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School district wins court appeal



Plymouth-Canton may face another court battle if Jerry Vorva goes ahead with his intention to take the bond issue to the Michigan Supreme Court after a trio of judges ruled in favor of the 1997 election.

The Plymouth-Canton School District has won another battle in its court fight with Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva to sell \$79.6 million in bonds to build a third high school, an elementary school, as well as buy buses and computers. However, it could be another year before it can win the war ... actually selling the bonds and beginning construction.

A three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel last Friday ruled unanimously in favor of the March 1997 bond election, saying the school district did nothing illegal in passing the bond issue.

However, the war is expected to continue as Vorva said "barring some exceptional element that I'm not aware of, I don't see what's going to stop me" from asking for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals or requesting the

Michigan Supreme Court hear the case. After meeting Tuesday with his attorney Stephen Boak of Plymouth, Vorva said they will decide within the court-mandated 21 days which route to take.

In his suit, Vorva claims that with 716 spoiled ballots on a new touch-screen voting machine, voters were "denied their fundamental right to vote."

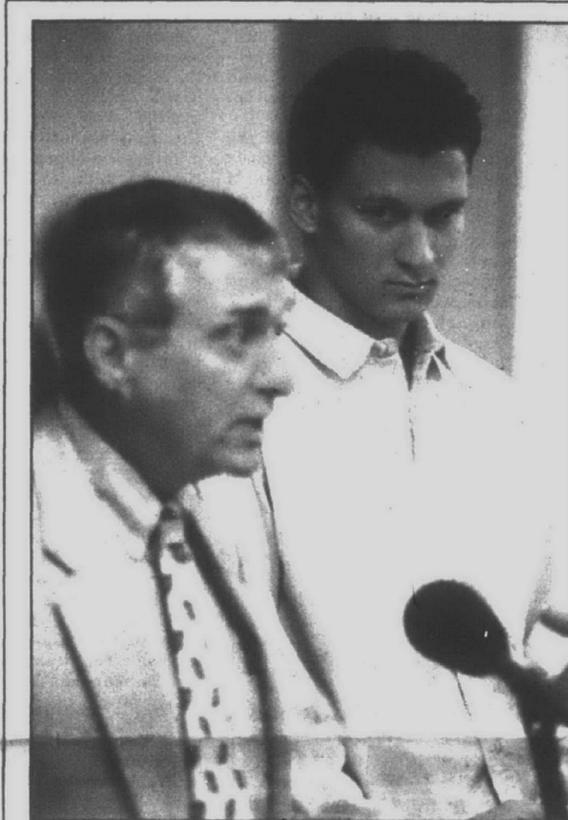
In its ruling, the Court of Appeals upheld a Wayne County Circuit Court decision, thereby dismissing all counts of Vorva's complaint.

In the four-page opinion, the three appeals court judges said "the Board of Canvassers conducted an examination of the voting machines and concluded that there were no defects or mechanical malfunctions and plaintiff (Vorva) has presented no evidence to the contrary. Consequently, defendant had no legal obligation to order a special election ..."

Vorva also argued that the voting system was defective because the electorate wasn't properly instructed on how to use the voting machines.

The Court of Appeals judges ruled, "It is not within the purview of a local

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Day in court: Former Whaler Jesse Boulерice listens to the statements his attorney Jim Howarth made on his behalf in Plymouth's 35th District court on Tuesday afternoon.

Pain killers faulted for violence on ice

Pain killers may have affected a former Plymouth Whaler facing a felony assault charge for swinging his stick at an opponent, his attorney said.

Former Whaler Jesse Boulерice pled not guilty Tuesday to an assault charge stemming from a stick-swinging incident during an April 17 playoff game.

After the arraignment in Plymouth's 35th District Court, Boulерice's attorney Jim Howarth said the player had taken "strong pain killers" before the game as he was playing with a broken hand in a cast.

"Sometimes under those circumstances you might not be in control," Howarth said. The maximum penalty on the charge, assault with intent to do great bodily harm is 10 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Howarth said Boulерice would do jail time only "over my dead body."

Boulерice, 19, entered the courtroom with his girlfriend Heather and his parents. The 6-1 235-pound forward wore a beige shirt and dark pants. Judge Ron Lowe, presiding over the arraignment, said he was a Whalers season ticket holder. "I didn't think that was any kind of a conflict of interest," he said.

Lowe scheduled a preliminary exam on the charge for July 27, before Judge John MacDonald. Howarth asked for the exam to be delayed to give him time to prepare: "I haven't seen the video tape," the attorney said.

Lowe said Howarth could seek a reschedul-

ing of the preliminary exam with Judge MacDonald.

The stick-swinging resulted in facial injuries to former Guelph Storm player Andrew Long, 19.

In investigating the incident, Plymouth Township police said Boulерice - known as a feisty player with 170 penalty minutes in 53 games - was playing with a broken hand set in a cast.

During one shift, Boulерice was checked by Long into the boards behind a goal, and banged his head into the boards. There was a short pushing and shoving match.

The players separated. Then, "Defendant Boulерice grabbed his hockey stick at the end of the handle and with both hands swung his stick at victim Long," according to the police report prepared for the prosecutor.

A videotape of the game shows the stick striking Long in the face.

Long, struck across the bridge of the nose, fell to the ice unconscious. He began bleeding profusely and went into convulsions. He had a broken nose, broken nasal cavity, broken cheekbone and a cut from his nose to his lip requiring 20 stitches.

Long also had a blood spot on his brain.

Boulерice was ejected from the game. Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch suspended him for one year.

Since the incident, Boulерice was drafted by the NHL Philadelphia Flyers, and

Please see **VIOLENCE, A16**

Art in the Park well received by retailers, visitors

You could find everything under the sun at Art in the Park.

There were photographs, blankets, hats, flower arrangements, jewelry, stained glass, twirly-whirls, street performers, food and lots more.

And that was only along a small stretch of booths.

If the sun got to be a bit much, you had it made in the shade at Kellogg Park. Art in the Park goes could take a break under the trees as the Del Kauffman Quartet performed "I've Only Got Eyes for You" and other jazz numbers.

Trying to keep her kids from plunging into the park fountain was mom Teri Wozniak of Northville. "We usually come every year. We just enjoy the atmosphere," she said.

Wozniak, with whippet dog Bailey and children Jonathan, 7, and Kahley, 4, said Art in the Park compares favorably with its more famous cousin, the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

"There are things here I can afford to buy. Ann Arbor's getting pricey," she said.

While some shop owners complained in recent years that sales dipped during Art in the Park, many on Sunday said business was better during this



Stunning: James Page of Grosse Pointe examines the stained glass work of David and Martha Gorman at Art in the Park.

event. Some had earlier complained that because booths face away from stores, potential shoppers aren't encouraged to check out stores behind.

Annette Horn, owner of Native West gallery on Ann Arbor Trail, tended to customers who flocked to her shop Sunday. She said leaving some spaces between booths and keeping the sidewalks clear made a difference.

"It's all helping," she said, adding business was "better than last year. The weather's been perfect."

Jill Andra Young's pet photography business on Penniman also attracted shoppers. Breadsmith on Ann Arbor Trail sold out of bread, and restaurants were busy.

"With the improvements with more open spots it's been very, very busy," Young said. "We've had more people say, 'You're open this year. It's interesting, they thought I was closed before.'"

She praised Art in the Park Director Dianne Quinn for having volunteers keep sidewalks clear of exhibitor's gear.

On Sunday, artist Diana Masters of Plymouth said sales of her watercolors the day before were "wonderful. We're really lucky this year. The weather was incredible."

"They really like the lighthouses and a lot of flow-

Please see **ART, A3**

No new liquor licenses issued

No new downtown liquor licenses were issued to Plymouth applicants on Wednesday, so they'll have to wait until August.

That's when the Michigan Liquor Control Commission will reconvene to take up the issuing of more licenses.

Linda Wood of the LCC said Friday, "There is a policy that they would like to spread them equally around the state."

Fifty new free liquor licenses were made available after the state legislature acted last year to create licenses to encourage downtown development statewide.

So far one has been issued in Plymouth, to Dinersty restaurant which was the first Plymouth restaurant to apply.

City officials have learned in talking with the LCC that Plymouth and other cities where one downtown license has already been issued could be awarded

Eight potential or existing downtown restaurants earlier wrote letters to the city Downtown Development Authority saying they would seek a free license.

In recent weeks, the LCC asked city officials to rank applicants in order of who would have the greatest benefit to the downtown.

Commissioners approved ranking as No. 1 E.G. Nicks, a restaurant proposed for the former Minerva-Dunning's space on Forest Avenue.

E.G. Nicks, which has well-rated restaurants in Oakland County, projected a \$1.4 million investment, 30 full-time employees and 40 part-time

employees. Most commissioners said they favored a No. 1 ranking based on the projected investment, and because the owners have begun seeking planning commission approval.

Ranked second was Uncle Frank's Chicago's & Cones on Forest.

While Tom's Oyster Bar projected an \$800,000 investment, 40 full-time and 20 part-time employees, commissioners said they weren't sure about owner Tom Brandel's commitment to actually opening in Plymouth.

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Restaurants not ranked by city commissioners either dropped out of the approval process or failed to submit information requested by city officials in order to rank them.

Restaurant, newspapers seek to occupy former bank

A new restaurant or third newspaper could be coming to downtown Plymouth.

The Max & Erma's restaurant chain and two out of state-owned community newspaper chains are vying to occupy the space at Main and Penniman. It was formerly occupied by the National Bank of Detroit.

City Building Official Jim Penn last week talked to Patrick Kenny of the restaurant chain's Columbus, Ohio office about city zoning regulations.

The Max & Erma's representative is to present floor plans to the city within two weeks.

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Ripple effect

GM strike shrinks Plymouth dealerships' inventories

General Motors has given indication to its union workers it's preparing for the long haul as strikes at two Flint parts plants continues well into its second month.

Not only are the workers affected by the strikes, but so are GM's dealerships. Local car dealers say they have limited inventory, and they're closely watching the daily news in hopes of a settlement.

"We're concerned and following the situation day to day," said John Jeannotte, general manager of Bob Jean-

notte Pontiac-GMC Truck in Plymouth Township. "Hopefully, we'll get better news soon."

Jeannotte said his dealership is "somewhat all right, however the real problem is that we're not able to replace what we sell."

Jeannotte's inventories are at a 30-day supply, which isn't too bad.

"The summer months are good selling periods, but we traditionally have a lull in July," he said. "We have a limited supply of all the sellers. In three or four weeks it will be a more critical situation."

On the other end of town at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet-Geo, the situation is different.

"We have about a 15-day supply of vehicles, where we usually like to keep 30-60 days," said General Manager Ron Chaudoin. "We do have some Malibus, trucks and Blazers ... but we're out of the big Tahoes and Suburbans."

Chaudoin believes the perception may be hurting car dealers more than the reality of the strike.

"There is a perception by customers that we don't have any cars available, so many people are staying away," noted Chaudoin. "We have some vehicles, though the selection is limited. It won't take much to run out."

Chaudoin says in June when sales peaked, his dealership was selling about 11 cars a day. This month that figure is down to about four a day.

Chaudoin said if the new cars run out, he has a good inventory of used cars. Plus, there's the service and body shops which bring in money.

"We can always write orders for 1999 vehicles," he added. "The strike can't last forever."

Neither dealership anticipates laying off salespeople.

"You never lay off good people," said Chaudoin. "It takes years to develop good salespeople."

"We may rotate vacations or cut down on the work week if things get tough," said Jeannotte. "It would be harder on us to replace good people."

Decision from page A1

Board of Canvassers to review substantive quality of the instructional materials ...

The court also addressed Vorva's claim the 716 voters were denied the equal protection of the law.

The opinion states "the plaintiff did not allege any intentional or purposeful discrimination or that similarly situated individuals were treated differently. Indeed, it does not appear from the record that there was any differential treatment of the voters."

"Because each voter was given an equal opportunity to cast his vote, and over eleven thousand electors were successful in this endeavor, no equal protection violation has occurred."

"I'm not surprised. This is the fifth time we had a decision in our favor," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "I recognize Mr. Vorva's right to due process, but now it's time to realize the bond

issue passed and deliver what we promised."

The bond issue calls for construction of a new high school at Beck and Joy roads in Canton, construction of a new elementary school near Beck and Cherry Hill, as well as money for new school buses and computers.

"I'm saddened because current eighth-, ninth- and 10th-graders won't get the opportunities of the bond issue proposals because of the delays," said Little.

School board President Mike Maloney was elated at the decision.

"I'm obviously pleased, and I hope now we can let the majority and law rule," said Maloney. "It's a shame one individual can do this, even though the courts have made it clear the school district acted properly. The 15-month delay has already reduced the scope of the project by \$10 million. If it continues in the courts, there will be more

severe implications."

Susan Kopinski, who was the head of the Citizens Election Committee organized to pass the bond issue, took Vorva's lawsuit personally. She now feels vindication for herself and the committee.

"In our hearts we knew we did everything correctly and legitimately," said Kopinski. "I pride myself on being up front and handling things with care, and I was disturbed by his lawsuit. I took it personally. Mr. Vorva should take the advice of the community and let it rest."

Vorva said the issue is too important to him to quit now, and he's not discouraged by the Court of Appeals ruling.

"There are many people who lost in the lower courts only to win in the Supreme Court because they had conviction and character. And, I'm that type of person," said Vorva. "This is too important an issue to let it go

until July 31 to file for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals. If they decide to ask the Supreme Court to review the case there is also a 21 day filing timetable, although the high court will accept an application for a delayed appeal up to 56 days.

A court official said the average wait to get an answer from the Supreme Court on whether it will even hear the case is 10 months. Some of the options for the Supreme Court include granting the appeal and hearing the case, remanding it back to the lower courts, or overturning the lower court decision.

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The next step for Vorva and Boak would be to apply for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals or ask the Supreme Court to hear the case.

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Plans

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property owner Dr. Tom Prose, said of Max & Erma's, "I'm not sure they're in the running."

Sansovich said two companies that are also vying to occupy the space "both operate small community newspapers." He said one company is from California and one is from New York.

Penn said that a restaurant wouldn't require a vote of the planning commission for approval. Such a development would only need city administrative approval of plans.

Max & Erma's offers steaks, salads, pasta and sandwiches in a moderately upscale family restaurant setting.

Sansovich said no timetable has been set for naming a tenant.

Ice Cream Social in Old Village Saturday

If you and the kids want free ice cream and pop this Saturday, read on:

The Historic Old Village Ice Cream Social is back for a fourth

year from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the K of C Park at Spring and Holbrook streets.

There will be free chocolate and vanilla bars and ice cream

sandwiches along with free pop and 25-cent hot dogs.

There will also be a live band, Roy Watts and Reunion, in the park from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Passing out the free goodies are volunteers from the Old Village Development Association.

"There will be games for the kids. It's just kind of a meet and greet day," said OVDA Director Steve Guile.

OVDA member Colleen Kelley said, "We're just trying to bring the community together, you can meet your neighbor."

The association, which is paying for the event, will also try to show what it's doing to upgrade the historic north side of town.

Guile said an architect's rendering of a proposed Old Village streetscape project will be on display. It depicts Liberty Street, where the project would begin.

'We're just trying to bring the community together, you can meet your neighbor.'

Colleen Kelley
—OVDA member

"It shows a lot of additional bricking, a tiered look along the raised area of Liberty Street, round bump-outs at each end of the street defining parking areas and a lot more landscaping," Guile said.

How the project could be funded is yet to be determined.

Kelley said other information to be displayed will depict how nearby Hines Park cleanup efforts will affect the area.

Guile said money to pay for ice cream and pop comes mostly from OVDA fund-raisers.

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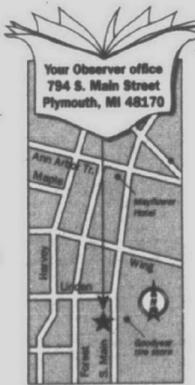
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Crowd pleaser: Violinist Malcolm Watson performed for people strolling through the streets of Plymouth as he played selections from his CD "Malcolm Watson & Company." He was accompanied by an acoustic guitarist. (Right) A glass dragon and hummingbird shimmer in the sunlight. Sculpted by artist D. Duncan, many of the pieces include 24K gold accents.

...ers," she said. Joseph Parker of Alpena was selling his unique lamps made from used musical instruments. "Saturday was terrific," he said, adding trombone lamps sold out Saturday.

The retired music educator got started making lamps out of used-up instruments when his son sent him one.

"People said they liked it, and I made another one," he said. Other instruments used for lamps included clarinets, guitars, saxophones and an autoharp. "People say it's very unique," said wife Donna, helping to operate the booth. "That's wonderful," said Nancy Hala of Plymouth, passing by Parker's booth on Main Street. Husband Frank said he also liked the jazz playing in the park.

Helping to run a balloon booth just off the park for the Plymouth Kiwanis was Plymouth Postmaster Joe Groff. He said by about 1 p.m. Sunday more than 1,000

balloons had been sold "except for the 20 we let go."

Nearby, volunteers dressed as clowns twisted balloons into animal shapes for kids.

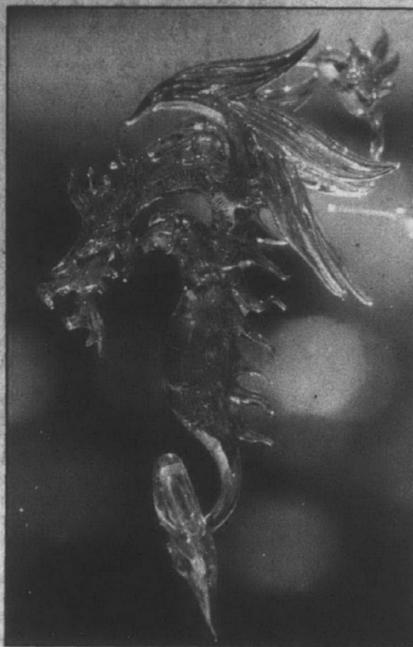
Also off the park, volunteers ran a project for kids 12 and under. Kids could paint a square of a mural depicting dinosaurs, to be hung in the Plymouth library.

"The older kids show the little ones," Elaine Rork explained.

Street performers included Watson and Co. performing on fiddle and guitar along Ann Arbor Trail as folks passed in shorts, T-shirts and sun dresses.

Al Robinson of Corpus Christi, Texas — a retired University of Michigan professor — sold framed nature photographs from his Penniman Avenue booth. "Sales have been outstanding," he said, adding he'd sold nearly 30 paintings — most in the \$120 range — on Saturday.

"The organization has been very good," he said.



Fun, fun, fun: Wild & Free Sculptures by Leslie Victoria Roberts and her husband, Markel Leland of Ann Arbor, draw many admiring glances in front of the Penn theatre. (Bottom right) 16-month-old Grant Davis and 17-month-old Meredith Ashton trying desperately to get the attention of Grant's dog, Panda.



Plans, cost of new middle school revealed Tuesday

A new middle school in Canton will cost homeowners in the Plymouth-Canton school district as much money per year as a steak dinner for two at a fancy restaurant.

School Superintendent Chuck Little revealed at Tuesday night's school board meeting the district will be seeking an \$18,810,000 bond issue to build a new middle school at Hanford and Canton Center roads in Canton.

Little said the cost to taxpayers will be 0.2 mills, or \$20 a year for every \$100,000 of state equalized value of the property.

If a home is assessed at \$200,000 by the city or township, the state equalized value ... or the amount from which taxes are figured ... is half that amount, or \$100,000.

A homeowner with a \$200,000 house in the school district will pay \$20 a year for the next 25 years to pay for the new middle school.

The district is planning an Oct. 3 bond proposal to build a new middle school to replace Lowell Middle School. The lease with the Livonia School District is being terminated after 18 years of renting the building. School officials want a new middle school ready by August 2000, the same time the lease at Lowell expires.

The bond proposal includes \$500,000 to purchase up to 10 new buses; \$600,000 for furniture and desks; and \$775,000 for technology, which will include

computers in the classrooms.

"The state treasury department did approve our application and will allow us to bond the project for about 25 years," said Little. "The buses will be paid off within seven years and the furniture in 10 years as required by law."

School administrators are working to put plans together before the bond vote. Anticipating a victory, they want to be ready to sell the bonds as soon as possible after the vote and begin construction in time to be in the building by August 2000.

In order to meet the timeline demands, the district decided to hire a construction manager to handle the project.

"This is the only way we feel you have a ghost of a chance at being in the building in accordance with the schedule you've presented us with," said Chuck Bisel of FOCUS/Facility Consulting. "Hiring a construction manager could mean the difference of two or three months."

And the district doesn't have that flexibility. If the building isn't completed on time, it will cost more time and money to develop other plans, such as split shifts or extended class days.

"I think it's important to open up as many options as we need to make sure the project is done in a timely fashion," said Trustee Darwin Watts.

The total cost of the middle school bond proposal is \$19,729,877. That includes \$1,875,000 for equipment,

\$600,000 for a construction manager, and \$1,550,000 for site development.

The bond issue to be presented to voters will be \$919,877 less than the total cost because the district is subtracting the amount it expects to earn by investing the bond funds.

While the architect, Fanning/Howey Associates of Celina, Ohio, believes its figures are close to reality, Bisel says the current construction market "right now is the pits. It's much worse than when we talked two years ago" when the new high school project was discussed.

"And we haven't really started seriously on the airport, the casinos, the stadiums and virtually every school district in southeast Michigan that has a bond issue under way," he said.

"Electricians are almost impossible to find. Masons are in worse condition, and site utility people are hard to come by because of all the road construction."

"I've been in the business 30 years and haven't seen it like this before."

The new middle school is expected to be 126,000 square feet in size, larger than any of the current middle schools. Suggestions from current Lowell teachers are being implemented in the design, including two baseball and softball fields and at least one soccer field. Little says the site may also have tennis courts and perhaps a sand volleyball court.

Library helps visually, physically challenged

Monday's grand opening of the newly relocated Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on Michigan Avenue east of Merriam had all the makings of a summertime picnic — sunshine, music, box lunches and plenty of speeches by officials.

But most of all, it had lots of faithful patrons who came from all over Wayne County to tour

the new building and express their appreciation for years of service that helped keep them in touch with the world.

Most were accompanied by friends or family, but some came by public transportation. Public accessibility was one of the main reasons the library moved from its former location on Van Born and Venoy roads in Wayne.

"I love this library. It does

such wonderful things for the blind," said Anne Wheatley of Detroit, a patron since 1931, when she was 10 years old. "Some people have nothing but the books, and isn't this a blessing."

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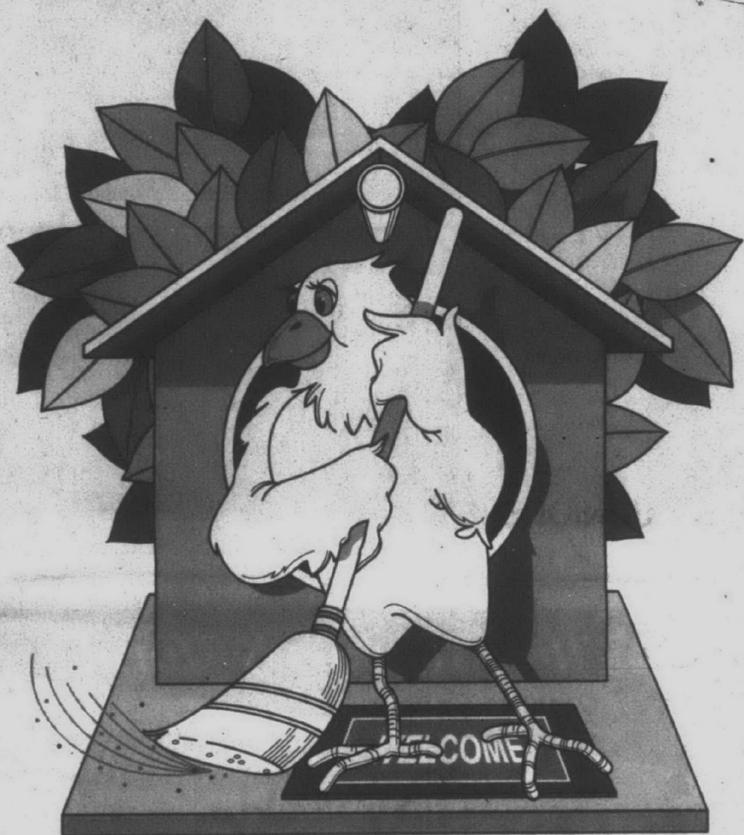
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Candidates present views

One candidate opposes term limits, another likes the change in the state Legislature.

One supports urban renaissance zones, the other doesn't.

Both support charter schools. Two of the five state Senate candidates in the Ninth District spelled out their views with Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members early Wednesday at a breakfast forum at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

Candidates Thaddeus McCotter and James Ryan, both Republicans, appeared before a group of about 30 people to discuss a variety of state issues ranging from roads to school funding. Republican candidate Debbie Whyman could not attend due to the death of her mother, Margaret.

Democratic candidate Marc Susselman also was unable to attend because he was out of town for a prior commitment. Another Democrat — Carol Poenisch — did not respond to the chamber's invitation and did not attend.

McCotter, a Livonia resident, is currently a Wayne County commissioner, representing Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, and the townships of Plymouth and Northville. Ryan, a Redford Township resident, is a former state representative representing Redford and Dearborn Heights.

The Ninth District includes the cities of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, and the townships of Northville, Plymouth and Redford, and a portion of Canton.

Both candidates were asked by moderator Jeff Longe about what changes they would suggest in road funds.

McCotter wants to see road funds sent directly to townships. "They'd be more responsible for their roads," he said. McCotter wants to see more privatization in road maintenance and repair contracts and state equalized values incorporated into the road funding formula.

Ryan criticized the 6-cent sales tax's placement in the state's general fund. "Every cent is \$30 million. It's a lot of money and it should go into the transportation budget."

Questions also focused on the inequity in school funding, particularly with Plymouth-Canton



Candidates: Thaddeus McCotter (left) and James Ryan.

schools receiving \$5,800 per pupil, while others are receiving \$11,000.

The candidates recognized the funding disparity.

"The state did a lot to bring the school districts together," Ryan said. "However, disparity still exists today. We need to look at that. There seems to be some problems there."

But McCotter would oppose any legislation to go against what voters approved under Proposal A in 1994 and would rather have voter approval for any changes called for in school financing plans. "They were told what would happen under Proposal A. They passed it."

Candidates were asked about term limits for state lawmakers and whether there were "dramatic changes" in the state Legislature.

McCotter supports term limits. "I don't see any negative impacts...In the House I think it's an opportunity for the Republicans to win back seats." The United States was founded on the concept of "citizen legislators," McCotter said. "Term limits are an opportunity to support change, and I've always supported change," McCotter said.

Ryan opposes term limits. "I think term limits are an insult to the intelligence of American voters. I think it excludes you the right of who to vote for. For you to exclude someone who may be the most qualified individual is wrong."

McCotter and Ryan have some similarities. They support charter schools.

"Charter schools provide tremendous opportunities in a number of areas," Ryan said. Of the 25 percent of high school graduates who attend college, only one in four will graduate, Ryan said. "We need to have choices for them at a young age to bring them opportunities."

Ryan supports public schools, but also supports competition in education. McCotter said he supports charter schools and a tax credit for vouchers.

"When you look at charter schools and tax credits, competition is a good thing," McCotter said.

Competition increases parental choices and parental control, McCotter added.

They both support brownfield redevelopment to clean up contaminated sites, but they part company on urban renaissance zones as McCotter supports them, and Ryan opposes that concept.

Ryan voted against Gov. John Engler on the renaissance zone issue because he doesn't believe it will help Detroit. "The overall problem is the overall tax base is poor, the quality of life is poor and public safety is poor," Ryan said. "People are not moving back in."

McCotter responded: "We can't write off the urban areas." The county commission passed resolutions of support for these concepts, and Detroit's problems also stemmed from high taxes and poor services, he added.

Without renaissance zones, areas of Detroit will not develop, McCotter said.

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Area chiefs support county jail millage

One year ago, Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocsis and Westland Police Chief Emery Price criticized what they believed was Wayne County's lack of jail space for misdemeanor prisoners from the suburban communities and rising costs associated with housing those prisoners in outcounty jails.

They even went so far as to oppose the renewal of a county jail millage to fund the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

After months of discussions with county officials and finally

reaching a compromise, the chiefs now support the millage's renewal.

"We met with them several times over several months, and (Wayne County) agreed to a four-year renewal (instead of 10)," Price said. "They will continue to work on expanding a court tethering program and act as a repository for our prisoners."

Aug. 4 ballot

Voters will be asked on Aug. 4 to renew the 0.95 mills for jail operations of the Dickerson facility for four years. That will cost

the owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 about \$48 a year.

The proposal will allow Wayne County to use the funds for jail acquisition, construction or operations, including misdemeanor prisoners, juvenile incarceration or detention facilities. It also funds adult penalty options, such as work release, home detention and community restitution with at least one-tenth of the mill used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

The millage was approved by voters in 1988.

Price and Kocsis served on a jail millage committee as representatives of the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected officials from 18 communities. The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police also has endorsed the millage.

Compromise

In exchange for the chiefs' support, the county's Department of Community Justice and Wayne County Sheriffs Department will seek cheaper outcounty facilities to house misdemeanor prisoners and ordinance violators, and

expand a tethering program.

Neither chief is certain how the county's role as a central repository will work. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the jail registry employees are examining that issue.

Ficano hopes the misdemeanor issue will be worked out. "You want to send out the right message that if you commit a misdemeanor, something will happen to you," Ficano said.

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, doesn't know whether Wayne County will get a better rate for communities, but officials will try, he said. "We'll find

out," Duggan said.

Duggan believes Wayne County's use of the Dickerson Facility is a large part of why major crime has declined in the county.

Felons are being locked up, which has amounted to a 12 percent decline in crime in Wayne County, Duggan said, citing figures from the Michigan State Police. That amounts to a 20 percent average decline of felonies in western Wayne County since 1991, he said. Of those, Canton showed a 13 percent decline; Livonia, 19.6 percent; Redford,

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Learning Center opens fall registration

The Learning Center at Madonna University is accepting applications for fall term which begins Monday, Sept. 21. Enrollment is limited. Early application is advised to allow time for student assessment before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from first through 12th grade who are experiencing difficulty in reading and related skills. Individual or group instruction (two students) is available.

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SC classes set to start Aug. 27

Schoolcraft College is registering for the fall semester. Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 27.

Registration can be done by phone, mail and in person. Registration forms are available at the admissions office. New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

This fall marks the beginning of several new offerings. The mathematics department will offer introductory classes on computers using interactive instruction software (listed in the schedule as CBM) in a redesigned computer classroom.

The first students in the Schoolcraft Scholars Honors Program will begin their studies incorporating community-based experiences.

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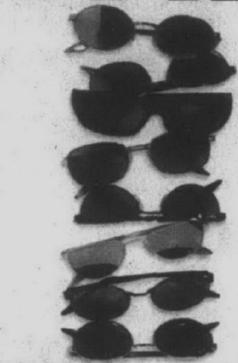
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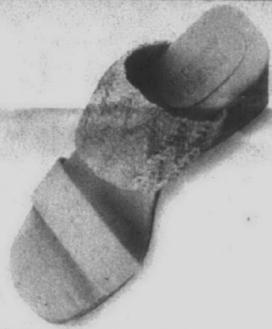
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Deck builder under investigation for alleged fraud

Canton Township police are investigating the actions of a Canton deck builder for possible fraud.

Authorities have received several complaints from residents who feel they've been bilked out of thousands of dollars by Roy Mason, owner of Innovative Construction, which was once Mason and Co.

Building inspectors in Canton and Plymouth Township want to know why Roy Mason is constructing decks without building permits.

Area residents have gone to court to get their money back.

Ron and Erika Merlino of Plymouth Township made a \$1,890 deposit on a new deck, and paid another \$3,220 when Mason showed up to start the project. That's 70 percent of the \$6,300 total cost.

"We haven't heard a word," said Erika Merlino, when asked if she's been able to get her deck completed. "He sunk the support posts and that was it. He only worked a couple of hours one day, and a few the next. The next day he was supposed to deliver the cedar lumber and he never showed."

The Merlinos found him via a flyer on their mailbox. And the draw to Mason appears to be the

same for many.

"He certainly sounded knowledgeable and was pleasant to talk to," said Ron Merlino. "But after that, I could never find him. Looking back on it, we should never have paid 70 percent up front," said Ron.

Mason told the Observer at his home "we've been busy and just don't have enough people to finish the jobs. It's taking us longer than expected. But we're not trying to cheat people."

The next day he contacted the Merlinos and offered to finish the project.

"I asked for my money back and he said he didn't have any," said Ron Merlino. "I don't want him back on my property."

The Merlinos are currently in court trying to get their money back.

Great talker

John Jackson of Canton said Mason seemed to know his stuff ... until it was time to build the deck.

"He was a great talker, telling me how he took extra steps other builders don't," said Jackson, who paid \$4,200 to Mason. "He started the project just after Easter that year, and finally in August I told him in disgust I'd finish it myself," said Jackson.



Decked out: Eve Glowacz has filed a civil suit in 35th District Court over the unfinished deck on her Canton home.

"He's devious and a liar."

"He always had an excuse for not finishing," added Jackson. "His daughter was in figure skating competition, and once he called to say he wouldn't be coming because he was delayed by a train."

In another case, Adonna Wright and her mother in Canton are out \$12,313 for work never completed.

Another case

"Most of the people have told

me not to come back, that's why I didn't finish their projects," said Mason. "I'm in the process of contacting others to finish jobs I started."

Many people say they don't want Mason back ... just their money.

"Tell Roy Mason the only way I want to see him again is if he has my money in a certified check," said Eve Glowacz of Canton, who is also in a court battle with Mason over \$1,500.

"We signed the contract. Five weeks later he started, and eight

weeks later the deck still wasn't finished," said Glowacz. "I got another builder to do the job. His crew took one day to build it."

Ed Stempien of Canton paid \$1,000 to for brick work which was never completed.

"He said he had a crew, but the only person I saw was an older woman helping him," said Stempien. "He even left his wheelbarrow and tools, and has never picked them up."

Mason tells the Observer he doesn't feel he needs to give any money back because he's purchased materials and performed labor equal to, and many times, more than the deposits.

Canton police are looking at possible fraud charges against Mason.

"We're just starting to put our paperwork together," said detective Steve Miller. "We're contacting the building and zoning departments and looking to see if he has pulled permits for any of these complaints."

Miller says he has four formal complaints against Mason, and knows of others in Plymouth Township and Northville Township.

Canton building official John Weyer said Mason had until Friday afternoon to get his permits in order.

"Ray Mason has been in contact with this office, and we told him that unless he gets his five permits picked up we would tick-

et him and take him to district court," said Weyer. "There could be a \$500 fine for each of the violations."

Promises

Mason says he's going to take care of the permits. However, building officials say he's made that promise before. Mason also needs to re-register his license with the township.

Canton officials also note there are three complaints against Mason that have been filed with the state thus far this year, and one in each of the past two years.

The Observer has filed a Freedom of Information Act inquiry to find out about the complaints and any disciplinary action against Mason.

Charlie McNilhargey, Plymouth Township building official, says Mason faces a Friday, July 17, court hearing "for failing to get two permits. If Mason doesn't show, he could be served with a warrant and put in jail."

Getting money back could be difficult for many homeowners.

Mason called Joe Molloy of Plymouth Township trying to make amends for not completing his deck.

"We're in court after he took \$3,600 and after three months, still no deck," said Molloy. "I don't know how much we're going to get from him. He told me he's probably going to file for bankruptcy."

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28 percent and Westland, 43.6 percent.

"We had 20,000 fewer cases in Wayne County than in 1991. The number of crimes committed was the lowest since 1968. Local police departments are doing a great job."

In 1991, 195,880 felonies were reported. Felonies dropped to 173,509 in 1997.

Tether program

Price met with county officials on Monday to discuss the tethering and jail programs.

"We discussed what happens if we have no room, what happens if (the prisoner) violates the tether program and where does he go then," Price expects to discuss the program soon with district judges.

At \$15 a day, the tethering program could represent a significant savings to communities. Westland pays \$34 a day for housing a prisoner in Isabella County. Wayne County charges \$30 per day, which dropped from

\$68, after a jail use ordinance was passed.

Westland has not used a tether program. The county's Department of Community Justice administers a program for non-violent felons, while the sheriff's department has one for 80 misdemeanants and ordinance violators, a far cry for the total in the county.

But if the county expands the tether program for non-violent felons, it would free up a bed for another prisoner. The chiefs also are working to revise the ordinance that governs the jail population.

Kocsis doesn't know if residents can get their money's worth from the millage. "We will revisit this and see what costs and expenses are there."

Ficano hopes residents approve the millage, calling it a "critical public safety issue."

"You have a whole facility that depends on that millage," Ficano said.

Area leaders speak out on jail tax

Do residents get their fair share from the county jail millage?

Many leaders aren't completely pleased with the millage, but some are taking a wait-and-see attitude and cautiously support it, while others remain opposed.

Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, who chairs the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected leaders from 18 communities, said municipalities were — and many still are — unhappy with the costs of jailing prisoners.

"We didn't feel it was a good deal for us. But knowing you have to have a county jail, you have to have a compromise. (The four-year term) gives us a chance to look at things."

Thomas added: "For the amount people send to the county jail, we're not getting our money's worth. They're going to try to use leverage to come up with better prices for outcounty

jails."

Jails like Alpena's "are begging" for prisoners. "They'll come down and pick them up for \$30 - \$35 a day. If we have a county-wide system, who knows, we may be able to use them for \$25 a day."

That time may help generate new ideas for communities and Wayne County on jail space issues, Thomas said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey expects his city council will remain neutral in its position on the millage.

"I suspect the issue is going to pass at the polls. The county has been cooperative with us on roads, and in a number of ways we're being partners."

"But I also don't want to support a concept that doesn't help Livonia."

"We contribute \$3.5 million, and we don't really use that jail. It costs us \$400,000 to send prisoners to Isabella County. I don't

see anything to be gained by opposing something that's going to be passed anyhow."

Even though the millage was a source of debate, and questions were raised over the county's effectiveness in running the jail, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack predicts the county jail millage will be well-received by voters. "There'll be a little more money there for communities from the one-tenth mill," Yack said. That money goes to youth assistance programs for western Wayne County run by Growth Works in Plymouth.

"Like any compromise, you walk away wanting more. As part of that compromise, they will look into the contracting the housing of misdemeanor prisoners, where now, we all do our thing."

Prison crowding forces the county to house more dangerous felons before the misdemeanor prisoners. Prison overcrowding

is a problem that is statewide.

"These misdemeanor prisoners are the least dangerous but a nuisance to local communities. There's no room because felons must be housed. Most would rather see felons lock up for their full term," Yack said.

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley believes Wayne County has responded to the suburban concerns.

"If we built 100 jails, we'd fill them up," he said. "The negotiations have helped. (The suburban police chiefs) didn't get everything they wanted, but it's a start."

"We still use the outstate prison space, but that's a problem for every community."

Kelley believes residents should support the millage. "You have to remove dangerous people from the street."

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, is

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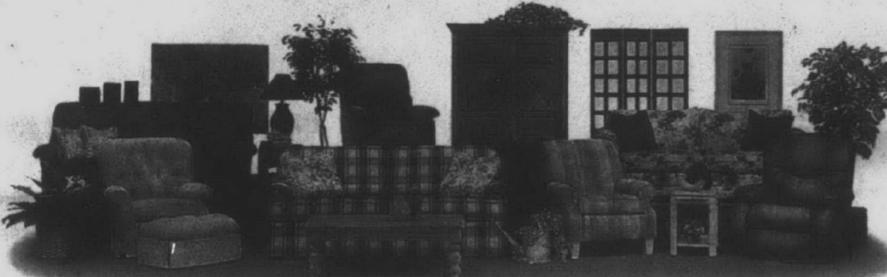
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Clarinet virtuoso

Plymouth man cherishes ethnic music roots

BY GEORGE SARKISIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

His quest for musical perfection has never subsided, and he's Plymouth's secret.

Hachig Kazarian, husband, public school teacher and father of four adult children, is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America.

"He is one of the greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world," says Judy Adams, program director at WDET Public Radio in Detroit.

"He is a virtuoso. He is well-rounded. He is proficient in many styles and understands the auditory, aesthetic and historical perspective of the music he is playing," says Adams.

"Not only does he play the clarinet well, but he plays beautiful music. Not everyone can do that," she adds.

A modest, self-effacing man,

Kazarian and his wife, Christine, have lived in Plymouth Township for 23 years.

Link to ancestors

"Music is an identity," said Kazarian.

"People of all ages are looking for their roots," said Kazarian, sitting at the dining room table offering Armenian pastry made by his wife to a guest.

Kazarian recorded the first of his 15 (at least) Armenian albums (he's lost count) at the age of 14. He recorded three albums with jazz flautist Herbie Mann.

He also recorded six albums and completed a series of workshops with University of Michigan folk dance teacher Phyllis Weikart. The workshops are designed to teach music educators.

He sold the rights to some of his Armenian recordings to an American movie producer for use

in the 1987 movie "Wedding Bell Blues," which appeared in art film theaters in California.

He has also contributed to the sound track of the "Hercules" television series.

"I am trying to preserve the Armenian music for my children and grandchildren and the generations that follow them, but I feel as though I have become a dinosaur," says Kazarian.

"Since our Armenian music was such a critical ingredient in the social and ethnic part of the Armenian-American's lifestyle that no longer exists, I think Armenian music as we know it will be lost a couple of generations down the road," Kazarian says.

Early life

Kazarian, who turned 57 on the Fourth of July, was born and raised in the Linwood-Davison area on the Detroit/Highland

Park city limits. Kazarian's family came to the United States in 1915 to escape the genocide being carried out in Armenia by the Muslim Ottoman Turks.

His interest in the clarinet started when he was 10 during the daily front porch and kitchen and other neighborhood meetings where ethnic groups gathered to eat, sing and dance after long hours of work.

Greeks, Hungarians, Serbians, African-Americans, Jews and many other Eastern European and Middle Eastern refugees brought with them the songs and dances and foods and customs that had been passed down for generations.

"Music was such an important ingredient of the social part of life during that era," he says.

"All the nationalities gathered in their own small groups, and

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Music master: Hachig Kazarian, 57, of Plymouth Township is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America. Judy Adams, program director at WDET, calls him one of the "greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world."

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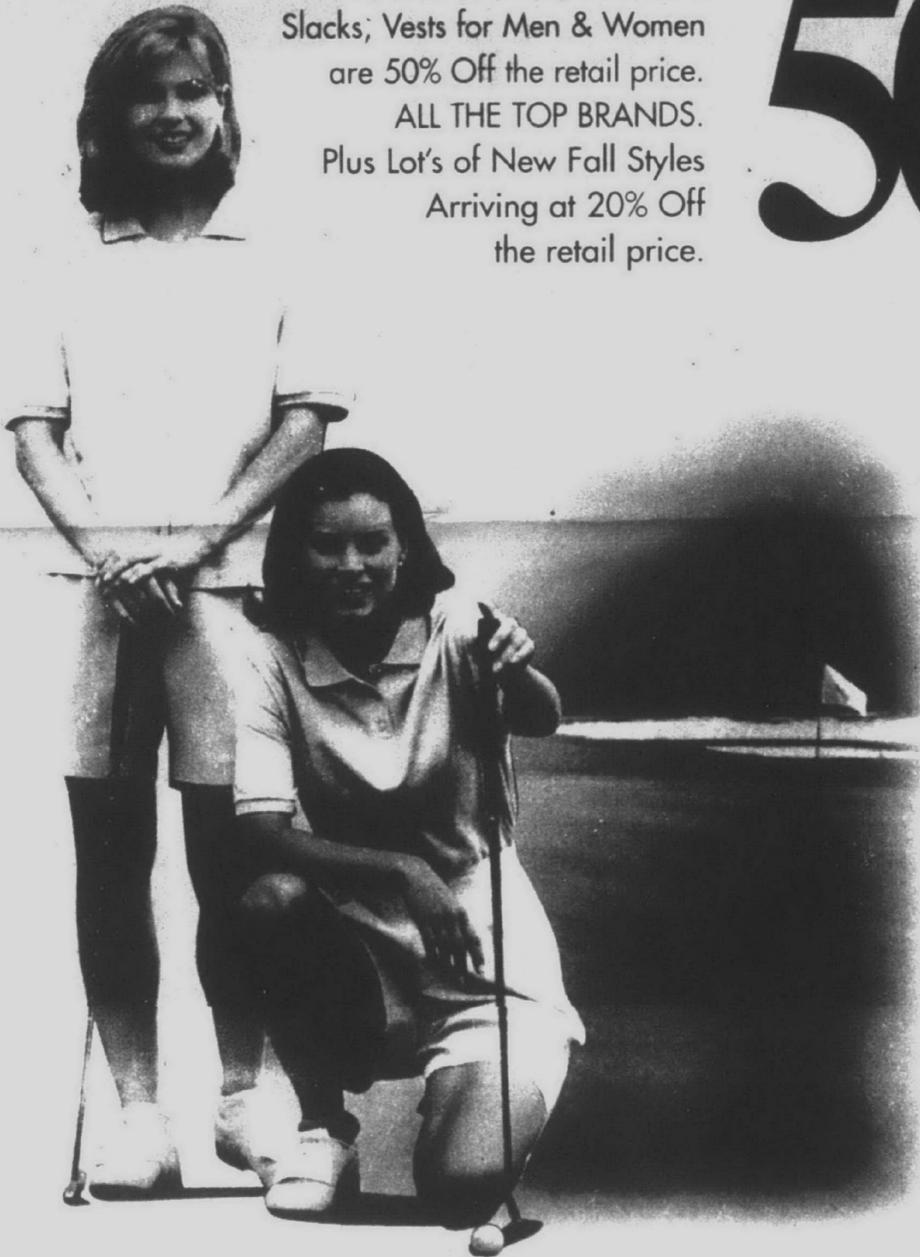
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Northbound motorists who usually exit I-75 in Monroe County onto I-275 will detour north on I-75 to Telegraph Road and take Telegraph north to I-94 west to I-275 north.

Between I-94 in Wayne County and Telegraph Road in Monroe County, southbound I-275 motorists will cross over to the northbound lanes.

The route is the same detour motorists took last summer. The construction is expected to last at least three months.

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions. "The northbound lanes should be done within the next few weeks or in early August, then contractors will continue work on the southbound lanes, which should be done some time in October or November," said Robin Pannecoek, spokeswoman for Michigan Department of Transportation.

Western Wayne County residents also will see M-14 reduced

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions.

to one lane in both directions between Ford and Napier roads. "They should be finishing that work up in late August," Pannecoek said.

Contractors also are completing concrete inlays, where concrete is cut out and replaced.

I-275 Roadwork

(A) Gray line indicates sections of north and southbound I-275 between Northline and Five Mile (just south of I-94 to just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange) currently being resurfaced this summer.

(B) Dotted line indicates detour for motorists who normally travel northbound I-275 from I-75. Starting July 15 until October, traffic will be redirected as follows: I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector (U.S. 24) north in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound, and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

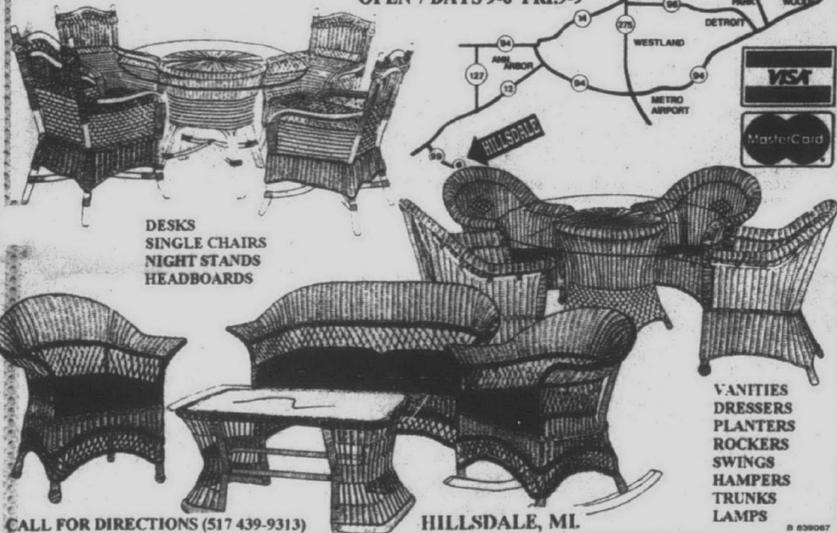
(C) Black line indicates where northbound I-275 will be closed starting July 15 between Telegraph Road in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

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A summer grain harvest is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the Demonstration Building. Small grains such as wheat and oats are gathered during midsummer on farms across the countryside.

Maybury also will host a Kids' Hike, A Walk in the Woods, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25. Meet in the Demonstration Building for a brief presentation followed by an exploration of forest habitats. This program is suitable for children under 12 and their

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A summer bird hike also is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Participants should meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road.

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as you walked from block to block you could see and hear that they did the same thing as the Armenians did only with their own music and dances."

Always listening

As a young boy, Kazarian was consumed with listening to and imitating the elders of all nationalities who would sing and hum and play on their instruments the simple tunes and melodies of their joys and sorrows of life.

"The more I listened and the more I learned, the more I was able to experience and feel the music. It has to become a part of your soul."

All the tunes and dances from the many countries filled Kazarian's musical mind. He applied the embellishments from the Greek music and the Gypsy sounds from the Hungarians and the improvisations from the African-American jazz masters.

Out of it all came Kazarian's own interpretation of what Armenian music sounded like. Today, his style is considered the benchmark which all Armenian musicians measure themselves throughout North America.

Vocalist Onniak Dinkjian of Boynton Beach, Fla., considered among the Middle Eastern elite in his field, calls Kazarian "certainly the best in North America and perhaps even the world."

"As a vocalist, you must depend on the musicians to complement you. Hachig is a musician's musician."

"The diversity of all his music, from the dance music to the listening music, makes people realize that he is the total musician," says Dinkjian.

Years of study

Kazarian's physical command of the clarinet is reminiscent of

jazz great Pete Fountain, who has become an acquaintance. Together they form a mutual admiration society. His classmates from his undergraduate days at Juilliard School of Music in New York City are now the principle chair clarinetists in many of the most prestigious symphony orchestras in North America.

Kazarian's abilities on the clarinet were formed by his first clarinet teacher, Haig Krikorian, an old country Armenian clarinet player who settled in Detroit.

Krikorian soon realized that Kazarian's enormous potential needed more guidance than he could offer. Local playing greats and teaching clarinetists, Albert Luceoni and Vincent Melidon, were the next private teachers Kazarian studied with.

In the early 1970s Kazarian and his Armenian band called the "Hyetones," gathered on the weekends at Sammy G's Nightclub on the corner of Six Mile Road and John R in Detroit.

While a student at Cass Technical High School in Detroit Kazarian also studied with Harry Begian. Begian developed music programs, first at Cass, and then at Wayne State University. He went on to Michigan State University, the University of Illinois and finally Purdue University.

Praise from teachers

"I never heard a finer clarinetist that plays Near Eastern music (Begian prefers the term Near Eastern to Middle Eastern) than Hachig," says Begian when contacted at his retirement home in Hubbard Lake.

"His playing and dissemination is unexcelled," he adds.

Kazarian's accomplishments

at Cass earned him a four-year scholarship to study at the famed Juilliard School of Music in New York City. While there, he earned his bachelor of arts degree and master of science in music performance. He earned an additional master's in music literature at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in ethnomusicology.

In his last few years of school, Kazarian had to decide whether to pursue a sometimes very unstable classical career or settle down and start a family.

Christine had been "the bread winner and his tower of strength" through all the lean years in New York City.

"It was really a non-decision. We needed to have a stable life."

Before that stable life came though, there was nearly a year in Las Vegas playing Middle Eastern music in the hotels there.

Teaming up with some Armenian musicians from California, they opened up the Bonanza Hotel. After that came a gig at the Frontier Hotel.

Teaching others

Working from contract to contract was not a secure lifestyle. The international classical music world's loss was metro Detroit's gain.

Kazarian landed a job in the Melvindale/Northern Allen Park School District Music Department and has been teaching instrumental music for the last 31 years. He is currently the acting department chair.

Kazarian says he is now teaching children of some of his first students and he still loves the challenge of teaching.

Throughout the 40 plus years

that Kazarian has been playing Armenian and Middle Eastern music for the countless local and

national weddings and concerts and dances and international conventions and gatherings, one

thing remains constant for him. "I still love to play the clarinet."

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not supporting the millage and said her community doesn't use the jail. Instead it sends prisoners elsewhere.

"We're paying again outcounty. That's been an issue for outcounty communities." But she's

glad the millage term is shorter.

McCarthy said prisoners get released early because of a bed shortage. The township recently sued over the prisoner housing costs billed to Plymouth and lost in Wayne County Circuit Court,

a case which is on an appeal.

"All of us are using outcounty facilities," McCarthy said. "We're looking for some equity. We're paying the tax dollars and our citizens should get something for these tax dollars."



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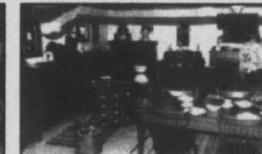
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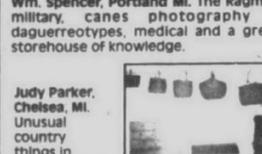
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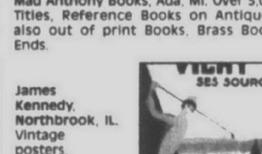
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MILITARY NEWS

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

DEPLOYMENTS Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, son-in-law of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, has completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group. Block also participated in another training exercise off the coast of Okinawa. The 1982 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, joined the Marine Corps in October 1988. Block is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, with a bachelor of science degree.

DEPLOYMENTS Navy Airman Gregory J. Demarest, son of Marcia L. Demarest of Plymouth, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to Fighter Squadron 31, embarked

aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. The 1995 graduate of Northville High School joined the Navy in September 1995.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John G. Sheehy, son of John M. and Teresa M. Sheehy of Canton, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. The 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Navy in January 1994.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron J. Bell, son of John J. and Sarah A. Bell of Plymouth, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George. The 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in March 1993.

ENLISTMENTS Jonathan P. Isensee, son of Paul R. and Rebecca A. Isensee of Canton, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program, which gives him the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. After completion of basic training, Isensee will receive advanced individual training in his career specialty. Isensee will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training July 28.

Johnny E. Little, son of Sherman E. and Theresa K. Little of Canton, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program, which gives him the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. After completion of basic training, Little will receive advanced individual training in his career specialty. Little, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, will report to Fort Knox, near Radcliffe, Ky., for basic training on Aug. 12.

BASIC TRAINING Navy Airman Raymond C. Horton, son of James C. Horton, of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Horton completed a variety of training which includes, classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. Horton also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment. Horton is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

AWARDS Marine Staff Sgt. Houston K. Barton, son of Martha Brown of Canton, received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Aircraft Group 46, Detachment B, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. Barton was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Barton consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Barton is a 1984 graduate of Woodward High School, Cincinnati. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1984.

Cadet Brian Munson, son of Michael Munson of Canton, has won the Current Events Examination First Place Award, the 11th Grade World Affairs Second Place Award, the Purdue University Junior Scholar Certificate, the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award and was named to the National Honor Society. Munson was inducted into the John A. Pagin Chapter. He has been attending Howe Military School, Howe, Ind., since Aug. 1995.

NAVAL EXERCISE Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron J. Bell, son of John J. and Sarah A. Bell of Plymouth, participated in the Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George, homeported in Norfolk, Va. During the 17-day major training exercise, Bell received training in operations which include, strike, mine, amphibious, undersea and surface warfare and maritime interception operations. Bell is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, and joined the Navy in March 1993.

CELEBRATION Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bryan S. Swanson, son of James A. Davison of Canton, participated in the 11th annual Fleet Week 1998 Celebration in New York, while assigned aboard the guided missile frigate USS Doyle, homeported in Mayport, Fla. Swanson participated in one of the largest public salutes to the sea services. Swanson is a 1990 graduate of Columbia Central High School, Columbia, Tenn. To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

DEGREE Air Force Tech. Sgt. Wendy L.M. Cain has received an associate degree in applied science from the Community College of the Air Force. Cain is an instructor with the 311th Military Intelligence Battalion, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas. She is the daughter of Nancy L. Shope of Plymouth and Dennis P. McGuire of St. Clair Shores. The sergeant is a 1982 graduate of Southfield High School.

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

There are many events going on in and around Plymouth over the next few weeks. The following are a brief list of special events. For further information contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

JULY July 18 - Old Village Ice Cream Social.

July 18 - Farmer's Market, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

July 21 - PCAC Music-in-the-Park, featuring Steve Tyler of the VuDu Hippies beginning at noon in Kellogg Park.

July 23 - Plymouth Community Band, 8-8:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

July 25 - Farmer's Market from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

July 29 - PCAC Music-in-the-Park featuring Liberty Brass Quintet at noon in Kellogg Park.

July 31 - Sidewalk Sale in Downtown Plymouth. Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and continues Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

AUGUST August 1 - Farmer's Market from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. behind the Gathering. Other dates include August 9, 15, 22, and 29.

August 1 - 70th Anniversary Plymouth Automobile - Downtown streets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 30 - Concert-in-the-Park/Church from 1-9 p.m.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the recreation master plan for the City of Westland will be held on Monday, July 20, 1998. This hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland Michigan. The adoption of the five-year recreation master plan will be the subject of this hearing.

ROBERT KOSOWSKI Parks and Recreation Director

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435

Publish: July 2 and 16, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a general Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic, Republican, Reform Parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices:

- Governor Representative in Congress - 13th District State Representative - 18th or 21st District State Senator - 8th District, 9th District County Executive County Commission - 11th District Delegates to County Convention

2 Judges of Court of Appeals - Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions and 2 Judges of the Circuit Court - Regular Terms, Non Incumbent Positions and to vote on the following proposals:

PROPOSITION A

Shall Section 3.115(13) of the Wayne County Charter be amended to require a 2/3 vote of Commissioners serving to place on any ballot any proposal for a tax increase, and a vote of more than 60% of the qualified electors of Wayne County voting thereon to adopt any such proposed tax increase. YES NO

PROPOSITION J - Jail Millage Renewal Proposal

To RENEW the millage authorized in 1988, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 1997 rollback rate of .9532 mills (about 95 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for four more years, (1998 through 2001), to continue these exclusive uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$31,636,566 in property tax revenue in 1998. YES NO

CANTON TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL - Dedicated Road Improvement Millage

Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Canton be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Canton for eight (8) years beginning in 1998 through 2005 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$3,600,000.00 for the exclusive purpose of construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing, maintaining, and/or purchasing road right-of-way, easements, and land to improve roads within the Charter Township of Canton. YES NO

CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Table with 3 columns: Precinct No., Name of Facility, Address. Lists precincts 1 through 22 and their corresponding locations.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 1998 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.

On Monday, August 3, 1998 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day August 4th.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 397-5452.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE NATIONAL SELF STORAGE

Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at National Self Storage, 6729 N. Canton Center Road, Canton MI on 06/13/98 at 1:30 p.m.

- The following goods will be sold: Space Number: D 119, Ken Wireman, Canton, MI 48187. Misc. boxes, Tool Boxes, Lights, Ladder, fan, misc. Space Number: H 292, Leonard & Barb Dodd, Irvine CA 92618. Bicycle, Boxes, Bed, Drill Press. Space Number: D 132, Will Brooks, Canton, MI 4818. Fan, News Papers, Bed, Mattress. Space Number: K 380, Gerald Novotny, Romulus, MI 48174. Bicycle, Boxes, Golf Clubs, Tool Box. Space Number: C 69, Theodore Bonkowski, Clearbrook, MN 55008. File Cabinet, Chest of Drawers, Dresser, Boxes, Other Misc. Items, Wood Trim. Publish: July 16 and 23, 1998

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 1998 SUMMER TAXES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that 1998 Summer Taxes collected by the Charter Township of Plymouth are DUE July 1, 1998 and are payable without penalty through September 14, 1998. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement.

Make All Checks Payable to: Charter Township of Plymouth. Payments can be made at the Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Township Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. After hours payments can be placed in the drop box located in the parking lot adjacent to Building #1.

RON EDWARDS Treasurer Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: July 12 and 16, 1998

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-3 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PERSONS WITH INTEREST IN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

- 003-99-0008-713 003-99-0008-714 046-99-0002-001 004-99-0008-701 045-99-0008-701 045-99-0008-702 045-99-0008-703 045-99-0008-704

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvement to the above property benefited therefrom:

The Koppernick Corporate Park road, sanitary sewer, and water main special assessment DISTRICT 1998-3 includes extending a boulevard road of 9-inch thick reinforced concrete approximately 3,000 feet south of Koppernick Road. Project also includes extending approximately 3,050 lineal feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer and 2,500 lineal feet of 12-inch water main plus boulevard landscaping and irrigation. The project includes staking, inspection, contract administration and replacement trees along with other miscellaneous items.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, at 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1998, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party with an interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the clerk by 5 p.m. on July 28, 1998 and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TERRY BENNETT Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO STATE LAW 257.252, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE(S) WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE AT B & B TOWING, 934 W. ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, ON THE DATE AND TIME LISTED BELOW:

Table with 5 columns: YR, MAKE, STYLE, VEHICLE ID NUMBER, CASE NUMBER. Lists vehicle details for a 1978 Harley Davidson MC.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 1998. The bid opening will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 1998 for the following:

COMPUTER HARDWARE

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO STATE LAW 257.252, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE(S) WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE AT MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT, 1179 STARKWEATHER RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, ON THE DATE AND TIME LISTED BELOW:

Table with 5 columns: YR, MAKE, STYLE, VEHICLE ID NUMBER, CASE NUMBER. Lists multiple vehicle details.

INQUIRIES REGARDING THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OFFICER JAMIE GRABOWSKI, CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT 453-8600.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Faro Screen Process, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility located at 41805 Koppernick within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Also part of Lot #5 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision", as recorded in Liber 106, Pages 80-82 Wayne County Records. Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot #5 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision", proceeding thence along the south lot line of said Lot #5 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision" South 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds West 161.25 feet; thence along the North lot line of said Lot #5 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision" South 85 degrees 06 minutes 58 seconds East 120.27 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds West 320.00 feet; thence along the South right-of-way line of Koppernick Road (60 ft. wd.) North 88 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds East 129.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds East 471.55 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.82 acres. (Part of parcel nos. 008 03 0005 000 and 008 99 0092 702.

TERRY G. BENNETT Clerk

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE C. LAKATOS, M.D.

George C. Lakatos, M.D. was born in Vienna, Austria in 1923. He fled German occupied Austria in 1938. He was sponsored by his grandfather, the renowned Hungarian painter Arthur Halmi. As a young immigrant he worked as an elevator boy at the St. Moritz Hotel in New York City. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

He attended Boston University on the GI Bill and continued on to medical school at the University at Bern, Switzerland. During this time, he was the roving announcer George Lake broadcast on the BBC. After receiving his medical license in the state of Michigan, he was a staff physician at Annapolis Hospital and the medical director at the Venoy Continued Care Center in Wayne.

He is remembered as a character out of a classic novel or film, for his candid sense of humor, his timeless philosophy of "in the end — it doesn't matter" and his continued search for the true meaning of life. And beyond all else, he made an indelible impression on all who met and knew him. He is survived by his four loving daughters, Madeleine (Joe) Lakatos Fojtik, Renee (Jim) Nowaske of Canton, Nicole (Terry) Lakatos, Chantal Lakatos; four grandchildren.

ELEANORE M. NEAULT

Eleanore M. Neault, 89, died July 11 in Plymouth. Mrs. Neault was born on Sept. 2, 1908, in Larium, Mich. to the late James Kitto and Zella Neault. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Neault.

She was a cook at Gallimore School in Plymouth and was also a cook in the rectory at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 30 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mass was held July 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Burial took place at The Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, John W. (Elizabeth) Neault of Plymouth; three grandchildren, Mike (Jen) Neault, Dan Neault, Ann Neault.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice or the Plymouth Senior Alliance.

WALTER S. PIENKOWSKI

Services for Walter S. Pienkowski, 76, of Canton were held July 14 at St. Theodore Church. Burial took place at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Pienkowski was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Hamtramck and died July 11 in Canton Township. He

was a picker packer for an automotive company.

Survivors include one son, Dennis W. (Marlene); one daughter, Charlene M. (Thomas) Boyle; one brother; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

HELEN LAGOCKI

Services for Helen Lagoocki, 82, of Canton were held at the Church of the Divine Savior on July 15 with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial took place at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Ms. Lagoocki was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Elizabeth Township, Pa. and died July 11 in Plymouth. She was a member of the Divine Savior Catholic Church and was a candy saleswoman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Francis Wais. Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Konkel of Canton; two brothers, Stanley (Frances) Wais of Roseville, Frank (Mary) Wais of Sterling Heights; two sisters, Mary Konrat of Lapeer, Alvira Ploucha of Dearborn Heights; one grandson, Christopher Konkel of Canton.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

MARIE T. PALUBINSKY

Services for Marie T. Palubinsky, 77, of Plymouth will be held 10 a.m. July 16 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Burial will take place at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements made by the Fred Wood Funeral Home.

two sisters, Ann and Catherine; one grandchild.

ADRIENNE M. LEBLANC
Services for Adrienne M. LeBlanc, 86, of Farmington were held July 11 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mrs. LeBlanc was born June 30 in Canada and died July 8 in Farmington. She had been a resident of Farmington for 45 years, coming from Canada. She was a

teacher for the Farmington Public Schools and held membership at Our Lady of Sorrows Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hector L. Survivors include her son Hector "Bud" of Farmington; two daughters, Lonnie (Ross) Haines of Canton, JoAnne Urban of Sterling Heights; one sister, Annette Gagnon of Ontario, Canada; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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(734) 451-1155

Hoben Elementary hosts workshop

Hoben Elementary welcomes parents at Summer Academy Program workshop. Parents of children participating in the Hoben Summer Academy Program will be attending a parenting workshop 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 in Hoben's cafeteria.

The meeting will be filled with suggestions and activities to take home to use with their children. As the workshop is going on, so will the Summer Academy Program and parents will get a first hand look at the program in action.
For information call (734) 981-3047.

McNamara's rally is Monday

An old-fashioned political rally will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 21 at Eddie Edgar Arena, Farmington Road, north of Jeffries Expressway, to support Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara's bid for re-election.

Hundreds of supporters are expected to cheer on the County Executive. All local elected officials supporting McNamara will also attend.

Rally goers will have a chance to meet McNamara face to face. Join your community for a fun evening with free hot dogs, pop and music.

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Downtown events

Chance to showcase Plymouth, people

No matter how much support the retail community in Plymouth gets, some merchants continue to complain.

The latest concern is the ever-popular and ever-successful Art in the Park, dominating downtown Plymouth this past weekend.

City commissioners recently were told that more than half of the downtown business owners don't like Art in the Park. They expressed concern about the direction the artists' booths face, leaving the sidewalk unappealing for shoppers. The type of art placed near a particular shop also drew concern, such as a wildlife artist's work placed near Wild Wings gallery.

Already, Dianne Quinn, Art in the Park organizer, has agreed to spread out booths so shoppers have better access to stores. The city has worked with retailers as far as closing streets at more appropriate times.

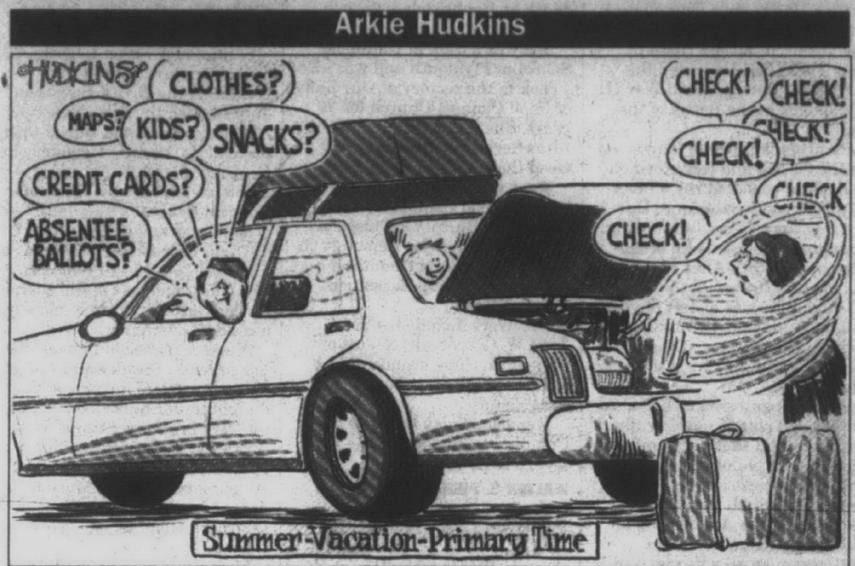
Art in the Park brings thousands of visitors to Plymouth. Anyone who has visited the event is aware of the shops, and yes, some

people do buy. The event, however, is designed to provide residents and visitors with an interesting activity. It gives artists a venue to show off and possibly sell their works.

And most importantly, it showcases Plymouth, especially downtown Plymouth, with its retail shops, coffee houses and restaurants. We're willing to bet that among those thousands of visitors there are plenty who make a mental note that they indeed wish to return to Plymouth to shop. And plenty do.

Retailers certainly are integral to the health of the Plymouth community, particularly downtown. But they do not stand alone in importance.

Perhaps it's time the retailers asked organizers such as Quinn — and any others who give their time and effort to bring quality activities and events to Plymouth — what they can do to help make the event an even bigger success and put Plymouth, with all of its facets, on the map.



Showcase: Artists and art enthusiasts crowded the streets of downtown Plymouth to enjoy the 18th annual Art in the Park.

Be proactive before August primary

A hundred years ago, progressive governors like Hazen Pingree of Detroit and later Fred Warner of Farmington fought for direct election of U.S. senators and for primary elections. Their purpose was to give voters more direct power over people who made laws and cut the tentacles of party bosses.

Today we have primary elections. In fact, one is coming up Aug. 4. And what will be the response of Michigan voters? Probably, we fear, a profound indifference to the primary. It's easier to tell jokes about White House interns, cheer a hockey team and discuss which movies should make the top 100 list than to think about partisan nominations.

Who wants to think about college aid, assisted suicide, pathetic charter schools, organ donations, drunk boaters, drunk drivers, and all those (yecch!) issues? Give us talk shows, eh?

Well, the 1998 primary will be one of the most important since primaries were invented. The reason is term limits. Some lawmakers are ineligible to run again and must be replaced. Some of those are seeking higher office. Meanwhile, this will be the last term for the incumbent governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state, if they're re-elected. We should be looking at those below them for successors in 2002.

Consider the situation in western Wayne County:

■ State Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, is retiring though he is eligible to run again. His 9th Senate District (which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Redford) is 60 percent Republican, so the primary will decide it. Three Republicans and two Democrats are seeking their party nomination in hopes of succeeding him in November.

■ State Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, has a primary challenge; meanwhile three Republicans are seeking the chance to oppose him, even though the 8th Senate District is 56 percent Democratic.

■ State Rep. Lyn Banks, R-Redford, is term-limited. Her 19th House District (including part of Livonia) is 54 percent Republican. Three Republicans — including a city treasurer and a former legislator — want to succeed her, as do two Democrats.

■ State Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won a cliffhanger two years ago. He has a Democratic challenger in the 16th

■ Gov. John Engler should have no trouble winning his primary, but the Democratic battle for a chance to oppose him is up in the air. Labor-backed Larry Owens, political pro Doug Ross, the flamboyant Geoffrey Fieger — who should Democrats pick to put their best foot forward?

House District that is 53 percent Democratic and includes part of Redford.

■ State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, is term-limited out. Her 21st House District is 51.8 percent Republican. Two Republicans want to succeed her.

■ State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, isn't term limited, but he faces a lively primary challenge in the 20th House District that includes Northville and part of Livonia and is almost 65 percent Republican.

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County government is no longer a stuffy courthouse downtown but a vibrant player in the economy (Metro Airport) and the environment (Hines Park/Rouge River/Newburgh Lake). CEO Ed McNamara is ahead, but challenger Sharon McPhail won't let him off the hook easily. The county hasn't gone Republican since 1946, when even McNamara was a student, so the winner of this primary is CEO for four years.

Some will be suspicious of this newspaper when we say, "Don't trust TV ads," but it's proper advice. TV commercials tell you virtually nothing about the issues that affect your work and your kids' schools. They are written in "buzz" words designed to make you react emotionally, not rationally.

Read. Read this newspaper. Read campaign literature. Go to candidates' forums and ask questions. Meet the candidates when you can and ask more questions. Michiganians have a right that is rare in the world — not only to elect their officials but to nominate them in the primaries by secret ballot.

Use that right to vote Aug. 4.

Hats off

Dianne Quinn is to be commended for Art in the Park. It is now a premier art fair on par with Ann Arbor's, but on a smaller more manageable scale. Annette Horne, the chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee, is being myopic when she complains about this first class event.

Thousands of people are drawn to the city by Art in the Park, and many of them will return to visit the outstanding retail shops. Instead of complaining to the media, perhaps the merchants should find ways to take advantage of the captive audience right outside their doors. I can't imagine a Chamber of Commerce in another community complaining about an event that brings thousands of people to its central business district. Art in the Park is a jewel in the city of Plymouth and I hope it continues to shine for many years to come.

Deborah Muncy Vigliotti

Shame on businesses

The front page headliner in the July 9 Plymouth Observer is a fine example of the infant mentality of the downtown businesses in the community.

Shame on you, Annette Horn and Plymouth Community Chamber Executive Director Fran Toney. Any chamber of commerce in a city the size of Plymouth would love the exposure of approximately 100,000 people in two days. What better advertisement? This exposure can't be all bad. Dianne Quinn is responsible for this and does an excellent job of bringing that large amount of people to Plymouth. Local, loyal volunteers also contribute to the success of this fair. I see a constant improvement and commitment year after year of Dianne Quinn making this one of the finest art fairs in the state of Michigan.

Art in the Park is a positive force in the community and good for everyone concerned.

Three cheers for Dianne Quinn and Art in the Park. Shame on downtown business owners for being cry babies.

Linda Nimmerguth
Plymouth Township resident

It's a township

Did we elect Republicans to the township government? Four new taxes, oops three! There is more than enough to cover the cost of the new buildings. This is a township, not a city. Our millage will be near Livonia's taxes and will support the city of Plymouth's recreation program.

Are our local elected officials of Plymouth Township on the right track? The township's share of the state's bond issue (recreation) went to construct the Cultural (recreation)

Center, and we are treated as outsiders.

These officials are talking about building new township offices in the west. Better use of the land would be a green belt. Where are the green belts of the '70s? Anyway, we are probably still paying for the remodeling and acquisition of buildings at our present site in the center of our densest population (near the largest number of taxpayers). The east side that paid for everything the township has done the past 30 years, the very population that paid for the westside development (reduced from acre zoning to quarter acre, or less, for cheaper housing).

Have the township trustees studied how Canton, without extra millage, developed its remarkable recreation program?

John M. Sullivan
Plymouth

Contrary statement

To the citizens of the Plymouth community:

A recent article in the Community Crier quoted statements by City Recreation Director Thomas Willette which are contrary to the policy of the city commission. As a city department head, Mr. Willette does not speak for the city of Plymouth on policy previously established by the city commission. I hope the following statements will clarify the city's position.

If the township voters approve the proposed half mill for recreation on the Aug. 4 primary ballot, the city commission remains committed to supporting a community recreation program on the same half-mill basis.

The city commission originally committed to its share of community recreation funding in a resolution adopted on April 6, 1998. Then on June 1 the city commission confirmed this commitment by including a half-mill allocation for recreation in the 1998-99 city budget.

However, if the township voters decide not to fund community recreation at this time, the city commission remains committed to the importance of recreation services for city residents. The city will continue to provide the best city recreation program possible within the resources available to the city for that purpose.

Donald R. Dismuke, Mayor
and The Plymouth City Commission

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sincere thanks

On behalf of the volunteers and staff of Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. (CHHCS), but most importantly the incurably ill patients and families we serve, we would like to publicly express our sincere gratitude to the Canton Newcomers Club.

Through the tireless efforts of club members during their spring raffle, and the community-at-large, who supported their drive (both as prize

donors and ticket purchasers), CHHCS received over \$6,000 that will directly benefit our extensive programming in such areas as non-reimbursable medical costs, and our specialized bereavement offerings for adults and children.

The Canton Newcomers is a dynamic, unique and extremely committed organization which is a real asset to our community. We are proud and privileged to work with such a talented group of individuals for over ten years. In that period of time, their efforts have

raised well over \$30,000 to support the incurably ill in our community.

Our hats are off to this wonderful group and we urge anyone interested in becoming more active in the community to check out the Canton Newcomers!

Maureen Butrico
Hospice & Home Care Services,
Plymouth Executive Dir.

Public criticism

"Community" - unified body of individuals - people with common interests - an interacting population - so much for Webster.

What happened to community pride? Community involvement? Community commitment? Two headlines in our local papers say it all-- "Retailers Hate Art in the Park" and "City Eyes Pay Board Raise"

My first comment is if you don't like the heat in the kitchen- get out!

For Art in the Park, it's two days out of 365 days, think and thank (not many) who do all the planning and work to make this event and exposure of downtown Plymouth a first-class event. How else do you draw so many people from so far to a two square mile community? It's not what we necessarily now provide, get real people!

For commission pay, who asked you to be a commissioner? Why did you run? Who are you serving? You should serve on the commission to help your

community, not your self interests. Its not what you are paid as a commissioner it's what you contribute and accomplish.

To be a city commissioner is an honor and a privilege. A once in a lifetime to give something back to your community. Do not make money an issue to serve in a public position. Do it for the love of your city and how can you make Plymouth a better and great place to live.

Bud Martin
Plymouth Resident
70 years

Township supervisor explains millage proposals

GUEST COLUMNIST



KATHLEEN KEEN MCCARTHY

Serving as supervisor of Plymouth Township, I talk to many of our residents and business people. Everyone agrees that we live and work in a wonderful community, and everyone agrees that we have improvements which could and

should be made.

Every community grows through stages of development. We start out as rural areas with small pockets of "city." The small town atmosphere is appealing, so people begin to move to the community. Subdivisions start to replace farms as more people seek the small town lifestyle. Before you realize it, a building boom is under way. Growth fuels additional growth until full development is reached.

This has been the pattern in Plymouth Township. We've been luckier than many communities - we've controlled the pace of our growth and maintained that small-town, hometown feeling. We've also been fortunate because our growth and increas-

ing property values have allowed us to provide basic services to our citizens and still maintain the lowest tax rate in all of Wayne County. Take a look at our neighbors - Canton (9.35 mills), the City of Plymouth (14.89 mills), Northville Township (5.04 mills), City of Northville (16.02 mills), Livonia (9.24 mills) - and it's obvious that Plymouth Township is a bargain at 3.5 mills. Many of our neighboring communities provide more services because the citizens in those communities have voted to pay more in taxes.

As citizens, we ask our government to operate like a business. So, like a business, the township board has been looking ahead, evaluating our needs and requests from citizens, and analyzing the stability of the sources of funding that we have to provide for those needs now and into the future. After all the analysis, the board agreed that we needed citizen input to tell us the level of services desired by our community. We all agree that the health and safety of our citizens is the No. 1 priority. We also agree that recreation needs to be available to all age groups to enhance the quality of life in the community. So, to see what citizens want and are willing to pay for, the board placed three questions on the ballot: 3.0 mills for police, fire and communications; 0.5 mill for recreation; and 0.75 mill to convert

■ We know that we are rapidly approaching full development. We expect to lose \$1 million in building revenue annually when our development is done.

the current fee for WTUA debt into a tax.

In 1998, our current level of police, fire and communications cost \$4.6 million dollars. Some \$2.6 million is generated by our current special voted millages of 2.5 mills. The remaining \$2 million is funded through several other sources of revenue and the 1 mill voted millage for general fund. Sources of revenue other than voted property tax millage can go up and down based on factors beyond the control of Plymouth Township. State shared revenue is a line item in the state budget and has historically increased and decreased according to the decisions of the state Legislature and the governor. Our recent building boom has provided significant revenue, but has started its decline as we are reaching full development. Even property tax revenue, which is based on our increasing property values, is limited to the rate of inflation by the Headlee amendment.

We know that we are rapidly

approaching full development. We expect to lose \$1 million in building revenue annually when our development is done. We also know that the state's economy is cyclical, and that we will lose revenue from this source with the next downturn. The only source of funding which is stable and is under the control of Plymouth Township is the specifically voted millage that our citizens are willing to pay for the services that they receive.

So, what will we have if these millage questions are approved by the voters? First, the 3.0 mills: 1.1 mill will be used to provide additional services in police, fire and communications - three additional firefighters, four additional police officers and three additional communications operators immediately; and three additional firefighters and four additional police officers within the next two to four years as needed. The remaining 1.9 mills will replace the \$2 million subsidy currently coming from sources that are not stable and are not within the control of our community.

Second, the 0.5 mill for recreation. The intent is to form a joint recreation program with the City of Plymouth to provide for the recreational needs of the community - from cradle to grave. Many of our children are involved in sports such as soccer and baseball, young adults are involved

with softball, etc., and many of our seniors are involved in senior classes and activities. The recreation money will be used to improve the programs already offered and to improve and acquire additional recreational fields and programs.

Finally, 0.75 mill to convert the Western Townships Utilities Authority fee. We currently pay the WTUA debt through a fee that appears on water bills. This fee cannot be deducted on federal income tax returns. By converting this fee to a property tax, residents who itemize may be able to save money on their federal taxes.

What will we do with the \$2 million that will be freed up in the general fund until we lose the revenue that we expect to lose? The board has committed to using general fund revenue to pay for trash pickup which citizens currently pay individually on their water bill. There is also a need to relocate Fire Station No. 1 because of the widening of Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. And, we cannot forget that we are already beginning to see a drop in building revenue as the last major developments are well under way.

The township is trying to plan for the future - to provide the services that citizens want. Your vote is important on Aug. 4.

Kathleen Keen McCarthy is the supervisor for the Charter Township of Plymouth.

Governments learning to do more with less by cooperating

The language was dry as dust. The typography and graphics weren't much better. But the content was significant, even exciting.

It's a publication entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects," a little booklet put out jointly by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition). It describes a variety of award-winning joint projects undertaken at the local level in communities around Southeastern Michigan.

Ho hum, you say. How come this stuff is "significant, even exciting?"

Here's why. The historic problem of all governments - whether local, state or even federal - is that they are very good at doing more when they get more revenue. But over the years, governments have proven mostly clueless at figuring out how to do more with less revenue.

Hence the term (thanks to Tim Richard, who covers state and regional government for this newspaper) "Entrepreneurial Government," the idea that governmental bodies ought to think and act like entrepreneurs. Be innovative. Experiment. Try to redeploy existing resources and revenues so as to get a better return. Even take risks.

The "Award Winning Joint Project" publication offers up a whole slew of wonderful examples. As we approach the August primary, they should be at the top of the mind of every candidate for public office and every voter.

A good example comes from the little town of South Lyon, happily perched just off I-96 in southwestern Oakland County.

Turns out that both the City of South Lyon and the South Lyon Community Schools needed new administration buildings. Now the usual relationship in Michigan between local government and local schools is like a dysfunctional family - they occupy the same space at the same time, but nobody's talking back and forth.

They decided to do things differently in South Lyon. In August 1996 the city and the schools agreed to share development costs and use of the same administration building. The school district provided the site for the building, while the city's Building Authority financed the construction with municipal bonds. The \$2,656,105 project cost was divided - 42 percent by the city and 58 percent by the schools.

The taxpayers of South Lyon got a good deal.



PHILIP POWER

They paid no site acquisition costs, because the site was on school district property. Financing was by low-interest, 15-year municipal bonds. Both city and school groups share use of conference rooms, parking lots and lobbies, while overhead costs such as maintenance and repair are reduced. Moreover, folks living in South Lyon gain the convenience of going to a single building to transact their business with both the city and the school district.

Jeff Potter, the mayor of South Lyon, is bubbling with enthusiasm about the award-winning project. "It's bizarre that someone has to give local governments an award to do something like this," he says.

For years, turfing between cities and schools or between differing departments within one governmental structure has been the bane of cost-effective government. Sometimes turfing is disguised as a commitment to local autonomy, going it alone regardless of how cost-inefficient that may be.

Potter provides this example: "You have a joint emergency medical service program and some guy has a heart attack. The team goes to his house and finds him gasping for breath. The guy with the heart attack will never say, 'No; go away. Local autonomy.'"

The joint project in South Lyon is a perfect example to how collaboration between governmental units makes everybody - city, schools, taxpayers - better off. No wonder both South Lyon and Potter won their awards. They deserve them.

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Violence from page A1

assigned to the American Hockey League Philadelphia Phantoms.

According to the Plymouth Township police report, AHL President Dave Andrews said he would honor the OHL suspension, but limited the suspension to 12-15 games.

Plymouth Township police Sgt. Jim Jarvis said that in investigating the case he's talked to Long, who said his

rehabilitation program is going well.

"He (Boulerice) feels terrible about the injury," Howarth said, adding the former Whaler called Long to express concern soon after he incident.

Boulerice was released without having to post bond. Should he fail to appear for future court appearances, a \$10,000 personal bond would be levied.

Howarth said Boulerice is

expected to go to training camp with the Philadelphia Flyers in September.

He predicted a trial wouldn't happen until next year.

As felony assault charges stemming from athletic competition are rare, there have been 25-30 calls from around the country to Plymouth Township police, seeking information on the case, Lt. Robert Smith said.

Library from page A3

material because of physical limitations. This includes individuals who are unable to hold or turn pages of print books.

The library houses 15,000 volumes. Besides recorded best sellers, mysteries, biographies, science fiction, poetry, humor, Westerns and thrillers, the library lends large-print books and descriptive videos, which are films with the action described aloud.

Wheatley loves Gothic novels and has both books and magazines sent to her home. Thanks to an act of Congress in 1931, the U.S. Postal Service sends all materials, including playback machines, to the blind free of charge.

Wheatley, who once served as chairman of the library's advisory board, recalled a high school essay she wrote on the United States. Her essay reflected her feelings about the Wayne County Library for the Blind, and she retains those sentiments to this day.

"I'm glad I'm in America because of the things that make it possible for me to learn."

Lucia Papa, Wheatley's sister, also attended the grand opening. Like her sister, she enjoys Gothic novels and is a fan of "Cooking Light" magazine. She said Wheatley pushed her to read. "She'd say 'You can do it, you can do it.' There was no such word as 'can't.'"

Most of the library's 4,000 patrons receive materials by mail. However, for those who visit on site, the library provides reading assistance machinery, like computers with screen enlargers, voice output and print-outs in Braille.

Nancy Simmons, one of the event speakers and owner of Low Vision Solutions in Livonia, ran her hand across a Kurzweil reader, an instrument that scans printed material and reads it aloud.

"It's limitless to what it can recognize. It will read everything back in phonetic speech. It can read foreign names," she said.

Ray Roberson of Dearborn, a former Detroit music teacher counselor for the Michigan Commission for the Blind, was explaining a computer to Tyrone Hamilton of Detroit.

"What they need to do is have classes out here and teach you," said Roberson.

Hamilton, a professional keyboard player, said he uses the library's service regularly. "Talking books, tapes, study guides - I read all kinds of books."

Amanda Grelka of Dearborn Heights, 9, attended the grand opening with her mother, Pat. The fourth grader has little sight and attends a special school in Lincoln Park.

Amanda loves to read, especially joke books. She gets mostly A's in school, except for handwriting. She gets C's in that. "It seems to never change. I don't think I should be graded in handwriting."

Her mother disagreed: "It is still important to have good handwriting."

Amanda recently participated in "Braille Readers are Lead-

ers," a national reading program for the blind. She won honorable mention. "In the whole United States," she said.

By mid-afternoon, most guests had gathered under outdoor tents for the dedication ceremonies. They listened as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara talked about his mother-in-law, who he said almost became a hermit because of failing eyesight.

"Not many people use it, but the people who do use it, use it well," said McNamara.

Simmons, a former social worker with retinitis pigmentosa, told the audience about her struggles as a college student trying to keep up with curriculum demands. The Library

'I love this library. It does such wonderful things for the blind.'

*Anne Wheatley
—Library patron since 1931*

for the Blind enabled her to graduate.

"We don't have to stop using libraries, using reference material and the best sellers that everyone else has access to."

However, Wayne County Librarian Pat Klemans summed up the library's purpose when she told the audience, "You are what we're all about."

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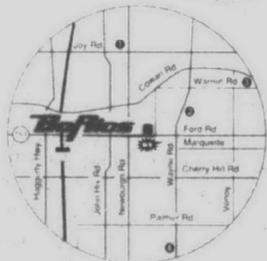
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Violence is large part of TV's formula

Jonathan's eyes grew larger and larger as he watched the horror that unfolded on his TV screen. With the butt of his pistol, the "bad guy" pummeled the woman he just chased on foot.

Blood started oozing from her forehead, but she spun around in an attempt to retaliate. With a severe kick to her chest, he knocked her down and ran with her purse.

As the show broke away for a station break, Jonathan looked at his mom and said, "Is she hurt, mama?"

"No, honey. It's only make-believe," she replied. And that was the end of it.

When the program returned, the police talked about the difficulties they had in capturing the robber, but said that the woman had been exceptionally helpful in offering a description of the man.

You and I know that the robber would have been punished for his actions, and that the woman would have been put in the hospital for those kinds of injuries, but 4-year-old Jonathan doesn't. Children, unlike adults, have difficulty understanding the difference between fact and fantasy.

When kids ages 2 through 15 watch violence on television, they often think little about the consequences that come to the victim or perpetrators of violent crimes. Jonathan was not developmentally equipped to link the scenes together and extrapolate from what he saw the consequences the robber would pay for his actions, nor how seriously the woman was hurt.

What we view

Psychologists have said for years that the outcomes of violence on the screen are often glossed over. A new study, conducted by researchers at the Universities of California-Santa Barbara, analyzed 9,000 hours of television programming shown between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. About 2,000 people coded programming on 23 channels, including broadcast networks, independent broadcast, public broadcast and basic and premium cable.

In the study, which was concluded in April 1998, the following facts were uncovered:

- Physical aggression occurs 60 percent of the time, escalating during prime time hours.
- "Good" characters or heroes commit 40 percent of the violent acts
- Seventy percent of the aggressors show no remorse.
- Fifty percent of the conflicts show no physical injury or pain and suffering.
- Forty-seven percent don't show any harm to victims at all.

The above formula is not only prevalent in dramas, but children's cartoons, such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The Power Rangers."

The researchers concluded that these programming patterns trigger three things in children: fear, desensitization and role-modeling. We used to say, "This cannot be healthy for kids." But now we can say, "This IS not healthy because we are seeing with our own eyes the repercussions of violence in our schools."

Taking control

Three game plans can change the landscape:

- Turn off the television. Read books, go for bike rides, play games, cook, do anything but watch the plug-in drug.
- Install a V-chip so that your children do not have access to the violent shows that are so readily available.
- Write to the television stations, both locally and at the national level, and tell them your feelings about the violence. When viewership decreases and complaint letters increase, programming changes.

Please see SENSORS, B2

A WHEEL adventure

Bicyclists make trek from Seattle to New York for MS



In the beginning: Jeff Martus of Livonia (left) and Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens strike a confident pose in Seattle, Wash., where they started their 4,000-mile bike trek to New York City to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Few facts about MS

Multiple sclerosis is a common disabling neurologic disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 350,000 people in the United States with 8,000 new cases reported each year, according to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc.

■ There is no one group of people who "get" MS. Considered a lifelong disorder, MS often strikes between the ages of 30 and 50, and mostly women. For unexplained reasons, MS is most common in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe. Near the equator MS is unknown.

■ MS is signified by more than one area of inflammation and scarring of the myelin in the brain and spinal cord. Myelin is the tissue that covers and protects nerve fibers. When that occurs, nerve "communication" is disrupted. Thus, a person with MS experiences varying degrees of neurological impairment, depending on the location and extent of the scarring.

■ Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe - paralysis or loss of vision - although 20 percent of MS patients with benign MS have no permanent disability. 30 percent have intermittent symptoms with long periods of stability and 40 percent have a slowly progressive form of the illness.

■ In fact, 75 percent of people with MS never need a wheelchair, 40 percent experience no disruption of normal activities and two-thirds of the patients remain functional 20 years after being diagnosed.

■ Of those diagnosed with the disease, 10-20 percent have steady progression from onset and 30 percent with chronic progressive MS stabilize after two years.

But the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc. strives to provide "a brighter tomorrow" for people with multiple sclerosis and others affected by the illness. Founded in 1986, it is the oldest MS support organization that focuses on both complementary and conventional health care options to address the varied symptoms associated with the disorder.

For more information about the disease, call the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Program Services Department at (800) 441-7055, by e-mail at support@msfacts.org, or in writing at 6350 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

Jeff Martus is a man with a mission. He's hoping pedal power will contribute to a cure for multiple sclerosis.

The 24-year-old Livonia resident and second-year University of Michigan medical student is bicycling from Seattle, Wash., to New York City to raise funds for the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Martus and fellow medical student Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens begin their journey from an island off the coast of Seattle June 3. They plan complete their 4,000-mile trip by early August.

"It seemed more good could come from something like this than working in a research lab for the summer," said Martus, who called from Church's Ferry, N.D., the second week in July. "Three months is not enough to answer questions."

Martus' aunt, Kathleen Payne, was diagnosed with MS 16 years ago at age 35. She continues to fight the disease and is doing well. His grandfather, a handsome and athletic World War II veteran, died of the disease at age 42.

Payne is one of her nephew's biggest fans. She took care of the Martus siblings - Jeff, Jeannette, 19, and Bob, 22 - while their mother worked when they were growing up. Martus said his aunt's son, Christopher, 18, is "like a brother."

"He has all this energy and pizzazz," a proud Payne said of Martus. "He's very special to me."

Payne had no idea Martus intended to turn his bike trip into an MS fundraiser.

"This was a total surprise," she said. "This is an adventure and an adventure with a purpose. This is the only

summer he has off, maybe forever."

Martus believes in the work National Multiple Sclerosis Society does. He said all the new drugs that help MS patients are a direct result of the society's research. He wants to contribute his share.

So far he's collected about \$1,000 worth of pledges from friends. The public can pledge one or two cents a mile, or even a half a penny. Every cent counts.

All money raised by Martus and Zima's trek across the country goes directly to the MS cause. Individuals who pledged support will be mailed information and envelopes addressed to the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"The one most important thing is that none of the money is supporting us. It's not funding a vacation," said Martus.

Martus said the cost of their trip to date is "obscene." Their biggest expense has been equipment. Their bikes had to have frames and spokes strong enough to cross mountain passes. Martus already has gone through two wheels. He'll pick up a new, custom-made wheel in Devil's Lake, about 20 miles from Church's Ferry. It'll probably cost him \$200.

The men were halfway through their journey when Martus called. They had logged 1,600 miles. It takes a strong back and a pair of strong legs to manage 90-plus miles a day while carrying 70 pounds of gear - bike tools, extra inner tubes and spokes, a small tent, a sleeping bag and pad, waterproof

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Special kids bring mothers together

When Debbie Vassel was pregnant, doctors warned her and her husband not to get too attached to their baby. Ultrasounds revealed that the baby was "really small," and doctors thought he may have had Down Syndrome.

"They thought he was going to be born dead, or born alive and die shortly after, or if we're lucky, he'd have Down Syndrome," explained Vassel, of Canton Township. "They told us not to get too attached because he's not going to leave the hospital."

Andrew Vassel was born eight weeks early. Doctors sifted through various syndromes and diseases, all of which were fatal.

Now, 6 1/2 years later, the Vassels still haven't gotten an official diagnosis. He has the abilities of a 2-year-old boy.

"He's very slow; his main problem is seizures. When he was younger, he was having up to 100 seizures a day. Now it's down to one or two. He says about 20 words," Vassel said.

It's been an exhausting experience for the family. Stacey Laho of Plymouth has experienced the same frustrations. Her daughter, Alisha, sustained brain damage from congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV), a virus in the herpes family that rarely produces clinically detectable disease except in infants up to 4 months of age. It is transmitted transplacentally to the fetus from a mother with a latent infection.



Helping each other: Debbie Vassel (left) and Stacey Laho don't want to label Mothers of Special Kids a support group. They see the group's focus as what the women can do for each other.

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"Depending on what trimester the mother is in, some children just have hearing loss. Others are asymptomatic; they don't have any problems at all," she said.

Her daughter is considered spastic quadriplegic. She suffers from hearing loss and is epileptic. She is so physically challenged that it's hard for doctors

to test her mental abilities.

Helping others

Laho and Vassel, along with Debbie Barshaw and Laura Wright of Canton, and Dawn Northrop of Plymouth, hope to help other mothers in similar situations. They are the core of Moms of Special Kids (MOSK) which meets at 7:30 p.m. the

third Tuesday of the month at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 E. Ann Arbor Road (at I-275) in Plymouth Township. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21.

For more information, call Barstow at (734) 455-6115, Laho at (734) 416-8005 or write to moskids@ameritech.net.

"We wanted to have a group

where parents could come together and interrelate to each other," Laho said.

The mothers' children, most of whom are age 6 and younger, have various disabilities, according to Vassel.

"Some of the children of the parents in the group have seizure disorders," she said. "Most have severe mental impairments. All of them go to special education schools."

"A lot of the time I felt I had nobody to talk to. My friends would blow me off because they wouldn't want to hear about it. I'm sure there's a lot of other women who don't know about this group and feel they don't have anyone to talk to."

MOSK began as a small group of women but has grown by word-of-mouth to 16 mothers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Novi and South Lyon.

"It takes a lot of courage to call someone; they don't even know these women," Laho said. "It's a great feeling to have someone call me up and tell me they've been looking for something like this," Laho said.

Fathers are welcome but Laho hopes they will be inspired to start their own group.

"There's such a need for having an informal setting where a woman can come and talk about their child with special needs. No one can really relate to that," Laho explained.

It can be troubling, she said, to talk with other women who talk about their babies hitting milestones when they're going through a tremendous grieving process.

"It's hard for people to relate but I'm kind of glad they don't have the same situation. I hesitate to call our group a support group though. It's not a pity party. We focus in on what we can do for each other."

*Stacey Laho
Plymouth*

"It's hard for people to relate but I'm kind of glad they don't have the same situation," Laho said. "I hesitate to call our group a support group though. It's not a pity party. We focus in on what we can do for each other."

Topics include school transportation, doctors, the latest treatments and programs. Above all, it provides the women with a relaxing night out.

"It benefits emotionally. It's a night out without the worries. Most of us don't get out that much because our children demand so much of our time and energy," Laho said. "Sometimes we don't necessarily talk about our children, although we do for the most part."

"We always order dessert and sit and talk for a few hours."

Neverending struggle

Andrew Vassel's doctors have tried several things to improve his condition, including a ketogenic diet, a high-fat diet used to treat epilepsy. The diet consists of digesting 100 calories, 90 of which is fat. His meals included drinking whipping cream or eating butter or mayonnaise.

Besides MOSK, Vassel is also a member of an epilepsy support

group that meets the first Saturday of the month at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

Doctors advised the Vassels not to have any more children. Much to their surprise, Debbie became pregnant with a healthy baby girl, Sarah, who is now 4 1/2 years old.

The birth, she said, as been a godsend for Andrew, who attends Webster Elementary School in Livonia.

"She's been very good for him. She's his big teacher. She walked right before him. He would get up and follow her," she said with a smile.

As for Laho, she came down with mononucleosis-type symptoms in her fifth month of pregnancy. Doctors suspected that the size of the baby's head was small. When Alisha was born, she "didn't have a lot of other symptoms."

"She was jaundice and had a little rash. It wasn't like anybody missed anything. I didn't know what was in store. We have to just wait and see," said Laho, the mother of 6-year-old Kodey and 16-month-old Hannah.

Since then, Laho has tirelessly worked on her daughter's behalf. She encourages doctors to change Alisha's medication, if she feels it is not making a difference. She fights for equipment for her daughter and deals with health insurance companies about coverage.

"If you're not going to take all the steps, nobody else will," Laho said. "I don't look at my life like poor me. I have a child who has taught me so much. God loves her more than I do. He proved that we have strength to deal with this."



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Wansor-Moriarty

Keith and Kathy Wansor of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Kristene, to Chad Michael Moriarty, the son of Joan Lary and Mike Moriarty of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan dental school. She is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Blau and Dr. Kirsch.

Her fiancé is also a John Glenn High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is employed by EDS.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Northville Township.

Jablonski-Payne

Anthony and Emily Jablonski of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Ronald R. Payne, the son of Jim and Vicki Johnson of Bellevue, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City West High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is an independent consultant in human resources high technology and manufacturing recruitment and staffing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sammamish High School in Bellevue. He is employed by The Boeing Company in sales and engineering support.

An August wedding is



planned at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

Holmstrom-Roland

Robert Paul Holmstrom of Livonia and Brandy Roland of Wixom were married April 14 at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia by Kay Jackson.

The bride is the daughter of John and Naomi Gray of Wixom. The groom is the son of John and Ruth Holmstrom of Novi.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He is employed as a project engineer at Rapistan Systems.

The bride asked Barbara Stavislas to be her attendant. The groom asked Kenyon Octave to be his groomsman.



After vacationing in St. Lucia, the couple returned to their home in Livonia.

Westover-Christensen

David and Glenda Westover of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Kay, to Daniel Lee Christensen, the son of Donald and Karol Christensen of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is employed by Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Howell High School and also expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is



employed by Dynalogic Engineering in Walled Lake.

A December wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Harrison-Lewis

William and Susan Harrison of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to William Lewis, the son of Gerald and Jacqueline Lewis of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She attends the University of Michigan where she is majoring in early childhood education.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Fordson High School and a 1997 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed as an advanced applications engineer for Unigraphics Solutions.

A September wedding is planned at North Congregation-



al Church in Farmington Hills.

Doyle-Wise

Douglas Patrick Doyle and Deanna Marie Wise were recently married at Laurel Chapel, Livonia by the Rev. Kurt Stutz.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Klotz and John Wise, both of Livonia. The groom is the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed at Livonia Towing.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed as a manager at the Franklin Square Apartments in Livonia.

The bride asked Shannon Wise to serve as maid of honor with Lindsay Wise and Laura Klotz as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Tom Shuttle-



worth to serve as best man with Larry Doyle and Timothy Doyle as groomsmen. Daniel Sharma was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Roma Banquets in Garden City. The couple is making their home in Livonia.

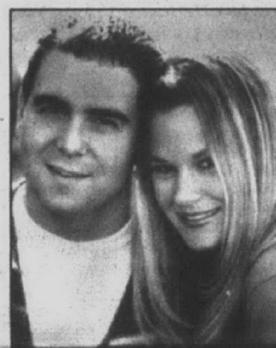
Campbell-Orsucci

Patricia and Donald Campbell of Orchard Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynn Campbell, to Robert Kennedy Orsucci of Farmington Hills, the son of Dale and Sandra Orsucci of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended the University of Michigan and is employed by OpenText in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. He is employed by Captec in Ann Arbor.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Edith Church.

Lemley-Ipavec

Lisa Kathlene Ipavec and Christopher O'Neal Lemley were married Oct. 18, 1997, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The Rev. George Charnley officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bonnie and Bob Meyerand of Canton and Robert Ipavec of Ohio. The groom is the son of Vel and Pam Lemley of Farmington Hills and the late Dolores Lemley.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Royal Oak Dondro High School. She is employed at Taco Bell in Flint.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a certified athletic trainer by Healthrax International in Flint.

The bride asked Lori Moesta to be her matron of honor, with Kim Cummins, Kim Lemley, Amy Downey and Kelly Herscheles as bridesmaids. Lisa Meyerand served as junior bridesmaid, with the bride's



daughter, Hillarie Ipavec, as flower girl.

The groom asked Steve Marcero to serve as best man, with Jeff Lounsbury, Ernie Muntean, Chris Putman, Kent Allion and Rob Meyerand as groomsmen. Christopher Cummins was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Roma's Banquets in Garden City before leaving for a weeklong honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their home in Grand Blanc.

Haflett-Ogg

Warner and Brenda Adkins of Redford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teri Lynn Haflett, to Bryan Steve Ogg of Redford, the son of LaVerle Bundy of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-to-be is employed as a loan processor for Park Place Mortgage in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is employed as a customer technician for Clover Technologies.

A July wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel.

Oertwig-Witto

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oertwig of St. Peter, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Renee, to Gregory Paul Witto, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Witto of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and Indiana University. She is the senior manager of customer service for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company in Mattoon, Ill.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Concordia College in Ann Arbor. He serves in the campus ministry at Eastern Illinois University and is the director of young adult ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, Ill.



A September wedding is planned.

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 ■ Reggie Gibson will be performing his poetry 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at The Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman. For information call (734) 454-0178.

SKATING
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 ■ The Salem area historical society will be holding a croquet and ice cream social, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. The historical societies of Salem and Northville will renew their century old croquet rivalry. The event will take place on the grounds of the Jarvis (south Salem stone) School, which is on the northwest corner of Territorial and Curtis Roads. Admissions is by donation. Proceeds will be used in the restoration of the school building and grounds.

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 ■ An exhibit of floral X-ray photography is on display through July 31 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. The radiographs are the work of Albert G. Richards, an emeritus professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan. Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Additional viewing times are possible by calling the office, (734) 416-4278.

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 ■ BNI, regular meeting, 7:30 a.m., Thursday, July 16, Plymouth Chapter, Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road & 276, Northville Chapter, Kerby Koney Island, Eight Mile and Haggerty. Call (734) 397-9939.

■ BNI, regular meeting, 7:30 a.m., Friday, July 17, Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

■ BNI, regular meeting, 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road & Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

KIDS FINGERPRINTING
 ■ Allstate Insurance agent Sandra Rutherford is inviting parents to bring their children 12-4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, to the Old Fire Hall in downtown Plymouth's Old Village for fingerprinting and photographs. In an effort to provide parents with up-to-

date identification records, Allstate Insurance has a countrywide identification program. For more information call (734) 420-6072.

BIBLE SCHOOL
 ■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will hold Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. from August 10-14, for children age 4 through 6th grade. This event is full of fun activities, cool crafts, and the students will set sail daily on "The Lighthouse Adventure". Located at 46001 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center. This event is free to everyone in the community. To register call (734) 522-6830.

■ Lake Pointe Bible Chapel is offering vacation Bible school 9:20-12 noon July 27-31 at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Youngsters will become young scientists and will discover God's power displayed in the universe during vacation Bible school's exploration of "Amazing Science and Wonders." For information call (734) 513-2810 or (734) 420-0515.

CANTON RECREATION
 ■ Canton Parks and Recreation presents field trips throughout August. Thursday, July 16, Detroit Zoo; Tuesday, July 21, Domino's Farm/Ann Arbor Hands on Museum. Rolling Hills Water Park \$7.50, Domino's farm & Hands On Museum \$11, Detroit Zoo, \$7. Field trips are restricted to 40 people per trip. Register at Canton Parks & Recreation, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call 397-5110, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to all Canton residents.

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC IN THE PARK
 ■ Plymouth Community Arts Council presents Music in the Park at noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park. July 22, Steve Taylor of the VuDu Hippies. Call (734) 416-4-ART.

POETRY
 ■ The Plymouth Poets Presents Summer Celebration of Poetry 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St. at Harvey in downtown Plymouth. Featured readers for July 9 are Al Ward, Marble Brown and Ren'ee Tambeau. Audience members may share their poetry before and after featured readers.

REUNION
 ■ Past members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor. There will be a commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia. Call (734) 459-6829 or write P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

SYMPHONY
 ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Summer Symphony Chamber Ensemble in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12. Students and seniors are \$10. For tickets and information, call (734) 416-4ART.

DRAMA CAMP
 ■ Whistle Stop Players presents Summer 1998 Drama Camps for children 5 years and older. Session 1 starts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily (bring a sack lunch), July 13-17, free workshop performance at 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Community Arts Council. Call (734) 416-4ART. Participation fee: \$75 for PCAC members, \$100 for others.

We all scream for ice cream



Delicious: Three-year-old Luke Bageris gets a mouth full of ice cream along with his big brother Nicholas, 4 1/2 years old, and their parents Joane and Michael. The Bageris' say they're looking forward to attending the annual Ice Cream Social in Plymouth's Old Village this weekend, Saturday, July 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Fire Station III/Spring Street.

NATURE
 ■ Summer Nights Under the Stars, presented by Howell Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings, through Oct. 12. (excluding Labor Day). \$8 per person, guests may enjoy many of the Center's Nature Programs. Gatherings around the campfire, and cooking dinner together. July 13, Native American Night, July 20, Reptiles, July 27, Wildlife Rehabilitation Night. Call Laura at (517) 546-0677. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. (Not recommended for children under 5 years.)

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TAI CHI

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council has Tai Chi classes 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The instructor is comfortable working with all age ranges and abilities. Cost is \$87. Call (734) 416-4ART.

SINGLES

RELATIONSHIPS
 ■ Single Place presents Stages of Relationships with speaker Ken Kiurski, 7 p.m. July 16 at Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville 200 E. Main Street, Northville. \$4 per person. For information call (248) 349-0911.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Summer camp program enrollments for ages 6-10 years also are being accepted. Contact Donna Pomerson at (734) 981-8463.

■ Openings exist for fall 1998 for students in second through fifth grade at New Morning School, a state certified and licensed non-profit school. Call (734) 420-3331.

■ Small World Day Care in Canton, on Joy Road, between Haggerty and Newburgh, is accepting applications for enrollment. Call (734) 459-9909.

■ St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, is now accepting registration for new students grades K-3. They offer a low student-teacher ratio. Enthusiastic, experienced

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SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSON'S
 ■ The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, building 5305, near parking lot P. Also at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, the annual summer picnic will be at the St. Joseph Hospital picnic grounds. A \$2 donation per person is requested. Call (313) 930-6335.

COUNTERPOINT
 ■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

SUBURBAN WEST

■ Suburban Nights offers a consumer-run, drop-in center open to people 18 years and older who want to meet new people, socialize, make friends and just hang out. The program offers refreshments, bingo, bowling, exercise, crafts, outings, games and movies. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. New members are always welcome. Transportation is available nightly upon request. If you have any questions about the program or need a ride, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777 and ask for Robert, Jenny, Christine, Steve or Mark. The Suburban Nights Drop-in Center is located at 27595 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

MDDA

■ MDDA (Manic Depressive Association) meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays at St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Center, Canton Center and Summit Parkway. MDDA of Metro Detroit is a support group for people who have experienced problems with depression. Family members are also encouraged to come. For more information call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

VIAGRA

■ Botsford General Hospital's HIM (Help for Impotent Men) has a support group starting in August. This free HIM support group meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100. This group meets the second Tuesday of every month.

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers monthly grief support groups at no cost for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice has a seven-week group for people age 18-25 who have experienced the death of a parent. Group meets Wednesday evenings at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Call Chandra Newmark at (800) 783-5754 to register. For information about other age and loss groups, call (248) 348-4980.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

■ Registrations are being accepted for Discovery

Days Classes, and science and math camps at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. Classes are open to children age 6-11 years and are \$49 each. Call (313) 420-3331. "Head to Toe Art" occurs 9-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 13-17. Redesign those old tennis shoes and create original T-shirt art. make a mask and a headpiece to take home. Bring a T-shirt to paint. "Think Like An Engineer" occurs 9-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 13-17. Work in engineering teams to produce a personalized skimmer, Experiment with force, friction, air resistance, mass and balance. "Build a Bug" occurs 11-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 13-17. Work in teams to invent new games.

■ New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, hosts Summer Science & Math Camps for kids age 6-11. "I'm A People Machine" meets July 20-24. Science and math camps are filled with hands-on activities that make learning fun. Latchkey is included. Call (734) 420-3331.

CLASSES

SUMMER STUFF FOR KIDS

■ Plymouth Community Arts Council presents summer stuff for kids, 3-13 years. "Cool Crafts," July 21; "Rubber Stamp Workshop," July 23; "Advanced Cartooning Workshop," Aug. 4 and 6; "Toddler Art," July 23; "Decorate your own kite July 30; Paint a ceramic tile Aug. 20; Ongoing drawing & sketching 5-6 p.m., Wednesdays through Aug. 26. Call (734) 416-4ART.

ADULT CLASSES

■ Ongoing classes for adults: Ongoing summer yoga, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through August; Ongoing Batik workshop, 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays as scheduled; Drop-in Studio, an ongoing drawing class, 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays; 7-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays. For more information call the Plymouth Community Arts Council (734) 416-4ART.

VOLUNTEER WORK

UNITED WAY

■ The Plymouth Community United Way need your help with the 1998 campaign, which will begin in September, with advance meetings in August. Volunteers are needed to work with a campaign team of local executives who will call on business, professional and industrial accounts to solicit donations for human service agencies in the community. To volunteer, call (734) 453-6879.

CANCER SOCIETY

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

ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation. To volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

■ Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

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

Learning process: After working in business administration for 20 years, Camille Procassini of Ann Arbor now is teaching people intuition development and dream interpretation.



There's no such thing as women's intuition.

"It's people's intuition. Women trust their intuition because they're more open. Men are just as intuitive," said clairvoyant and certified hypnotherapist Camille Procassini of Ann Arbor.

Procassini is hosting "Using Intuition in the Workplace" as part of the West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women's monthly networking meeting and luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

The meeting/luncheon is open to the public at a cost of \$18. For more information, call Tracy at (734) 420-3508.

Like everybody else, business people are not deficient in intuition, according to Procassini. They simply rely too much on their left-brain logic.

"They think, did I make that up? It doesn't make logical sense. It's a blip," said Procassini, who worked in business administration for 20 years.

Besides doing personal consultations and business seminars,

Procassini teaches intuition development and dream interpretation classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Her classes are always full and always include some skeptics. Their conversion is all the more sweet.

At the beginning of her class "Developing Your Intuition: Practical Tools for Practical People," Procassini asks students to write down how they feel about the color of their shirt.

It is a question with a purpose: What does the color of my shirt say about me?

As the class progresses, students apply their developing intuition to problems in work, relationships and family life.

"It is most enjoyable to watch people get it, to see the 'ah, ha! I should've had a V-8' kind of moment," she said.

Procassini's message to everyone is simple and clear: Always trust your intuition. It's the center of the unfiltered, innocent truth. It existed long before authority figures - parents, teachers, institutions - wore it down with threats of guilt and fear.

"Most people build blocks at the intuitive level because we have been told feelings don't count," Procassini said. "Intuition should be the guiding rule. If you fine-tune your intuition and learn to trust it - but not coming from desired outcome or want, just pure feeling - you will not make a mistake."

Logic, however, is not just a five-letter word. It has its place in the scheme of cognition, but it is the end point, not the beginning. In a dangerous situation, for example, the impulse to flee is first felt in the gut.

"You take it up to the heart, what's this fear, then you take it to the brain and the brain tells you to get out of here. The gut is always the center point," Procassini said. "The intuition to know when danger is near is not fear."

"You should always pay attention. Even if it makes no logical sense, but your thought is 'I need to exit, get out of there.'"

Procassini believes everyone is born with intuition, but some remain more 'open' than others. "It's called an energy field,"

she said. She has demonstrated her own energy field to clients several times by standing against a wall and asking them to stare at her forehead. After a few minutes she steps away as the client continues staring at the wall.

Procassini's energy field is imprinted against the wall. Most of time, people see a white or gold aura outlining her form, she said. Sometimes they see shadings of purple. Everybody has an energy field.

Procassini has used her intuition kinetically to scan a person's body for medical problems. Sometimes she experiences a sympathetic headache. When she was a child, these physical sensations scared her.

"I didn't always understand why I didn't feel well," she said. "I could have been pulling someone else's energy."

Procassini also has worked with police departments in Chicago and Ann Arbor in solving crimes. It's not her favorite task - "I prefer not to do it because I have to go into the victim's space."

As a clairvoyant, Procassini said she gets information about clients in "slightly different ways. I'll see their energy, where there's blocking."

However, Procassini doesn't claim to corner the market on intuition.

"There isn't a person on the planet who can't do what I do," she said. "Everybody has access to it if they trust it."

NEW VOICES

Timothy and DeeAnna LaBell announce the birth of **Chase-Lyn Marie Watson** April 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Patrick, 7. Grandparents are Richard and Linda LaBell of Fenton, and Dee and Patricia Tatum of Westland.

Todd and Angie Loop of Westland announce the birth of **Alexis Paige** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister Kayla Rene. Grandparents are Jim Loop of Westland, Cheri Urban of Westland and Dennis Moore and Janet Moore of Ladoga, Ind.

Beth Reindl and Jim Dougherty of Canton announce the birth of **Bailey Elizabeth Dougherty** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Michael and Elizabeth Lapum of Westland announce the birth of **Blake Aaron** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Vernon and Janet Sigourney of Westland and Darlene Lapum of Novi and

George Lapum of Seminole, Fla. **David and Ronna Llamas** of Westland announce the birth of **Matteo David** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Keith and Cindy Story of Westland and Guadalupe Soria of Detroit.

David and Jennie Blair of Westland announce the birth of **Emilie Marie** April 30 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Robert and Shelly Dillingham of Dearborn Heights and William and Kathryn Blair of Winter Garden, Fla.

John and Jennifer McBain of Garden City announce the birth of **John Travis** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John and Jennie McBain and Laurie and Gary Garlough, all of Wayne.

Shawn and Sharon Fisher of Wayne announce the birth of **Sarah Marietta and Olivia Ann** May 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. They have two brothers, Adam and

Michael. Grandparents are Marie Ha Fisher of Dearborn Heights and Pat and Don Ulivi of Garden City.

Stacey Marie Rohde of Redford announces the birth of **Jasmine Marie** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Angie Wolf of Garden City and **Jimmy Rellinger** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Chelsey Rose Rellinger** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Byron Wolf and Jim Rellinger, both of Garden City.

Lawrence and Sharon Conklin of Canton announce the birth of **John Patrick** April 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Jeanette Marie, 7, and Caitlin Elisabeth, 2½, and a brother, Daniel Joseph, 5½. Grandparents are Edmund and Sally Conklin of Shelby Township, Jeanette Chermiside of Apopka, Fla., and the late John J. Chermiside. Great-grandparents are Marion and Lawrence Bielman of Palm

Springs, Calif. **Todd and Tracy Rhodes** of Livonia announce the birth of **Dalton James** April 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Brandon, 8. Grandparents are Betty and James Duarard of

Livonia, Mary Alice Galovich of Baldwin and Murray Rhodes of Webster, Ind.

David Pompa and Lisa Pinazza-Pompa of Livonia announce the birth of **Jordan David** April 22 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

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Rev. Robert Bough
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422-0149
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July 19th
"Who Are You Listening To?"
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Rev. Melanie Lee Carey
Rev. Edward C. Coley
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Nursery Provided • 422-6038

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BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced and separated Christians, will have a meeting and dance, starting 7 p.m., Saturday, July 18, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$5 for those who arrive before 7:30 p.m., \$8 after 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Call Rose at (734) 464-3925 or Nita at (734) 261-9123 for more information.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries will have a bicycle tour of Harpoons

Island Saturday, July 18. Riders will meet at 10 a.m. at the Harpoons Island ferry parking lot on the south side of 23 Mile Road, west of Alana.

Single Pointers also will meet at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, and ride to Northville via I-275 bike trail and Hines Drive on Saturday, July 25.

For more information about any of the events, call the SPUME office at (248) 374-5920.

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 Friday through Sunday, July 17-19 and Sept. 18-20, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth.

For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit <http://www.rc.net/detroit/wvme>.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at



Innovative worship: Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will perform at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 19, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton. The group, formed in 1977, is comprised of professional musicians from across the country who have the desire to use the instruments they love to praise the Lord in an innovative worship time for all generations. Their original arrangements are featured on eight recordings. For more information, call the church at (724) 455-0022.

<http://www.cotwest.com>.

CHORAL SYMPOSIUM

The Rev. Gary Matthews, minister of music at Highland Park Baptist Church, is hosting three Sacred Choral Music Symposiums for church choir directors, accompanists and singers at the church, 28600 Lahser Road,

Southfield, Friday-Saturday, July 24-25. Guest composers and clinicians will include Doug Besig, Nancy Price, Gene Grier, Carolyn Banta and Lowell Everson.

The programs are: "Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Sacred Music" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

"Children's and Youth Choir Music" from 2:30-5 p.m., both July 24, and "General Sacred Music" 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25. Each participant will receive packets of choral music, specially selected from some of the world's leading publishers. The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for vacation Bible schools should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

RIVERSIDE PARK

Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia is hosting "Circle of Friends Ranch" vacation Bible school from 6:45-9 p.m. July 20-24 at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The school kicks off at 10:45 a.m. July 19 with storytellers Mike and Loretta Gulish. For more information,

call (734) 464-0990.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN

Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's People Pray," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. Infants are welcome with parents in the adult program. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information or a registration form, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible

school 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. The program is for children age 4 through completion of the fifth grade. The offering is \$5 per child, with scholarships available. To register or for more information, call (734) 459-0013.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST

Plymouth Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Amazing Science and Wonders," 9:15 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Children ages 4 through sixth grade will learn Bible truths through the stories of famous scientists who believed

the Bible. The school will include songs, crafts, games, snacks and puppet shows. The closing program and carnival will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 2. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5534.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10-14 at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for children ages 4 through the sixth grade. Students will set sail daily on "The Lighthouse Adventure," featuring crafts, Bible-based messages,

music and an ice cream social. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Kids Pray - H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7 at the church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Children who have completed preschool through the sixth grade are welcome. Featured will be songs and music, crafts and recreation, snacks, puppets and storytelling. Cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-6464.

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clothes, a camp stove and a pair of shoes and sandals.
 "We're getting a lot stronger," said Martus. "Climbing the Cascades (mountains in Washington state) was harder than the Rockies. We were in better shape by the time we reached the Rockies."

Martus figures he and Zima burn about 300 calories an hour, maybe more. They're eating well, stopping at a grocery store every day. They've abandoned making oatmeal for breakfast. Now, it's bagels - quick, easy and portable.

Some good stories

Besides raising money for MS, Martus' trip will provide good stories for his grandchildren. He'll tell them about the pods of orcas - killer whales - he saw swimming off the coast of San Juan Island near Seattle. And he will describe his harrowing trip biking the Sun Road through Logan Pass in the Rockies at 6,600 feet. Martus and Zima biked the last five miles of the pass through cold, fog and rain.

"You knew there was a sheer drop off there, but it was just white," he said, adding that the road was closed shortly afterwards.

Then there was the trek through Montana facing 20-mile-an-hour headwinds - "It was like

going uphill all the way," he said.

However, their biggest adventure to date came in Culbertson, Mont. They were biking through the rain along U.S. Highway 2 about 25 miles from the North Dakota border on July 4 when a state trooper pulled them over to warn of a tornado sighted 30 miles to the east.

Martus and Zima took refuge in a city park, secured their bikes, and climbed into their tents wearing their raincoats. The winds picked up and the rain came down harder.

"The winds were ripping through at 60-70 miles an hour," said Martus, adding that they took refuge in a cement restroom. "We kept peeking out. It was marble-size hail. We figured the roof would come off, and we closed the door. The woman from across the street sent her son to knock on the door."

The street was a river of knee-deep water, and the 16-year-old youth helped rescue their tent and bikes.

Martus and Zima spent the night with Paul and Lily Finnicums, but what a night it was. Their hosts' basement began to flood with sewer water and the two men became part of a bucket brigade. That night they slept soundly on the living room floor.

The kindness of people Martus and Zima have met along the way is another legacy of the adventure. Martus said a bike shop owner on South Whidbey Island near Seattle spent six hours fixing their bikes and only charged them \$30.

"A lot of great people helped us out, told us where to camp, warned us where not to camp," said Martus.

Originally, Martus and Zima planned to reach the East Coast by Aug. 1. Weather and other unexpected delays have put them behind schedule. Zima has another commitment on Aug. 8, so he may end his journey at Port Huron, and Martus will continue to New York City alone.

That's OK, he says. It's a chance for more adventure, and more importantly, it's a chance to raise more money for MS.

Individuals interested pledging or contributing to Jeff Martus' fund-raising effort can contact Kathleen Payne at (734) 591-1559.

As for MS patients, a support group meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. Fridays at the Livonia YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft. A water exercise program from 6-7 p.m. precedes the group meeting.

"We have been successful from the word go," said Payne. "Because we meet so frequently we really care about each other."

The group was founded by Doris Colling five years ago for MS patients and their spouses. It's supported by St. Mary Hospital, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Livonia Family YMCA. It has about 80 members, 50 of whom have MS.

Colling's husband, Emerson, said two physical therapists volunteer their time every Friday for the water exercise program. The Y charges \$2 per person.

Colling added that the Livonia group is the only MS support group in Michigan that meets weekly. The group is open to everyone, no matter the degree of disability. "We sometimes get a little crowded, but we have no intention of excluding anybody."

For additional information, call the Collings at (248) 380-8523.

Arbor Hospice offers grief support groups

No matter what your age is, if you are dealing with grief following the loss of a loved one, Arbor Hospice has a support group that can help.

It's B'Tweeners group for widowed men and women who are still in the workforce meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

For people dealing with a loss due to suicide, Arbor Hospice has a group that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at Risen Christ

Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

It also has a group for young widows and widowers who are under age 46 that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

For more information about the groups and other age and loss specific programs for adults and children offered by Arbor Hospice, call (800) 783-5764 or the Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980.

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Indians get bid

The Michigan Indians 10-and-under Willie Mays-level baseball team, based in Plymouth, has received a bid from the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series, Aug. 1-8 in St. Louis. The Indians posted a 36-9 record this season. Other teams competing in the Series will be from Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.

Members of the Indians are David Carey, Shawn Little and Craig Post (from Canton); Kyle Gendron and Greg Mrrone (Plymouth); Eddie Duggan and Stephen Merlo (Livonia); Shawn Dunford (Westland); Craig LaPlante (Whitmore Lake); Nathan and Nick Sarkissian (South Lyon); and Garrett Ruthig (Brighton). The team is coached by Jim Gendron, Dave Sarkissian and Nick Marrone.

The Indians are currently seeking any corporate or individual sponsorships to help defray the expenses associated with participation in the World Series. Those wishing to help should contact Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 for details.

Blind athletes excel

Shawn Donaldson of Livonia and Joe Hamilton of Wayne are among 50 athletes named to represent the United States at the 1998 World Championships for the Blind beginning today and ending July 26.

Donaldson, 24, and Hamilton, 19, each compete in Goalball. Donaldson was a 1996 Atlanta Paralympian who was a national champion in 1997 and Hamilton won the 1996 Junior National Championships.

Goalball is a team sport developed for the blind by the Germans as an athletic activity for returning soldiers rendered blind during World War II. The game consists of two teams of three players to a side that alternate rolling a basketball size ball which contains bells inside back and forth within a standard 18 meter volleyball sized court.

A combination of soccer, softball and bowling, the object of the game is to forcefully roll the ball into a goal that stretches the length of the end line.

All players must wear a blindfold regardless of vision and the length of the game consists of two halves seven minutes each.

Meteor soccer tryouts

The Livonia Y Meteors II, forming a new Under-17 team to compete in the Little Caesar's Open Division, needs one to two more players with birth dates between 8-1-81 and 7-31-83.

Interested players should contact (734) 462-6169 to schedule a tryout.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood HS is looking for coaches for its varsity and junior varsity tennis teams, a junior varsity field hockey coach, and an assistant varsity swim coach. Those interested should call the Ladywood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for details.

New hockey team

A new Squirt A hockey team, the Canton Crush, is now forming. The Crush will compete in the Little Caesar's Travel Hockey League. All District 4 players are welcome to tryout.

The final conditioning skate will be from 7-8 p.m. July 22, with tryouts slated for 7-8 p.m. Aug. 3, 4 and 6 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information, call Jeff Lajoie (981-0864), Joe Moore (495-0137) or Wally Hill (451-1538).

Cobras claim Classic

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, a first-year 11-year-old travel baseball team, made their trip north to compete in the Ithaca Classic last weekend worth their while.

The Cobras defeated the Okemos Chiefs (a 12-year-old travel squad), plus 12- and 13-year-old all-star teams from Mount Pleasant and Ithaca, on Saturday. On Sunday, they beat Okemos a second time to claim the Classic championship.

Bobby Pollard, Steve Williams and Nate Rzeppa each hit two home runs over the fence to pace the offense. Brian Whiting and Rzeppa were pitching winners, with Alex Enright earning one save while closing out three wins.

Other team members are Eric Byrne, Sean Downey, Chris Drabicki, C.J. Greenwell, Buddy Musa, David Scherbaty and Andrew Shumaker. Coaches are Ron Rzeppa, Don Shumaker, Troy Greenwell and Tom Byrne.

Combined teams closer to reality

Thurston hockey proposal earns early board approval

Based on Monday's vote by the South Redford School Board, the Redford Thurston Hockey Committee is one step closer to its goal of starting a cooperative program this year with Redford Union.

The seven members voted 6 to 1 in favor of "pursuing the issue farther," according to South Redford superintendent John Graves.

The vote calls for the two administrations to proceed with more planning and to bring back the official "resolution for board action," Graves said.

"The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires a very specific resolution," Graves said. "This is certainly a significant step, but not a final step. There are a number of important details to work out."

A final vote of approval, which would require a majority of the seven board members, could be held at the next board meeting, July 27, or the one following, Aug. 10.

Aug. 15 is the deadline to inform the MHSAA of districts' intentions to combine programs, Graves said. The MHSAA Executive Committee must approve the cooperative program.

The South Redford administration, including assistant superintendent Bill Weber, Thurston athletic director/assistant principal Bob Sickles and Thurston principal Jim Finn, has recommended delaying the start of a cooperative program.

Its position was stated in a letter dated June 16 from Finn to Graves, the new superintendent.

"There are a number of priorities in the athletic department and expansion of hockey, no matter the mechanism, is not a priority now," said Graves,

relaying the administration's stance. "It's not based on the opposition to hockey, it's based on our understanding of the needs of the (athletic) program at this time."

RU athletic director Jim Gibbons has said RU would welcome a cooperative program and handle the administrative end, including scheduling and selection of coaches. Costs would be minimal for the South Redford district since the cooperative program would be funded mostly by the RU extracurricular task force and fund-raisers, sources say.

Scott Sellin, a member of the Thurston Hockey Committee, said at least 20 people showed up to give their support of the cooperative program.

"There were a bunch, 20 people, maybe more," Sellin said. "We had as many or more RU people there. The RU people who showed up helped us explain to the board how it worked, how it was funded, what

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Tompkins wins Classic

Tompkins also makes cut for Junior Amateur

GOLF

It's been another busy and successful summer on the golf course for Westland resident Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at John Glenn High School.

Tompkins won the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic on July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club.

Tompkins had a two-round total of 153 (77-76) to finish two strokes ahead of second-place Nick Abbruzzese of Okemos. Tompkins' total would have earned him 12th in the College Division.

Plymouth's Gregory Bores, a Henry Ford Community College student, was 24th in the College Division with a two-round total of 158 (84-74).

Tompkins returned to the links on Tuesday and recorded earn one of 11 berths to the Michigan Junior Amateur Championship in a qualifier at The Links of Whitmore Lake. Tompkins' score of 77 gave him 10th place in a 48-player field.

Competing well but missing the cut were Plymouth Township's Evan Currie and Redford Township's Steven Elliot, who fired 82s, Westland's Anthony Fotiu with 92 and Livonia's Chris Jarvis, 98.

Mixed reviews

MU coach hopes impressive recruits offset loss of Sisung

The outlook looked exceedingly bright for Madonna University's volleyball team — until the last two weeks.

That's when coach Jerry Abraham got some bad news: Karin Sisung, his 5-foot-9 star outside hitter, probably will not return for her senior season.

The reason is her academic schedule. The classes she needs to take are at night, and on nights the Lady Crusaders play on.

"She's one of the best outside hitters I've ever had here," said Abraham of Sisung, who was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the year and was a second-team NAIA All-American for Madonna, which finished 34-15 last season, losing in the NAIA Regional semifinals.

The loss of Sisung and two other outside hitters who could have returned for one more season, 5-11 Nicole Scharer and 5-10 Vicki Toth (from Redford Union), has dimmed Madonna's prospects for the upcoming season — particularly after such a promising recruiting harvest.

"Seniors are seniors," Abraham said of the unanticipated losses. "It's hard



Nice hardware: Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at Westland John Glenn, earned the right to take home this trophy after winning the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club. Tompkins had a two-day total of 153 (77-76), two shots better than the second-place golfer.



Key addition: Livonia Ladywood graduate and Plymouth resident MaryLu Hemme will be a "big plus for us," according to Madonna coach Jerry Abraham.

to replace them with new kids." But the five newcomers Abraham has joining the team could make the

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Livonia-based team targets Sylvan Lake

HYDROPLANES

If you missed or didn't get your fill of the hydroplanes at last weekend's Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest, there's another chance Sunday with the return of the 81st annual Sylvan Lake Regatta.

The race, organized by the Oakland County Boat Club, Inc., starts at noon and is free to the public.

Seven classes will compete during the day, with between eight to 10 boats per class.

Among the competitors in the 2.5 litre modified class will be the Linn Racing entry out of Livonia. The boat is owned by Randy Linn of Livonia and driven by his younger brother Steve Linn of Farmington Hills.

Mechanical problems plagued the team most of last year, resulting in a fourth-place finish at the 1997 Sylvan Lake race.

Linn managed a second-place finish at the 1997 Summer Nationals in Hampton, Va. and this year has hit the water flying, winning all four of the events he's entered.

Linn's boat is powered by a highly-modified Alfa Romeo automobile engine, the only kind in use on the American Power Boat Association circuit. Randy Linn has done 90 percent of the development work himself.

Although Steve Linn does the driving he's quick to point out this is a team sport. Another key member of the team is Race Engineer Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills.

"Randy is tireless when it comes to the boat," Steve Linn said. "He is always thinking of new ways to improve it, even during a perfect 4-0 start. I've threatened to take his keys to the shop so he'll leave the boat alone."

"Randy has great development skills but Jim is the best race day mechanic I've seen. His ability to think quickly and handle the high pressure adjustments on the boat is amazing. He also has a great calming effect on the radio for me during the race because I tend to get pretty intense when I drive."

Linn said his boat can reach speeds of 130 miles per hour but this weekend probably not surpass 105 because "Sylvan Lake is a small course with big turns."

Sylvan Lake is located near the intersection of Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads. For more information, call the APBA at (810) 773-9700.



Look of success: The Garden City Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team finished 12-8 during the regular season and travels to Macomb for district action this weekend.

Garden City Reese successful

The Garden City Little Caesar Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team (12-under) has won one tournament, finished second in another and fourth in a third.

The team, coached by Dave Cain, Bob Murray and Laura Noonan, finished 12-8 in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Little Caesar Division. It plays in the Macomb District this weekend with hopes of advancing to the regional the last weekend in July in Oregon, Ohio.

SANDBLOT

The regional champion advances to the AABC World Series in Puerto Rico.

Garden City was second at the Flushing Tournament on June 19-21, despite winning four consecutive games and scoring an eye-popping 53 runs.

The championship game was rained out, meaning the winner was determined by the first tiebreaker - fewest runs allowed.

In the Fourth of July Tournament held in Howell, Garden City scored 50 runs in six games and lost in the semifinal.

Garden City won the Brighton Tournament last weekend, beating Warren Steele's in the championship game. Garden City erupted for 57 runs over five games.

The team batting average was above .400.

"The kids have phenomenal work ethics," Noonan said. "The kids have a lot of heart and hustle. Team is the big thing, '13 always become one'."

Members of the team include: Kenny Bain, Scott Cain, Chris Cappelli, Troy Eden, Greg Hocking (Farmington Hills), Gary Humenay, Jason Lind, Jimmy May, Dustin McGowan, Brian Montgomery, Shaun Murray (Redford), Dominic Noonan and Kyle St. Charles.

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transition much easier.

"This is a good recruiting class," Le said, "and we needed it. I have high hopes for this class. I'm very excited. All of the freshmen could contribute as freshmen. And none of them are kids that are not going to play."

The biggest of the Madonna recruits is 6-foot middle hitter Nicole Burns, a transfer from NCAA Division I Coastal Carolina University, where she was a starter at outside hitter. Burns "decided to leave after two years," Abraham said; a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., she was given the names of several schools to look at by her club team coach, Steve Fleagle, who coached at Spring Arbor College. Madonna was one of them.

"She's a big recruit for us," Abraham said. "She's a hard worker with a positive attitude."

There are no sure things prior to the preseason, especially for a newcomer, but Burns is about as close as one could get. Abraham admitted "she appears to be a starter at middle hitter for us. We're hoping she can be an impact player. We're hoping she can take that position to another level."

Even with the loss of Sisung, Scharrer, Toth and outside hitter Erin Gregoire (who graduated), the Crusaders still have seven returnees — and four of them are 5-11 or better. With Burns and 5-11 sophomore Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston), 6-1 junior Stephanie Uballe and 5-11 sophomore Kelly

Artymovich, Madonna should be tough in the middle.

Thing is, there's more. Also signed was 5-10 Livonia Ladywood graduate MaryLu Hemme, who was all-Observer and all-Catholic League as a middle hitter. "She's a very versatile athlete," said Abraham, who envisions Hemme playing outside hitter for the Crusaders. "She can play on the right side or in the middle. And she can be a primary-type passer. I don't know what position yet she'll play, but she'll be a big plus for us."

Hemme, who had 88 kills as a senior co-captain for a Ladywood team that was loaded with sizeable talent, was singled out by Blazer coach Tom Teeters for "her ability to be a primary passer and middle hitter as a combination (which) gave our team a player essential for its success."

A third front-line player signed by Abraham is 6-1 middle hitter Donna Birkenhiller, from Dearborn Edsel Ford. Initially viewed as a "diamond in the rough" by the Madonna coach, Birkenhiller has improved markedly, causing him to alter his views. "I've seen a ton of improvement," Abraham said of Birkenhiller, who played for the Crusaders AAU junior 18 elite club team.

"She's strong, with a lot of raw talent. She's got size, and she hits the ball with a lot of velocity. She's progressed with a lot of hard work. She could contribute this year for us."

That is precisely how Abra-

ham sees all his recruits — no projects, all versatile players with the ability to play more than one position.

One recruit he hopes to develop quickly is 6-0 Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves standout as an outside hitter who Abraham wants to use as a back-up to junior setter Deanne Helsom. Wind was a regular at Abraham's summer camps at Madonna; for her, there wasn't much doubt what college she would attend.

"She's a combination player," he said. "She has good hands and a good court sense, and she has improved each year."

Abraham bolstered his recruiting class last week with the signing of 5-10 outside hitter Heather Adams, from Lakeland HS. "I saw her at camp last week and was very impressed," he said. Adams, it seems, was overlooked by most college coaches because she didn't play volleyball her sophomore and junior years of high school.

"She's young, skill-wise," Abraham said. "But she seems to be a good athlete. She has very good backcourt skills, she's versatile and has a nice serve."

It all adds up to a promising class, one that fills most of the holes — although Sisung's possible absence leaves a rather large gap. "We're going to be younger than we were two weeks ago," said Abraham.

But still a team with loads of potential.

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the pluses and minuses were. Of course, on my side there are no minuses. They gave us every opportunity to explain our position, our reasons. I would say most of the board members were accepting."

The loan board dissenter was against the plan because South Redford has traditionally been behind sports that are considered lifetime activities, and hockey is not, the person theorized.

Sellin was confused by that assumption because he believes hockey is one of the more popu-

lar sports played by men over 40 — Finn and Gibbons counted among them.

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association representatives Harold Pagel and Larry Johnson, who have students in the RU district, presented the board numbers to back hockey's popularity.

"I explained that I've played hockey with a goalie who is 75 years old," Sellin said. "Besides bowling, golf and softball, hockey has a bigger participation level over 40 than any sport."

Sellin appreciates how Graves

has taken a neutral stance, yet is willing to listen and cooperate upon the board's approval.

"If this thing goes through he is more than willing to jump in with both feet and help us," Sellin said.

The meeting became long and emotional, according to Sellin.

"One woman got up and said if this does not go through I'm moving," Sellin said. "It was pretty emotional. The (cooperative) program can only do good things for the school. I think the board saw what hockey parents are like."

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Huskies, Lakers neck-and-neck

The Huskies remained in the chase in the Metro Summer Hockey League's Bakes Conference, one point behind the unbeaten Lakers, with a 9-6 triumph over the Wildcats Tuesday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Tony Guzzo scored three times in the first period to give the Huskies (now 6-1) a 6-3 lead after one. Scot Curtin (from Redford) also had two goals in the game. Other goals came from Bobby Davis, Brian Sutherland, David Scott (Canton) and David Sellen (Redford); Davis added two assists, while Jim Tudor (Canton) contributed three and Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford) got two.

For the Wildcats, Brian Calka (Livonia) and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) each netted a goal and two assists, while David Wallace, Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills), Troy Taylor and Matt Henderson (Livonia) scored goals.

Ryan Davis and Ed Souilliere (Livonia) split time in goal for the Huskies. Chuck Schervisch was in the net for the Wildcats (3-5).

Bulldogs 14, Spartans 3: Ben Blackwood poured in four goals and assisted on two others to lead the Eagle Conference-leading Bulldogs (7-1) past the Spartans (1-7) Tuesday at Plymouth.

Corey Swider (Livonia) added three first-period goals — he also had two assists — to the 'Dogs' attack,

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and Kevin Swider (Livonia) accounted for a goal and seven assists in the game. Jason Basile added two goals and two assists, and Eric Bratcher had two goals. Other goal-scorers were Darin Fawkes (Livonia) and Ian Crockford, who also had three assists.

The Spartans, playing their third game in as many nights, got goals from Chris Regner, Brian Halas (Canton) and Jay Sole, with Halas getting two assists and Sole one.

Bob Harrison was in goal for the 'Dogs; Mark Laverder was in the net for the Spartans.

Broncos 13, Spartans 5: The Spartans winning streak didn't last long.

The Broncos (2-5-1) got the first four goals of the game and never looked back in besting the Spartans, who recorded their first victory of the season Sunday, Monday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Mark Pietila accounted for four of the Bronco goals, and he assisted on three others. Matt Langley scored twice and had two assists.

Keith Pietila, Lewis Lanway, Cary Almas and Glenn Pietila each had a goal and an assist, and Art Baker, Frank Bourbonalis and Jake Wiegand scored goals. Eric Heitunen added three assists.

For the Spartans (1-6), Brian Halas (Canton) scored two goals and one assist, Paul Khawam netted a goal and three assists, Jay Sole got a goal and two assists, and Chris Regner netted a goal and an assist.

Art Baker and Kevin Brady (Livonia) were in goal for the Broncos. Thomas Taylor (Westland) played goal for the Spartans.

Bulldogs 19, Wildcats 12: Call it "Scorefest".

With less than 10 minutes left in the second period, Sunday's MSHL game at Plymouth between the Bulldogs and Wildcats was tied at 4-4, thanks to a goal by the 'Cats Tom Taylor. But after that, well — things got out of hand.

The 'Dogs scored five-straight goals, two by Corey Swider (Livonia), eventually netting 15 goals in the final 23:16, to run their Eagle Division-leading record to 6-1. The Wildcats slipped to 3-4.

Ben Blackwood and Kevin Swider (Livonia) each collected four goals in the game for the Bulldogs, while Corey Swider finished with three. Kevin Swider also totaled five assists; Corey Swider had four.

The 'Dogs also got two goals apiece from Ian Crockford and Darin Fawkes (Livonia), with Brad Yonemura (Garden City) adding a goal and three assists, Matt Grant (Livonia) and Eric Bratcher each getting a goal and two assists, and Chad Theuer finishing with a goal and an assist. Kevin Haggerty collected five assists.

J.J. Weeks was in goal the entire game for the Bulldogs.

For the 'Cats, Taylor totaled four goals while Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) and Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills) got two apiece. McNeilance also had two assists. Other goal-scorers for the Wildcats were Matt Henderson (Livonia), who also had two assists; David Wallace, who in addition had two assists; Shaun Davis; and Jason Couture, who had three assists, too.

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 14)				
Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Eagle Division				
Bulldogs	7	1	0	14
Broncos	2	5	1	5
Falcons	2	5	0	4
Spartans	1	7	0	2
Bakes Division				
Lakers	6	0	1	13
Huskies	6	1	0	12
Wildcats	3	5	0	6
Wolverines	2	5	0	4

LEADING SCORERS				
Name (Team)	G	A	Pts.	
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	12	31	43	
Ben Blackwood (Bulldogs)	15	14	29	
Tony Guzzo (Huskies)	15	14	29	
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	12	15	27	
Eric Dolesh (Lakers)	15	9	24	
Ian Crockford (Bulldogs)	12	10	22	
Kyle McNeilance (Wildcats)	9	12	21	
Troy Taylor (Wildcats)	8	13	21	
J. Hubenschmidt (Huskies)	11	9	20	
Mike Vigilante (Lakers)	9	11	18	

LEADING GOALTENDERS				
Name (Team)	GA	Avg.		
Lanny Jardine (Lakers)	5	2.50		
Shawn Miller (Lakers)	24	4.80		
Bob Harrison (Bulldogs)	22	4.93		
Ryan Davis (Huskies)	20	5.89		
Art Baker (Broncos)	19	6.25		
J.J. Weeks (Bulldogs)	23	6.51		
Casey Oting (Falcons)	22	7.43		

DCI, Rams split pair

John Stieger and Josh Axelson are baseball teammates at Michigan State University but on Sunday they dominated games from opposite sides of the diamond.

The MSU pitching combination made sure each end of an Adray Metro Baseball Association double-header played Sunday at Livonia's Ford Field ended in shutouts.

In the first game, Livonia DCI pitcher Stieger threw a complete-game three hitter, striking out nine and walking none in a 6-0 victory over the Michigan Lake Area Rams.

In Game 2, the Rams' Axelson tossed a three-hitter, also going the distance, with eight strikeouts and four walks, in a 9-0 win over DCI.

The split left DCI in first place in the Collegiate Division with 23 points and an 11-6-1 record. The Rams, desperately needing a sweep because they've played three more games than DCI, stayed in second place with 21 points and a 10-10-1 record.

Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madonna), Matt Pike and Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State) had the only hits in the first game for the Rams.

Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill/Henry Ford Community College) and Tim Donohoe each went 2-for-3 for DCI. Blackmore drove in two runs and Donohoe scored two.

In the second game, Rickey Green went 3-4 with a pair of RBI to lead the Rams' hitting attack. Miller was 2-2 with an RBI and Lawson 2-4 with two RBI. Pike was 1-4, driving in three runs, and Joe Seestadt had one RBI.

"It was two well pitched games, both from the boys from Michigan State," said Rams coach Rick Berryman, who still has hopes of catching DCI. "It should go right down to the final weeks of the season."

The Rams on Friday played an exhibition game against the Chatham Diamonds at Madonna Park and came out on top 7-1.

Berryman used five pitchers, starting with Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/University of Detroit/Mercy), Tom Willeher, Pike, Kevin Prader and Mike Noonan (Redford Union/Adrian College) also pitched effectively.

The only run came against Wampler, who lasted the first two innings.

ADRAY METRO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS (Through July 12)	
Adray Division:	1. Warren Reds, 15-4-0, 30 points; 2. Adray Kings, 14-4-0, 28; 3. Windsor Stars, 12-9-0, 24; 4. Windsor Selects, 5-18-1, 11.
Livonia Collegiate Division:	1. Livonia D.C.I., 11-6-1, 23; 2. Michigan Rams, 10-10-1, 21; 3. Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, 7-10-0, 14; Livonia Adray, 3-18-1, 7.
RECENT RESULTS	July 12: Livonia D.C.I. 6-0, Michigan Rams 0-9; Windsor Stars 13-11, Windsor Selects 3-1; Hines Park 5-8, Livonia Adray 3-0.
July 10:	Adray Kings 8, Hines Park 4; Warren Reds 8, Livonia Adray 7.
ADRAY METRO SCHEDULE	at Livonia's Ford Field
Friday, July 17:	Hines Park vs. Windsor Selects, 7 p.m. at Wyandotte Memorial Field
Friday, July 17:	Livonia D.C.I. vs. Downriver Adray, 6:15 p.m.

Luke Humphreys (RU/St. Mary's College) was 3-3, including a triple, with two runs scored and an RBI. Corey Brock was 2-2, including a double, with two RBI. Miller was 2-3 with two RBI and Lance Siegwald 2-3, including a double, with an RBI.

Travel clinches title

The Livonia Travel Connie Mack baseball team clinched the Little Caesar's American Baseball Federation championship with a 7-0 win over the Michigan Lake Area Rams.

The win raises Travel's overall record to 25-6, 13-1 in league play with two games remaining. The Michigan Rams are in second place with a 10-4 record and the Riverview Rams in third with an 8-6 record.

Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) improved his pitching record to 6-0 with a complete-game two-hitter, striking out eight and walking two. He now has a 1.2 earned run average.

Casey Rogowski (Catholic Central) had a home run and single to lead the hitting attack. Chris Woodruff (CC), Mario D'Herin (CC) and Rabe also contributed two hits each.

"This was our typical game, great defense, good pitching and

timely hitting," manager Bill Rabe said. "This is just an example of 14 good young men who are committed to the game, the team and each other."

With the league title wrapped up, Livonia cruised to a 10-2 victory Sunday over the Riverview Rams. Mark Cole (CC) pitched a six-hitter with five strikeouts in five innings to earn the victory. Derek Fox (Farmington) gave Cole relief help, pitching the final two innings.

Seven players had hits for Livonia. A bases loaded double by Mike Fisher (Farmington Hills Harrison) provided the most damage.

Livonia now looks forward to playing in the Mayor's Cup in Battle Creek, a four-game series with the Fort Wayne (Indiana) Braves and the High School Division National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in Hopkinsville, Ky.

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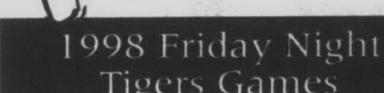
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C'ville wins Flag City meet

The Clarenceville Swim Club defended its championship at the 25-team Flag City Invitational Long-Course Swim Meet held last month in Findlay, Ohio.

A pair of relay teams set meet records. The boys open 800-yard freestyle relay team of Michael Porth, Joe Bublitz, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk was a record-setter with a winning time of 8:27.83.

The 10-under girls foursome of Courtney Green, Chrissy Fleck, Kathryn Kusuplos and Monica Pauza set meet records in the 200 freestyle relay (2:20.83) and 200 medley relay (2:40.95).

Following is a listing of top-10 event finishers in each age group among Clarenceville swimmers:

free (40.50), 100 free (1:35.79); second, 50 back (51.36).

10-and-under girls: Courtney Green, first, 50 breast (42.38); second, 100 breast (1:37.96), 50 free (34.60), 100 free (1:18.35), 50 fly (36.61), 100 fly (1:25.56); fourth, 200 IM (3:15.91); fifth, 50 back (42.84).

Monica Pauza, second, 50 back (40.68), 100 back (1:27.94); third, 100 breast (1:41.51); fifth, 200 free (2:55.65); sixth, 50 fly (41.31); seventh, 100 free (1:21.20).

Kathryn Kusuplos, fourth, 50 back (41.11); fifth, 50 free (35.38), 100 free (1:20.66), 100 back (1:31.67); sixth, 200 free (2:56.88); ninth, 200 IM (3:31.37); 10th, 50 fly (42.38).

Charon Parham, sixth, 100 free (1:20.85); eighth, 50 free (36.25), 200 free (3:00.26); ninth, 100 breast (1:50.90); 10th, 50 back (44.36), 200 IM (3:31.50).

Chrissy Fleck, seventh, 100 fly (1:37.69), eighth, 50 fly (41.92), Carly Burgio, fourth, 200 free (2:54.44).

11-12 girls: Julie Ward, second, 50 breast (41.28); third, 100 breast (1:32.12); seventh, 200 IM (3:01.58); eighth, 50 free (33.14); 10th, 100 fly (1:28.32).

11-12 boys: Brendan Cummings, ninth, 100 free (1:15.88).

Billy Navas, ninth, 100 fly (1:51.68).

13-14 girls: Lindsay Dolin, second, 100 back (1:15.40).

Stephanie Cummings, third, 200 back (2:42.52); seventh, 200 IM (2:48.47); eighth, 50 free (31.10).

13-14 boys: Ed Lesnau, first, 100 breast (1:21.68); second, 50 free (28.46); third, 100 free (1:03.67), 200 free (2:29.52), 200 IM (2:43.93); fifth, 400 free (5:16.72).

Brett Meconis, first, 100 back (1:14.69), 100 fly (1:08.58); second, 200 free (2:20.10); fourth, 50 free (29.18), 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 fly (2:36.77).

Justin Ketterer, second, 100 free (1:21.72), 400 free (4:50.96); fourth, 100 fly (1:15.28).

Joe Burmeister, third, 100 back (1:21.72); seventh, 400 free (5:31.03), 200 IM (3:01.23); ninth, 200 free (2:38.77); 10th, 50 free (33.43), 100 free (1:13.54).

15-16 girls: Megan Lesnau, third, 400 free (5:00.65); fourth, 1,500 free (19:50.83), 200 IM (2:44.12), 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 free (2:20.10).

Kourtney Dwelley, third, 100 free (1:08.05); 10th, 50 free (31.52).

15-16 boys: Joe Bublitz, first, 100 back (1:06.30), 200 IM (2:23.20); second, 50 free (27.54), 200 back (2:25.91), 100 free (59.62), 200 free (2:10.82), 100 fly (1:04.76); fourth, 100 breast (1:21.64).

Michael Porth, first, 50 free (27.04), 100 free (57.30), 200 free (2:05.70), 400 free (4:27.21), 100 breast (1:17.30); second, 200 breast (2:44.59).

Michael Nemer, fifth, 100 breast (1:23.14); eighth, 100 fly (1:14.98), 200 IM (2:39.99), 200 free (2:27.83); ninth, 200 breast (3:00.07).

Senior girls: Becky Noechel, first, 100 breast (1:25.42); second, 400 IM (5:37.55); third, 200 free (2:22.35), 200 IM (2:41.73); fifth, 400 free (4:57.76), 100 fly (1:14.37); sixth, 200 breast (3:06.02).

Kelly Carlisle, first, 100 fly (1:09.26), 200 fly (2:33.18), 200 IM (2:38.55);

third, 50 free (31.37); fourth, 100 back (1:17.09); eighth, 100 free (1:08.18).

Senior boys: Keith Falk, first, 200 fly (2:18.09); second, 400 free (4:25.29); third, 200 free (2:07.30), 1,500 free (17:51.76), 100 breast (1:16.36), 100 fly (1:04.20); fourth, 50 free (27.81), 100 free (59.31).

Nick Sosnowski, second, 200 free (2:06.72), 100 back (1:06.99), 200 IM (2:24.69); third, 400 IM (5:07.87); fourth, 200 back (2:28.15); fifth, 400 free (4:34.09).

Ted Burmeister, first, 200 breast (2:43.90); second, 100 breast (1:15.82); 10th, 200 IM (2:36.06).

RELAY WINNERS

10-under girls: 200 medley (Carly Burgio, Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolin), sixth place, 3:20.46; 200 freestyle (Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolan, Carly Burgio), fifth place, 2:47.37; 200 freestyle (Emily Navas, Alicia Grant, Alyssa Borth, Marisa Gordon), 10th place, 3:17.29.

11-12 girls: 200 medley (Katelyn Riley, Julie Ward, Allison Goldsmith, Katie Fleck), third place, 2:39.63; 200 freestyle (Katie Fleck, Julie Ward, Katelyn Riley, Melissa Riley), sixth place, 2:26.31.

13-14 boys: 400 medley (Brett Meconis, Ed Lesnau, Justin Ketterer, Jon Burmeister), first place, 5:08.56; 400 freestyle (Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Jon Burmeister, Peter Bublitz), first place, 5:00.71.

Girls open: 400 medley (Lindsay Dolin, Becky Noechel, Kelly Carlisle, Meghan Lesnau), first place, 4:58.13; 400 freestyle (Kourtney Dwelley, Becky Noechel, Meghan Lesnau, Lindsay Dolin), second place, 4:28.80.

Boys open: 400 medley (Nick Sosnowski, Ted Burmeister, Keith Falk, Michael Porth), first place, 4:24.97; 400 freestyle (Michael Porth, Nick Sosnowski, Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk), first place, 3:52.68.

3-on-3 champs



Still kickin': The Livonia-based Le Marcells 3-on-3 senior basketball team swept all three games in the Senior Olympic Tournament held earlier this month in Frankenmuth. The title qualifies the team to play in the 50-54 age division at the National Senior Olympics in October of 1999 at Orlando, Fla. Members of the Le Marcells include (left to right) Dan Coop (Plano, Tex.), Jan Chapski (Livonia), Marty Nowak (Plymouth), Dale Alton (Livonia), Bill Lawson (Westland) and MVP Ken Dersey (Plymouth).

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8-and-under boys: Jeff Pauza, first, 50

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used for the August 4, 1998 Primary Election. The test will take place on Thursday, July 30, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road.

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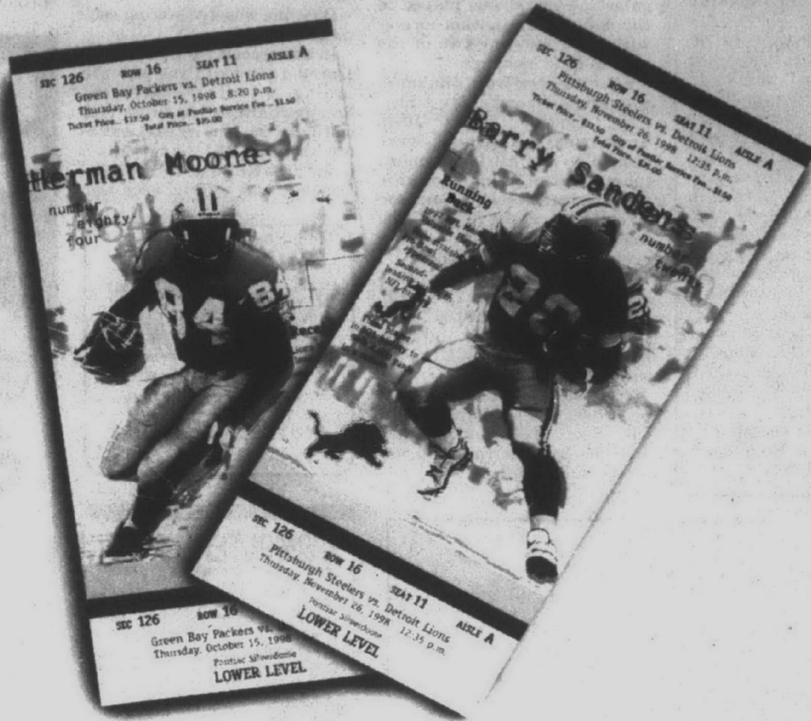
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The Senior Girls 18-under Slow Pitch Softball League had its all-star game Wednesday night and each of the eight teams had four representatives.

The National Division roster included players from Westland No. 2, Garden City No. 1, Wayne Champion Rack and Little Bill's Trophy in Wayne. The American Division was represented by players from Westland No. 1, Garden City No. 2, Westland No. 3 and Livonia-Westland No. 4.

The two all-star teams will enter the Interlakes Commerce State Tournament July 18-19 in Wixom.

Joining the National Division's roster from Westland No. 2, which has enjoyed a 10-0 record and resides in first place in the regular season race, were Chelsea Busch, Sarah King, Jesse Timmer and Mickey Van Goff. Westland No. 2 also had a standout on the pitching mound, Holly Deedler.

The National Division all-star team also included Tasha Russell, Barb Scharfranck, Amanda Davis and Amanda Sturgeon, from Garden City No. 1; Kristin May, Jessica Wenz, Lisa Beninzo and Beth Myers from Wayne Champion

SOFTBALL

Rack; and Samantha Looney, Nicole Looney and Lisa Rich from Little Bill's Trophy in Wayne. The fourth player's name as unavailable.

Westland No. 1, which is in second place in the league with an 8-2 record, placed Melissa Watkins, Jessica Watkins, Tonya Robertson and Patty Hammtree on the American Division.

Nicole Berg was the pitcher, being caught by both Krysten Malloy and Jenny Detloff.

Rounding out the American Division all-star roster were Michelle Bradshaw, Mary Beth Casey, Allison Chambers and Amy Floethe of Garden City No. 2; Katie Provot, Karen LaFave, Anne Machowicz and Melissa Nichols of Westland No. 3; and Kristyn Barrons, Julie Gohedotte, Catherine Kruk and Genie D'Annunzio of Livonia-Westland No. 4.

The league playoffs start July 29 and the championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3 at Anderson Field in Wayne.

The Westland teams will meet each other again at 9 p.m. July 22 at J.C. Park.

Late-inning woes

Jimmie's stumbles in last inning of final

Jimmie's, a men's slow-pitch team out of Westland, placed second at the 30th annual Kira-cofe NIT played on July 11 and 12 in Kalamazoo.

Jimmie's lost to Pace/TPS of Rochester, N.Y., in the finals, 16-15, surrendering a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

It was the third consecutive game the two teams played in the double-elimination format with Pace winning two of the head-to-head meetings.

Four players from Jimmie's, also sponsored by Varsity Athletics, Easton and Que's Sportswear Apparel, were named to the all-tournament team: center fielder Johnnie Simpson, catcher John Sampson (Westland), right fielder Tom Lengyel and second baseman Brian Donehue (Westland).

Donehue led Jimmie's with a .684 batting average (13 for 19). Simpson batted .619 (13-21), Lengyel .611 (11-18) and nine RBI and Sampson .571 (12-21) with a team-high 13 RBI.

Scott Janack had an on-base percentage of .750 with eight RBI. Scott Hille (Livonia) led Jimmie's in home runs and was second in RBI with 12.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Jimmie's began the tournament with an 18-9 win over the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters from Lansing, 18-9. John Recker (Farmington) was 3-for-3 with three RBI, reaching base all four of his at-bats and scoring each time.

Donehue was 4-4, scoring each time.

In the second game, Jimmie's scored 14 runs in the seventh inning to defeat Prestige/Calvert/Northwest Pipe of Taylor, 28-14. Simpson was 5-6 with three RBI. Sampson 4-5 with three RBI and Hille, Riggs, Donehue and Lengyel each wen

3-4 and combined for eight RBI. Janack hit two homers and had five RBI and Scott Nastally was 4-5.

Jimmie's reached the final four with a 19-15 win over Pace, scoring 13 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Hille hit a grand slam in the fifth inning and finished 3-4 with six RBI. Riggs was 3-4 with three RBI and Sampson and

Donehue each went 2-3. In the semifinals, Pace recovered from the previous loss by scoring four runs in the seventh to rally for a 14-11 win.

Mark Matchulat (Redford) hit a three-run homer to score Riggs and Lengyel and tie the score in the sixth. Jimmie's gained a brief lead when Donehue doubled and scored on a single by Randy Windham.

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Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports, seeking a SWCM, 43-53. Ad# 7328

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
College-educated DBCF, 42, 5'5", easy-going, gentle, calm, enjoys Bible study, going to movies, learning new things, dining out and good conversation, seeks a SCM, 40-56, to share quiet times with. Ad# 8355

CIRCLE THIS AD
Catholic, DWCF, 50, 5'11", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic, SWM, 46-54, with similar interests. Ad# 1895

VERY FRIENDLY
Outgoing SWF, 22, 5'3", full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors and more, seeks an intelligent, down-to-earth SWM, 22-29, for friendship first. Ad# 1572

TRUE & SINCERE
Catholic DWCF, 44, professional, active in volunteer work, enjoys music, the theatre, concerts, fireside discussions, learning to golf and dining out, in search of a hospitable SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 8411

BE REAL
SBF, 45, 5'9", enjoys traveling, sports, movies and dining out, seeking an honest, sincere SBM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

CAREFREE SPIRIT
WWW, 55, 5'5", 130lbs., fun-loving, a good listener, enjoys traveling, biking and family, looking for a SWM, 55-65. Ad# 4321

DEEP BELIEFS
Attractive DWCF, 46, 5'5", 115lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a professional, emotionally secure, athletic, honest and optimistic SWCM, over 44, to share good times. Ad# 4646

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Attractive DWCF, 40, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, enjoys music, the arts, museums and movies, seeks a caring SWCM, 40-51, for possible relationship. Ad# 6788

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
Bi-racial SCF, 30, 5'3", dark brown hair, enjoys concerts, movies, loves to browse in markets and interesting shops, in search of Born-Again SCM, under 42, for friendship first. Ad# 3722

WISHING UPON A STAR
SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies and quiet nights at home, seeks a SWCM, 28-35, to share similar interests. Ad# 2732

SPEND TIME TOGETHER
Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8648

GIVE ME A CALL
Born-Again, I'm a musical SWCM, 35, 5'10", who enjoys volleyball, teaching Sunday school, bowling, golf, bicycling, travel, animals and more, seeks a SWCF, 25-37, with similar interests, leave a message and we'll talk soon! Ad# 9631

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF
Never-married SWM, 31, 5'10", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, skiing and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7777

ATTRACTIVE
Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, 28+, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

LISTEN CLOSELY
SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad# 4111

DON'T PASS ME BY

Understanding, employed Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet an outgoing SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad# 8868

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
See a good movie with this handsome, outgoing DWM, 47, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who hopes to hear from a special SWF, 33-52, who is warm and compassionate. Ad# 8709

TRUE BLUE
Adventurous Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", hoping to meet a spontaneous, romantic and slender SWF, age unimportant, for friendship first. Ad# 2539

THE BEST KEPT SECRET
Open-minded, caring SWM, 22, 5'11", looking to share friendship and to develop a relationship with a SWF, under 25. Ad# 3323

TAKE A LOOK
Self-employed, shy and quiet, SWM, 30, 6'1", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a SWF, over 25, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and fun times. Ad# 3336

ARE YOU THE ONE?
A professional DWM, 51, 5'6", who is into honesty, spiritual and personal growth, good humor and fitness, is hoping to meet a petite SWF, under 5'4", 38-50, N/S, non-drinker, with the same beliefs. Ad# 6614

I'M LOOKING
SWM, 40, seeks a slender, athletic SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys golf, tennis, the outdoors, taking walks, the theatre and romantic times, to share a long-term relationship. Ad# 8025

TO THE POINT
This athletic SWM, 42, 6', enjoys working out and is seeking a slim DW Catholic F, of any age, to spend time with. Ad# 7287

SMILE WITH ME
I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 36, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3061

FAMILY-ORIENTED?
This athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving Catholic SWM, 43, 6'1", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

MUTUAL RESPECT
He's a catholic SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., who is athletic, N/S, non-drinker, physically fit and shy at first, seeking a slender, attractive, N/S, SWF, 24-33, who likes the outdoors, motocross, mountain biking and basketball. Ad# 1239

SMILE WITH ME
I'm a SBM, 26, 6'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing basketball, movies and more, in search of a SWF, 21-29. Ad# 8222

THE ANSWER IS HERE
Professional, outgoing SBCM, 33, 6', 185lbs., never-married, enjoys music, concerts, dining out, the park and traveling. He is seeking a SCF, 21+, with similar interests. Ad# 8262

EASY TO PLEASE
He's an outgoing, friendly SBM, 25, an employed student, who likes barbecues, spending time with family and friends, outdoor sports and is looking to meet a sincere, honest SBF, for good times. Ad# 7000

DEEP BELIEFS
He's a trim, muscular, professional SWM, 26, who is involved in church activities. His hobbies are working around his home, riding his motorcycle, going to church and is looking for a SWF, 22-27, who likes a good conversation. Ad# 1234

THE SEARCH IS OVER
Are you tired of being alone? Well let me keep you company. I'm a self-employed SW dad, 41, 5'11", who enjoys cooking, outdoor activities, and is in search of an attractive SWCF, 27-35, children welcome. Ad# 7002

LOVING & CARING
Stable DW dad, 39, 5'5", is looking for a trustworthy SF who cares more about the heart than money. He likes walks, some sports and togetherness. Ad# 8315

RICH IN LOVE
Understanding is what this tall SW dad of two desires. He is seeking friendship with a SWF, 30-43, who enjoys life. Ad# 9882

THE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE
He's an outgoing SWM, 32, 5'6", who enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling, in search of an attractive, petite, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36, who is not afraid to try new things. Ad# 1133

LONG-TERM
Take the time to listen to this SWCM, 40, 6'1", slim who is searching for a slender, athletic, attractive SWCF, who enjoys getaway weekends, playing golf and swimming. Ad# 5555

TELL ME ABOUT YOU
Get together with this never-married, handsome, professional SWM, 35, who enjoys designating-cars, outdoor activities, quality time with friends, golfing and is looking for an understanding, honest SWF. Ad# 1550

NICE CHANGE OF PACE

Professional, athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", looking for a petite, slender, attractive SAF, who is on the romantic side. Ad# 1625

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING
This outgoing Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", enjoys outdoor activities and more. He is looking for a slender, professional, family-oriented SWCF, age unimportant, who has a passion for life. Ad# 7404

FUN-LOVING
Outgoing SWM, 22, 5'4", is a SWCF, 18-23, without children, for friendship. He loves amusement parks and movies. Give him a call! Ad# 1701

PERFECT CHEMISTRY
He's an outgoing SWM, 38, 6', who enjoys sports, music, dining out and the theatre, in search of a SWF, under 36, with similar interests. Ad# 6789

SENSE OF HUMOR
Catholic SWM, 49, 5'11", 180lbs., black hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and music, seeking SWCF, 30-45, with good morals. Ad# 1899

GET TO KNOW ME
Catholic DW dad, 54, 6'1", professional, enjoys spending time with his family, sports, walking, dining out and more, seeks a Catholic SWF, 47-54. Ad# 5206

CAN YOU RELATE?
Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, employed, outgoing, enjoys music, concerts, being with friends and family, seeks passionate, caring, SWF, 27-42. Ad# 4242

SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED
Energetic, professional DWCM, 52, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad# 9009

WAITING FOR YOU
Easygoing, romantic DW dad, 38, 6', a college graduate, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys dining out, movies, spending time with friends and good conversation, seeks a SWCF, 30-38. Ad# 1825

YOU COULD BE THE ONE
Catholic DW dad, 39, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys sports, camping, cooking, dancing, walking, being with his kids, romantic nights, seeks Catholic DWF, 30-40, who has children. Ad# 5858

TRY ME
Shy SWCM, 25, 6'11", enjoys walking, dining out, music and movies, spending time with friends and more, looking for a SWCF, 24-26. Ad# 8585

WESTLAND, GARDEN CITY
Active SWM, 58, 5'8", N/S, enjoys family activities, Christian and country music and long leisurely drives, seeks a SWCF, who desires to be treated like a lady. Ad# 1200

WIN ME OVER
Handsome SWCM, 29, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, playing pool, biking, dancing and dining out, seeks a sincere SWCF, 23-35. Ad# 8962

HEART OF GOLD
SW dad, 32, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys taking care of his son, seeks an attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 1965

MEANINGFUL
Affectionate, open-minded SWM, 43, 6', seeks a professional, slim SWF, 28-45, to spend romantic, quality times together. Ad# 1212

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME
DWCM, 44, 6', 182lbs., outgoing, believes in a relationship based on God, love and honesty, seeks a SCF, age unimportant, for possible relationship. Ad# 1296

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SWM, 34, 5'9", athletic, enjoys weight training, participating in sports and being outdoors, seeking a courageous, communicative SWF, 21-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1013

THE KEY TO MY HEART
Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", outgoing, financially secure, enjoys movies, quiet evenings at home, dancing and dining out, seeks a spontaneous SWF, 25-38, with similar interests. Ad# 31

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



West End Productions presents "Sweet, Sassy, and Durang," a collection of skits by Christopher Durang 9 p.m. at the Wunderground Theater, 110 Main St., Royal Oak. Tickets \$12, call (248) 541-1763.

SATURDAY



The 10th Annual Southfield Gold Cup Polo Competition begins 2 p.m. at Word of Faith International Christian Center (formerly Dun Scotus) Nine Mile Road at Evergreen. General admission grandstand seating \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate, call (248) 354-4854.

SUNDAY



Johnny Trudell performs 9 p.m. at the Michigan Jazz Festival, noon to 10:30 p.m. at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Twenty groups perform on four different stages throughout the day. Admission, free, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The second annual Bluesfest International takes place Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19, at the Novi Expo Center and in the 200 block of Victoria Street in Windsor. More than 50 artists, including Mudpuppy (pictured), from six different countries perform at the world's only international blues festival. Call (888) 503-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information.



World wind: Marcus Belgrave, considered a jazz institution by many in metro Detroit, is a featured performer, along with the R.I.K. Reunion Band at the Birmingham Jazz Fest. In background, bassist Dan Kolton and keyboardist Buddy Budson.

B'HAM JAZZFEST

A showcase of homegrown musicians bebops 'Straight Ahead'

On an early July evening with a clear blue sky, a mild breeze and a sense that autumn will never arrive, there's a Hall of Fame gig going on inside an unlikely venue, the Polish Century Club on Detroit's eastside.

The R.I.K. Reunion Band features legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and saxophonist George Benson.

Anyone who has mistaken the sugary sound of "smooth jazz" for the school of dissonant phrasings from Bird, Miles, Monk and Coltrane is about to get an education.

This gig, as these musicians who make up the R.I.K. Reunion Band are fond of saying, is all about straight-ahead jazz. Authentic. Spontaneous. From the soul. Not a preset channel on the melodic dial.

For the most part, it's the type of jazz that distinguishes next week's sixth annual Birmingham Jazzfest where the R.I.K. Reunion Band will perform during the second of three nights on the main stage in Shain Park.

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Hall of fame: Marcus Belgrave, left, performs with local legendary jazz artists Ursula Walker and George Benson in the R.I.K. Reunion Band.

Birmingham Jazzfest

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.
WHERE: Shain Park downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road (between Henrietta and Bates Streets). Participating restaurants are located in or near downtown Birmingham. A trolley will be making regular rounds to each restaurant Friday and Saturday night.
FOR INFORMATION: Call (248) 433-FEST, 24 hours a day for up-to-the-minute information.

Shain Park Schedule

- THURSDAY, JULY 23**
 ■ 7:30-9 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends
- FRIDAY, JULY 24**
 ■ 7:30-8:30 p.m. - The R.I.K.'s Reunion Band featuring Marcus Belgrave, George Benson & Ursula Walker.
 ■ 8:45-9:45 - The Sun Messengers
- SATURDAY, JULY 25**
 ■ noon to 1 p.m. - The Paul Ventimiglia Group
 ■ 1:15-2:15 p.m. - Orquestra Fuego
 ■ 2:30-3:30 p.m. - The Wayne State University Big Band
 ■ 3:45-4:45 p.m. - SCool JAZZ PRime
 ■ 6-7 p.m. - The Judie Cochill Ensemble featuring vibraphonist Robert Pipher
 ■ 7:15-8:15 p.m. - Millie Scott & The Dream Band featuring Perry Hughes on guitar
 ■ 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Straight Ahead
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**
 ■ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24 on the steps of Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin - "Summer in the City" featuring Madcat and Kane
 ■ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, Shain Park - Chautauque Express

At the Restaurants - Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25

- Albari's Restaurant, 35064 Woodward, (248) 258-5788 - Sheila Landis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
 ■ Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400 - Robert Penn 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
 ■ Bates Street Cafe, 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832 - David Myles & Mylestones 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.
 ■ Big Rock Chop & BrewHouse, 245 S. Eton, (248) 647-7774 - Larry Nozero 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; Jazody 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 7-11 p.m. Saturday.
 ■ Dick O'Dows, 160 Maple (248) 642-1135 - The Distractions 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Company of Strangers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday; Odd Enough 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
 ■ Edison's, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 - Gary Schunk 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; Sandra Bomar 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday; Dwight Adams 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
 ■ Forte, 201 Old Woodward, (248) 594-7300 - Ursula Walker, Buddy Budson 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.
 ■ Max & Erma's, 250 Merrill, (248) 258-1188 - Bugs Beddow 9 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday.
 ■ Midtown Cafe, 139 Woodward, (248) 642-1133 - Patty Richards Trio, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.
 ■ Ocean Grille, 280 Old Woodward, (248) 646-7001 - Kevin Gio Trio 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
 ■ Peabody's, 34965 Woodward, (248) 644-5222 - Michael Millman Trio, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
 ■ Phoenicia, 588 Old Woodward, (248) 644-3122 - Cliff & Stephanie Monear, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
 ■ Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, (248) 642-7900 - Kurt Kunzart, Keith Malinowski, 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday.
 ■ 220, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 - Paul VornHagen 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

'Polish Wedding' full of controversy

Director Theresa Connelly's suite at The Ritz-Carlton is fit for a queen. Mouth-watering tortes are displayed atop silver serving trays. The strawberries burst with color so much that you'd swear they were injected with red dye. Step back to the window, near the table boasting several flavored coffees and the Renaissance Center stands majestically beyond the war-torn Southfield Freeway.

Still, reclining on an embroidered couch, Connelly is uncomfortable.

The media have just reported that the Anti-Bigotry Committee of the Pol-

ish American Congress is unhappy with Connelly's portrayal of a Polish family in her debut film "Polish Wedding," which opens Friday, July 17. Committee chairman Frank Milewski called it blasphemous, offensive and "a deplorable depiction of the Polish-American community." Reviewers have also called it "schmaltzy and immoral."

"Polish Wedding" tells the story of Polish immigrant parents Jadzia and Bolek (Lena Olin and Gabriel Byrne) and their rebellious daughter Hala (Claire Danes), a high school dropout who becomes pregnant by a Hamtram-

ck cop Russell (Adam Trese).

"I'm still wondering if it is not one person who constitutes this organization. It's amazing that I've never been contacted," Connelly said, speaking as fast as an out-of-control speeding train.

"I'm quite chagrined about what was written in the Chicago Sun Times. The word that really bothered me was 'immoral.' I would expect to weather (a storm) of outcry if I had made an immoral movie. But since when is making love, conceiving a baby, getting mar-

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Director Theresa Connelly

MUSIC FESTIVAL

After hitting gold with 'Rock Spectacle,' Barenaked Ladies join H.O.R.D.E.

With innocent-looking crystal blue eyes, jet black goatee and affable style, Ed Robertson is ready to pick a fight.

Detroit and Windsor music listeners have long prided themselves as the biggest fans of Robertson's just-as-affable pop band Barenaked Ladies. But that may soon change.

"Detroit is certainly one of our biggest places. It was our biggest place, New Year's Eve was the biggest show we've ever done. But Boston's eclipsing you guys now," singer/guitarist Robertson said slyly awaiting a response.

Well, he got his answer when Robertson and the rest of his Toronto-based band pulled up to Harmony House in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, July 7, for an in-store performance.



Pulling a "Stunt:" The Ladies - including, from left, singer Steven Page, bassist Jim Creegan and singer/guitarist Ed Robertson - celebrated the release of its latest album "Stunt."

More than 1,500 people with umbrellas in hand were waiting in a line that snaked in front of Harmony House, around Kmart's garden area and down the side of the building. Another 500 who picked up special laminate passes were inside.

"It was great," an obviously thrilled Robertson said in the store's storage area shortly after the Barenaked Ladies set. "We're trying to get to all the places that traditionally have the biggest fan base for us."

Yes, Boston is included in that list. Barenaked Ladies fans have two more chances to show their enthusiasm for the band on Saturday-Sunday, July

Please see LADIES, E3

THE H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL takes place from 2:30-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets, \$33 pavilion and lawn, are still available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE LINEUP (subject to change)

- On the main stage:**
 • Surfin' Pluto 2:30-3 p.m.
 • Alana Davis 3:50-4:30 p.m.
 • Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals 5-6 p.m.
 • Blues Traveler 6:30-8 p.m.
 • Barenaked Ladies 8:30-10 p.m.
- On the second stage:**
 • Fighting Gravity 3:20-3:50 p.m.
 • Chris Stills 4:30-5 p.m.
 • Huffamoose 6-6:30 p.m.
 • Gov't Mule 8-8:30 p.m.

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," featuring Mark Hammel of Lathrup Village as Frodo, the priest, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Huron High School auditorium, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$12, \$10 students and seniors. (734) 782-5380

MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE
"Girl Crazy," classic 1930 musical comedy set on a dude ranch, music of George and Ira Gershwin, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$15, \$13 seniors/students, \$11 groups of 10 or more. (810) 286-2222

FLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY
New plays by African American writers, "Full Circle" by Jeffrey Chastang, a drama about a family dealing with the suicide of its youngest child. Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 2870 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 17-18 and 24-25, and 6 p.m. Sundays, July 19 and 26. \$6 per play. (313) 872-0279

WEST END PRODUCTIONS
"Sweet, Sassy & Durang," short plays by Christopher Durang with Sweet and Sassy, an evening of comedy relief, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18, 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

THE GAMUT THEATRE GROUP
"And the Winner Is..." a musical history lesson through the last 50 years of Tony Award-winning musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17-19; July 24-26, Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile Road. Tickets \$10, call (734) 274-6493, voice mail option 2. Tickets also available at the door.

YOUTH

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
"Winnie the Pooh," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5. (248) 541-6430

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS
More than 1,100 artists take to the streets of Ann Arbor to display their wares in three separate fairs, free children's art activities, continuous entertainment on stages throughout the fair site, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, and until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in downtown Ann Arbor. 1-800-888-9487 or visit the web site at www.annarbor.org

SAM BARNETT
Yiddish tunes, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 West 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free, tickets issued at front desk. (248) 967-4030

"CRAZY CAROL REVUE"
Italian American Club of Livonia event includes the Sarasota, Fla., entertainer and dinner of rosemary chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with meat sauce, pasta all'aglio, sugar snap peas, salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and Italian lemon ice, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$20, mail check along with names of guests, address, city, zip and phone number, to: Rose Meteyer, 16030 Meadowbrook, Redford, Mich., 48239-3942. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"
Starring Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr., 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Marshall Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 per car, \$1 per person walk-ins. (248) 738-2500

RENT PARTY
For the opening of "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past," an interactive exhibit that looks into the past of this urban, rich African American neighborhood, and "Juke Joint," a colorful exhibit that recreates a southern country nightclub in 1960s North Carolina, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$35, \$30 advance, \$25 members. (313) 494-5800

SARAH MASEN
The singer/songwriter performs 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. \$15, \$12 students with ID, \$10 groups of eight or more. (734) 464-6302

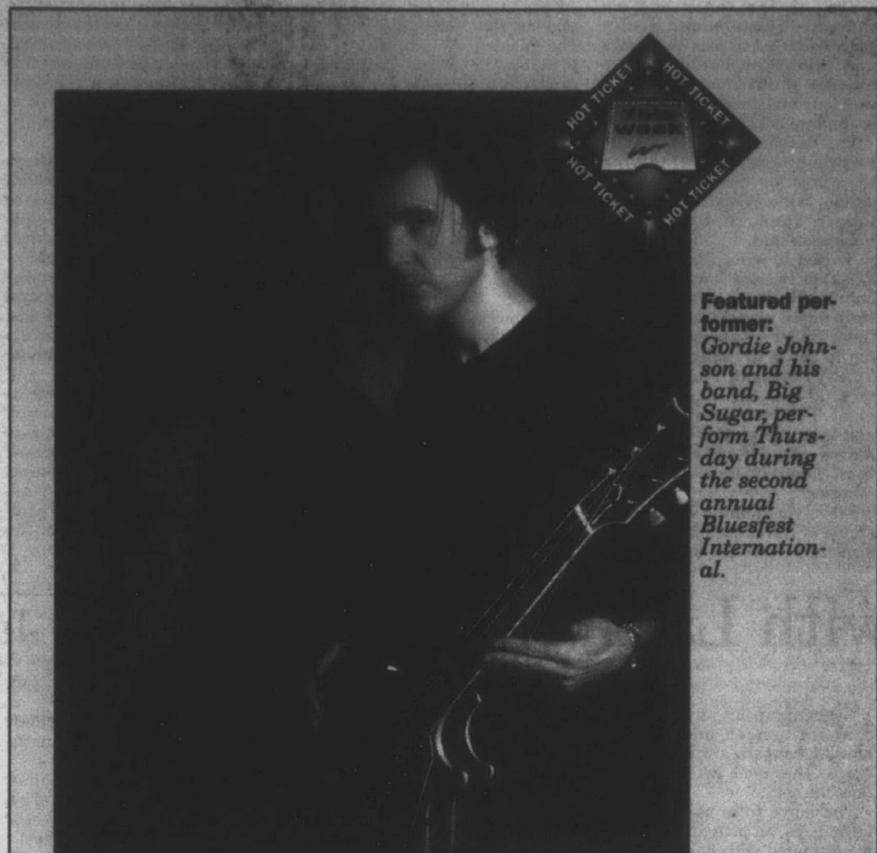
BENEFIT

JESSE PYE ANNUAL BENEFIT
Arts Extended Gallery presents a celebration, exhibition and reception with proceeds to benefit a scholarship program to support young artists, entertainment by Harpists, Pat Terry Ross and the Ernie Rogers Trio, 7-11 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$50, includes signed lithograph commemorating the organizations 40 year history. (313) 961-5036

FAMILY EVENTS

"CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL"
With the cultures' music, food, artifacts, garnet jewelry, Bohemian crystal and pottery items, pastries and refreshments, 2:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Yack Arena, 3131 Third St. (at Eureka, four miles east of I-75), Wyandotte. \$6, free for children ages 14 and older accompanied by an adult. (313) 416-0376

KEVIN DEVINE
Noon and 5 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the Ortonville 150th anniversary celebration, on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. Free. All ages. (248) 627-3760



Featured performer: Gordie Johnson and his band, Big Sugar, perform Thursday during the second annual Bluesfest International.

Bluesfest International July 16-19

Both sides of the Detroit River play host to the second annual International Bluesfest from Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. Call (888) 508-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information.

Aside from blues music, The Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), will host an "International Rib N' Chicken Cook Off," the Budweiser Beer School, where retailers and consumers can learn through education and sampling, and Sony World of Music.

The first 1,000 people through the door in Novi and Windsor on Thursday will receive a free Bluesfest International commemorative tuxedo jacket compliments of President Tuxedo. Windsor performances are scheduled for the 200 block of Victoria Street.

Novi Expo Center Schedule:
On Thursday, July 16, doors open 5 p.m. and the \$5 admission goes to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Performers include Mudpuppy, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater, Shirley King (daughter of B.B. King), Detroit All-Stars featuring Dew Abbott, Chris Campbell of the Silver Bullet Band, and Dallas Hodge. The rockabilly band and 1997 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year the Twistin' Tarantulas perform on the second stage.

"British Invasion Night" is the theme for Friday,

July 17. Doors open 5 p.m. and the admission is \$15. Performers include Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Savoy Brown, Spencer Davis, and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Eric Burdon. Bugs Beddo performs on the second stage from 6-11 p.m.

The Great Lakes Music Conference kicks off the events of Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the performances and admission is \$15.

Performers include: Wailin' Inc., Chisel Brothers with Thornetta Davis, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, and Grammy Award-winner James Cotton. Root Doctor plays on the second stage.

The events wrap in Novi on Sunday, July 19, with the Motor Cities Blues Awards. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Joce'lyn B., Downchild Blues Band, Cleveland Fats, Yard Dog, and Big Bill Morganfield are slated to hit the stage. Buster Blues will play the second stage. The winning band at the MCBAwards wins the right to open up for Buddy Guy in January at Buddy Guy's Legends. Last year, Mudpuppy earned the honor.

Windsor schedule
The Windsor line up features many of the same performers as the Novi Expo Center festival.

Doors open 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, and admission is \$15. Canadian

favorites Big Sugar featuring Gordie Johnson (pictured) will perform along with the Twistin' Tarantulas, Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton, and Mudpuppy. Robert Jones and Jo Serrapere play the second stage.

On Friday, July 17, doors open 5 p.m. and the admission charge is \$20. Performers include Kim Lembo, Shirley King, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater and James Cotton. The second stage hosts J.D. Project.

"Kidsfest" takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. A \$2 donation to the Westside Breakfast Club admits the entire family.

Root Doctor, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, and The Hitmen perform from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The Dawg Band, Spencer Davis, Savoy Brown and Eric Burdon perform after 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. The second stage hosts Crossfire.

On Sunday, July 19, doors open at 2 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield (son of Muddy Waters), Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, Detroit All-Stars and Downchild Blues Band. CNA with Chicago Pete and Johnny and the Tornados play the second stage.

The festival comes to a close with a free wind-up party at Croctails, next to Bluesfest International.

Sunday, July 19, Stottlemeyer Park on Dancy Boulevard, Westland. Free. All ages. (rock/blues) (734) 326-6123

TOKEN
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, the gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (rock) (248) 473-7283

U.S. ARMY BAND
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall, (rain location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762

STEVE WOOD
"Bepp and Beyond," 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 20, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813

CLASSICAL

SUMMER SYMPHONY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Works by Haydn, Wagner and Martinu, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 416-4ART

POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
With Big Barn Combo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555/(248) 333-2362

RED GARTER BAND
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dixieland) (248) 473-7283

II V ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 17 and 24, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (swing) (248) 253-1300

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Music Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars," Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh Road (near Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

BARBIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN
The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
The DDC offers "Learning at the Opera House," a series of classes at the Detroit Opera House in July. Modern dance technique and improvisation for teens and adults (intermediate level), 6-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23 (\$36); followed by performance/sharing by workshop participants, Friday, July 31, all at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
Hosts a workshop with Alain DuBriuel of the Birmingham Royal Ballet in London and John Anzalone, assistant choreographer for the current Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde," classes for advanced, intermediate and youth level dancers ages 8 and older include ballet, pointe, jazz, and modern, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 24-26 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 427-9103

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Magicians needed for Aug. 15-16 for Merlin's Magic Fest, auditions 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Illusions, 326 West Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 601-4848

STAGECRAFTERS

Audition for "Once Upon a Mattress," 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances are Sept. 18-20 and 24-27, and Oct. 2-4 and 9-11. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL
Schoolcraft College is offering the opportunity for late elementary and high school musicians to perform as soloists and with a live orchestra July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14; \$250 for each two-week term. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA/REDFORD
Auditions for seven men and two women (ages 20 and up) for Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, July 19-20, variety of accents needed, also needed set builders, light/sound technicians and prop masters, at 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554

JAZZ

SVEN ANDERSON TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
10 p.m. Friday, July 17, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (jazz) (248) 334-5241/(248) 544-1141/(313) 886-8101

BRAD FELT TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (tuba/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 905-7333

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 542-9922

RON KISCHUK QUINTET
Featuring vocalist Susan Taylor, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Plaza at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping district. (313) 886-7474

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS

10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack Avenue), Detroit. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, as part of the Birmingham Jazzfest, 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241/(313) 831-3838/(248) 646-8022

LOBA AKOU

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MASCHINA

With Circus McGirkis, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (acid jazz/rock) (734) 485-5050

JEFF MICHAEL BAND

6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, in the Coyote Cantina at the Crown Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. (313) 965-0200

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With vibist Jack Brokenasha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; with saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m., \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Features 20 groups, 4 big bands, 178 musicians performing on four stages, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 474-2720

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

FRANK MORGAN QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SCHUNK, STARR, DRYDEN

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail on Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

PAUL VORNHAGEN

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 18, Agave Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONIC

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Thai-Chi, 630 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (313) 963-8424/(248) 645-0731

WORLD MUSIC

BARBA MAAL
Featuring Daande Lenol, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (world beat) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

IMMUNITY
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 16, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, July 17, BW3 Grill and Pub, Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Heritage Park Pavilion, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, Kodiak Grill, 45680 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 642-9400/(248) 814-8800/(734) 397-1000/(810) 731-1750

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LISA HUNTER
8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (folk/pop) (734) 668-1836

MARSHALL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
With Dr. Ralph Stanley, David Blakney, Jimmy Martin, The Larry Stephenson Band, David Davis, Metro Grass and Reno Bros., 4-10:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, July 17, and noon to 10:45 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Quality Camping, Inc., Milan. \$15 Thursday, \$20 Friday, \$20 Saturday; \$40 three-day pass. (248) 435-2828/(810)

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BARREL HO
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BUGS BEDD
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DUSTY RHODES
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

PLYMOUTH POETS
Hosts readings by Michael Barney and L.A. Beech, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; Donna DeMeyer and Heather Bottorff, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Pennington at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

DANCE

SHARATA KALA DANCE FESTIVAL
"Gita Govinda," a spectacular dance drama after 12th century poet Jayadeva's depiction of the sublime love of Lord Krishna and Radha, choreography by Roopa Shyamashundar with artists from India and students of Nityoilasa orchestra from India, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$100 and \$50 donors. (248) 650-5261

COMEDY

CHATTERS
Tim Lilly, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 19, and Wednesday, July 22, Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 422-3737

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Billy Ray Bauer, Michael Jr. and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, and Vinnie Mack, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Friday (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALMIGHTY GROOVE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

B-52'S
With the Pretenders and Royal Crown Revue, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (retro/swing) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

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With S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$26.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

Free. All ages. (rockabilly) (248) 644-4800

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT"
With Jupiter, Antigen Syph and Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, O'Grady's, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, I-Rock, 16530 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 524-4770/(313) 881-7625/(313) 875-6555

BLUES LIFE

8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 644-4800/(248) 652-1600

ROBERT BUGAR

Whose vocals have appeared in "Xena: The Warrior Princess" television show, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

CHIMNEYFISH

With Away, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (9248) 334-9292

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 348-4404

COLD AS LIFE

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-3300

PAULA COLE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (pop) (248) 546-7610

charge. All ages welcome from noon-9 p.m., 18 and older after 9 p.m. (810) 465-5154

DIANA KING
10 p.m. Friday, July 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

LUCKY MASKINS
With Mazing, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

THE HENCHMEN

With Mr. Tidy, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 313 JAC above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., in Detroit's Bricktown area. \$5. 21 and older. (garage rock) (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.detroitmusic.com/static>

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H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL

With Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals, Alana Davis and Surfin' Pluto on the main stage, and Fighting Gravity, Chris Stills, Huffamoose and Gov't Mule on the second stage, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$33 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

MIKI HOWARD

With Valerie, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Mount Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Macomb. Cover charge, 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-5154

HOWLING DIABLOS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (funk/rock) (734) 996-8555

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Max and Erma's, 250 E. Merrill, Birmingham. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; As host of open mic, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Gargoyles' coffee house, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 258-1188/(248) 642-2233/(734) 668-1838/(248) 745-9790

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With Usher, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$62.50 and \$75. All ages. (R&B/dance) (313) 596-3200

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With Box Set, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, originally scheduled for Pine Knob Music Theatre, has been moved to Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Refunds and exchanges for a location at Meadow Brook will be available at the point of purchase. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

THE LOOK

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

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9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

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9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (western swing) (248) 650-5080

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080/(248) 349-9110

MIKE NOLAN

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Local Colors, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-2600

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and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

JO SERRAPERRE
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

SISTER SEED

8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

SISTER SOLEIL

6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

60 SECOND CRUSH

9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

SPACE NELSON

With Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (prog rock) (313) 567-6020 or <http://www.space NELSON.com>

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (western swing) (248) 650-5080

CURTIS SUMPTER PROJECT

With Cathy Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

SUN MESSENGERS

9 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 542-9922

TANGERINE TROUSERS

9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 338-6200

WALK ON WATER

With Five Horse Johnson and DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

STEPHEN GRANT WOOD AND ROBERT GILLESPIE

8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

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7-11 p.m. Wednesdays through August, Woolly Billy's, 43333 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 380-5163

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Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.grooveroom.com>

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"Playhouse," techno dance with resident DJs Terrence Parker, Eric Hinchman, Jeremy Guerin and Cold Crush Rus, 9 p.m. Sundays in June, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free before 10 p.m., \$5 afterwar. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

MOTOR LOUNGE

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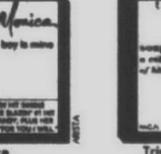
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MOVIES

Hit-and-miss 'Mary' just gets dumb and dumber

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I know what you're going to say: It's supposed to be stupid. The problem is, "There's Something About Mary" isn't all that funny. The latest from the Farrelly Brothers, the team that brought you "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin," offers much of the same.

The same means that the movie relies on the most juvenile humor imaginable. Ten excruciating minutes are spent while the main character (Ben Stiller)

struggles in the bathroom with his member trapped in a zipper as his date's father, mother and even the local fireman pop in for a look.

And this is when the movie still shows promise. Stiller and Cameron Diaz are surprisingly winning as teenagers in 1983. His Ted is an average guy with a helmet of bad hair and a mouthful of metal who somehow scores a prom date with Mary, a fox with a long mane of blow-dried blonde locks and tight jeans.

The zipper fiasco not only cuts their prom date short, but Ted's too embarrassed to speak to her. It's 15 years later and he still can't get Mary out of his mind, so he hires a slick claims investigator (Matt Dillon) to do a little

after hours snooping.

Truly funny moments pop up in "Mary," but, like many Hollywood comedies, they are all revealed in the trailer. It's no secret that Dillon's investigator falls for Mary and, in trying to impress her, overdoses her nasty little dog with sleeping pills. While Mary is in the kitchen, he administers mouth-to-mouth and employs a frayed light cord to revive the dog with electroshock.

It's a truly manic, funny, and sick moment, and it's what the Farrellys do best. Then, knowing that this kind of humor grows tiresome after while, they attempt something different by actually trying to make us like these one-dimensional charac-

ters.

The ubiquitous Cameron Diaz (she has appeared in something like five movies in as many months) is mostly up to the task. A fairly breezy comedienne capable of some depth (remember the embarrassing karaoke scene in "My Best Friend's Wedding?"), she portrays in Mary what most guys will think is the perfect woman.

She drives a trendy 4 by 4, follows football, doesn't necessarily care about looks and money, and spends most of her free time on the driving range. And, most importantly, she's a babe, as evidenced by a pair of stakeout scenes where she drobes at her window, further proof that the filmmakers are influenced far more by "Porky's" than Preston Sturges.

And sometimes you do feel for everyman Ben Stiller, who plays straight man to a string of "wacky" characters that cross his path, including a cranky guy in a wheelchair, a moronic hitchhiker and Mary's mentally retarded brother. Few afflictions remain unscathed.

Jonathan Richman, the college-circuit songwriter, appears with acoustic guitar and drummer on the street, in a tree, whenever we need a break from the action. He wrote the music for the film and its self-conscious dippiness ("Love isn't nice," one of his ditties reports) fits the



Vying for affection: Pat Healy (Matt Dillon, left) tries to worm his way into the affections of Mary (Cameron Diaz, center) and her friend Magda (Lin Shaye) in "There's Something About Mary."

comedy's quirky mood well.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in "There's Something About Mary" is Matt Dillon's often hilarious turn as the gumshoe whose investigation of Mary gives him a leg up on what she likes in a guy. How does he spend his spare time? "I work with retarded," he tells her, knowing that Mary's brother is mentally challenged.

OK. Thinking back on it, there

were more than a couple of funny moments. Compared to the antiseptic romantic comedies out now (most starring a cast member from "Friends"), there are worse ways to fritter a night away than with the hit-and-miss "Mary."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

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"The Last Days of Disco" (USA-1998). Another talkfest from Whit Stillman, director of "Metropolitan" and "Barcelona," set in the late 1970s. Here a group of young twentysomethings ponder their future at the end of the Disco era.

"Magic Bag" - 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information.

"Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (USA-1998). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16. The year's first movie destined for cultdom takes you into the warped mind of Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson (an impossibly over-the-top Johnny Depp) as he travels to Las Vegas with a briefcase full of hallucinogenics. Directed by Terry Gilliam, who proved, in his earlier "Twelve Monkeys" and "Brazil," how adept he is at portraying other worlds on screen. (\$2)

"Spike and Mike's Sick and

Twisted Festival of Animation. Tuesday, July 21 through Sunday, Aug. 2 (call for showtimes). An encore presentation of the festival, highlighted by the unaired "South Park" pilot episode, "The Spirit of Christmas." Also on the bill: "Smoking," "Fast Driver" (a gay take on "Speed Racer"), and "Sloaches Fun House," which earns its title as "grossest cartoon ever made." (\$6)

Main Art Theatre - 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

"The Opposite of Sex" (USA-1998). Christina Ricci ("Addams Family," "The Ice Storm") plays a teenage girl who runs away from her home one summer and wrecks the lives of virtually everyone she encounters.

"High Art" (USA-1998). Ally Sheedy and Radha Mitchell play a pair of women whose lives change due to a chance meeting.

"The Hanging Garden" (USA-1998). An offbeat drama about a 25-year-old gay man who returns home to his seriously dysfunctional family after a 10-

year absence.

"Buffalo 66" (USA-1998). In this update of an old "screwball" premise, Vincent Gallo plays an ex-con who hatches a preposterous plan to impress his uncaring parents. With the help of a kidnapped Christina Ricci, he assumes the role of upstanding husband and family man. Starts Friday.

Midnight movies - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "City of Lost Children," and "The Beyond" are the cult films playing at the witching hour Friday and Saturday nights.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple at Telegraph, Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)

"Cousin Bette" (USA-1998). This romp through 19th-century love and revenge, based on the novel by Honore de Balzac, has a high-pedigree cast, including Jessica Lange, Elizabeth Shue, and Bob Hoskins.

"Smoke Signals" (USA-1998). In this first independent feature made by Native Americans, a boy embarks on a journey to claim the remains of his estranged father.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 17

"THE MASK OF ZORRO"
Romantic adventure of love and honor, of tragedy and triumph, set against Mexico's fight for independence from Spain. Stars Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zetta Jones.

"POLISH WEDDING"
Romantic comedy of maternal mishaps about a working class family who never allow life's triumphs, tragedies and farces to interrupt the cycles of love and creation.

"NAPOLEON"
An all-animal cast is featured in this live-action adventure of a 10-week-old golden retriever's unexpected balloon ride into the outback.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 24

"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"
A story based on the true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, Tom Sizemore, Matt Damon.

"MAFIA"
Organized crime is the target of this spoof of mob movies. Stars Lloyd Bridges.

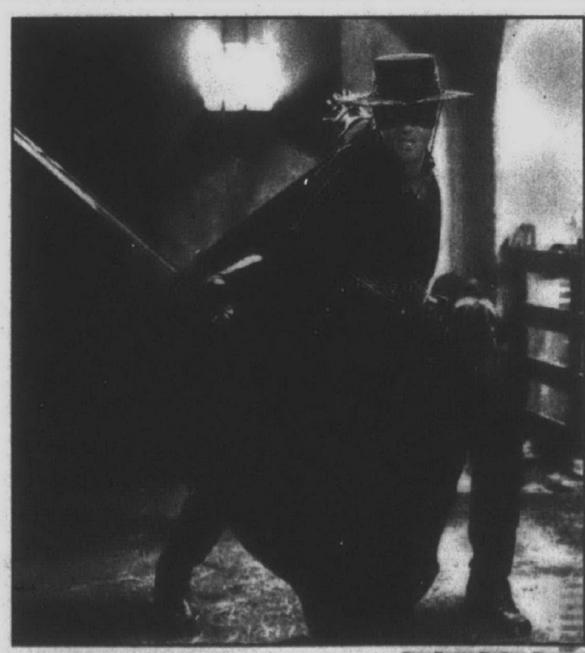
"DISTURBING BEHAVIOR"
A horror thriller of a small town's nefarious process of transforming its rebellious teens. Stars James Marsden. Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 5

"HALLOWEEN: H2O"
It's been twenty years since the first pumpkin was carved by Michael Myers...would you like to know what every-one else is up to now?

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 7

"EVER AFTER: A CINDERELLA STORY"
Fresh spin on one of our most beloved tales. Stars Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston.

"THE NEGOTIATOR"
Story of a maverick hostage negotiator who becomes the victim of a police frame up. He turns the tables by taking the chief of internal affairs hostage and finds an ally in the negotiator assigned



Hero: Antonio Banderas plays Zorro, the gallant bandit-turned-hero who saves his people from the hands of the evil Don Rafael Montero in "The Mask of Zorro."

to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 12

"HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK"
Based on the best seller by Terry McMillan, the story of a 40-year-old African American woman who takes a spur of the moment trip to Jamaica and meets the man of her dreams, except he's only half her age. Stars Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 14

"AIR DUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER"
Buddy, the talented dog, continues his adventures when he becomes a kidnapper target. Stars Kevin Zegers.

"THE AVENGERS"
The unflappable duo of John Steed and Emma Peel are united again. This time to stop a diabolical scientist with plans for world domination. Stars Ralph Fiennes.

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Alana Davis influenced by jazz



Alana Davis

Life is rough for Alana Davis. At the end of her last six-week tour in support of her debut "Blame It on Me" (Elektra), Davis became a little too excited and broke her foot.

"I was being rambunctious and acting half my age. I was jumping around in an airport acting like a fool and I broke my foot."

She got worse news when she returned home to New York. Besides nursing a broken foot, Davis found herself taking care of her sick cat.

"I left my everything and my whole world started crashing down around me. I just want to hold him all the time. I hope he gets better before I have to leave again. I'm not sure if taking him out on the bus is the best thing. Life is not a simple thing," Davis said sadly.

The 16-year-old mother of her 12-year-old sick kitty recently died.

"It's weird. This is what my life used to be. I see how it's changed. There's always something that's a little different. I thought it would wait for me," she said.

"But I'm glad it happened while I was going home to a vacation. It's not the way I intended to spend it though."

Davis is hoping to be completely cast-free by the time the

"The more that I see of the other artists, the thing that I begin to think that's unique is my influences. I mainly grew up listening to jazz, straight ahead and standard," Davis explained.

"Not too many people seem to come from that place. My music doesn't come off as straight-ahead jazz. It's just the state of mind in which I write."

"Blame it on Me" sways between playful, finger-snapping songs ("Love and Pride"), reflective, lush tributes ("Turtle"), and the weary ("Weight of the World").

Being a self-described rookie to the music business, Davis said she's sometimes not sure how to handle fan comments.

"I don't know if it's because of the kind music that I write. My stuff is really honest and vulnerable. But people come up to me and feel as though I was honest with them they want to give me the same," she said.

"I get these stories that are just beautiful. One guy walked up to me and told me his girlfriend brought the record to his house to listen to and said 'I think you'll like it.' He told me how he learned about her through the record. Then he said, 'If only she was here tonight. We were getting closer and closer and then she got into a car accident and died just as I

was about to propose." Davis was stumped.

"All he was asking for was a damn autograph. What the hell does that give him back? There's a lot of pain out there. Stuff like that, I don't know exactly how to deal with it."

Long tour

Davis said she was thrilled when she signed to do every date of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival which began July 9 in St. Paul, Minn., and ends Sept. 6 in Portland, Ore.

"Lilith Fair offered me two weeks on their second stage, the same week, and the H.O.R.D.E. offered me the whole tour on the main stage. That was kind of a no-brainer."

"I heard I was the first girl that they asked. There's only been a couple ladies there. That's awful flattering," she said.

Davis explained that she is looking forward to many aspects of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival.

"I'm hoping for a lot of things to come out of it. There's a camaraderie thing I'm looking forward to. As terms of the job that I'm doing, I'm kind of freaked out. It's not the gig that most people have. It would be nice to relate to some other people doing the same damn thing."

"And maybe I can find a boyfriend."



Celebrating release: The Hope Orchestra is having CD release party for its latest album "Gift" Friday, July 17, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Hope Orchestra has a 'Gift' for its fans

Music is something for which Asta Jurgutis will fight. Even as a teenager living in England, Jurgutis wasn't about to leave her first rock concert early.

"I went to Hyde Park to see Queen. My mom gave me permission to take the train into the city with my friend. So Queen is playing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and my friend says 'We gotta go. We gotta go back to my girlfriend's apartment,'" Jurgutis explained.

"Then she says, 'Starsky and Hutch' is on and we're not gonna miss it. Queen is on the stage. Elton John was supposed to be lowered from a helicopter and she wants to go home to watch 'Starsky and Hutch,'" she added laughing.

Jurgutis lost that battle but her love of music continued. Friday, she and her band The Hope Orchestra are celebrating the release of its third album, "Gift," with a party and performance at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"Gift" is the alternapop band's third album in five years.

"That's respectable. We've sold a lot of CDs. Three albums in five years is nothing to sneeze at," said Jurgutis, a Farmington resident.

"Gift" was more than a year in the making.

"We worked in several studios trying to figure out where it would sound best," Jurgutis said.

The Hope Orchestra chose local producer Michael King to produce the record but his status changed to co-producer when studio drummer Danny Cox offered viable suggestions.

"Gift" is a more personal album than its two previous releases, "Lingo" and "Detroit Head," both of which concentrated on the Lithuania's fight for freedom.

"This album is much more introspective than the other two. We have a message and that message is about having fun. We put on a power-packed show. People are having fun out there dancing," said Jurgutis, who is of Lithuanian descent.

The songs "Girl in Your Eyes" and "Parallel Parking" are the result of Jurgutis' recent break-up with a boyfriend.

"To put it down on paper and to share it is more of a salve. When emotions are that strong, you have to do something. Running really fast doesn't help," Jurgutis said.

"Miguel," she explained, is one of her favorite songs on the disc because she gets to sing in Spanish.

"We also have a horn section that's amazing. It is Walter White who played for, oh, that guy who sings like Frank Sinatra. Harry Connick Jr."

The Hope Orchestra's sound was colored by guest performances by keyboardist Louis Resto of Was (Not Was), and conga player Al Berdayes of the Luddites.

The three founding members - Jurgutis, lead guitarist George Schuster of Royal Oak and rhythm guitarist Gary Sosnick of Detroit - write most of the songs although each takes a somewhat different approach.

Sosnick and Schuster record their songs to tape and bring them to rehearsal. Jurgutis prefers the chemistry of writing with a partner.

The band also includes bassist Joe Stover of Pontiac, drummer Charles Miller, and fiddler Jim Flynn of Dearborn, formerly of the rock band The Opaque.

Jurgutis, a first-generation American, was born to Lithuanian parents in Detroit. Her family moved to England and then returned to Michigan settling in Farmington Hills. English is her second language.

"I always love to sing. Lithuanians are a very musically oriented culture. Lithuanian is my first language. I went to Lithuanian school on the weekend. I was in the Lithuanian Girl Scouts, choir, dance group. I was always singing," she explained.

Jurgutis was introduced to the nightclub scene through a woman she met in college whose brother was in a band.

"We did duets and I decided that I really liked doing this in front of people," she explained.

Now, she and her band have sold more than 5,000 records. She chalks it up to The Hope Orchestra's relentless performances.

Here's the summer deal on Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It's been about two years now that I've been collaborating with the folks at Detroit Public Television on the big Backstage Pass program. What a learning experience it's been.

Coming into the show, my background was in radio. In radio, you sit in a booth, play some songs and maybe talk every once in a while. End of story.

There's a bit more to television, right down to the planning (they call it "pre-production"). Take the special summer season of Backstage Pass, which we're about midway through. I haven't yet explained in this space the deal with the summer season, and I don't want you lumped together in your minds with the scads of other shows that simply go into a bunch of reruns. Mental note: Backstage Pass never just airs reruns. That wouldn't do enough to get you out the door and into the arts.

For starters, none of the musical material in these summer shows has ever aired before.

That's because every time we have a musical guest on the show, we ask them to stick around afterwards to put some extra music on tape. What the heck? The hard stuff all done at that point - the cameras are all there, the drum kits set up - so to play another tune or two is usually no problem.

So right there, we've defied the stale rerun paradigm. And sometimes you even get lucky with the timing of the extra song, like with Edwin McCain. When he first appeared on Backstage Pass, he performed his current hit "I'll Be" as his extra song after the show taping, since it was the second single off his current CD. Nobody had really heard of it then, but by the time we aired it in the summer it was all over the radio. Sure, it was coincidence - we were actually just holding the song until he came back into town so we could promote a live event - but it sure made us look smart.

Complementing the music are looks back on some of the highlights from the past season. Of course, we always give you updates on what the artist or venue is doing next. So even when we look back, we're giving you the information you need to go to current festivals, exhibi-

tions, and live performances. And all our video billboards highlighting openings and ongoing shows around town are updated every week.

Take tonight's show as an example of the summer season: we'll hear never-before-aired music from blues artist Larry McCray, about whom the blues critics are raving. Britain's Sunday Times wrote that Larry "manages a skillful stylistic summary of the three Kings. McCray bends and sustains like B.B., swoops about the fretboard like Albert and slams out rock riffs like Freddie." We'll also enjoy the soul-searching lyrics and musicianship of Detroit rocker Stewart Francke. Do we just hear the song. Of course not! We also let you know that Stewart will be performing Saturday at Greenfield Village. There's a show you can go see.

We'll take another look at, Gerry Craig's visit last January to the Center for Creative Studies' Center Gallery for "White," a ceramics exhibit in which all the works displayed were (you

guessed it) white. It's a beautiful segment, but we don't just admire it, we tell you what next at the Center Gallery: it's Michigan Ceramics '98, a juried exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Potters Association. The exhibit opens September 11 and runs thru October 30. That's plenty of lead time, so mark it on your calendar now as an event to attend in the fall.

When we look back at a hilarious scene from the recent Hilberry Theatre production of "The Complete Works of Wilm. Shkspr. (abridged)," do we just laugh and move on? Nope. We tag it with information about the Stratford Festival. It's a wonderful 2-1/2 hour road trip away from the Detroit area.

The summer season is still about what Backstage Pass is always about: encouraging you to get out and support the arts. So take a break from the barbecue to tune in to Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, at on Detroit Public Television.

Movie advertisement for 'The Mask of Zorro' featuring Antonio Banderas and Anthony Hopkins. Text: "WHAT A FUN MOVIE! 'ZORRO' HAS IT ALL!" NBC-TV, CHICAGO.

Movie advertisement for 'Lethal Weapon 4' featuring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. Text: "THE SUMMER'S BEST MIX OF COMEDY AND ACTION." Joel Siegel, ABC-TV.

Large advertisement for the movie 'Armageddon' featuring Bruce Willis. Text: "TAKE THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE!"

Table listing AMC theaters and showtimes for 'The Mask of Zorro' and 'Lethal Weapon 4'.

Table listing AMC theaters and showtimes for 'Lethal Weapon 4'.

Table listing AMC theaters and showtimes for 'Armageddon'.

DINING

Friendly Vic's Diner serves good, homemade food

JoAnne Ketchum has been to Vic's Diner in Garden City about half a dozen times. "It has a quiet comfortable atmosphere," she said as she sipped on her coffee.

"I love their Sunday morning breakfast, especially the ham. I like everything about it."

Ketchum who introduced her friend Joe Martin of Farmington to the diner, fears she might have to come earlier if word gets out. Vic's Diner is one of Garden City's best kept secrets.

Getting back to their breakfasts, "the eggs are done just right," said Ketchum. "I like 'em over medium. I want the white cooked, and the yellow creamy. I don't want it giggly where the eggs look half alive."

Besides good breakfasts, Ketchum says the prices are fair, they give good portions, the cooking is good, and the waitresses are pleasant.

Sounds a lot like home, and that's just the way the owners want it.

"We try to treat customers like family," said Tony Grabanica. Vic's is family-owned and operated. Grabanica's cousin Bekim Ndrejaj is the cook.

Tony and Bekim are "big time" Red Wings fans and pictures of the team decorate the walls near the counter.

Bekim's wife, Kim, who also works at the restaurant and attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is sitting at a booth doing homework.

"There's no tension here," said Kim. "Everyone enjoys working together. When a customer has a complaint we're more than willing to fix it. We don't serve any attitude."

Good food, homemade with care, is what Vic's Diner serves. It's a small place, mostly booths, that seats 94 people, but there's ample parking on both sides of the building making it easy to

Vic's Diner
Where: 5662 Middlebelt, (near Ford) Garden City, (734) 427-5338.
Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Home-cooked American fare, just like mom makes, including soups, salads and sandwiches. Breakfast served anytime.
Cost: Very reasonable. Breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Breakfast \$1.45 to \$6.95; salads and sandwiches \$3.25 to \$5, dinners \$5.50 to \$8.95.
Reservations: For parties of six or more
Credit Cards: Not accepted, cash only.
Highlights: Children's menu for 12 and under. Senior citizen discounts offered Monday-Friday.
Carry-out: Available.

get in and out.

Grabanica moved to Farmington from New York City. He's been working in restaurants since he was 15. "I found a better life for my children in Michigan," he said.

Vic's Diner offers two homemade soups daily. Order a sandwich or dinner, and you can help yourself to unlimited soup at the soup bar. Dinners also include choice of coleslaw or tossed salad.

In addition to regular menu items, Vic's offers two or more sandwich and dinner specials daily. Check the board to see what's on special. Breakfast specials are served 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. Lunch specials 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Top sellers on menu include corned beef sandwiches, ribs and chicken, and stuffed peppers. Last Wednesday's sandwich specials included Stacked Corned Beef \$2.99, and Patty Melt, \$3.15. The dinner specials were Stuffed Cabbage \$3.99, Stuffed Peppers \$3.99, Pork Chop with Mushroom Gravy \$5.25, Braised Short Ribs \$5.95, and Chicken Kabob with Rice \$4.95. On Fridays they serve all you can eat fish, and homemade clam chowder.

Vic's offers a variety of sandwiches, Greek and chef salads, hot sandwiches including meat-loaf and turkey, served with mashed potatoes, gravy, soup and vegetables. You can get a hot dog, Italian sausage sandwich, or even a steak. Regular dinner menu items include chicken, baked ham, pork tenderloin, pork chops and steak. There are some Greek items - shish kabob, chicken kabob and spinach cheese pie, and Italian - spaghetti, lasagna and mostaccioli. Seafood offerings include fish and chips, shrimp and chips, scallops, fried smelt, and catfish.

"It's the best food you can ever eat for the price," said Bekim who lives in Livonia. "This is a clean place, a friendly place. There's always a smile for the customers."

Bekim has been cooking in restaurants since he was 16. "Cooking is the only thing I like doing," he said. "I look forward to seeing customers happy."

Making blueberry milkshakes is one way Bekim makes his customers smile.

Vic's doesn't have a liquor license, but in addition to coffee



At your service: Tony and Pat Grabanica (center) and their crew work hard to please customers at Vic's Diner.

and tea, they serve a variety of soft drinks, juice and homemade milkshakes made to order with ice cream. Strawberry and vanilla are other often requested flavors.

In a couple of months Vic's will offer cappuccino.

Dessert options include ice cream, homemade rice pudding and assorted fruit pies.

Finishing a dish of ice cream, Joe Martin of Farmington tells me that there are two ways you can tell a good restaurant -

clean windows and clean lavatories.

Vic's Diner has both, and good food besides.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

DINNER THEATER

FIORELLI'S
 "Divas Do the Movies," a musical revue, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays to

Aug. 29, at the restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 advance, \$35 at door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. (313) 782-1431

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