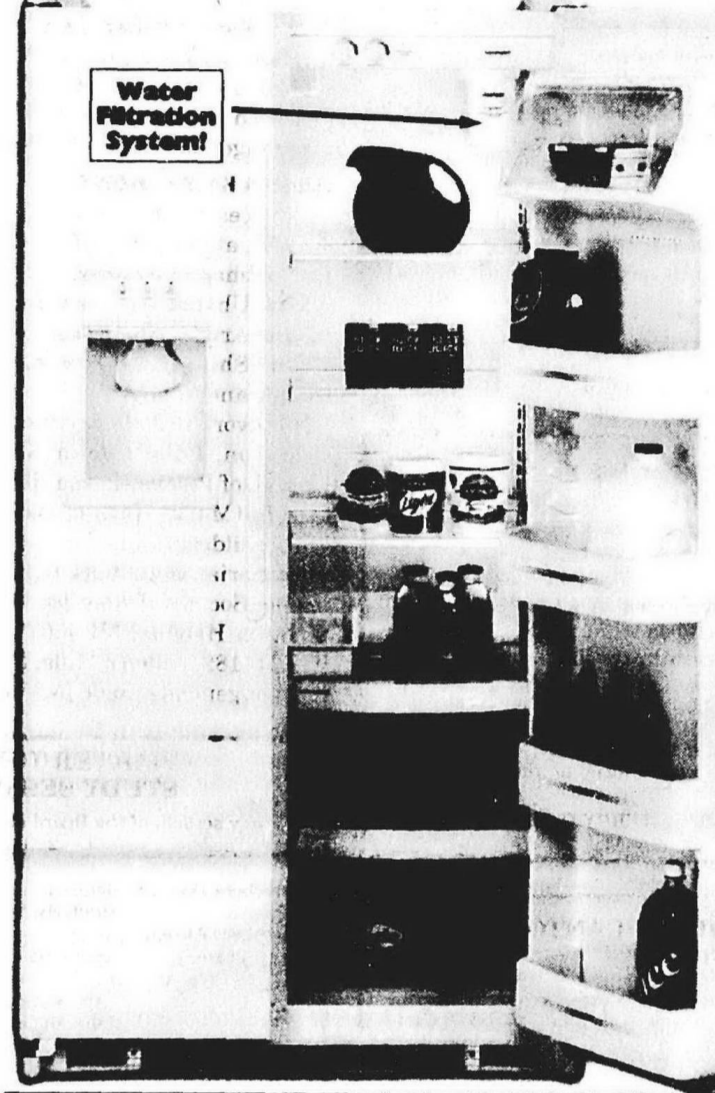
Karen A. Bedy, business administration; Kathryn S. Black, computer science; Jennifer L. Danielczyk, business administration; Tonia L. Greening, nursing; Tracie L. Johnson, nursing; Melissa M. McIntosh, commercial art; Sharese Y. Mitchell, merchandising management; Sharon P. Ott, marketing; Rachael M. Swieton, dietetics; Michelle LuAnn Traver, elementary provisional program for initial certification; Cynthia Mary Weber-Wilkinson,

education planned program subsequent to initial certification.

Westland

Donald R. Barton, criminal justice; Charlie A. Bell, business administration; Scott W. Davidson, hospitality management; Toni L. Earehart-Farmer, sign language studies; Tammie J. Fitch, gerontology; Christine F. Gerak, management; Jay Todd Nelius, secondary provisional program.

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Parade, picnic show Plymouth's best side

Those of you who haven't experienced the small-town flavor of Plymouth or who could use a dash of it, for whatever reason, should mark your calendars for Wednesday.

Plymouth does the Fourth of July like no one else.

First up is the Fourth of July parade, put together by Fred Hill and the Kiwanis Club and featuring, among many others, Hill's Briefcase Drill Team. This year, the parade welcomes the return of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, back in line for the first time since 1997. Other attractions include the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, the Dogmatics, the Incredible Flying Aces and a 30-by-50 foot American flag.

It starts at 7:30 a.m., which at first blush seems like an early start to a holiday but, when you get up and out, is actually a dandy time for a parade.

Think the parade isn't well thought of? Hill even got CSX to agree to halt train traffic from 6 to 9 a.m. so the stream of floats, bands and other participants isn't disrupted.

Of course, the parade won't go off without a hitch without the help of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, which will provide a large portion of the 200 volunteers needed to hold down the balloons, carry banners and serve as marshals.

Mayor should avoid making political appointments

Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald has, for the most part, been an absentee mayor the last several months, since losing badly in the election for the 20th House District.

After suffering that loss to John Stewart and battling personal problems of his own, McDonald took some time off before deciding to get back to business.

We applaud his desire to want to finish out his term, but since his return he hasn't won many style points, particularly with his critics.

First, there was the incident where he threatened to have police forcibly remove citizens who didn't bend to his will during "citizen comments" portions of the city's agenda. That wouldn't have been so bad, had he not let commission colleagues whom he supports wax eloquently without a time limit.

Now he's risking further damage to his reputation with reports he wants to put Jonathan Grant and Margaret Fitzgerald on the planning commission. Appointing them would show McDonald has not ever mastered the "perception is reality" adage.

We make no judgment on the qualifications of either person. Grant and Fitzgerald would undoubtedly bring strengths to the table. But both carry more political baggage than the city can really afford.

Grant has been outspoken in his criticism of opponents of McDonald and Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur. He has

When you're done watching the best parade around, save your afternoon for Plymouth Township's Good Old Fashioned Family Picnic, the baby of township treasurer Ron Edwards, who helped cook it up in 1997. About 350 people attended the first one, and Edwards is expecting about 10 times that this year.

Want to know why? The event features something for everyone — Guy Lewis playing children's music, the annual fishing contest and the bike-decorating competition. There are races and games for adults, too.

And of course there are the prices. Everything's a nickel — the hot dogs, the ice cream, the pop, the potato chips. It's not a place where parents keep hearing, "Dad, can I have \$10?" A large family can have a good time for a little money.

But it's more than that. Edwards marshals a force of volunteers that runs the gamut from township and elected officials to the average Joe Citizen. It's a time when an entire community can come together in one setting, where they can enjoy each other's company, watch their children cavort.

It's a time when, for one day, Plymouth can perpetuate the small-town atmosphere that endears it to its residents.

And no one does it better.

spoken out on several occasions against other candidates and even operates a Web site dedicated to defeating those candidates. Right or wrong, Grant is seen as the point man for the McDonald-Pobur "faction" of the city commission.

FitzGerald is the wife of current city commissioner Sean FitzGerald. The irony here is that McDonald and Sean FitzGerald couldn't see eye-to-eye on much of anything 18 months ago. Sean FitzGerald even led an attempt at changing the way the mayor is elected, so disenchanted was he at the fashion in which McDonald campaigned for the post.

While Margaret FitzGerald may be well qualified, this is a good place for McDonald to realize that perception really is reality. Having the wife of a current city commissioner on a body as august as the planning commission smacks of conflict of interest.

Additionally, Sean FitzGerald has been the single most outspoken critic of Commissioner Dave Byers, who vociferously opposes the candidacy of McDonald's friend and colleague, Pobur.

Nothing McDonald could say or do would convince anyone either of these appointments was anything more than political payoff. While the mayor is strongwilled enough to do it anyway, we urge him to reconsider.

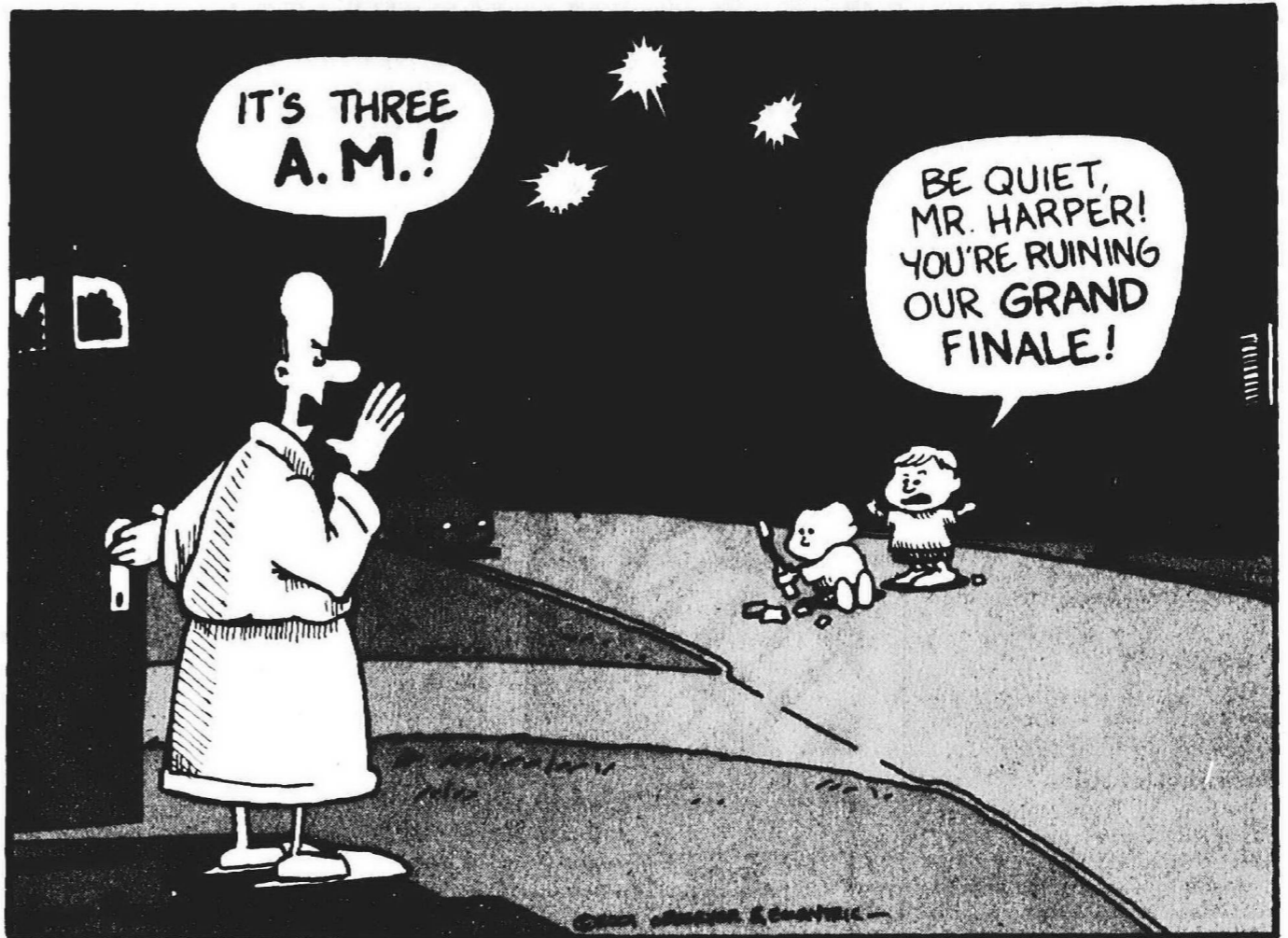
Surely there are people equally qualified. In this case, we think the mayor should find them.

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Edward H. McNamara is Wayne County Executive and a Plymouth Township resident.



LETTERS

Beauty of nature

While playing cards the other night at the Senior Friendship Station, a card player friend, Phyllis Sullivan of Ann Arbor Trail, told me that the week before, while working in her backyard on her gardening, she noticed a baby robin had fallen out of its nest in the tree.

The bird had landed in the grass nearby. Phyllis wondered what to do. The neighbor's cat was always lurking nearby. The mother bird was probably up in the tree watching helplessly, knowing the cat would pounce if she landed.

Aware that it was a no-no for a human to touch a newly born bird, but since she had garden gloves on Phyllis went ahead and picked the bird up and placed it out of harm's way on a flat part of the garden shed roof.

Then she moved away and got down on the ground to resume her work and still keep an eye on the little creature. In a moment, mama robin landed next to the baby and gently picked it up by holding its neck in her beak and flew back up into the tree.

Phyllis happily went on with her work. In a few minutes the mother robin landed in the grass close by and sang a little song and then went back to the nest. Phyllis was surprised at this apparent animal-to-human communication, but then returned to the work at hand.

She contentedly spent the rest of the day working in the garden beds only to be visited again and again by mother robin to repeat her song of thanks.

I told Phyllis she had a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Then, later in the week, Phyllis was working with her daughter, Ann, at the rear of the yard and unintentionally disturbed recent families of rabbits, cats and ducks.

They had found some degree of privacy between the garden shed and the overgrown shrubbery in a dismantled ice shanty, some lumber and an overturned garbage can.

Aware of the hostility shown by the mother cat and seeing the nervousness displayed by the mother duck, who apparently felt surrounded with Phyllis working on one side of the shed and Ann working on the other, they decided to leave and went back into the house and sat near a window to see what was going to happen.

Then they saw mother duck appear and walk around the yard checking out all four corners, then disappear again. After a few moments, mother duck appeared again followed by her brood. They marched across the yard, went down the driveway and the sidewalk, apparently heading to safer quarters.

Norm Brown
Plymouth

Approach short-sighted

I have read with interest recent articles in the Observer regarding the projected budget shortfall for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

There has likewise been much public discussion of the inequality of state funding for the PCCS district compared to neighboring districts such as Livonia, Ann Arbor, and Northville. The candidates for the board of education were on record supporting efforts to secure increased per pupil funding

from the legislature, but appeared to be against attempts to address this problem locally by means of local enhancement millage proposals.

At present, this approach is unrealistic. Although Proposal A has resulted in a budget shortfall for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the district's foundation grant is similar to that bestowed on 80 percent of districts in Michigan.

Unfortunately, rapid population growth and the cost of doing business in southeastern Michigan have made these funds insufficient. Legislators from other districts are unlikely to support measures to raise the foundation grant for PCCS and the several other suburban districts with financial difficulties resulting from Proposal A.

The discrepancy in funding between the Plymouth-Canton District and neighboring districts resulted from the failure of Plymouth-Canton voters to pass three millage proposals in the years preceding Proposal A.

Consequently, although Plymouth and Canton are prosperous communities, their schools are under-funded compared with the schools of neighboring districts. Although Proposal A was designed to correct these discrepancies over time, it will be many decades until funding in these districts is equalized.

Currently, Representatives Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Patterson (R-Canton), Hart (R-Grand Rapids) and Stewart (R-Plymouth) are co-sponsoring legislation that would allow Plymouth-Canton and similarly situated districts to raise funds through a local enhancement millage.

This legislation would allow districts to hold a 1 mill enhancement, not to be shared county-wide, and would offer Plymouth-Canton voters an opportunity to reclaim responsibility for their children's education.

Over the long term, it may be also possible for legislators to rewrite the Proposal A formula to aid districts which, like Plymouth-Canton, entered 1993 in a negative funding mode, and which have experienced subsequent financial hardship due to rapid population growth.

Ellen Mozurkewich
Plymouth

Now is time to voice Central concerns

The Central Middle School issue should NOT be left to the schools for now. It was reported on the Metro page of the Detroit News Thursday, June 21, that the Livonia school district did exactly what some citizens of the community are afraid will happen here.

The district sold school property to a developer at a closed session without any bids or disclosure to the public. The transfer of that property to the district in 1927 restricted the use of that property to public use. The district has disregarded that limitation with this sale.

This will leave it up to the public to enforce these restrictions, intentions and protections which will be a costly legal venture. This is the reason I recommend that the interested people of the Plymouth community let the city's planning commissioners know that they believe the highest and best use of the Central Middle School property is educational, recreational, and open space.

The planning committee is currently reviewing the master plan for this

area and now is the time to voice concerns, not after a developer buys the property as it is presently zoned at a closed session.

Carol A. Levitte
Plymouth

Groth's integrity

I am writing this letter about the man that I admire most in this world. This man is my father, Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Recently someone has found it convenient to try to tarnish the reputation that my father has spent the last 40 years of his life building. I personally find this very offensive because I know that my father's greatest concern is the people of the Plymouth community. Everything he does, he does with their interests in mind. Many of these people he does not or will not ever know but he would risk his life for any one of them at any given time.

My father is a man full of integrity. He is honest and self-less. He has spent the last 33 years of his career doing the right thing, even if it was the more difficult thing to do. When he makes a decision, he follows his heart even if he knows that some people may not agree with his decision. He is a wonderful example of what a leader should be. The people of this community are very lucky to have him as our Fire Chief, but I am far luckier because he is my father.

I am 21 years old, perhaps at an age where I am supposed to think my parents less than wonderful. I have never thought that about my father.

He has been my hero every day of my life and he always will be. I respect him and look up to him. I hope that some day someone will tell me I am just like my father. To me there is no greater compliment.

I am upset that anyone would want to try to tarnish his image but I know that his record of service and his reputation speak for themselves.

Thank you Dad for all that you have done. You have made your daughter very proud!

Stephanie Groth
Plymouth

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Results of term limits is not a pretty picture

A constitutional amendment limiting terms in office for state legislators was approved by 59 percent of Michigan voters in 1992.

Representatives were limited to three terms (six years), effective in 1998, when nearly the entire membership of the House turned over. The two-term (eight years) limit for the Senate will take effect in 2002.



Phil Power

New ideas to state government, do what's right and limit interest-group influence. I confess that I was one of the people who made those arguments.

We now have had three years' experience with one house of a term-limited legislature. What does the evidence show? It's not a pretty picture.

Instead of encouraging citizen politicians, term limits appear to have provoked a frenzy of political ambition, with legislators obsessed with running for the next office "up" once their term is over.

New ideas? Not so you'd notice. In fact, most legislation introduced amends bills previously passed. Better connections between state government and ordinary folks? Because legislators don't have enough time to gain expertise and experience, they have become more dependent on bureaucrats, lobbyists and staff members.

Here's a concrete example, gleaned from a knowledgeable and experienced Lansing hand whom I've known and trusted for years but who wishes to be anonymous:

Last year, a leading member of the House walked into the negotiations for the budget for fiscal year 2001 complete with an armload of demands that had to be met in order to get agreement. These demands were for millions in pork projects solely in that representative's district.

It's still going on. This year, tucked into an obscure corner of the proposed budget on...

city health, emerged another "leadership agreement" that would dump \$2 million into an Arab cultural center in West Bloomfield, which just happens to be in the district of one of the leaders.

As my source says, "This isn't public policy, it isn't advocacy for an issue or a program, which is the way budgets and appropriations used to be worked out. It's pure distillation of pork, under the packaging of a 'leadership agreement.' And the people who are doing it don't know any better because they have no experience with the way a sane and responsible appropriations process works."

As someone who was originally a supporter of term limits, I have concluded the notion was a bad idea whose time had come. As a practical matter, a legislator in office for only six years is not going to learn enough about what's going on to be effective. And a legislator who spends most...

What's the solution? Some say term limits should be repealed. Others say they should be lengthened to, say, 12 years. Either way, we need to start a public discussion about changing this bad law.

of the time figuring out how to run for the next office is not going to be particularly courageous or responsible.

My Lansing sources say the budgeting and appropriations process now going in the capital as become chaotic because House members, with no experience in crafting a tight budget in hard economic times don't know what they're doing. And most people who have anything to do with Lansing simply sigh and roll their eyes at what will happen in 2003, after the experienced members of the Senate have left.

What's the solution? Some say term limits should be repealed. Others say they should be lengthened to, say, 12 years.

Either way, we need start a public discussion about changing this bad law. I'd urge readers to call their local lawmakers and ask them to come clean about how they feel about how things are going now with term limits. Most, if they're being honest, will say the present system stinks.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net



Brad Kadrich

Hopefully, voters will be able to keep politicians in check

On the same night he announced at a Plymouth City Commission meeting he was a candidate for the commission, vociferous critic Jerry Vorva warned everyone present the election was going to be ugly.

He characterized the upcoming election season as one in which "people's sexual orientation would be challenged ... We should keep women and children away from this election."

We hope he's wrong, although we aren't optimistic.

Already the barbs are flying. Vorva put out a mailing attacking the city's decision to spend \$100,000 on parks while collecting \$100,000 in surplus water billings. Jonathan Grant, who considered a run for the commission before bowing out, immediately fired back, accusing Vorva of playing politics with the facts.

Gee, a politician playing politics. Whoda thunk?

Vorva is correct; this campaign season could get really ugly. For the most part, the sides are identifiable. Vorva, former commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury and incumbent Dave Byers are staked out on one side. All have been endorsed by newspaper magnate Tom Prose, who would benefit from gaining like-minded individuals on the commission. Prose has a \$100 million lawsuit against the city and his chances of settling would be improved if he influenced four votes on the new commission.

Peter Bunting and Sharon Graf-Horning were originally linked to the same group. But Bunting has seemed to withdraw from that lately, and Graf-Horning told the Observer this week she's too busy to campaign because of her new duties as president of the Meadows Condominium Association Board of Directors. "I will not be campaigning any further ... before the primary in August to devote my available free time to matters closer to home," she said.

Of course, Prose himself is a candidate, though it might be tough for voters to take him seriously — what with a "sold" sign going up on his Plymouth home any day now and his palatial digs in Northville nearly complete.

Prose said he'll "maintain a residence" in Plymouth should he be elected, without addressing whether residents deserve something more than a commissioner "maintaining" his residence.

Colleen Pobur, the incumbent mayor pro-tem, figures to be the lightning rod in this election. The attacks have, in fact, already started in the pages of Prose's newspaper, which relied on reprinting a Detroit Free Press report to paint Pobur in a neg-

ative light.

The funny thing is, opposing forces may not have needed to invent attack fronts for her. Pobur is likely to have problems of her own. She is part of a commission that bungled the search for a new city manager (Byers is stained with that same brush). She took a lot of heat for the delay in the Mayflower project (again, Byers gets that, too).

And she is indelibly linked — rightly or wrongly — to Mayor Dave McDonald, who is unpopular enough to have finished third in his own city in the race for the 20th State House District.

With the flak sure to fly between those camps, perhaps Stella Greene, Phil Pursell and David Murphy can duck long enough to get their names out front. Greene is the best known of the trio, although Pursell's father is longtime politician Carl Pursell. Murphy, whose sole issue is merging the township and city, might have difficulty drumming up support for his idea, and his campaign.

The problem for those three — and former commissioner Ron Loiselle, who this week announced a write-in campaign — is keeping their respective messages from getting bogged down in the morass the others figure to create.

Remember two years ago? Sally Repeck was the leading vote-getter in the primary. Someone then unleashed a vicious attack on her before the general election, and she finished at the back of the pack.

With some of the same players in the game this time (either on the ballot or behind the scenes), look for similar tactics. And that would be too bad, because voters appear to be tired of that kind of politicking. Don't think so? Ask Gerry Law, whose mudslinging in the township election last November resulted in a 2-to-1 loss to treasurer Ron Edwards.

Voters simply want to get as much factual information as possible without having to wade through a bunch of political gunk to find it. Hopefully, they'll weed out the ones who engage in it. We wonder if some of these candidates — many of whom have either been around politics a long time or are having their campaigns managed by someone who has — will be able to help themselves.

If the candidates can't keep it clean, here's hoping the voters will do so in November.

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Youth commission will be valuable addition to Plymouth

Many communities throughout the U.S. have implemented some form of a youth commission. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell supports involving youth in local government and is a champion for "America's Promise — The Alliance for Youth."



Michele Potter

By linking the youth in our community with their local governments, it provides a myriad of possibilities for growth and learning. It allows youth an opportunity to learn about their municipal government, to feel a sense of pride, responsibility and ownership of the environment in which they reside.

The Youth Advisory Commission concept is something I have been working on since my campaign two years ago. Now seemed a good time to bring it forth again, with the recent first graduating class of "Youth Leadership" being the perfect group from which to springboard the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission.

It became clear that such a commission would be beneficial after our recreation subcommittee met with our city recreation department two months ago. While it is often stated, and true, that our recreation department offers opportunities from "the cradle to the grave," it was noted by Carol Donnelly that one age group we could provide more for is teens. I felt that this was a great place for a PCYAC to start. Who better to make suggestions regarding recreational programming than those who will potentially be using the programs?

I am not presumptuous enough to feel that I know or can make decisions on what individuals who are 20 years my junior would want in

regards to programming.

However, in my eyes, recreation is just the beginning. It is my hope that the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission will be involved not only with the city and township governmental units but also with both city and township boards and commissions when they are working on issues that affect our youth. The assistance of service clubs has been instrumental in so many aspects of our community and could also play an invaluable role with the PCYAC.

The PCYAC can deal with issues that directly affect our youth: safety, recreation, drug awareness, special interests, sports, community involvement, socialization and environmental concerns, to name a few. When such issues are addressed and presented to teens, by teens, the message is more aptly heard and heeded — it is not coming from an adult who may be perceived as mandating but rather from a peer who understands the wants and needs.

My sincere desire is that the PCYAC members create their own agenda and tackle their own issues with the partnership and guiding hand of the city, the township, the chamber of commerce, youth leadership, all of our service clubs and devoted adults.

The PCYAC would not be even a remote vision without the support of all of my fellow colleagues on the City Commission, especially Commissioner Dan Dwyer, whose assistance, dedication and vision were invaluable.

Also making the PCYAC a reality are the devotion and hard work of City Manager Paul Sincock and our world-class recreation department, as well as the stated intent of support by Township Supervisor Steve Mann and the township board. It is with great anticipation and excitement that I look forward to working with all of the stakeholders in making the PCYAC reality.

Michele Potter is a Plymouth City Commissioner.

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Bill would require police tape confessions

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Confessions in felony cases would have to be videotaped by police, under a new bill just introduced in the Legislature. But a failure to tape a criminal's statement would not lead to dismissal of the charges.

Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, introduced House Bills 4958 and 4959, requiring videotaping. The bills are the result of issues raised in the wake of the Justin Mello murder case in Macomb County. Two men, ages 18 and 20, were held for six months based on their confessions, which they later claimed had been coerced. But eventually charges were dismissed when a third man, already in jail for a multi-state crime spree, confessed to the killing.

Prosecutor Carl Marlinga however maintained that the confessions were not coerced and has urged videotaping as a way of showing evidence that interviews were conducted properly by police.

Sanborn said the purpose of his bill is to support police, to be able show that confessions were not coerced when they are called into question later. But as a former probation officer,

he recognizes that there may be problems with such a requirement.

"We will be working with police agencies to make sure this is workable," he said. "We don't want to require tape recording of every arrest. That would be implausible."

Sanborn sees a number of potential problems with his bill that need to be ironed out. If there is a requirement to tape confessions, will that make other confessions not on tape less credible in court?

Already in the bills is a provision that specific state statements and evidence are not to be excluded from court if police fail to tape interviews with suspects.

Sanborn said he does not want a bill that would require officers to carry additional equipment around with them while on patrol.

He said he also recognizes that smaller police departments may not have the funding needed to purchase new videotaping equipment. If state money cannot be allocated to the purchase of equipment for those departments, then a requirement might turn into an unfunded mandate for local units of government.

Sanborn said he hopes to get input from police departments and agencies over the summer.

Bikers rally for repeal of state helmet law

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"I'm over 21. I don't need the government to tell me how to dress. I don't need the government to tell me what to eat and I don't need the government in my house," said Angel Burton-Ristau of Waterford.

She's the communications director for the Michigan Chapter of American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) and the comment was her explanation of her support for a repeal of Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law.

An estimated 500 bikers gathered on the Capitol steps in Lansing Wednesday, June 6, and chanted "Let those who ride decide" in support of House Bill 4823. It would lift helmet restrictions for experienced riders.

The bill won approval from the House Transportation Com-

mittee in an 11-5 vote and now moves to the House floor for consideration. Sponsored by Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, the legislation would lift the helmet restriction for riders over age 21 who have two years experience on a motorcycle or have completed a safety course.

Also speaking in support of the bill were Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield. Raczkowski, Reps. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, are co-sponsors of the bill.

"This is about restoring personal freedom and responsibility," said DeRossett. "Experienced adult riders should have the option to choose not to wear a helmet. It should be their decision alone."

According to DeRossett, motorcycle fatalities have not dropped since the mandatory helmet law went into effect 25 years ago.

Some 30 states do not require helmets, including all of Michigan's border states.

Peters, himself a biker, told the crowd that the first thing he does once he's crossed the state line is take off his helmet "because there is no other feeling like it in the world."

Helmets no help

DeRossett also argues some research shows helmets may actually contribute to accidents by cutting down on visibility, hearing and trapping heat, leading to rider fatigue.

"I think I would probably still wear one myself," said Randy Raines of Onondaga, a biker among the crowd rallying at the Capitol steps. "But it should be my choice."

He noted that the law does not require moped riders over age 19 to wear helmets. But testing has not shown helmets to be effective at preventing injury at speeds over 13 miles per hour, he

argued.

A Plymouth man, who would identify himself only by his biker name, "Popeye," argued that it is an issue of personal freedom.

"If you are a good rider, it isn't going to matter," he said of the question of safety. "You have to drive defensively, but I've put 200,000 miles on my bike without a problem."

Various lawmakers have attempted to overturn the rule 19 times. ABATE attorney Larry Katkowsky said he has challenged tickets written by police to riders without helmets, on the grounds the Michigan State Police has not properly formulated rules on what constitutes an approved helmet as is required under the 25-year-old law. He said judges typically toss out tickets written by police in the counties of Huron, Iosco, Arenac, Clinton and Montcalm and the cities of Wayne, Westland and Wyandotte.

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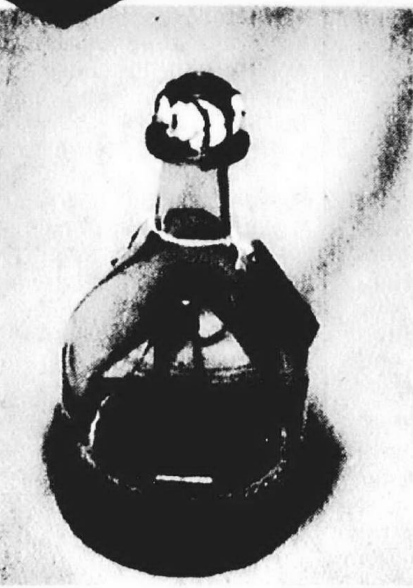
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ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, June 29, 2001

EXHIBIT



A fleet of 30 miniature ships in bottles has anchored at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, in Detroit. The intricate boats will be on view through January. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors and children, 12-18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (313) 852-4051

FAMILY



Try the DinoSimulator at Dinosauria III for a prehistoric experience. The simulator costs \$3 per person and is located at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak. Dinosauria III includes a trail with animated dinosaurs and a gift shop. Admission to the zoo is \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens and children, age 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. (248) 398-0900.

CONCERT



Lynyrd Skynyrd and Deep Purple perform classic rock at 6:30 p.m., today at the DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston. Tickets are \$32.50 for the pavilion and \$20 for the lawn, available at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645-6666.



Arnold Driefuss is one of the artists who captures the heart of Detroit in "Paintin' in the Streets," an exhibition opening Friday at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit. Call (313) 831-1250.



COME ENJOY COOL NIGHTS

BARBECUE, FIREWORKS AND FUN AWAIT YOU IN PONTIAC

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

More fireworks. Added children's activities. Plenty of barbecue. And the best news about Pontiac Cool Nights Festival this weekend is the admission price — it's free.

From the Pointer Sisters concert on Friday night to the final burst of pyrotechnics on Sunday, the second annual Fourth of July party will keep families in the holiday spirit through three days of free, fun activities.

"I think the Cool Nights sets itself apart from other festivals by giving people what they want for Fourth of July," said Jon Witz, founder and festival producer. "There are three nights of fireworks — the lights in the sky tradition — the lights in the sky tradition, which you think of for Fourth of July, and outdoor concerts.

"Some festivals are about fireworks. Some are about food. I think this festival is about everything.

And from a music standpoint, you can't get more culturally diverse."

Witz counts 14 different music styles in the three-day line-up of local and national acts, which include The Pointer Sisters, George Clinton and the P-funk All-stars and The Romantics.

Festival organizers added children's activities to this year's schedule, hoping to turn the food and music fest into a family party.

"All the kids had last year were the fireworks. We're excited to add the family zone," Witz noted.

Youngsters who stop by the arts and crafts zone can make funky hats and creative bead necklaces, decorate plaster figurines and shape candle wax.

Pontiac Cool Nights

What: A three-day festival of entertainment, food, children's activities and fireworks.

When: 4-11 p.m., on Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday.

Where: Located at the top of the Phoenix Center and in Lot 9 (at the foot of the Phoenix Center)

Admission: Free

And they can ooh and aah with their families through three fireworks shows. Displays start at approximately 9:30 p.m., each night, preceding the national music acts.

"There's something for everyone. Our formula is to get corporate sponsors to pay for event costs. We make the food and beverages affordable and give the proceeds to charity partners," Witz noted.

Organizers apply the same formula to Arts, Beats & Eats, a late summer taste, music and art festival which will swing into its fourth year in downtown Pontiac.

"We've given away a half million dollars to charity in three years at Arts, Beats & Eats. That's without charging anyone admission. And we make sure our food items don't cost more than \$4.50. Drinks are \$2," Witz said.

"I think the companies we have dealt with come back (for sponsorship) because they see us making a great event. Events like Arts, Beats & Eats show a track record. It shows we'll do the right thing at Pontiac Cool Nights."

General Motors is the title sponsor for Pontiac Cool Nights. Meijer, MotorCity Casino and AutoHahn Network are among the 15 corporations that underwrite everything from the fireworks to barbecue contest.

"I'm grateful for the sponsors we have. All of the sponsors came back from the first Cool Nights last year. The event costs \$200,000-\$250,000 to produce."

Seagram's Gin Barbecue Competi-

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FESTIVAL

Echo & The Bunnymen, Spacehog invade TasteFest

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The sounds spilling from the New Center corridor at this year's Comerica TasteFest spell revival. From the modern-day glam of Spacehog to the post punk of Echo & The Bunnymen, Detroit aims to celebrate Independence Day the unlikely way — with a decidedly British flair.

Spacehog

Get out your glitter as this year's TasteFest delivers New York-based and U.K. bred Spacehog. The British quartet invade 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 on the Farmer Jack Stage. Influenced by legends like David Bowie, T. Rex and Roxy Music, Spacehog hit national acclaim in 1995 with *In The Meantime*. Still meandering the velvet goldmine of glam rock, the band's recent release *The Hoggysy* is supposedly singer Royston Langdon's idea of a tribute to his favorite flick — *2001 A Space Odyssey*.

His brother and bandmate Antony Langdon admits, he's got no idea where the name came from. "It was my brother's bloody idea so I would have to



Listen: Echo & The Bunnymen make an appearance at this year's Comerica TasteFest.

Comerica TasteFest

What: Features sights, sounds, treats and shopping by a plethora of metro area vendors.

When: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 3; 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 4.

Where: Detroit's New Center Area, along West Grand Boulevard, between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway and adjacent to the Fisher Building.

Admission: No charge. For more information: Call (313) 927-1101 or visit www.tastefest.org.

answer these questions," he said during a phone interview from New York City. "I think he's completely loony. There is no connection apart from the title. It was going to be

2001: A Space Hoggysy.

With songs like the majestic opener *Jupiter's Moon* and the sarcastic commentary on American culture forced by *This Is America*, Spacehog doesn't hold back. The band formed seven years ago, and features the brothers Langdon along with fellow Brit's Jonny Cragg and Richard Steele.

"In 1994 we got the band together and we were rock stars by 1996," recalled Antony Langdon.

On *The Hoggysy*, he penned what will become the next single, *At Least I Got Laid*. "My songs are always pretty comedic," he said. "Its (about) a sad state of affairs, the gluttony of being in a rock and roll band and what that's like. Its the saddest thing in the world to say to someone."

This great spacecoaster has faced its ups and downs, though. Falling in and out of popular music favor tends to take its toll on Langdon. "We were big rock stars and then we were not big rock stars, it's a strange process," he said.

Whether its members are making headlines with their personal lives, as Royston Langdon has done since marrying actress and rock princess Liv Tyler, or for snatching up some fantastic tours, like the Brotherly Love Tour where the band opened for Oasis and The Black Crowes — Spacehog seems to be soaring again.

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The Pointer Sisters

Music at Pontiac

Cool Nights

Friday, June 29

- 4 pm — The Sun Messengers (GM Stage)
- 5 pm — The Motor City Sheiks (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 5:30 pm — Duane Parham (GM Stage)
- 7 pm — The Teen Angels (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 7 pm — Sunny Girl and the UV Rays (GM Stage)
- 8:30 pm — Alexander Zonjic & Friends (GM Stage)
- 9pm — Horizon (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 10 pm — The Pointer Sisters (GM Stage)

Saturday, June 30

- Noon — Intrigue (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 2 pm — Straight Ahead (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 4 pm — Charles Anthony (GM Stage)
- 4 pm — Kimmie Horne (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 5 pm — Yancy (GM Stage)
- 6 pm — The Brothers from Another Planet (GM Stage)
- 6 pm — Spice (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 7 pm — The Reelmen (GM Stage)
- 8 pm — The Edge (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 8:30 pm — Howling Diablos (GM Stage)
- 10 pm — George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic (GM Stage)

Sunday, July 1

- Noon — Charles and Gwen Scales (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 2 pm — Bon Temps Rouille (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 4 pm — GRR (GM Stage)
- 4 pm — Da Blooze Brothers (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 5 pm — Skillet (GM Stage)
- 6 pm — The Civilians (GM Stage)
- 6 pm — Kaleidoscope (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 7 pm — Stewart Francke (GM Stage)
- 8 pm — Johnny Rodriguez Latin Jazz (MotorCity Casino Stage)
- 8:15 pm — The Romantics (GM Stage)
- 10 pm — The M80s (GM Stage)



Parliament Funkadelic

Children's entertainment

- Gratitude Steel Band plays at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Friday; at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Saturday; and at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday
- Gordon Russ performs magic at 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Friday; 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday; and at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday
- Rocco clowns around at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday and 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday
- Illusionist Chris Linn performs at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- Author Martin Nelson entertains at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Saturday and at 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday
- Ben Spitzer juggles at 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday and at 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Sunday
- Harbeat performs at noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday

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The band looks forward to playing more of its own material at TasteFest this year. "It's more of a job to try and win over the crowd," said Langdon. "We're a bit more gung-ho."

Echo & the Bunnymen

Will Sergeant won't hesitate to tell you - he is and will forever be punk at heart. Sergeant, along with Ian McCulloch, are founding members of Echo & The Bunnymen. Known for songs like 1987's unmistakable hit *Lips Like Sugar*, Echo & The Bunnymen might be the only example of a group that can disband for a decade (1987 to 1997) and reform only to recapture its magic. The band will perform 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, on the Farmer Jack Stage at TasteFest.

With the release of Echo & The Bunnymen's ninth record, *Flowers*, the future sounds as sweet as its past. So far, *Flowers* has won comparisons to the band's heyday, records like the acclaimed *Ocean Rain*. But Sergeant doesn't see it that way. "I don't get that at all. If people think it sounds like *Ocean Rain*, I think that's great."

A mutual friend and manager, Alan Wills introduced the musicians who would come to round out The Bunnymen: bassist Alex Germain, drummer Vincent Jamieson and keyboardist Ceri James. Each was plucked straight from the Liverpool scene to make an appearance on *Flowers*.

The line-up isn't all that's changed. The relationship between longtime collaborators McCulloch and Sergeant is now strained. "There have been dodgy areas," said Sergeant. "Just lately. We're sort of close but in a distant way. Its very strange really."

But time and experience bind them. As Echo & The Bunnymen head out on tour, the band will encounter a whole new generation of fans - some who aren't even familiar with its debut, *Crocodiles*, and some who didn't even know "Echo" once referred

SOUNDS OF TASTEFEST

Saturday, June 30
Farmer Jack Stage
 2 p.m. - Roy Ayers
 4:30 p.m. - Mosaic Singers
 7 p.m. - Echo and the Bunnymen
Motor Stage
 Noon - The Luddites
 2:30 p.m. - The Brothers Groove
 5 p.m. - Gordon Bennett
 7 p.m. - Maersk
 8 p.m. - Minx
Wellness Plan Jazz Stage
 Noon - Detroit Dance Centre
 2 p.m. - Sheila Landis & Brazilian Love Affair
 4:30 p.m. - Dave McMurray
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - David Myles and The Milestones, featuring Gwen Foxx and Rayse Biggs

Sunday, July 1
Farmer Jack Stage
 3 p.m. - Average White Band
 7 p.m. - Booker T and The MG's
Motor Stage
 Noon - Stunning Amazon
 12:45 p.m. - Audra Kubat
 2:30 p.m. - Jelly's Pierced Tattoo
 5 p.m. - Soul Clique
 7 p.m. - Kevin Reynolds
 8 p.m. - Kevin Saunderson
Wellness Plan Jazz Stage
 Noon - Detroit N' Hollywood
 2 p.m. - Sun Messengers
 4:30 p.m. - Paul Abler
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - Kimmie Horne with Teddy Harris

Monday, July 2
Farmer Jack Stage
 5 p.m. - 1964 The Tribute
 7:30 p.m. - Cubanismo
Motor Stage

Noon - Basika Reggae
 5 p.m. - Jazthead
 7 p.m. - Ghost 200
 8 p.m. - Kenny Larkin
Wellness Plan Jazz Stage
 Noon - Motor City Jumpers
 2 p.m. - Odessa Harris
 4:30 p.m. - The Robert Tye Band
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - Straight Ahead and Friends, with Marcus Belgrave

Tuesday, July 3
Farmer Jack Stage
 5 p.m. - 19 Wheels
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Motor Stage
 Noon - Blackman and Arnold
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 8 p.m. - Derrick May
Wellness Plan Jazz Stage
 Noon - The Hustle dance lessons
 2 p.m. - Soul Rhythm
 4:30 p.m. - Carl Michel Group
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - Salsa Dance Party, with Orquesta Fuego and The Fuego Dancers

Wednesday, July 4
Farmer Jack Stage
 2 p.m. - Richie Havens
 5 p.m. - Najee
Motor Stage
 Noon - Liz Larin
 2:30 p.m. - Bob Murray Band featuring Lenny Watkins
 5 p.m. - IBEX
 6 p.m. - Stacey Pullen
Wellness Plan Jazz Stage
 11:30 a.m. - DC3 Detroit Children's Choir
 1 p.m. - Robert Lowe
 3:30 p.m. - Tim Bowman
 6 p.m. - Modern Tribe featuring Gwen and Charles Scales

to a drum machine. But for Sergeant, time is of no concern. "I still think of myself as 18. Time to me is irrelevant."

Flowers takes Echo back in time with a tone of lush instrumentation. Like the musical equivalent of a child's security blanket or favorite toy, it is familiar, accessible and important. Listen to *Make Me Shine* or *It's Alright* and try to resist the melodies and sentiments this

incarnation of Bunnymen stirs up.

In July Rhino Records will release a box set of Bunnymen material. Expect 72 tracks, "loads of it that has never been out on CD," he said. "Its for the collector. I consider me self a collector." Some of his most precious possessions? Bowie's *Ziggy Stardust*, The Beatles' *Revolver*, anything by the 13th Floor Elevators, answered Sergeant, look-

ing around the walls of his home studio.

When he's not one of the main Bunnymen, Sergeant's spending his time doing live DJ sets under the guise, Glide. "It's an ambient, electronic thing," he said, and he's been doing it since 1997. For him, music might morph and change, but it will never fade away.

Restaurants offer tastes of specialties

Thirty-five restaurants will create 175 taste-sized dishes for sampling during Comerica TasteFest - June 30 to July 4 in Detroit's New Center area.

New participants

New to the TasteFest are Alegrias, Ernie's King Mill, Don Carols, Spencer's Indoor Grille, Britt's Cafe, Salvador Deli, Brenda's Beans & Greens, The HoneyBaked Ham Company, Flame Grill, the Malibu Cafe and the Rush Hour Sports Bar.

There's something for everyone on at the annual Boulevard The Honey-Baked Ham Company will be serving ham and turkey sandwiches, Chef's salad, and cookies.

Brenda's Beans and Greens, 29975 Grand River, Farmington Hills - will offer rib tips, wing dings, macaroni and cheese, collard greens and cornbread.

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delights. The restaurant is located at 4189 Orchard Lake Road in Orchard Lake.

Troy based Orchard Cafe will serve stuffed eggplant with chicken, chicken fried rice, fish and fries and fried calamari. Alegrias located at 38123 W. 10 Mile Road at Grand River in Farmington Hills is serving paella, fruit tart, half pineapple with fresh fruit and tortilla omelet.

Men who cook

Men Who Cook - a benefit for Henry Ford Hospital's Emergency Medical Needs Fund, which helps low income and indigent patients purchase medication, equipment and supplies, heats up 5-8 p.m. Monday, July 2 on the corner of West Grand Boulevard and Third Avenue.

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tion will challenge about a dozen restaurants to come up with winning ribs, chicken and chili and then award cash prizes for the best entries. The public will taste and rate foods from restaurants that include Big Buck Brewery in Auburn Hills, Hunter House in Birmingham and Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

Last year's winners, Bert's Market Jazz Club for ribs, Club House Barbecue for chicken and Big Buck Brewery for chili, earned trophies and cash.

The barbecue kicks off the festival at 4 p.m., Friday and runs

through 11 p.m., each day of the event.

Witz estimated that the Cool Nights crowd at 80,000 to 100,000 for last year's debut celebration. He's upping that figure to about 200,000 this year.

Pontiac Cool Nights also gave \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity last year. Food and beverage proceeds will benefit the charity again, this year.

"Habitat for Humanity is appropriate because they are building homes in Pontiac," Witz said. "They're a perfect fit for what we're doing."




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Nine years ago the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Greenfield Village got together to Salute America with a series of patriotic concerts that also featured the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus.

"I've played all nine," said Linton Bodwin of Beverly Hills who has played string bass with the orchestra since 1974. "The whole idea and popularity mushroomed quickly. The audiences have gotten to be really good sized."

Jim Johnson, manager of special events for Greenfield Village, is expecting up to 8,000 people a night for this year's Salute to America concerts, Sunday-Wednesday, July 1-4.

"It's a showcase, lots of people come in and it's an opportunity for us to sample an audience that doesn't come here. It's exciting," he said. "It's a real nice family event."

Bodwin agrees the concerts are a win-win for the Village and orchestra.

"There's a lot of good crossover publicity," he said. "People will be interested in returning to the Village and hearing us play again. The atmosphere is very unique and different than when we play at Meadow Brook. It's enjoyable to see all ages and sizes of people. It's just a terrific setting to play an outdoor concert in."

Bodwin also enjoys listening to the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus.

"I enjoy the quality and professionalism of the groups," he said. "They're good groups and do some works with the orchestra."

Program highlights

This year's program will include selections by popular American composers, patriotic music and jazz, concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

"We'll be playing Olympic Fanfare by John Williams," said Bodwin. "Some Ellington and light classics. The U.S. Army Band and Chorus will join us for Scenes from World War II and

What: Ninth annual "Salute to America" with fireworks - four concerts celebrating Independence Day with fireworks and music. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus on the Village Green at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

When: Sunday-Wednesday, July 1-4. Gates open 7 p.m. The Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will perform 7:30-8 p.m. followed by the DSO at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$19 adults, \$10 children, ages 5-12 in advance. No charge for children age 4 and under; \$22 adults, \$13 children, day of concert. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 645-6666, or (313) 982-6001.

the 1812 Overture. It's a big favorite."

Fireworks follow each concert. All seating is on the lawn and the audience is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, strollers and wagons. Concerts will take place rain or shine, and will only be canceled if severe weather conditions persist.

While enjoying the music, concertgoers can bring or purchase gourmet dinners and enjoy the historic atmosphere - from the dramatic entrance of the 1st Michigan Fife and Drum Corp to costumed presenters mingling with the audience. There will be a F-12 fly over from the Air Force on July 4.

Leslie B. Dunner, music director of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra in Maryland, and former DSO resident conductor, will lead the orchestra. He is a guest conductor of many U.S. and international orchestras, and ballet and opera companies.

"I think Leslie Dunner has conducted most of the Salute to America concerts," said Bodwin. "We haven't seen him in a couple of years and are glad he's coming back."

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Salute to America: Ramon Parcels, Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal horn, chats with young concertgoers at the "Salute to America" concert at Greenfield Village.

Army, the United States Army Field Band has appeared in all 50 states and more than 30 countries on four continents presenting a variety of music. Band members are selected through highly-competitive auditions. They are led by Col. Finley R. Hamilton, who since 1997, has been assigned to the Department of the Army Staff Bands Officer in Washington, D.C., overseeing the entire Army Bands program.

Chorus

The Soldiers' Chorus is the vocal counterpart of the Army band. Led by Col. John C. Clanton, the chorus entertains audiences with its special arrangements of music as varied as the

communities and countries it has visited. The chorus has performed at Carnegie Hall, New York's Lincoln Center and the Hollywood Bowl, as well as with the National Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, the Cincinnati Pops and the Boston Pops.

New to the concert this year is a performance by the winner of the DSO's first National Anthem contest who will sing The Star Spangled Banner with the orchestra. Auditions took place on Tuesday, June 26.

Also new this year is a "Child-

ren's Dancing Zone" where little ones who are moved by the music can twirl and dance in their own separate area near the stage.

Festival organizers were inspired to create the area after observing how irreplaceable the urge to dance is among the many youngsters that attend the concerts each year.

Prizes will be given for the most energetic, most expressive and most unusual dancing, and also for best Independence Day outfits.

Celebration at Greenmead

The 1st Michigan Colonial Fife & Drum Corps will present a concert 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 8 at Greenmead Historical Park Newburgh at Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

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Richard Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty. Together their lead gifts encouraged other organizations and individuals to become involved in supporting this year's event, which benefitted the Health Exploration Station, located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. A listing of donors is below.

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Go glam: the 'poisoning' of my youth



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I blame it on my sister, my sister Michelle. She was the one who played me Twisted Sister and Quiet Riot videos over and over until I learned all the words. She was the one with the crush on Jon Bonjovi. Clearly it's her fault I got hooked on catchy pop and glam rock in my preteen years.

Here's the scene. The year is 1987. Michelle frantically calls me into her room to hear a song playing on the radio. From the first fuzzed out distortion-laden, power chords of *Talk Dirty To Me*, I was intrigued. What was this? Who was this? I had to know.

The band, of course, was L.A.-based hairsprayed quartet Poison. I raced right out and bought the cassette, yes cassette, *Look What The Cat Dragged In* - and became instantly mesmerized by its cover photo. Divided into quadrants, I had Bret, Rikki, Bobby and C.C. in all their makeup splendor at my fingertips. I was too young to know much about The New York Dolls, T. Rex, Gary Glitter or Mott The Hoople. David Bowie had already shed his stardust to sing *Let's Dance*. So I had never seen anything like this. Androgyny and decadence coupled with pop

rock, what was going on?

"It's just an image," I would tell my father during our many dinner table discussions about my new favorite music.

"They look like girls," he'd belittle, innocently mocking me in his thick Italian accent. His music of choice was opera, you see, and Luciano Pavarotti never once looked like a puff of cotton candy carrying a fluorescent pink B.C. Rich guitar. I'd never be able to win a musical argument.

But it didn't matter. My best friend understood why songs like *Cry Tough* could make you sing along and *I Won't Forget You* could make you weep. And we weren't alone. The debut record sold over 3 million copies and *Talk Dirty To Me* broke into the Top 10.

The numbers aside, it was the dawn of glam metal, the age of silver hoop belts, big hair and loads of eyeliner - for girls and boys. Barely a teenager myself, I went along for the ride and watched the scene grow as radio and MTV latched onto Warrant, Slaughter, Enuff Z'Nuff, L.A. Guns and Faster Pussycat. It was the end of the '80s and rock radio had come down to this.

More than a decade later, the summer is shaping up like a glam revival. Poison returns with its *Glam Metal Slam*, featuring all its original members. Motley Crue's original blond crooner, Vince Neil, brings on his

own attack with *The Voices of Metal* Tour. Even Roxy Music has reunited. Suddenly I feel 14 again. I know I'm not alone. In preparation, might I suggest you do try of the following:

■ Buy a can of Aqua Net for old time's sake

■ Rent *The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years* - only the definitive documentary of our collective glam metal past by Penelope Spheeris.

■ Get your old Guns N'Roses shirt out of the basement, stick a lit cigarette in between the strings at the head of your Gibson Les Paul and drift into the beginning of *Sweet Child O'Mine*.

■ Paint black stripes on your face a la early '80s Nikki Sixx or Tommy Lee and blast Motley Crue's *Shout at the Devil* record until the neighbors threaten to call the police.

■ Debate over who was the best former host of MTV's late-night delight, *Headbanger's Ball* - the well-coiffed Adam Curry or former roommate of Faster Pussycat's Taime Downe - Riki Rachtman?

Finally, squeeze back into those old red leather pants and head down to the DTE Energy Music Theatre (the place you used to call Pine Knob) while *Bark(ing) at the Moon* just like Dweezil Zappa did in that Ozzy Osbourne video for a few concerts full of enough pyrotechnics and high leg kicks to make you *Open*

Up and Say Ahh like you did in 1988.

Poison returns with the *Glam Metal Slam*, along with Warrant, Quiet Riot, Enuff Z'Nuff, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, DTE Energy Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$18-\$32.50.

Faster Pussycat returns with *L.A. Guns, Deaf Union, Shrug and Ten Ton Diesel Head* on Saturday, July 14, Harpo's, Detroit.

Bon Jovi performs with *Eve*, 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, July 15-16, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$29-\$68.

Roxy Music Reunion is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$27.50-\$72.50.

Vince Neil brings *The Voices of Metal* back with *Ratt, Slaughter and Vixen*, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$16.50-\$28.50.

Call (248) 645-6666 or see www.ticketmaster.com for tickets and details.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers. Her last roommate nicknamed her "Sparkle." She used to play a guitar that looked just like Lita Ford's and can be reached by former glam kids everywhere at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net



Poison

CD REVIEW

Machine Static-X

Static-X has been reinventing the industrial scene since the release of the now-platinum *Wisconsin Death Trip* in 1999. The band's latest record, *Machine* further darkens the aura that surrounded the quartet and refreshes this ever-changing genre.

The heavy influence of Ken Jay's drum commanded each song on *Wisconsin* but now sound more subdued on *Machine*. This time around, loud guitar sequences direct each track, steering the band away from industrial and closer to heavy metal.

Lead singer Wayne Static's voice has joined the ranks of Pantera's Phillip Anselmo and Rob Zombie. Bassist Tony Campos and guitarist Koichi Fukuda completed the line up on this record. But Fukuda quit the band after touring ended last year. Tripp Rex Eisen, formerly of *Dope*, has stepped in to replace him.

This is Not, the first single, offers a head-on collision of brutally honest metal when Wayne declares, "This is not my life/ This is not my home/ This is not me/ I hate this."

That explains why their motto is "More Evil, Less Disco!" See *Static-X* open for Pantera's "Extreme Steel Tour", along with *Slayer, Skrape* and *Morbid Angel*, 6 p.m. Saturday June 30, Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$40. Call (248) 645-6666

-BY CARA PLOWMAN

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Sean O'Callaghan's offers patrons a taste of Ireland

BY CARA PLOWMAN
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Walls adorned with traditional Irish decor, including black and white photographs and mahogany shelves filled with small treasures and antique instruments, greet patrons as they walk through the front doors and into the bustle of Sean O'Callaghan's in downtown Plymouth.

The \$5.50 pints of Guinness, a dark stout brew, flow out of the tap like water, and the servers are happy to talk about their favorite authentically Irish dishes and drinks.

There are 18 draught beers, mostly Irish brews, like Caffreys, Tetleys and Boddingtons, in addition to the moderately priced full bar.

A fireplace is perched in the center of the large room that is broken up into smaller sitting areas. Celtic knots dress the intricate stained glass windows, imported from Ireland. Large front windows light the bar area and give customers a nice view of the downtown flurry.

Owner John Callaghan named the "public place" after his grandfather, Sean, who also owned a pub. Callaghan, from Brighton, said that in Ireland, pubs are very popular.

"In the old country, people didn't really eat at home. In fact, they seldomly entertained at home," he said. "(Pubs) became an extension of their home." Callaghan described his restaurant as "a very typical Victorian pub."

Located on Penniman Road, west of Main Street, Callaghan said business has been great at the restaurant, which opened in May.

Along with his son Shane, from Plymouth, Callaghan has been working on the pub for three years. Along with business partners Sam and Kevin Khashan, who are brothers from Northville, the four purchased the lease last October and began the extensive design and remodeling process.

According to Callaghan, the small kitchen made for some slow service in the beginning, but has not been a problem since.

One of the most popular dishes served is the Shepherd's Pie, a traditional Irish favorite, Callaghan said. Thickly-cut roasted portabello mushrooms stew with shallots and creamed spinach under a golden mashed potato blanket. It's available with or without Guinness-basted beef. The dish is \$12.75 without beef, \$14.25 with it.

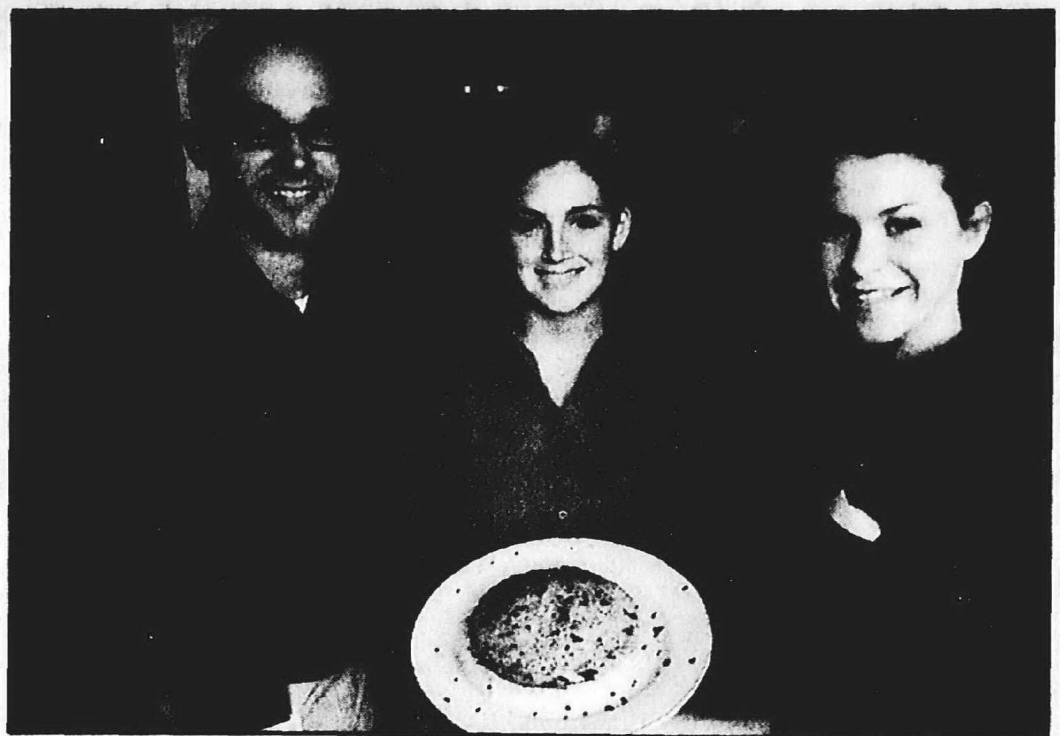
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Atmosphere: It feels like an Irish pub should - close quarters, Irish jig-band music playing, moderately noisy and lots to look at.

Corned beef

Corned beef is served in a number of dishes, including a corned beef melt (with spicy mustard and fontina cheese) and Niman Ranch corned beef dinner. Callaghan estimated that the kitchen uses about 1,000 pounds of corned beef a week.

Koreen Khashan, Sam and Kevin's sister, also works at O'Callaghan's, helping out as needed.

"(Customers) compare it to 'Cheers.' They go on about their business like it's their home ...



STAFF PHOTO BY HEATHER BONVETAG

Popular dish:
(from left to right) Servers Joel Johnson, Becky Vachow and Sarah Gregory display the Shepherd's Pie.

That's the way we want it to be," Koreen said. She encourages customers to mingle with each other and share tables.

The fish choice changes daily, so does the soup. Callaghan recommends the One And One (fish and chips served with meyer lemon caper tartar sauce), made with halibut.

The hearty soda biscuits are not to be missed. They are

served before dinner arrives.

To finish the meal, there is a list of after dinner drinks and three desserts, Black 'n' Tan ice cream, Barm Brak and Michigan Rhubarb Gingerbread Upside-Down Cake, for \$5.75 each. But the employees suggest not letting the experience end there.

"It's mellow; it's laid-back," said Jay Markley, a bartender. "Everyone's friendly. In general,

it's just a nice place to hang out." Markley, from Plymouth, joked that he is sure a person can live off Guinness alone. "It's been proven."

Callaghan said there are only a couple true pubs in Michigan. He called the rest "Irish bars."

"If you notice, there are no shamrocks on the walls and no leprechauns. Our leprechauns are behind the bar."

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Grand entry: The yard of Debora and John Kubik features a mix of garden art, antiques and, of course, flowers.

Starting from scratch

Humble beginnings lead to great beauty in Canton

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In 1990, Debora and John Kubik moved into their newly-built Canton home. There was no landscaping, no trees, not even soil. They jokingly referred to their yard as Desert Storm, as sand blew everywhere.

"Topsoil from the farmers' cornfields was stripped away by the developer and replaced with sand, allowing them to build during the winter," Debora Kubik said. They soon planted trees, then shrubs, then added flower beds.

Eleven years later, the Kubiks now are the owners of one of the gardens featured on the Canton Garden Walk.

"I work constantly in the yard," she said. She jokes and laughs about her gardening, too. "Sometimes I forget I have kids, until they say 'Mom, I'm hungry!'"

"I go back there and I forget everything else during the day. It's a hobby that takes over completely, but I enjoy it."

Sue Kluz, who chairs the Canton Garden Walk with Judy Bloomquist, said the Kubik yard is "very cool." Uniqueness and a variety of flowers highlight gardens on the walk, Kluz said, and guests appreciate and respect the hard work of a neat and colorful garden.

Still, it is often difficult to get yards on the garden walk. Garden hosts put pressure on themselves to make their yards as beautiful as possible, Kluz said.

"It's difficult to get someone who is willing, because they go on these garden walks and they never think their garden is good enough, when, of course, it's beautiful," Kluz said.

Impressive yards

Kluz said all six gardens on the walk are impressive, including Sally and Jim Jarvey's. The Jarvey home is hidden in the woods with massive beds. The yard features a walled perennial garden, rock garden and a shade garden with more than 75 varieties of hostas.

Varieties of gardens and homes make the tour unique. An established ranch home at Palmer and Lilley will be featured, and a new home at Beck and Cherry Hill also will be on the list.

While properties and home sizes range, visitors will appreciate the homeowners' efforts in cleaning up their yards and each individual



Watered down: This pond adds another dimension to the yard, while a birdhouse sits nearby.



Garden gurus: Debora Kubik sits on a garden chair, while husband John enjoys the view of the yard.

garden's beauty.

"Everyone loves flowers," Kluz said.

Walks help boost membership in the Canton Garden Club. The group started with 25 members in 1996, is up to 60 today.

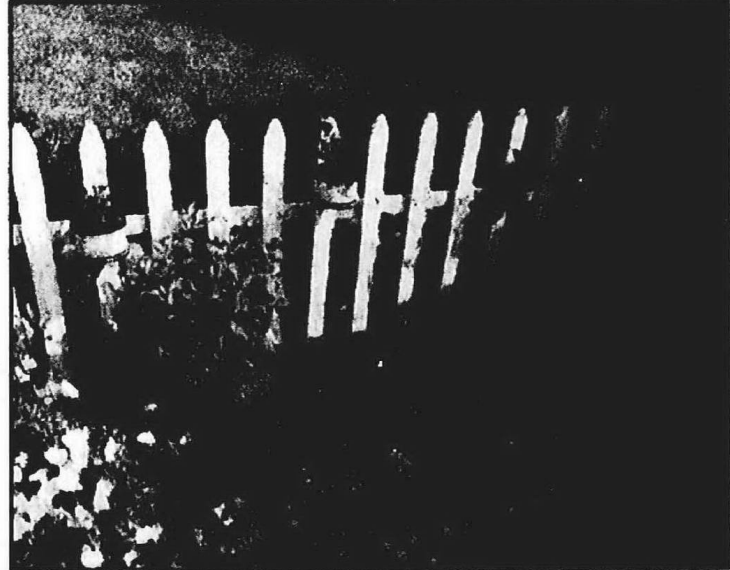
The Kubiks planted trees such as crimson king crabapples; weeping cherry, mulberry and beech; white star magnolia, red sugar maple, honey locust, ash, bradford pear and pink flowering dogwood.

Next came the many shrubs, including hemlocks, arborvitae, blue spruce, boxwood, euonymus, forsythias, lilacs, hydrangeas, azaleas, weigela and viburnum.

Flower beds are added and enlarged every year. Among the perennials are astilbe, balloon flowers, bergamot, coralbelle, spiderwort, bell flower blazing star, gooseneck, blue lily turf, lambs ear, coreopsis, lily-of-the-valley, hollyhock, phlox, black-eyed Susan and tickseed. There's also canterbury bells, sun drops, cone-flowers purple, obedient plants, looestrife, sage, salvia, lavender, bleeding hearts, lupines and foxgloves. You won't forget the forget-me-nots, bachelors buttons, columbines and daylilies. Annuals are planted for added color. Ornamental grasses accent the beds.

The love of antiques spills into the yard in garden ornaments. Iron fences, metal gates, pumps, farm tools, mail boxes, wooden boxes, wire baskets, tin pails and a barn door are all flea market and yard sale finds or rescued from the trash.

Husband John put in a water garden and designs the flower



Fenced in: Flowers, shrubs and other plants make a wonderful border along this fence in the Kubik's yard.

beds. Debora takes care of the flowers.

That love of gardening brings a constant awareness of flowers, no matter where or what they are doing. One day while driving on Ford Road she noticed a construction crew was working on the new Kroger store at Canton Center Road. She noticed many irises in the field, which she believed was once owned by English Gardens.

"I asked the (construction foreman) if I could dig up the irises and he said 'sure,' so I did," Debora said. "I embarrass my kids because we'll just stop when there are plants on Ford Road."

Walk in the yard and you'll see a huge arbor with an orange bugel vine, pond and massive flowers. Her husband made a path from bricks from old homes in Detroit. Another path features blue flagstone.

The Kubiks live on a court with five homes. The neighbors "just love" the yard, offering to help prepare it for the garden walk.

Jarveys create beauty

Sally Jarvey said variety is important in developing a garden. The Jarveys hosta collection grew in the last few years in their



Artistic: A wheelbarrow, a statue and boots decorate a path of the Kubik's garden.

■ **Canton - "Petals and Paths,"** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 day of walk, available at Keller and Stein, 42155 Michigan Ave.; Gray's Greenhouse, 882 Lilley, Vanessa's Flowers, 545 W. Ann Arbor Road, Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford Road. For information, call Judy Bloomquist at (734) 455-8283. No strollers, please.

■ **Garden City - Walk** hosted by the Garden City Garden Club, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21. Tickets at Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt; Rocky's Flower & Gift Shop, 32917 Ford Road, and Bensch's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland.

■ **Northville - Seven** gardens of Northville homes will be featured ranging from pristine and expensive to quiet countryside. The Gardens of Northville - Eighth Annual Garden Walk is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 11. Tickets can be purchased by calling Garden Walk, 202 W. South, and Northville Gardens, 100 E. Michigan, Northville. For more information, call the Garden Walk office at (313) 486-1111.

walled perennial section.

"It's like anything else," Jarvey said. "You try to bring variety into the garden. You really don't know their unique features until they've grown for about five years."

Husband Jim enjoys making wood furniture including a bench and two chairs as garden art, and birdhouses for the yard. The rocks and boulders also highlight the yard.

The garden features flowers and guests always ask where the Jarveys got the rocks. "Some of them already were on the property, others on farmers' fields. For a number of years, people just gave them away."

Her favorites include delphiniums, cone flowers, urbechchia, roses and light-flowering dogwood. Trees include conifers, Japanese maple and tri-colored beech.

The perennial garden features at least 100 perennials, including sweet peas, verbena, delphiniums and Sylvias, highlighted in among an arbor in the middle of the garden.

"It's enjoyable to let other people see your garden because we spend a lot of time in it," Sally said.

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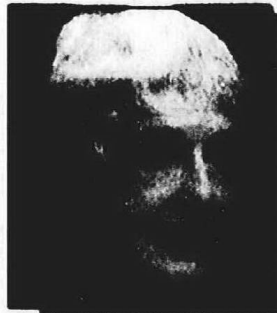


JOE GAGNON

Maintain machines

Check your dryers and refrigerators during these hot summer months, says the Appliance Doctor.

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MARTY FIGLEY

All about styles

Learn about water gardening and different gardening styles in books on this summer's reading list.

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HOMETOWN LIFE:

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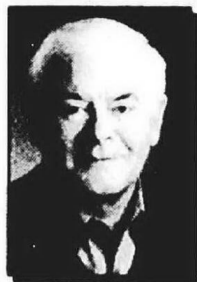
Two church youth groups got together to learn how to work together in preparation for a summer camp.

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HOME WORK

Check these appliances this summer

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

In the last few days I received calls from consumers who had problems with their clothes dryers. The dryer won't tumble or there is an odor coming out of the product.

In each one of these cases, there was a dead squirrel inside the mechanical component. To prevent this from happening in your home, you need to go outside and make sure the flapper is clean and closes all the way. This can be best accomplished by using a tooth brush confirming that the hinges are clean.

Service technicians are very busy these hot days cleaning out the condensers underneath refrigerators. The biggest reason why refrigerators break down during the summer and not the winter is because they can't take the heat of summer when the condenser is dirty and covered with lint, dust, and animal hair. Stop by a hardware store and purchase a refrigerator condenser brush, turn off the refrigerator, get the vacuum cleaner out and shake loose the dirt that is built up. A clean condenser can save you up to \$10 per month on utility cost.

Take a walk throughout

your home and look and see how many extension cords you have plugged in for different products. Check these cords by holding them in your hand and if they are hot, you could be in for a dangerous or expensive situation. Any extension cord used should always be of the same gauge wire that comes with the product used or even bigger gauge. When those little tiny extension cords are used you risk causing damage to the product or even a fire.

I don't think there is anything more beautiful than watching ants work. Their energy puts most humans to shame, but when you see these little guys walk across your kitchen sink, you want to scream.

Remember that your kitchen carries the food load for you and your family. An area so overlooked in the kitchen is under the dishwasher which is never moved except for service or replacement. Take the two screws off that hold the bottom kick panel and look under there with a flashlight. You will be amazed at how many little particles of food have been kicked under there for so many years. Another area that ants love is your garbage disposer which should be cleaned every few weeks. Fill it with ice cubes and let them sit for an hour and then turn it on. The little ants are doing what comes naturally, looking for food and water.

The washing machine washes best on the medium setting when the water mix equals 100 degrees. When the ground

is warm, so is the cold water coming into your house or it is at least 30 degrees warmer than during winter. This means that getting 100 degrees during a warm water wash can be obtained by cutting down on the cold water line coming into the washer. Use a candy thermometer and get the water to as close as possible to 100 degrees and your clothes will come cleaner than ever before.

You only have a few days left with cool night time temperatures and maybe you should put that oven into self-clean cycle before it gets any warmer. Remember to use care and move things out of cupboards surrounding the kitchen range. That oven gets up to 1,000 degrees during self clean, enough to melt things and cause explosions of certain aerosol cans.

The older refrigerators have a plastic drain pan underneath and is behind the front top plate. That pan is full of bacteria with a fan motor blowing those germs into your kitchen. Remove it and clean it with dishwasher soap and plenty of very hot water. Some drain pans have never been cleaned since the refrigerator was installed. How's yours?

Joe Gagnon can be heard on WJR-AM 760 every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of the Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His telephone number is (313) 873-9789.

Do you need an electrical upgrade?

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

When I discussed electric service in the class that I teach, I was surprised to discover how many homes in our area still have, by today's standards, insufficient service. I figured now might be a good time to write about upgrading residential electric service.

Let's start by reviewing a few electrical terms. Service refers to the amount of electric power available to be distributed in the house. A service panel is commonly called a fuse box, or breaker box. An amp is the amount of electricity, a watt refers to the amount of electricity used and volt is the unit of electric pressure. An upgrade is increasing the total number of amps that can be delivered throughout your house to meet or exceed your electric demands.

Upgrade in service

Homeowners often wonder whether they need an upgrade. Do you?

You should probably consider a service upgrade if you meet at least one of the following criteria: Your house is over 25 years old and has its original service, you have added air conditioning, hot tubs or other significant electrical devices, fuses blow frequently or breakers trip or multiple service panels are rigged together.

Most houses built before the '60s and many into the '70s were equipped with 60-amp service, which was considered sufficient, but today we enjoy more electric conveniences and appliances than ever before. Even some newer houses with 100-amp service may not be able to sufficiently meet the demands placed on them.

Go figure

This simple formula to estimate your power needs is fairly simple.

Add the wattage ratings of your major electric appliances, including power tools, entertainment equipment and computer systems. Get these figures from the chart or wattage rating plate found on the device. If the device shows the rating in amps, multiply that by 120 (volts) to get the watts.

Add the larger of seasonal devices, which will most likely be the air conditioning rather than heating. Add 3 watts for every square foot of living space in the home and at least two small appliance circuits (usually the kitchen circuits) at 1,500 watts each.

Now that you've tallied that, divide it by 240 (the number of volts coming into a home). That answer will give you the home's total amperage requirement.

A prime example

Let's look at an 1,800-square-foot house for example. The numbers are 5,400 watts for general lighting (3 x 1,800), two small appliance circuits 3,000 watts (2 x 1,500) and central air (5,000 watts). A washer and gas

dryer equal about 900 watts, while a disposal, 500 watts.

Don't forget the kitchen with a microwave at 1,000 watts, the dishwasher's 1,200 watts and 600 for the frostless refrigerator. The entertainment system adds 375 watts and other TVs, sound systems and video games bring another 300 watts. The computer system adds 500 watts.

Outside you might have a pool with a 1 1/2-horsepower pump, 1,700 watts, and 2,000 watts for a small shop in the garage.

Adding these up comes to 18,875 watts. Dividing that by 240 comes to about 79 amps. The typical 100 amp service would be sufficient in this case but doesn't leave tremendous room for additional equipment.

If this house has a 60-amp service, problems could occur. An overworked electric system can be a fire hazard.

Don't DIY

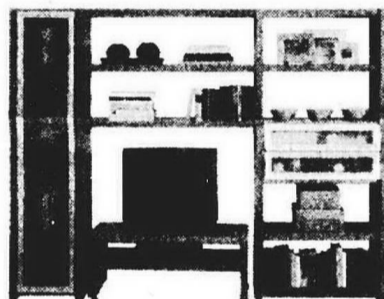
Is this a DIY project? It was not the intent to have anyone think this is a DIY project.

Service upgrades usually require changing the service panel and the electric meter, but don't even try this if you aren't competent with electrical work. It requires working with live wires at the service drop (or the wires coming from the electric company).

Even if you are the most stubborn do-it-yourselfer, this one is best left to the pros.

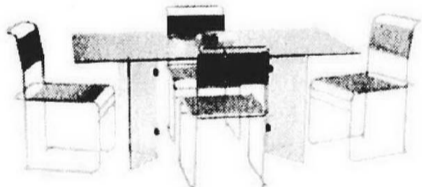
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INTERIOR DESIGN

DESIGN CALENDAR

Public tours at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester are given year-round. During the summer (July 2 to Aug. 31), the first hourly tour will begin 10:30 a.m. and the last 3:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Sunday tours will be 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. The hall is closed most holidays, and tour hours may change during special events.

The Dodge Brothers Motor Car Exhibition will be open during regular touring hours July 2 through Sept. 30. This special exhibit focuses on John Dodge and the history of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company, with archival material from the collection of Meadow Brook Hall never before on view to the public.

Admission is \$8 for

adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and under. Tours for groups of 20 or more may be scheduled for other times. Advance reservations are required for group tours. Group rates are available.

Tea on Tuesdays is offered 3-4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Christopher Wren Dining Room or on the Loggia Terrace, now to November. Price is \$30 per person and prepaid reservations are required.

Summer luncheons will be open to the public July 2 through Aug. 31. Seatings will be 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. The price of \$15 includes salad, rolls, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Reservations are required.

Call (248) 370-3140 for reservations and more information. Visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus off Adams, is a 110-room, Tudor-revival style mansion that was the residence of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson (the widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson.

Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills, is open for walk-in tours 3 p.m. Sundays, now through Oct. 28, for \$10. Walk-in tours are scheduled 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, now through Oct. 25. Visitors may include lunch at noon Thursdays for an additional \$15 by making a reservation.

Lunch is available only with a \$10 tour. For private or group Thursday lunch and tour reservations, call (248) 645-3147.

After touring the house, visitors may stroll through 40 acres of the surrounding gardens at no additional charge. Tours of the gardens only are \$5 any time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, open 11 a.m. Sundays.

For guided private and group garden tour rates and reservations, and senior and student discount information, call (248) 645-3149. Free parking is available at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine.

Cranbrook House was the home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth, principal players in

the American Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th century, and contains beautiful furnishings and works by world-famous artists.

Saarinens House, home of Cranbrook architect Eliel Saarinen, may also be visited; call (877) 462-7262 for times, costs and other information.

Homeowners may learn how to lay their own brick patios, walks and driveways in a one-hour class 3 p.m. the first and third Saturday of every month now through September at Brickscape Gardens in Northville. Registration fee is \$5 per person, refundable with any brick purchase. Call (248) 348-2500 to reserve a spot and for more information. Brickscape Gardens is on Brickscape Drive,

which runs north off Eight Mile just east of Novi Road.

The historic Orson Starr House, 3123 N. Main, one block south of 13 Mile in Royal Oak, has an open house 1-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Donations appreciated. Private group tours by appointment. Call (248) 588-0170.

The Detroit Artists Market Sales Gallery, 4719 Woodward at Forest in Detroit, features unusual ceramic vessels by artist Bob Nixon during June. Prices of the works range between \$20 and \$150. Sales Gallery proceeds provide revenue for participating local artists and general operating support of DAM's exhibition and educational programs. Call (313) 832-8540, Ext. 13.

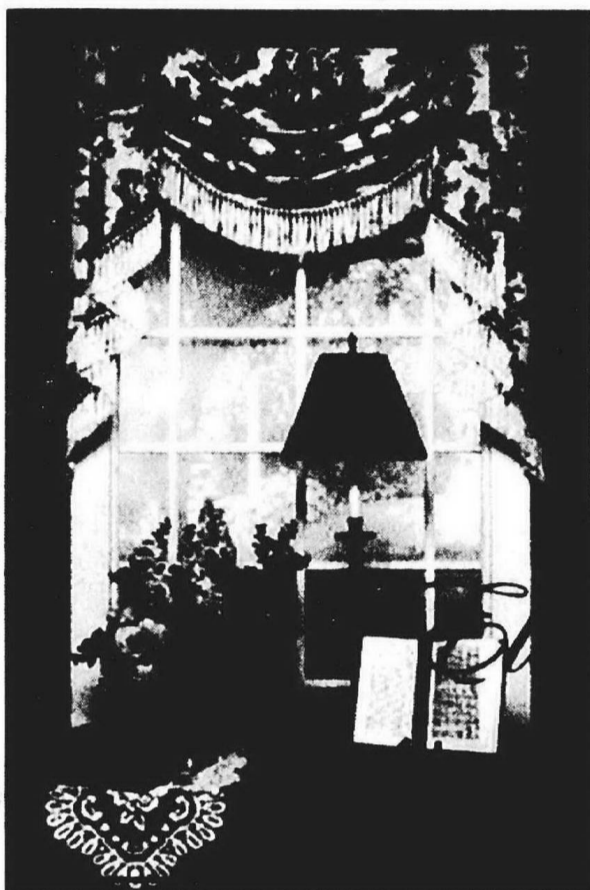
Antique mall opens Sundays

The Eastern Market Antique Mall has begun hosting a weekly outdoor Antiques Market 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays in Detroit's Eastern Farmers Market.

Vendors have been selling items ranging from stone flower pots, to Art Deco furniture, to Detroit memorabilia, to Victorian antiques.

The Antique Mall, 2530 Market, is housed in one of the turn-of-the-century red brick buildings in the heart of the historic outdoor Eastern Market.

The mall has more than 25 full-time dealers, who sell antiques, collectibles and desirables. The mall is open six days a week. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.



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GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Books can often inspire us to grow something new to us, add a feature to our garden or try a different style. Here are some that may do just that.

If you've ever wanted a small water feature and have some expertise with tools, look into *Simple Fountains for Indoors & Outdoors*, Dorcas Adkins (Storey Books, \$26.95), which contains designs for 20 different types.

Whether you want a fountain of bamboo and wood or ceramic, stone, metal or concrete, Adkins provides thorough step-by-step instructions.

The ideas are innovative and fun—i.e., a mask of a real person makes a spouting fountain. In addition, a chapter is devoted to ponds and waterfalls. The illustrations and photos clearly show the correct procedures.

Also from Storey, *The Family Butterfly Book*, Rick Mikula (\$16.95, soft), contains "projects, activities, and a field guide to 40 favorite North American species."

This colorful book invites you into the world of butterflies as Mikula shares his extensive knowledge.

Projects include raising caterpillars, hand-feeding the butterflies, the correct plants that entice them into the garden, water, etc., and even first-aid techniques! Featured are descriptions and photos of the most common backyard butterflies.

Take time to share this book with young and not-so-young children; it's full of good advice.

Guides

Houghton Mifflin has just released two first-class books (each \$23) in its *Taylor's Guides* series. Both are carefully arranged with cross-references for quick access.

In the first, *Perennials*, Barbara Ellis describes more than 600 flowering and foliage plants in alphabetical order by botanical name.

Size, sun, shade and soil requirements, zones and a very short description as well as color photos comprise the first half.

The encyclopedia holds more detailed descriptions and includes the latest cultivars. The introductions give general care, diseases and insect problems, propagation, and buying information, as well as many good tips.

The second book, *Shrubs*, by Kathleen Fisher, has information about selecting and growing more than 500 ornamental and useful shrubs for privacy, ground covers and specimen plantings. It follows the same format as the first and also contains excellent information.

The Great Lakes Berry Book, A Falcon Field Guide, by Bob Krumm (distributed by Globe-Pequot Press, \$11.95, soft), can be taken in the field while you search for all kinds of berries that grow wild in the area.

The 48 color photos clearly illustrate the plants in blossom and in fruit. Thoughtfully, poisonous berries are included. Many yummy-sounding recipes from jelly to mousse will encourage you to try something new that is definitely a Michigan product.

Old and new

Two books from Brooklyn Botanic Garden (each \$9.95) are again written with the authority and style on which we have come to rely.

The first, *Japanese Inspired Gardens: Adapting Japan's Design/Traditions for Your Garden*, with guest editor Patricia Jonas, explains how to design such a garden with the proper

placement of paths and rocks, how to incorporate water, and the Japanese technique of tree pruning.

Also featured is an encyclopedia of the best plants to use. Photos will inspire readers to explore a new dimension of gardening.

The second, *Landscaping Indoors: Bringing the Garden Inside*, guest editor Scott Appell, contains designs for new ways to display plants.

For instance, convert an armoire into a garden as was done in Victorian times, or set a window box inside the room. Another clever idea is to make an epiphyte tree (instructions included).

Information about soil mixes, watering and lighting as well as plant care and pest control is included.

About *Astrological Gardening: The Ancient Wisdom of Successful Planting & Harvesting by the Stars* (Storey, \$12.95, soft), author Louise Riotte writes she wants to "set forth as clearly as I can the accumulated wisdom of the centuries regarding astrological gardening."

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Making a splash: Learn about water gardens by reading up on them. This water feature was crafted by Ron Krueger.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

on water plants on Saturday, July 21, are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person and is nonrefundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call (734) 397-0800.

Control for Roses, Sunday, July 15. Call (734) 461-1230.

BACK TO CLASS

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers classes on a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience, and the dates each class start: Garden Design, July 9; Tree and Shrub Pests, July 19; Vegetable Garden Pests, Aug. 1; Flower Garden Pests, Aug. 7, and Landscape Design, Aug. 8. For information on spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening.com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township. Call (248) 4-GARDEN.

Gardening has far-reaching benefits

BY LEE REICH REICH
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Just look at all the fruits, flowers and vegetables a garden offers this time of year. What a fine time to consider the benefits of gardening!

It's not always much cheaper to grow your own vegetables and flowers, so economics is not a very convincing argument for gardening. Unless, of course, you plan to eat a lot of vegetables or want an abundance of flowers — not such bad ideas.

Quality is where the rift between buying and growing widens, and it's in favor of growing. You cannot buy peas, lettuce, peaches, tomatoes, and most other vegetables and fruits from a supermarket that are as good-tasting as those you can

grow. You can grow 10 varieties of peas in your garden, and eat them within seconds of picking. Homegrown flowers might not have the perfection of florists' flowers, but aren't a few imperfections what make homegrown ones so attractive?

Consider also the physical and psychological benefits of bending to weed and pitching manure as compared with jogging on a treadmill or doing push-ups. Just as Thoreau's wood heated him twice, first when he cut it and then when he burned it, so the garden provides health twice. Even before you harvest healthful fruits, vegetables, and herbs, you benefit from the physical exercise associated with growing them.

The garden also can be a great

teacher. Close observation of plants and their environment can teach chemistry, botany, entomology, and pathology. Gregor Mendel formulated the basic laws of genetics in his monastery garden.

The garden teaches more than just science, though. In the 1888 classic "My Summer in a Garden," C.D. Warner writes that the garden teaches "patience and philosophy and the higher virtues — hope deferred, and expectations blighted... The garden thus becomes a moral agent, a test of character, as it was in the beginning."

And like any good teacher, the garden offers rewards. Such rewards may be deferred, but they are sure to come.

Seminars scheduled at English Gardens

English Gardens conducts free gardening seminars for the public 7 p.m. Tuesdays at its Royal Oak/Troy store, 4901 Coolidge Highway, between 14 Mile and

Maple (phone (248) 280-9500), and 7 p.m. Thursdays at its West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple (phone (248) 851-7506).

The schedule includes *Container Landscaping*, by Candy Rosowski June 28; and *The Basics of Perennial Gardening*, by Heather Tomlinson July 3 and Jesse Trapp July 5.

Container landscaping is an easy way to enjoy plants and flowers on your deck, your patio or wherever you need a spot of color.

The seminar on this topic will give information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers. Selecting plants, combining varieties and choosing containers will also be discussed.

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The appearance of a photographic subject will change significantly according to the light, weather, time of day, etc.

An old castle photographed against a gathering storm will more readily evoke feelings of a medieval landscape than if it were photographed on a sunny afternoon.

Often, a stark, gnarled old tree photographed from some distance away will appear more isolated and eerie than if photographed up close.

The important thing is to learn to become sensitive to how to create mood from the subject's locale and setting.

All photographs possess mood to some degree. But you, as a photographer, have the ability to add drama and mystery to the most ordinary subjects by balancing light, weather and point

Direction of light is of utmost importance. The best light often falls from the side or back so that textures and shadows are intensified.

of view.

Rather than your photograph saying, "This is what I saw," try to get it to say, "This is what I felt."

Sometimes a building will look uninspiring until a particular light falls upon it. A row of trees may not excite until lit by emerging sunbeams against the dark backdrop of a receding storm cloud. Early morning mist will enhance a cityscape with an almost monotone of subtle color while the buildings tend to lose their sharp outlines, lending an air of romance to your shot.

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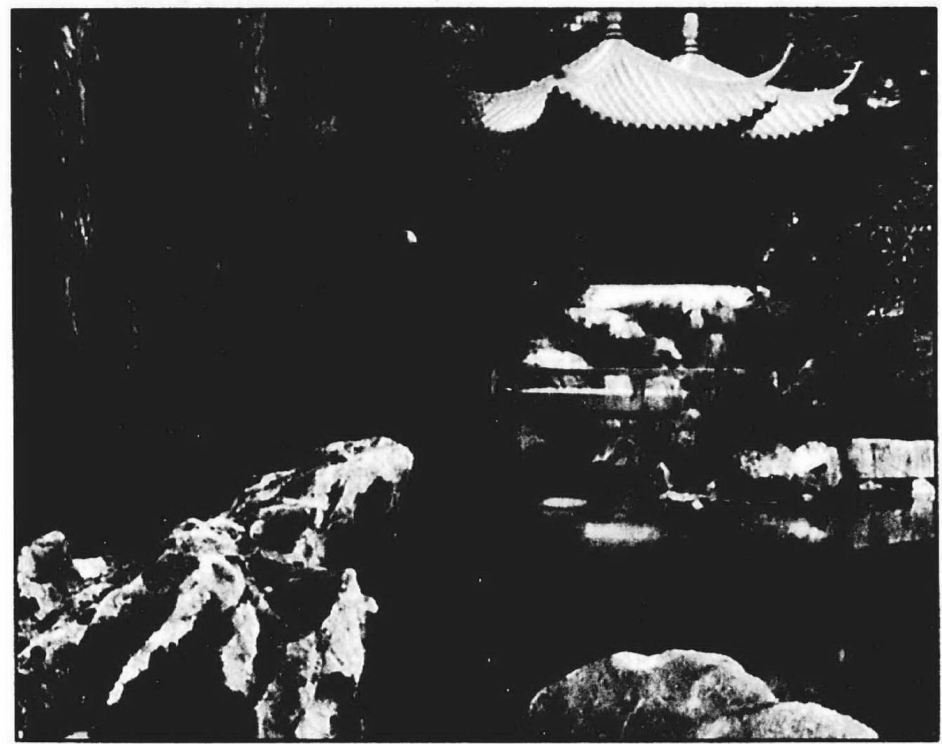
Even the effects of a heavy rain can be used to good advantage. Become responsive to light reflected off a wet roof or reflections in a newly formed puddle. You'll get creative, mood-filled photos if you do.

In the photograph shown here of the Twin Pavilions in Sydney, Australia, I took advantage of the strong rock shapes in the foreground. You can see that I composed the picture so that the lower left rock would "point" to the Pavilions in the upper right of the composition.

Including some of the pond along with the weeping willow branches finishes off this pleasing photograph.

Develop your creativity by becoming more receptive to the elements that make up your picture. Be patient—you may have to wait for the right conditions—and shift your photographic thinking from the literal recording of a scene to an artistic expression of mood.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Setting in Sydney: Careful composition and good lighting resulted in this pleasing photograph by Monte Nagler of the Twin Pavilions of Sydney, Australia.

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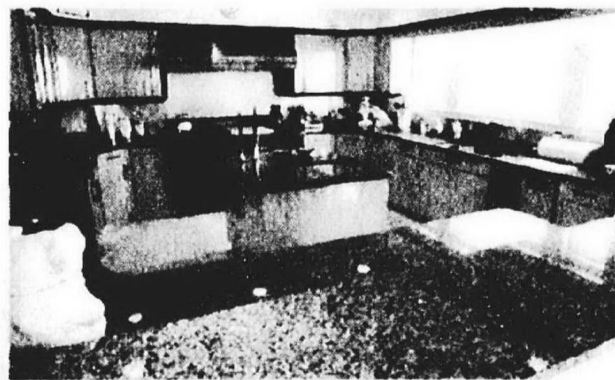
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Katz

A. Edward and Jeanette (Jimmy) Best Katz of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. The couple wed June 30, 1951 in Chicago. They have lived in the area since 1956.

The Katz have four children: Judy of Los Angeles, Peggy of Ann Arbor, David of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Santa Fe, and Jonathan, who lives in Denver. They also have three grandchildren.

Edward Katz worked as chief psychologist at Hawthorn Center in Northville. His wife worked as a biographical sketchwriter for Who's Who in America and Regional Who's Who. Both retired in 1984.

Edward Katz is a former member of the Livonia Board of Education and enjoys radio controlled model planes. Jeannette



is a former member of the Livonia Charter Commission and is still active in the League of Women Voters. She has been a past president of the organization and a member since 1960.

To celebrate the occasion, the Katz will be guests of honor at a special dinner for 35 at Fonte D'Amore in Livonia. Congratulations.

McCabe-Keenan

Michael and Lynne McCabe of Ann Arbor announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine Howell McCabe, to Brent David Keenan of Chicago.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of University of Michigan. She earned her juris doctorate from the College of Law at DePaul University in Chicago in 1998 and works as a prosecutor in Cook County's state's attorney's office.

Her husband, son of Sheldon and Marion Keenan of Flossmoor, Ill., is a 1988 graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a sales representative for Augustine Medical.

The couple wed November 11, 2000 at Flossmoor Community Church before the Rev. B. Lynn Cheyney and Dr. B.S. Howell.

The bride was attended by her sister and matron of honor Kristin McCabe-Kline and bridesmaids Sally Keenan (the



groom's sister) Kelly Watson and Terri Pniewski.

The groom was attended by best man Douglas Deuter and groomsmen Daniel Crum, Mark Pignotti and Michael Greer.

They received guests at Flossmoor Country Club and took a honeymoon trip on a Royal Caribbean Cruise on the Voyager of the Seas to Labadee, Haiti, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Cozumel and Miami. They have made their home in Chicago.

Forrester

Paul and Opal (Neely) Forrester of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed July 9, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio and have lived in the Western Wayne County area since the mid 1940s.

The couple has two children: the late Kathryn Collins and Donna Stevens who resides in Westland.

They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Paul Forrester worked as a job setter for Chrysler Corp. and retired in 1978. He now spends time gardening, hunting, fishing and cooking. Opal Forrester was



a head cook at Nightengale Nursing Home and retired in the mid 1980s.

To celebrate the occasion, granddaughters Mitzi, Linda and Brenda held an open house. Congratulations to the Forresters.

Spano-English

Toni Noel Spano of Livonia and Nicholas Arthur English of Livonia announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Sam Spano of Canton and Jan Plumridge of Plymouth, will graduate from Eastern Michigan University next spring. She is pursuing a degree in business management and works full time as a customer logistics coordinator for Ryder in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Karen English of Lapeer and Jill Fox of Lapeer, attends Oakland University and will graduate next spring with his degree in management information systems. He works full time as a UNIX administrator for Faurecia in Troy.



A July wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Northville. They will receive guests at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia.

Kamm-Boge

Chris and Judy Kamm of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Jeremy Boge of Hastings.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She works at Seidl Veterinary Hospital in Hastings.

Her fiance, son of Lavern and Carolyn Boge of Waterford, is also a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He works at Bull Creek Veterinary Hospital in Hastings.

A December wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church.



Griffin

John Arthur Griffin Jr. and Grace Carroll Griffin of Westland are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.

The couple wed Jan. 20, 1951 in Buffalo, N.Y. and have lived in the Western Wayne County area for 40 years.

They have nine children: John and Cathy Griffin, Maureen and Frank Tatu, Jeanne and Bob Keller, Terri and John Matz, Susan Griffin, Dan and Maria Griffin, Vince and Tracey Griffin, Matt and Inger Griffin and Mark and Peggy Griffin. They also have 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

John Griffin retired in 1987 from his job at General Motors. Grace is a devoted wife and mother. The couple is very active in their community and church.

To celebrate the special occasion, the jubilee weekend began with a family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth. All



nine children and their spouses attended the gala event. Special guests included Jane Carroll OSF, Kathryn Carroll, John Carroll, Mary Roberts, Pat Riley and Larry Griffin.

On Sunday, the happy couple received a special marriage blessing from the Rev. Ron Sayes during mass at St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church. Following the ceremony, John and Cathy hosted an anniversary brunch at their home. A great weekend was had by all.

Grondzieleski-Paluk

Frank and Delores Grondzieleski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Darlene, to Brian Christopher Paluk of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 Plymouth-Canton High School graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1998 and her master's degree from Indiana University in 2000. She works as a speech language pathologist at Great Lakes Rehabilitation Hospital in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Mike and Laura Paluk of Plymouth, is a 1993 Redford Catholic Central High School graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley State University in 1999. He is an account super-



visor at Federal Mogul Corporation in Southfield and is a former professional baseball player who spent three years with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the minor league system.

A fall wedding is being planned in Plymouth.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ Mike and Cathy Mercier of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son Miles Davis born May 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Miles joins sister Valerie, 7. Grandparents are Dennis and Loretta Adams of Hardin, Kentucky and Jerry and Jo Anne Mercier of Westland. Great-grandparents are Tom and Florence Carravallah

of Garden City, Jean Adams of Dearborn and Virginia Perry of Kentucky.

■ Brad and Michelle Todorov of Northville announce the birth of their son Evan Michael born May 16 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Jim and Margaret Harlow of Westland and Micheal and Lynda Todorov

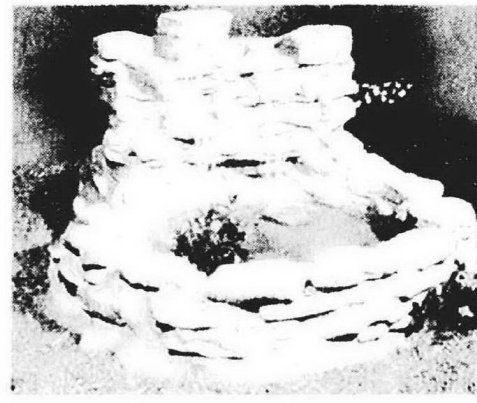
of Northville. Great-grandparents are Hazel Berry of Westland, Stella Todorov of St. Clair and Bennett and Ruth Luce of South Lyon.

■ Jeff and Sheila (Horvath) Cousino of Plymouth announce the birth of their son Thomas Lawrence born March 25 at St.

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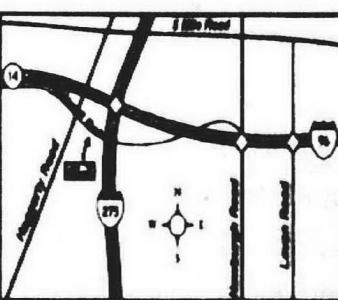
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RENEE SKOGLUND

Flower power blooms at work

Work buddies, you got to love 'em.

The other day I brought in some pictures of Sarah, my 27-year-old daughter who lives in California and is getting married this October, and showed them to Kim and Stephanie, my favorite neighbors here on Cubicle Row. One of the pictures is of Sarah sitting shoulder-deep in a field of yellow flowers.

I love getting pictures from Sarah, but they sometimes make me sad because I miss her, I told them.

Don't be sad, they said. Sure, easy to say, I thought. Here they are, barely on the brink of life, one single and the other a mother of a 2-year-old girl. The sadness of adult children moving away is far in their futures. I hope their sons and daughters stray no farther than the next town.

Shortly before I left for lunch, Kim asked me if she could borrow the "flower" picture for a short while.

"I'm having an artist do a picture of Grace (her daughter), and I want him to paint her surrounded by flowers," she said. "I want to make a copy of Sarah's picture and fax it to him as an example."

I never questioned the craft-loving Kim's motive. Sure, I said.

When I got back from lunch, I immediately plunged into a story. My peripheral vision closed down. It was more than 20 minutes before I noticed the large, framed print on my desk. There was Sarah in the flower field blown up to an 8 x 10 glossy and surrounded by a neat, blonde wood frame. I gasped. Suddenly my world was filled with yellow.

"We wondered how long it would be before you noticed," said the effervescent Stephanie, barely suppressing her usual handful of giggles.



Sarah Skoglund

I complimented Kim on her ability to fool me with a straight face. She and Stephanie had the picture enlarged at a local drugstore then bought a frame. They must have sacrificed their lunch hour.

"I was going to take the picture out of your tote bag," said Kim, "but then I thought it was better to lie than steal. I mean, what if you went to show someone else those pictures, and the flower one was gone. Oh my gosh, I would just"

It's fine, I said. I love what you two did.

Several people have commented on the picture. Sarah looks like you, they say. I guess she does. Looking at the picture still makes me a little sad, but mostly it makes me happy. It's like having a sunrise on the corner of my desk every day.

Truly, a good life is made up of random acts of kindness, both given and received. Thanks to Kim and Stephanie, my work buddies, I was on the receiving side. They're great neighbors, absolutely the best.

Renee Skoglund is the health & fitness reporter at the Observer Newspaper.

CALLING ALL COUPLES

Fine Line Features presents *The Anniversary Party*, starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Alan Cumming, Gwyneth Paltrow, Parker Posey and Kevin Kline. The film revolves around a couple who throw an anniversary party to mark their sixth anniversary, their decision to start a family and their reconciliation after a yearlong separation. The movie opened Friday, June 22 in metro area theaters.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers want to send you to see this engaging story unfold. The first 25 couples to respond win two passes to the movie.

Married couples please send us your key to happiness in 100 words or less to: HomeTown Life, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Felician Sister turns 108

Nun dedicated to religious community for 90 years

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Sister Mary Ludmilla attributes her longevity to God's will.

"It's all up to God," said Sister Ludmilla, who turns 108 tomorrow. "It's God's will that I have lived that long."

The Felician sister was born on June 29, 1893, in Detroit. One of six children, her parents were born in Poland and regarded as hardworking, devout Catholics.

She was baptized as Anna Stender at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Detroit and attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel school. It was during her elementary years at the Wyandotte parochial school that she was first introduced to the teachings of the Felician Sisters.

She spent her first two years of high school at the Seminary of the Felician Sisters in Detroit and entered the aspirancy on June 24, 1910. Earlier this month she officially celebrated 90 years in the service of the church and the religious community according to Sister Mary Renetta, provincial minister of the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

With an infectious smile and a strong will, Sister Ludmilla continues to serve as a role model and a confidant to many who reside in the Provincial House.

"She is such a joy and a delight to be around," said Sister Renetta. "She's a very holy and spiritual person and she has a great sense of humor."

After entering the aspirancy Sister Ludmilla began teaching — a vocation that has proven to be one of the most rewarding aspects of her life. In 61 years Sister Ludmilla taught grades first through eighth in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan — two years of which included serving as a principal and local superior of the convent.

At the start of her teaching career she was invested in the habit on Feb. 19, 1912, and was given the religious name Sister Mary Ludmilla. She made her first profession of vows the following year and final vows in 1919. She is one of the earliest vocations from Wyandotte.

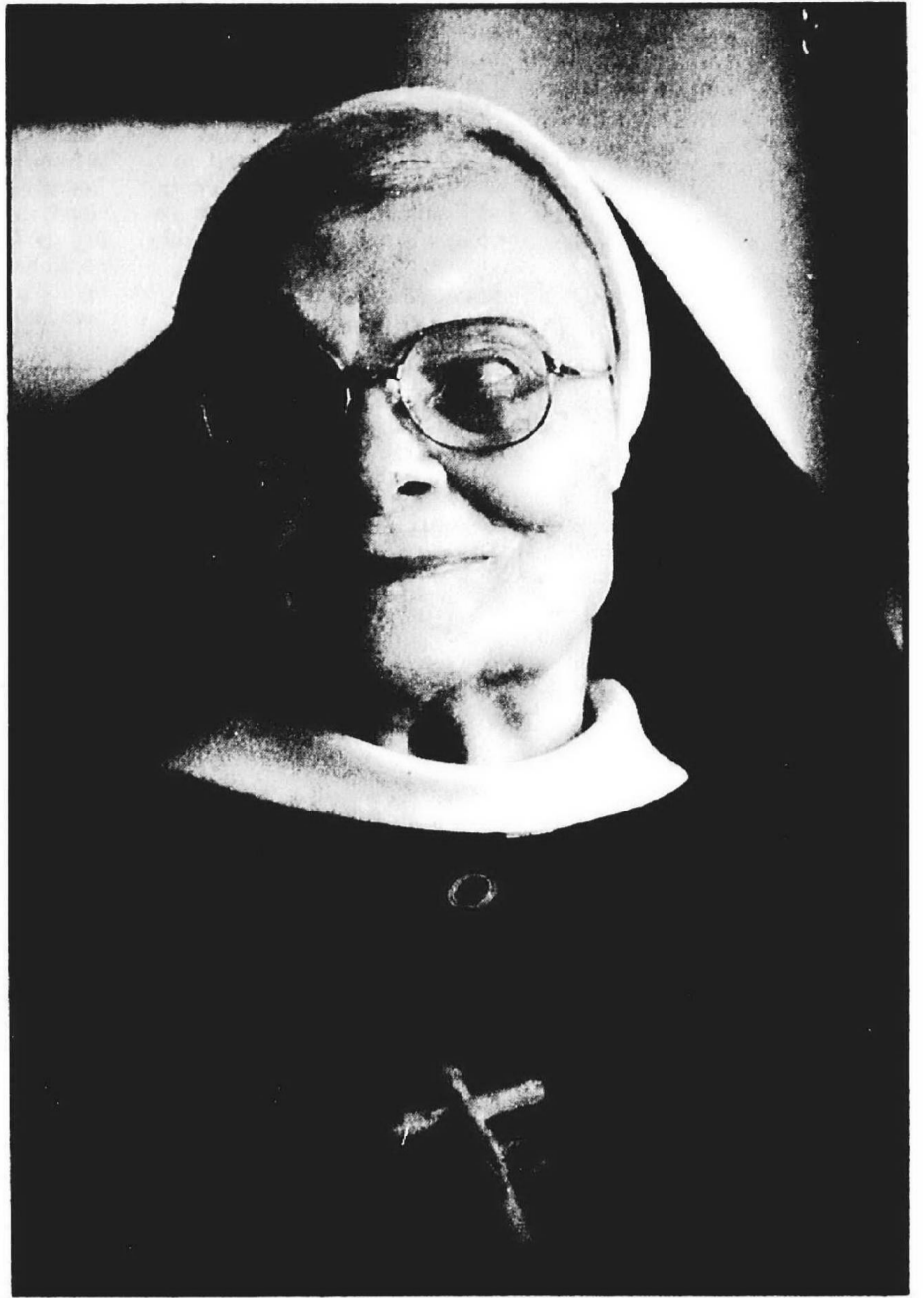
"We must live for God alone. Whoever it is ... live for God," said Sister Ludmilla of her lifelong commitment to the church.

While she was teaching she took on extra responsibilities such as cooking, baking and caring for the sisters when they fell ill. "We just obey," said Sister Ludmilla. "We're doing what God is asking of us." At the time there were no trained nurses in the convent so her nights were occupied by taking charge of the infirm. During her service she saw many sisters die from tuberculosis.

"She was always active," said Sister Mary Bertha, local minister of St. Joseph Angela Hall where Sister Ludmilla and approximately 52 other nuns live in the infirmary of the Felician Provincialate. "She has such a strong sense of obedience to God and to the service of the nuns ... to please them. She is active in mind and very observant."



Teacher: Sister Mary Ludmilla in 1942.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Sister Mary Ludmilla

At the age of 107 Sister Ludmilla enjoys a peaceful life of prayer and reflection. She assumed residence at the Provincial House in Livonia in 1989, immediately accepting assigned duties and participated fully in the ministry of prayer. A broken hip in recent years slowed her down physically and now she uses a wheelchair to

move about said Nancy Franke, administrator of St. Joseph Angela Hall. "She's also a breast cancer survivor."

When she was moved into the infirmary, Sister Bertha remembers Sister Ludmilla saying that was a place "for the aged and for the sick," and that she would do "whatever they told her," when it came to living there.

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Readers find happiness in love, marriage

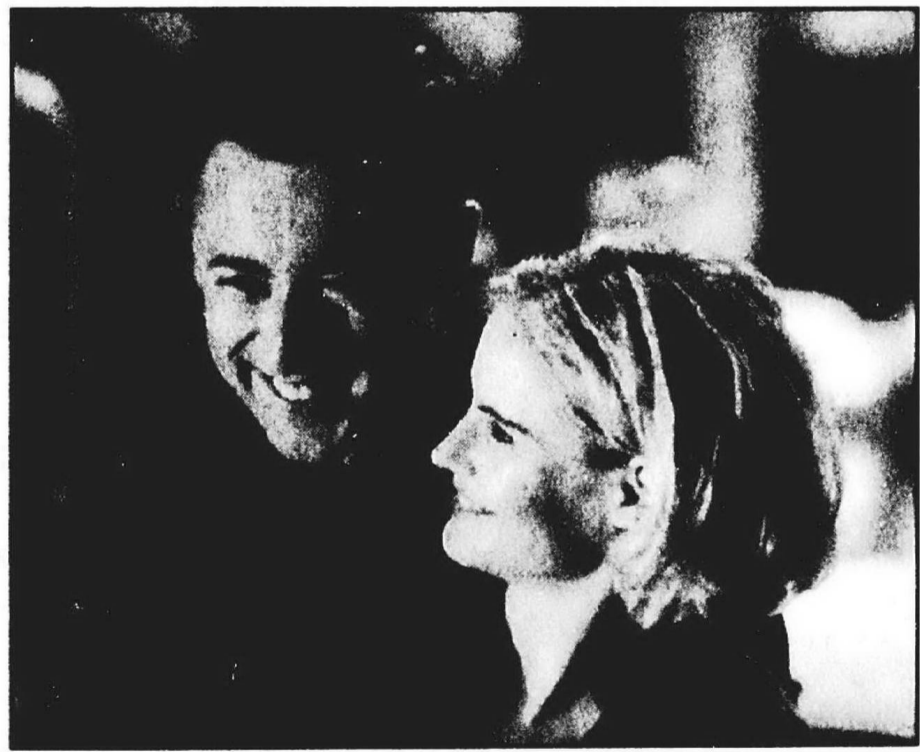
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Coinciding with the release of Fine Line Features' *The Anniversary Party*, starring Jennifer Jason Leigh and Alan Cumming, local couples are speaking out and sharing their expertise in maintaining a healthy, happy marriage. In the film, Joe and Sally Therrian decide to throw an anniversary party to mark several important moments in their relationship: Their sixth anniversary, their decision to start a family and their reconciliation after a yearlong separation. Imagine a modernized version of *The Big Chill* set among fragile friends working in the movie business.

The universal message deals with lasting love, so the Observer Newspapers sought the answers to happiness in marriage from our own readers. Here are the responses, in their own words:

Kevin and Wendy Cousino of Canton: "My husband and I have been married almost nine years (together for 12) and have two children (Nick, 8 and Julia, 4). Our key to happiness is that we are best friends and we appreciate and value the other. Kevin and I have always known that we are a perfect match for one another. We choose to spend our free time going out with each other on "dates" because we have more fun together than going out with other friends. We have a lot in common and love to have long talks together. We each have respect for the other's feelings which is also key to a great relationship. Kevin works full time as a teacher and very much supports my staying home to raise our two children. We have a great family life and are both thoroughly involved with our children's lives, but make sure that we always have time for each other."

Christine and Rimas Mikstas of Plymouth: "I have found the key to happiness with my husband. We value one another and take the opportunity to laugh often. I tell my husband I love him about 20 times a day and he does the same. I make his lunch everyday and include a note to let him know I appreciate him. There are times when I wonder if he really reads the notes, but he quickly notices if I miss a day. I am expecting our first child and count our blessings; a home, jobs, family and friends, health. We are not always on time and we have eaten Kraft dinner because of an unexpected financial emergency but there's always a funny story behind everything. We don't



Love & marriage: Actors Alan Cumming and Jennifer Jason Leigh (above) star in "The Anniversary Party." A scene from the movie, right, shows guests awaiting the couples arrival at the party.

have a \$400,000 home or the money for a vacation this year but it doesn't matter. Look for us on the street discussing an issue loudly or laughing in tears. We have each other and that's the best gift to give everyday.

They say that truly loving someone means that you will forever let your heart walk around on the outside of your body. A love so true it risks exposure to everything."

Vincent W. Kotcher and Janna M. V. Hennika of Canton: "My husband and I have been married 13 years this July 16. The key to our happiness is also the foundation on which our marriage was built: Friendship.

"In 13 years, we have had our ups and downs. There have been disagreements, money problems, job problems, home repair problems, health problems. But on the basis of friendship, through which our relationship has thrived, the joyous moments have overshadowed those problems tenfold.

"Each July, we look back on the last year, and all those which came before, and remember our first summer



together — when we were just friends."

Diane and David King of Livonia: "Listening. The key to happiness is hearing your husband when he's frustrated, depressed, or simply tired. Not always complaining about the day-to-day grind, but actually listening to his thoughts, hopes and dreams. If you're too busy complaining, or telling your thoughts, you don't always hear what's important. Just being there for each other every day makes all the difference in a marriage. Love grows because of the little things we do for each other."

Joy and Jim Vlcek of Westland: "Jim and I are in our 50's and we were married Sept. 9, 2000. Because this is

our second time around, we understand that you can choose to find the positive in a person or what's going on that day or sink into the negative. We laugh often about every day things when we share our day together. One of my favorite sounds is the sound of Jim's laughter when we are watching a funny movie or TV show together.

"The day of our wedding, Jim spoke to me into the video camera and said 'Joy, let's grow old together.' Since we are on this journey together, I try very hard to keep in mind that we can fill the journey with endless days or we can try to make each day, for both of us, something wonderful."

Teresa and Andrew Allen of Livonia

"We have been married since 1989. We have two children, Evan age 10 and Roni (Veronica) age 9. One thing we always seem to fall back on is to 'remember you are a team.' When dealing with the children, siding with each other and not them, always seems to help. Of course, functioning as a family unit is very important. Being involved with your children at school and at home is important. I am a Girl Scout leader for my daughter's troop. My husband was the Cubmaster of my son's troop and is now an assistant Scoutmaster for his Boy Scout troop. Having all these things in common as a family unit just brings you together as a family. The pieces all fitting makes it difficult to work one without the other."

Catherine and Joe Allam of Livonia: "The key to happiness is amorphous. Now you see it; now you don't. Along the way every now and then it gets dark. Light comes again then it brings unimaginable joy because the dark is over. This pattern repeats itself over the years as the scenery and cast of characters change. What sees you through the dark times is the conviction that you will navigate because you want to, finding somehow the nugget that sustains love among the pebbles in your shoe. Do you ever fully grasp all of happiness? Well, now, that remains to be seen."

Married couples please send us your key to happiness in 100 words or less, write your best marital advice and send it to HomeTown Life, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail your story to scasola@oe.homecomm.net. Include your full names and city of residence. The first 25 entries receive a free pass for two to see *The Anniversary Party* at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2001. Call (734) 953-2130.

SINGLES MINGLE

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College has a Divorce Support Group with meetings scheduled from May - Aug. at the McDowell Center from 7-9 p.m. in Room 225. The upcoming schedule is as follows:
■ July 10, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. There is no fee to attend the group, and registration is not required. Call (734) 462-4443.
PRAYERS CHAPEL
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Plymouth Road, Livonia) offers "Singles on the Move" programs. Every Friday at 6 p.m. they host prayer for singles in the community. The first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Java and Jesus Coffee shop talk and recreational table games. \$5. The second Friday at 7 p.m. Wally Ball, \$5. Third Friday at 7 p.m. Out on the Town Night. Fourth Friday at 7 p.m. Java and Jesus Coffee shop talk and recreational table games, \$5. Call (734) 420-9702.
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■ 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan Church (Farmington Road north of Six Mile).
■ Tuesday's: Coffee and Conversation at 7 p.m. at Thomas' Family Dining (33971 Plymouth Road) Livonia.
■ Monthly dinner at 7 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse (39605 Ford Road) in Canton.
■ July 7 a dance will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford. 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$8 per person. Deejay is Dick Gerathy.

■ July 6, 8 p.m. at Kensington Metropark. We are car pooling to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the stars. Cars leave from Wm. Stefani's Inc., parking lot at 31875 Plymouth Road, Livonia.
WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21 - dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits.

Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.
Upcoming dances are June 29.
METRO SINGLES DANCE
Come join the fun every Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Sandtraps on 5 (35780 Five Mile, Livonia). Where singles go to meet and couples are welcome. Featuring Dick Gerathy's best music. Budget bar, 21 and over, snacks and dressy attire. Call (313) 438-6258. Admission, \$6. Balcony access for smoking. Cozy fire-

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SINGLE ADULT MINGLES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. Call (734) 973-1933.
■ July 6, 20, Aug. 3: Singles dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music: DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$7.00 non-member, \$5.00 members.

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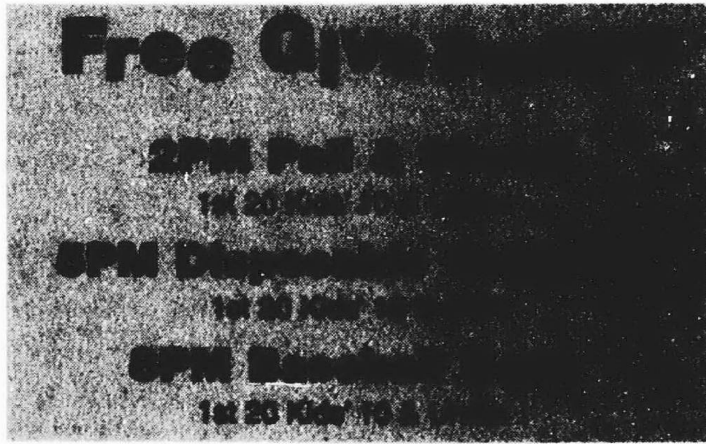
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Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor. Thomas joins sisters Claire, 4 1/2; and Kate, 2. Grandparents are Jane and Bob Anderson of Plymouth, Barb and Phil Horvath of Plymouth and Jim Cousino of Punta Gorda, Florida. Great-grandparents are Elma Horvath of South Bend Indiana and Edwin Sparazynski of South Bend, Indiana.
■ Nancy and William Gorgen of Plymouth announces the birth of their daughter **Chloe June** born May 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Chloe joins siblings Evan, Eric and Emily. Grandparents are Charles and Claria Gorgen of Wayzata, MN, and Thomas the Mary Lou Grimes of Clinton Township.
■ Timothy and Ebonee Reeves of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their daughter **Destiny Grace** born May 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Bernard and Marie Reeves of Canton, and Denise Arnold and Eddie Beard of Detroit.
■ Jeffrey and Stacia Van Wyck of Belleville announce the birth of their son **Anthony Alan** born June 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Michael and Leanne of Canton and Glenda and Butch of Belleville.
■ Donald and Patricia Dixon of Chesterfield Twp. announce the birth of their son, **Zachary Tyler**, born May 28. Big sister is Stephanie, 10. Grandparents are Donald and Mary Bernard and Donald and Lois Dixon of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Kinder of Westland and William and Adele Gollwitzer of Cleveland, OH.
■ James and Shannon Daske of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Dylan John** born May 18 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Dylan joins siblings Whitney, 5; and Darrien, 23 months. Grandparents are John and Linda Klotz of Livonia, John and Annette Wise of Livonia and Christine Daske of Redford. Great-grandparents are Richard and Betty Wise of Plymouth, Richard and Betty Kotz of Redford and Elma Somrak of Livonia. Great-great grandmothers are Lucille Harrison of Livonia and Margariette Wise of Wayne.
■ Michelle Marsden and John Likeric of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Mikaylah Rain** born May 8 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Wendy Marsden of Thomasville, NC; Roseanne Marsden of Urbana, IL; and JB and Debbie Likeric of Garden City. Great-grandparents are Santo and Geri Orlando of Westland, Grandma and Grandpa Marsden of Arcadia, Grandma Orlando of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jacks of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. James Likeric of Dearborn.
■ Norman and Michelle Ornette of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Zachary Michael**, born April 25 at Garden City Hospital. Zachary joins brother Norman, 10.
■ Francis and Lisa Marcoux announce the birth of their daughter, **Angel Marie**, born May 10 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Frank and Sue Marcoux of Southfield.
■ Enoch Bullock and Tina Palloni of Westland announce the birth of **Jaylyn Tavon**, born May 15 at Garden City Hospital.
■ Brett Kowalsky and Jennifer Brady of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Alyssa Marie Kowalsky**, born May 17 at Garden City Hospital. She joins sister Breanna, 14 months. Grandparents are Rick and Barbara Kowalsky of Westland and Rick and Debbie Little of Garden City.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

CONNECTIONS WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday for the Connections worship service at First United Methodist Church (North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon) in Plymouth. Upcoming services include: July 1, "God at Work: Give Him a Break" Part II by Pastor Debbie Leach; July 8 "Character Under Construction" Part III by Pastor Debbie Leach. Connections begin at 6:30 p.m.

BIG TENT EVENT

The Big Tent Event sponsored by United Assembly of God (North Territorial Road in between Sheldon and Beck roads) in Plymouth. The event is open to surrounding communities and starts at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 1 with a worship service under a tent on the church's lawn. Other activities include carnival rides/games, pony rides, climbing wall, "United We Hoop" men's 3 on 3 basketball tournament, games, etc. Call (734) 453-4530.

MUSICAL - WELCOME HOME

Harvest Ministries Church would like to invite the public to view the musical "Welcome Home," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 4 at the historic Civic Theater. We will be honoring our courageous veterans. Admission is \$1 per person at the door.

PRECEPT TRAINING

Join us July 5-7 for the Precept Ministries Institute of Training at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. You will learn one of the best methods for systematic Bible study. The inductive study skills Precept Ministries teachers will help you break down a passage of Scripture into smaller elements for meaning and then rebuild that passage giving new understanding about what is being said. Call (734) 455-0022.

PRAYER/PRAISE CONFERENCE

The "Prayer, Praise and Deliverance Conference" of Unity Cathedral of Faith (8809 Schoolcraft at Wyoming) of Detroit will be held July 5-8 at noon and 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 8 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Featured guest speakers will include: Walter Bogan, Tom Bynum, J.L. Cash and Dwight Pate. Call (313) 491-1222. The host of the event is Bishop Clarence Haddon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Canton Friendship Church and New Hope Church present their Vacation Bible School for kids preschool through fifth grade. This year's theme is "Polar Expedition - Where Kids Discover Jesus' Love is Cool." The expedition will be located at New Hope Church (44815 Cherry Hill - formerly Canton Free Methodist). The program runs from Sunday, July 8 to Thursday, July 12 from 6:30-9:10 p.m. The \$8 per student fee includes a tape, iron-on transfer and student book. Call (734) 451-2100 or Karen Strahm (734) 416-0979.

WAY TO GO!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Newburgh United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia will host elementary VBS from 9 a.m. to noon July 9-12. Register by June 1. Theme: Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours. A grand finale ice cream social will be held July 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.

SUMMER ADVENTURE

Join us for a summer program of local service projects, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, games and music on Wednesday mornings July 11-Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Geneva Presbyterian church (5835 Sheldon Road) in Canton. Children and youth, pre-K (begin kindergarten this fall) through 8th grade completed, are welcome. Come for as many sessions as you are able. Pre-registration requested but not required. Call (734) 459-0013.

GRACE LUTHERAN VBS

Grace Lutheran Church (25630 Grand River) in Redford Township invites kids to unlock God's Truth at the Mystery Mansion Vacation Bible School from July 16-25. Children age three through sixth grade are invited to participate in music, crafts and Bible-based learning through lessons. A closing worship celebration will be held July 25. Call about registration (313) 532-2266.

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church Coffeehouse Concert, July 30 featuring "Times 7" with Men of Grace. A benefit for Grace Centers of Hope, Men of Grace. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. Offering taken to benefit Men of Grace.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled: July 27-29 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile Road) in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

BEACH TREK

Join the Beach Trek Vacation Bible Experience, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road), Livonia. Discover "water stories" about Jesus while learning in a beach-themed program w/crafts, music and games. There is no charge. Call (734) 427-2290. Register by July 23.

RUMMAGE SALE

Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road), Livonia will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Great deals, good buys. Call (734) 427-2290.

MAD MATTER TEA PARTY

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MEMORY WALK

Save the date - Aug. 25 at The Detroit Zoo the Alzheimer's Association will host "Memory Walk - 2001" in Royal Oak. Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Call (248) 557-8277.

CAR SHOW
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. is proud to announce Dragon Head Productions is organizing a car show Aug. 26 at Riverside Middle School in Dearborn Heights. All proceeds are designated for CHHCS. To learn more call Joe Langa (313) 533-6387.

REUNIONS

FERNDALE

■ Class of 1971
A reunion is being planned for Sept. 29 at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

FITZGERALD HIGH

■ Class of 1961
The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has planned a reunion for fall 2001. Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com

FORDSON - DEARBORN

■ Class of 1946
A 55th reunion is planned for Sept. 22 at the Dearborn Country Club. Ticket cost is \$50 per person. Tickets must be bought in advance. Contact Grace (Thomas) Burke (313) 582-5990 for tickets. Call Sadie (Zehra) Bondy (313) 274-3929.
■ Class of 1961

A 40th reunion is planned for Oct. 6. Contact Carol (Gustine) Paton (734) 455-5248 or Dianne (Rebel) Colleton (248) 887-1571.
■ Class of 1981
A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at the Hellenic Cultural

Center in Westland. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com
■ GARDEN CITY
■ Class of 1991
A reunion will be held Nov. 24 at

Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact (248) 561-4773, (248) 692-0065 or (734) 266-8040.

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Sisterhood: Sister Mary Renetta (above right), provincial minister of the Felician Sisters of Livonia, visits with Sister Mary Ludmilla. At her 104th birthday in 1997 (right) Sister Ludmilla laughs with Sister Laudine.



"That's how youthful she is," said Sister Bertha. "Even past the age of 100 she still found it hard to believe she was worthy of living there."

Sister Ludmilla's day begins at 6 a.m. in chapel followed by Mass and holy communion at 8 a.m. Franke says she enjoys two pieces of bread with butter at every meal and puts sugar on everything.

"At breakfast she is most gracious saying please and thank you for everything," said Sister Bertha, who describes Sister Ludmilla's personality as cheerful and giddy. "She still feeds herself and watches what everyone is doing during meal time. She relaxes people by her cool disposition and her godliness."

Long before television or radio, Sister Ludmilla was known for entertaining the sisters with

skits, pranks and jokes, and she possessed a strong love of the arts. During her residence at a convent in Alpena she would use nearly empty paint tubes, old brushes and scraps of canvas to paint. She fashioned an easel on a chair and sat on the floor to sketch.

Lifelong commitment

In 1976, Sister Ludmilla began a second career at the age of 83. She accepted assignments at various local convents in the field of culinary arts and would prepare meals and baked goods for the sisters residing in parishes in Bay City, Hamtramck and Livonia.

Sister Cynthia Ann Machlik, vicar and provincial secretary of the Felician Sisters, said Sister Ludmilla was admired for performing a multitude of tasks and

surprises for others "which gave her much joy."

"Her cheerfulness and readiness to help appeared to be her most valued traits," said Sister Cynthia Ann.

Sister Ludmilla will celebrate her 108th birthday surrounded by the women of the Felician Sisters whom she has both admired and mentored. When asked how she would like to be remembered by the Sisters and the religious community Sister Ludmilla said, "I'll be with God and with you. That's my hope for the future."

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A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a deejay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1970
Reunion is planned for Oct. 6 at the Romulus Marriott. Call (800) 677-7800, e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

Class of 1976
A reunion is planned for Oct. 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

GROSSE POINTE

Class of 1951
A reunion is planned for the January and June classes on Sept. 29 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. E-mail GPSouth71@aol.com or call Cathy DiSante at (248) 646-9977 for more information and to provide your current address.

GROVES

Class of 1971
We're looking for interested alumni to help organize our 30th reunion. Call Linda Miller (952) 942-9559 or e-mail kmiller@sprynet.com or send name and number to Linda Miller, P.O. Box 44203, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for Oct. 12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Call Micheleen

(734) 429-9474 or Diane Goran (734) 547-1889 or e-mail ghs_class_of_81@hotmail.com

HAZEL PARK

Class of 1946
The January and June classes will host a reunion July 18 at the Ukrainian Culture Center. Call Tressa Campbell (248) 879-0654.

HIGHLAND PARK

Class of 1981
A 20-year reunion is planned for Highland Park Community High School July 6-8. Call William Washington (248) 967-0483 or (313) 865-4962.

HENRY FORD

Class of 1991
A reunion is planned for July 21 at the Karas House in Redford. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

HENRY FORD II

Class of 1981
Reunion is planned for July 28 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center (Clinton Township). Call (800) 677-7800, e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com

HOLY REDEEMER

Class of 1951
Classmates are being sought for a 50th reunion planned Saturday, Oct. 6. Call Gerard McMaster for information, (248) 471-1534.

HOLY SACRAMENT

Class of 1962
Classmates call Frank S. Barkovich regarding the class reunion in 2002. Call (734) 397-8777.

HURON

Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for July 7 at the Holiday Inn-Ann Arbor. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723.

LAKE ORION

Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights.

Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

Class of 1991
A reunion is planned for July 28 at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

L'ANSE AU LAC

Class of 1991
Reunion is planned for Aug. 18 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center (Clinton Township). Call (800) 677-7800, e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com

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Class of 1976
Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walzer) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tinaaclassof76@aol.com

LINCOLN HIGH

Class of 1951
Lincoln High School of Ferndale will host a reunion for the January and June classes of 1951 Sunday Sept. 9 from 3-9 p.m. at Bay Pointe Golf Course in West Bloomfield. Contact Kay (Withers) Burland (248) 357-4168; Jack Bellefleur (248) 335-7383 or Rod Chubb (734) 459-9017.

LINCOLN PARK

Class of 1964
The June class of 1964 will host a reunion Saturday, July 14 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Club (1300 Telegraph) in Dearborn. Call Gloria Ploskunak-Quinn (734) 692-1021.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1976
A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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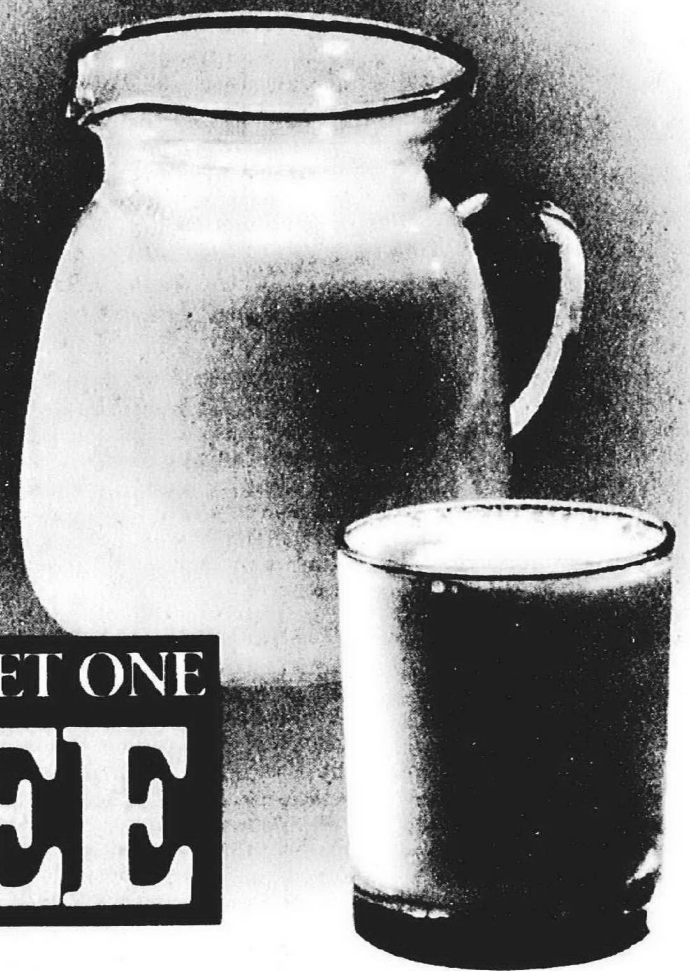
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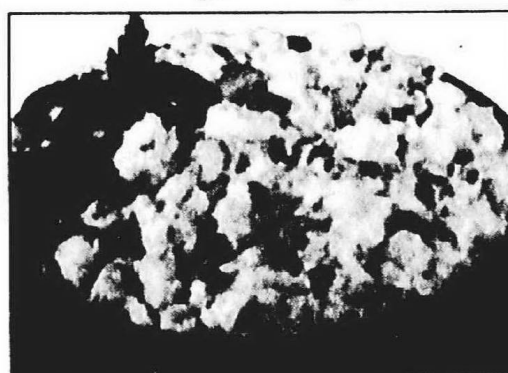
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played well in tough situations," he said. "In a lot of ways, he showed what it's all about, which is playing for the team."



Finn, 34, teaches physics and chemistry at Farmington Farmington High. A native of Birmingham, he received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State and his teaching certificate from Wayne State. Before taking the varsity post at Farmington, Finn was the head coach at Birmingham Seaholm for three years and the JV coach at Brother Rice for four years prior to that.

Besides playing summer baseball until he was 19, Finn later spent eight seasons with the Cass Angels in the Detroit Amateur Baseball Association, a men's fast-pitch league.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Justin Ockerman, senior, Garden City: He was only 5-5 but had two saves and a 0.80 ERA; he fanned 99 batters while walking only 26. In 61 innings, he gave up just 27 hits, and only seven of the 19 runs he was charged with were earned.

Ockerman, who signed with the Seattle Mariners, pitched eight complete games, two shutouts, a no-hitter and a pair of one-hitters to close out a fabulous career for the Cougars.

He was also a pretty hard target to miss when he played first base, being 6-foot-10. Ockerman batted .367 with eight home runs, one of which broke a scoreless tie against Westland John Glenn in the district opener. He

had 22 RBI, walked 21 times and had seven doubles.

Matt Zatkín, senior, Harrison: Zatkín was the No. 1 pitcher for the Western Lakes Activities Association champs, and he ended his prep career with a 12-0 varsity record.

Zatkín, who will pitch for Adrián College next year, was 7-0 this season, which included a six-hit shutout in the WLA championship game.

He had an impressive ERA of 0.85 with 40 strikeouts, 19 walks 36 hits and just six earned runs in 49 2/3 innings.

"He never lost a game at Harrison, and he pitched all the big games this year," coach John Herrington said. "He finishes at Harrison with one of the best career ERAs and records."

"He moves his pitches around and keeps batters off stride. He's not an overpowering pitcher, but he's a very smart pitcher."

Brandon Ajlouny, junior, Westland John Glenn: The right-hander blossomed this season, finishing with an 8-2 record and a 2.23 ERA.

He pitched 66 innings, fanning 72 and allowing 37 walks. Ajlouny had

seven complete games and one shutout. He never gave up more than two earned runs in any start where he posted an ERA of 0.91. In 10 starts, Ajlouny gave up just eight earned runs. Opponents batted just .185 against him.

"Brandon really stepped up as a leader for us this year," Glenn coach Todd Duffield said. "He also developed a good changeup."

Charlie Haeger, senior, Catholic Central: Haeger, already signed with the Chicago White Sox, compiled a 7-2 record with three saves for the Shamrocks.

In 67 innings, he gave up just 44 hits with a 1.88 ERA. Only 18 of the 28 runs he was charged with were earned. Haeger walked 49 but struck out 101.

He was also Catholic Central's second-leading hitter, batting .364 with 10 doubles and three home runs, plus a team-best 34 RBI.

"He's a good overall athlete," CC coach John Salter said. "He did well playing football last fall and had a great season for us."

Haeger could have gone to play baseball at Central Michigan had he not elected to turn pro.

Brian Campbell, senior, Livonia Stevenson: Campbell was Stevenson's team captain, an WLA selection and three-year varsity starter.

During his career he threw out .587 percent of base stealers (37 of 63). He is headed to Central Michigan University.

"Defensively Brian is the best catcher I've ever coached," Stevenson's Harv Weingarden said. "He's good at handling pitches. He's smart. He called 98 percent of our pitches over the past three years. He's got cat-quick speed behind the plate with an exceptional arm."

Offensively as a senior, Campbell hit .341 (28 for 82) with one homer, 25 RBI and 22 runs scored. He had a slug-

ging percentage of .402. The All-District pick batted .374 for his career with 52 RBI.

Campbell also made first-team All-Observer last fall as a goalkeeper.

Tim Doig, senior, Harrison: A three-year varsity player, Doig was a big reason the Hawks won three straight WLA championships and were 65-16 during that time.

Doig, who will play in the coaches all-star game July 9 at Comerica Park, batted .437 with 10 doubles, two triples, two home runs and 33 RBI.

He also walked 18 times, scored 40 runs and struck out just 11 times in 87 chances.

Doig, who will play at Oakland University next season, was 4-2 as a pitcher with 28 strikeouts, 10 walks and a 2.80 ERA in 30 innings. His career record was 12-2.

"Tim is one of the best RBI hitters we've had," Herrington said. "He was very dependable whether he was pitching or playing first base. He's an excellent baseball player."

Doig, who was a team captain in three sports, is third in Harrison history with 69 RBI and third in career batting average at .420.

Oliver Wolcott, senior, Canton: The senior shortstop made just one error in 94 chances this season and just 13 in four years as the Chiefs' sterling middle infielder.

Wolcott, who has signed with Michigan State, hit better than .300 in each of his varsity seasons capped by a .375 average this year.

He had four doubles, two home runs and drove in 15 runs this season.

"The strength of our defense was up the middle," Coach Scott Dickey of Canton said. "In my opinion Oliver was one of the finest defensive players in the area."

"He's an incredible kid and I was fortunate to have him for four years. He

was one of the finest gloves to come along in the area in a long time."

Wolcott also carries a 3.90 academic average.

Drew Stanton, junior, Harrison: The junior shortstop had a big impact in his first season at Harrison and drew the attention of pro scouts from Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Toronto.

Stanton, also an all-state quarterback, batted an impressive .560 with 12 doubles, three triples, three home runs and 48 RBI. He had 51 hits, stole 24 bases and scored 36 runs.

The first-team, all-state selection set single-season school records for hits, average and RBI. He also pitched 15 2/3 innings and was 1-0 with a 0.89 ERA.

"He could be the best baseball player Harrison has had," Herrington said. "He has great baseball savvy and a quick bat."

"All his hits are hard line drives; he doesn't get cheap hits. And he has great range at shortstop and an outstanding arm."

Pete Pinto, senior, Livonia Stevenson: The shortstop batted .404 (36 for 89) with five homers, 31 RBI and 29 runs scored.

The team captain led the 18-10 Spartans with a .663 slugging percentage.

Pinto also made All-Lakes Division in the WLA and All-District. The three-year varsity starter is headed to Henry Ford CC.

His career batting marks are .396 average with seven homers and 58 RBI. His slugging percentage is .543.

"Pete gave us three solid years," Weingarden said. "He was a wonderful clutch hitter, a guy who hits for power as well as average. He also has good speed as a baserunner."

James Melvin, junior, Redford Thurston: Melvin hit .417, had a .505

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VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. There are six age groups in the games, broken into five-year increments, and the veterans compete within ambulatory and wheelchair divisions.

"We go different places each year," said Houk, who's competed in Topeka and Leavenworth, Kan., Leesburg, Va., and Syracuse, N.Y., and plans on going to next year's games in Los Angeles. "It's nice because of the competition. I've always wanted to get into it. Once you're there, you see people once a year you've met through the games and get close to them."

Houk, a retired meat cutter from Farmer Jack, competed in the pentathlon and croquet events. Unless a competitor finished in the top three in each event, their place is not revealed.

"But I did alright," said the 75-year-old Houk. "In croquet, three people competed against each other in each group. I finished second and the top one advanced."

Houk also competed in the pentathlon — made up of rifle shooting, shooting free throws, discus, shot put and hitting a softball off the tee.

"I shot the rifle pretty well, but

didn't do so great at free throws," said Houk. "I was 3-for-10 and had never shot free throws before. For that matter, I hadn't done the discus or shotput before. In softball, you go three swings off a batting tee. The first one, I hit the tee so the ball just rolled off. I got the others about 80 feet. It was my first time in the pentathlon so I didn't figure on doing too good, but I did pretty fair."

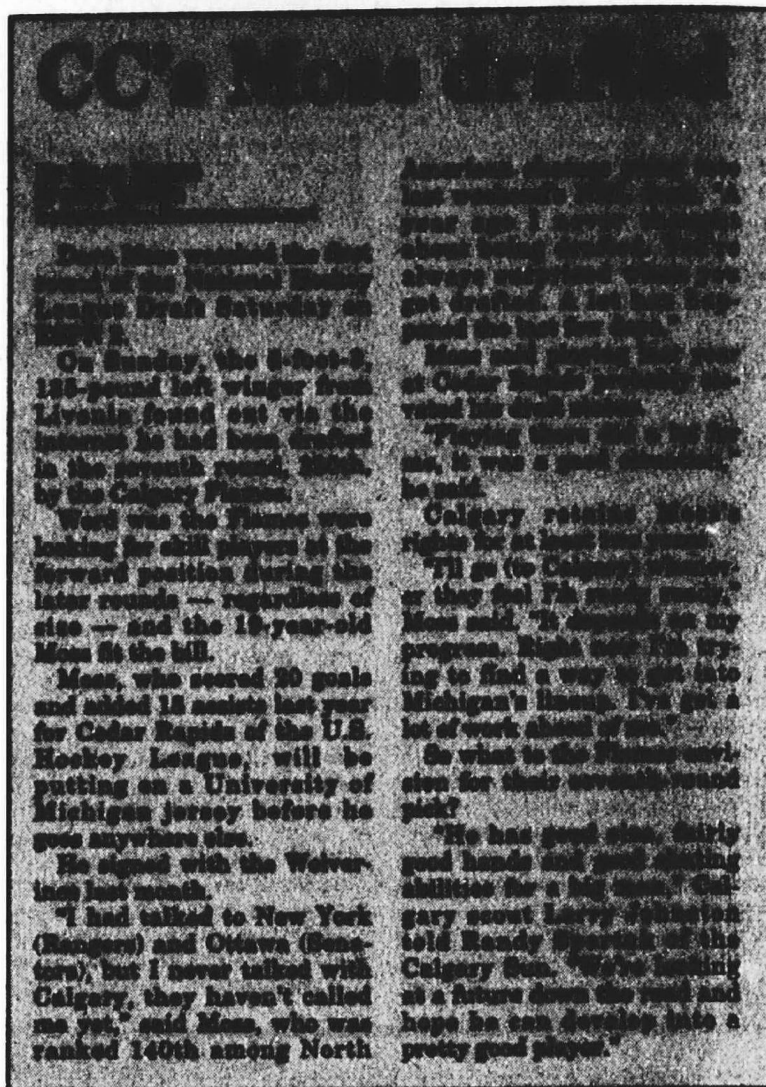
While he didn't medal in these games, Houk has medaled in the past, picking up silver medals in croquet and 25-meter swimming last year.

"I didn't feel I had time to practice swimming or bicycling as I had in the past, so I didn't participate," said Houk. "But I'm looking forward to going to LA and getting back into swimming and bicycling."

For Houk, a World War II navy veteran who served on a submarine as a fireman 1st Class, the fringe benefits of the trip are as much fun as the competition.

"We always go on side trips," said Houk. "When we were in Leesburg, I went into Washington, D.C., twice and saw the monuments one time and spent the whole time in the Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian another time."

"This is a great opportunity for me and all the vets," said Houk. "You see people, you make friends, you get to compete and you get to have fun. It keeps you young."



Whalers from page D1

"That's a situation that's going to have to play itself out over the summer anyway," Vellucci said.

The new Whalers' bench boss was a little surprised Bacashihua was taken in the first round.

"Usually," he said of last year's chief netminder for Chicago of the North American Hockey League, "a Tier 2 goalie doesn't go that high."

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"I'm happy for him. Now he has a lot of hard work ahead of him."

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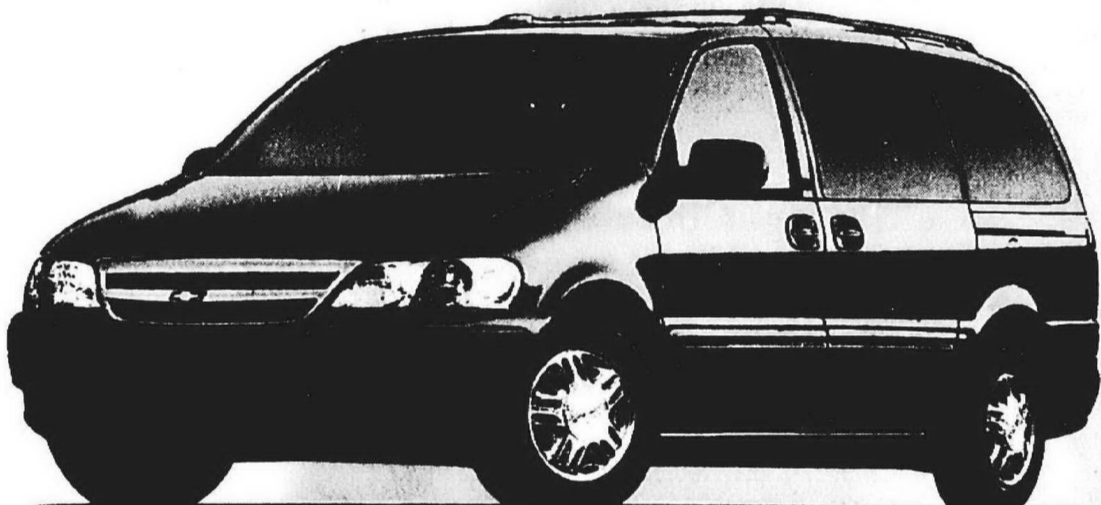
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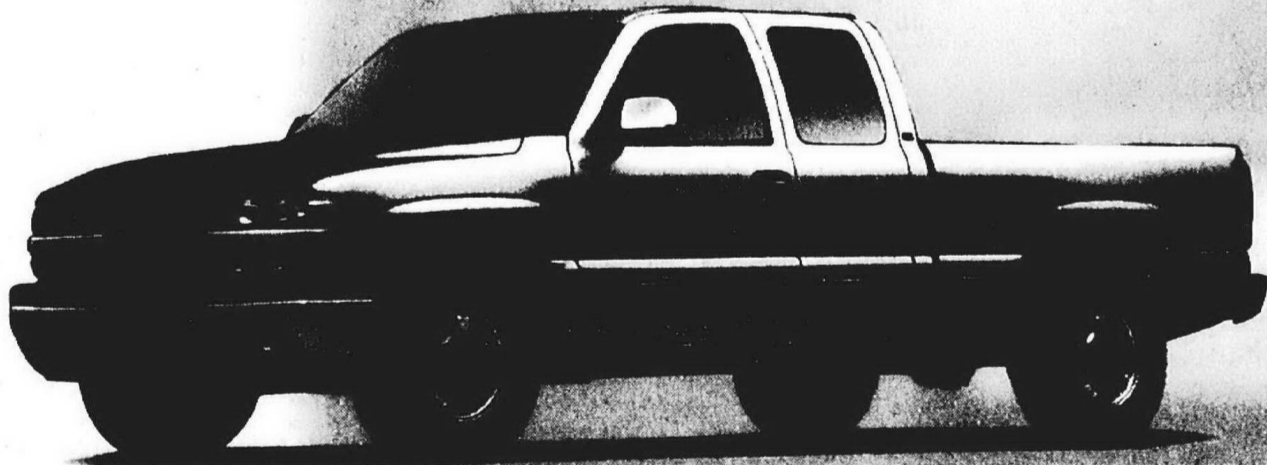


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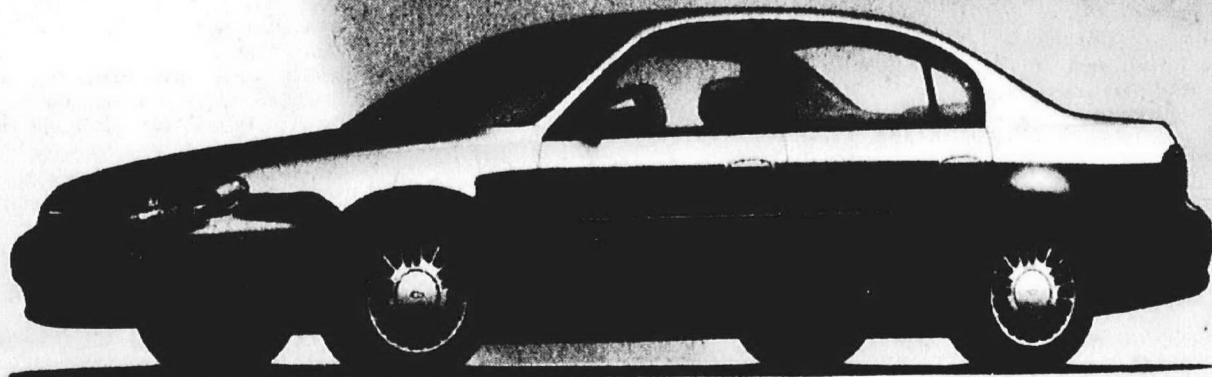
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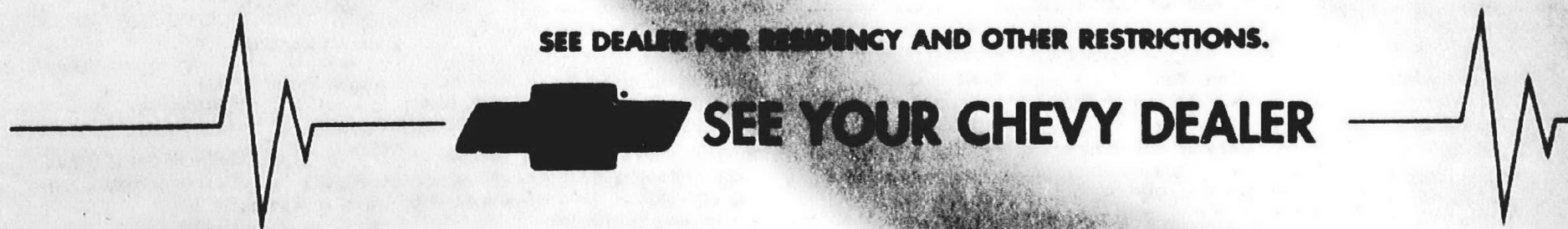
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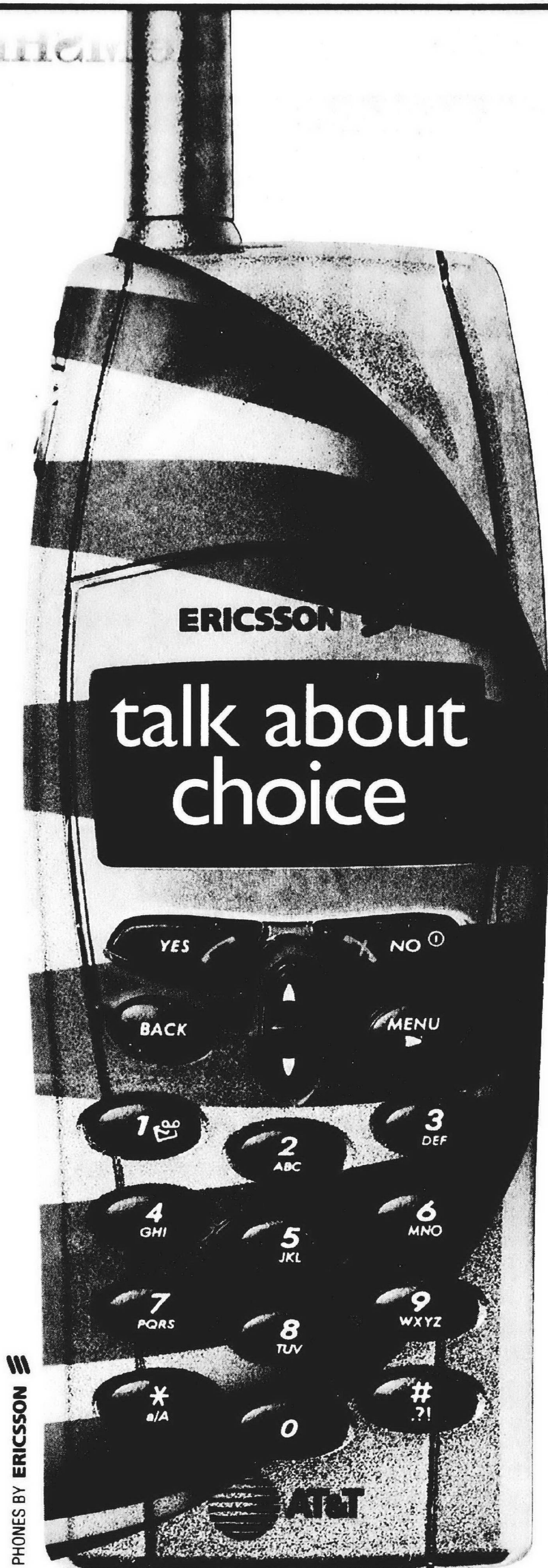
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Huskies hope the cream rises to the top of the MSHL

The Huskies moved up among the leaders with their second win in three Metro Summer Hockey League games.

The Huskies defeated the Whalers, 8-3, Monday in a league game at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington.

Phil Pietila had a hat trick plus an assist as his team held a 2-1 lead after the first period and a 5-3 edge after two.

Aaron Kiilunen and Josh Daavettilla scored two goals each to help the Huskies. Trent Daavettilla notched the other goal for his team and also had an assist.

B.J. Gaylord had two assists while John Pietila, Josh Moyses, Brian Mexico, Ted Sturos, Joe Kondratek (Canton) and Matt Hennigar registered one assist each.

The Whalers (1-2) got goals from Kirk Pietila, Mike Crowley (Canton) and Pat Shannon while Darrin Silvester (Plymouth) had two assists.

Travis Miller started in goal for the Huskies and was replaced by Rick Marnon at 7:35 of the second period. Art Baker (Canton) went the distance in goal for the Whalers.

BULLDOGS 4, SPARTANS 4: Chris Powroznick (Redford) scored with 1:50 left in the third period Monday to salvage the tie for the Spartans.

The Bulldogs carried a 3-1 lead into the final period only to see the Spartans (0-2-1) come back on goals by Aaron

Jakubowski (Livonia) and Brandon Thom (Livonia) within a span of 32 seconds to deadlock the score.

Troy Milam dissolved the tie with a goal for the Bulldogs (1-1-2) with 3:46 to play.

Ryan Lukiewski (Canton), Jamie Milam and Eric Evans also scored for the Bulldogs. Jamie Milam, Matt York and Jason Basile each had assists in the game.

John Maley (Livonia) scored a first-period goal for the Spartans and also assisted on Aaron Jakubowski's marker. Jakubowski (Livonia) also had an

assist in the game.

Jacob Archer (Livonia) was in the nets for the Spartans while Matt Swanson was in goal for the Bulldogs.

Dale Swims had a pair of assists for the Spartans while Thom and Jason Turri (Livonia) had one apiece.

LAKERS 14, WILDCATS 4: Five goals in each of the first two periods decided this game.

Mike Vigilante, Bryan Marshall (Livonia) and Brian Jardine each had a hat trick Sunday while Josh Shuryan, Jim Wheaton (Plymouth), Tony Keshishian (Plymouth), Sean Smith (Livonia

Churchill) and Scot Curtin (Redford) each scored a goal apiece.

The Lakers (2-1) got five assists from Brian Jardine, four from Josh Brown, three apiece from Marshall and Nick Jardine plus two from Mike Vigilante and Shuryan. Wheaton, Smith, Matt Frick and Steve Sharp each registered one assist.

The Wildcats (0-3) got a goal plus two assists from Rob Fleury and solo goals from Josh Wiegand, Kirk Gurney and Darrin Fisher. Andy Weidenbach and Kevin Matejko each had assists.

John Picklo started in goal for the

Lakers and was replaced by Lanny Jardine at 7:02 of the second period while Brandon Tucker was in goal for the Wildcats.

BRONCOS 7, BULLDOGS 7: Third-period goals by Dan Cook (Livonia) and York earned the Bulldogs the tie.

The Broncos held a 5-4 lead Sunday after the first period but the Bulldogs tallied the only goals of the third period to gain the deadlock.

Troy Milam scored twice for the Bulldogs (1-1-1) while Basile had a goal plus two assists. Ian Smith and Ryan Kesler (Livonia) had a goal and an assist

each.

Jamie Milam and Toad Kessler (Livonia) each had an assist for the Bulldogs.

Nick Smyth and Scott Marlinga scored two goals and added three assists apiece for the Broncos (1-2-1) while Keith Townsend had two goals and an assist.

John Fritz (Plymouth) notched a goal for the Broncos while Kevin Bushey and John Munshaw (Westland) each had an assist. Rich O'Connell had two assists.

Both goalies went the distance. Ryan Davis for the Broncos and Dan Dobrowski for the Bulldogs.

DCI retains LCBL lead

Decision Consultants, Inc. still clings to its first-place lead in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League after Monday's 3-3 tie in 11 innings with the Michigan Bulls at Bicentennial Park.

DCI, 14-4-2 in the LCBL, has 30 points, while second-place Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury, is second with a 13-4 record (26 points). Hines Park has three makeup games.

On Monday, the Bulls came back to tie in both the eighth and 11th innings on RBI singles by Adam Fazio. Dan Baker also added two hits for the Bulls.

Josh Patton, Spencer Hynes and John Sullivan each had two hits for DCI. Sullivan and Mario D'Herin (Madonna University) each drove in runs.

Chris Krith went all 11 innings on the mound for the Bulls. He gave up seven hits, seven walks and struck out five.

Derrick Peterson went 10 innings for DCI, allowing six hits, three walks and fanning nine. Reliever Jamie Glinz bailed DCI out of a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the 11th.

On Sunday, DCI and the Bulls (9-8-1) divided a double-header at Canton High School.

The Bulls won the opener, 2-1, as John Gresover clubbed the game-winning homer in the top of the sixth inning.

Winning pitcher Josh Brandon allowed just five hits over seven innings. He struck out four and walked none.

Losing pitcher B.J. Brown allowed just five hits. He walked four and struck out four.

DCI scored its lone run in the third inning when Canton grad Bryan Kay's suicide squeeze bunt scored D'Herin.

In the nightcap, DCI salvaged a split with a 3-2, 10 inning win.

Mike Sopo walked in the 10th, went to second on a Hynes sacrifice and scored the winning run on Dave Lusky's two-out single.

Sopo and Peterson each had RBI singles in the third to give DCI a 2-1 lead.

Peterson, Lusky, Mark Cole and Chris Woodruff collected two hits apiece for DCI.

Winning pitcher Ryan Ford of Eastern Michigan ran his LCBL record to 6-0 with a two-hitter. He struck out seven and walked only one in going the distance.

On Friday, DCI hurler Bobby Lindsay (OU) scattered seven hits and three walks in beating the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder at Ford Field, 5-1.

Lindsay struck out six in the complete-game victory.

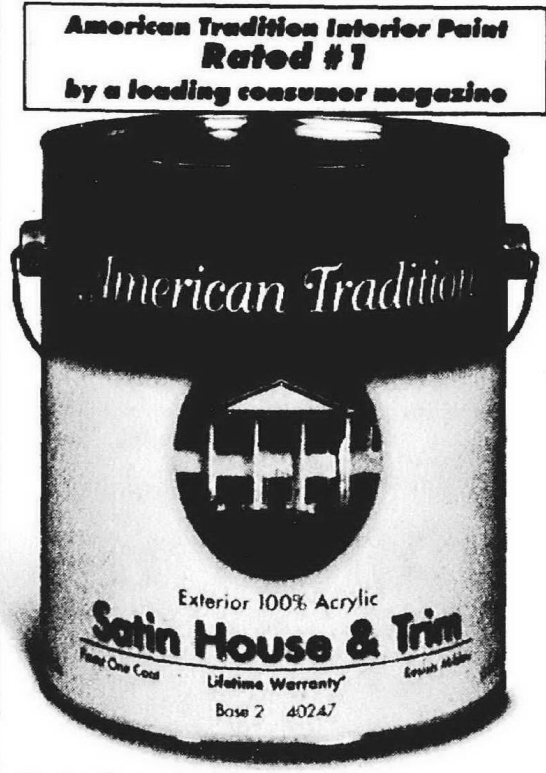
Hynes was DCI's top hitter, going 3-for-4 with an RBI. Jim Nowicki and Cole each went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the second inning, Sopo and Kay executed back-to-back successful suicide squeeze bunts.

Rams drop 3-of-4

The Michigan Lake Area Rams dropped three of four LCBL games to drop to 9-11.

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Vardar wins 5; rules state club soccer championships

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SOCCER

A .715 winning percentage is fairly decent.

But when you look at it as a 5-for-7 performance, that's well above the average.

Those numbers can be attributed to the Vardar Soccer Club's performance at the recent Michigan State Club Soccer Championships held June 2 at Founder's Park in Livonia. Vardar, which had teams in the finals in seven different divisions, came away with state titles in five of the nine age divisions — and four of those squads represented the state of Michigan June 23-25 at the 2001 Snikers Midwest Regional Cup tournament in Springfield, Mo.

Five Vardar teams — U-14, U-18, U-13, U-17 and U-12 — all came away with state titles. The

U-14 and U-18 teams defended their titles, the U-13 and U-17 won titles after finishing as runner-ups, and the U-12 team won its first state title in the youngest age group of the tournament.

Collectively, the Vardar championship teams racked up 35 victories in their 35 state tournament games and picked up an impressive 27 shutouts.

The Vardar champions also outscored their opponents by a combined score of 156-10. The U-13 team went 6-0 with six shutouts in the state tournament — the only team in any age division to do so.

Below are the names of each player of the Vardar state championship teams.

• **Vardar U-12 ('99)** — Jeremy Childers (Lake Orion), Roman Baranyk (Warren), Joe Queentry (Troy), Robert Merritt (Livonia), Kenny Simon (Brighton), Geoff Dillon (Berkley), Richard Erikson (Birmingham), Markian Shier (Pleasant Ridge), Ausable Schwiebert (Chelsea), Matt Walker (Grand Blanc), Tim Taylor (Farmington Hills), Brendan Symington (Grosse Pointe), Brad Randolph (Ann Arbor), Tyler Hardy (Rochester Hills), Doug Ferner (Bloomfield Hills), Todd DeLange (Lapeer), Matt Deletka (Sterling Heights) and Luke Norman (Rochester). The U-12 team is coached by Dale Garrish of Sterling Heights and managed by Connie Simon of Brighton.

• **Vardar U-13 ('98)** — Chris Tylanda (Bloomfield Hills), Justin Hatfield (Sterling Heights), B.J. Still (Saline), Seby Harris (Lake Orion),

Michael Palmieri (Wixom), Andy Chun (Rochester), Phillip Lawrence (Lake Orion), Matt Mocer (Macomb Twp.), Jesse Henderson (West Bloomfield), Pranov Lohista (West Bloomfield), Kyle VondenBenken (Sterling Heights), Josh Rogers (Sterling Heights), Ian Krispin (Rochester), John Schaefer (Troy), Charles Watts (Ann Arbor), Peter Leonard (Birmingham), and Tim Rivington (Sterling Heights). The U-13 team is coached by Ralph Torre of Pontiac and managed by Valeri Palmieri of Wixom.

• **Vardar U-14 ('97)** — Luke Burns (Troy), Jeff Wolfe (Shelby Twp.), Cory Elenio (Ann Arbor), Kyle Luszczakowski (Macomb Twp.), Timothy Daws (Troy), Wade Allen (Shelby Twp.), Jonathan Bailey (Oxford), Shaun Clements (Clinton Twp.), Mike Klemm (Clarkston), Michael

Mastracci (Troy), Steven Bonnell (St. Clair Shores), Mike Holody (Clarkston), Brent Traskie (Warren), Stephen LaGore (Ann Arbor), David Poole (Ann Arbor), Matt D'Agostino (Lowell), Kevin Van Den Berg (Wyoming), and Justin Trumble (Macomb Twp.). The U-14 team is coached by Dave Hicklin of Royal Oak and managed by Paul Klemm (Clarkston).

• **Vardar U-17 ('84)** — Paul Omekanda (Rochester Hills), Ryan Alexander (Southfield), Brandon Brent (Rochester Hills), Nick Ramirez (Farmington Hills), Robert Dobbie (Rochester Hills), Kiery Lampert (Birmingham), Mychal Turpin (Pontiac), Ron Collins (East Lansing), Ricky Harper (Southfield), Matt Strabbing (Canton Twp.), David Lepore (Troy), T.J. Dojokic (Livonia), Ryan Hodges (Troy), Kyle Lapkewych (Sterling Heights),

Chris Wilson (Lake Orion), Javier Arana (Tecumseh), Alex Sellinger (Ann Arbor) and Jordan Gruber (Birmingham).

• **Vardar U-18 ('83)** — T.J. Tomasso (Canton Twp.), James Carlson (East Lansing), Adam Frye (Rochester), Colin McDonald (Shelby Twp.), John Mauto (Washington Twp.), John Webster (Monroe), Justin Dettler (Holly), Brandon Felker (Waterford), Xavier Wilson (Fraser), John Palazzolo (Washington Twp.), David Pentaleo (Sterling Heights), Aaron Smith (Kalamazoo), Tim Kelleher (Northville), J.D. Johnston (Portage), Dustin Tibbs (Portage), David Perlin (Sterling Heights), Ricky Strong (Rochester Hills), and Anthony Morelli (Holly). The team is coached by Don Koontz (Sterling Heights) and managed by Simone Mauro of Washington Twp.

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sion to Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury on Friday as Hines Park scored twice in the final inning.

Frank Garcia opened with a single for Hines Park (10-4), then Oliver Wolcott (Canton) laid down a sacrifice bunt that was misplayed by Rams' pitcher Tim Bebbler. Garcia scored and Wolcott took third. The Rams walked two batters intentionally, but reliever Dale Hayes (Madonna/John Glenn) walked in Wolcott for the winning run.

Garcia went 2-for-3, while John Malley, Eric Lightle and Wolcott were 1-for-3. Steve Lukasit earned the win.

Yaotequia Carrasco and Charlie Anderson were 2-for-2 with two RBI for the Rams, while Matt Rigley (Madonna/Redford Union) was 1-for-3. Steve Kniebbe started and struck out seven, walked two and gave up one earned run, while Bebbler took the loss.

The Rams split a doubleheader on Saturday with the Rams II, winning, 8-0, then losing, 1-0.

Hayes held the Rams II to just one hit in six innings, while striking out two and walking two to improve to 5-0.

Rob Hudson (Garden City) threw an inning of relief and also

went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Anderson was 2-for-4 with a homer and two runs scored, while Kevin McKnight was 2-for-3 with a homer and two runs scored. Rigley, Chris Mitchell and Mike Macek all had singles.

In the second game, John Valentine shut the Rams down on three hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Rigley, Mike Fisher and Rob Heumann all singled for the Rams. Brad McCloskey took the loss, despite scattering three hits and striking out four.

On Monday, the Rams faced

the Rams II for a third time and wound up losing 8-2 thanks to the Rams II scoring three runs in the fourth and seventh.

Anderson led the Rams by going 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Macek had a homer, and Hudson, Rigley, Mitchell, Heumann

all singled. Sean O'Connor (Redford Union) lost and is 2-2. He gave up five runs, two walks and eight strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings.

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Since the broker cannot negotiate the check, he likewise cannot obey his legal obligation to deposit the check in a separate custodial escrow account maintained by the broker in the broker's name.

The broker should decline to accept such a deposit and, instead, direct the buyer to provide a deposit check made payable to the broker who can process it in accordance with the act.

While the attorney general didn't address initial sales of condominium units in the opinion, presumably the attorney general would agree that real estate brokers must continue to make certain that earnest money deposits for new condominium units are deposited with the designated escrowee pursuant to a written escrow agreement.

You should consult with your own attorney concerning what you believe to be appropriate in connection with this matter.

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Real estate is more than raw land. People live and work in buildings.

ESD-The Engineering Society honored the architects and contractors of seven structures in Michigan this year with its 27th annual Construction & Design Awards.

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■ **Detroit Athletic Club renovations.**
 Designers: SmithGroup, Detroit, JPRA Architects, Bloomfield Hills, and Ford & Earl, Troy; Contractor: JM Olson, Saint Clair Shores.

The \$25 million renovation to the seven-story structure downtown included work on the library, tap room and bar, main dining room and kitchen.

■ **New Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.**

Designer: Constantine George Pappas Architecture & Planning, Troy; Contractor: Roth Inc., Troy.

The church seating 375 and including a nursery, cry room and coat room was completed in 12 months. Insulation was placed in the cavity of limestone walls, insulated glass used. Just one tree was removed - at the owner's request.

■ **Jackson National Life new world headquarters, Lansing.**

Designer: SmithGroup, Detroit Contractor: Granger Construction, Lansing.

Some 80 acres of remote farmland was transformed into a bustling campus including a five-story, 320,000-square-foot building in 19 months, six weeks ahead of schedule and \$7 million under budget.

An elliptical glass curtain wall hugs the adjacent woodland.

■ **DaimlerChrysler Technology Center, Auburn Hills.**

Designer: Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit; Contractor: Walbridge Aldinger, Detroit.

The 512,000-square-foot expansion involved the powertrain test center, support labs and scientific test facilities. Special challenges involved test cells, emission controls and safety of employees.

■ **Western Knitting Mills renovation, Rochester.**

Designer: John Dziurman, Rochester; Constructor: Frank Rewold and Son, Rochester.

The former knitting mill/manufacturing facility, built in 1896, was retrofitted inside to include a restaurant and offices. The budget was \$4.5 million for a 60,000-square-foot renovation.

The general contractor, which also owns the building, conducted daily meetings with subcontractors on site.

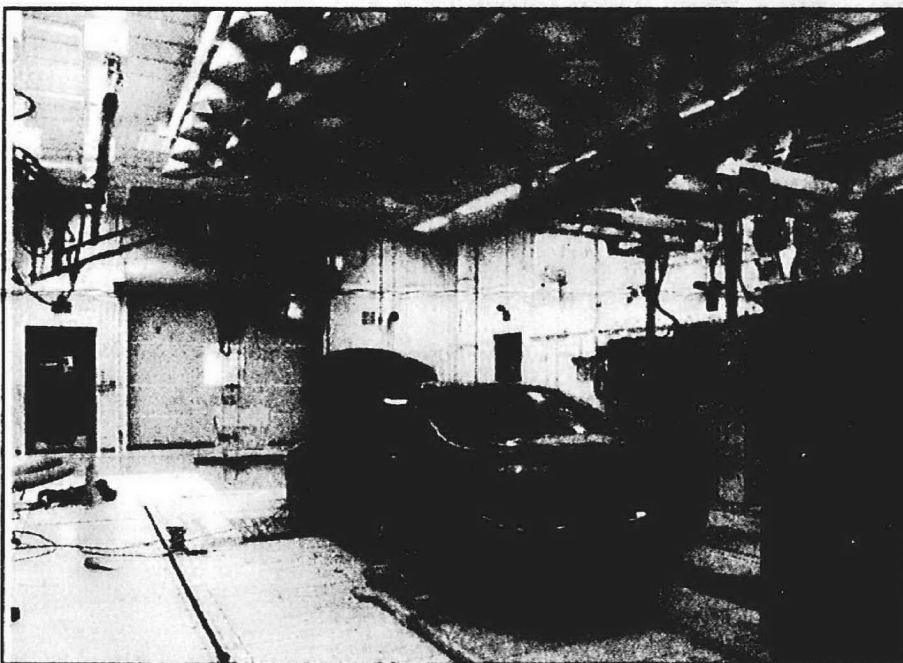
■ **Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.**

Designer: Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, Boston, Mass., and Diekema/Hamann Architects, Kalamazoo; Constructor: Barton Malow Co., Southfield, and CSM Group, Kalamazoo.

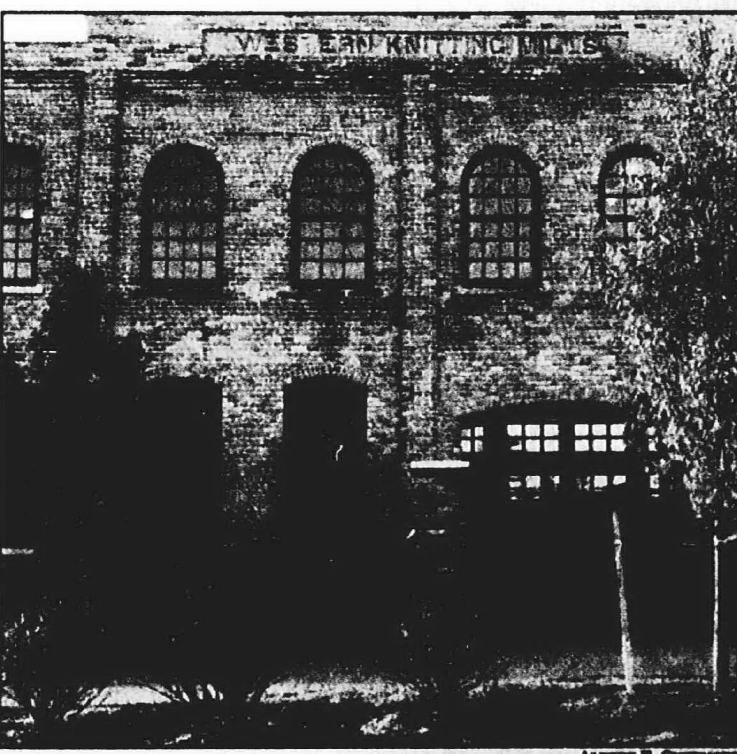
The new hospital, 750,000 square feet, was built across the street from the old hospital and better connected different departments for a smoother operation. A series of buildings three-to-five stories high were linked. Diagnostics was centralized. All 286 inpatient rooms are private.



Brand new: Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.



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When your father said, "Honesty is the best policy," and your mother added, "If you lie, you are mostly hurting yourself," they really meant it.

Most borrowers are truthful most of the time, and people who quibble on their mortgage applications get in trouble.

Granted, completing a four-page loan application is not easy - I

have never seen one that did not require minor adjustments. However, I am not talking about writing down a wrong credit card balance. That's an error. I am talking about lying.

At the Air Force Academy, we lived by a sworn Honor Code: We will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate any of these acts. During our training, we learned that lying actually consists of two parts. A person must write or say something false, and he must have intended to deceive somebody. If he did both, he lied.

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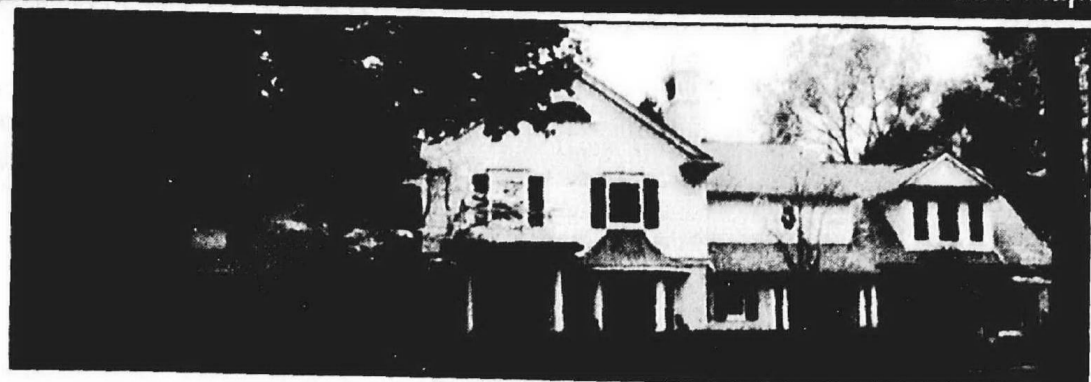
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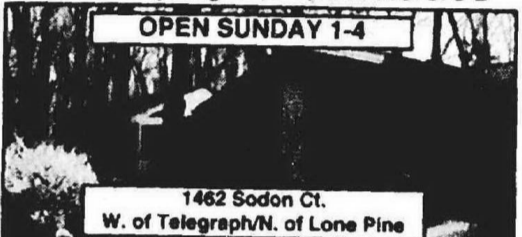
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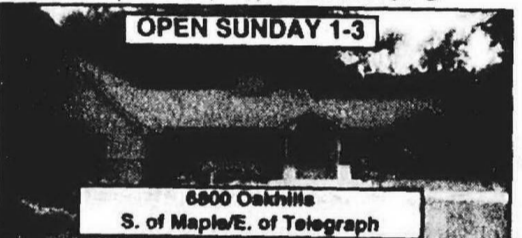
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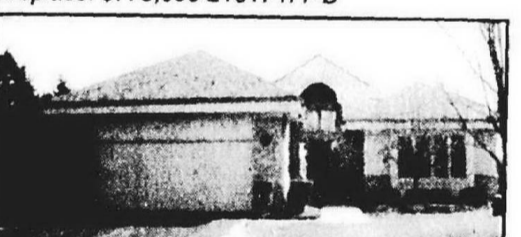
OUTSTANDING RANCH
Updated home on an acre plus lot. Completely new kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite countertops. New Andersen windows & doorwall in LR & DR. Freshly painted inside and out. Wonderful gardens. \$449,900 21032428-M



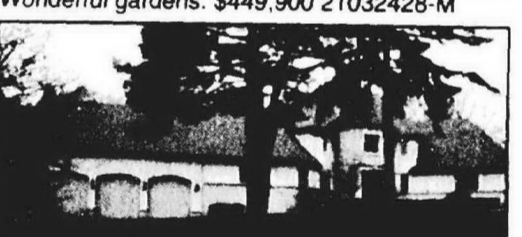
ST. CLAIR SHORES
Updated three bedroom brick ranch in a great neighborhood. Two full baths, professionally finished lower level with possible 4th bedroom and office. Nice fenced yard with above ground pool. \$149,900 21044201-C



BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE
Center entrance with 4 BR, 2.5.5 baths, newer white kitchen, corian counters, large living room with fireplace and hardwood floors. Newer family room addition. Office, library and many recent home improvements. \$755,000 21016080-A



POINTE ON PLEASANT LAKE
Fabulously redone in '96. Four BRs, 3.5 BAs, super custom kitchen w/gorgeous granite counters & backsplash. Light oak floors in kitchen, foyer, library and DR. Wrap around deck. Beach area & boat dock. \$799,000 21028405-P



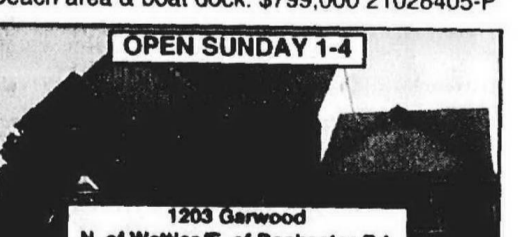
SPECTACULAR FLOOR PLAN
With a beautiful view backing to a stream. Gourmet kitchen w/granite island, walk-in pantry. Four BRs, 4 BAs, 1st floor master has 2 walk-in closets, whirlpool + steam shower. Lower level w/o. \$1,395,000 20076808-B



INCREDIBLE LOCATION
A wonderful opportunity to amend, add on or start over. Value is in the site! Home is substantial yet needs updates. Four bedrooms, 4.5 BAs, dining room, fireplace in living room. Finished walk-out. \$1,420,000 21035681-M



LOVELY UPDATED COLONIAL
Three bedroom, 1.5 BA home with newer family room, kitchen, garage, windows (Pella E glass), roof, cedar deck and wet plaster. Four blocks to town, 6 panel doors, hardwood and slate floors. Central air in June '01. \$384,900 21036228-H



TROY COLONIAL
Tadian built colonial in cul-de-sac. Four BRs, 2.5 BAs. Center island in kitchen. Enormous family room w/cozy fireplace & doorwall to custom deck. Master w/whirlpool tub & walk-in. First floor laundry. \$429,900 21042753-G



BEAUTIFULLY REFINISHED
Easy walk to downtown Birmingham. Sits on a lot and a half. Four BRs, 2.5.5 BAs, newer kitchen and great room w/vaulted ceiling. Huge island, skylights, first floor master suite, hardwood floors, 3 FPs. \$1,100,000 20066753-H



WONDERFUL BRICK COLONIAL
With incredible charm. Three bedrooms, 1.5 BAs, dining room, living room with fireplace. Beautiful gardens, tidy and beautifully kept home. \$360,000 21028443-B



130 FEET OF FRONTAGE
Large custom designed home. Quality thru-out including custom trim, granite, hardwood floors. Custom energy efficient windows. Open floor plan. Three car garage. Four large BRs, 4 full BAs. W/O to lakefront. \$1,049,000 21012409-A



NORTHVILLE COLONIAL
Maple Hill subdivision. Four BRs, 4 full and 2 half BAs located on interior lot in sub. Recently re-painted inside and out. Updated carpeting, new HWH, some new windows, finished basement with half BA. \$379,900 21043238-M



WILLIAMSBURG GREEN
Beautiful ranch w/3 BRs and 2 BAs. Numerous updates including kitchen, baths, furnace, A/C, HWH, doors and roof. Expertly finished lower level with FR, 4th bedroom, full bath. Custom deck off living room. \$171,900 2104421-C



HILLTOP SETTING
Pillared contemporary with open light floor plan. Beautiful spacious kitchen w/center island. Master bedroom suite includes 2 huge walk-in closets, Jacuzzi plus separate shower. Three bedrooms, 3 baths. \$349,900 21033279-P



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP LARGE LOT
In desirable Eastover Farms. Spacious tri-level with studio ceilings in living room & foyer, 4 large BRs, 2.5 BAs, family room with fireplace. Great for expansion. Lot is treed and rolling. \$420,000 21006638-D



NICE FAMILY COLONIAL
With four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, ceramic tile kitchen floor. Large rec room with newer carpet, fireplace in living room. \$284,900 21042524-R



DESIRABLE BLOOMFIELD CONDO
Two BR, 2.5 BA unit with new carpeting, tile foyer & kitchen Pergo flooring. Large master BR with Jacuzzi. Bedroom and full bath and family room with fireplace in finished lower level. One car attached garage. \$199,900 21039948-S



AUBURN HILLS RANCH
Lovely home with 3 BRs, large FR. Walk out to a deck facing a large treed backyard. New carpet in LR, DR and hall. Attached 2 car garage. Kitchen done in the last 3 years. Excellent location for x-ways, etc. \$133,900 21047375-J

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2002 EXPLORER XLS **2001 EXPLORER 4x2**
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Tombador red clearcoat, granite cloth cloth, 4.0 SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto, CD player, 3.55 ratio regular axle, 16" steel wheels, XLS sport group, floor mats, CK carpet, step bar, radio w/steering CD, cast alum. wheels
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2 DOOR SPORT
Silver frost metallic clearcoat, dark graphite cloth captain's chairs, 4.0 liter SOHC V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, 3.73 ratio regular axle, front license plate bracket, convenience group, spaced control, leather tilt wheel, puddle lamps, auto-lock/hook, remote keyless entry with keypad
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178 Windstars Available

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Black charcoal metallic, med. parchment cloth, 3.8 liter OHV EFI engine, four speed auto overdrive trans., comfort group, auxiliary climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, electronic AM/FM stereo/cassette/CD, enhanced seating group
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98 Taurus Available

**Vibrant white clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth bucket, 3.0 liter two valve six cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, P215/60R16 all season tire, anti-lock brakes package credit, floor mats, front and rear floor mats, five passenger seating with storage console, four wheel anti-lock brakes (ABS), five spoke painted aluminum wheels.
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2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	\$0 Down	\$275
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR	\$0 Down	\$210
2001 F150 4X2 SUPERCAB	\$0 Down	\$600
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4x4	\$0 Down	\$485
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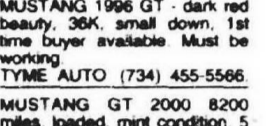
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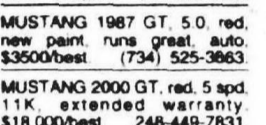
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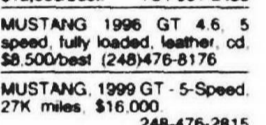
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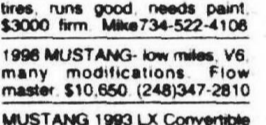
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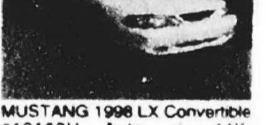
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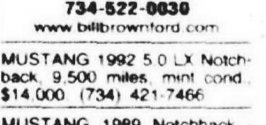
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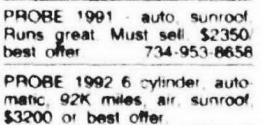
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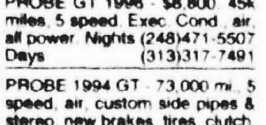
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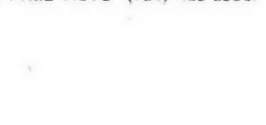
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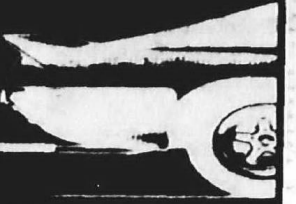
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868 Pontiac GRAND PRIX 2000 GT loaded, \$18,000/best. 248-984-1182

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868 Pontiac GRAND PRIX GT 2000 Black, 2 dr, fully loaded w/ all extras, 18k miles. Assume lease for \$333/mo. (248)363-0956

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868 Pontiac SUNFIRE SE 1992 - Platinum 3.1 V6, auto, new tires, brake & rotors, exc. cond. \$9,995

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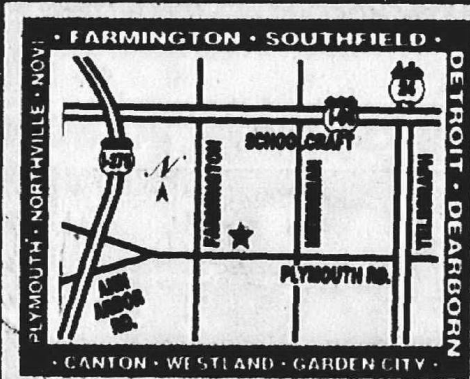
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	0 Down	\$300
2001 WINDSTAR	10% Down	\$2800
	0 Down	\$505
2001 RANGER	10% Down	\$2575
	0 Down	\$425
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2002 EXPLORER XLS 4x2 2 WHEEL DRIVE
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A PLAN 24 Mo. RCL \$246.00 +tax

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