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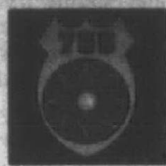
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Police chief will retire in 2000



City of Plymouth Police Chief Robert L. Scoggins, 50, has begun making plans to retire in January 2000. He hopes the 18-month advance notice will give the department time to make necessary replacement plans.

Citing "all the hard decisions" facing city of Plymouth officials regarding the future of his department, Police Chief Robert L. Scoggins has given the city 18 months advance notice of his plan to retire.

Scoggins, who has been with the department his entire career, told City Manager Steve Walters earlier this month that he will retire in January 2000.

"I will have 25 years in" by that time, the 50-year-old Scoggins told the Observer on Wednesday, "and I've attempted to give the city manager enough notice because of all the hard decisions that have to be made in the next year and a half regarding our police service and give them (city commissioners) enough time to digest that issue (his retirement) before they make decisions."

Chief of police is "a very critical position," Scoggins said. "I want to do what's best for not only the police department but for the city of Plymouth, and the longer the time people have to digest" his decision, "the better it is for the community."

Plymouth city and Plymouth Township have been discussing jointly providing various municipal services, including police dispatch. And Scoggins has been involved "in all discussions of cooperation" between the two departments, Walters said.

"He's being sensitive to the time frame ... He knows 60 to 90 days' advance notice" on a retirement such



Police Chief Robert Scoggins

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Focus on the ball



Swing: Sam Rector, 6, of Salem Township, takes a major league swing as head coach Duane Wolski looks on. Sam plays for the Mets, a t-ball team from the Plymouth Recreation League. The pair were practicing outside the Plymouth Ice Rink on Tuesday.

Project narrows Main during restoration

You don't have to look or drive far these days to find area roads and highways under construction. Plymouth is no exception as work is progressing on the manhole restoration on North Main Street. Crews are currently working from Mill Street south towards Church Street.

Main Street traffic has been narrowed to one lane in each direction due to work at the intersection of Amelia and Main. The single lane of traffic runs between the railroad tracks to

Starkweather Street. This lane narrowing is expected to remain in effect during the over night hours.

Crews began removing the curb on North Main Street Wednesday morning followed by a rebuilding process that will start in the next few days.

Work has also begun on South Main. Crews have been on site for a couple of days working on saw cutting the concrete in preparation of curb removal that will take place after the leveling course of asphalt is placed on the road-

way.

It is expected that there will be lane closures and traffic may be limited to one lane in each direction during the milling and pavement removal process. This process is expected to be noisy and may create some dust as well as create a rough driving surface.

Remember to drive slowly in construction zones. Wade-Trim and Associates has an inspector on the job site. Please feel free to make contact with him if you have any questions.

Builder facing single felony charge

Wearing a white T-shirt, blue shorts and work boots, Canton builder Roy Mason was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in 35th District Court on one charge of attempting to defraud under false pretenses over \$100.

The offense carries a penalty of up to 10 years in jail and/or \$5,000 fine if found guilty.

Mason's attorney, H. Edward Pirtle, entered a mute plea before Magistrate Theodore Johnson.



Mason

Mason, 41, turned himself in to Canton police Tuesday morning, just hours after an arrest warrant was issued by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Residents in Canton, Plymouth and Northville have accused

Mason of bilking them out of thousands of dollars by promising to build decks onto their homes and never finishing the work.

Canton police is the only law enforcement agency to seek felony charges. Mason was released from custody after paying 10 percent of a \$2,000 surety bond set by Johnson.

A preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7, to determine if enough evidence is present to bind the case

over to circuit court for prosecution.

"This is about someone trying to malign him," said Pirtle. "He contracted in good faith and expected to perform. He is innocent of any wrongdoing."

At least three Canton residents filed complaints with police who have been investigating the matter since mid-June. Detective Steve Miller said the one charge of fraud is based on a complaint by resident Adonna Wright.

Wright and her mother reported paying \$12,313 to Mason on May 21 to build two decks. Mason allegedly installed four poles at each home and never returned to finish the work. Wright hired another contractor.

The fraud charge is based on the allegation that Mason told Wright he would get a building permit and then collected her money under the false pretenses, said Miller.

According to Canton Building Department Inspector John Weyer, Mason never bought a building permit for Wright's deck, or for five other jobs he allegedly started.

The Building Department has since issued six tickets for violating township ordinance. A court date is set for Aug. 13.

Mason was already arraigned on two similar charges in Plymouth Township for failing to get permits. He plead not

guilty July 17 in 35th District Court. A preliminary exam is set for Thursday, Aug. 6. If convicted, he faces a maximum 90-day jail sentence and/or \$500 fine.

Pirtle said he could not comment on the alleged permit violations in Canton or Plymouth Township because he recently took on the case and didn't have all the facts.

Two other Canton residents, Eve Glowacz and Ed Stempien, filed small claim lawsuits in 35th District Court to get their money returned. Glowacz allegedly paid Mason \$1,500 for a new deck. Stempien paid him \$1,000 for brick work.

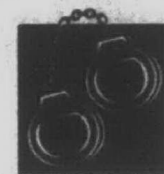
Plymouth resident Ron Merlino also filed a small claim suit against Mason after allegedly being duped out of \$6,300. Plymouth Township police are investigating three complaints against Mason for fraud.

Mason told the Observer that he was behind on several jobs, but had no intention of not completing the work. He has since began referring all questions to his attorney.

At the arraignment the only word spoken by Mason, who has been described by several of his customers as a "fast talker," was in response to Johnson's question: "Do you understand these charges against you?"

"Yes," Mason responded.

Police search for smash, grab thief



*Police are on the lookout this week for a man who pried open a cash register Sunday at the Kmart in Plymouth Township, taking \$400 in cash, checks and credit

card charge slips.

A witness to the 6:10 p.m. "smash and grab" at the store, 40855 Ann Arbor Road, grabbed at the suspect's T-shirt, but he managed to avoid her and ran out the door.

Township police described the suspect as black, about 25 to 30 years old, 6 feet tall and 145 pounds, with a bald head, a large, thick mustache and a muscular upper body. He was wearing a green T-shirt.

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They gave the following account:

A clerk who was returning to her register after taking shopping carts to the front of the store saw the man squatting behind her counter.

After she yelled, "Hey, what do you think you're doing back there?" the suspect stood up and ran past her.

As he moved to avoid the witnesses grasp, his sunglasses fell off. He ran out of the store, leaving behind the sunglasses and the crowbar used to pry open the register.

Milestone celebration downtown

The City of Plymouth will be hosting the 70th anniversary of the Plymouth Automobile Display, downtown, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Downtown will be filled with more than 250 Plymouths, in addition to numerous unique Chrysler show vehicles. An all-Mopar swap meet is also planned at the show site.

It is anticipated that the following roads will be closed for this event from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Penniman — from the parking lot just east of the post office to Union Street. No access to Main Street via Penniman.

Main Street — from south of Ann Arbor Trail to Fralick Street. Southbound traffic only on Main from Church to Fralick. Northbound side of the street will be closed for auto displays.

Ann Arbor Trail — from Forest to Union.

Survey reveals strong points, weaknesses of police

POLICE STUDY

Plymouth Township police won't stop trying to provide and improve two areas of service the public says it wants if the Aug. 4 property tax proposal fails, Chief Lawrence R. Carey said Monday.

But consistency in providing those services — identified in a survey as "problem-solving" and "follow-up" — will suffer, he said, without the additional police officers the tax would provide.

Carey released the results of the survey — the largest ever undertaken by the department — on Monday, saying it "points out where we're lacking in our service areas and also where we are aiming our efforts."

Although "We do need more police officers to do a better job" in areas cited in the survey, nonetheless, "We're still going to provide that kind of service. It just won't be as consistent," said

Carey.

The proposal seeks up to a three-mill property tax through the year 2017. An estimated \$3.7 million raised the first year would boost police, fire and communications services.

Passage of it and two other proposals would decrease taxes by \$41.76 per year on a home with a \$100,000 market value while increasing by \$170.16 those on a \$300,000 home, according to township figures.

Carey said passage would increase to four the number of officers per shift.

Main obligation

The department tries to offer instruction on problems like preventing rape and avoiding break-ins, Carey said. But with only three officers per shift, "every time we assign" one to such work, "it makes it harder to fulfill" the main obligation: answering calls.

The "Survey of Citizen Satisfaction," commissioned by the police department last fall, saw the department get high ratings in all but two of seven categories: "knowledge" and "solving the problem."

Professional conduct was rated "excellent" by 61 percent of respondents; concern by 56 percent; putting people at ease, 52 percent; helpfulness, 51 percent; and quality of service, 50 percent.

In contrast, knowledge was rated "excellent" by just 44 percent of respondents, while problem-solving got just 36 percent.

The survey, created and conducted by students David and John Harvey of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park's Close Up government class, went last fall to 200 people randomly selected from those who had contact with township police in the preceding 12 months.

It drew 40 responses — 20 per-

cent — which is typical for surveys, according to Township Police Lt. Robert Smith, the coordinator.

Respondents also said response to calls for service was the most important, followed by residential patrols, narcotics/special operations and crime prevention.

New program

Carey said the tax would increase road patrols, cut service-call response time and provide more officers for the department's new community policing program, which puts teams of police into each of four service areas to help residents resolve safety issues as well as a variety of other problems.

As an example, Carey cited Officer Kevin Lauterwasser, who helped a homeowners association resolve a street-name problem that was fouling up mail and other deliveries. He also helped

kids find a safer place to play in-line street hockey.

Residents were suspicious of him at first, said Lauterwasser, but now the adults ask him to neighborhood events and the kids invite him to shoot baskets.

Community policing "makes the job a lot more fun. I enjoy it," said Lauterwasser.

Said Chief Carey: "We (police) are the most visible line of government when anything goes wrong." And community policing helps the department "build cooperation and trust."

"People report more crimes and problems if they feel the police are going to do something about them."

Citing the proximity of I-275, Carey said the "potential is here for things to happen, but for some reason, they haven't. So we want to provide programs to keep crime down."



Key issue: Plymouth Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey says public safety will continue to improve whether the millage issue passes or not.

Vorva hospitalized for heart problem, released

UPDATE

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, 46, has been released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor after being admitted with heart problems Monday

afternoon.

"I was at the law office looking over information for the case against the school district when I felt severe pain in my chest and started sweating," said Vorva from his hospital bed. "(Attorney) John Thomas rushed me to St. Joseph's urgent care in

Plymouth, and I was taken by ambulance to the hospital."

Vorva said he suffered "electric heart problems" 14 years ago and had a pacemaker implanted at that time.

Vorva was released Tuesday after undergoing medical tests. Results to determine if the incident was a heart attack were not yet available.

Vorva and his attorneys have until Friday to file an appeal to this month's Michigan Court of Appeals ruling which upheld the Plymouth-Canton school district's right to sell \$79.6 million in bonds for a new high school,

elementary school, buses and computers.

Vorva has steadfastly claimed he will continue the fight until he wins. His current options are to ask the Appeals Court for a rehearing on its decision, or taking the case to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The former state representative claims that new touch-screen machines which failed to record 716 votes denied those voters their fundamental right to vote, possibly swaying a referendum which passed by only 96 votes.

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Z-98-08 145 E. Ann Arbor Rd. Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard
Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential
Applicant: Don Schnettler

Z-98-09 1415 Sheridan Ave. Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Cynthia Fiora/Doitch & L. Doitch

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by John Goodman
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20th District candidates disclose campaign finances



Mueller

primary race for the 20th District House of Representatives seat.

"He has the advantage of the office by mailing to senior citizens all year long. That gives

Plymouth Township Trustee K. C. Mueller has spent four times more money than incumbent Gerald Law in the Republican

him more name recognition," said Mueller. "To make it a level playing field, I need to raise more money."

By state law, candidates must file a list of contributions and expenditures before the primary, and again just after the Aug. 4 vote.

According to the report, Mueller raised \$39,855 and spent all but \$1,698.42.

"I raised nearly \$5,000 from the one fund-raiser I had, with another \$5,000 coming from public contributions," said Mueller. "The rest was my own money, an investment in myself."

Mueller notes her major expenses in the campaign include money spent sending 117,000 pieces of literature to voters, as well as \$7,000 for a telemarketing poll.

For this campaign, Law raised \$12,120 and spent \$9,161.93.

Law said his was a fairly simple campaign,



Law

spending money mostly on literature, postage and signs.

"I don't spend a lot of money on elections, and I don't do a lot of fund raising," said Law, who said his last fund-raiser was in the spring. "It's not how much money you spend, but how wisely you spend it."

Law said some of his campaign finance money goes to buying tickets for fund-raisers and contributions to non-profit organizations.

"I'm kind of surprised that she spent that much money, but it's a free world," noted Law. "I don't hire anyone to run my

'I don't spend a lot of money on elections, and I don't do a lot of fund raising.'

Gerry Law
—state representative

campaign. My wife, two daughters and I do all the campaign work."

Mueller's campaign is run by local campaign strategist Bill Joyner, who Mueller said "will be paid \$5,000 whether I win or

lose."

A look at the finance reports shows Mueller getting most of her contributions from local people, while Law is big with the political action committees.

"I'm an incumbent, so it's easier to get political action dollars," said Law. "However, I only accept money from those groups that I philosophically can support."

Mueller has a different idea of how the system works.

"I represent the people in the district," she said. "He represents Lansing and the PACs."

Karmanos open house Friday

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will host an open house for the debut of their newest outreach institute located in Plymouth.

The community is encouraged to stop in at the new offices between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, July 31, at 485 S. Main Street (below the Mayflower meeting place).

Organizers will serve refreshments and award door prizes. Guests also have the opportunity gath-

er information on various topics and support programs provided by the center including community resources, patient services, volunteer opportunities, education programs and more.

Come and enjoy the celebration, said a spokesperson for the Karmanos Center Institute.

For information call (313) 561-8880 or (734) 453-3010.

Plymouth man caught stealing

A 33-year-old Plymouth man has been bound over for trial for stealing cars from B&L Radiator Service on Starkweather.

Suspect Kriss Dimitri was caught by Plymouth patrol officer Al Cox, said Detective Ed

Ochal.

Dimitri is charged with commercial burglary, two counts of unlawfully driving away an auto, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, as well as being an habitual criminal.

Dimitri is reportedly being investigated by other police departments, including Northville Township. Township police are charging Dimitri with stealing a \$700 digital camera from Office Depot.

Uphill battle

Collector fears Michigan link to war will be forgotten

Remember Teddy Roosevelt and the charge up San Juan Hill?

Well, how about Michigan's 33rd and 34th Volunteer Infantry Regiments? Or Corporal A.C. Briggs of Plymouth?

If you are vague on these at best, you're not alone, says amateur military historian and collector Dave Washburn of Canton.

Roosevelt, his Rough Riders, the two Michigan regiments who served with him and Cpl. Briggs all are part of a highly significant piece of local, state and national history — the Spanish-American War — which is passing its centennial year largely unnoticed.

But Washburn, an automotive products engineer for GM with a lifelong love of military history, is fighting his own uphill battle to get the four-month-long 1898 war proper recognition.

So far, he has helped the Brighton and Green Oak historical societies stage the only Michigan commemoration: a rededication complete with uniformed re-enactments and artifacts held this past June at the site of the former Camp Eaton in Island Lake State Park, south of Kensington Metro Park.

Upcoming event

The 100th anniversary of the war's cease-fire will be Aug. 13. But so far, other historical groups Washburn has contacted, such as the Plymouth Historical Society, have shown little interest, Washburn says.

The Romeo-area native, interested in things military since age 4-1/2, has been assembling books and memorabilia on the Span-Am, as it's known, from numerous sources for much of the last 15 years.

He picked the Spanish-American War because "it seemed like a forgotten war. Most people don't know much about it and how times changed because of it."

His collection of uniforms, canteens, rifles, buttons and other memorabilia — including 200 or so books — take up two rooms in the family's modern colonial in the Lilley Road-Cherry Hill area.

He explains that Camp Eaton was where, 100 years ago this summer, five Michigan volunteer infantry regiments totaling 5,000 men —



Collector: Amateur military historian and collector Dave Washburn displays winter and summer uniforms, weaponry and Michigan memorabilia from the Spanish-American War.

including 15 to 20 from Canton, Plymouth and Northville — assembled and prepared for the war in Cuba, 90 miles from America.

A naval brigade in Detroit added another 1,000 volunteers to the effort.

Thanks to Secretary of War and former Michigan Gov. Russell A. Alger, who was able to pull some strings, Michigan was one of the very few states to actually send men into action in Cuba.

Only two regiments — the 33rd and 34th — actually fought, with three men being killed in action and nearly 250 lost to disease. The 31st Regiment saw only occupational duty in Cuba afterwards while A.C. Briggs of Plymouth, whose identification medal Washburn owns, was part of the 35th Brigade, which, like the 32nd, remained stateside.

Significantly, says Washburn, the Span-Am would be the last hurrah for volunteer regiments, which had been used since the Revolutionary War. Americans were beginning to favor modern, well-equipped and trained state militias as opposed to the often rag-tag volunteer brigades of young and old "excitement-seekers."

But the Span-Am was unique in many other ways, says Washburn.

How it all began

Begun in response to the alleged sinking by the Spanish of the U.S. battleship Maine in the Cuban harbor, the Span-Am ended America's "innocence," pushing it out of its isolationism toward worldwide power.

The war saw the U.S.

expand its influence by freeing Cuba from Spain while keeping Puerto Rico. And it literally set the stage for part of World War II 43 years later, because it was in 1898 that America annexed the Hawaiian Islands and also kept Wake, Guam and the Philippine Islands — all of which angered the Japanese, who attacked those places first in 1941.

It was the first modern-medicine war, with penicillin emerging as the cure for yellow fever and other diseases. And it was the war that saw Clara Barton create the American Red Cross.

Back home

On the home front, it was the first "commercial" war: while "yellow journalism" newspapers ran screaming headlines and sensationalistic stories, mass-produced photographic buttons and stamped spoons abounded, as did "follow-the-war" books and even training-camp photo albums for the troops. Sloganeering also was popular: "Remember the Maine, to Hell With Spain."

Militarily, the Span-Am and the battle for Guantanamo Bay saw the U.S. Marines come into their own as an amphibious fighting force.

It was also the first war to see trench warfare, barbed wire, underwater mines, automatic weapons like the Gatling gun, semiautomatic rifles and observation balloons.

For additional information or to arrange for Washburn to speak about the war, call him at (734) 397-5745.

Night Out event makes local return

FAMILY EVENT

Some 400 Plymouth Township residents are expected to take part in the third annual "National Night Out/Turn Off The Violence" program on Monday evening, Aug. 3.

Part of a nationwide effort to reduce crime by increasing neighborhood awareness, the 6 to 9 p.m. event will offer free cookouts plus a number of other activities and demonstrations. Some 23 million people are expected to participate nationally.

Co-sponsored for the second consecutive year by the Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Rotary Club, the township event is a combination of two similar national programs aimed at helping parents and their children become better acquainted with their neighbors and also with township police officers and area crime prevention coordinators.

It will be held at four township sites:

■ Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty Road; Farrand Elementary, 41400 Greenbriar Lane; Trailwood

Subdivision/Green Valley, located near the water tower and M-14; and Plymouth Hills Mobile Home Park on Ridge Road near North Territorial Road.

Besides the cookouts, activities may include block parties, youth bike parades, inline-skate hockey games and flashlight walks. Police at the sites will display equipment and may offer pepper spray or other demonstrations.

While the city of Plymouth is not participating in the program, Police Chief Bob Scoggins strongly supports it. "We certainly would encourage people to participate," he said.

The reasons crime has been decreasing throughout the area, he said, are public awareness and citizen involvement.

"And anything that encourages that is worthwhile, because everybody is involved with protecting each other," he said.

The event combines "National Night Out", sponsored by police departments across the country, and the Rotarians' "Turn Off the Violence."

The "National Night Out" urges participants to turn on their outside lights to help reduce crime against people and property and also brings neighbors together to get acquainted,

so as to better know when there may be problems or when help is needed, according to Officer Jamie Senkbeil, coordinator of the program for the township police.

The "Turn Off the Violence" program tries to get people to turn off the television sets and the violence they show and get them into a planned neighborhood activity, according to Mike Richardson, a Rotarian who works for the police department's communications section.

Besides heightening awareness of crime and drug-use prevention efforts, the program tries to generate support for, and participation in, anti-crime programs; improve police/community relations; deter crime and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

Hot-dogs, chips and pop are being donated by six sponsors, including Frito-Lay, the Spartan Stores Distribution Center, Absopure Water, Keebler Baking Co. and Busch's Market.

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Talks begin in Whyman suit

A settlement conference is set for Aug. 26 in a 1994 lawsuit alleging Rep. Deborah Whyman, (R-Canton) libeled a candidate running against her for the 21st District House seat.

Attorneys were in 35th District Court Tuesday before visiting Judge Glenn Valasco of Riverview.



Whyman

"I'm hopeful. That's why I set the date so quickly. I know they're talking now. This the first time they started talking since I took over the case," said Judge Valasco.

Valasco is from the 27th District Court-Division II and has been handling the 35th District Court's busy civil docket since October.

Neither Whyman nor her attorney could be reached for comment.

The 1994 lawsuit was filed by Donna Clark, a member of Van Buren Township's Board of Trustees, who was running as a Democrat against incumbent Whyman.

According to Clark's attorney Don Hoskenga, a settlement has not been reached.

"We want her to admit what she did and apologize. We're also seeking compensatory damages. The case was brought for principal alone, but a lot of money has been spent in the process," he said.

Hoskenga alleges that Whyman's campaign strategist solely formed a group called the League of Wayne County Voters and "used it to disseminate information about Donna Clark that was truly false."

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Whyman's campaign manager, he said. "Whyman's defense has been she wasn't responsible for members of her campaign. That defense is ludicrous," said Hoskenga.

If a resolution doesn't come next month, a trial date will finally be set in the lawsuit, which has weathered Whyman's last two terms. Term limits will require Whyman, 40, to step down from the House seat in January after having served since 1992.

She is currently running for the Ninth District state Senate seat in the Republican primary against Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Jim Ryan of Redford.

The winner of that race will face the winner of the Democratic primary, Carol Poenisch of Northville or Marc Susselman of Canton.

"It's been a long time; passions have cooled," said Hoskenga. "A lot of people don't get involved in politics because of the dirt that's flung ... It's going to degenerate to the least common denominator running for office — anyone willing to get their name raped will be the only ones running."

Another lawsuit is pending in Wayne County Circuit Court after Whyman's 1996 bid for re-election against Democrat Deborah Nesbit.

The Triangle Foundation, a gay-lesbian group, is suing Whyman for campaign literature alleging the group engaged in illegal activity by encouraging men to have sex with boys.

The flyers were mailed to Canton homes days prior to the November election. The brochure called Nesbit a "homosexual extremist" for taking campaign donations from members of the Triangle Foundation's board of directors.

Daly's will be replaced



Daly Drive-In, a Plymouth icon for nearly 35 years, will soon be replaced

by a more contemporary icon, a Rite Aid drugstore.

Owner Rita Grace said "business has been good, it has nothing to do with poor business." However, Grace said she was "not commenting" other than to say she was "approached" by Rite Aid for the property.

"I don't know the last day yet. However, it will be in about a couple of months," said Grace.

Grace has owned the business for nearly 20 years, taking over from her father-in-law, Bud Grace, who owned it the previous 15 years.

"It's been fun, challenging and frustrating, all at the same time," admitted Grace, who said she knows most of her customers. "I've been very fortunate to have good, loyal help. Some have been with me for 25-30 years."

Daly employs about 30 full- and part-time employees. Grace would only say "they're all aware" of the sale. When asked if she was helping them to find jobs, Grace said "that's still on the works, that's all I'm going to say."

Dee Dee Hartley, the day shift manager, has been working there for 14 years.

"I know just about everybody who comes in here," said Hart-



Icon: The Daly Drive-In may serve its last customers in the next few months if a deal with Rite Aid is sealed.

ley. "Everybody here is like family. It will be a sad day when we close down."

Grace, who also owns a Daly Drive-In in Romulus, declined to disclose the amount of money or any part of the deal with Rite Aid.

Plymouth building official Jim Penn said he's received plans for the new store from Simcom Co., a Southfield developer. The site plan will be reviewed by the planning commission at its Aug. 12 meeting.

Leo Gonzales of Simcom refused to discuss the deal, saying "it is premature."

Another company representative said the deal won't be completed until the city approves the project.

Daly has become a favorite for many, including Bill and Debbie Hasley of Livonia.

"We come to this Daly instead of the one in Livonia because we like Plymouth," said Bill. "We used to come out here when we were kids, driving through on old Plymouth Road and turning around in the parking lot."

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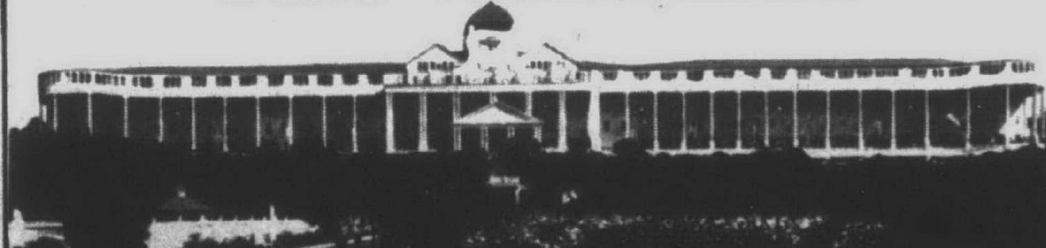
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Freeway motorists soon will see the signs

The Michigan Department of Transportation expects to activate an expanded computerized traffic management system by the end of August to inform commuters about accidents and traffic tie-ups throughout Wayne, Macomb and southern Oakland counties.

On Wednesday, MDOT officials and representatives from

Rockwell International unveiled the expanded Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems Center in Detroit.

Once integration tests are done on the system in late August, MITSC will be activated. The system expands its current 32 miles to 148 miles and costs \$33 million with 90 percent of the expansion funded through

a federal air quality grant.

New system

The system is expected to do the following:

■ Advise motorists of road conditions, traffic accidents and incidents through 54 freeway signs on overpasses, including portions of I-94, I-96, I-275 and I-75 in Wayne County, and I-696

and I-75 in Oakland County.

■ From their homes, commuters will be able to check on road congestion and lane closures on the Internet or by calling a highway advisory telephone number.

■ More than 140 closed-circuit television cameras will monitor the freeways, giving state police officers and television monitors

and operators pictures of traffic.

Western Wayne County commuters can expect I-94, I-96 and I-275 to be activated by the end of August. Portions of the Southfield and Lodge freeways already have been activated in Oakland County.

MDOT is negotiating with the

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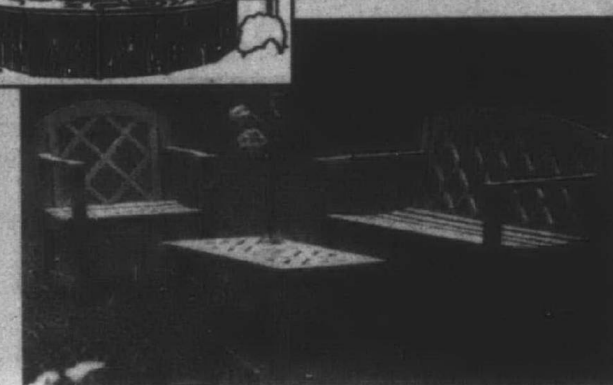
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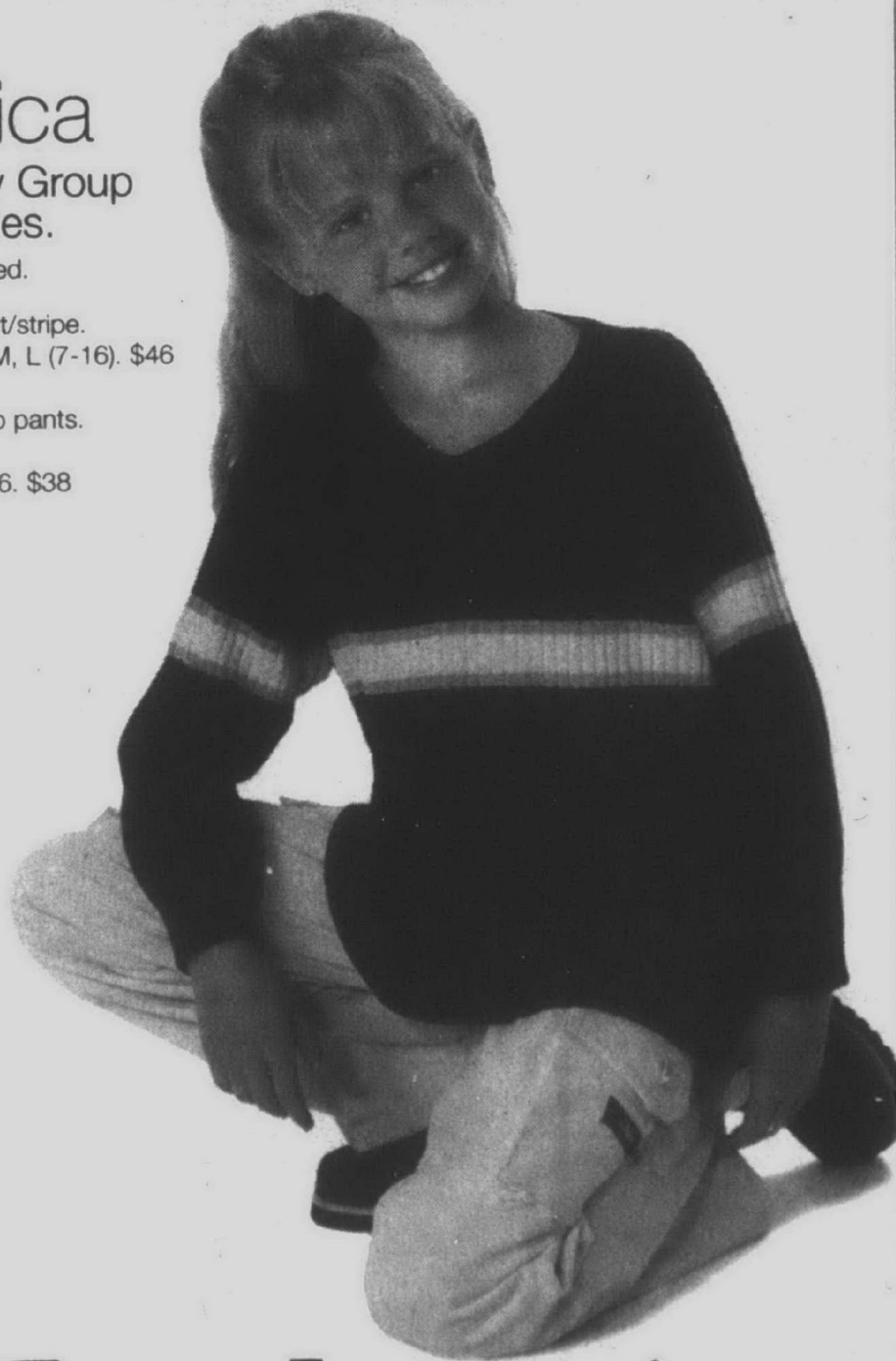
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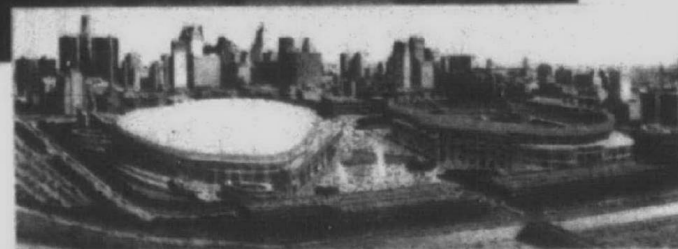
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TRAFFIC TIP-OFFS

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city of Troy to use a tower in that community for I-75 commuters, while signs on I-696 should be activated early this week, MDOT officials said.

The Michigan State Police now houses its regional 911 dispatch center in the same room as the MITSC's control room. Once the system is activated, dispatchers soon will be able to verify 911 calls immediately, check on the severity of accidents and dispatch appropriate emergency personnel, such as fire trucks for car fires or rescue units for injuries in accidents.

Benefits

That is expected to save crucial minutes on emergency runs, officials said.

"Many, many times, it is a life-and-death issue," said Kunwar Rajendra, engineer of transportation systems for MDOT's traffic and safety division.

SmartRoute Systems of Cambridge, Mass., will take over the system from MDOT once the system integration is tested by Rockwell International, the project manager of MITSC.

SmartRoute expects to expand the service to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, once the system is fully operational.

"Study after study show that almost 70 percent of congestion is due to an incident," Rajendra said.

Motorists will be informed of the freeway conditions through the use of 54 message signs on freeway overpasses. Such signs are located on I-96 at the Beech Daly overpass, eastbound I-96 near Wayne Road and I-275 at Seven Mile Road.

Out in the street

The new 148-mile system features 136 closed-circuit television cameras that relay images back to the center and its 33-monitor video wall, where MITSC operators and state police dispatchers can view traffic.

"We can see different situations that may develop that the officer may or may not be aware of," said Lt. Beth Moranty, commander of regional dispatch for the state police's Second District. "That's another safety factor for our officers."

Moranty said state police receive about 500,000 calls on

911 a year.

More than 2,400 diamond-shaped sensors detect vehicles passing over them, and notify the computer system, which counts traffic volume and speed.

MDOT also combined 64 miles of coaxial cable, 38 miles of fiberoptic connections and nine 200-foot tall communication towers for the system.

Sign of the times

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freeway overpasses. Such signs are located on I-96 at the Beech Daly overpass, eastbound I-96 near Wayne Road and I-275 at Seven Mile Road.

These signs will notify commuters of traffic tie-ups, but they will not inform them of congestion that may move to surface streets and main arteries from the freeways.

"The (computer) industry now

tends to throw out the information and let them decide," said John Sickler, project manager for transportation systems for Odetics, a subcontractor on the project.

Motorists will be able to learn about congestion on connecting freeways from the signs and the Internet, Sickler said. Information on the Internet will be

updated every minute. People will be able to click on construction and traffic incident icons to access traffic information.

Thousands of messages will be stored within the system. The system will work like a "tree" network, but Rockwell and MDOT need to decide what messages will be shown at different locations.

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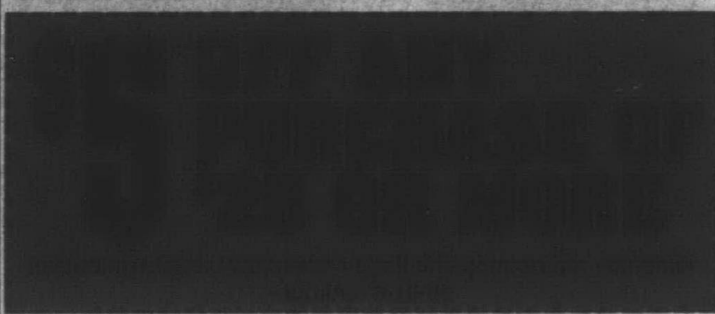
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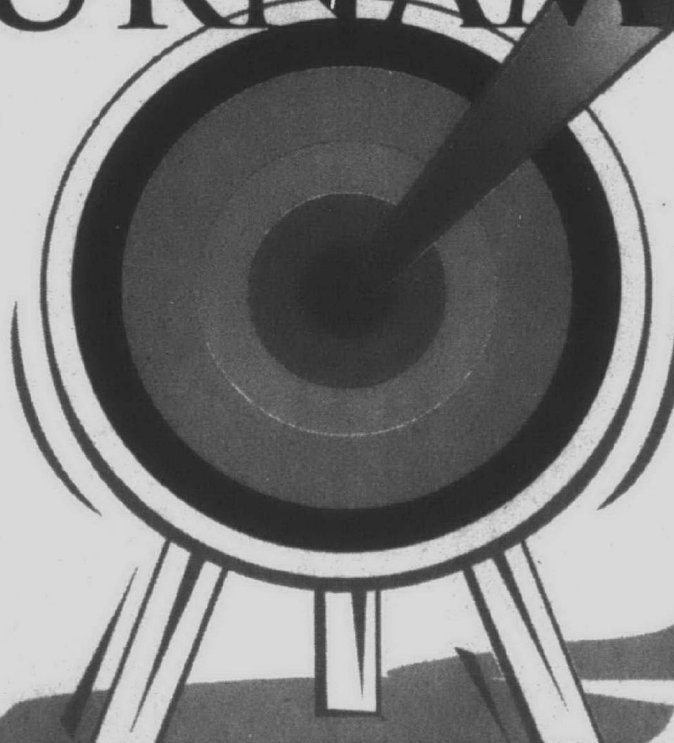
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McCotter top money raiser in Senate campaign

Republican candidates in the Ninth District's state Senate race have spent \$204,598 to win a seat that pays about one-fourth of that amount.

The candidates are scrambling to win nomination Aug. 4 to the six-year seat to represent the Ninth District. The district, largely Republican, includes the Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, Redford and part of Canton.

Campaign finance reports were due last Friday.

Thaddeus McCotter, currently a Wayne County commissioner, collected \$117,620, the largest campaign war chest. Former state representative Jim Ryan gathered \$86,026, while Deborah Whyman, state representative from Canton, raised \$32,800.

McCotter also leads in the final days before the primary with the most money available. McCotter reported \$27,836 for a final balance. The others reported the following: Ryan, \$2,686; Whyman, \$1,325, and Poenisch, \$394.

McCotter spent the most at \$89,783. Ryan was close behind at \$83,340, and Whyman was a distant third at \$31,475.

Democrat candidate Carol Poenisch collected \$450, and spent \$56. Her primary opponent, Marc Susselman, reported that he raised and spent no money.

McCotter received 13 contributions of \$1,000 or more from individuals and political action committees representing everything from Ladbroke racing to manufactured housing. McCotter received \$2,000 from the Michigan Assisted Living Association PAC and the Michigan Association of Realtors, and among the \$1,000 contributors were Ladbroke Racing PAC, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, Lawyers PAC, Michigan Nurses Association PAC, and Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association PAC.

McCotter spent nearly \$11,000 on a poll and consultant work with MRG in Lansing, more than \$4,500 on lawn and other political signs, and more than \$10,000 on postage and mass mailings and printing of literature.

Ryan collected \$1,000 contributions from six individuals, including Roger Penske, the owner of Detroit Diesel and Gerald Imley of Troy, the owner of J&J Auto Supply and four others.

Contributions received by Ryan included groups representing the following PACs: Michigan Auto Dealers, Teamsters Local 243 Committee, \$1,000; Michigan Racing Association, \$500; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Auto Club, Michigan Credit Union League, Michigan Bankers Association, Michigan State Firefighters, Michigan Assisted Living, \$150; and Ameritech Plus, Michigan Osteopathic, and Detroit Firefighters Association, \$100.

Ryan spent \$20,000 on political consulting with Allen Feuer of Southfield and nearly \$3,000 on lawn signs. Postage cost Ryan nearly \$14,000.

Most of Whyman's contributions were \$25, but she also received two \$1,000 contributions, one from her mother and another from a Plymouth dentist.

PAC money received by Whyman included: DentPAC of Michigan, \$1,000; Michigan Truck, \$200; GTE, \$150; Michigan Radiology and Michigan Optometric Association, \$100.

Whyman spent more than \$10,000 on printing and at least \$7,900 on postage.

YWCA wins state grant for child, family programs

More than \$373,000 in new grants will be awarded to direct service agencies to provide services aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect, according to Gov. John Engler.

In Wayne County, the YWCA will receive \$32,226. The YWCA Child and Family Neighborhood Program serves families who reside in or near public housing and immigrant communities in the listed targeted cities. The program provides parenting skills training

and support programs in the areas of child development, child care skills, life coping skills, stress management and general advocacy and support.

The program also involves the collaborative community effort of at least 10 agencies. With the grant, the YWCA Child and Family Neighborhood Program will expand to serve an additional 65 families annually, bringing the number of families served to 379.

"Community collaboration continues to be one of the cornerstones of my administration," Engler said. "I believe that some of the best answers to some of the state's problems rest in our communities. I am encouraged that the number of agencies interested in applying for these grants to help prevent child abuse and neglect increases each year."

The grants, selected and funded by the Children's Trust Fund, are part of \$900,000 in grant funding to be awarded in 1999. "The funding was awarded to community-based prevention programs and services that were designed to promote strong, nurturing families and to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs," said Ena Weathers, CTF board member and chair of the board's Prevention Programs Committee.

Fourteen new organizations will receive funding. "The diversity of the grants funded this year clearly reinforces the Children's Trust Fund's commitment to providing support to a broad population with a host of prevention needs," said Deborah Strong, CTF executive director. "We hope that as more funding through donations and other support comes to CTF, we will be able to provide even more services."

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Briefcase drill team heads to Hall of Fame parade

What would a parade be without the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team? The briefcase-twirling team from Plymouth will be marching in Canton this weekend.

Canton, Ohio, that is, in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival Parade, with 225,000 spectators expected to line the 2.2-mile route.

"We did it two years ago, and they called and wanted us back," said Hill, whose brigade has been marching since the 1985 Plymouth Fourth of July parade.

"There's a kind of network among major parades around the country. They call and share ideas about what works for them," he said. "They obviously talked with people from The Parade Company which puts on the Thanksgiving Day Parade."

While there are about 24 trained shirt-and-tie types on the Briefcase Drill Team, Hill usually travels with 16 other guys on the road to form a 4 X 4 formation.

"This weekend I'm only taking 15 because my brother, Jerry, lives in Canton and will march with us," said Hill. "It's like 16 guys going back to being about 5 years old with their own clubhouse," joked Hill about his comrades. "We're a group of guys who have no other reason to get together."

The drill team has all its expenses paid, and Hill says whatever is left over goes to charity.

"It's nice to have some money left over. We donate the surplus to groups like the March of Dimes and Plymouth United Way."

While marching in the Red Wings

Stanley Cup parades, the Indianapolis 500 parade and various other grand openings and dedications are memorable for Hill, one of the most exciting moments for the drill team came during a visit to Chicago.

"We visited Navy Pier and got into a marching duel with a group of sailors," remembered Hill. "A large crowd developed as we kept alternating maneuvers. Finally we did one of our special steps. The crowd gave us such an ovation the sailors surrendered."

Bob Borkowski of Canton has been on the drill team for 13 years.

"I was a last-minute replacement on the Fourth of July morning before the parade," said Borkowski. "Some of the events like the Red Wings parades ... it's unbelievable how people yell and scream. It sounds stupid, but the

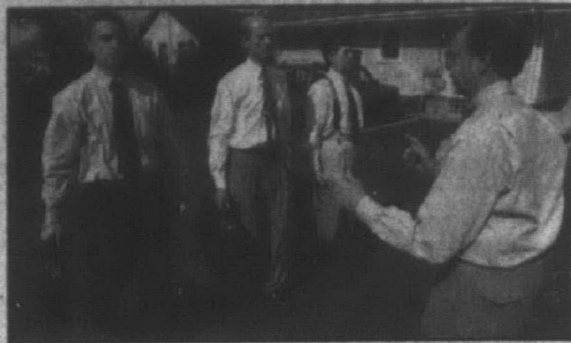
applause really gets you going."

James Fedewa of Plymouth says the "excitement and yelling really gets you pumped up."

Despite knowing Hill for nearly 30 years, this will be Dave Borgia's first time with the drill team.

"I had military experience, so this is like riding a bike," said Borgia, a Northville resident. "I dragged this old briefcase out of the basement. It's 24 years old. I think I used it while making calls to Fred's business."

Hill, a Realtor, said he got the idea of a drill team when he owned a clothing store.



Hut 2,3,4: Fred Hill leads team members James Fedewa, (left) Bob Borkowski, and Dave Borgia. Fifteen members will travel to Ohio this weekend to participate in the Hall of Fame parade.

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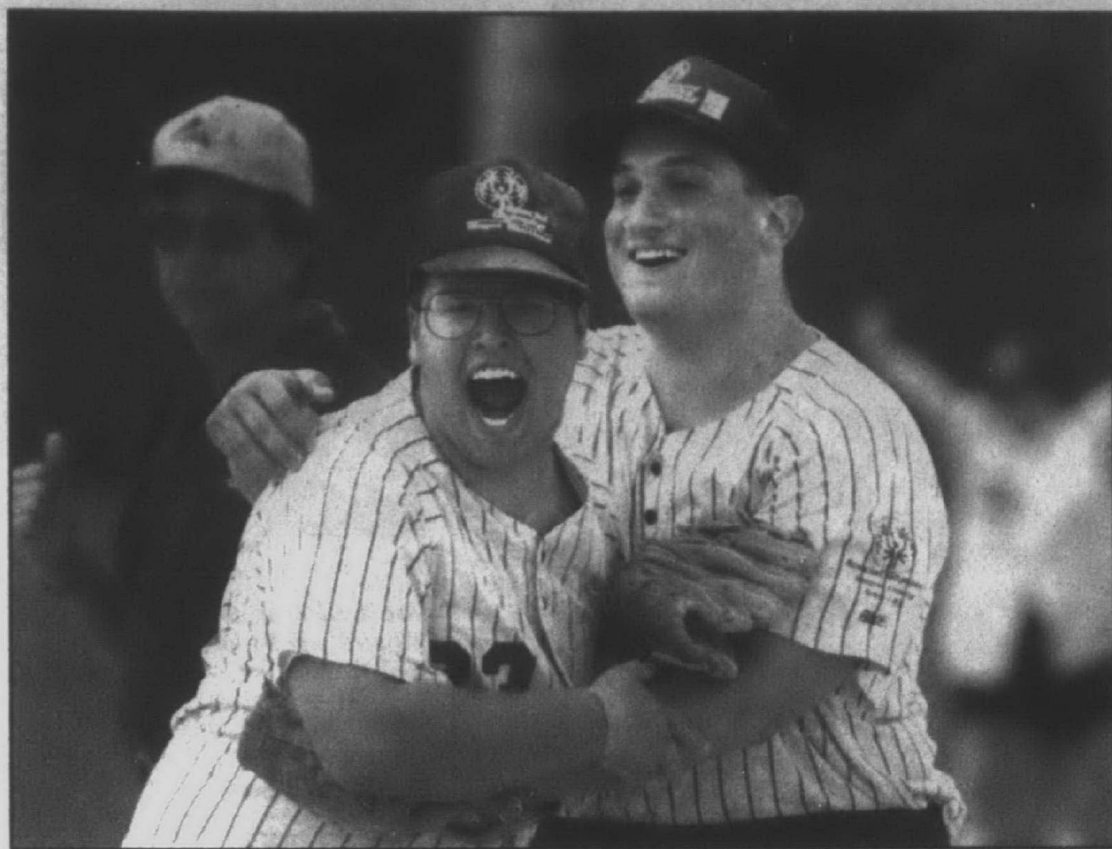
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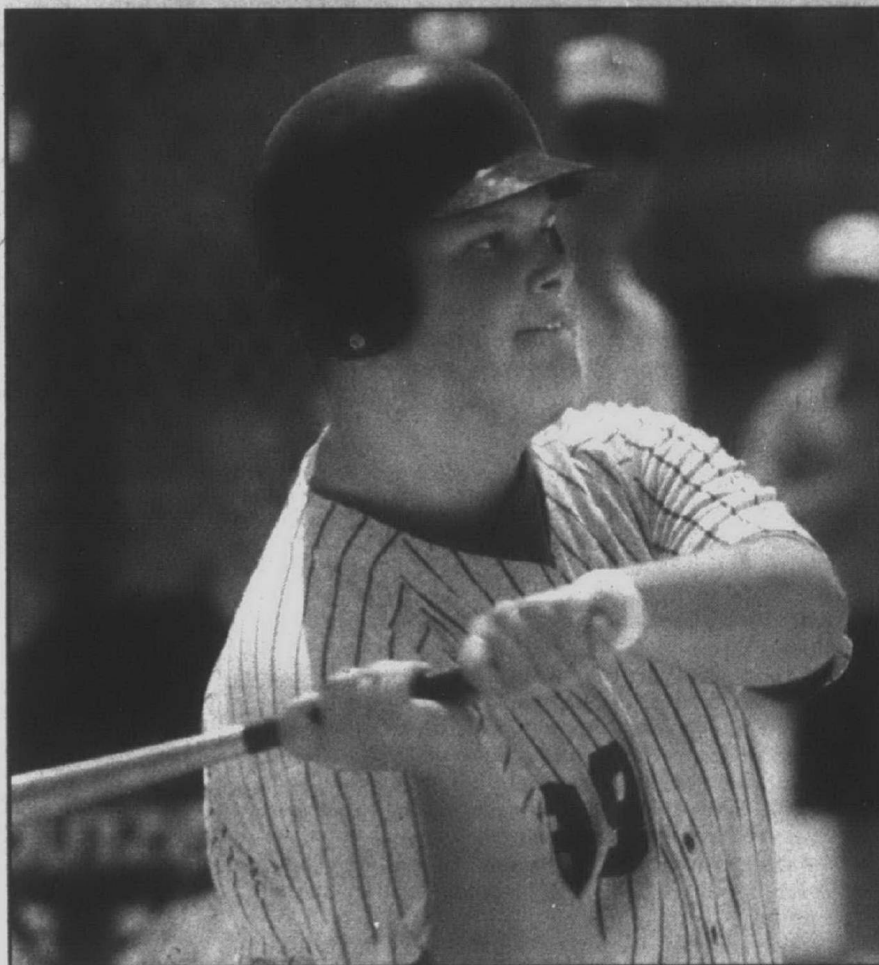
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Wayne Treece (left above) of Wayne and Jason Bales (right) of Westland react after the third out in a perfect inning for the Wayne Westland Falcons. The Falcons lost the game in the last inning to take a second place in Division 9. Kraig Lenard (right) of Garden City waits to hit the softball in the finals of the Special Olympics State Softball Tournament in Canton.



Special Olympians

Area athletes win big at softball tourney

Michigan Special Olympics summer sports action concluded last weekend with a 55-team softball tournament at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township.

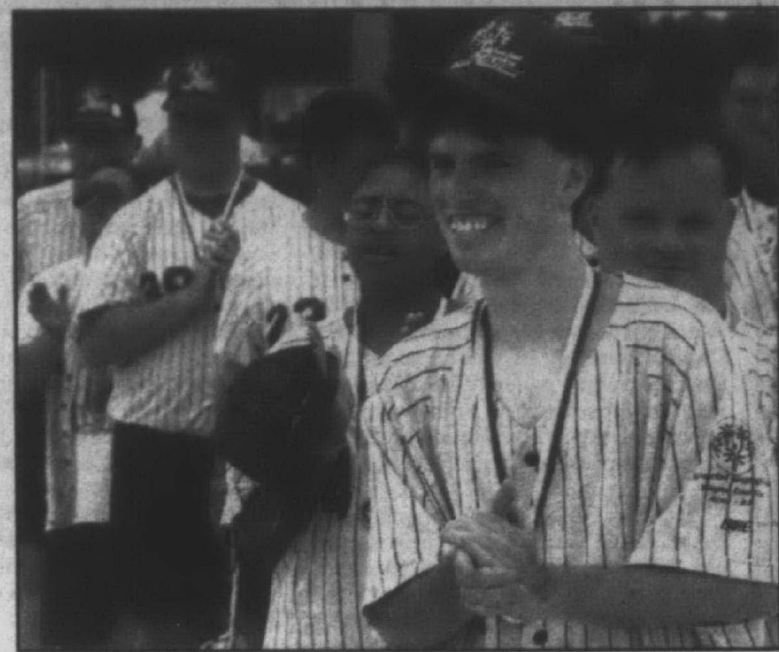
Teams from all over Michigan competed in the tournament, including nine teams from Wayne County.

The Stars were the highest-placing Wayne County team, winning the gold medal in Division 7 competition. Stars players are David West, Sean Bowers, Kevin Welgosh, Billy Ardt, Scott Zamitt, David Foust, Ron Walzak, Nathan Lafever, Andrea Flynn, Chris Sockow, Meghan Campbell, Scott Stoner and Justin Strabbing.

The Wayne Westland Falcons placed second and won silver medals in Division 9 competition after losing the championship game to the Bay City Thundercats by a score of 12-16.

Local players on the Wayne Westland Falcons team include 21-year-old first baseman Jason Bales of Westland, 15-year-old left fielder Kraig Lenard and 17-year-old second baseman Holly Gossett, both of Garden City.

Other teams members are Wayne Treece of Wayne, Dawn Saur of Allen Park, Brent Killingbeck of Romulus, Peter



Congratulations: Matt Gravenmier of Wayne and members of the Wayne Westland Falcons applaud the Bay City team that beat them in the final game.

Gutierrez of Belleville, Leedell Haywood of Wayne, Doug Beasley of Wayne, Jowada Haywood of Wayne, Jayne Ann McDougald of Belleville, John Norton of Wayne and Matt Gravenmier of Wayne.

Kraig's mother, Marcia Lenard, said her son started competing in Special Olympics

in January and is looking forward to the soccer season. "He just said to me, 'Mom, I wish we had a game tonight.' I really wish we would have done this years ago."

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National tragedy

Plymouth family present at Capitol shooting

"I remember it perfectly. I heard BAM, and I recognized it as gunshots right away. I didn't panic at all, but I knew it was a gun. Something was going on. Then I thought I'm getting out of here..."

Those were the first thoughts of Joe LiGreci of Plymouth, who was 20 feet from last week's shooting in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. that killed two police officers. LiGreci was in an adjacent room viewing models of the White House both past and present when the shooting started.

"I heard BAM, then I heard BAM, BAM, BAM, BAM," said the 41-year-old LiGreci. "It sounded so close. And really, it was just around the corner from me. So, I slid behind a display. There was an older man and his wife, she was hysterical... I told them to follow me to the back and we went into the women's bathroom and locked the door."

"I thought we might be in a hostage situation, and I started thinking we could be there for days," he recalled.

LiGreci said police told them to stay there. They returned approximately 20 minutes later to let them out a side door, where he saw "more than 20 police cars, a helicopter and people running and screaming."

While LiGreci was being led out of the Capitol by police, his wife and two daughters were just getting the

idea something was going wrong.

"We took a few pictures from the Capitol steps and were heading back to the tour bus when two black cars pulled up with sirens blaring," said Lisa LiGreci, 38. "Then more cop cars came, then ambulances, the fire department, and finally a helicopter."

"There were hundreds of people running and screaming out of the building, just like a movie," said Lisa. "Then I said 'Where's Joe?' Right when I started to panic he came out. That's how fast it all happened."

Joe LiGreci testifies to the fact that security at the Capitol is tight.

"We went in the same door the gunman did," said LiGreci. "It's a handicap entrance, which we used because we had a stroller. The police checked me three times because I kept setting off the X-ray machine. They checked me with a wand and frisked me before letting me through."

Maybe it was fate that kept LiGreci from being right in the middle of the shoot-out.

"I looked at my watch, and at 3:40 (p.m.) I kept saying to myself 'I need to get back to the bus,'" LiGreci recalled. "If I would have left when I first said that, instead of looking around some more, I would have been right in the middle of it."



Witnesses: The LiGreci family of Plymouth, (from left) Joe, Mary, Lisa (mom), and Lisa Marie, were tourists at the Capitol building in Washington D.C. when a gunman shot three individuals — killing two police officers.

Lawmakers say don't close people's House

As the nation mourns the deaths of two police officers last week by a lone gunman at the Capitol Building in Washington, a former Plymouth congressman is hoping America doesn't revert to a "bunker mentality."

"The Capitol has always been known as 'The People's House.' There's no way you can keep them out of the Capitol," said Carl Pursell, a Republican congressman from 1977-1991. "The Capitol is the bastion of freedom, and freedom means you have an open system. You just can't put a fence around the U.S. Capitol like we do the White House."

Pursell said there were occasions where he was afraid for his life while a congressman.

"I had three or four threats," he said. "I had one where the FBI had to stand near me on a critical vote."

Pursell remembers several incidents in which the Capitol was the target of terrorism.

"We had Puerto Ricans back in 1954 wound five congressmen when they were in the gallery," said

'The security system in place is very tight, and in this instance it worked. The suspect went around the metal detector and started shooting. There's not much you can do to stop that.'

Lynn Rivers

—U.S. representative, D-Ann Arbor

Pursell. "The bullet holes are still there."

"Senate majority leader Howard Baker had his door blown off," Pursell recalled. "Security came and set up concrete barriers in the parking lot so a truck loaded with dynamite couldn't blow up the whole Capitol."

Pursell knows there will be reviews of the current security plans.

"They do that every time an incident occurs. You

just can't afford enough police officers for protection."

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) said she was with the rest of Michigan's congressional delegation at National Airport waiting to get home when they saw the breaking news on CNN.

"It was a very strange and very sad feeling," recalls Rivers. "There we were, seeing a terrible drama in a very familiar place."

Like many of her colleagues, Rivers isn't sure much more can be done to improve security at the Capitol.

"The security system in place is very tight, and in this instance it worked."

"The suspect went around the metal detector and started shooting. There's not much you can do to stop that."

Rivers fears more security would be an over-reaction.

"The Capitol Building is an icon of democracy. Let's don't punish the people of America by closing it off from the public."

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:



In light of the violence that occurred at the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., week, do you think

the building should be closed off to the general public?

We asked this question of local residents in downtown Plymouth.



"No, the Capitol Building is an emblem of our country and part of life is having to deal with difficult situations."

Bob Cooper
Plymouth Twp.



"No, the Capitol Building should remain the people's building."

Margaret Murphy
Plymouth



"No, absolutely not, it would be a violation of our freedom as U.S. citizens."

Patricia Wiggins
Plymouth



"No, absolutely not, the capital building is for the people."

Kelly Wiggins
Plymouth

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as his "is not realistic," given all the issues under discussion. His early decision, the city manager said, "is keeping us from guessing, so we appreciate that."

However, City of Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke seemed to downplay connections between Scoggins' retirement and the merging of services, calling such a merger "a separate issue" from the retirement.

"Personally, I don't see a connection" between the two, although the city "certainly will take" Scoggins' retirement into consideration in studying any such move.

While the two communities' fire departments have already been merged and interest has been expressed by, among others, new Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey in doing the same with the two police departments, nothing has been discussed recently, Dismuke said.

The mayor said such a merger "is a philosophical issue as well as a feasibility issue... The city's willingness 'to give up its police force is a philosophical issue and I don't know the answer to it now.'"

He said Scoggins "has done a great job and we will certainly miss his leadership, but we certainly appreciate as well the time his decision gives us to find another chief and we look forward to his feedback on the pro-

cess." Walters said it is "much more likely the opportunity is in combining some form of the (police) operations" such as the dispatch, lockup and records sections, because all are interconnected.

He said he believes the city "will want to be able to resolve (with the township) ... in the next six to eight months whether there are opportunities (for any mergers) and still have enough time for the hiring process."

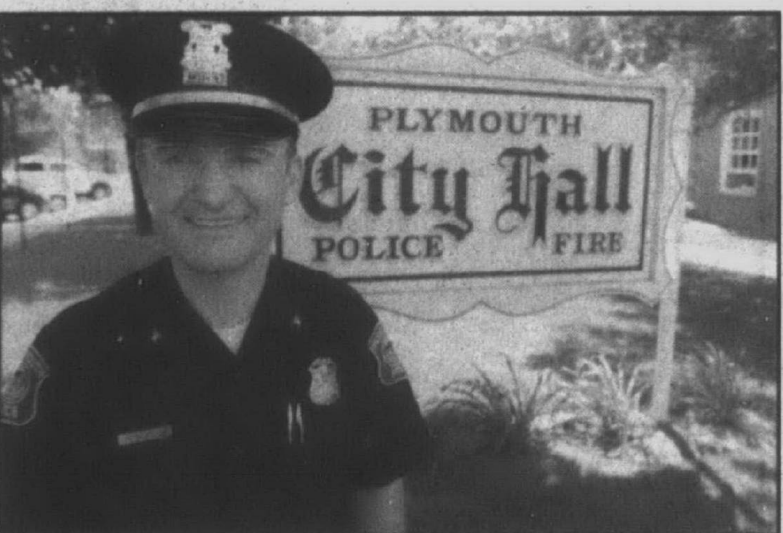
One issue affecting any service merger is Scoggins' plan to upgrade the city's police radio system with one that would be compatible with the state police,

but not with the township's new system.

One point brought up at the meeting was that if the city follows Scoggins' plan, it would imply it's not ready to merge dispatch.

It was at that meeting that the chief's decision became public — via a simple one-line statement on the meeting's agenda, under "Police Departments": "Police Chief Scoggins will retire in January 2000."

Walters said he had been discussing retirement with Scoggins for some time despite surprise expressed by some commission members Monday night.



Chief Scoggins

Chief looking forward to retirement, time with family

■ He will devote more time to his gospel-singing ministry ...

What will the relatively young Robert L. Scoggins be doing after he retires as City of Plymouth police chief in 18 months, at age 51?

Enjoying his family, his gospel singing and all the time he'll have, the chief said Wednesday.

Scoggins decided this month to retire in January of 2000, after 25 years of service to the city. He has been police chief since 1991.

"Probably the only gripe I have as chief is I haven't been able to take time the time I desire off," he said. He felt he could never take more than two weeks off at a time "and you certainly need" more time than that "after so many years in that type of position."

Besides spending more time with wife Jean, their three grown children and first grandchild, Scoggins said he will devote more time to his gospel-singing ministry, which is an outgrowth of his work as music minister at a local Southern Baptist church and which has seen his group record four albums so far.

He said that talent came from his father, who sang with the Ranger and Statesmen quartets — "some of the best-known gospel quartets of the century" — but who died when Robert was 9 years old. Gospel singing "comes naturally to me and it's something I plan on doing until I can't do it anymore."

Now 49, Scoggins was a trumpet player majoring in music at Kent State University in his native Ohio, planning to become a high school band director, when he was drafted for Vietnam by the U.S. Army. He enlisted in the Air Force instead and, he

said, his fate was sealed when he was assigned to its security police.

During the next five years, he pulled two tours of duty in Korea, working everything from regular law enforcement to guarding nuclear weapons and also meeting and marrying his Korean-born wife.

The couple had two of their three children there, then came to Michigan, where his mother and stepfather sought to help them enter civilian life.

Hired as an ordinance enforcement officer by the Plymouth police department in January 1975, under a federal matching-grant program, he was promoted to patrol officer 10 months later, made sergeant in April 1987 and became chief in April 1991.

Son Douglas has followed his father into police work, recently becoming a patrol officer in Northville Township.

Scoggins feels his major accomplishment is in his hiring of the officers now coming into the department, but he also succeeded in reorganizing the department and brought it peace after some years of turmoil during the 1980s.

He said he may even return to playing the trumpet in his retirement. He hasn't bothered so far because "It's such a noisy instrument to practice and people get annoyed to the point where they start throwing things."

Participants sought for area student exchange program

Many people are concerned about the new laws which are a part of the U.S. Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

This legislation requires exchange students of F-1 or I-20 visas to reimburse public school districts for the cost of their education before they are

allowed to enter the United States. In most areas, this can amount to several thousand dollars for the school year.

It is important to note that students who participate in formal exchange programs offering J-1 visas will not be affected by this law.

One program, the American Intercul-

tural Student Exchange (AISE), offers its participants the security of monthly contact with a representative of the program, comprehensive medical insurance, parties and get-togethers with other exchange students in the area, educational trips around the U.S. and many other amenities.

An increasing number of Americans have friends or relatives in foreign countries whose teenagers would like to spend time studying in American high schools. To participate in such an exchange, these students should explore their options before paying tuition at an American public high school.

Programs such as AISE have years of experience, and their caring staff members can offer students and their host families advice and support during the exchange experience.

For information on the AISE program call 1-800-SIBLING or visit the Web site at <http://www.sibling.org>.

CAMPUS NOTES

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DEAN'S LIST

Amy Krista Jefferies, a senior at Taylor University's Upland campus, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jefferies of Livonia. She is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, Canton.

Lisa Bares, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bares, of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School.

Kelly Ann Collins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins, of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Melissa L. Marzolf, daughter of Charles and Pamela Marzolf, of Plymouth, is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship at Northwood University. Marzolf graduated from Plymouth Canton High School and will work toward a business degree.

emu graduates

Eastern Michigan University hosted commencement ceremonies for 2,345 students in Bowen Field House.

Plymouth residents graduating were: Julie Marie Antoun, BS, cum laude; Leonard John Baron Jr., BBA; Brooke Elizabeth Benner, BS; Jeanne Madeline Cady, BS, magna cum laude; Colleen Marie Cronin, BSN; Cassie Rebecca Cummins, BS; Kathleen Elizabeth Currier, BSN, magna cum laude; Melanie Cathleen Davis, BS, cum laude; Jill Elizabeth Dennison, BS, magna cum laude; Mary Jane Devine, MA; Bilkis Dohadwala, MA; Patricia Lynn Dunnabeck, MA; Sheri Marie Fisher-Sinacola, MA; Delene E. Franchi, MA; Priscilla Paulen Frederick, BFA, cum laude; Kristen Gusfa, MA; Randy L. Hagg, MBA; Charles J. Hamilton, MA; David Brian Hamway, BS; Steven Douglas Henderson, BS; Rachel Anne Jones, BS; William A. Lincoln Jr., BS, summa cum laude; Lori Lee Love, MA; Robert Andrew Maturen, BS; George Lareau McDonald, BS; Christalyn Danielle Mitcham, BS, cum laude; Erik Neil Mullinix, BS; Diane A. Nranian, MS; Sandra Kathleen Raymond,

BS, summa cum laude; Robert William Redford, MBA; Matthew Edward Rich, MA; Andrew William Roach, BA; Lorena Ellen Sanford, BS; Bridget L. Schick, MA; Michael E. Wall, MBA; Christine Beth Wurm, MS.

GRADUATED

The following Plymouth students have graduated from Hope College with bachelor of arts degrees.

Michael Erickson, son of Earl and Shirley Erickson; Amanda Fry, daughter of James and Theresa Fry; Amy-Lynn Halverson, daughter of Barbara Halverson; Kirsten Heinrich, daughter of Dennis and Lana Heinrich; Ethan Klump, son of Rev. Ethan and Linda Klump; Keiko Morse, child of Philip and Kiyo Morse; Karen Randinitis, daughter of Dr. Ed and Georgia Randinitis; Karlye Schmitt, daughter of P. David and Barbara Schmitt; Justin Wainwright, son of Sandra Fercho of Plymouth, and Jonathan Wainwright of Fraser and Miriam Garcellano, daughter of Tomas

and Marietta Garcellano of Canton.

AWARD

Alyson I. Nouné, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nouné of Plymouth, has been awarded a Student Fellowship Award from State Farm Companies Foundation. The award pays a one year stipend of \$3,000 for the student's senior year of college or first year of graduate studies.

Nouné attended the University of South Florida and holds two BA degrees in marketing and psychology with minors in economics and international business. Nouné plans on attending Harvard or Stanford in three years to obtain a masters in business.

DEAN'S LIST

Eastern Michigan University named 3,679 students to the Dean's List, Plymouth residents are:

Christiane Delores Antonelli, Julie Marie Antoun, Laurie Ellen Atkinson, Ellen Louise August, Donald Bruce Bain, Kimberly Jean Balcom, Leonard John Baron Jr., Brooke Eliza-

beth Benner, Judith Lynn Boddon, Stacy L. Britt, Kimberly K. Burke, Stephanie Lynn Cionca, Colleen Marie Cronin, Kathleen Elizabeth Currier, Melanie Cathleen Davis, Jill Elizabeth Dennison, Marlene Catherine Erxleben, Julie Ferich, Patrick Vincent Gallagher, Lauri Lynn Gaylord, Heather Marie Gentry, Karen Y. Giles, Tara Lynn Griffith, Lars Anders Gustafson, Elaine Holman, Daniel James House, Blythe Tyler Jahr, Kevin M. Jaskolski, Linda Marie Kochanek, LeAnn Marie Lauer, Cynthia Marie Lehnis, Sharon L. Leo, William A. Lincoln Jr., Linda Lee Linder, Jennifer E. Lock, Rachel Anne Luedtke, Amy Rose Morris, Catherine M. Mueller, Jessica Mary Nehring, Benjamin Michael Nelson, Robert Joseph Opatry, Thomas Vaughn Palmer, Jennifer Marie Parviainen, Kari Diane Plesco, Loraine Joann Potochick, Sandra Kathleen Raymond, Janice Anne Reissenweber, Michael S.

Rozenboom, Stephen Ethan Schafer, Jacqueline Marie Setlak, Daniel E. Sharp, Sarah Lynn Sheehan, Craig David Sielaff, Deborah Jo Smith, Melissa Diane Smokovitz, Marc Lawrence Sowden, Toni Marie Spear, Christina Marian Stansell, Michael Joseph Stansell, Jennifer I. Stockwell, Lynn Temske, Amy D. Tibbits, Cynthia Sue Ulrich, Jean M. Walsh, Scott Alan Walter, Jessica Ann Wheelock, Christina Anne White, Heather Kaye Wood, Jessica Louise Young.

HONORS

Local students of Eastern Michigan University were honored when EMU presented its premier student research showcase, the 18th annual College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Symposium.

Canton students were: Dipali Patel, a senior, who presented a report for the management department on research on reducing alcohol abuse.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Charter Township of Canton is requesting proposals for an intensive level survey of twelve agricultural properties in the Township and the nomination of ten previously identified properties to the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of the request for proposal may be obtained by contacting the Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-5417.

Proposals must be received by the Resource Development Division, third floor, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188, by 5:00 p.m., August 20, 1998. This project is federally funded and federal restrictions apply. Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Award of the project will be based on all information requested. Canton reserves the right to award this project in whole or in part, to other than the low bidder, or to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularity.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-98-09
CABLE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 71, OMNICOM CABLE TELEVISION, BY REPEALING SECTION 71.010 THROUGH 71.280 THEREBY REPEALING THE OMNICOM CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE GRANTED AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 1979; PROVIDING FOR THE GRANT OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO AMERITECH NEW MEDIA ENTERPRISES, INC. DATED JUNE 27, 1995 FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS; PROVIDING FOR THE GRANT OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE DATED OCTOBER 24, 1995 FOR A FIFTEEN-YEAR PERIOD TO OMNICOM OF MICHIGAN, INC. AND A CONCURRENT TRANSFER OF THE FRANCHISE TO CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, INC. (NOW MEDIAONE OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, INC.) PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Cable Franchise Ordinance".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1925 and Title 47 of the United States Code, Chapter 6, Subchapter V, Part III, § 5541-549.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS.

Section 71.290. This section provides for the repeal of the November 6, 1979 Omnicom of Michigan, Inc. franchise.
Section 71.300. This section provides for the Omnicom of Michigan, Inc. 15-year franchise dated October 24, 1995 and its transfer to Continental Cable of Southeast Michigan, Inc. (now MediaOne)
Section 71.310. This section provides for the Ameritech New Media Enterprises, Inc. 15-year franchise dated June 27, 1995.

SECTION 4. PENALTY.

This section provides for penalties for violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL.

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.
The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-98-09 considered for first reading at the July 21, 1998, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number 453-3840 x 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

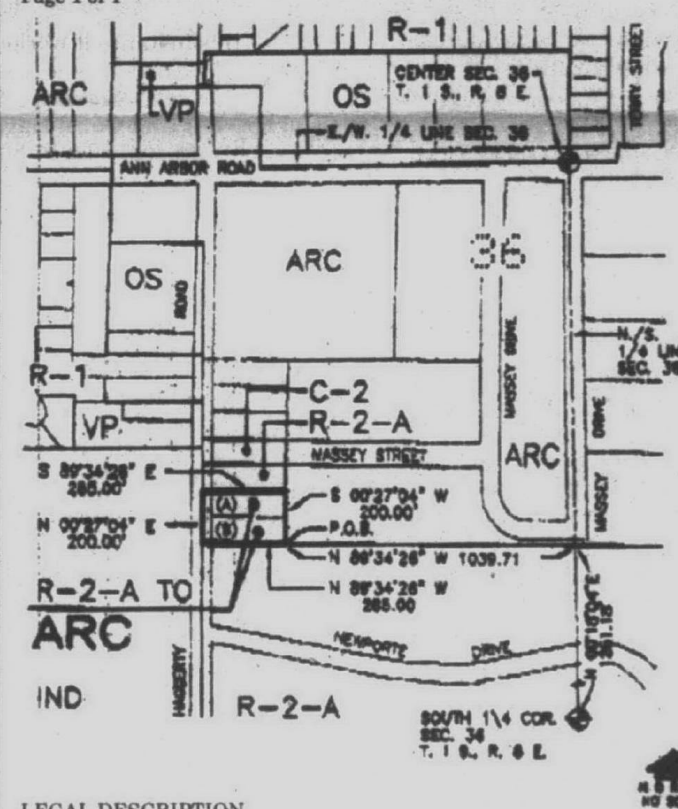
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for construction management services in connection with the construction of a new middle school. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained by contacting John Birchler, E.J. McLendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, (734) 416-2742. Bids are due on or before Friday, August 14, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

Publish: July 30 and August 6, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-2-A MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
TO REZONE TO: ARC ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 19, 1998
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-2-A Multiple Family Residential District, to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District. =1.309 acres, more or less. Application #1627 Page 1 of 1



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, IN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 36, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, AS MONUMENTED, NORTH 00°18'04" EAST 1261.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°34'26" WEST 1039.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°34'26" WEST 255.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°27'04" EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'26" EAST 285.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°27'04" WEST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 1.309 ACRES (GROSS), 1.033 ACRES (NET) SUBJECT TO THE WEST 60.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES FOR HAGGERTY ROAD. ALSO, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

ORDINANCE NO. 83
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 102
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
EFFECTIVE DATE _____

TAX ID NO. (A) R75-055-99-0022-000 & (B) R75-065-99-0023-000

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 458-3840 X 201. TDD users: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

Publish: July 30 and August 13, 1998

WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ULTRASONIC FLOW METERS

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for complete replacement of the two existing Marsh-McBirney area/velocity flow meters with multi-path ultrasonic flow meters in both the 48" and 60" incoming sewer interceptors at its Lower Rouge facility located at 3501 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan. Further, all necessary labor, materials, equipment, training and maintenance are to be provided. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by August 14, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE
PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 4, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing candidates for the following partisan offices:

Governor
Representative in Congress
State Senator
State Representative
County Executive
County Commissioner
Delegates to County Convention

and the following non-partisan Offices:

Judges of the Court of Appeals-1st District, Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions, Terms ending 01-01-05 - Vote for not more than two.
Judges of the Circuit Court-3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Terms, Non-Incumbent Position, Terms ending 01-01-05 - Vote for not more than two.

and the following County of Wayne 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 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 ___

and the following Charter Township of Plymouth Proposals:

PROPOSAL 1
Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$3,709,604, and the funds thereby derived be used for police, fire and communication services? Yes ___ No ___

PROPOSAL 2
Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed 5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$618,267, for the exclusive purpose of designing, acquiring, constructing, implementing, maintaining and/or operating recreation programs, services, equipment, facilities and/or property? Yes ___ No ___

PROPOSAL 3
Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed .75 mill (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$927,401, for the exclusive purpose of payment of obligations to the western townships utilities authority (WTUA) under the construction, finance and service agreement dated September 28, 1988 among Canton, Northville and Plymouth Townships? Yes ___ No ___

Applications for absentee ballots for the Charter Township of Plymouth, may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number 453-3840, extension 224 or 228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1. On Monday, August 3 qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.
Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the Township precinct locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number.)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar
Precinct 2 & 8	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	United Assembly of God Church	46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegl School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 13 & 16	Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ	46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	Isabister School	9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Senate race McCotter, Poenisch smart choices

The state Senate race in the 9th District features Thaddeus McCotter, Jim Ryan and Deborah Whyman on the Republican ticket, while Carol Poenisch and Marc Susselman are running on the Democratic ticket.

The district includes Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, Redford and part of Canton.

In the Republican race, we recommend Thaddeus McCotter. For the Democrats, Carol Poenisch is the better choice.

Candidates on the Republican tickets take the same stand on nearly all the issues with the exception of Ryan's opposition to term limits (McCotter and Whyman support term limits). What troubles us is the support all three have for vouchers and tax credits, even though McCotter believes it would cost at least \$2 million to administer vouchers, and Whyman also believes it would add to the bureaucracy. We believe vouchers would undermine education overall if the private schools are not required to administer the same tests and inform the public of the results, which they are not required to do currently.

However, McCotter has shown that he can follow through on campaign pledges. As a Wayne County commissioner, he pushed through an ordinance prohibiting commissioner use of county cars. He co-wrote a county ethics ordinance. He worked with county officials so Northville Township officials would have some representation on the Economic Development Corporation for the demolition

and planned unit development on county-owned properties in the township. He has tried to establish stronger representation for Wayne County townships in county government.

McCotter, an attorney and Livonia resident, is intelligent and articulate. He presents his arguments in a cogent fashion and has potential to be an effective state lawmaker. His issues — taxes, roads, economic and educational opportunity and making government work — are those of the average western Wayne County resident.

McCotter has strong support among western Wayne County community leaders. He has earned the respect of leaders ranging from the business community to elected officials to Schoolcraft College, where he once served as a trustee.

Poenisch exhibits many of the traditional ideals many Democrats share. She discourages sending public money into private schools, promotes brownfield development and opposes any so-called supermajority proposals.

A Northville Township resident, Poenisch is a former treasurer of Merian's Friends, and has experience working in the legislative process. A former teacher, she holds master's degrees in public health administration and health education.

On Tuesday, we strongly urge a vote on the Republican ticket for Thaddeus McCotter and, for the Democrats, Carol Poenisch.



McCotter



Poenisch

McNamara, Scott merit nods

On Aug. 4 voters will nominate candidates in the Democratic and Republican races for Wayne County executive. Given the current political demographics in Wayne County, the Democratic primary is tantamount to election.

The Democratic race features incumbent Edward H. McNamara, former mayor of Livonia, and challenger Sharon McPhail, an attorney and unsuccessful candidate for Detroit mayor in 1993. Also on the Democratic ballot is Wallace Serylo of Detroit.

In the Democratic race, we recommend that voters return McNamara to a fourth term to finish the job he started nearly 12 years ago.

The McNamara Administration has been the engine for economic growth and fiscal responsibility in Wayne County. It has improved the parks system (western Wayne County taxpayers need only to travel along Hines Drive to see the positive results), been an advocate for a cleaner environment (Rouge River cleanup and Newburgh Lake restoration) and a champion of public transportation.

McNamara offers voters a proven track record of getting the job done. Unemployment is at a record low, and crime is down. He has put the county on a solid financial track. He has surrounded himself with, and delegated responsibility to, a diverse, dedicated, hard-working group of people.

He has, however, some unfinished business with airport expansion and renovations and deserves to be returned to office to finish what he started. What happens in the next four years will be his political legacy, and we're confident that he won't disappoint the residents of Wayne County.

McPhail, McNamara's most viable opponent, is critical of his management or lack thereof at the airport, jail and morgue. Her criticisms may have a certain ring of well-researched fact. However, it's not hard to find fault with someone who has been in office for 12 years. Although well-spoken and intelligent, McPhail falls far short of making the case for herself as a visionary executive. She has neither the broad-based support nor the political experience to get the job done.

McNamara has the experience, vitality and vision to lead Wayne County into the 21st Century.

In the GOP race, the Observer recommends Herb Scott of Canton. Scott, vice president of Major Pharmaceuticals of Livonia, is treasurer for the GOP in the 13th Congressional District.

Scott knows the issues and offers Republican voters a credible, intelligent candidate for county executive.

County government is no longer a stuffy courthouse downtown but a vibrant player in the economy and the environment.

Proposition A bad public policy

Voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will decide Proposition A — known as supermajority — on Tuesday's ballot.

If approved by voters the proposal will amend the county charter to require a two-thirds vote of the county commission to place any new tax increase on the ballot. It will also require a 60 percent (or supermajority) vote of the electorate to approve any new tax increase.

The idea is certainly inviting because Wayne County residents — compared to their

counterparts in Oakland and Macomb — pay high taxes.

But the proposal represents bad public policy and according to information from the Citizens Research Council violates the state Constitution and the Headlee Amendment.

The proposal goes against the very basic democratic principle of majority rule.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, don't forget to vote the nonpartisan portion of the ballot and vote no on Proposition A.

Vorva should drop feud, move on

Jerry Vorva has until Friday to make the next move in his lawsuit against Plymouth-Canton Community Schools: requesting a rehearing by the Michigan Appeals Court or filing an appeal with the state Supreme Court. It's highly unlikely that Vorva will even consider a third option — dropping the suit altogether, which is too bad.

We can't take seriously his offer last week to end litigation holding up the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds for construction of two new schools provided the district holds a special election. Vorva's "deal" calls for the school district to notify everyone who voted March

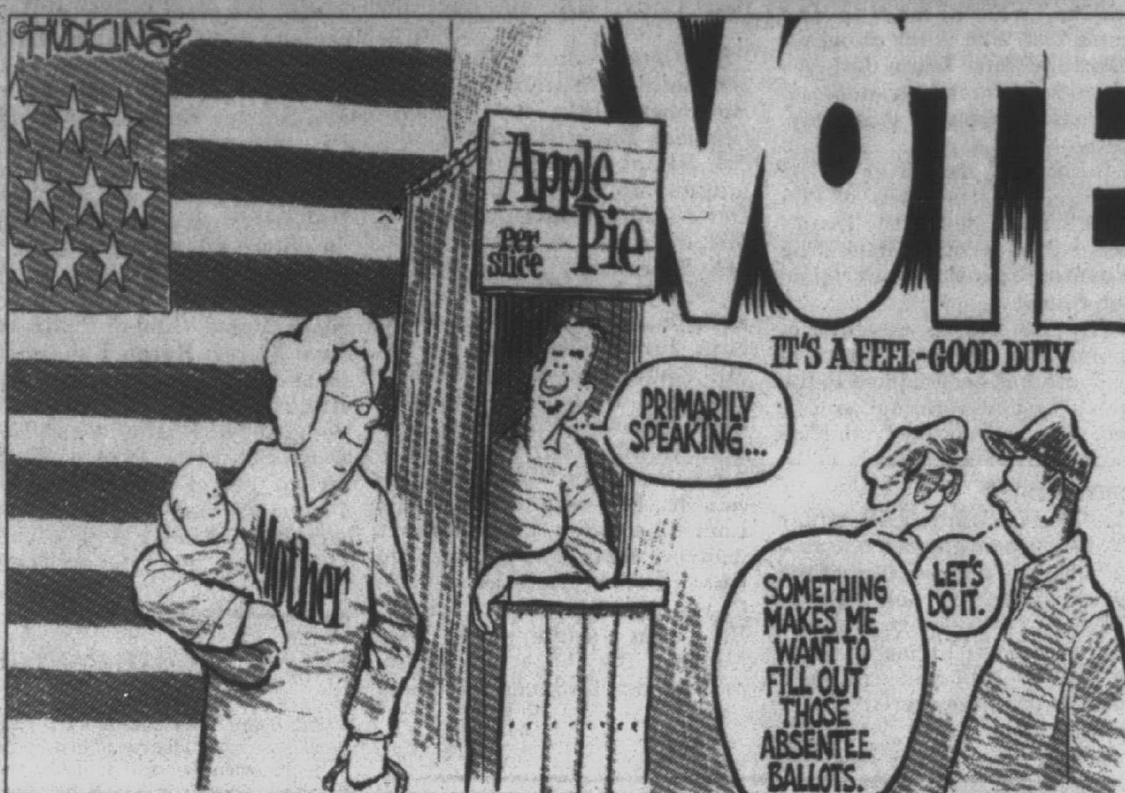
1997 and have them vote again — by paper ballot — on the bond proposal. Like a child refusing dinner but seeking dessert, Vorva is asking for something he knows is impossible.

The suit has raised some viable issues and generated needed discussion.

But the bond issue was narrowly approved by voters. The board of canvassers and two courts have said the system was working properly. There is no way to tell how those who miscast ballots would have voted and no way to draw a line on what is an acceptable number of spoiled ballots in any one election.

It's time to move on.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Supports Mueller

Imagine my surprise in opening the mail and receiving a campaign brochure from my state representative in which he states that K.C. Mueller is supported by local and county Democrats, making it seem that she has no Republican support.

K.C. Mueller is being supported by a host of past and current Republican leaders. Leaders in the volunteer sector and leaders that are elected officials. State Rep. Gerald Law does a disservice to the Republican party when he ignores K.C. Mueller's support from Esther Hulsing, former school board president and Plymouth Township clerk, current Plymouth Township officials, all elected as Republicans, Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Ron Edwards, Marilyn Massengill, and myself, Livonia City Council President Jack Engebretson, former school board members Jack Farrow, Dean Swartzwelter and Carol Davis (all Republicans). There are a host of Republican party precinct delegates and Republican party leaders throughout Livonia, Northville and Plymouth endorsing and working for K.C. Mueller.

K.C. Mueller is a consensus builder. She has gathered support from Republicans, independents and Democrats as she attempts to return politics back to the citizens and away from the special interest groups that control Lansing politics. Ninety percent of her election funding comes from within the district. Ninety percent of the funding Gerald Law has received has come from Lansing special interest groups, amounting to over \$60,000 in the past two years.

Law would be wise to join with K.C. Mueller and sticking to the issues and not try to muddy the waters. K.C. Mueller has been elected twice as a Republican to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and Law knows that. For him to say anything less is a clear attempt at deceiving the voters. One of the reasons we are supporting K.C. Mueller for state representative.

Kay Arnold
Plymouth Township trustee

Millage supporter

As a mother of three young children, a homeowner and a township resident, I fully support the recreation proposal on the Aug. 4 ballot. The investment in my family's quality of life is well worth the small amount I'm being asked to pay. While there are still unanswered questions about who will run the recreation program and about programming priorities, the alternative of no recreation

activities is much more worrisome. This proposal will provide the money to support a wide range of activities, for children through seniors.

I support expanded programs and facilities to deliver them. Land acquisitions, playing fields, an activities center, a community pool, are all within reach.

I, for one, am a Plymouth Township resident who is going to vote yes on recreation — yes to investing in the future of our community and all whom have chosen Plymouth Township as their home.

Mary Ann Prehlik
Plymouth

Richard clueless

Columnist Tim Richard purports to care for Michigan's children, yet he feverishly opposes any attempt to allow parents more options for improving their children's education.

Tim rejects all forms of school choice, from charter schools to vouchers. He erroneously claims that the Mackinac Center "is pushing vouchers, hard."

Tim needs to rent a clue. The Mackinac Center has proposed a tuition tax credit, not a voucher. There is no transfer of public funds to private schools, as Tim maintains; parents and businesses simply get a credit against their own tax liabilities when they pay a child's school tuition with their own money.

Rather than belittling parental involvement in their children's education, Tim should check his ideological agenda at the door and embrace school choice as a real way to improve education.

Steven P. Schaller
Clawson

Please see LETTERS, A13

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

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— Philip Power

Letters

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Force the board

As a young child my parents paid to have me in the YMCA programs (swimming, track, ping-pong, crafts, etc.). We played baseball, tennis, ice hockey, flew model airplanes at Northwestern Field (Detroit).

We raised our children the same way by paying for their recreation. Now I'm expected to pay for my neighbor's children also. Where does this welfare stop?

I find it difficult to believe that a person living in a \$250,000 house needs financial help from their neighbors so that they can get golf instructions.

I believe that the real problems started when the board took monies from the general fund to pay police and fire expenses. If monies are needed for fire and police (the #1 priority) ask for it. Don't mess around with the general fund. Mixing the trash issue with the police and fire monies sounds like real "trash" or simply put - blackmail!

Come on Board, if there needs to be a responsible shake-up, restructuring of budget, or just applying some common sense management, let's do it. A fresh start in the right direction may be the answer.

I feel that the best direction for ourselves at this time is to reject these proposals, send the politicians back to the drawing board to restructure and propose a responsible plan (budget) to move our community in a positive direction. This would leave us and any future members of our community with an attractive location with excellent financial responsibility.

Use your common sense on Aug. 4. Not the self-serving (recreation) philosophy of a few. Let's force the Board to get their act together.

Roy Hart
Plymouth Township

Standing firm

The pledge was simple, to the point, and mailed out to 22,000 voters. I would not use the last few weeks of the campaign to attack my opponent but rather spend the time discussing the issues. I expected the same from Gerry Law.

I feel it necessary to respond in order that you have the facts straight.

Gerry Law claims that I "voted for three new taxes which would more than double the property tax rate for Plymouth Township." **FACT:** Seven members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ask Plymouth Township residents to decide the future of police/fire and recreation in our community. My vote was to give the residents of Plymouth Township the opportunity to express their opinion on the level of services they would like to have.

Gerry Law claims that I "supported a 33 percent markup of water and sewer rates." **FACT:** Every community in Wayne County pays water and sewer charges to the city of Detroit and Wayne County. These charges do not include the required maintenance of the water and sewer lines which run throughout Plymouth Township. Plymouth Township runs a very efficient DPW department which maintains these lines. Maintenance is lower than most other communities (some charge more than 100 percent). The markup charged by Plymouth Township has remained the same more than 10 years - including the 22 months that Gerry served an appointed township supervisor.

Gerry Law states that I "voted for deficit budgets in 1997 and 1998 in which expenditures exceeded revenue by over \$1.3 million. **FACT:** I voted for a balanced budget each year I have been in office. The strong fiscal management policies which I have supported as a township trustee has resulted in building a healthy fund balance each year for the township's "Rainy Day Fund."

Gerry Law states that I "opposed signing the Regional Western Wayne Police Mutual Aid Pact." **FACT:** This item has never come before the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees for a vote.

Gerry Law states that I "supported spending thousands of taxpayer dollars by hiring attorneys to oppose double bunking of felons in Michigan prisons." **FACT:** Northville and Plymouth Townships signed an agreement with the state of Michigan not to increase the number of felons at the prison in our community. The agreement included passage of legislation in 1991 to limit the number of felons and ensure that all counties in the state were doing their fair share. When this agreement was broken by the state of Michigan, both Northville and Plymouth Township sued to ensure that the state of Michigan honor their agreement. Gerry was not there to help his district and ensure that our state government honor its agreements.

There is a long history in politics of candidates distorting facts to give a false impression of their opponent. I do not believe that this type of campaigning serves the interests of the community or of the individual. I remain committed to running on the issues that are important to all of us.

K.C. Mueller
Plymouth

Candidates differ

As many of your readers are probably aware, there is current Michigan law under Proposal A which mandates that Plymouth-Canton schools receive only \$5,900 per pupil funding while (a few) other school districts in the state are allowed to have almost \$11,000 per student. In March of this year a summit was held at the Summit in Canton on this particular problem where over 600 persons who were concerned with this issue attended. Most of the persons who attended this summit favored and advocated a change in the current laws.

Plymouth's current state representative, Gerald Law, seems to be a good person. However as published in the Detroit News: "He is correctly resisting pressure from district schools that would want to tweak Proposal A to obtain more state money..."

Although almost 600 citizens attended the summit in March on our problems in school funding, and 14 state representatives and senators and gubernatorial candidates from as far away as Muskegon were able to attend, Gerald Law did not attend.

Mr. Law's opponent, K.C. Mueller, also seems to be a good person. She has publicly stated that she supports changes in the law that would help to reduce this tremendous gap in per-pupil funding. Candidate Mueller did attend the summit in March 1998.

These significant differences in per-pupil funding not only affect our children and our grandchildren's education, but as you are acutely aware, the buying public's perception of a local community's educational systems excellence directly affects property values. Please

be sure to vote in the primary on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Mark T. Slavens
Canton

Millage support

I am strongly supporting the three Plymouth Township millage issues to be voted on at the Aug. 4 primary election. I am basing this support in large part on information gained from regular meetings with township officials over the last seven years. From February 1992 to April 1998 I was president of the 800-home Lake Pointe Homeowners Association and attended monthly meetings with Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and representatives of other homeowners associations.

At these meetings we were provided with overview and detailed information regarding the budget issues from year to year, and the sacrifices and cutbacks being made to avoid raising taxes.

My main reason for attending these meetings was to find out how well our tax money was being managed and how much credibility our elected officials had. With the low tax rate we have in Plymouth Township, it was inevitable that a tax increase would be needed at some point. I am satisfied that the money for township expenses is being managed well overall and that our officials do have high credibility, and that the modest tax increase being requested is needed.

Our present tax rate for township expenses (3.55 mills) is lower by far than for similar communities in our area. Tax increases have been avoided by using township funds received from new construction projects and by taking short-term mea-

sures which must be addressed at some point, such as hiring freezes. However, new construction is about at an end, since the township has little undeveloped land remaining. And there is a need to hire persons as the township grows. Police protection and services have been good but could be better with more officers available for investigations and for crime prevention programs.

Similarly, the fire department staff is strained, and firefighters are often required to work long overtime hours, which can be dangerous. The increase in township population is also creating a need for more police and fire personnel.

Township citizens have been asking for more recreation activities, which requires more funding. (Township residents have been using City of Plymouth recreation programs by paying extra fees, but this is not satisfactory on a long-term basis.)

The WTUA millage will allow many persons to save some tax money since they can claim this expense as a federal income tax deduction, which they can't while it's part of the water bill.

These issues have all been explained in a clear and detailed manner in the township's special newsletters of June 15 and July 1, which were mailed to all households in the township. Also, a Web site has been set up providing most of this detailed information on the three issues, as well as other ballot information, at <http://people.mw.mediaweb.net/sytp/index.html>

I urge all Plymouth Township residents to vote YES on all three of the millage issues (Police/Fire/Communication, Recreation, and WTUA) at the Aug. 4 primary election.

Charles R. Gellertly

Summertime means primaries: Make your voice heard this year

"Sec. 534. A general primary of all political parties ... shall be held in every election precinct in this state on the Tuesday after the first Monday in August before every general November election. ..."

So speaks the electoral law of the State of Michigan. And, to quote Charles Dickens in *Oliver Twist*, "If the law supposes that, the law is an ass ..."

Certainly, anybody contemplating the primary election next Tuesday must wonder just why we in Michigan have chosen to place this significant voting day in early August. Kids are out of school, often in camp or making things tough at home for parents. Parents, in turn, are either on vacation or wishing they were. The weather is hot, often humid. The sweet corn is coming in, or else the season would have nothing whatsoever to recommend it.

But as a season to prick up the public conscience and spark voter interest? Well ... forget it. That's why voter turnout is so low.

It turns out we have held our primary elections in early August at least since 1954, when the major state laws on elections were codified. It's no secret that August is a lousy time to hold primary elections. So how come we continue to do it?

Because it's in the interests of determined, organized interest groups, which have learned that the dog days of August are wonderful times to turn out the motivated faithful minority at times of general public political boredom and so achieve disproportionate influence on the public political life of our state.

In the old days, it used to be the solid business constituency represented by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Then organized labor, especially the UAW, discovered that the rank and file could be turned out in early August, especially as plants were often shut down for model changeover. School folks, both administrators and teachers unions, discovered the same thing, only to be joined in recent years by the Christian right wing, ever vigilant.

Put all these together, and there is no way this particular law is going to get changed, no matter how sensible it would be to hold primary elections in May or September.

This recital is of particular concern to the three Democratic candidates for governor who face the judgment of the voters next Tuesday. The subtle, complex dynamics of voter turnout in August primary election time will likely determine the result.

Geoffrey Fieger, who earned early notoriety



PHILIP POWER

by being Jack Kevorkian's lawyer, has been the surprise of the campaign. His bombastic rhetoric ("sniveling weasel," "barnyard miscegenation") has succeeded in cutting through the general boredom, to the point that he has partially succeeded in making his opponents look like Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.

The problem for Fieger, who hopes to get substantial support in Detroit, is that the electorate in that city is preoccupied with the contest over gambling casino licenses between Mayor Dennis Archer and businessman Don Barden. That struggle has to do with serious things - turf, power - which have nothing to do with the trivial matter of who will face Gov. John Engler in November.

Larry Owen, the designated front runner by virtue of locking up the most endorsements of party and organized labor grandees, has only one problem. The UAW leadership - understandably - is much, much more interested in the strike against General Motors than it is in turning out the faithful for Owen's electoral success.

Only Doug Ross, who has been struggling to propose new ideas in earnest attempt to break through the prevailing media presumption that there is nothing going on on this campaign, has developed a constituency that is not heavily cross-cut by turf wars.

We shall see. In any case, please do vote. Especially in August primaries, one vote can make a big, big difference.

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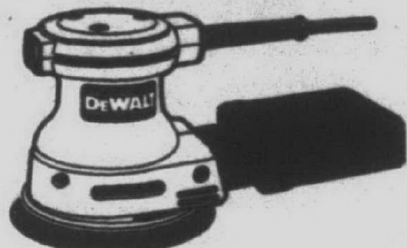
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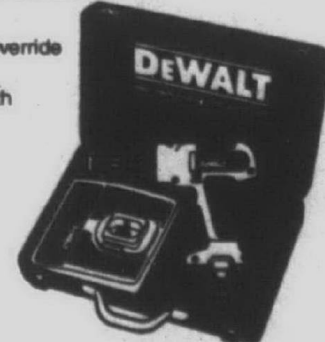
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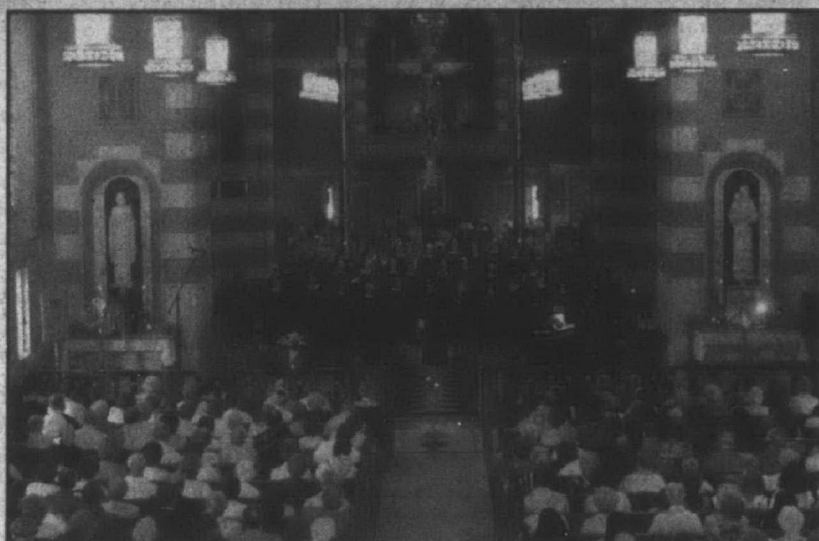
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Felicians mark millennium with concert, tours



In concert: Lifting their voices in song at the special Millennium Concert were (left to right) Sister Mary Maristella, Sister Mary Leonette, Sister Mary Euphrasia and Sister Mary Anthony. The choir performed (right) in the Motherhouse Chapel. (Above right) Sister Elaine Machlik gives a tour of the Heritage Room to Nancy Davidson (center) and Marie Hill.



The Felician Sisters have been busy the last 50 years building a high school, university, hospital, hospice and other facilities that mark their Christian mission.

Members of the order took time last Sunday afternoon to show off the fruits of their labor when they hosted nearly 600 people from throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and Michigan at a special Millennium Tour and Concert at the northwest Livonia complex.

Guests were treated to tours of the Felician Provincialate (Motherhouse), St. Joseph/Angela Hall, the Senior Clergy Village, Montessori Center of Our Lady, Angela Hospice, Ladywood High School, Marywood Nursing Care Center and Marybrook Manor, St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center, St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, the Emergency Center and Madonna University.

The facilities are located in the square-mile bounded by Newburgh and Levan and Five Mile and the Schoolcraft Service drive off I-96.

A special part of the program was a concert — "Let In the Spirit" — performed by the Felician Sisters Choir led by Sister Mary Paulette Krakowski.

The music program included an introduction by Sister Mary Dennis Glonek, provincial minister, along with musical numbers "Great Is the Lord," "Ave Maria," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and others.

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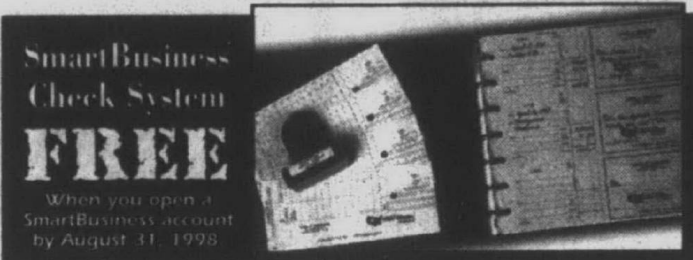


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Performance helps boost SandCastles

It took her sister Lucia to organize it and her mother's volunteer work to provide the recipient of Rose Abdoo's appearance at the Royal Oak Music Theater Thursday, Aug. 6.

The Southfield native is donating the net proceeds of her "Evening with Rose Abdoo" to SandCastles, a grief support group for children and their families.

"Lucia put it together as a class project for a study program she's enrolled in," said Jean Butrico Cooper, child life specialist with SandCastles. "Mary has been a volunteer since SandCastles started in January 1997."

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at 6:30 p.m., followed by Abdoo's performance at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and are available through Ticketmaster or at the theater box office, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

For more information about the benefit, call SandCastles at (313) 874-6881.

Since graduating from Michigan State University, Abdoo has honed her comedic skills in Chicago, winning the Joseph Jefferson Award, the Windy City's equivalent to Broadway's Tony Award, for her work with Second City and appearing in roles in Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" and "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."

On the big screen, she also played the seamstress making the wedding dress in "My Best Friend's Wedding" and had a role in "U.S. Marshals," and had the leading role in the short-lived TV series "Johnny Bago."

One of many ways

Her performance is one of the many ways money is being raised for SandCastles, which depends on grants, donations and fund-raisers to provide a place where children can grieve in a manner that is uniquely their own.

The agency will hold its first annual garage sale is being held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, at the home of Tim Holmer, 20852 Vernier, off I-94 and Eight Mile Road, Harper Woods. In case of rain, it will be Aug. 8-9.

Everything from clothes, athletic equipment and household utensils, to televisions, microwaves, rugs and sofas will be sold, thanks to donations from volunteers, participating families and staffers.

SandCastles, a division of Hospices of Henry Ford Health Systems, offers a year-round program for children ages 3-18 and their parents or guardians at three locations - SandCastles Southfield in cooperation with Parenting University/Southfield Public Schools, SandCastles Clinton Township in cooperation with the Chippewa Valley Schools and SandCastles St. Clair Shores in cooperation with St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

"It's the first open-ended children's program in southeast Michigan," said Cooper. "It runs 12 months a year with meetings twice a month or almost every other week. Families can join and close when they want to."

Volunteer effort

Run by trained volunteers, the program is free of charge to anyone in the community and Cooper estimates that 80 percent of the participants come from the community at large, the rest from the hospice program.

The meetings include a shared dinner with volunteers and the families at 6:15 p.m. before parents and guardians meet with volunteers and the children break up into age specific groups - 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-13 years and 14-18 years. Activities include creating memory boxes, doing journals, working on appropriate ways to express feelings and the "volcano room."

Filled with punching bags, cloth-covered bats, bubble wrap for popping and telephone books waiting to be torn apart, the volcano room serves as a safe room for expressing the physical side of grief, Cooper said.

"For some kids, to be in the volcano room and be able to express themselves has been a wonderful release," Cooper said. "We've had some parents set up volcano rooms for the kids in their own homes."

Within the groups, anniversaries of deaths are recognized and candles are lit in remembrance. When the groups join together at 8 p.m., there's a closing song and a hand squeeze to close out the evening.

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The millennium bug

Like a meteor, the millennium bug is on a steadfast course, due to hit home at the stroke of midnight Jan. 1, 2000.

Will homeowners feel a sudden chill during the night, curse the darkness before lighting a candle, then pick up the phone and hear...nothing?

Will sprinkler systems go haywire, sump pumps fail and security alarms wail like a banshee? Maybe. Maybe not.

There are bound to be glitches. However, industries that impact our lives assure us they have Y2K task forces in place to eradicate the millennium bug before it bites too hard. Only time will tell.

Y2K problem

Many industry computer systems were implemented in the '60s, '70s and '80s when computer memory cost \$600,000 vs. 10 cents today. Programmers used only two digits to represent dates rather than four; for example, 70 instead of 1970.

Credit and debit cards, ATM cards, and merchant cards with a 2000 expiration date face rejection if their payment organizations are not millennium-compliant. The year 2000 will be identified as 00, which could be identified as 1900 or 2000.

Computers purchased within the last year or two are probably Year-2000 compliant. Older machines may present a problem.

"Hardware is the real issue. Older machines will not support 2000," said David Borman, president of U & B Computers in Canton Township.

To find out if your computer is Year-2000 compliant, Borman suggests setting the date to Jan. 1, 2000 and then turning the computer off. Wait five minutes, then turn it back on.

"If the date is retained, you're

fine. If the date isn't retained, the computer will come up with 1980 or 1900. If it does that, it's not compliant. Some hardware needs to be replaced."

Software is not so much an issue, said Borman, unless it's used for date-comparison reasons, like checking accounts and spread sheets.

What software is safe? Borman said core operating systems like Windows 95, Windows 98, and Windows NT should be fine, as should all software manufactured by Microsoft, Borland and Intuit.

However, beware of small programs downloaded off the Internet. "Those will be the most skeptical to supporting Year 2000," said Burman.

Also, new software may require a more robust operating system.

Appliances

Edward and Jennifer Yourdon, authors of "Time Bomb 2000," broadly define an embedded system as any device that has built-in computer logic. Embedded systems in consumer appliances range from "microwave ovens to

VCRs to digital wristwatch to automobiles."

Yourdon and Yourdon estimate 25 billion-plus of these systems will exist by the end of 1999. Granted, only a small percentage are likely to be "year-sensitive." But even if only one percent are Year 2000 defective that's 25 million repair jobs, the authors claim.

The Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA) filed comments with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in June stating that the vast majority of consumer electronics products will not experience Year 2000 problems.

In a recent press release, CEMA stated that only a few products, including a limited number of older models of video and personal computer products, are likely to be affected by the date change.

"We believe the number of products likely to be affected by the turn of the century is negligible. For older model products, Y2K problems probably won't affect the function of the product, and will often be remedied by simply resetting the date," said Gary Shapiro, president of CEMA.

"For personal computers, software fixes should be readily available and, in many cases, free of charge."

How to tell if you have year-sensitive appliance? If you can set "current year" information, or change that information, then most likely the embedded system is not Year-2000 vulnerable.

VCR vaccine

You certainly don't want to program your VCR to record the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, 2000 and end up with a rerun of

Please see BUG, B2

Customers want to know that lights won't go out

Mary Tocco asked the question on everybody's mind.

"What if we have a major power outage all over the place?"

Tocco and about 40 other Oakland County residents appeared at a hearing in White Lake Township on July 9 to ask the utility companies what officials there intended to do about potential problems that may occur in the year 2000 with computers, software and applications for everything from operations to billing for these companies and their customers.

The hearing was sponsored by Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, who chairs the state Senate Energy and Technology Committee.

Dave Peterson, corporate manager for Detroit Edison,

told Tocco the company will take the "necessary steps to isolate ourselves in generating power."

"We are a summer peak company, not a winter peak company. We've got more reserve capacity in the winter."

Peterson said Edison compiled a task force in 1995, and has proposed contingency plans. The utility is completing compliance testing. "We intend to be ready. We intend to deliver electricity to you folks on Jan. 1."

Lockie MacGregor, a Michigan Public Service commissioner, said of Michigan's 164 gas, phone and electrical utility companies, 50 percent expect to be in compliance by the end of 1998 and 50 percent by the end of 1999.

Please see UTILITIES, B2

Concert benefits Pat Patton Fund

Rick Dines considers friend Charles "Pat" Patton one of the unsung heroes of the blues guitar.

Tragically, he said, Patton was diagnosed with cancer in May and was forever silenced after surgery to remove a brain tumor.

In the ultimate form of tribute, Patton's friends will release his self-made tape and have created the Pat Patton Fund to help lift the financial burden of his family.

They are planning a series of fund-raisers, including a concert with Bridge and Blue Cat from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-5511.

Tickets are \$5 for admission only, or \$10 which includes admission and a raffle ticket with the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Nautilus Pizza

and Subs, a \$50 gift certificate to Rick Alan Music, a first series McFarlane Kiss Dolls, or an Eddie Van Halen Wolfgang Special guitar by Peavey Electronics worth \$1,000.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Rick Alan Music, 224 N. Wayne Road, one block north of Cherry Hill, Westland.

"He had no health insurance so we're trying to raise a little bit of money for the family. It's not going to be anything phenomenal that's going to set them up for life by any means but just something to help out," said Rick Dines of Rick Alan Music in Westland.

"The big prize is the guitar," Dines said. "We'll also have some tapes of Pat's music. I had 200 of these tapes made up and we're selling those for \$5. They're really good."

According to Rick Zerndt, who taught guitar at

Rick Alan Music with Patton, Patton thought he had a sore arm from his dog pulling on it. But his condition worsened. His speech was slurred and his vision was problematic. In May, Patton was diagnosed with the brain tumor.

"It happened really fast. He's a real talented super intelligent guy. The strange thing is they said that he was pretty upbeat about it. He had a spiritual experience and that he was ready to go and he wasn't that upset about it," Zerndt said.

Still, his friends are devastated, Dines added.

"It's obviously pretty devastating," Dines said. "He has two young kids. It's a sad situation. I'm not the world's greatest promoter but I wanted to do a little something."



Bug from page B1

"The Brady Bunch." Don't boot your old VCR out the door and buy a new one.

This tip was offered on the Money Magazine Web site: You can trick the old VCR into functioning properly by resetting its internal clock back 28 years to 1972, when the calendar dates and days of the week fall in the same sequence they will in 2000.

"As far as faxes and copiers are concerned, don't sweat it," said Michael Day, sales manager for National Business Machines in Westland, which services Sharp Electronic products.

Day said all information they've received from Sharp Electronics indicates there won't be a problem, especially with base-station faxes. Just reset the date to 2000 or 00 according to directions in the fax manual.

Borman said there shouldn't be a problem with computer fax modems as long as the computer is Year-2000 compliant.

Banking

NBD, like other major banks, operates several decades-old, date-based computer systems: checking accounts, ATM and debit cards, mortgages and credit cards to name a few.

"We have built on those sys-

tems and just forwarded information," said Kelly, a vice president with NBD.

Kelly said NBD is spending \$100 million to ensure all systems are 2000-compliant by the end of 1998. The bank will spend 1999 testing systems with its vendors. "You can be darn sure we're serious."

NBD has 3 million customers in Illinois, Michigan and Indiana, of which 50,000 use on-line computer banking. On-line banking customers could catch the millennium bug unless they have updated versions of Quick- en and Microsoft Money.

Dan Weicheck, a computer risk-management consultant for Arthur Andersen, said the question for people who bank by computer is "What date is being used to update the files, the personal computer or the bank's?" His advice: Keep hard copies of financial documents.

Experts assure us that the foreboding 2000 expiration date is not likely to bring cash registers crashing down everywhere.

Linda Locke, vice president of technical communications for MasterCard, said the company processes 1.6 million transactions daily with a 2000 expiration date and beyond. "They're

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handled with no problem."

Major credit card companies like MasterCard and Visa have designed compliance programs to make sure their vendors are ready for the year 2000. However, there's no way to predict 100 percent compliance.

"We can't test all 15 million terminals. We are continuing to tell businesses to have contingency plans."

People will stand outside their banks' doors if their credit card bill is \$10,000 instead of \$10, but what if they are billed too little, or not at all?

Yourdon and Yourdon raise this question in their book "Time Bomb 2000": If the credit card companies and associated banks fail to send us our monthly credit card statement, will we rush to our bank to pay off the bill?

Utilities

In July 1996, a power outage

occurred across the West, shutting down electricity to eight states from California to Colorado and parts of Canada. Although it lasted less than two hours, it revealed the vulnerability of the nation's interconnected grid system.

The country's entire electrical system consists of a grid of 6,000 electrical generating units, 500,000 miles of bulk transmission lines, 12,000 major substations and thousands of lower-voltage transformers.

Will there be - could there be - massive power outages within the first few weeks or months of year 2000?

Detroit Edison is spending \$55-\$70 million to remedy Y2K problems and keep the electricity flowing for its 2 million customers. Dave Peterson, Y2K project manager, said Edison is addressing four major areas: preventing potentially dangerous power surges; generation and delivery of electricity; collecting and crediting revenues; and managing financial and maintenance operations.

"Detroit Edison is taking this Y2K issue extremely seriously. It is one of the top priority jobs going on with our company for many years."

Consumers Energy is the state's largest gas and electric utility, serving six million of the state's nine and a half million residents. They deliver gas, which cost one-third the price of electricity, to 1.2 million customers.

The company has budgeted \$5-\$6 million for new, millenium-proof computer systems. "The gas will keep flowing," said Paul Ganz, corporate relations manager for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw.

Want to know the biggest household gas-user? Ganz said it's the furnace, followed by the water tank, clothes dryer and range.

Home security

Alarm systems detect fires, break-ins and medical emergencies.

In the Detroit metropolitan area, Brinks Home Security has branches in Livonia and Westland. The company is undergoing a testing program at its Texas headquarters and other branches.

The company issued a "year 2000 Compliance Statement" in which they said they cannot guarantee that its internal systems or the systems of its ven-

dors are free of problems. However, they added:

"There should be no year 2000 issues with respect to the alarm equipment installed in our customers' premises because the alarm equipment the Company has utilized does not track date or time."

AVIO, Inc. is a Troy-based company that deals with the entire low-voltage electronic infrastructure of a home. They install integrated electronic systems: alarms, cable, satellite, telephone, intercom and faxes, as well as music, theater and lighting systems controlled by touch-screens.

Its alarm systems offer round-the-clock coverage and varying degrees of integration. For example, a malfunctioning sump pump would trigger an alarm, as well as a child falling into a backyard pool.

Owner and company president Dave Barnett said homeowners can sleep safely through the night on Dec. 31, 1999. Its alarm systems will work.

"There are no product families that we touch that will have problems," he said.

So sleep well. A few dark clouds may roll in come Jan. 1, 2000, but the sky won't fall. The computer has revolutionized the world again and again. Let's hope it does it one more time.

Utilities from page B1

MacGregor said the commission did not have the authority to phase the utilities into the Year 2000 or "Y2K" program.

James Wilson, director of business systems services for Consumers Power, tried to reassure that computers and the entire Consumers Power network will not crash once the year 2000 arrives.

"If you prepare for the worst, the worst won't happen."

Wilson said later that if a complete shutdown or total blackout occurred, Consumers Power can execute a startup manually. "We

can take some of our older plants and revert them back to the manual mode, so these plants don't have any '2K' mode," Wilson said.

Bob Mangus, of Springfield Township, wondered whether the utilities could test the system for the year 2000 and the entire electrical grid.

"You could test the grid from end to end, but you'd have to have a second grid," Peterson said. "That's not economically feasible."

Residents want more reassurances that the utility companies

can back up promises that the systems will be "year 2000 friendly" and that entire systems won't shut down. They want to go beyond the public trust placed in the utility companies. "What we need to know is exactly what's going on with the utilities," another resident said.

Dunaskiss expects a legislative package will be introduced once the hearings are completed, which he believes will include some government regulation of the utilities. But he did not know when that package may be introduced

SandCastles from page B1

SandCastles is modeled after the Doug Center in Portland, Ore., Started by a nurse, Beverly Chapel, it is named for a young terminally ill boy who went around the hospital floor talking to other children.

After seeing what he did for other children, Chapel started support groups that at first meet in her home and now meet in the Doug Center.

The program has three tasks for children - to understand what death is, feel feelings associated with the person who died

and incorporate the loss into their life and go on living and loving a normal life with that change.

It's Mary Abdo who is credited with creating the small hand-painted bags given to children when they leave SandCastles. The bags contain three shells - a light one symbolizing the good times, a dark one symbolizing the hard times and a conch shell that holds all of the memories.

"It's a wonderful program because it provides them with an opportunity to be with their

peers and a chance normalize their grief and experiences, so their not alone in their journey," Cooper said. "They're never going to forget that person and their lives are going to change for that reason, so we give them the tools to deal with the grief."

Enrollment in SandCastles is available year-round. Families interested in joining can call (313) 874-6881. A short intake process is required prior to placement in a SandCastles group.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Tuite-Goemer

Robert and Diane Tuite of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Rochelle, to David Michael Goemer, the son of Michael and Darlene Goemer of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is finishing her bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Lawrence Technological University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer in the Body Component Systems Group



of Denso.

An August wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Canton.

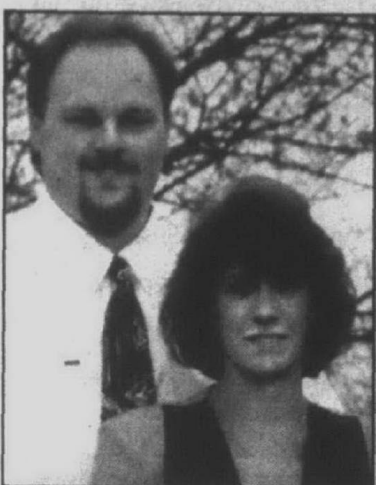
Griffin-Lawson

George and Linda Fitch of Boca Raton, Fla., and Robert and Roberta Griffith of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Anne, to Dwight Bradley Lawson, the son of Dwight and Barb Lawson of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Clarenceville High School and is employed as an office manager for Trio Tool Company in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is employed as a rental manager for Colwell Equipment Company in Canton.

A May wedding is planned at



Trinity Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

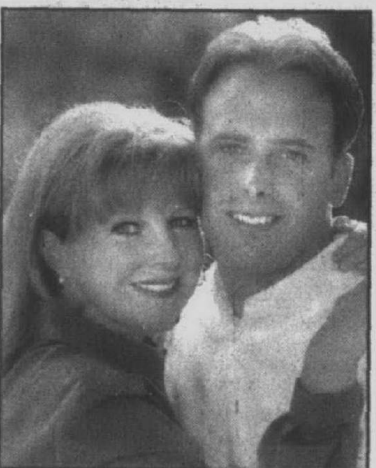
Walsh-Scheuher

Robert and Eileen Walsh of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane M., to Terry M. Scheuher, the son of Larry and Susan Scheuher, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Arizona State University. She is working on a master's degree in physical therapy at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed by Pilgrim Motor Sports.

An August wedding is



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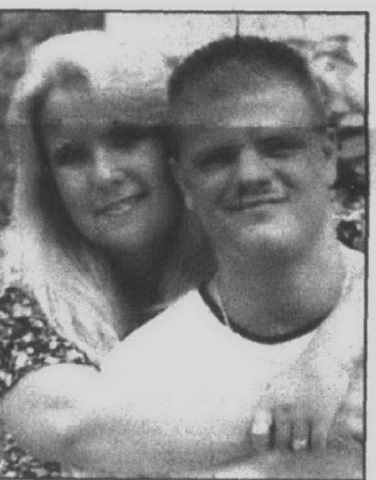
Marok-Provo

Anthony and Geraldine Marok of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Ann, to Michael Joseph Provo, the son of Joseph and MaryAnn Provo of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bishop Borgess High School in Redford. She is employed by Howard Delivery Service in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn. He is employed as an assistant manager at Paper Plus in Southfield and as an air driver at United Parcel Service in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

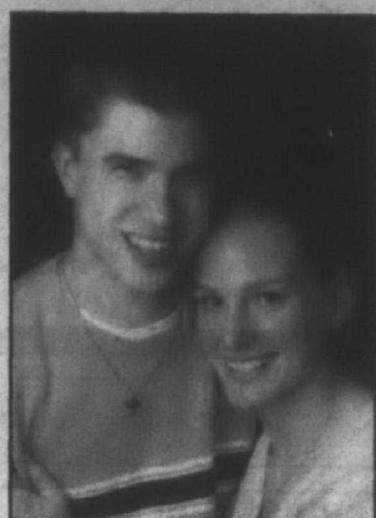
Ellis-Schmidt

Duane and Ann Ellis of Mount Pleasant announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie of Livonia, to Ryan Ellsworth Schmidt of Livonia, the son of Dave and Debbie Schmidt of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Michigan. She attends graduate school at Wayne State University in physician assistant studies.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor of science in engineering from the University of Michigan. He recently earned a master of engineering degree in manufacturing. He is employed by Chrysler Corp.

A January wedding is planned



at Newburg First United Methodist Church.

Rousseau-Mahoney

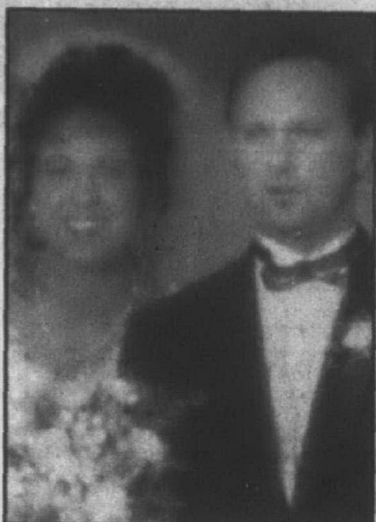
Scott David Rousseau and Tanya Marie Mahoney were married March 14 at Las Vegas Gardens in Las Vegas, Nev., by the Rev. A.J. Tucker.

The bride is the daughter of Norma Carlson of Sapulpa, Okla. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rousseau of Redford.

The bride is a graduate of Sapulpa High School. She is employed by The First Group in North Platte, Neb.

A 1989 graduate of Redford Thurston High School, he is a franchisee of Little Caesar stores.

The bride asked Lisa MacIntosh to be her attendant. Kevin Matukaitis served as the groomsmen.



After vacationing in Las Vegas, the couple is making their home in North Platte, Neb.

Sykes-Timko

Dallis and Bobbye Sykes of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Jeanne, to Troy Edmund Timko, the son of Jerry and Nancy Timko of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Belleville High School. She is employed by the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union in Wayne.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Oakland University with a master's degree in science degree in nurse anesthesia. He is employed by St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

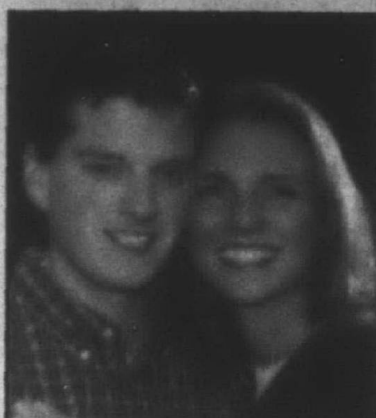


Stevens-Brunet

Norman and Kathleen Stevens of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter to Daniel Guy Brunet, the son of Christine Weil of Troy and Daniel Brunet of Madison heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Wayne State University. She is employed by Health Care Service Corp. in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Troy Athens High School and a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in finance. He is pursuing a master of business



administration degree at Wayne State University. He is employed by Health Care Service Corp.

An August wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

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Aepelbacher

Lawrence and Frances Aepelbacher of Northville, formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Redford, followed by a dinner reception, given by their children, at the Country Club Village clubhouse.

The couple exchanged vows on May 29, 1948, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn. She is the former Frances McMullin.

They have five children - Susan Sosnowski and husband Michael of Livonia, Daniel of Rochester Hills, Mark and wife Karen of Lake City, Minn., Thomas and wife Lauri of Northville and Jane Byrnes and husband James of Plymouth. They also have nine grandchildren.

He is an 18-year retiree of the Ford Motor Company where he was in management at the Specialty Foundry in Dearborn. She



is a homemaker.

Their interests include spending time at their cottage up north and with their family. He also is active in their church and with the Northville Beautification Committee.

Schacht

Robert and Shirley Schacht of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party and family reunion, hosted by their children at Herc's Leather Bottle in Livonia.

The couple married June 12, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Shirley Dorst.

They have five children - Robert Jr. of Livonia, Randy and wife Carol of Conifer, Colo., Rick and wife Julie of Canton, Pam Campbell-Hess and husband Mike of Hurricane, Utah, and Sandra Muller and husband Bart of Crystal Lake, Ill. - and 15 grandchildren.

He retired nine years ago from Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

The couple enjoys spending



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On Sunday, Aug. 2, three previous pastors of Trinity Church will join with the current pastor and congregation for a day of worship and celebration. The worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will include communion, followed by a picnic-style lunch and evening hymn sing at 6 p.m.

Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Michael Van Horn, is hopeful the celebration will be a joyful homecoming and reunion for former Trinity pastors and members.

The day will include testimonials and reflections by the former pastors, with the worship and

celebration, special music and congregational singing, accompanied by a worship team which combines favorite traditional hymns and contemporary praise music.

Pastor Emeritus Lyle Adams will preach at the morning service, with former pastors Rev. Norman Mathais and Rev. Paul Patton sharing the evening service hymn sing.

The Trinity Baptist Church was founded in 1924 at Indiana and Fenkell avenues in Detroit. The Detroit church planted the Livonia chapel in 1958, with another branch planted at the historic Union Meeting House on Six Mile Road in 1964. For 19 years, the church maintained three worship sites under the same pastoral leadership.

Adams was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church from 1956 to

1982 and has been honored as pastor emeritus since that time. It was under his leadership that the Livonia church was established.

Adams had a vision of a church community that was racially mixed, existing with Christian unity and cultural diversity. He also had a vision for care of the elderly and was instrumental in leading the church to found the Trinity Park Retirement Apartments, Trinity Park West Assisted Living Home and Middlebelt Nursing Home in Livonia.

Evans became pastor of the Detroit congregation when Adams retired in 1982, with Mathais taking over the pastoral leadership of the Livonia church. Under Mathais' leadership, the church purchased the then 125-year-old Luther Briggs home to

serve as a church parsonage.

The stately 12-room home became Mathais' home as well as the meeting place for the Cornerstone ministry to Schoolcraft College students, providing a sense of family for those who gathered there for Bible study and prayer.

In 1986, Mathais retired and the Rev. Paul Patton became pastor of the Livonia congregation. Evans continues to serve as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Detroit.

Patton had a passion for Christian theater and arts and directed a church drama group. When the two Livonia congregations merged, the Six Mile Road chapel was converted into a playhouse and Trinity House Theatre was born.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

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Timothy Lutheran Church and AAL Branch 3233, are hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 427-2290 for more information.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 30-31, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, west of Newburgh Road, Westland. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have an alumni dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The charge will be \$8 and includes refreshments. Call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

IN CONCERT



Master's Quartet

The Master's Quartet will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Memorial Church of Christ's annual church picnic in the Oakes.

Pavilion of Hudson Mills Metropark, North Territorial Road between Dexter-Pinckney Road and Huron River Drive in Dexter. The Akron, Ohio, group's latest release is "All Heaven Rejoiced." The public is invited to attend the free concert. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at

(734) 464-6722.

TRINITY HOUSE

Trinity House Theatre will present "An Evening with Paul Patton" 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the theater, 8840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The evening will include Patton's latest one-act play, "Holy Motion," an excerpt from his full-length play "Foul Line," humorous academic monologues full of insight and cultural critique and original songs written by Patton and performed by Dell and the Ruff Cpts. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 for members. For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

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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. Minister Barbara Clevenger will speak on "What's So Amazing about Grace" on Aug. 2 and 9. The church offers a Thursday Night Study Group, led by Clevenger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotwest.com>.

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The Weigh Down Workshop will meet 7-9 p.m. Mondays in the library of Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. A free orientation session will be 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, with regular classes beginning Aug. 10. Men and women are welcome. The cost for first-time participants is \$103 and includes 12 cassettes for home study and a manual. The classes include videotapes, group discussion and prayer. For more information, or to register, call Barbara Johnson

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NEW BEGINNING

The Rev. Kearney Kirkby will discuss "Personalizing the Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

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■ Tiger Baseball 11:45 a.m. Aug. 8, meet at First Presbyterian Church to car pool. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Cost \$15 per person and must be prepaid by Aug. 6. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. After game dinner at Xochimilco's for Mexican. All cost your own at restaurant.

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■ From surface preparation on through to application of decorative finishes such as sponging, ragging, stenciling, etc. artist and designer Dolores Carlson will demonstrate and answer questions about this hottest look in home design. This seminar is part of Walker/ Buzenberg's commitment to consumer education. The seminar will take place 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at Walker/ Buzenbergs Fine Furniture, 240 S. Main Street, Plymouth. For information, (734) 459-1300.

Flea Market

■ The Canton Historical Society is holding its annual Flea Market Sale Aug. 8. It will be held on the grounds of the historic Cherry Hill School located at Cherry Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd. Spaces are available for rent \$15 for a 10X10 space. You provide your own tables and chairs. No resale clothing. Antiques, crafts, collections, garage sale items are welcome. Don't have enough of your own to have a table, donations to the Historical Society are needed and welcomed. Contact Ronnie Curtis (734) 981-1475 for application or information.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

■ Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Torts: An Overview of Negligence." Wednesday evenings, and weekend workshop. Call Mary Meinzingger Urisko (734) 432-5548.

ART EXHIBIT

■ 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.

AROUND TOWN

POETRY

■ Summer Celebration of Poetry, Thursday nights, 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman Street in downtown Plymouth. July 30, Rod Reinhart, Marc Maurus and Cindi St. Germaine All audience members are invited to share their poetry before and after the featured readers.

DRAMA

■ Whistle Stop Players, 5 years and up, session 2 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Aug. 10-14. Free workshop performance on Friday night 7 p.m. participation fee \$75 for PCAC members. \$100 for non-members. For information, call (734) 416-4ART.

BNI

■ BNI, regular meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, Plymouth Chapter, Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road and 275. Call (734) 397-9939.

■ BNI, regular meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Thursday, August 6, Plymouth Chapter, Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road & 275. Call (734) 397-9939.

OPEN HOUSE

■ Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is having an open house 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, July 31 at 485 S. Main St. below the Mayflower Meeting Place, to celebrate their new location. For information, call (734) 453-3010 or (313) 561-8880.

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.

CANTON RECREATION

■ The Canton Cougars, U14 boys open division is seeking a few players for the upcoming fall season. Contact Coach Steve Caswell (313) 459-6414. ■ Canton Parks & Recreation is holding field trips for the following dates: Thursday, July 30, at Rolling Hills Water Park; Tuesday, August 4, at Domino's Farm/Ann Arbor Hands On Museum; Thursday, August 6, at Rolling Hills Water Park. The cost for Rolling Hills Water Park is \$7.50, Domino's and Hands On Museum, \$11, Greenfield Village \$10. Forty people per trip to register, call (734) 397-5110.

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC IN THE PARK

■ Plymouth Community Arts Council presents Music in the Park, noon on Wednesdays in Kellogg Park. Aug. 5, Harpbeat; Aug. 12, Chautauqua Express; Aug. 19, Marc Thomas & Max the Mouse. For information, call (734) 416-4ART.

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.

DANCING

■ Dancin' Feet registration will take place 5-7 p.m.

Facelift



Finishing touches: Workers apply a textured drivat finish to the wall outside of the fourth floor of the new Plymouth Hilton.

Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Summit on the Park Community Center. Head instructor, Cheryl Reitz, will be available for questions at 4 p.m. This is a one time registration, if you wish to participate you must attend. For information call Jennifer Varajon (734) 397-5110.

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 27, Wildlife Rehabilitation Night, Aug. 3, Archery Night, Aug. 10, Skins and Skull Night, Aug. 17, Native American Night. Call Laura at (517) 546-0677. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. (Not recommended for children under 5 years.)

■ Howell Nature Center presents the 1998 Earth Olympics 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, August 29. Bring

the family and enjoy activities while helping the center raise funds for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program. There will be canoeing, archery, biking, hiking and many more activities to choose from. A minimum of \$10 per activity is required, and participants must compete in at least four activities and as many as nine. Awards will be presented. Refreshments. Call for registration and pledge card (517) 546-0249.

■ Maybury State Park will host a program Michigan Birds of Prey 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. The featured speaker will be Karen Young, a licensed bird rehabilitator. The program will be held in the farm demonstration building. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road, in Northville Township. For information call (248) 349-8390.

WIDE WORLD SPORTS

■ Wide World Sports Center of Ann Arbor has adult drop-in roller hockey games 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per

player. Goalies play free. For details, call (734) 913-4625.

■ Wide World Sports Center is hosting 10 weekly multi-sport camps for children this summer, through Aug. 21. Half-day a.m. or p.m. sessions for children 5-7 years old and full day sessions for children 8-12 years old. For more details on WWSC's programs, call (734) 913-4625.

BARBECUE COOK-OFF

■ Knights of Columbus, Plymouth, presents the first annual Barbecue Cook-Off, Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Knights of Columbus grounds. There will be more than \$500 in prizes, based on 24-team participation. Rules are slightly modified Kansas City barbecue society rules. Team entry fee is \$20 for each meat category (chicken, pork, ribs, brisket); \$50 for all four. For more information, or for registration, call (734) 455-1463, noon to 6 p.m.

POMPON CLINIC

■ There will be a Pompon Clinic 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Heritage Park, Canton. Girls ages 8-

14 are invited. Cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt and lunch. Bring your own water bottle and snacks. An invitation will be issued to teams to appear in the Chiefette Variety Show. Registration deadline is Aug. 7. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrations. For more information and registration, call Debbie Custer, (734) 455-2812.

GOLF

■ The public is welcome to the first annual golf tournament Monday, Aug. 3, at Polo Fields Golf and Country Club. Lunch and registration begin at 11 a.m. and tournament begins at noon with a shotgun start and in four player scramble format. Dinner and awards from 6-8 p.m. Entrance fee \$125 per golfer. Hole-in-one, winning team and various additional awards will be made.

YMCA

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently taking registration for programs beginning in July. Registration is being taken for Camp Tonquish Day Camp for ages 6-12; Camp Jellybeans for ages 3-5; Floor Hockey Camp, Basketball Camp, Goalie Camp, Soccer Camp, Swimming, Karate, Golf, and Tennis. Please contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 to register by Visa or MasterCard, or to request further information.

PNACD

■ The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth is accepting registrations for fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age is 3 years. Classes begin in September. Call Barb Martin at (734) 453-7161.

ADULT SOCCER

■ The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. Call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

SINGLES

■ Single Place presents Thursday programs. What Men Wished Women Knew 7:30 p.m. July 30, \$4 per person, David Blake will be speaking. What Women Wished Men Knew 7:00 p.m. Aug. 6, \$4 per person. Programs are held at the Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. For information call (248) 349-0911.

■ Single Place holds a Walk in the Park every Saturday, 10 a.m. Heritage Park, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, on Farmington Road in Farmington.

■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: Worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville. Coffee and Cards, 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville.

■ Single Place will hold T.G.I.F. 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Tremors, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia.

■ St. John Neumann's Singles is hosting their annual Summer Dance II 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, located on Warren Rd west of Sheldon Rd. Tickets are available at the door for \$8. The dance includes pizza, pop, and a top 40 DJ. No blue jeans. For information call Patrick, (313) 277-6083, or Jim, (734) 454-4269, or St. John Neumann hotline, (313) 480-7830.

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.

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 christian teachers at a state certified facility. For information, call (734) 459-9720.

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.

BRAIN TUMORS

■ American Brain Tumor Association will hold a Town Hall Meeting 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 8600 Merriman Rd., Romulus for patients and their families on state-of-the-art treatments for brain tumors. For information or registration call 1-800-886-2282. Registration is free but required.

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 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 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. For more information, call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Girls World Series

The USSSA girls under-14 World Series will be hosted by the Canton Softball Center, starting today and continuing through Sunday.

Top teams from across the nation will vie for the title of World Series champions. For more details, call the Canton Softball Center (located at 46555 Michigan) at (734) 483-5600.

Salem wins tourney

The Plymouth Salem summer baseball team collected the championship at the Riverview Baseball Tournament July 11-12, beating teams from Riverview, Holly and Allen Park to reach the tournament semifinals. In the semis, the Rocks held off a tough Windsor (Ont.) Selects team, 1-0, to advance to the title game.

In the final, Salem rallied to stop the Michigan Bulls, 4-3 in 11 innings.

Team members were Brandon Bray, Geoff Bennett, Ryan Cook, Nick Eicher, Jason Furr, Steve Gordon, Mike Hoben, Archie Kinney, Adam Kolb, Jason Lukasik, Mark Micale, Joe Rizzi, Rich Stankov, Steve Stiles and Chris Trott. The team is coached by Dale Rumberger, A.J. Rumberger and Brandon Los.

Girls League champs

The Orioles capped a super season by sweeping the White Sox in the best-of-three-games championship series, 8-7 and 10-6, to win the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League's Girls Prep League (9-10 year olds).

The Orioles finished first during the regular season, compiling a 14-1-1 record.

Championship team members are Kim Beaudoin, Kristin Callahan, Kate Downey, Heather Duncan, Andrea Frawnfelder, Jessica Gullen, Becky Houdek, Lindsey Iseler, Holly LaCross, Erin Ondusky, Brittney Scero, Kavita Srivastava, Kate Staley and Chelsea McPhail. Team coaches are Derric Iseler, Don Staley and Randy Houdek.

Vipers strike

The Canton Vipers were winners in the boys under-11 division of the Great Lakes Recreation League's St. Clair Division, outscoring their opponents 32-4 — which included five shutouts.

Team members were: Brendan Barkovich, Thomas Coyne, Lance Croy, Bryan Emens, Christopher Atkinson, James Gutkowski, David Hall, Adam Hein, Michael Higgs, Matthew Korona, Michael Murphy, Brandon Seifert, Patrick Sorenson and Ryan Stump. The team is coached by Frank Barkovich and Mike Coyne.

Canton hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the upcoming fall season for the Plymouth Canton girls basketball team begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10 in the Canton gym.

Those interested in trying out must have their sports-physical prior to the first practice (any physical taken on or after April 15, 1998 is good for the 1998-99 school year).

The varsity and junior varsity teams will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 10. The freshmen team starts at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or Jeremy Rheault at (734) 207-6227.

Cheerleading camp

The Plymouth Salem HS cheerleading team will have a Cheerleading Camp, open to all interested elementary and middle school students, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Canton Phase III gymnasium.

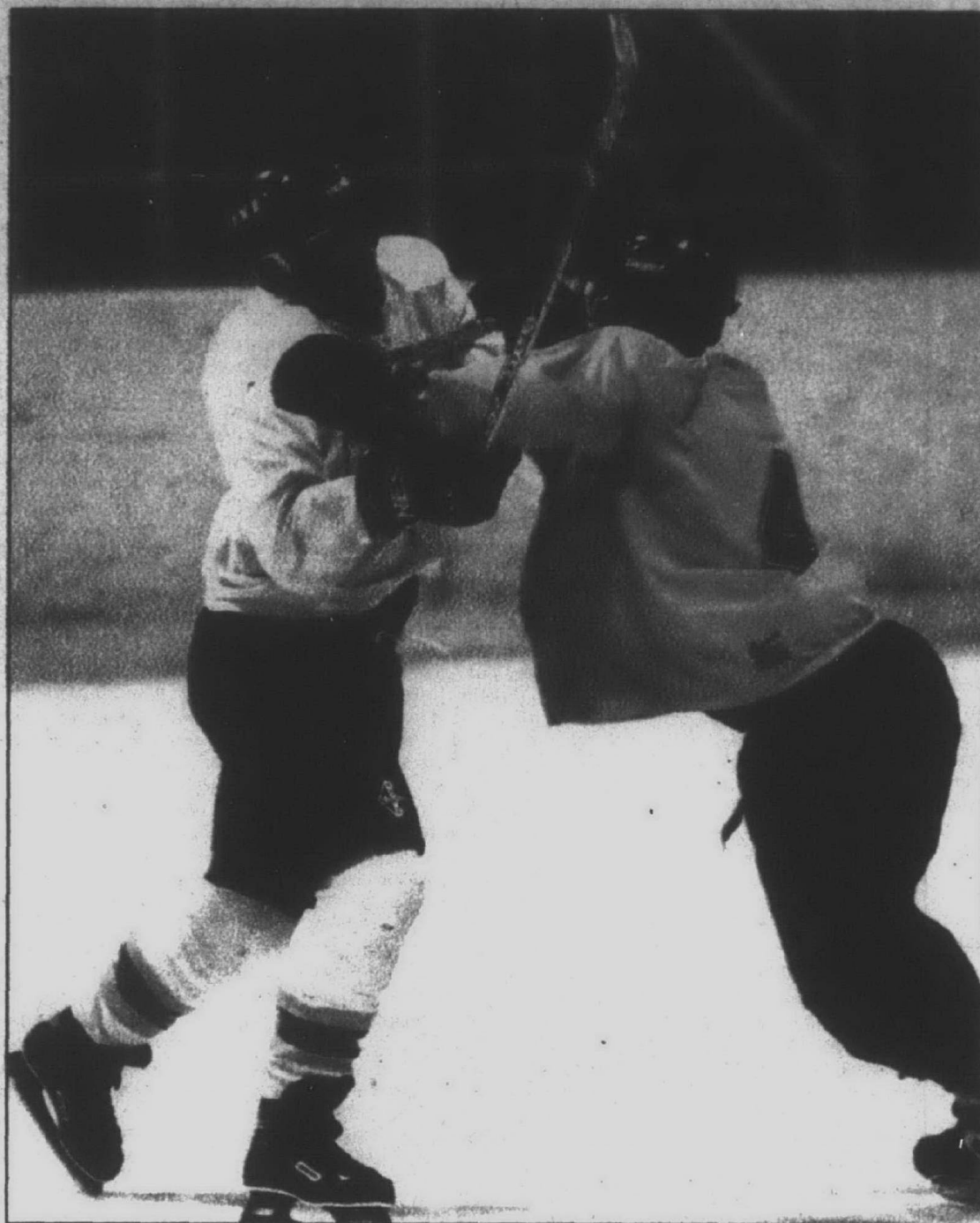
Participants will learn cheers, jumps, dance, sidelines and spirit chants taught by the nationally-ranked Salem cheerleaders.

Cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt and lunch. Also, participants will be invited to perform at a Salem home football game.

Participants must pre-register. For more information, call JoDee Dillon at (734) 459-3393 or Keri Gillespie at (734) 844-3515.

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Icing a title



Squaring off: When the play-offs roll around, things seem to change in the MSHL — which is well displayed by hard-charging opponents Miles Meibers (right, from Canton) of the Lakers and Brian Calka (from Livonia) from the Wildcats. The intensity of a single-elimination playoff game was evident Tuesday, when the game remained tight until the undermanned Wildcats ran out of energy in the game's final four minutes and surrendered four goals.

MSHL teams battle for the Cup



There's no doubt, the Metro Summer Hockey League caters to scorers — except, maybe, when the playoffs roll around. That's when the defenses take over.

The Lakers and the Wildcats battled through the first two periods of their first-round playoff game Tuesday, scoring just three goals between them. Indeed, it stayed rather close, and low scoring, until the final 4 1/2 minutes, when the Lakers scored four times to pull away to a 7-1 victory at Plymouth Ice Arena.

The Lakers advanced to play the Huskies for the Bakes Conference title, and a berth in Sunday's MSHL championship game, last night.

Eric Dolesh (from Farmington Hills) scored three goals and added an assist to lead the Laker offense. Jeramie Murray (Redford) and Nick Jardine each added a goal and three assists, with Matt Krupa and Brad Feiler (Canton) each getting a goal.

Brian Calka (Livonia) accounted for the 'Cats' only goal. Lanny Jardine was in goal for the Lakers. Chuck Schervisch played in the net for the 'Cats.

Bulldogs 10, Spartans 3: Corey Swider (Livonia) and Ian Crockford each scored twice for the Bulldogs before the Spartans could get on the board in Tuesday's playoff game at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Crockford finished with four goals and four assists to lead

the 'Dogs. Corey Swider had three goals and two assists, while Kevin Swider (Livonia) — the MSHL's leading scorer through the regular season — totaled a goal and six assists.

Other goal-scorers for the Bulldogs were Brad Yonemura (Garden City) and Eric Bratcher. Matt Grant (Livonia) contributed two assists.

The Spartans got two goals from Joe Kustra and another from Andrew Klein. Klein also had two assists.

Bob Harrison was in the net for the Bulldogs. Mark Lavender was in goal for the Spartans.

Huskies 10, Wolverines 5: In the opening game of the MSHL playoffs Monday, the Huskies scored four unanswered goals in the first period and were never in danger after that at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Sean Kass scored two of those first-period goals — he had three goals and an assist in the game — and J.P. Hunt (Livonia) added three assists in the opening period (he had four for the game).

Other multiple goal-scorers for the Huskies were Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford), Tony Guzzo and Jeremy Sladovnick, each with two. David Scott (Canton) added a goal and an assist, while Hubenschmidt and Guzzo each had three assists.

The Wolverines were led by Dennis Elenich (Livonia) with two goals, Dale Rominski with a goal and two assists, Jay

Please see **HOCKEY, C3**

ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stars flock to Target shoot

It's going to be even bigger. And, as administrators of the National Archery Association of the United States fervently hope, this year's National Target Championships will be even better.

For the second consecutive year, Canton's Heritage Park will be the site of the tournament, the 114th annual. The week of events gets underway Saturday and continues Sunday with the second annual National Traditional Tournament, with archers using the older-type bow of years past.

The National Target Championships will be Monday through Thursday, Aug. 3-6, with the U.S. Open Elimination Round scheduled for Aug. 7.

Several of the world's best archers are scheduled to compete throughout the week, including the first- and sec-



Reigning champ: At last year's tournament, Janet Dykman won the women's division championship.

ond-place finishers last year in the men's division of the National Target Championships, Americans Butch Johnson and Justin Huish.

In the women's division, there are three of the world's top 20 scheduled to

compete: Natalia Nasaridze (ranked No. 1), Deniz Gunay (No. 8) and Elif Altinkaynak (of Turkey, No. 16). That's one reason why there are even more archers scheduled to compete this year (more than 550) than last (530).

And in the women's division, one of the top competitors won't even be ranked, and could have trouble placing in the top 10. Jennifer O'Donnell, a 24-year-old Livonia resident and graduate of Farmington HS, knows what it takes to get to the summit, however.

"I'm not really competing much right now," she explained, "because I'm still going to school. Hopefully, I'll be able to start shooting more when I graduate. I'll just have to make enough time to train."

Please see **ARCHERY, C3**

SOFTBALL

All-Stars prove a big attraction

The all-star games for the Incredible Girls Fast-pitch League, which just finished its eighth season, attracted nearly 200 fans at Massey Field in Plymouth.

There was a National League all-star game featuring the top players from teams that draw from their varsity high school teams. There was an American League all-star game for the top players from teams that draw from junior varsity high school teams.

The Red team won the National League all-star game against the Blue.

Amanda Sutton of the Plymouth Lightning and Lori Schehr of the Farmington Hills Diamonds were selected co-Most Valuable Players.

Sutton pitched three scoreless innings, striking out two.

She scored the game's first run, had two stolen bases and drove in the winning run when she was hit with a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth.

Schehr had a hit, stole two bases and made a nice defensive play on a pick-off attempt at first base.

After making the tag at first, she threw the ball to the shortstop covering third base to get another runner out and complete a double play.

Heather Sonntag of the Lightning and Paula McKernan of the Motor City Mold also had hits for the winning team.

Adrienne Doyle of the Livonia Knights struck out five of the seven batters she faced in the first two innings, allowing one unearned run.

Angie Balconi of the Walled Lake Nature Design was the winning pitcher.

Christine Fones of the Knights was 1-for-2, had one RBI, scored a run and stole two bases for the Blue team.

Stephanie Ladd of the Livonia Lancers, Kristin Derwich of the Knights, Lisa Niemiec of the Canton Cobras and Nicole Marianovich of the Dearborn Heights Angels had hits for the Blue.

The Red team also won the American League all-star game, beating the Blue 5-3.

Megan Fediuk of the Farmington Hills Marlins pitched seven innings for the win and was voted MVP for the game.

Jen Warnick, Kristen Wilk of the Marlins, Erin Marquardt of the Knights II and Melissa Malaniak of the Knights II had hits. Malaniak and Katie Bink of the Marlins drove in runs.

Stephanie Salinas of the Livonia Rockets had two hits and Kathy Day of the Rockets had two RBI for the Blue team.

Lois Mackie, owner of Commercial Carpet in Novi, the league's sponsor the past eight years, presented the varsity league championship trophy to coach Jim Arnold of the Motor City Mold and the junior varsity league championship trophy to Kim Martinez of the Marlins.

Wilk of the Marlins was selected as the MVP of the American League and McKernan of the Mold was named MVP of the National League.

Following are rosters for each all-star game:

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROSTERS

Red Team

Melissa Brown, Paula McKernan, Lisa Baker, Jenny Fisher, Christina Kiessel, Motor City Mold; Angie Balconi, Lisa Nau-man, Kristy Shamus, Moocha Johnson, Walled Lake Nature Design; Amanda Sutton, Heather Sonntag, Bea Ferguson, Jessica Chapman, Plymouth Lightning; Katie Carpen, Kathy Meier, Farmington Hills Majestic; Lori Schehr, Alisha Finch, Farmington Hills Diamonds; Robin Heichel, Jennifer Anolick, Southfield Royals.

Blue Team

Adrienne Doyle, Christine Fones, Kristin Derwich, Carly George, Meghan Misiak, Livonia Knights; Jamie Linden, Daylin Starks, Jeanette Bertrand, Rachel Bramlett, Kelly Young, Tara Muchow, Livonia Lasers; Margaret Day, Rebecca Pawlik, Stephanie Ladd, Livonia Lancers; Lisa Niemiec, Michelle Devos, Pam Hudson, Jonelle Brown, Canton Cobras; Heather Jans, Molly Gale, Birmingham Bulls; Nicole Marianovich, Karmen Hatcher, Dearborn Heights Angels.

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WHISPERING WILLOWS
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Men's 36-hole medal play: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 & 27.
- Entry fee \$80. Maximum handicap 36.
- Entries close at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.
- For pairings and starting times call (248) 476-4493 after noon Thursday, Sept. 25.
- Rain make-up dates: Oct. 3 & 4.
- Entries will be open to the first 200 golfers.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____

Phone _____ Handicap _____ Cart? _____

- U. S. G. A. index or ten 18-hole score cards are required (as of deadline date).
- Send entry blank with check (no cash) payable to tournament director.

Gary Whitener
Whispering Willows Golf Course
20500 Newburgh, Livonia MI 48152

Pairings will be made by the tournament committee. No requests for individual pairings will be taken. No changes will be made.

Open to all residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Westland, Redford Twp., Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Latrup Village, Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Beverly Hills, Orchard Lake, Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Walled Lake, Oxford, Lake Orion, Clarkston, Auburn Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pistons hoop camp

The Detroit Pistons Basketball Camp for Youth will be held Aug. 10-13 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, celebrating its 10th year anniversary as one of the finest sports venues in the United States.

Morning sessions for players in grades one through five will be held 8 a.m. to noon followed by afternoon sessions for sixth through 12th graders from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Players, coaches and staff from the Detroit Pistons and Shock will be among the featured speakers. The camps are run by Steve Moreland, director of development for the Shock.

Cost per player is \$149. Call (248) 377-0104 for more information.

3-on-3 tourney

Street Hoops USA, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15-16, at Schoolcraft Community

College.

The entry deadline for the tournament, sponsored by The Sports Authority and Pepsi, is Wednesday, Aug. 5. The entry fee is \$88 per team.

For more information, call (734) 844-8315.

Falcon Run

The Falcon 5K Fun Run, sponsored by the Dearborn Divine Child Alumni Association, will be held Saturday, Aug. 15 at the corner of Silvery Lane and Wilson in Dearborn.

Registration is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. A one mile fun run starts at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K race starts at 9:10 a.m.

Entry fee is \$14 before Aug. 5 and \$17 on race day. Call Ron Debono at (734) 464-7145.

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Beamed in: Kirk's a winner

It was a night for Star Trek at the 15th annual Roadrunner Classic, an 8-kilometer race which attracted over 700 runners on the streets of Northville.

Brad Kirk of Portage was the captain of it all, winning in 24 minutes, 10 seconds.

All things added up, the 30-year-old certified public accountant ran an impressive 4:52 per mile to unseat defending champion Paul Aufdemberge of Redford, who clocked a respectable 24:25.

The women's champion, 35-year-old Laurel Park of Ann Arbor, five-peaked, winning comfortably in 28:44, a 5:47 per mile pace. Toledo's Cheri McLean was a distant second in 30:33.

It was Kirk's first Roadrunner Classic as a participant. Last year he was injured and watched the race.

"It was a good course, challenging for three to four miles," said Kirk of the 4.91-mile event. "It's a course that keeps you honest."

"I felt pretty good coming in. I had some good workouts leading up to this."

Just prior to the race, Kirk was surprised to hear from his chief challenger Aufdemberge, who had won the race three of the past four years, that the prize money totalling nearly \$5,000 had been dropped after the chief sponsor, First Finance, pulled out.

"I was kind of surprised when Paul told me at the starting line," Kirk said. "But

irregardless, I came because it was a competitive race. It's unfortunate, but I'm happy with the results."

"I came here because I knew it attracted the best runners in the state. Even without it (the money), I would have shown up."

Kirk, a native of Otago, ran competitive track at Western Michigan University specializing in the 1,500- and 5,000-meter races.

"I'm more of a 10K, 5K kind of guy, but I think I'll move up and try a marathon pretty soon," he said. "I'd like to make the 2000 Olympic Trials."

Kirk's best highlight as a runner came in 1996 when he was chosen to represent the U.S. in the World Cross Country Championships in Capetown, South Africa where he finished as the fifth American.

Meanwhile, for Park, she experienced a slightly different ride than Kirk.

With the men's and women's starts on separate streets, the women's race started four minutes prematurely following Karen Newman's Red Wing rendition of the National Anthem.

"I heard the gun and everybody just took off," said Park, who was afraid she was going to get lost. "I was running toward Seven Mile and then I see the lead vehicle and lead biker peel off."

RUNNING

"I was by myself for four miles. I had run the first two miles of the course. It was fascinating, to say the least. But once I got over the terror, I said to myself, 'I might as well keep going.' The course marshals and volunteers did a good job."

With the four-minute jump, Park led most of the male finishers, but her husband Rich, the third-place finisher overall in 25:10, eventually caught up and passed his wife.

"He kind of gave me an evil smile and outkicked me," she said.

Park, who has been battling a back injury, plans to run the prestigious Bobby Crim race next month in Flint.

"I haven't been pounding as hard," she said. "I'm almost back. I'm almost there. I felt good tonight. I'm pleased for this particular race."

The men's masters (40-and-over) winner was Southfield's Alan Vanmeter in 26:45. Defending champion Tim Emmett of Redford was second in 28:02.

Another Laurel (Cihak), of North Muskegon, ran a 6:33 per mile pace to win the women's masters in 32:21.

And another runner worthy of mention is Keith Stopen of Farmington Hills.

Coming off a win earlier in the morning in the Heart of the Hills 10K race (31:54) in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills' Keith Stopen took sixth in the Roadrunner (25:42).

ROADRUNNER RESULTS

15th annual
ROADRUNNER CLASSIC
8-KILOMETER RACE RESULTS

Male overall winner: Brad Kirk (Portage), 24 minutes, 10 seconds (4:46 per mile pace).

Female overall winner: Laurel Park (Ann Arbor), 28:44 (5:47 per mile pace).

Male masters winner: Alan Vanmeter (Southfield), 26:45 (5:17 per mile pace).

Female masters winner: Laurel Cihak (North Muskegon), 32:21 (6:33 per mile pace).

TOP AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Male 1-14: 1. John DiGiovanni (Farmington Hills), 28:28; 2. Kevin Poenisch (Northville), 37:42; 3. Scott Kern (Commerce), 42:13.

Female 1-14: 1. Courtney Meeker (Rochester Hills), 35:24; 2. Cymbre Jaskot (Northville), 44:22; 3. Allison Loeffler (Novi), 45:41.

Male 15-18: 1. Dan Jess (Farmington Hills), 28:28; 2. Brian Terpak (Riverview), 30:33; 3. Peter Griess (Ann Arbor), 29:30.

Female 19-24: 1. Kristyn Kern (Commerce), 35:12; 2. Rebecca Porinsky (Dexter), 36:51; 3. Natalie Artiss (Dearborn), 38:02.

Male 25-29: 1. Joe Leo (Northville), 28:39; 2. Bryon Betts (Milford), 28:05; 3. Brian Smith, 30:35.

Female 25-29: 1. Angie Lefere (Jackson), 33:27; 2. Becky Wolfram (Canton), 35:32; 3. Laura Koch (Plymouth), 36:23.

Male 30-34: 1. Bill Raitter (South Haven), 25:55; 2. Anthony Errico (Battle Creek), 25:58; 3. Scott McLean (Toledo, Ohio), 27:49.

Female 30-34: 1. Catherine Herne (Ann Arbor), 31:32; 2. Amy Masternak (Livonia), 33:41; 3. Monica Pagels (South Lyon), 34:11.

Male 35-39: 1. Paul Aufdemberge (Novi), 24:25; 2. Rich Stark (Ann Arbor), 25:10; 3. Don Johns (Lambertville), 25:18.

Female 35-39: 1. Cheri McLean (Toledo, Ohio), 30:33; 2. Kristen Naldoo (Brighton), 32:56; 3. Elaine Ward (West Bloomfield), 34:51.

Male 40-44: 1. Eric Stuber (Lansing), 26:35; 2. Gerard Donakowski (Rochester), 26:49; 3. John Darga (Taylor), 31:29.

Female 40-44: 1. Lisa Hesse (Ann Arbor), 33:40; 2. Lori Wadsworth (Redford), 34:48; 3. Mattie Campbell (Dexter), 36:19.

Male 45-49: 1. Timothy Emmett (Redford), 28:02; 2. Jerome Meredith (Ann Arbor), 28:41; 3. Richard Dunigan (Dearborn), 28:50.

Female 45-49: 1. Nancy Liverage (Ada), 35:13; 2. Dheong-Hee Chang (Ann Arbor), 36:46; 3. Joanie Rogucki (Pinckney), 37:42.

Male 50-54: 1. Gary Wolfram (Hillsdale), 27:43; 2. Scott Liverage (Ada), 27:46; 3. Frank Schwartz (Hastings), 30:30.

Female 50-54: 1. Martha Ritchie (Farmington Hills), 35:49; 2. Kathy Maliszewski (Redford), 36:34; 3. Kathleen Gina (Ann Arbor), 37:55.

Male 55-59: 1. Alan Glovack (Bloomfield Hills), 30:53; 2. Jerry Mittman (Northville), 33:53; 3. Mark Cryderman (Northville), 33:58.

Female 55-59: 1. Leslie Anderson (Troy), 40:20; 2. Gwen Evich (Ann Arbor), 43:13; 3. Jan Valade (Northville), 43:33.

Male 60-64: 1. Ken Kalkowski (Dearborn Heights), 32:08; 2. Donald Litzeay (Grand Rapids), 34:54; 3. Bill Hill (Pinckney), 35:00.

Female 60-64: 1. Eileen Farrell (Northville), 45:40; 2. Midge Drew (Northville), 54:09; 3. T. Rojo, 58:10.

Male 65-69: 1. Eric Bilsky (Ann Arbor), 33:43; 2. Darrell McKee (Harrison Township), 37:17; 3. Barry Stobart (Woodhaven), 40:00.

Female 65-69: 1. Dee Crowe (Bellefonte), 51:06; 2. Sheila Place (Plymouth), 54:51.

Male 70-74: 1. Ed Potas (Dearborn Heights), 43:22.

Female 70-74: 1. Jim Forshee (Ann Arbor), 33:59; 2. John Paton (Plymouth), 45:43; 3. Bill Kelley (Metamora), 52:25.

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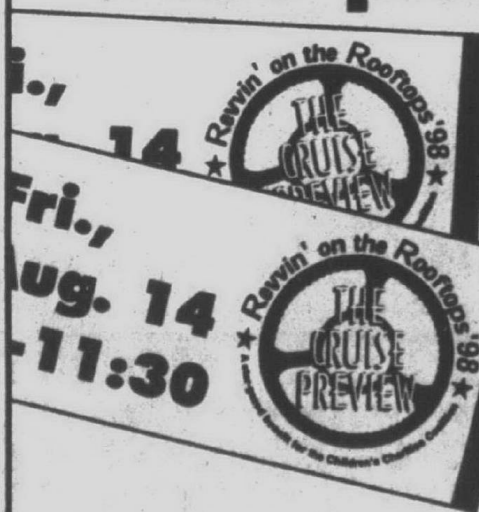
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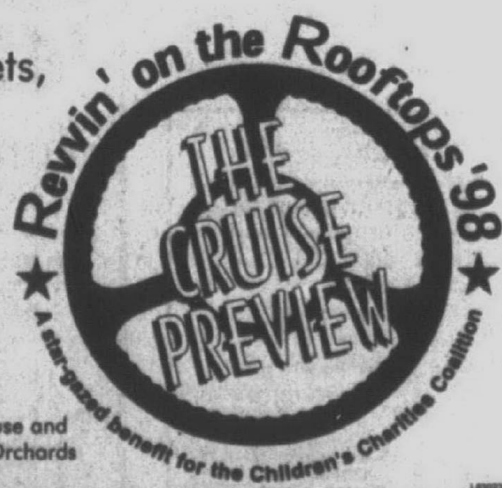
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Hockey

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Vancik with a goal and Daryl Schimmelpenneg (Canton) with a goal. Dave Street contributed two assists.

Ed Souilliere (Livonia) was in goal for the Huskies. John Trainor (Canton) was in the net for the Wolverines.

Wolverines 7, Lakers 6: Until the final week of the regular season, the Lakers had the only unbeaten record in the MSHL. That came to a resounding end in that final week — Sunday's loss to the Wolverines was the Lakers third-straight defeat.

They had a good chance to end their slide prior to the playoffs, scoring twice in the third period — Brian Jardine on a penalty shot that tied the score at 6-6, followed by an Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) goal that gave the Lakers the lead — but they couldn't hang on. The Wolves netted two goals in the final 2:42, the first by Shaun Harrington (Livonia) and the game-winner by Dave Street with 1:03 left.

Harrington led the Wolves with three goals and an assist. Other goal-scorers for the Wolverines (4-7) were Erik Hawkins (Redford), Jason Lawmaster (Westland) and Dan Trainor (Plymouth). Keith Rowe (Redford) had three assists.

The Lakers got two goals from Brian Jardine and other single scores from Nick Jardine, Jeramie Murray (Redford) and Brad Feiler (Canton). Matt Krupa and Mike Vigilante each had two assists.

Joe Sorentino and John Trainor (Canton) were each in goal for the Wolverines. Shaun Miller and Lanny Jardine played in the

net for the Lakers.

Bulldogs 14, Spartans 10: Matt Grant (Livonia) poured in five goals, Kevin Swider (Livonia) netted four and Ben Blackwood added three more — two of Blackwood's coming in the pivotal third period — to push past the Spartans Sunday at Plymouth and wrap up the Eagle Conference regular-season championship with a 9-2 mark.

The 'Dogs were clinging to a 10-9 advantage through three periods, then outscored the Spartans (1-10) 4-1 in the final period, thanks to Blackwood's two goals and single tallies by Grant and Swider. Blackwood also had two assists in the game.

The Bulldogs other goal-scorer was Eric Bratcher, with two; he also had three assists. Darin Fawkes (Livonia) and Andrew Domzalski (Livonia) added three assists apiece, and Chad Theuer had two.

The Spartans got three goals from Mike Hendrie and two more from Andrew Klein. Jay Sole, Joe Kustra, Chris Regner, Paul Khawam and Craig Peiser added single scores, with Sole adding two assists.

Broncos 12, Falcons 4: Dwight Helminen knocked in four goals and picked up two assists to pace the Broncos to the win over the Falcons Sunday at Plymouth.

Frank Bourbanais added three goals and both Nick Smyth and Mark Pietila had two goals, with Pietila getting four assists and Smyth two. The Broncos (5-5-1) also got a goal and two assists from Keith Pietila. Darrin Sylvester and Eric Heltunen contributed three assists apiece.

For the Falcons, Paul Goleniak and Scott Goleniak each scored two goals, with Scott Kale getting two assists.

John Trainor (Canton) was in goal for the Falcons; Art Baker played in the net for the Broncos.

SEASON-ENDING NOTES: The MSHL playoffs got underway Monday, with the Huskies (Bakes Conference champions) going up against the Wolverines (four in the Bakes). There were two more opening-round playoff games Tuesday — the Lakers vs. the Wildcats, and the Spartans against the Bulldogs — with the final first-round game played Wednesday, with the Broncos going against the Falcons.

The Bakes Conference final was also Wednesday, with the Huskies/Wolverines winner playing the Lakers/Wildcats victor.

The winner of the Bulldog/Spartan match will meet the winner of the Bronco/Falcon game in the Eagle Conference final at 8 p.m. tonight.

The championship game is set for 8 p.m. Sunday. All games will be played at Plymouth Ice Arena.

The final results in the MSHL scoring race and goals-against competition were worth something. The top five scorers in the league, and the best three goalies, each received jackets commemorating the occasion.

Kevin Swider, of Livonia, won the league scoring title with an impressive 25 goals and 43 assists (68 points). He was one of four Bulldogs to win a jacket in the scoring race; the others were Ben Blackwood, with 25 goals and 25 assists (50 points); Corey Swider, also of Livonia, with 17 goals and 21 assists for 38 points; and Eric Bratcher, with 11 goals and 27 assists, also totaling 38 points.

The only non-Bulldog among the

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final regular season)				
Eagle Division				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Bulldogs	9	2	0	18
Broncos	5	5	1	11
Falcons	2	9	0	4
Spartans	1	10	0	2
Bakes Division				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Huskies	9	1	1	19
Lakers	6	3	2	14
Wildcats	6	5	0	12
Wolverines	4	7	0	8

LEADING SCORERS				
Name (Team)	G	A	Pts.	
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	25	43	68	
Ben Blackwood (Bulldogs)	25	25	50	
Tony Guzzo (Huskies)	19	25	44	
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	17	21	38	
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	11	27	38	
Eric Dolesh (Lakers)	20	15	35	
J. Hubenschmidt (Huskies)	19	15	34	
Scott Goleniak (Falcons)	17	17	34	
K. McNellie (Wildcats)	15	19	34	
Troy Taylor (Wildcats)	12	21	33	
Mike Vigilante (Lakers)	13	18	31	
Darrin Sylvester (Broncos)	10	21	31	

LEADING GOALTENDERS				
Name (Team)	GA	Avg.		
Lanny Jardine (Lakers)	18	4.20		
Art Baker (Broncos)	28	5.61		
Ryan Davis (Huskies)	28	5.71		
Shaun Miller (Lakers)	40	5.98		
Ryan Davis (Huskies)	28	5.71		
J.J. Weeks (Bulldogs)	31	6.37		
Bob Harrison (Bulldogs)	45	6.96		
Kevin Brady (Broncos)	36	7.19		
Ed Souilliere (Huskies)	39	7.65		

league's top five scorers was Tony Guzzo of the Huskies; he was third overall with 19 goals and 25 assists for 44 points.

The three top goalies, each earning a jacket, were Lanny Jardine of the Lakers (4.20 goals-against average); Art Baker of the Broncos (5.61 goals-against average); and Ryan Davis of the Huskies (5.71 goals-against average).

RACE RESULTS

HEART OF THE HILLS

10-KILOMETER RUN

July 25 at Bloomfield Hills

Male overall: 1. Keith Stopen (Farmington Hills), 31:54 (5:09 per mile); 2. Clint Verran (Ypsilanti), 31:56; 3. Scott Manser (Windsor, Ont.), 32:38.

Female overall: 1. Kathy Rink (Bloomfield Hills), 36:55 (course record); 2. Laura Murphy (Rochester), 38:25; 3. Patricia Bagley (Livonia), 39:11.

Male masters: 1. Chuck Block (Livonia), 35:16.

Female masters: 1. Sue Morrison (Bloomfield Hills), 43:30.

Female 1-14: 1. Maddie Morrison (Bloomfield Hills), 43:30.

Male 15-19: 1. Bill Monnett (Clawson), 34:29; 2. Mike Camilleri (Highland), 34:39; 3. Nick Gow (Highland), 34:49.

Female 15-19: 1. Katie Ryan (Rochester Hills), 40:44; 2. Melissa Luton (Dearborn Heights), 47:45; 3. Caralyn Smetzer (Monroe), 49:03.

Male 20-24: 1. Keith Szymkiw (Rochester Hills), 33:33; 2. Michael Stanbrough (Detroit), 39:57; 3. Jerry Ledesma (Royal Oak), 43:16.

Female 20-24: 1. Renee Burke (Woodhaven), 46:01; 2. Michelle Block (Livonia), 46:50; 3. Leslie Carlson (Clawson), 48:43.

Male 25-29: 1. Olaf Meier (Auburn Hills), 35:50; 2. Tim Grotelueschen (Sterling Heights), 35:31; 3. Kevin Kaszyk (Rochester Hills), 36:15.

Female 25-29: 1. Bridgette Dery (Farmington Hills), 40:59; 2. Shari Berry (Dearborn), 42:35; 3. Caryn Martens (Oakland), 43:12.

Male 30-34: 1. Guy Murray (Farmington Hills), 33:10; 2. David Peterson (Farmington Hills), 33:55; 3. Patrick Delighan (Berkley), 35:26.

Female 30-34: 1. Lynne Carey (Birmingham), 44:46; 2. Elaine Ward (West Bloomfield), 44:54; 3. Christina Baker (Pontiac), 45:42.

Male 35-39: 1. Donald Richmond (Ortonville), 34:59; 2. John Cole (Bloomfield Hills), 38:04; 3. Vanderville, 39:05.

Female 35-39: 1. Gabrielle Crandall (Plymouth), 42:03; 2. Ali Turfe (Farmington Hills), 44:33; 3. Julie Winter (Bloomfield Hills), 46:17.

Male 40-44: 1. Dean Kokkalies (Ann Arbor), 38:38; 2. John Rivard (Dearborn), 38:40; 3. Thomas Rasdale (DeWitt), 38:57.

Female 40-44: 1. Gina Norris (Detroit), 45:32; 2. Ellen Muzzin (Shelby Trail), 47:20; 3. Jody Astrein (Birmingham), 49:32.

Male 45-49: 1. John Tarkowski (Garden

City), 39:39; 2. Daniel Horvath (Farmington Hills), 40:11; 3. David Luckhardt (Ypsilanti), 41:25.

Female 45-49: 1. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 46:20; 2. Nancy Broadbridge (Birmingham), 51:20; 3. Betsy Appleton (Bloomfield Hills), 55:19.

Male 50-54: 1. Paul Deladurantaye (Riverview), 36:29; 2. Bob Cross (Rochester Hills), 37:04; 3. Marty Povirk (Franklin), 39:29.

Female 50-54: 1. Barbara Heys (Detroit), 45:08; 2. Christine Redmond (Southfield), 54:37; 3. Carol Lantz (Birmingham), 56:31.

Male 55-59: 1. John Farah (Ann Arbor), 40:46; 2. Kurt Makowski (Windsor, Ont.), 44:55; 3. Sam Hopeck (Walled Lake), 47:48.

Female 55-59: 1. Addie Schneiderhan (Grand Blanc), 59:06; 2. Anne Reneau (Roseville), 1:07:03; 3. Anne Billings (Saline), 1:11:10.

Males 60-64: 1. Peter Polidori (Bingham Farms), 41:55; 2. Rod Wright (Clawson), 45:38; 3. Brian Peacock (Rochester), 47:26.

Male 65-69: 1. Kingsley Sears (Warren), 53:35; 2. Nathan Pack (West Bloomfield), 59:27; 3. Ronald Bentley (Pinckney), 1:00:12.

5K AGE-GROUP WINNERS

Male overall: 1. Matt Ames (Ypsilanti), 15:56 (5:08 per mile); 2. Eric Green (Auburn Hills), 16:33; 3. Andy Vyncke (Marysville), 17:03.

Female overall: 1. Sydney Pounds (Warren), 18:32; 2. Mary Colburn (Commerce), 18:53; 3. Susan Gembs (Livonia), 20:28.

Male masters: Richard Dunigan (Dearborn), 17:37; **female masters:** Jackie Blair

(Detroit), 20:43; **male 1-14:** Michael Quik (Bloomfield Hills), 20:19; **female 1-14:** Jaclyn House (Huntington Woods), 22:31.

male 15-19: Jeremy Schneider (Bloomfield Township), 17:52; **female 15-19:** Julie Beth Mumaugh (Chesterfield), 22:20; **male 20-24:** Derek Dodge (Caro), 19:43; **female 20-24:** Susan Folino (Linden), 22:00; **male 25-29:** Aaron Seal (Birmingham), 22:14; **female 25-29:** Mireille Sankatsing-Smith (Warren), 20:47; **male 30-34:** David Barrett (Troy), 18:30; **female 30-34:** Carol St. Henry (Lake Orion), 25:21; **male 35-39:** Bob Bari (Eastpointe), 17:40; **female 35-39:** Denise Denomme (Canton), 25:17;

male 40-44: Keith Bonesteel (Marlette), 18:11; **female 40-44:** Celene Peters (Lake Orion), 23:14; **male 45-49:** Michael Stone (Southfield), 18:14; **female 45-49:** June Yaeffer (Washington), 20:56; **male 50-54:** Kenneth Rowe (Southgate), 18:00; **female 50-54:** Liz Bridge (Rochester Hills), 27:39; **male 55-59:** Gerard Malaczynski (Bloomfield Hills), 18:15; **female 55-59:** Laima Stede (Bloomfield Hills), 27:10; **male 60-64:** David Lee (Southgate), 22:30; **female 60-64:** Marion Knight (Detroit), 29:06; **male 65-69:** Fred Haggen (Birmingham), 24:01; **female 65-69:** Rosemarie Baker (Pontiac), 37:03.

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Archery

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O'Donnell has been competing in archery for nearly 12 years, or half her life. She was an alternate member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1996; it was an experience she hopes to repeat, perhaps at Sydney in 2000.

"I'd really like to go to Australia," she admitted.

Of course, getting there won't be easy. O'Donnell figures it will take between 20 and 30 hours of workouts a week to get into the proper form, including extensive cardio-vascular conditioning. "When you go for six-to-eight hours a day during a tournament, well, it's better to be in better shape," she explained.

Going into her senior year at Lawrence Technological University (she's majoring in interior design), O'Donnell hasn't had the time to devote to all her interests. But that hardly means she's given it up.

Competing in the Northern Regional last month outside Toledo, O'Donnell finished first — even though she's managed to train for only a few hours a week.

"There were only four or five (competitors) in my division," she noted. "But I was happy with how high I scored. I just

wanted to see how I was doing."

If O'Donnell has learned anything in the last few years, it's to be patient with herself — and her performance. "I'm at the point now where I don't get upset with myself if I don't shoot well," she said.

Her goals for the National Target Championships are modest, at least for her: "I'd like to finish in the top 12 in the prelims and in the top 16 in (Friday's) shoot-down."

Even though she's not in peak form, O'Donnell's future plans for archery made her decision to compete here a no-brainer. "It's so close by and it's fun," she said. "Really, it'd be silly not to."

"I just want to have a good time. And I'd like to shoot in the 1250s."

Her future plans include taking shots at the Olympic teams in 2000 and 2004.

"After I graduate and get a job, and work a while, hopefully I'll be in contention at that time," she said. "But there will be a lot of people who will have come up (since 1996), so it will be a matter of wanting to see how good they are."

And how much better O'Donnell can get.

Softball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE ROSTERS

Red Team

Megan Myers, Megan Fediuk, Katie Bink, Lindsey Fediuk, Kristen Wiik, Farmington Hills Marlins; Sallie Kuroko, Melissa Malaniak, Courtney Cross, Erin Marquardt, Renae Ritz, Livonia Knights II; Jennifer Warnick, Jennifer Allen, Amy Wolfe, Kristen Miller.

Blue Team

Stephanie Salinas, Julia Rizzo, Rebecca Morello, Kathy Day, Pam Smart, Livonia Rockets; Kim White, Kelley Hutchins, Angelica Placinta Jolene Kijorski, Katie Pawlowski, Josten's Jaguars; Kim Balconi, Mindy Mitchell, Missy Mitchell, Livonia Vikings; Leslie Douglass, Nicole Zakiewicz, Livonia Lady Bugs.

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DCI wins to clinch AAABA tourney berth

Livonia D.C.I. can start making post-season playoff plans.

D.C.I. clinched first place in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association with a 2-0 win on Saturday over Hines Park to earn the automatic berth to the All-America Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

D.C.I. had a 15-10-1 record and 31 points heading into Wednesday's season finale against the Warren Reds, the second place team in the Adray Division.

The Michigan Lake Area Rams, meanwhile, were close to securing second place in the Collegiate Division and a berth in the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional in Louisville, Ky. after a 9-6 win over D.C.I. Sunday at Livonia Ford Field.

The Rams were 13-11-2 for 28 points heading into their season finale on Wednesday against Downriver Adray. Hines Park, 12-13 for 24 points, was the only team that could catch the Rams and it could only do so with a double-header sweep over the Warren Reds on Wednesday night and a loss by the Rams to Downriver Adray.

That would place both teams in a tie for second place with 28 points and set up a one-game playoff between the two teams to determine the NABF regional representative.

In the win against D.C.I., Josh Axelson earned the pitching victory in relief of starter Tom Willeher.

D.C.I. had taken an early lead, scoring five runs, three unearned, off Willeher in two innings.

Axelson allowed no runs on

Sylvania tips NFWB

The North Farmington West Bloomfield Ultimate Precision 16-under girls fastpitch softball team finished second in the annual Brighton Softball Tournament.

For the second-straight week NFWB lost in the tournament championship game, 3-2, this time to the Sylvania (Ohio) Sting.

A sacrifice fly scored the winning run in the seventh inning, breaking a 2-2 tie.

Lindsey Emmett pitched the final for NFWB, throwing a five-hitter with five walks and three strikeouts. She also excelled at the plate, hitting a home run and a double.

Jenelle Welling doubled in the other Ultimate Precision run while Chrissy King, Kim Spaulding, Leslie Schrock, Kelly McKeon and Danielle Kelmigian each collected singles. Ultimate Precision outthit Sylvania 8-5.

Ultimate Precision reached the finals with a 7-5 win over Pinconning, collecting 12 hits in the semifinals.

King went 3-for-4 with a double and triple. Emmett, Spaulding and Leslie Schrock each had two hits.

Welling set the tone for the game, leading off with a homer. McKeon and Kelmigian each contributed singles. Emmett went the distance, allowing eight hits and two walks with six strikeouts.

In pool play, Ultimate Precision beat L'Anse Creuse North, 11-0, as Kristin Schrock threw a two-hitter with one walk and eight strikeouts in a five-inning mercy. Welling had two triples to lead the hitting attack. King had a double and single and Christine Fones and Leslie Schrock had two hits each.

Christina Colombo, Spaulding, Kelmigian and McKeon had singles.

Ultimate Precision also beat the Algonac Storm, 7-1, behind a one-hitter thrown by Emmett. She also struck out six. McKeon went 3-for-4, King belted a homer and single and Fones, Spaulding, Kelmigian and Leslie Schrock each had singles.

Ultimate Precision beat the Northville Broncos, 20-0, in a five-inning mercy in the final game of pool play. Kristin Schrock threw her second shutout of the tournament, allowing a single in the first inning to spoil what would have been a perfect game. She struck out eight.

Fones hit grand slams from both the left and right side of the plate and Estee Adery also hit a grand slam. Kristin Schrock had two hits.

BASEBALL

four hits with eight strikeouts in the last four innings. The game was called after six innings due to the league's time limit.

The Rams scored four runs in the second inning and five more to take the lead.

Kevin Prader had two hits and scored two runs with an RBI to lead the Rams. Matt Pike was 1-

for-4 with two RBI and Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madonna) 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State) was 1-for-4, including a double, with a run scored. Rick Green was 1-for-4 with a run scored and Joe Seestadt 1-2 with two runs scored.

Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St. Mary's College) was 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Lance Siegwald was 1-

for-3 with three RBI.

Other notes: Brian Berryman, son of Rams' coach Rick Berryman, earned his first pitching victory with a four-hitter through seven innings in a 6-1 win last week for Idaho Falls, a Rookie League team in the San Diego Padres farm system.

Berryman is a 1995 Redford Union graduate and former University of Michigan player taken in the seventh round of June's Major League draft.

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BASEBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS	
Adray Division: 1. Adray Kings, 18-9; 0/36 points; 2. Warren Reds, 16-6-0/32; 3. Windsor Stars, 13-10-1/27; 4. Windsor Selects, 9-20-1/13.	July 28: Rams 9, D.C.I. 6; Livonia Adray 4, D.C.I. 2; Hines Park 16, Livonia Adray 10; Adray Kings 13, Windsor Selects 12; Windsor Stars 15, Adray Kings 14.
Livonia Collegiate Division: 1. Livonia D.C.I., 15-10-1/31; 2. Michigan Rams, 13-11-2/28; 3. Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury, 12-13-0/24; 4. Livonia Adray, 5-20-1/10.	July 28: Hines Park 2, D.C.I. 1; D.C.I. 2, Hines Park 0.
RECENT RESULTS	
July 24: D.C.I. 5, Windsor Selects 0; Hines Park 3, Windsor Stars 2.	July 23: Rams 6, Adray Kings 2.
July 22: Adray Kings 5, Hines Park 4; Livonia Adray 12, Windsor Selects 7.	



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ARCHERY

NAA NATIONAL

The National Archery Association will hold the 114th annual National Target Championships Aug. 1-7 at Heritage Park in Canton. Shooting begins at 9 a.m. each day and the public is welcome.

BROADHEAD LEAGUES

Broadhead leagues are forming and will begin the first week of August at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be evening leagues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and a morning league on Wednesdays. Call 623-0444 for more information.

3D SHOOT

The Oakland County Sportsman will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Call 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

WATERFOWL CALLING

Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Wayne Waterfowlers are offering a duck and goose calling class beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Wayne Waterfowlers clubhouse in Brownstown Twp. Cost is \$10 per person. Call (734) 453-8315 or (313) 422-0583 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688.

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Fieldsport Wingshooting School on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Aug. 2, on Loddell Lake in Genesee County (near Linden). Registration is \$80, and \$85 after July 29. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12-13, at the Holiday Inn-Petoskey, 1444 US 131 S., Petoskey. Persons who wish to address the commission

or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

August 1 is the deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit.

TURKEY

Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for a fall wild turkey permit.

WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters may apply for a reserved hunt permit Aug. 1-28.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive pro-

grams throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FISHING IN THE PARKS

Learn the basics of fishing including how to bait a hook, basic knots, casting and fish ecology during this weekly program, which is offered Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. through August 11 at Metamora-Hadley, Pontiac Lake and Island Lake.

EVENING ANIMALS

Learn about the creatures that are active after dark during this evening hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Maybury. Participants should meet at the Farm Demonstration Building at the main park entrance off Eight Mile Road.

BIRD HIKE

Learn to identify some of the area's birds during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Maybury. Participants should meet at the riding stable parking lot off Beck Road, 1/4-mile south of Eight Mile Rd.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

Hawks' Lewis is a leader along the offensive line

FOOTBALL

If coach Darrell Schumacher needs a take-charge guy, a player to rally the East all-stars Saturday in East Lansing, he can count on Brian Lewis of Farmington Harrison.

As the head coach at Northville, Schumacher is more accustomed to being on the sideline opposite Lewis but will direct the East squad in the annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. in Spartan Stadium on the Michigan State campus. Tickets are \$7 at the gate.

As a tri-captain on Harrison's Class A championship team last year, Lewis was that kind of serious player and team leader.

"We're going to have a good time, but at the same time we don't want to lose," Lewis said. "I'm going to make sure everybody else isn't screwing around; I'll try to get everybody to pay attention."

(Schumacher) said I'm one of the guys he knows and knows what I can do. He said it's good to have somebody who was well-coached."

Lewis and the other 87 players were in East Lansing for a week of practice leading up to the game, but the focus wasn't quite the same as preparing to play in the Silverdome on Thanksgiving weekend.

"Talking to other guys, they say they don't work you too hard," Lewis said. "They basically treat it like an all-star game; you get to know each other, have some fun and try to beat the other team."

The all-star experience will be a memorable one for Lewis, an all-state Class A lineman who expects to play center and maybe a little at defensive tackle.

"I feel real fortunate to be on the squad," he said. "Each school can nominate only one player and to choose me out of all the great players we had on our team is a real honor."

Lewis figures it will give him a head-start on getting ready to play this fall at Kalamazoo College, too. The Hornets were 4-5 last year and open the 1998

season Sept. 5 at Oberlin, Ohio.

"I'm sure we'll get a lot of water breaks, but it'll be good for me to get a jump on the other freshmen going to school where I am, because I had some practice and conditioning," he said. "It's a great opportunity to get some football in before I have to report to camp in Kalamazoo."

The 6-foot-1 Lewis, who has bulked up to 270 pounds lifting weights and working construction this summer, believes he has a chance to become Kalamazoo's starting center this year.

"They don't have a center coming back, and they told me I have as good a shot as anybody," he said. "One of the reasons I play football is because I love playing football."

They started 15 sophomores last year and have 17 starters returning. One of the few openings they have is center, and that's a position I've played the last two years."

Lewis doesn't anticipate much difficulty in making the transition to college football.

"For any high school player going to college, everybody there is going to be big and strong, because you're playing against men 21 and 22 years old," he said. "I think (the Hawks) were one of the best at being physical, so I think I'm as ready as anybody to move to the next level."

Ball State, Holy Cross, Harvard and Penn had also expressed interest in Lewis but later backed away, because they decided he didn't fit the prototypical mold they imagined for a lineman.

"Basically, they thought I was too short," Lewis said. "I guess that's the thing about recruiting; they recruit you for your body, not so much for your football ability. They think they can teach you everything but can't make you taller."

Lewis graduated from Harrison with high honors and a 3.65 grade point.

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ways and Means Committee of the Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed resolution opposing Senate Bills 776, 778, 779 which would allow the City of Detroit to create its own revolving loan fund; importing the state legislature to vote against this legislation. (98-66-043)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1998

Hearing Room 402, 11:00 a.m.

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Rigley instrumental in Concealed Security's regional triumph

If Chris Rigley, a member of the Concealed Security 12-year-old travel baseball team, wasn't throwing strikes from the pitcher's mound, he was doing so from centerfield.

The versatile Redford Township resident won two games as a pitcher and also made a throw from centerfield to home plate to cut down a runner during his team's run of seven-straight wins in taking the American Amateur Baseball Congress regional championship in Rockford, Ill.

Concealed advances to the AABC World Series beginning Aug. 6 in Puerto Rico with a 42-0-1 record. The team's only blemish was a 4-4 tie against the Downriver Devil Rays during the regular season that was suspended after nine innings and never finished.

"I think we're confident in our abilities, but not overconfident," Concealed coach Vic Monterey said.

Concealed beat the Downriver Devil Rays, 13-11, in the championship game on Saturday.

Rigley threw the first 6 1/3 innings, allowing 10 hits and two walks with six strikeouts to earn the win.

Concealed scored seven runs in the top of the seventh inning, highlighted by Dennis Marra's grand slam home run, to take a 13-5 lead before the Devil Rays threatened with six in the bottom of the seventh.

Mark McDaniel earned the save, getting the last two outs after surrendering one run on two hits.

Marra finished with two

BASEBALL

homers, including a solo shot, and five RBI. Rigley, Joe Migliaccio and Tim Kalczynski (Farmington Hills) were on base for his bases-clearing shot.

Chuck Pate, who finished 3-for-4 with four RBI, also had a homer.

But Rigley's most heroic play came on Friday when Concealed beat the Springfield, Ill. Bombers 7-5 in eight innings to earn a berth in the semifinals.

With the score tied at 5-5, a Springfield runner on third base and one out in the bottom of the sixth, Rigley made a catch and throw in centerfield that will be remembered for some time.

Rigley raced back near the fence to catch a fly ball and threw a strike to Kalczynski at home plate, who placed the tag on the runner who had tagged up for a double play.

"It was right in his mitt on the fly, all the way, about 210 feet," Monterey said. "I sat there and watched the play and after the game looked back and thought how many can make that play at any level? It was a bang-bang play, Timmy blocked the plate, made the catch and the tag at the same time."

Remarkably, Concealed got out of more trouble in the bottom of the seventh after Springfield loaded the bases with no outs.

With Pate pitching, Concealed decided to try a trick play, making a phantom throw to second base from pitcher's mound. The play, which is made to look like a ball is thrown wildly to center-

field, confused the Springfield runner at second base.

While he got caught in a pickle between second and third, the shortstop Mike Monterey threw the ball home to tag out the runner from third.

Kalczynski then threw the ball to third base to tag out the runner from second for a double play. A ground ball to Monterey at shortstop ended the inning without a run being scored.

The gimmick play might have been the only way to get out of the inning.

"I'm not sure we feel it's the only way but it was sure looking grim with the bases loaded and no one out," Monterey said.

Concealed scored two runs in the top of the eighth and Marra kept Springfield scoreless in the bottom of the inning to get the pitching win.

Rigley led off with a single, stole second base and Monterey walked. Following a double steal, Marra slapped a two-run single to put Concealed up 7-5.

Dominic Noonan, a pickup from Garden City, started on the mound and didn't get much defensive support. He walked three, but four errors led to four runs in his 1 2/3 innings of pitching.

Anthony Volpe (Farmington Hills) pitched excellent middle relief, giving up one run on three hits with two strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

Rigley was 2-for-4 to lead the hitting attack.

Semifinals

Concealed beat Local 32, from Rockford, Ill., 16-5, in a five-inning mercy.

Winning pitcher Jason Krug (Redford) went 4 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on five hits and four walks with two strikeouts. Noonan went 4-for-4, including a homer, with three RBI.

Krause went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Marra 3-for-3 with one RBI.

Three others had two hits: Rigley (one RBI), McDaniel (three RBI), including a homer) and Pate (one RBI).

Friday games

Concealed beat Local 32 for the first time, 9-3. Pate threw 6 2/3 innings, allowing no runs on five hits and no walks with nine strikeouts.

Monterey was 2-for-3 with three RBI and Marra 1-for-3 with three RBI.

Concealed led 6-3 through six innings and scored three insurance runs in the top of seventh.

Thursday games

Concealed beat the Downriver Devil Rays, 14-10, for the first time on Thursday and also beat Novi 9-7 earlier in the day.

The winning pitcher against the Devil Rays was McDaniel, who persevered through 6 1/3 innings, allowing 10 runs on 12 hits and four walks with seven strikeouts.

Downriver hit three homers against McDaniel, who helped his own cause, going 4-5. Krause, Migliaccio and Noonan each had two hits. Migliaccio, who homered, had two RBI as did Krause and Noonan one RBI.

Against Novi, Concealed overcame a 7-4 deficit early and won behind the relief pitching of Rigley, who allowed no runs on one hit with three walks and five strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings.

Marra started and left after allowing seven runs, several scoring with the help of six errors. He allowed two hits and walked two.

McDaniel was 3-for-4 with two RBI and four players had two hits each:

Kyle Miller (Farmington Hills), Krause, Pate and Robert Reznick (West Bloomfield).

Wednesday's game

Concealed opened the tournament with an 11-2 win over Somberville, Minn. in a five-inning mercy.

Pate was the winning pitcher, allowing no hits and three walks with six strikeouts. The two runs were

unearned.

Pate and Migliaccio had two-run homers in a five-run first inning.

Migliaccio was 3-for-3 with three RBI and McDaniel 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Monterey said the tournament championship was a team effort.

McDaniel had multiple hits in every game but one or two, Monterey said.

"He seemed to lead the charges, no question about that," Monterey said.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH

PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 4, 1998

Notice is hereby given that a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

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PROPOSITION "A" - Wayne County Proposal

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, telephone number 453-1234 X234.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the City Clerk's Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 1st, 1998. On Monday, August 3rd, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All City polling locations are handicapped accessible.

Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

PRECINCT 1, 2, 4 CULTURAL CENTER, 525 FARMER STREET
PRECINCT 3 CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 650 W. CHURCH ST.

Please take note that the City Precinct Locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct locations.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: July 19, and July 30, 1998



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY

These Articles of Incorporation are adopted, signed and acknowledged by the incorporating unit for the purpose of forming a nonprofit municipal Building Authority under the provisions of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, the Articles being as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation and authority is the 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY.

ARTICLE II

The incorporating units are the City of Plymouth, the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth, located in Wayne County, Michigan, and the City of Northville located in the Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan, each a municipal corporation of the State of Michigan (the "Incorporating Units" or "Incorporating Unit" as the context may require).

ARTICLE III

This Authority is incorporated for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for use as a court facility by the 35th Judicial District of Michigan.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS AND DUTIES:
Section 1. The Authority shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court of the State of Michigan.

Section 2. The Authority and the incorporating units shall have the power to enter into a contract or contracts whereby the Authority will acquire property necessary to accomplish the purposes of this incorporation and contemplated by the terms of the enabling act and lease said property to the incorporating units or their designee for a period of not to exceed fifty (50) years, which contracts may be either a full faith and credit general obligation of the incorporating unit or shall not be a full faith and credit general obligation of the incorporating unit. The contract with the incorporating unit may also provide that the incorporating units shall pay all posts and expenses of operation and maintenance of the property and the operating expenses of the Authority, including expenses incidental to the issuance and payment of bonds, and such contract may provide that the obligation of the incorporating unit thereunder for the payment of any rental required thereby shall not be subject to any setoff by the incorporating unit or any abatement of cash rentals for any cause, including but not limited to casualty that results in the property being untenable. The incorporate unit shall have such rights to sublet or assign property leased from the Authority as provided in the aforesaid Act 31, as now or hereafter amended.

Section 3. For the purpose of accomplishing the objects of its incorporation, the Authority may acquire property by purchase, construction, lease, gift, devise or condemnation, and for the purpose of condemnation, it may proceed under the provisions of Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended, or any other appropriate statute.

Section 4. For the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of acquiring, improving, and enlarging any building or buildings and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, and furnishing and equipping the same the Authority, (a) after execution and delivery of a full faith and credit general obligation contract or lease, as provided in Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended, may by ordinance or resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the elected members of the Commission of the Authority issue its negotiable bonds in anticipation of the contract obligations of the incorporating unit to make cash rental payments to the Authority and may pledge the receipts from such payments for payment of said bonds and the interest thereon; (b) after execution of a contract of lease which is not a full faith and credit general obligation of the incorporating unit as provided in Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended, may by ordinance or resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the elected members of the Commission of the Authority issue its negotiable bonds in anticipation of the contract obligations of the incorporating units to make cash rental payments to the Authority and may pledge the receipts from such payments for payment of said bonds and the interest thereon; in both cases as provided by and subject to and in accordance with Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended. Bonds shall not be issued unless the property has been leased by the Authority to the incorporating units or their designee for a period extending beyond the last maturity of the bonds and no maturity shall in any event be more than forty (40) years from the date of the bonds. In addition, the Authority shall have the power to issue such other bonds as it may be authorized to issue under the general laws of the State of Michigan said bonds to be issued in accordance with and subject to the provisions of such other laws. No bonds of the Authority shall be delivered to the purchasers thereof in any event until such time as all rights of referendum with respect to said bonds or any contract between the Authority and any of the incorporating units shall have expired without a referendum petition being filed or, if a referendum petition is filed with respect thereto, until after an election approving said contract or the issuance of the bonds as may be required by law shall have been held and the same approved by a majority vote of the electors of the incorporating units voting thereon.

Section 5. When all bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of the enabling Act under which the Authority is incorporated shall have been retired, the Authority shall convey title to the property acquired hereunder to the incorporating units or their designee in accordance with directions of the governing bodies of the incorporating unit or any agreement adopted by the governing bodies of the incorporating unit.

Section 6. All property owned by the Authority shall be exempt from taxation by the State or any taxing unit therein.

Section 7. The Authority shall possess all the powers necessary to carry out the purpose of its incorporation, including the incidental power necessary thereto. The powers herein granted shall be in addition to those granted by any statute or charter, and the enumeration of any power either in these Articles of Incorporation or in the enabling Act, shall not be construed as a limitation upon such general powers.

Section 8. The term of this corporation and Authority shall be perpetual, or until terminated in accordance with law and in any event shall not be less than or terminated prior to the time that all bonds or other obligations of the Authority are paid in full.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS:

Section 1. The Authority shall be directed and governed by a Board of Commissioners of five (5) members known as the "Commission", each to be elected by the legislative body of each Incorporating Unit. No member of the legislative body of any of the Incorporating Units shall be eligible for membership or appointment to this Authority.

Section 2. The terms of the Commissioners constituting the first Commission shall be for a term ending June 30, 2001. Thereafter, succeeding Commissioners shall serve for four year terms.

Section 3. The Commission shall designate one of its members as Chairman, one of its members as Secretary, and a Treasurer who need not be a member of the Commission, each to be designated for such term in office as may be fixed by the bylaws.

Section 4. The Commission shall adopt and may amend bylaws and rules of procedure consonant with the provisions of the enabling act and provide therein for regular meetings of the Commission.

Section 5. The Commission shall adopt a corporate seal.

Section 6. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission and may sign and execute all authorized bonds, contracts, checks and other obligations and execute interest coupons with his facsimile signature in the name of the Authority when so authorized by the Commission. He shall do and perform such other duties as may be fixed by the bylaws and from time to time assigned to him by the Commission.

Section 7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Commission, and of all committee thereof, in books provided for that purpose. He shall attend to the giving, serving and receiving of all notices or process of or against the Authority. He may sign with the Chairman in the name of the Authority all bonds, contracts and other obligations authorized by the Commission, and when so ordered, he shall affix the seal of the Authority thereto. He shall have charge of all books and records which shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection and examination of the Commission or any member thereof, and, in general, perform all the duties incident to his office. The Secretary shall preside at meetings of the Commission in the absence of the Chairman.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Authority which may come into his hands or possession. When necessary or proper, he shall endorse in behalf of the Authority for collection, checks, notes, and other obligations, and shall deposit them to the credit of the Authority in a designated bank or depository. He shall sign all receipts and vouchers for payment made to the Authority. He shall jointly with such other officer as may be designated by the Commission sign all checks, promissory notes and other obligations of the Authority when so ordered by the Commission. He shall render a statement of his cash accounts when required by the Commission. He shall enter regularly in the books of the Authority to be kept by him for the purpose full and accurate accounts of all moneys received and paid by him on account of the Authority, and shall, at all reasonable times, exhibit his books and accounts to the Commission or any member thereof when so required. He shall perform all acts incidental to the position of Treasurer fixed by the bylaws and as assigned to him from time to time by the Commission. He shall be bonded for the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer, the bond to be of such character, form and in such amount as the Commission may require.

Section 9. Annual compensation, if any, for the members of the Commission shall be fixed by the Commission when approved by a majority of the legislative body of each Incorporating Units. No Commissioner who holds any paid public office or public employment shall receive any salary as such Commissioner.

Section 10. Vacancies occurring in the office of the Commission shall be filled by the legislative body of the incorporating unit which originally appointed the Commissioner vacating office for the unexpired term.

Section 11. A Commissioner may be removed from office for cause by an affirmative majority vote of the legislative body of the Incorporating Unit which appointed said Commissioner.

Section 12. The books and records of the Authority and of the Commission, officers and agents thereof shall be open to inspection and audit by the Incorporating Units at all reasonable times. The Authority shall submit an annual report to the Incorporating Units.

ARTICLE VI

The Clerk of each Incorporating Unit shall cause a copy of these Articles of Incorporation to be published once a newspaper circulated within the respective Incorporating Units, as provided in the enabling Act, such publication to be accompanied by a notice that valid incorporation of the Authority shall be conclusively presumed unless questioned in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS:

Amendments may be made to these Articles of incorporation as provided in Section 10 of the aforesaid Act 31.

ARTICLE VIII

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Location of registered office and post office address is:
Township Clerk
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
City Clerk
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170-1688

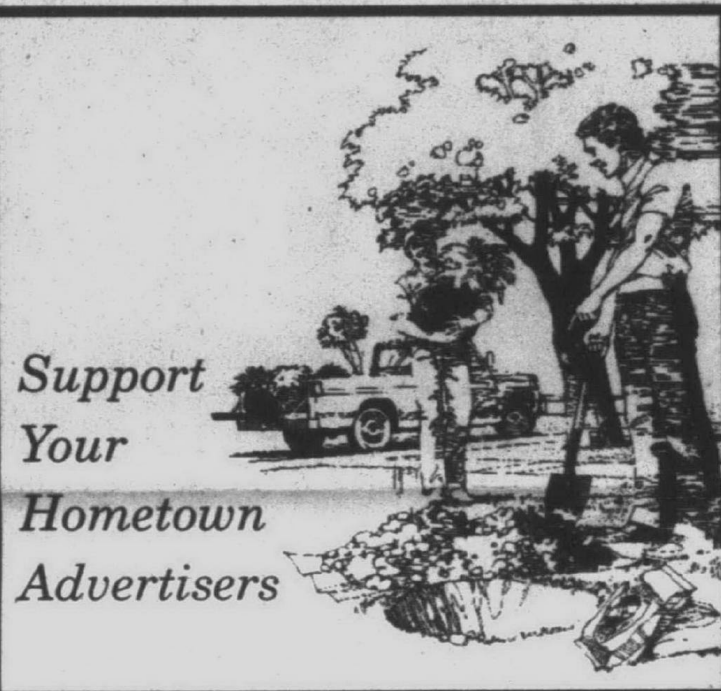
ARTICLE IX

These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective and be in full force and effect ten (10) days after their adoption, as provided in Section 6 of the aforesaid Act 31.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk
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SUNDAY



The 20th annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elégance takes place 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Admission is \$20 adults (including a souvenir program), teens 13-17 (\$10), children 12 and under (free). Call (248) 370-3140.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Frank Stasa III will be competing in the athletic events at the 149th Annual Highland Games, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Tickets \$8 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. call (313) 832-1849. See schedule inside.

HEARTLANDE THEATRE'S ROMANTIC COMEDY OF MARRIAGE GOES FOR A KNOCKOUT MUSICAL

A Ring of truth

Terminal romantics might consider a flourishing flower as the appropriate emotional metaphor for marriage. But those who've been around to debate the travails of raised toilet seats, the level of dirty dishes before a washing is needed, and whether in-laws should be actually considered as relatives surely know better.

Undoubtedly, the more accurate metaphor for marriage is a literal context for verbal sparring. For some, a minefield might fit the bill.

For the purposes of dramatic tit-for-tat effect, however, a boxing ring is more apropos, not to mention more practical.

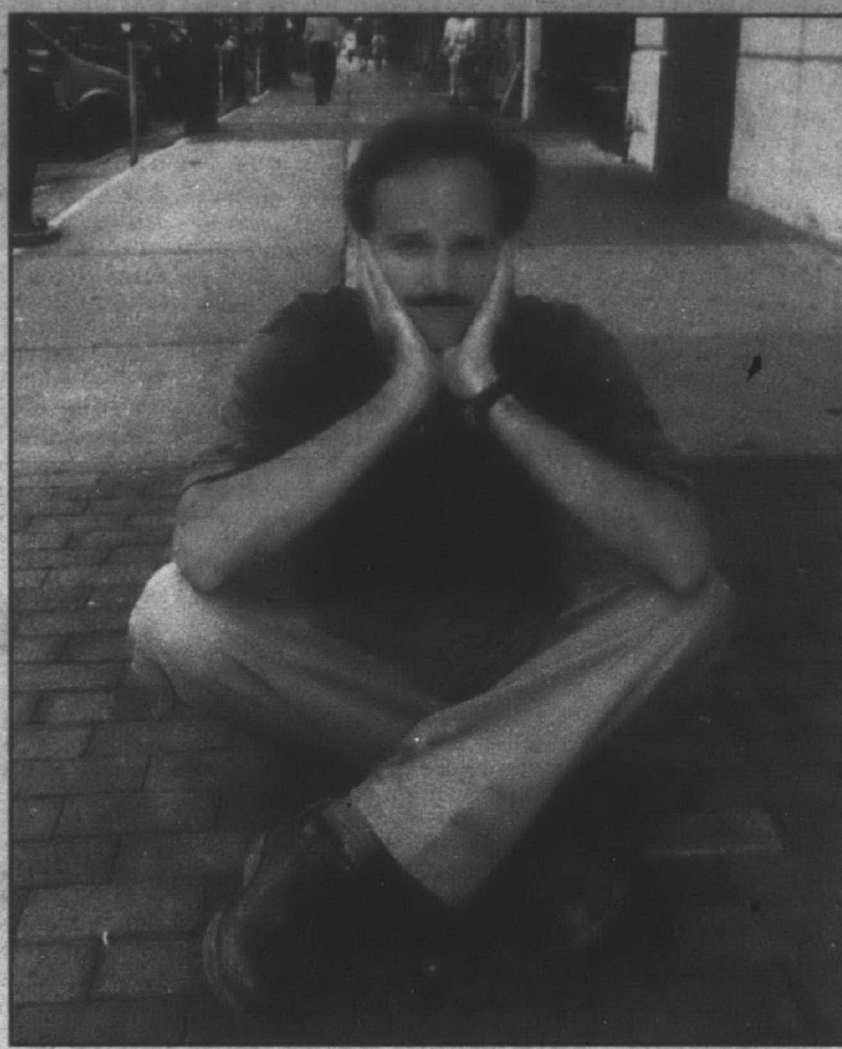
Local composers Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle, one of the most prolific songwriting duos in the region, have set to meter the excruciating joy of marriage in their new musical, "The Wedding Ring."

The play opens Thursday, Aug. 6, for a two-week run as the featured production at Heartlande Theatre Company's festival of new plays, "Playscape '98."

Hit by love

The entire musical takes place within the confines of a boxing ring with a matchmaker who doubles as a referee. (Every relationship should have one.)

"People can't wait to fall in love, and usually they don't know what hit them," said Vigilant of Troy, who, with partner Castle has published 12 musicals in the last nine years.



Still standing? Lyricist Mike Vigilant's new play, "The Wedding Ring," is a contemplation of what it takes for a marriage to succeed.



Musical comedy: Actors David Peckens (far left), Stephanie Nichols (second from right) and Danny McNie (far right) are working with director Renee Sawson (center) and stage manager Kelly MacDonald (second from left) on Heartlande Theatre's workshop production of the musical comedy "The Wedding Ring."

The choreography remains a skeleton of what might be seen in a full production, said Vigilant.

But apparently that won't dilute the play's message.

"The ideal is to think that all you need in any relationship is love," said Vigilant, who confesses to being a hopeless romantic.

He and partner Castle list Lennon and McCartney, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin

WHAT: "The Wedding Ring," a new musical comedy written by Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle, directed by Renee Sawson, presented as part of Heartlande Theatre Company's Playscape '98.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 14 & 15; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester.

TICKETS: \$10-\$15; Opening night 8 p.m. Aug. 6 and afterglow \$25; Staged readings, any play, \$5 suggested donation, call (248) 377-3300.

PLAYSCAPE '98 Reading Series

■ "The Pender Arrangements" by Elaine Kaiser, directed by Beth Rexroat - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

■ "Mainstream" by David MacGregor, directed by Mary Locker - 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

■ "Second Chances" by Ronald Jay, directed by Joseph Haynes - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.

■ "Bullets and Bears" by Janet Torreano Pound, directed by Dean Acheson - 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

All readings will be followed by moderated audience talk-backs.

WORKSHOP

Writing for Musical Theatre

10 a.m. to noon - Saturday, Aug. 15, taught by Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle. Cost \$10, (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1.

and Stephen Sondheim as major influences.

Vigilant was inspired to write the play after completing his master's thesis, "Divorce in Oakland County." He found that while Oakland County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, it has one of the highest divorce rates. One of the songs in "The Wedding Ring" features a young child singing about the confusion caused by his parents' divorce.

"The question is: Can you evolve to make a commitment to a relationship? It's not that marriage is a struggle, but it's more like life is a battle," said Vigilant.

While the broader theme in "The Wedding Ring" might not be adaptable to a traditional pop songwriting format, it can be developed through a series of songs, said Vigilant.

The entire script of "The Wedding Ring" is sung, including transitions. The songs are written in major keys. They are crafted to have the immediate accessibility and familiarity of a pop song.

"Our intent is to write humable melodies with well-crafted lyrics," said Vigilant. "Lyrics make dialog stick in your head."

Excluding their foray into producing with the local blockbuster "Forever Plaid" in 1991, Vigilant and Castle have written about one

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Youth theater building new audiences



Featured production: American Family Theatre brings the story of "Pinocchio" to life.

When she's not breaking down walls, Laurie Wagman and her crew are busy building theater audiences for tomorrow.

"There's a fourth wall in theater - the wall between the audience and the actors," said Wagman, founder/CEO of American Theater Arts for the Youth, Inc. and its division American Family Theatre, which is bringing two shows to Meadow Brook Theatre in August - "Pinocchio," on Aug. 3 and "Wizard of Oz," on Aug. 18. "We break down the wall to engage our audience in

the wonder of theater. It's important that we reach out and grab them. You know the theater audience is getting older. We've got to capture them for audiences tomorrow. This is one of the most effective ways."

There's nothing like live theater argues Wagman, a former teacher who traded her classroom for the stage. "I'm still a teacher that uses theater, another media of outreach. It's a great teaching tool, and it's fun."

When Wagman, whose company is based in Philadelphia,

speaks of theater, "wonder" and "magic" are words she uses to describe it.

"There's a magic connected with theater," she said. "Anyone who has a love affair with theater remembers the first play they went to as a child. There is an energy that comes out of theater. Since ancient times the theater has been used as a teaching tool and motivator."

There are a lot of lessons to be learned from classic stories like

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On Stage

WHAT: American Family Theatre presents:

■ "Pinocchio" - noon Monday, Aug. 3.

■ "Wizard of Oz" - noon Tuesday, Aug. 18.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Music Festival, campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester.

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BOOKS

Musician professes love for rock and roll

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

John Covach has had rock and roll dreams ever since he was a seventh grader at Livonia's Holmes Junior High School in 1971.

"I got together with a bunch of guys in the same grade, we played activity nights, dances for kids. Our parents had to drive us and our equipment," Covach said.

The band played on, through Battles of the Bands at Eddie Edgar Arena, Tuesday and Thursday night gigs at the junior highs during summer and on to Stevenson High School.

"Every summer we did Music Under the Stars and always played the Spree.

That went on until I graduated from high school," Covach said.

But the dream never led to stardom and Covach turned his musical interests to academia. Now, as a professor of music at the University of North Carolina, Covach is combining his scholarship with his love for rock and roll. He teaches general and technical classes in rock music and has recently edited a book of essays "Understanding Rock," with Graeme M. Boone (Oxford University Press).

At Stevenson High, Covach took music classes with Lowell Everson,

WHAT: John Covach signs his book "Understanding Rock," (Oxford University Press)

WHERE: Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7.

whom he credits with steering him toward a serious interest in music.

"It was a great music program at Stevenson," Covach said. "The Symphonic Choir was the top group, that was the one you wanted to get into. Because I played guitar and Mr. Everson always wanted to include some pop

tunes, that's how I got in."

At Stevenson, Covach studied music theory and composition for the first time. He worked with Everson on special projects and took special classes at

Please see **MUSICIAN, E2**



Teacher: John Covach combines scholarship with his love for rock and roll as a professor of music at the University of North Carolina.

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Schoolcraft.

"I stuck with the band and had no intention of being a university professor or even getting a degree," he said.

Covach dabbled in music classes at Wayne State University while trying to make it in the business. But things never jelled. Many friends went to Los Angeles with big dreams and returned without success. Also, his progressive rock style was giving way to the more stripped down punk and new wave sounds.

"At that point, I thought this life on the road wasn't right for me, I thought, do I really care what these 15-year-olds think and the answer was no," he said.

Covach went on to get a doctorate degree at the University of Michigan, with a dissertation on 12-tone music, which he had studied as a Fulbright scholar in Vienna.

But he never abandoned his rock roots.

"At the end of graduate school there was a lot of interest in popular music, but they didn't know a lot about it. There was a feeling that it could revitalize musicology. I had a history in popular music and could speak the language of academia," he said.

"Understanding Rock" was an outgrowth of those interests, though when the idea for a serious musicological study of rock was first proposed it seemed revolutionary.

"None of us was tenured at the time and we didn't know if this would be good for our careers or would hold us back. But it took five years to get it published and it's not as risky now as it was then," Covach said.

The book consists of seven essays on various aspects of rock music from a technical, musical approach. Subjects include the Grateful Dead's "Dark Star," the music of Paul Simon, the experiments of Brian Wilson and the Beach Boys, the transformation

of the blues by Cream and even an analysis of how k.d. lang changed the meaning of Joanie Sommers' "Johnny Get Angry." Covach contributes an essay on the progressive rock group Yes and how their music relates to the classical art song tradition.

"The distinction I have from the other writers is that I'm probably the one guy who is the most reluctant scholar. If it turned out I could have stayed in the music, I would have," Covach said.

Covach's rock music classes have attracted the attention of the local media and the students. His history of rock class, a broad rock appreciation course, drew 237 students even though the limit was 200. The class includes listening to 10 90-minute tapes and having to identify groups, types of music and year released by listening to a brief excerpt. It covers every influence from blues and country-western to Frank Sinatra.

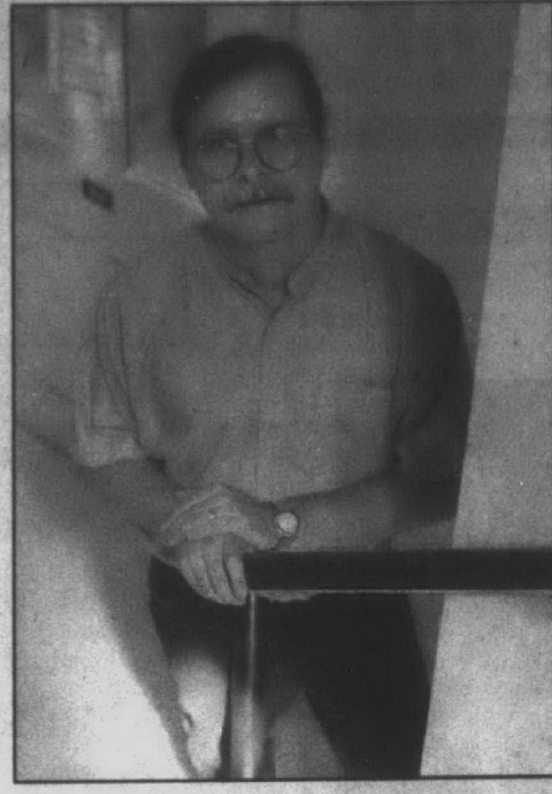
Covach also teaches classes for music majors. This fall he'll teach a class on the concept album including the Beatles' seminal "Sgt. Pepper" and Pink Floyd's "The Wall."

Covach said that most rock criticism has been more sociological than musical. He said he offers a legitimate and different approach. As a musicologist, he said, he can explain the "how" of music.

He is currently working on a book, "Rock Music Comes of Age," about rock music in the 1970s.

"It's a very hot issue, a lot of folks don't think there's any value in thinking in terms of music, that it makes rock like classical music, an elitist thing. If it's in an academic setting, it is somewhat elitist," he said.

Covach and his wife, Julie, also a Livonia native, have two sons, Ricky, 10, and John, 4. They return to Livonia each year to visit family.



Rock writer: John Covach enjoys teaching but he loves rock and roll.

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musical per year.

They're currently working on "Greecers," an original book and musical commissioned by Contemporary Drama Service.

At day jobs - for now

Vigilant and Castle's collaboration has evolved since they first set a melodrama to music 11 years ago, and performed the piece at the Golden Lion Theatre in Detroit.

Since then, they've been commissioned by Pioneer Drama Service and Contemporary Drama Service. Their work includes setting music to familiar stories such as "The Little Star," "Twas the Night Before,"

"King Midas and the Palace of Gold," "The Attack of the Killer Grasshoppers," and "Jungle Book."

That prolific output is even more impressive when considering that Vigilant and Castle both have day jobs and families.

And yes, they both are happily married.

"Relationships are very fragile. They can fall apart easily when you become selfish," said Castle of Warren, who works in customer service at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

When focusing on writing, Castle will memorize the lyrics and take walks at work to contemplate a melody. He'll work out

the song on guitar. An accomplished musician, Castle also performs locally with The Reel Happy Swing and String Band and The Dennis Cyporyn Band.

Meanwhile, Vigilant's day job doesn't take him far from his love of theater. He's public relations director for Meadow Brook Theatre, where, he confesses, the busy work often leaves little time to write his own plays.

But like Castle, he invariably finds time.

"I get moody when I don't write, so my wife and I work it out so there's time (for my writing)," he said.

And at the sound of the bell, the writing begins.

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"Pinocchio," and "Wizard of Oz," and that's why Wagman chooses to present classics. You might know the stories, but you've never seen these shows before. "They're original musicals," she said. "I have an outstanding stable of composers, actors, and directors."

Classics also have vitality, they're timeless, other good reasons to present them. Her audiences range from four to 12, but, probably because the shows are presented during the day, she draws a lot of senior citizens too.

"The audience knows what happens going in," she said. "They have expectations, and we help these kids meet them. We

have full appreciation for these timeless classics. People just love the magic, and the stories are ancient."

American Family Theater travels around the country presenting children's shows at places like Meadow Brook, and in schools. Earlier this summer they presented "Beauty and the Beast," at Meadow Brook.

"We travel with full-blown sets," said Wagman. "They tend to move and switch in front of people's eyes. We have all kinds of yummy special effects that we can pull out of our hat."

She makes no distinction between professional "adult" the-

ater and children's theater. "Good theater is good theater and good acting is good acting," she said. "There should be good, solid content, and seriousness of purpose in your presentation. We have the same intent and feel it should get the respect it deserves."

One of the greatest compliments ever paid to Wagman and a staff happened after a show. "The audience was arguing if the people waiting for the bus to pick them up after the show were the same people on stage. They didn't know if they were real - actors on stage - or puppets with music boxes. That's one of the wonders of what we do."

SRO offers spirited spoof of Shakespeare 'Macbeth'

SRO Productions presents "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9 at the city of Southfield's Theburgh on the northeast corner of

Civic Center Dr. and Bergh Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets \$8, senior adults and children under 12, \$7, call (248) 827-0701. BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

Southfield's SRO Productions

current show is a mad, mad world of farcical fun and theatrics. The title is clue enough that you're in for the spoof of your life: "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth."

The idea of course is that the good ladies are theatrically challenged and anything that can go wrong, will. And does it ever.

During opening remarks, a spotlight doesn't work. The first scene is played backward, instead of toward the audience. When they finally get things turned around, you have three curtains (not unlike the TV show "Let's Make A Deal") and as performers appear from each curtain, they're not unlike some of the audience's outlandish getups

for that show.

Under the effervescent direction of Nancy Harrower (who obviously knows her Shakespeare) one hilarious scene after another cascades over the audience.

The ensemble, in various roles, includes Marc Rosati, Emily McSweeney, Barbie Amann, Ralph Rosati, Marge Wetzell, Dennis Hubel, Joan Boufford, Kathy Booker, and Robin DeMaagd.

Barbie Amann is full of energy

and a comic delight as Macbeth. The original Lady Macbeth couldn't make it so a stagehand, Ralph Rosati, has to step in at the last moment. His hairy chest, finely trimmed mustache and sumptuous wig are a visual hoot, and his comedy is never better than when he takes a pie in the face, a la Soupy Sales. His real-life son, Mark Rosati, scores as an over-the-top adjudicator who finds the show "daring" and "gripping," and in drag he makes a lovely Gwynneth.

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Power outage doesn't stop Players Guild of Dearborn

Players Guild of Dearborn presents "First Dates and Fickle Hearts," a collection of classic comedies and farces, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Dr.) Dearborn. Tickets \$10, call (313) 561-TKTS. RYAN MALKIN, SPECIAL WRITER

The show must go on. That is the best way to describe Friday evening's performance of "First Dates and Fickle Hearts" at the Players Guild of Dearborn. As many people know, many areas in Dearborn have been without power since the large storm swept through the metro-Detroit area on July 21.

Despite the lack of electrical power, the Players Guild was full of energy. "First Dates and Fickle Hearts" was a collection of four one act comedies directed by Kirk Haas.

Despite Mother Nature's inconveniences, the cast acted out their first performance without the benefit of technical rehearsals the prior evenings. In fact, they performed without the comfort of a stage or for that matter a building. The lack of electricity in the building forced the performance to be held outside in the parking lot. The Guild was apologetic for the inconvenience. In fact, they refunded the ticket price or exchanged the tickets purchased for Friday's performance to another day.

After the black stand-up backdrop was in place, and the car

windows rolled down to allow the music to be heard, the first act began.

Anton Chekov's "A Marriage Proposal" was first on the agenda for the evening.

Gavin Milner played Ivan who asks Stephan, played by Nick Szczerba, for his daughter's hand in marriage.

At first it seemed as though the actors were a bit nervous, as may be expected, but they seemed like they were acting. The true test of an actor is to make the audience believe that they are that character.

At times the actors couldn't be heard, but outside forces were more to blame than the actors. Milner began screaming so much that he began to sweat profusely. As he was getting into his character, he seemed to relax a bit.

The topic of the play, a family arguing about land, was not extremely interesting, and the acting matched. Not to worry, there were three other plays in the evening.

Moving on to the second one-act play, Bernard Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband." Henry, played by Dan Dobrovich, has written several love poems to Aurora, Kim Donovan, and she has lost the letters. The two fight about what would happen if Aurora's husband had found out. Once the husband finds the poems, the rest can be left to the imagination. The acting in this play was much more believable.

After a short intermission, the performance continued with

"Red Carnations." Hands down the best performance of the evening. This hilarious one-act about two men meeting the same girl, whom neither have seen before, leaves the audience laughing, especially with the unexpected twist at the end. The audience believed the performances by the cast, which included Dan Dobrovich, Don and Brooke Andres. In fact, as the scene closed with a kiss, the audience burst into laughter mixed with clapping.

Nature called again, as birds began chirping consistently throughout the final one-act, Chekov's "The Brute." The widowed Mrs. Popoff, played by Maria Kovac, owes money to Mr. Smirnov for her husband. Yet in the midst of their quarreling, the two seemed to fall in love despite threats to murder one another.

Kerry Plague as Mr. Smirnov, played his role to perfection, while the butler, Luke, played by Szczerba, was lacking throughout the evening. Several humorous moments saved this play from flopping, yet it flourished like a blossoming flower. At the start it had a lot of potential, and once the potential was reached, the acting and costumes made the performance beautiful.

All in all, the performance of "First Dates and Fickle Hearts," was an experience. The very accommodating crew seemed to be proud of their work as they should be. The actors loosened up after the first act, and their



Caught in the act: Luka (Nick Szczerba, left) looks on exasperated when Mrs. Popov (Maria Kovac) refuses to pay Mr. Smirnov (Kerry Plague, right) the money he's owed because she's mourning in Anton Chekov's "The Brute," one of four one-act plays being presented by the Players Guild of Dearborn.

performances improved. Although the theater would have created a better ambience for the show, the car headlights and

music from car cassette players truly showed the dedication and love the cast and crew have for their show. The Players Guild

did an exquisite job accommodating the public and an even more wonderful job showing their lighter side to love.

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"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," a farce by David McGillicray and Walter Zerlin, Jr., continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9, at the City of Southfield's historic center The Burch, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior adults and children under 12. (248) 827-0701

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"A NIGHT OF GOOD TASTE GOES TO THE MOVIES"

Featuring a screening of the movie "The Avengers" starring Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman and Sean Connery, a light summer supper, and beer tasting courtesy of Copper Canyon Brewery. 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Star Southfield Entertainment Center and Galleria OfficeCentre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield. \$50 patron tickets include supper and screening, \$25 movie tickets, benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS

with Blue Cat, and an open mic jam session, 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 2, VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$5, \$10 includes admission and raffle ticket for a chance to win an Eddie Van Halen Wolfgang Special guitar.

Benefits the family of guitar teacher/blues musician Pat Patton who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

(734) 722-5512 (rock/blues)
FRIENDS OF FOSTER FARMHOUSE
2-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, tent party featuring food, raffle and music by City Limits Blues Band, at Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple Road, Walled Lake. 21 and older. (248) 624-9659

"LAUGH TO LIVE"

A benefit for the cure for sickle cell anemia, with comedian Bryan McCree, Thursday, July 30, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 260 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 542-9900

MOTOWN "REGATTA" CRUISE

Begins at 6:30 p.m. with a send-off party on the deck of the Roostertail, followed by a 1 1/2-hour race beginning at 8 p.m. down the Detroit River, a "Motown Cup" Celebration Party from 9:30-11 p.m. on the Roostertail deck with music by Impact VII, all Thursday, Aug. 6, Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV-4 challenges "The Mystery Captain." \$60, \$500 for a corporate table of 8, proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. (248) 473-5755

"REGGAE ON THE RIVER"

A fundraiser for the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts featuring music by Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, an exotic island buffet from the Roostertail, and a summer-themed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art of Pontiac, fashion show, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Roostertail deck, on Detroit's waterfront, 1 1/2 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge off Jefferson Avenue. \$35, \$30 Fanclub members. (248) 559-1645

FAMILY EVENTS

DIXBORO FAIR

Ice cream social, carnival games, silent auction, juried arts and crafts show, guided tours of 1858 Dixboro United Methodist Church, live entertainment, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Dixboro Village Green, Plymouth Road and Cherry Hill, Ann Arbor. A portion of proceeds benefits Habitat for Humanity, Huron Valley. (734) 761-5068/(734) 665-5632

LIVONIA WOOD CARVERS CLUB SHOW

More than 100 carvers from the U.S. and Canada display everything from wildlife to figure carvings, a highlight of the show is the Michigan Chainsaw Carving Championships both days, carving supplies, tools, woods, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$2 for families. (734) 421-8310

OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Featuring Lumberjack show, racing pigs, car show, gospel talent search, and "big events" monster trucks, rodeo, demolition derby, motocross, figure 8 car race and demolition derby, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Sunday, Aug. 3-9, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg. \$6 per car, \$7 adults, \$3 children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger for "big events" (248) 625-8133/(248) 634-8830

RATHAVATRA PARADE AND FESTIVAL

India's ancient Parade of the Giant Chariot on Belle Isle beginning on the island side of the bridge 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, followed by festival of dance, drama and music from noon to 5 p.m., (Belle Isle Shelter #5). (313) 331-6740/(313) 885-8999

SUMMER CONCERTS

BANJOES OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

DAVID BENNETT

The clarinetist performs Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-9570

CLOWNS AROUND REDFORD

Perform for National Clown Week, noon Saturday, Aug. 1, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

COMMUNITY CHORUS

8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

THE COURIERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, gazebo at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022 (big band jazz)

WILLY GEORGE BAND

7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283 (big band)

PHIL GRAM COMBO

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123 (American jazz)

HARPBEE

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416-44RT

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283 (alternative pop)

HOT ICE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110 (Motown soul)

JAZZHEAD

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Greenfield



Scottish tradition: Alexandra Bennett 7, dances as Harold Higgins plays. They will be participating in the 149th annual Highland Games, Saturday at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Scots gather for Highland Games

They're calling it "The Fling in the Motor City," and if you're Scottish, or interested in all things Scottish, you'll want to be at the 149th Annual Highland Games, Saturday, Aug. 1, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Dancing is one of the highlights of this year's games, the second to be held at Greenmead.

In the morning, dancers from the Midwest area and Canada will compete in a dance competition hosted by the St. Andrew's Society. The United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championship competition begins in the afternoon. Dancers from all over the U.S. and Canada will be competing for the national title in five different age categories from children to adult. To qualify for this competition, the dancers had to win regional competitions.

Dance events continue on Sunday at the Field House on the University-Michigan Dearborn campus. A pre-championship competition in the morning is open to all dancers who have never won a championship. The North American Highland Championship will follow. Three premiere pipers will accompany the dancers.

The games are a good place to dig for your Scottish roots. Over 30 clans will be represented. There will be vendors selling Scottish goods, Scottish food for sale, and activities for children.

They're bringing in Long-haired Highland Cattle, and there will be sheep herding

and duck herding demonstrations by Highland Border Collies and Sheep Dogs throughout the day.

Be sure to visit the 18th Century Scottish military camp. You can watch military drills and hear the firing of muskets.

149th Annual Highland Games

When: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road), Livonia.

Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$8 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. Advance tickets available at Greenmead, the Golden Girls in Royal Oak on Fourth St. (east of Main St.), or call Marty and Harold Hunter, (248) 546-1997. For general information, call (313) 832-1849.

Check out the Web site: www.Highlandgames.com

Shuttle lots: Schoolcraft College, south of Seven Mile Road on Haggerty, and Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty). There is no charge for parking in these lots and complimentary shuttle buses will run every five to 10 minutes throughout the day, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Patron, handicap and limited general parking will be available in the Main Lot at Greenmead. Experience shows the Main Lot will be full by 10 a.m.

Schedule of events:

8:30 a.m. - Games open for the public

9 a.m. - Competitions begin, Piping, Highland Dance, Heavy Athletics

Noon - Welcoming Ceremonies, Invocation & National Anthems, Lament for the Deceased, Massed Pipes and Drums, Parade of the Clans, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

5 p.m. - Closing Ceremony, Massed Pipes and Drums, Major Competitive Awards, Raffle Drawings.

Ongoing:

■ Heavy Athletics - Amateur, Professional

■ Highland Dancing Championships - Novice, Intermediate, Advance, Open, Broad-sword Dance Competition

■ Drum Major

■ Piper and Drumming, Individual, Pipe Band

■ Scottish Fiddle Demonstrations

■ Scottish Arts and Entertainment

■ Children's Events

■ Vendors of Scottish Goods

■ Food & Drink Vendors

Dance Championship Competition

Where: Sunday, Aug. 2

Where: University of Michigan Dearborn Field House, on Evergreen (between Hubbard Dr. and Michigan Ave.) across from Fairlane Town Center. Admission: \$5 at the door

■ Pre-championship Competition sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society, featuring premiere dancers from around the country who have never won a championship, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

■ North American Highland Championship, featuring premiere dancers from the U.S., Canada and Scotland, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at the University of Michigan Fieldhouse.

Tower on the school's north campus. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

BEVERLY BUCHANAN

4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Great Grieg Concert," with conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Sergei Babayan, 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, "Bravo Beethoven" with conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Mark Kaplan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, "Summer's Fantastique" with conductor Neeme Jarvi and clarinetist Ted Olen, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, and "Top Down Pops!" with conductor Erich Kunzel and the Cortes Alexander Trio, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 576-5100 or http://www.detroitssymphony.com

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS "AMERICAN VISIONS" TOUR

With the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and conductor Keith Lockhart, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50, \$50, \$75. (248) 433-1515

THE NEW MORTY SHOW

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Blind Pig, 206 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

H V I ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 31, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (swing) (248) 253-1300

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

As part of Oakland Community College's "A Little Night Music" series, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, OCC, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "An Affair to Remember," starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 7, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist evenings John Lauter, matinees Gil Francis. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS

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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for two men each of whom portrays 11 characters (male and female) for "A Tuna Christmas," 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-3781/(248) 926-0056

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Chorus Line," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon St., Hartland. (810) 220-3521

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER INSTITUTE

With classes on acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft for children ages 8-18, Monday-Sunday, Aug. 3-30, Wayne County Community College. \$100. (313) 554-1422

SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP

Two-week day camp for kids ages 10-16 that helps children develop teamwork skills by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$120. (313) 964-5821

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 Aug. 3-14, \$250 for two-week term. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Auditions for the musical "Damn Yankees," 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Copeland Center, Fourth and Mulberry streets, Wyandotte. Performances second and third week-ends in October. (734) 438-0126

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDFORD AND HAYDEN TRIO

7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 7, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

ALEX ANEST

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz guitar duo)

RALPH ARMSTRONG TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACKMAN

With John Arnold, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (gypsy jazz)

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. (248) 348-5555; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-7393; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

PERRY HUGHES

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

JAZZODITY

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5050

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acid jazz)

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

MAINSTREAM QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

"MATT MICHAELS TRIO"

With trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 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

WILBERT PAEGLER QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

WILLIAM PARKER AND PATRICIA NICHOLSON PARKER

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Gold Dollar Bar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873/(248) 546-9888

CHUCK SHERMETARO TRIO

9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

LOUIS SMITH TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALLEN WEISERMAN

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 1, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

WORLD MUSIC

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT

7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-7100 (Celtic)

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (reggae)

"WINDSOR CELTIC FESTIVAL"

With non-stop Celtic music, dance and food, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 31, and noon to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Deepde Gardens along the Detroit River, Windsor. \$2 (Canadian) each day. (519) 977-9942

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BANJOES OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

ANNE HILLS

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MUSTARD'S RETREAT

Celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DUSTY RHODES

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

POETRY

PLYMOUTH POETS

Hosts readings by Rod Reinhart, Marc Maurus and Cindi St. Germaine, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

DANCE

ANN ARBOR CONTRA

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-7704/(734) 332-9024

COMEDY

JEFF FOXWORTHY

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Kirk "Fabio Man" Noland, Pete LaDuke and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1 (\$12): Joey Bielaska, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8, 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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Leo Dufour, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Bill Thomas, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1 (\$9); Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8 (\$9), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Bryan McCree with Mark Boyd, Thursday-Sunday, July 30-Aug. 2; Mike Bonner and Jon Uberoth, Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 5-9, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6), (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

POPULAR MUSIC

AMERICA

With Blood, Sweat and Tears, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

JOHN ANDERSON

With Drivin' Sideways and Hot Walker, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, originally scheduled at Oak Ridge Natural Amphitheater now rescheduled for Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 Huron River Dr., Belleville. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (country)

ARAB STRAP

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Burns Room in St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance, \$7 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (jump blues)

THE BILLMAN BROS.

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

BLACK TAPE FOR A BLUE GIRL

6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

BLAZE

With Quasar Wut Wut and Packaged Bliss, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Aftershok, Central Sun, Las Vegas Turnbuckle Connection and Minnow Flickers, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BLUE CAT

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458; 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

BLUES IN THE NIGHT

10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)

BRIDGE

With Blue Cat, and an open mic jam session, 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 1, VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$5, \$10 includes admission and raffle ticket for a chance to win an Eddie Van Halen Wolfgang Special guitar. Benefits the family of guitar teacher/blues musician Pat Patton who was recently diagnosed with cancer. (734) 722-5512 (rock/blues)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (blues)

CHEAP TRICK

With Candlebox, Brother Cane and The Hunger, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-4404 (blues)

CLUTCH

With Stuck Mojo and Phunk Junkeez, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

THE CREATURES

With Siouxie Sioux and Budgie, with John Cale, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$29/day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (alter-napop)

CATIE CURTIS

With the Marmurs, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicicbag.com (pop)

DELUXTONE ROCKETS

With The Project, Patron Saints, Easyfill, 7 p.m. Friday, July 31, as part of the alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of

Columbus Notre Dame Hall, 35100 Van

Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne

Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (734) 729-

7092 or http://www.bandinfo.com (sur-

fabbily/punk/ska/rap)

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

DOWG BAND

With Harmonica Shah, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 535-3440 (blues)

DEEP FOREST

With Anggun, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Canceled. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (instrumental, ethereal pop)

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

EASYFILL

With Red Letter, D.B.G.'s, and Louie Old Man, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, as part of alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of

Columbus Notre Dame Hall, 35100 Van

Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne

Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (734) 729-

7092 or http://www.bandinfo.com

(punk)

GLEN EDDIE

8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELIZA

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (pop)

EVERYTHING

With Rustic Overtones, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicicbag.com (pop)

FATHERS OF THE ID

8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johnson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (313) 567-8638 (alternative rock)

NEIL FINN

Former lead singer of Crowded House, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

FUNKTELLIGENCE

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (funk)

KEVIN GEO

10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

GHEBTOBILLIES

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

GRR

10 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250; 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, as part of radio station CIDR's Garden Party at the Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-5700; 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES

With Linus and 60 Second Crush, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"THE HARD TOUR"

With Bullet Boys, Enuff Z'nuff, Bang Tango and Pretty Boy Floyd, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance, \$20 day of show. All ages.

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334-5150 or woodtip@aol.com (variety)

LISA HUNTER

9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (734) 482-5320; 9

p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Lonestar

Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave.,

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2233; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 2, Gargoyles, 7 N. Saginaw,

Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790;

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West

Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 626-

7393 (acoustic rock)

ROBERT JONES

With Jo Serrapere, 7 p.m. to midnight

Friday, July 31, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585

Franklin St., Detroit. Cover charge.

21 and older. (313) 259-1374 (blues)

MIKE KING

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,

Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248)

650-5080 (acoustic rock)

THE LOOK

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Hazel Park

Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel

Park. (248) 398-1000 (rock)

STEVE MILLER

With Little Feat, 7 p.m. Thursday, July

30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and

Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

\$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn. All ages.

(248) 377-0100 or

http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

'Saving Private Ryan' brutally honest look at war

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The landing boats rock and bounce on the rough waters off Normandy. Soldiers vomit from fear and seasickness. The boat gates drop too soon, under the barrage of gunfire, and soldiers jump into water over their heads, brought down by enemy fire or drowned by the weight of their own equipment.

Time condenses and expands. The noise is unbearably loud and then numbingly quiet. And everywhere is the acrid smell of gunpowder, the wails of the dying, blood, gore, body parts and fear, heroics and cowardice. This is what war looks like,

sounds like and feels like.

The opening sequence of Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" recreates the landing on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944, from the perspective of one platoon with a brutal honesty rarely seen in fictional war movies. Unlike Daryl Zanuck's "Longest Day," "Ryan's" D-Day landing has no stirring martial music, no gallant John Wayne and no bloodless, easy deaths.

Spielberg brings his unequalled technical mastery to bear on this visually graphic and emotionally complex look at "the last good war."

Richard Rodat's script is deceptively simple and somewhat contrived. Shortly following

the invasion, the War Department learns that an Iowa farm family has lost three sons within days of each other. Gen. George Marshall orders that the last surviving son be retrieved from somewhere in northern France and returned to his mother. The eight-man platoon we have watched suffer the horrors of the landing are assigned the task at great risk to their own lives.

Rodat's platoon has that typical World War II ethnic and personality mix — the Italian, the Jew, the hot-headed Brooklyn Irish kid, the bookworm, the bear-like and stalwart sergeant. But he gives these characters individual personalities and never makes them falsely heroic.

Spielberg takes this material and makes it into perhaps the best movie of his long and distinguished career. As a master of manipulation, he finally brings all that magic into focus to actually put us into the danger and agony of war.

One critic said he couldn't figure out what Spielberg was trying to do. Is this a flag-waving, All-American movie or an anti-war movie. He couldn't understand that it is neither and both. This isn't a sermon, it's a meditation.

This was not a war of professional soldiers. These men were autoworkers and store clerks, teachers and farm boys. They never planned to become soldiers and they weren't prepared for what they experienced, no one could be. Rodat and Spielberg present war as experienced by non-warriors, by ordinary people swept up by history. They meditate on the thin line between courage and cowardice.

Tom Hanks proves again that he is an actor of exquisite subtlety and insight. His performance as platoon leader Capt. John Miller is arguably his best yet. This secretive man with a bad case of the shakes is our surrogate through hell. He is alternately strong and terrified, a man thrust into his position because of his education and steadiness.

A scene in a church that is similar to the pre-battle scene in "Henry V" explores the special burdens of leadership. Hanks projects a humanity that speaks volumes.

Spielberg draws fine performances from everyone — Edward Burns as the cocky Brooklyn kid; Tom Sizemore as the loyal Sgt. Horvath; Giovanni Ribisi as the



Wartime: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) leads a squad of soldiers behind enemy lines to find and retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in the wartime action drama "Saving Private Ryan."

compassionate medic; and Jeremy Davies as the weak, childlike Upham. But it is Matt Damon who is especially convincing as Ryan. He underplays the emotions with exactly the right Midwestern stoicism.

And a special word should be said for Harrison Young as the old soldier with so many unspeakable memories.

The real star, though, is Spielberg. The opening sequence and the final battle for a bridge are works of stunning film choreography. Using special film stock, varied time sequencing and Dolby sound as you've never experienced it, Spielberg puts the audience into the war as close as any film has ever come. There is a sequence in the opening where Hanks momentarily loses touch with the world, as if

deep underwater, his face glazed over, eyes locked, face flushed and blood splattered. This sequence tells us everything about the man we are going to follow and much about the brutality of battle.

Cinematographer Janusz Kaminski and editor Michael Kahn combine to make these sequences play out like visual symphonies. And, speaking of music, Spielberg has mastered the use of silence. The John Williams score is typically impressive, haunting at times, but never used in the battle scenes or to pump up the action.

Those looking for a condemnation of war or those looking for a stirring, flag-waving celebration will be disappointed. Yet, Spielberg curiously, and fairly, accomplishes both.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Opened Wednesday, July 29

"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 to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.

"THE PARENT TRAP"

A remake of the Disney classic of two sisters separated at birth who finally meet and begin plotting to reunite their long-divorced parents.

"P1"

A science-fiction thriller about the haunting journey into the mind of a renegade mathematician.

"BASKETBALL"

A sports comedy centering around a few friends who create a new sport.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 5

"HALLOWEEN: H20"

It's been twenty years since the first pumpkin was carved by Michael Myers...would you like to know what everyone else is up to now?

"EVER AFTER: A CINDERELLA STORY"

Fresh spin on one of our most beloved tales. Stars Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston.

"WHATEVER"

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, a bold, retro exploration into the rights of passage for a young woman, set in the 1980s. Stars Liza Weil, Chad Morgan.

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.

"AIR DUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER"

Buddy, the talented dog, continues his adventures when he becomes a kidnaper 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.

Plowshares celebrates heritage

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

News Flash: we're all on planet Earth. Sure, it would be cool if men really were from Mars, and women from Venus. It'd explain a lot — why men and women can walk into the same office and have entirely different experiences; why conversation among women is so totally different from conversation among men; why conversation between genders can be so completely frustrating.

But nope, we're all born and bred on the same blue marble. We come up with glib interplanetary origins to play with our inability to connect with one another across all the lines we've drawn between us — gender, race, culture and religion among others. And as we've seen so often on *Backstage Pass*, when we're faced with the problems of "same planet, worlds apart," we turn instinctively turn to the arts for work it out.

Maybe that's why some of the most compelling theater in Southeast Michigan comes out of Plowshares Theatre in Detroit, which is committed to presenting African American life, trends and traditions on stage — Plowshares celebrates the uniqueness of a community while exploring its underlying, universal humanity at the same time.

Plowshares' producing artistic director also happens to be a *Backstage Pass* correspondent — our pal Gary Anderson, who has hosted performances from theaters all over the Metro Area. We've also frequently pestered him to appear on the show as a guest, bringing his performers to

the studio to appear on the big show, always with fabulous results.

Like many people in the artistic community, Gary's busy preparing for the upcoming season. I gave him a call to see what's coming up at Plowshares. As always, Gary sounded exciting about his work. "Our season opens Nov. 5 with 'Bourbon at the Border' by former Detroit Pearl Cleage. Pearl's father was the Rev. Albert Cleage who started the Shrine of the Black Madonna, an Afrocentric Christian denomination church in Detroit."

"Bourbon" takes place in Detroit in 1995. It's a love story between two former civil rights activists who participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, when activists were going down to register voters. They're college students who get caught up in the events, and what happens to them down there impacts them and their relationship with one another all the way into 1995.

"In October, we're presenting our first-ever children's play, 'Sala Cinderella,' an African-centered retelling of the Cinderella tale. We're doing it because there's really no alternative for children to see children's theatre from an African American perspective."

For February, which is Black History Month, we're presenting 'In Living Colors,' a dance theatre musical. The play deals with the history and traditions of the Gullah people in the sea islands off the coast of South Carolina. The Gullah are the African Americans that have the most pure African heritage. Off on these sea islands, they who weren't as influenced by the mainland culture; although they were enslaved, they were rela-

tively left to themselves. The drum wasn't taken away from them like they were everywhere else. The play talks about the history of that heritage, and power of it.

"In March, we're putting up 'The Trial of One Short-Sighted Black Woman V. Mammy Louise and Saffretta May,' a satire about a black female Hollywood executive who puts on the stereotypical types of the Mammy and the Saffire for the havoc they've wreaked on her life."

"Our season wraps up with August Wilson's 'Jitney.' It takes place in 1977 at the Gypsy Cab Company in Pittsburgh. It's really a play about legacy and about commitment. The cab company is being threatened with extinction — they're going to put a highway through the neighborhood. Sounds familiar, urban renewal. In another issue, the company owner deals with unresolved issues with his son, who's been in jail for 20 years for murder. It's a pretty intense play."

I asked Gary if there's an overall theme to the season. "The theme is really struggle, triumph and celebration. Sure there are obstacles. It's about taking time to celebrate the rich heritage and the triumph over those obstacles." Sounds like theater everyone on our blue planet should see.

On the big show this week: Gary Graff hosts a performance by the Pat DiNizio Trio. Nkenge Zola visits the studio of interactive artist Robert Martin. We'll see a feminist updating of the Greek classic "Antigone." Plus a performance from former Rolling Stone songwriter of the year Freddy Johnston. That's all on *Backstage Pass* tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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STREET SCENE

Candlebox finds happiness with new drummer

It's been a busy time for the rock band Candlebox, so frenetic in fact that lead singer Kevin Martin has been "trying to get married" for two years to his longtime girlfriend, Renee.

"We were supposed to get married two years ago but that fell through, and then we were supposed to get married last year, and we were busy. We were going to get married this summer, but she has to work," Martin said with a laugh.

On top of that, Candlebox has just released its third album "Happy Pills" (Maverick). Martin explained that there's a lot of work ahead for Candlebox.

"We're coming back with a rock 'n' roll record at the tail end of a lot of pop music. Rock 'n' roll is making a comeback and that's the kind of band we are," Martin explained.



Dose of happiness: Candlebox will perform songs off its latest release "Happy Pills" during "WRIF Fest" at Pine Knob Music Theatre on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"You've got, I think, right now with the resurgence of rock 'n' roll, which is nice to see, it means you have to kind of dig in and get people to kind of realize rock 'n' roll is kind of where it's at and where it's always been."

To enhance the rock 'n' roll

experience, Candlebox recruited ex-Pearl Jam drummer Dave Krusen to replace departing drummer Scott Mercado.

"We had experienced a lull for a long time with Scott, and what he wanted to do was a different thing," Martin explained.

"Dave is a musician's musician. He knows where you're going. He's self-taught like we are. That's from playing the French horn to singing to playing bass to playing piano to playing drums. We're four musicians who are finally on the same page. We were inspired by Dave, and Dave was inspired by us."

The trio of Martin, guitarist Peter Klett and bassist Bardi Martin immediately clicked with Krusen. The first day of rehearsal, the group wrote four songs together.

"It's very inspirational when you find everybody's looking at the same page and the same line. That's when the magic starts to happen," Martin explained.

One of the results of the "magic" is the song "Blinders," featuring the slide guitar work of

Klett, encouraged by Krusen.

"The funny thing about that song is we were trying to write it with Scott during the 'Lucy' project," Martin said of the band's last album. "We actually just had the opening melody of the song and it never really developed itself. Scott was mentally not in the space we were in to really work on that song," Martin added.

The song resurfaced during pre-production of "Happy Pills."

"We just took that and wrote a whole song out of that. We developed it in one day - lyrics and music and everything. That's the magic of being on the same page."

The first single from "Happy Pills" is the melancholy "It's Alright," a simplistic yet heartfelt song about the individual relationships of the quartet.

"The song's just about communication. It's really about experiencing life together and the necessity of talking to one another whether it be Renee and myself, Dave and his daughter, Pete and his parents, whatever. It's about the necessity of communication and how important it is to allow yourself to get lost in who you feel your communication is with."

Cheap Trick, Candlebox, Brother Cane and The Hunger perform as part of "WRIF Fest" Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, in Independence Township. Tickets are \$20 pavilion and \$10 lawn. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>. Candlebox's web site is <http://www.candlebox.com>.

Orlando's 'N Sync proud of being musicians first

One could say that the all-male pop group 'N Sync is a real Mickey Mouse operation.

The quintet - James Lance "Lantien" Bass, Joshua Scott "J.C." Chazez, Joseph "Joey" Anthony Fatone Jr., Christopher "Chris" Alan Kirkpatrick, and Justin Randall Timberlake - was drawn from its hometowns to the electric light shows and intense heat of Orlando, Fla.

Chasez and Timberlake's first major gig was with the Disney Channel show "Mickey Mouse Club" which paved the way for 'N Sync. The organization lent its support to the group which recently scored the dancefloor hit "I Want You Back."

"We met (the group's now executive director) Lou Pearlman and said, 'We've got a group. Would you be willing to back us.' He put the money behind us and introduced us to our manager Johnny Wright," Kirkpatrick explained.

That association has garnered a lot of flak for the Orlando five-piece.

"We were working with a lot of Backstreet Boys people," he said of the fellow Orlando fivesome.

"We got a lot of flak for that. Everyone said we were trying to be like them. Actually, we were together before we associated with any of the Backstreet Boys people. We had a lot of Mickey Mouse Club backing," he firmly added.

A friendly rivalry has ensued between 'N Sync and the hugely popular Backstreet Boys, who played a sold-out show at The Palace of Auburn Hills Friday night.

"We always keep up with them and see them every time we go home. I know that we watched them on 'Saturday Night Live' and we're so happy for them that they've gotten so big. But we're

not gonna lie. There's a little bit of jealous inside and we think, 'Man, we wish we were there.'"

"It's like when you're growing up and you have a brother and your brother gets a medal for doing something. You get a little jealous and wish you could get the medal. It just makes you work harder for yourself."

Fellow Orlandans the Backstreet Boys played instruments during its song "Quit Playing Games with My Heart" at The Palace. Kirkpatrick stressed that 'N Sync's members are musicians first.

"On our last tour I played keyboards. There was a time when we take over on 'Giddy Up,' a song that we wrote, where we went back and took over the instruments. Our band went out and tried to sing it, but let's just say we played the instruments better than they sang," he said with a laugh.

"We're all master musicians. That's the way we write our music. That's what I did to make money before the group. I'd play guitar and sing downtown with a friend of mine."

Kirkpatrick explained that although they play instruments 'N Sync is bringing along a five-piece band.

"One for each of us," he said. Like 'N Sync's self-titled debut on RCA Records, its shows are filled with upbeat dance numbers, which, Kirkpatrick explained, is something that pop music is lacking.

"If you look at all the Boyz II Men songs and other R&B groups they usually do slow songs. (They believe) ballads are for the groups with vocal harmonies, and fast ones are for the rock groups. We're bringing both to the table."

The shows, he added, are all about keeping it real - vocally.

Although there's dancing involved, 'N Sync refuses to sing to taped vocals.

"It makes for a really tough show sometimes. If you come to our show, you'll definitely see 'N Sync live. Maybe every once in awhile somebody will be a little bit winded and go out of breath during a note. That's what keeps it real."

If the Backstreet Boys' show is any indication of what 'N Sync's

performance will be like, bring earplugs. The deafening screams of young girls reduced the group's songs to a swirl of noise.

But for Kirkpatrick, that's the most flattering part of his shows. "I love it. Justin's only 17. He's around their age. He's the one they scream for the most," said Kirkpatrick, 26.

"I get the biggest smile on my face. He's so flattered by it. It's

just a lot of fun. The best satisfaction we get, though, is when somebody really and truly comes to us and says, 'I really appreciate you as musicians.' That's what it's all about."

'N Sync performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets are \$17.50 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 546-7610.

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DINING

Leave dinner or lunch to American Family Diner

Before opening American Family Diner in Westland on Aug. 25, 1997, brothers Samuel, Bill, Sam and Mike Farhat worked for a lot of different people.

Originally from Lebanon, they all started as dishwashers and worked their way up to cook, then chef. Combined, the brothers say they have more than 50 years experience.

Customers benefit from their years of experience, and conscientious desire to serve the very best food at reasonable prices.

Westland reminds them of up north, they said, explaining why they hired a friend to paint murals of trees, a wolf in front of a snow covered mountain, deer, waterfalls, an eagle, and sunset.

"We told him we wanted animals, trees, like up north," said Bill. "He said, 'leave the rest to me,' and we did. The eagle is a symbol of America."

They wanted the place to feel like up north - friendly, welcoming, kind of how people in the City of Westland have treated them. "They're very nice people," said Samuel, the oldest brother.

Before opening, the brothers invested a lot in the building - new roof, central air, heat, dropped ceiling, and hoods over the stoves. The atmosphere is clean, comfortable, yet casual. A border of red, white and blue flags helps carry-out the "American" theme. Customers can sit in one of the many comfortable booths, or at the counter for a quick bite.

On Saturdays and Sundays the prime rib special is always a sell-out. Boneless pork chops, pork tenderloin, and lasagna are other popular items.

American Family Diner serves breakfast all day, specials,

American Family Diner
Where: 501 S. Wayne Road (south of Cherry Hill) Westland, (734) 641-2559.

Open: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: It's got everything - breakfast, soup, sandwiches, salads, American, Italian, Mexican and Greek dishes including barbecue ribs and chicken. Be sure to check the daily specials.

Cost: Very reasonable. Breakfast \$1.95 to \$4.50; Sandwiches, salads, lunch entrees \$2.25 to \$9.75; Dinner entrees \$5.50 to \$11.50.

Highlights: Senior citizens get 10 percent off regular menu items. There's also a senior citizens special menu, Kids menu for children eight years or younger.

Reservations: For parties of six or more, can accommodate large parties, up to 50 people, call ahead.

Catering: Available

Carry-out: Available

Credit cards: All majors accepted

including create your own omelet, are offered 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Lunch specials served with soup or salad are available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner specials served with soup, salad and dessert - rice pudding, Jell-O, or ice cream, are available anytime.

On Tuesday, the specials included Baked Salisbury Steak with mashed potatoes, (a top seller), breaded pork chops with mashed potatoes, broiled breast of chicken with rice, baked lamb with rice, and broiled whitefish with mashed potatoes.

Conscious of customer concerns about health, the brothers include lots of heart-healthy choices on the menu. Eggbeaters may be substituted for an extra 50 cents an order for breakfast.

Besides broiled whitefish, Tuesday's specials featured broiled haddock, rainbow trout, and orange roughy. On the regular menu, there's a section "Low-Cal Broilers" a 4 ounce lunch or

6 ounce dinner portion served with soup or salad and vegetables for lunch, or all three for dinner.

American Family Diner truly does offer something for everyone in the family. There's even a vegetarian stir-fry and stuffed pita pocket, vegetarian lasagna, and stuffed grape leaves.

Chicken lemon rice soup, French onion au gratin and chili are on the menu everyday along with a Soup of the Day. There are a few appetizers such as stuffed mushrooms, buffalo wings, and stuffed potato skins.

Main entree salads include Greek, chicken, taco and antipasto. You'll find burgers on the menu, along with the classic cold turkey and ham sandwich. American House Entrees, served with soup and salad and choice of potato and homemade bread sticks include breaded veal cutlets, roast sirloin of beef, half broiled chicken, boneless chicken



At your service: Samuel Farhat (left), Ruth Pruss and Sandy Sight at American Family Diner where barbecue ribs are a specialty.

breast and country fried chicken. Barbecue ribs and chicken are a specialty. You can order a steak, or even a chicken, beef or shrimp fajita.

Feeling like Greek food? They serve shish kabob, spinach cheese pie, Mousaka, and grape leaves. You'll find all your Italian favorites - mostaccioli, ravioli, veal and chicken parmesan.

Frog legs are a top seller, they also offer fish and chips, shrimp

and fried breaded smelt.

Kids Meals are served with fries and a small milk or soft drink. Refills on pop are free.

For dessert there's pudding, ice cream, cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate cake or apple pie. Milkshakes - vanilla, chocolate or strawberry are available too.

In America the brothers are working hard to build a better life for themselves and their families. "It's easy here," said

Samuel. "If you work hard you can do anything. People will help you. If you want to buy a house, you can go to the bank and get a mortgage, they'll help you."

Freedom to them is living the American dream, owning your own business, and serving people who appreciate what you do.

"We know all these people," said Samuel about his customers. "We sit and talk with them."

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

In case you missed it. Here are some restaurants recently featured in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send recommendations for restaurants to feature to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Vic's Diner - 5662 Middlebelt Road, (near Ford Road) Garden City, (734) 427-5338. Open: 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. Carry-out: Available.

Cafe Hawaii - 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (west of the Southfield Freeway) (313) 724-2233. There is a rear entrance on Garrison. Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 1-9 p.m. Sunday. Lunch served until 3 p.m. Early Bird Dinner Specials begin 3 p.m. Menu: Hawaiian theme menu including American fare with a Polynesian flair. Cost: Lunch \$5.95 to \$10.95; dinner \$7.95 to \$18.95.

Credit cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Groups of seven or more. Can accommodate groups up to 50 people. Highlights: Hula dancers and Hawaiian

singer - 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Live bands - 9 p.m. to close Thursday-Saturday.

Too Chez - 27155 E. Sheraton Drive, (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96) Novi, (248) 348-5555. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, (lunch); 5:30-10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (dinner) and 5:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday. Menu: Innovative, contemporary presentations for a variety of palates. Offerings include vegetarian dishes, pasta, seafood, steaks, and poultry. Reservations: Accepted. Credit Cards: All majors. Cost: Dinner entrees \$13 to \$27; Small courses such as steamed mussels and Nori rolls \$4.50 to \$8.25; Soups

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Avant Garde - Where: 126 South Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499. Open: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11 p.m. Menu: Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner. Cost: Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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out: Yes, items for carryout - 20 cents extra (to pay for the container). Menu: Polish specialties include homemade pierogi, smoked and fresh kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and city chicken. Italian specialties include homemade ravioli, gnocchi and lasagna. Dinner entrees include Broasted Chicken, grilled and breaded pork chops. Lots of specials, which change daily including stuffed peppers, baked chicken and rice; homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, and breakfast. Prices: Reasonable. Pierogi \$4.50 for six; dinner entrees \$4.50 to \$7.95; sandwiches \$2 to \$4.25.

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