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Gas main ruptured

Plymouth City Hall was evacuated for 85 minutes Wednesday morning after road workers on Main Street ruptured a gas line.

The rupture happened at about 9:15 a.m. said Police Chief Robert Scoggins, who had city staff evacuate the

At the new library just south of city hall, staff and patrons were allowed to stay inside, but others were asked not to enter to prevent gas fumes from

getting inside. The rupture was sealed by Consumers Power crews by 10:40 a.m. and city hall staff were allowed to

Scoggins said there were no injuries stemming from the gas line break.



Fee hikes, rec cuts are p



City Manager Steve Walters expects to present to the commission Aug. 17 a list of noncity-resident fee hikes and program cuts if the Plymouth Township board decides not to contribute money from its general fund.

Recreation fee increases for non Plymouth city residents and program cuts for all participants will be coming, unless Plymouth Township trustees contribute money for recreation.

That was the message from city com-missioners who met Monday to discuss the future of the city-run recreation

The meeting followed the Aug. 4 defeat by township residents of a halfmil recreation tax to contribute to a community-wide recreation depart-

"I don't think we intend to look wimpy," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur, speaking for the commission.

Commissioners were unified in saying that for three years they've asked the township to contribute money to a program that has traditionally been subsidized by city residents' taxes.

Commissioners said that if the township decides not to contribute from its general fund, changes will happen.

"Clearly we feel this is an important issue to the community, a quality of life issue," said Mayor Don Dismuke.

"It seems we need to go to the township one more time. Do they see this as a critical issue to the community or don't they?" Dismuke said, adding township trustees are welcome to suggest options

"I think it's disappointing we have to ask them," said Commissioner Dave McDonald. "I'm a little mystified our phone hasn't been ringing off the

"I'd like to see a list. Let's go it

alone," McDonald said. "Tell us what the .5 mills (the city spends) would pro-

City Manager Steve Walters is to present to the commission Monday Aug. 17 a list of non city-resident fee hikes and program cuts. The plan is to make a range of changes, if the town-ship board decides not to contribute from its general fund.

Plymouth Township trustees discussed the city request at a Tuesday study session: "I have been instructed by the board to investigate some alternatives," said Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy on Wednes-

Please see RECREATION, A2

Scholastic surfing



Hands-on: Tami Fox, media specialist at Smith Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton School District, learns how to teach students about using the Internet more efficiently and how to fine-tune Web searches during a seminar at Northville filgh School

Teachers 'search' for new tools

New Morning School teacher can get lost because of the amount of Kathy Spencer said Tve never information available to them. played on the Internet before, so it's real exciting. I'm learning, too." Spencer, like dozens of other area

teachers, just finished attending an Internet training seminar at Northville High School, sponsored by MediaOne and the University of Michigan's Center for Highly Interactive Computing in Education.

"We're getting teachers to think about how to use the Internet wisely with students," said Joe Hoffman of Northville, representing the University of Michigan.

"The session is designed to show teachers how to use tactics and strategies while working with students on the Internet. It's the fastest growing medium in the Unit-

Hoffman said research shows that in an open-structured environment like the World Wide Web, students

"Students who participate in structured activities supported by teachers and strategies can take better advantage of the Internet," added Hoffman. "Just turning kids loose is not the way."

MediaOne spokeswoman Paula Peters said adults, as well as students, need to know the fine art of surfing the Web.

"Research has shown us teachers don't use the Internet as effectively as they could," said Peters. "If it's not hands-on, sometimes teachers are slow to use it.

"If we show teachers how to effectively search the Internet, they'll ultimately push the information down to students and teach them how to do informative searches," she said. "We want students to be educated in what they're doing."

Spencer, who teaches science in

grades one through eight at the Plymouth Township school, was impressed after seeing how her knowledge of the Internet could help her teaching methods.

Testing the waters

"Since I hadn't been on the Web much. I didn't see the number of places out there for science," Spencer said. "It will be very helpful in encouraging kids to ask their own questions and seek the answers."

Spencer said New Morning School has increased the number of computers over the last three years, but has been cautious in its approach to the Internet.

"I see it as a tool for free thinking," said Spencer. "This will get kids to come up with new questions that have never been answered, so when they get out of school they're thinking of new things instead of building

Please see TEACHERS, A2

Little blasts Vorva's motives



words between Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little and Plymouth resident

Jerry Vorva has escalated into the public arena.

For the first time in a public setting, Little blasted Vorva for holding up \$79.6 million in bond money for school improvements.

It began after a plea at Tuesday's board meeting from Canton tennis coach Barbara Hanosh for new tennis courts. While Little sympathized with her plight, he told her \$300,000 in bond money for a new tennis complex at Centennial Education Park was tied up in the courts.

Little is particularly disturbed that Vorva, who lost his bid in the Michigan Court of Appeals to block the selling of the bonds, is asking for a rehearing in the Appeals Court instead of moving to the next level, the Michigan Supreme Court. Little called it a delaying tactic.

"I can't be silent about it any longer," said Little, who was visibly angry. "When I see the direction has changed from going to the Supreme Court to back to the Court of Appeals, I can't withhold my personal disgust and contempt at this kind of arrogance that's being placed upon 16,000 students and a community of over 100,000 people by one person."

Along with a new tennis complex, the bond issue is expected to build new elementary and high schools, upgrade technology, and buy new busses.

"He (Vorva) is the one who is blocking you from getting your tennis courts and others from getting computers. And, I expect our bus drivers will be here soon

Please see LITTLE, A2

Lower Town still closed, patrons remain hopeful



What's happening with the Lower Town Grill?

Co-owner Kim Guenther renewed the restaurant-bar's liquor license Aug.

5, said Linda Wood of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The paying of that \$690 fee clears

the way for the city's only live music club to reopen. Yet, the club remains closed and the

owners aren't saying why. Some former patrons who appreciated a restaurant and music club in Old Village say its closing has created a void.

But some neighbors say they don't miss the thump of bass guitars and drums after midnight. "It was a place you could go to in Old Village that was unique, I do miss it," said Diane Butka, who lives on Starkweather.

Some of her Livonia co-workers also liked the place. "The word was getting out. I'm sure it brought revenue to the Old Village area, because it needed it,"

Butka said the music and the food were good, although the service was inconsistent.

The Lower Town Grill closed in early June, after Plymouth police informed staff the liquor license had lapsed.

A sign went up in the window, telling passers-by that the business was closed for renovations and would reopen "next week." But after two and a half months, the business remains closed.

Partners Kim Guenther and Tom Prendergast have declined to comment on what's happening with the Lower

Some neighbors of the Liberty Street business who decline to be named say they've heard Guenther and Prendergast are at odds over the direction of the business.

They say Guenther wants to stick with the restaurant-night club direction the Lower Town had been following. Prendergast, they say, wants the restaurant to focus more on fine dining

and less on entertainment. Some neighbors of the business say they're glad for a break in the late

night live music. They include Dean Kariniemi of Starkweather. His complaints last summer over too-loud music at the Lower Town caused the creation of a city noise ordinance.

The Lower Town had drawn its usual near-capacity crowd for live music over Memorial Day weekend. Kariniemi said just a few days later, "I drove by on my way home from work. I noticed the shades were pulled down."

"We're all happy there's peace and quite again. The quality of life in Old Village has certainly come back for us."

Kariniemi said he would like to see a reopened Lower Town Grill focus more on dining and less on music: "I hope they can reorganize.

Ironically, the noise ordinance, with specified decibel levels measured from a complainant's property line, went into effect Memorial Day weekend, the last time music was presented at the Lower Town Grill.

Among neighbors who miss the club is Randy Borst: "The best thing about that place is it had a very homey atmosphere, it wasn't real fancy. It fit the character of the neighborhood very



Favorite: Lower Town Grill in Plymouth's Old Village.

age of restaurants in Plymouth."

"There's always been a chronic short-

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Right new it does not appear I would have the votes to provide any funding from the general fund," she said, but added, "It's possible we could come up with something that's creative." City Commissioner Joe Koch

suggested township trustees could deem it fitting to contribute some Hilltop Golf Course "We don't want to tell them

what to do," said Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. But he and other commissioners said it was per to ask the township if it ould contribute - an action that could maintain the current recreation program — before city officials act to make

Reasoning

Among citizens addressing commissioners Monday was Randy Waitely of Plymouth Township. "A lot of people voted against it because they thought they had it in the general fund," he said.

"You ought to raise rates big time. I think it's called for with

the attitude they've had over there," he said, suggesting that could cause township residents

to approach their board.

Mark McGraw suggested that if fee hikes cause few to sign up for a program, it couldn't be run.

Doug Miller, a former mayor, said township trustees "can't go back now and say, 'Oh, we had

the money all along.'"
"They have probably looked at that and determined that money wasn't in their general fund," Miller said.

"If we don't ask them, then we've made that assumption on their part," Walters said.

Commissioners directed the city manager to present a letter to the township board in time for their study session Tuesday, Aug. 11, in hopes of getting a response before the Aug. 17 city commission meeting.

Recreation Director Tom Willette said a quick decision on recreation changes would be useful, as information on fall registration for skating instruction is due to be mailed.

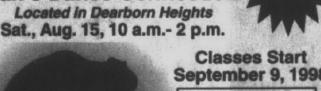
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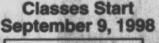
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City clerk stays in Plymouth

City Clerk Linda Langmesser w finalist for a city clerk job in Westland, but has decided to stay in her Plymouth job.

"I made my mind up to stay here anyway, after my third interview with them I felt that wasn't the community for me," Langmesser said.

"This is where I'm comfortable and this is where I'm going to stay," she said Tues-

Langmesser began working for the city as deputy clerk in 1983. She became city clerk in 1987.

Acting Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons is soon to be appointed as Westland's new city clerk.

Gibbons, who has served as deputy clerk since 1992 and was appointed acting clerk at the beginning of July, landed the job after her performance in interviews Monday night before Westland City Council. The city council is expected to approve her appointment at the next regular council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 17.

Gibbons, 51, would replace Clerk Diane

Fritz, who retired after longtime service with the city on June 30. Fritz has been retained as a \$60-an-hour consultant for six months and is working on an as-needed basis, to help in the transition. She served as clerk for 20 years before her

During a city council study session, Gibbons along with two other finalists for the job, Christine Hnatiw, Grand Ledge clerk, and Langmesser answered technical ques-tions posed by city clerks from Oak Park, Rochester Hills and Novi.

Gibbons "hit the mark the most often" when answering the questions, according to Novi City Clerk Tonni L. Bartholomew.

Little from page A1

because they've done everything to keep our fleet on the road,' added an angry Little. "Now that he's taking the case to the Supreme Court, it makes me question whether he's principled at all. This amounts to nothing more than a delaying tactic."

Little suggested that Hanosh have her tennis team call Vorva at home "to tell him of his misdirected efforts."

Vorva, never at a loss for words, fired back at Little after hearing of his comments.

"Mr. Little is the hypocrite. He's the guy who holds people in contempt and disgust," said Vorva. "He thinks it's OK to deprive 716 people of their fundamental right to vote. He just wants their money."

Vorva says court rules allow

him to go back to the Court of Appeals, and said he's actually saving the district money by doing so.

"It's perfectly legal, and the courts prefer it that way," added Vorva. "I'm trying to save time by telling the Court of Appeals it erred. And besides, it's more expensive to go to the Supreme

"They're just trying to shift the blame. Had they not manipulated the election this wouldn't be happening."

Public comment

After Tuesday's meeting, school board members reacted to the unleashing of emotion by

"I think the board has been real quiet waiting for due pro-

cess to happen," said Susan Davis. "I wouldn't think the same three judges would change their minds. What new evidence does he have? He just wants to make it longer. "I'm behind him (Little) 100

percent," said trustee Darwin Watts. "We should press to find out why he (Vorva) seems to be stalling instead of an effort to get to the truth."

Vorva filed his appeal for a rehearing with the Court of Appeals after the three-judge panel ruled in favor of a Wayne County Circuit Court decision upholding the election. The district has until Friday to respond. It could be several months before the judges make their decision.

If the Appeals Court agrees with Vorva, the case will have new life. If the judges stand by

their original opinion, Vorva has said he will take the case to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Supreme Court officials say it takes about 11 months for the court to decide if it will even hear the case

Vorva and his lawyers have hinted they will take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if they lose in the Michigan courts.

Little said if the district wins in the Michigan Supreme Court, he will then move forward with the bond sale. However, Little also notes by the time that happens, the entire scope of the projects will be diminished because of the loss of interest from the bonds, and the increased costs of goods, materials and labor since the bond was passed in March

Teachers

on knowledge that's already there."

Tami Fox, a media specialist at Plymouth-Canton's Smith Elementary, agrees

"The Internet allows students an opportunity to expand beyond the walls," said Fox. "When students have questions, teachers now won't have to say the library doesn't have the answer. The only question is how to find

their literacy skills. It works the answer and evaluate what you find."

Fox believes there's so much information on the Internet that students need to channel, focus and evaluate the information.

"And for those people who are worried about technology taking over basic skills ..."added Fox. "This reinforces to students that if they're not comfortable with reading, they need to work on

The main drawback for elementary schools in the Ply-

hand-in-hand.

mouth-Canton school district is that only one computer is connected to the Internet. Donna Aveck, the district's executive director of information and technology, says money to improve that situation is currently tied up in the court battle over the 1997 bond. She says there is more than \$9 million dedicated

And, for those students who believe they know everything,

We're getting teachers to think about how to use the internet wisely with students.'

Joe Hoffman -Computer specialist

Spencer believes the Internet will show them otherwise.

"There's a lot of unknown out there. With the Internet, students will be able to see there are still things they don't know."

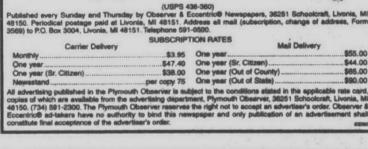
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Not only does that include building new elementary and high schools, but also \$9 million in new technology for the class-

While teachers and students continue to do their best to learn how the Internet can be a teaching and learning tool, the district operates without much of the equipment that was expected to already be in place.

"Our plan for the bond money calls for putting 30 computers in every lab in the elementary and middle schools, plus two computers and a printer in every classroom," said Donna Aveck, executive director of technology and information systems for the Plymouth-Canton schools

"That's 2,560 brand new computers that-would replace all the computers in all the labs throughout the district. It would also give everyone access to the Internet from their classrooms.

Forging ahead

However, as the bond money for technology is being held up in court, Aveck refuses to wait for the ideal situation. Instead, she's moving ahead with plans to upgrade technology throughout the district as best she can to keep from falling further behind.

"With this year's operational budget we're installing 30 computer stations and several printers in one of the Salem High School labs," noted Aveck. "We've got six computer labs in both Canton and Salem high

Aveck, a former teacher, is excited about the advantages students today have with technology in the classroom.

"Technology gives teachers a whole new bag of tricks," she said. "It breaks down the classroom walls. Linking kids with each other, with teachers and with resources ... it provides us with a world of opportunity."

While most of us think of new technology as mostly computers and the Internet, Aveck looks at the whole spectrum of technology and communication.

Many people know we have a video network because we have televisions in the classrooms," she said. "And with those TVs, best we can."



Our plan for the bond money calls for putting 30 computers in every lab in the elementary and middle schools, plus two computers and

a printer in every class-

Donna Aveck district technology director

we can use any number of devices in the classroom .. including laser disc, VCRs, still video players, cable television, and a video network which allows for broadcast from classroom to classroom."

Ayeck is quick to point out that without a solid infrastructure composed of wires and fiber optic cable, the machines would be worthless.

"We put in the biggest and best infrastructure because it doesn't tie us into any one thing," said Aveck. "As technology changes, we can adjust with new machines, whether that be computers or VCRs."

Years ago "the district took a long, hard look to figure out the future as it pertains to technology, and we guessed quite accurately that it would be much different," Aveck said.

And there's no looking back. "We can tell we've made progress when we look back. Because if we look forward, we say we have a long way to go," added Aveck. "We've got to get there a step at a time. If the ideal is to have the '97 bond in place, we just can't wait. We'll continue to move forward the

Technology director | More parking expected downtown

More parking spaces are to be created downtown, as city officials and two major landowners have agreed on a lot leasing

The plan involves the city's largest lot, behind Westchester Square Mall along the east side of Harvey Street downtown.

"The city will have rights to the entire lot, the agreement's being signed," said Mayor Don Dismuke on Monday. The city already owned a portion of the lot, at Wing and Harvey.

Before that signing, the city and lot owners John Thomas and Dennis Pennington must agree on a plan on how spaces will be re-drawn, Dismuke said.

By the agreement, the city leases the lot areas for 20 years. "We've agreed to enforce parking on those lots, and we will make that parking system one cohesive area," Dismuke said.

Plans call for the lot to include islands with trees and possibly a brick wall around.

City Manager Steve Walters said work on the lot won't happen until next year. "That was the key one we needed to get control of," he said.

The 1993 parking study sug-

gested the parking lot area rang-ing from the Mayflower Meeting House south to First of America Bank along Main Street could be another major lot for the city to

But since the adjoining lots are at different elevations, city officials aren't pushing that pro-

City officials have sought to control more downtown parking spaces in recent years, while easing stiff parking requirements on downtown restaurants.

Those former parking requirements worked to scare away potential downtown restaurateurs. That's because thousands of dollars for parking credits were assessed potential restaurants with little or no on-site parking.

City commissioners in recent years have taken several actions to reduce parking requirements for downtown restaurants. In June, those requirements were eliminated.

City officials anticipated some would seek to take advantage of relaxed restaurant requirements by building on spaces now occupied by parking lots.

A 1993 parking study had



No space: Parking has been a problem in the past.

control of significant parking area, "We probably have enough parking spots to handle build out and development," Dismuke

"The significant thing here is that we have replaced the parking requirements for downtown build-out and standardized it for all uses.

"We don't care if it's a retail store or beauty parlor, shoe store

shown that with the city gaining or restaurant - all parking control of significant parking requirements are standardized. for those uses," he said.

"The key to this has been the support of property owners, John Thomas and Dennis Pennington," Dismuke added.

"Without this ordinance the potential for restaurants downtown on the magnitude of E.G. Nicks and Tom's Oyster Bar (both proposed) would probably be impossible," he said.

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Local burglary suspect tunnels his way to temporary freedom



escaped from a Canton jail cell Monday afternoon by allegedly Habitrailing

his way through a crawl space between the police station's first and second floors.

Police aren't saying how Hoy Napier, 39, of Ypsilanti was able to get into the area, but they said changes have been made to ensure it never hap-

Napier was caught by officers about 15 minutes later in a subdivision across the street from the police station.

"I was working in the garage when the dog started barking. I just thought it was the kids. They cut through here all the time to go to the park," said Ed Reasons of Remington Court.

"The next thing I know a police officer runs through with his pistol drawn.

Within minutes, Canton police had the street surrounded as they searched back yards along Remington Court, which backs up to Canton Center.

"As I opened the front door, I heard an officer yelling for (the suspect) to get down. I guess he crawled under that pine tree and was hiding there," said Reasons pointing to a tree at the edge of his house, about 10

feet from his front door. "I always felt secure with the police station right over there,"

The 4 p.m. break-out was the second attempt of the day by

A burglary Napier, whom police have since nicknamed "hamster man." A maintenance worker informed police of a person in the crawl space about 11 a.m.

When police removed the ceiling tiles they found Napier hiding behind the air duct. Police at that time confiscated his belt, which he had used to unscrew some bolts.

About 4 p.m. Napier allegedly made another prison break, crawling to an area near the front desk, removing the ceiling tile and dropping to the floor in a small room. He opened a door leading to the front desk area and literally sprung over the

Police Officer Keith Lazar was working dispatch leaped over the counter, chased the suspect out the front doors of the police station and across Canton Center Road into the Glengarry subdivision.

Napier was arrested Friday morning for allegedly breaking into Jets Pizza, 7300 Lilley at Warren. An employee scared off the prowler, who was last seen fleeing in a white van.

An officer spotted the van at Warren and Morton Taylor and a short police pursuit ensued ending on the front lawn of a home south of Warren. The van had been reported

ship, police said. He was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering, two fleeing and eluding charges and possession of a stolen vehicle,

stolen out of Plymouth Town-

An exam is set for Aug. 21 in 35th District Court.

SMART's manager steps down

After seeing SMART through one of its darkest hours, Plymouth resident Richard C. Kaufman is stepping down as general manager of the transit system to return to the practice of law.
"I've decided I'm a lawyer first

and an administrator second," said Kaufman in a resignation submitted Tuesday.

He was a Wayne Circuit judge for eight years before joining SMART in January, 1996, and he is expected to become a part-ner with Fink Zausmer, PC, in Farmington Hills in October.

SMART deputy general manager Dan G. Dirks, Kaufman's assistant, is among the people most frequently mentioned as a

SMART a vote of confi-

possible successor.

CANTON TOWNSHIP

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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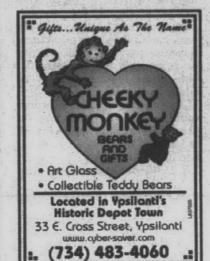
#5002 Lapierra - misc. computer equipment, misc. tools, 16 misc. boxes, storage containers, shelf system, folding table, folding chair, stool, misc. fishing equip., 4 misc. bags, misc. household goods.

When Kaufman became SMART's general manager, the system was heavily in debt and struggling for survival. Under his direction, the system reduced its debt, reorganized itself and increased ridership.

In last week's primary elec-tion, voters in Oakland, Macomb and suburban Wayne counties gave SMART a vote of confidence by renewing a one-third mill property tax to provide operational funds for the system.

"Under his leadership, SMART restructured itself and became a community based system," said Kenneth Rogers, Oakland County deputy executive, who is also on the SMART board of directors. "Dan Dirks has to be at the top of any list of candidates of possible successors," he

Kaufman Wednesday said he was pleased with the turn-around at SMART. "But I'd like to see more joint ventures with DDOT (the Detroit Department of Transportation). We don't have to merge, but I would like to have initiated more things like joint purchasing and joint field supervisors."



Ballet auditions

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers Friday, Aug. 21 at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. Audition classes are 5-6 p.m. for ages 9-12 years; and ages 13 and older 6-8:30 p.m. (bring pointe shoes). All girls must wear black leotard and pink tights. Hair should be up (bun, french braid) - no pony tails. Boys must wear appropriate dance attire with ballet shoes.

All dancers are required to submit a resume and photo. There will be a \$5 audition fee. Male dancers are needed with scholarships available.

Beanie Baby show

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show/Sale will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer St.) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$4; kids 4-12 years, \$2. Beanie Babies will be given as door prizes every hour. For inquiries call (734) 455-2110.

Open house

The Plymouth YMCA will be

holding an Open House for the Y-Kids Pre-School Program on Aug. 20, from 3-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer St.) in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-2904.

Mural unveiling

Visit the Plymouth Library, Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. to see the unveiling of the mural more than 800 children helped create at the 18th Annual Plymouth Art in the Park event. The masterpiece will be hung inside the library for all to

Fund-raiser

Project Compassion will hold its 11th Annual Golf Outing, Saturday, Aug. 29 at St. John's Golf Club, 14830 Sheldon Road in Plymouth. 4-person scramble with shot-gun start at noon. Carts, refreshments served on the course, dinner prizes galore, Toyota Camry hole-inone contest. \$95 per person (\$35 tax deductible). Proceeds to benefit nursing home programs and specialized transportation services. Call (800) 626-9622 or (313) 832-7850.

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by John Goodman Coldwell Banker Preferred

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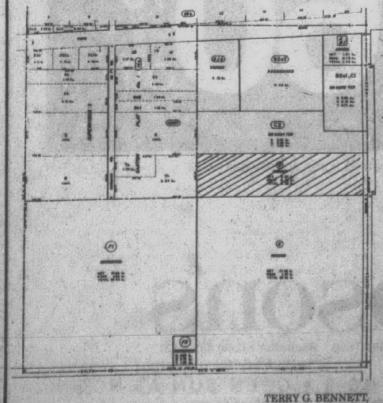
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Township Board will meet at 7:00 P.M., August 25, 1998 at the Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road to conduct a public hearing regarding the following:

Consideration will be given to the request submitted by Bailey's English Pub & Grill for a new full year Class C Liquor License, restaurant to be located at 1777 Canton Center N., Parcel No. 061-99-0003-703

Local legislative approval is required for new and transferring on-premise licenses by Section 436.17 of the Michigan Liquor Control Act. Township Ordinance No. 114 requires that a public hearing be held.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any concerns they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.



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Friends of Rouge relocate offices closer to river

Friends of the Rouge are calling it a move "upstream."

The non-profit group officially moved on July 1 from its offices in downtown Detroit to the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

The move marks a new partnership between HFCC, the city of Dearborn Heights and Friends of the Rouge, said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge.

"The city of Dearborn Heights has hired us to provide the public education plan," Graham said. "We're working with them and the college to use our programs to use a public educational plan for Dearborn Heights.

"In exchange for that, we've got office space."

The program helps Dearborn Heights meet watershed permit guidelines regarding public education, Graham said. Other communities, such as Livonia, Westland and Garden City, also have expressed interest in the program.

Graham likes the new digs, particularly in a community college.

"I think it's going to give us greater opportunity for outreach into communities. Our general accessibility has

I 'Now, we're in a one-story building and we're right at the Rouge River. Down the hill from us is the river.'

Jim Graham

executive director

increased from being downtown. There it was difficult to find parking and we were

located on the ninth floor.

"Now, we're in a one-story building and we're right at the Rouge River. Down the hill from us is the river. It's closer to the heart of our membership." Graham was referring to the volunteers and the Rouge itself.

The proximity will help with accessibility to more people, community groups, schools and public officials.

The Urban Watch program calls for about a dozen selected volunteers to monitor the river's water quality and check for illicit discharge into the river, also part of the stormwater permit discharge guidelines.

"It can detect things like sewage, metals and other things that can help narrow the sources of those contaminants entering the river,"

Please see ROUGE, A16

State aid

Colleges see increased funds from Lansing

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Community colleges will get \$282 million in state aid, up \$11 million from what Gov. John Engler proposed last winter and good news for Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft Col-

"This budget reaffirms my commitment to make more resources available to more students," Engler said as he signed the bill.

The governor had asked for no

dollar increase for state aid, arguing that the two-year colleges would reap a cost cut by having to pay 5.9 percent less into the retirement system.

But lawmakers refused to buy his argument. The Senate voted \$279.1 million, the House \$283.5 million, and the final conference

report compromised at \$282 million

OCC will get a 1.94 percent hike to \$20.2 million - "unexpected good news," said Clarence Brantley, vice chancellor for administrative services and chief budget man.

"We constructed our 1998-99 budget with no increase in state funding. We will place this (new) money in the fund balance as a buffer against unexpected short-

Schoolcraft will get \$10.98 million, up about 3.7 percent.

Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, said the college didn't expect that much state aid.

"We had proposed a 1 percent increase in the state appropriation, knowing that the governor had proposed zero, but that the House and the Senate would

■ 'We're always pleased that the appropriation is higher than what we budgeted.'

—vice president of business services at Schoolcraft College

increase what the governor proposed," Raby said. "We're always pleased that the appropriation is higher than what we budgeted." Engler hoped aloud that com-

munity colleges, "with this extraordinary support," would hold down tuition increases.

OCC in fall will raise tuitions

for the first time in four years.

It will charge in-district students \$47 per credit hour, up \$1 or 2.2 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$79.50, up \$1.50 or 1.9 percent; and non-Michigan residents.

\$111.50, up \$2.50 or 2.3 percent.
Schoolcraft will charge in-district students \$54 per credit hour, up \$1 or 1.8 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$76, up \$2 or 2.6 percent; and non-Michigan resi-

dents \$115, up \$1.

Since the rates are below consumer price inflation, students' families will be eligible for state

personal income tax credits.

The state aid bill goes to base operating budgets.

Please see COLLEGES, A7

Bond issue called largest in state history

The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport completed the largest bond sale ever completed for a U.S. airport and the largest tax-exempt bond issue in Michigan history, according to the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, a law firm that acted as co-bond counsel for the bond issue.

The bond issue of \$1,017,890,000 closed on July 16. The effective interest rate on the bonds was 5.29 better than the county's projections.





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OBITUARIES

S R. GEAR

Services for James R. Gearns of Belleville were Aug. 3 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Lamphear officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Mr. Gearns, 75, died July 30 after a brief illne

He was born July 2, 1923, in Standish, Mich. Mr. Gearns enlisted in the Army and served in Italy and Africa during World War II. Mr. Gearns and his wife,



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Norma, settled in Plymouth where they raised five sons and

Mr. Gearns retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1982 and moved to Belleville in 1988. At age 69, he began working at Chesly Odom Design Associates in Belleville as a gardener and

groundskeeper. He is survived by his wife; sons Eric L. (Bobbie) of Atlanta, James M. (Virginia) of Belleville, Christopher R. (Karen) of Plymouth, Craig W. (Kimberly) of Westland, Jeffrey P. (Kristin) of Westland; daughters Pamela A. (David) Graham of Canton, Patricia M. of Belleville; two sisters, Madelyn McDonald of Ply-mouth and Grace Smith of Ply-mouth; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ACK O. D'HAENE

Services for Jack O. D'Haene of Northville Township were Aug. 11 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Lance Rubringer officiating. Burial was in Riverside Ceme-

tery, Plymouth.
Mr. D'Haene, 70, died Aug. 7
in Northville Township.

Mr. D'Haene was born Oct. 9, 1927. He was a superintendent in the construction field with Waterland Trucking Co. in Wixom for 47 years. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. No. 1740 in Plymouth and served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jackqueline Lea Mac-Gregor; a son, Michael D'Haene;

and a brother, George D'Haene. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Northville Township; three sons, George of Washington, David (Wendy) of Northville, Dirk (Shelley) of Pennsylvania; a sister, Marcella Dodes of Plymouth; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

JOSEPHINE G. MOVINSKI

Services for Josephine G. Movinski of Plymouth were Aug. 8 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Movinski, 85, died Aug. 5 in Plymouth.

She was born March 6, 1913, in Detroit and was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth-Canton community 17 years ago from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank. She is survived by two sons, Richard of Canton and James of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Diane (Frank) Shimsky) of

Atlanta; a brother, Walter Wiacek; a sister, Adeline Wiacek; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FLOYD FRANCIS GOOTEE

Services for Floyd Francis Gootee of Plymouth Township were scheduled for Wednesday from Northrop-Sassaman Funer-al Home in Northville and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John T. Sullivan officiating. Burial was scheduled for Holy

Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Mr. Gootee, 79, died Aug. 9 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington

The son of Thomas and Minerva Gootee, he was born on Sept. 12, 1918, in Perry Township, Ind. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was employed as a driver and salesman for Farmcrest Bakery.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; daughters Judith Gorman of Westland, Carole Bergner of Farmington Hills and Joan Frizzell of Livonia; four sons, Dennis of Livonia, Robert of Dearborn Heights, Jeffrey of Dearborn Heights and Timothy of South Lyon; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit.

GERALD J. WILSE Funeral services for Gerald J. Wilse, 66, of Plymouth and Tucson, Ariz. were Aug. 12 at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tuc-

Mrs. Wilse died Aug. 8. He was president of the local 420 United Auto Wo. kers in Bedford, Ohio, worked on the staff of Solidarity House UAW and was administrative assistant to the secretary/treasurer of the international UAW. He retired to Tucson and became active in the UAW retirees as chairman and was also active in statewide politics. He was former president of the Arizona State Council of Senior Citizens and was a past Grand Knight of Council 6933. He was also a past comptroller of

Gersche Assembly. Survivors include his wife, Alice; son Gerald Andrew of Tucson; daughter Susan Marie Wilse (Matthew Louis) Bagnell of Novi; and parents-in-law Andrew and Gertrude Hibyan of Cleveland.

Adair Funeral Home in Tucson handled the arrangements. Donations maybe made in Mr. Wilse's memory to the American Diabetes Association or to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 6220 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

ROBERT RANDOLPH PELTO

A memorial service for Robert Randolph Pelto, formerly of Plymouth, was held Aug.1 at Tabernacle Church in Melbourne, Fla. Mr. Pelto, 65, of Melbourne, died July 27.

Mr. Pelto was born in Baraga County, Mich., and graduated from Chassell High School, Chassell, Mich., in 1950.

He was a retired sheet metal mechanic from Accudyne Corp.

and worked for 25 years in the automotive industry.

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He was a member of Taberna-cle Church in Melbourne and a member of the AOPA, having

been a private pilot since 1967.

He moved to Florida in 1976 and worked in real estate and at BCC in Brevard County as a vocational instructor for sheet

metal mechanics. He also worked in a fabricating shop His hobbies included reading, traveling, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Pelto of Melbourne; daughters Faith (Gerald) Cooper of Melbourne, Patti (Michael) Perry and Joan (Roger)
McDaniel, both of Ypsilanti; sons John Pelto (Lisa Glover) and James (Brenda) Pelto of Palm Bay; grandchildren April (Simon) Scully, Jeani Denkhaus Angela Hatcher, Jason Cooper, Joel, Nathan and Michael Perry, Evan and Kendall McDaniel, James Pelto and Melissa Pelto: step-grandchildren Jennifer and William Glover and Jenifer Bird; and great-granddaughter, Cerenitee Adams.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Catherine Hatcher; and grandchildren Sean Cooper, Eric Hatcher and Lacey Bird.

Memorials may be sent to Tabernacle Church, 1619 Ferndale Ave., Melbourne, FL 32935 or Health First Homes Regional Hospice, 1900 Dairy Road, West Melbourne, FL 32904.

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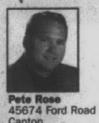
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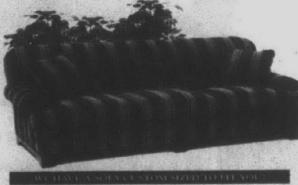
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Here are highlights from some of the other budget bills Gov. John Engler signed since the Legislature adjourned July 3:

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Department of Transportation, including more than \$300 million in new federal money under the TEA-21 law. The total is \$120 million more than Engler had expected when he presented his budget Feb. 12.

■ Jobs Commission - \$108.5 million, including a \$550,000 increase (to \$8 million) for the Travel Michigan program. Law-makers cut about one percent from the governor's overall

Revenue sharing - \$1.4 billion for local units in the general government budget. Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, complained that no action was being taken under his Senate bill that

Natural Resources - \$48.7 million, about \$600,000 more than he had requested, as the state's share of a total \$228 million DNR budget. New: a video and youth outreach program of \$1.4 million; portable radios for conservation officers for \$600,000.

Also: another \$1 million for the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (to a total of \$3.4 million) to reopen Camp Alberta at Baraga; a new fish hatchery at Gay-lord; and \$85,000 for a Michigan State University study to control "swimmer's itch" in lakes.

Environmental Quality -\$92.6 million in state money, up nearly 8 percent over the current year and almost 1 percent more than the governor recommended. New items: \$53.4 million for cleaning up contaminated sites with priority for public health dangers and redeveloping con-taminated "brownfield" proper-

■ Welfare - \$2.9 billion total for the Family Independence Agency, including \$1 billion from the state and the rest from the federal government. It's about

1994, welfare caseloads have

dropped 50 percent to the lowest point since August 1971. The June caseload was 115,737. Meanwhile, day care costs are rising as former welfare clients go to work.

■ Prisons - \$1.44 billion, up 5 ercent from the current year. Engler said the Department of Corrections will need 5,400 more prison beds in the next four years, the state has saved \$1 bil-lion in infrastructure costs due to double bunking and other effi-

ciencies, he added. State police - a total of \$351.5 million, 1 percent more than he had recommended. what Engler had proposed. than he had recommended. Engler said that since March Included is \$5.1 million for trooper recruit schools.

OCC will get \$1.6 million of the \$20 million pot. It will help pay for 1,800 scholarships – more than double the number of the next highest provider, neigh-boring Macomb Community Col-lege, "a lion's share," in heard words of Chancellor Richard Thompson said the 1,800

scholarships will cover a two-

Colleges from page A5

year cycle and be given to about 750 students because some will be in two-year associate degree programs and others in shorter In addition, Engler signed a bill to provide \$20 million for

scholarships to community col-lege students enrolled in technicertificate programs.

Raby expected to hear within cal training programs leading to either a certificate or associate's days what Schoolcraft will

> The Engler program also provided \$30 million for five new technical training centers statewide. OCC is expected to apply for some of those funds.

> Technical training centers are part of the \$108.5 million in state funds going to the Michi-

gan Jobs Commission, a successor to parts of the Labor and Commerce departments. The Legislature cut about \$500,000 from Engler's request.

Engler also signed an \$870 million bill for the Department of Education, about 1 percent more than he had requested.

New is \$5 million for a Governor's Reading Plan, a comprehensive literacy program to reach the first three grades. It will provide \$300,000 in matching funds for a National Geographic Society endowment for geography education.



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Watchful eyes: Carol Clements (left, top photo), a naturalist at Wayne County parks, looks for birds with children at the Nankin Mills Summer Nature and History Day Camp. David Kalvel of Westland (lower photo) watches a heron through binoculars. Youngsters can spend as long as one week at the camp, getting involved in games and crafts, and learning a lesson in birds, mammals, reptiles and history.



Youngsters get a bird's eye view

County hosts nature program

Wayne County parks recently ended its first year of Summer Nature and History Day Camp at Nankin Mills in West-

Carol Clements, parks naturalist, was pleased with the camp in Hines Park, and hopes more residents participate next summer when she expects it will

"We hope that more people will learn about it," Clements said. More than 40 children in kindergarten

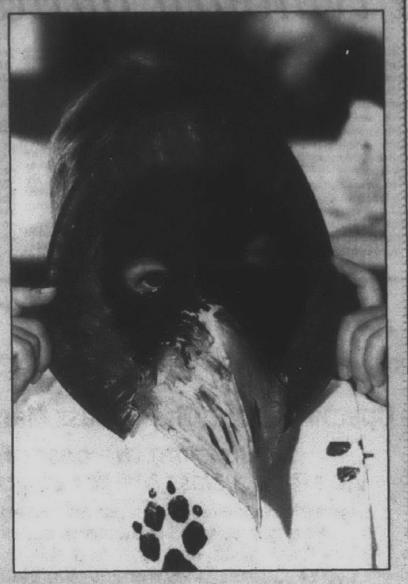
through sixth grades participated in the July summer camp. Clements said her goal with the program was to have the children enjoy outdoor experiences and help them build self-esteem.

The children enjoyed games, crafts, learning lessons on birds, animals and reptiles, and the history of the building.

The children saw green and gray-blue herons, a kingfisher, a red-bellied woodpecker and a snapping turtle. Children made masks of birds, and tasted grape leaves and raspberries.

"The last day (of the week-long camp) they learn about history, about native Americans in the area, settlers and the grist mill," Clements said.

For more information, call (734) 261-



All about birds: Justin Liedel of Canton looks through his bird mask he made in crafts to learn about birds at day camp.

.hold its biennial reunion Sept. 2-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Min-

neapolis. The Trailblazers left from Boston en route to a landing in Marseilles, then committed to action in Alsace on Dec. 27, 1944. They caught the brunt of Hitler's final offensive, "Operation Nordwind."

The Trailblazers stopped the elite 6th SS Mountain Division (Nord), tragically sustaining the third highest casualty rate — 58 percent of their ranks - for any American division during the

war. Following their successful defense, the Trailblazers took the offensive in Germany, through Wingen, Phillipsburg, Forbach, Spicheran Heights and Saarbrucken, enduring 86 consecutive days of battle.

Their heroic actions won them the Distinguished Unit Citation, three Battle Stars, 13 Distinguished Service Crosses, 228 Silver Stars, 11 Legions of Merit, 16 Soldier's Medals, 1,469 Bronze Stars and 36 Air Medals.

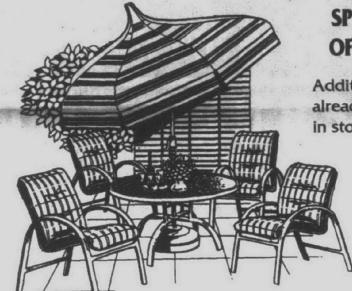
many surrendered.

The Trailblazer division was inactivated in October 1945 at Camp Kilmer, N.J. It was reactivated at the 70th (Training) Division in March 1952 at Fort Wayne in Detroit and it spent many years in the area. The

ing division were from Michigan. For further information, contact Louis Hoger, 5825 Horton, in Mission, KS 66202 or at (913) 722-2024 or George Marshall, 8214 E. Highland, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or at (602) 945-5288.







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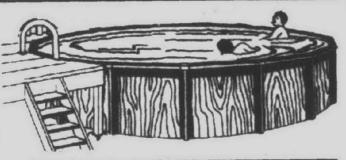
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Plymouth builder sues over storm sewer bid-

A Plymouth-based building contractor said he could have saved Canton residents \$74,696 if he was hired to build the Ton-

uish Creek storm sewer project. The township board contracted with another company to do the work, despite Landmark Contracting Company being the low-est bidder.

Landmark Contracting bid 399,810 while Jack Anglin Co. bid \$974,506. Fourteen other npanies bid on the project, but timated even higher costs.

A lawsuit was filed by Land-

mark June 17 - about one week after the township board awarded the contract to Jack Anglin as the lowest qualified bidder.

"They're not following the books," said Landmark owner Nazir (Ned) Jawich, also a Canton resident. "It's the taxpayers" money, not (the township board's)."

The contract was awarded after township consultants, Michael Priest & Associates,

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reviewed the bidders and made the recommendation of hiring Jack Anglin Company. Michael Priest is also named in the law-suit against Canton Township.

Bid process

Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said bids are looked at internally after Michael Priest & Associates makes the initial recommendation. Machnik makes the final recommendation to the township

"I made a recommendation for the lowest qualified bidder. It was my opinion that this company didn't meet the criteria," Machnik said.

He declined to discuss specifics of the lawsuit.

According to Jawieh, Land-mark was told that his company wasn't large enough to handle the work of constructing the large retention basin and storm sewer outlets.

"We're bonded. If we can't do it, then they wouldn't have bonded us," he said.

Landmark has been in business for three years and employs 25 workers, he said.

The company recently completed the utility work at the 20-screen AMC Theater on Haggerty Road, just north of Seven Mile, in Livonia. Jawich claims that job was twice the size of the Tonquish Creek storm water

Landmark lost the first round in court July 27 when Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John Murphy denied a prelimi-nary injunction and restraining order to stop the work until the issue is resolved in court.

Altogether, Canton will finance \$1.9 million in bonds, which includes construction costs for utilities, land purchase, engineering and other fees.

Property owner, J.A. Bloch & Co., will pay back the township through an assessment on its tax bills over a 10-year period.

Future plans

A 90-acre Koppernick Corporate Park is planned for the industrial area east of I-275, between Koppernick and Warren

The detention pond will catch storm water runoff from the corporate park and act as a holding

base until it can flow into the Tonquish Creek, which feeds into the Rouge River. The Ton-quish Creek runs through the south of the property.

The project received opposition from Holliday Park Nature Preserve Association and Friends of the Rouge River.

At the same time the township board awarded the contract to... Jack Anglin, it also bought 6.5. acres of land for \$425,500 that will become the large detention pond for the planned Koppernick Corporate Park.

The next court date for Landmark Contracting and Canton Township is Oct. 2.

Burton Katzman Development Company already has approval from Canton to build two office/warehouse buildings approximately 66,000 and 91,000-square-foot in size on property nearest I-275.



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Road improvements continue

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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's pledge to improve all 141 miles of the county's worst roads has led to the county's expected improvement of 58 miles of these roads for \$50 million this year, also making it largest of a three-year bond program McNamara announced last year called Part-

The plan combines a \$60 million county bond issue with existing federal, state and local matching money for a three-year investment in county roads of more than \$130 million.

Last year 35 miles of roads were completed. In 1999, 48 miles will be fixed.

This year's completed resurfacing projects include: Ann Arbor Trail between Ann Arbor Road and Beck in Plymouth Township; Eight Mile east and west of Haggerty along the city limits of Livonia, Northville and Novi; and Haggerty between Joy and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Canton Center Road in Canton Township will receive a facelift. Concrete paving is under way on the Belleville-Canton Center intersection south of Michigan Avenue. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direc■ County officials expect to improve 58 miles of roads this year to the tune of \$50 million, the largest of a three-year bond program to resurface and repair 141 miles of county roads .

Temporary lane closures are expected to cause delays on Canton Center between Sheldon Center and Joy during the resur-facing scheduled to be completed this month. Traffic will be maintained on one lane in each direction on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Ford until this phase of the resurfacing project is completed in November.

Cherry Hill between Ridge Road and the Wayne County line in Canton will be resurfaced this month. Temporary lane closures may cause minor delays.

Five Mile Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford will be resurfaced between now and October. Crews have begun removing existing asphalt. Traffic will be maintained one lane in each direction.

Work is nearly completed on two northbound stretches of Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads in Northville, and Seven and Eight Mile roads. Traffic is still being maintained one lane in each direction as contractors prepare the Five Mile Road pavement from Haggerty to the I-275 bridge prior to

Hines Drive will be resurfaced

repairs and resurfacing.

The intersection at Ridge Road and North Territorial in Plymouth Township will be resurfaced. Schoolcraft between Wilcox and Haggerty also will receive another layer of asphalt in August. Wilcox between Hines Drive and Schoolcraft will be resurfaced and lane closures can be expected in August.

Work crews have reduced traffic to one lane in each direction on Seven Mile between Newburgh and Wayne in Livonia during the reconstruction and widening of Seven Mile. That work will be completed Nov. 15.

Warren Road will be widened at the intersection of Inkster Road at the city limits of Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Westland. Traffic will be maintained at one lane at all four quadrants of the intersection.

Other county projects include: and Westland city limits will have lane closures during resurthe resurfacing of Seven Mile from Telegraph to Grand River facing during August and in mid-August; resurfacing of Temporary lane closures can Middlebelt in two segments in be expected along Plymouth Livonia, from Joy to Plymouth roads and from I-96 to Five Mile Road between Haggerty and Eckles in Plymouth Township as in September.

\$1.2 billion proposed for road, bridge repairs

The year 1999 will bring more road and bridge repairs to the tune of \$1.233 billion, Gov. John Engler announced

The money will be used to repair and rebuild 1,625 miles of roads and rehabilitate 310 bridges across the state.

Among those improvements in western Wayne County will be a five mile stretch of reconstruction of I-275 from Five Mile north to I-696 in Oakland County. Also, two bridge repairs will be completed on southbound I-275 - under Joy and under Palmer.

These projects are "just the tip of the iceberg" to bring nine out of every 10 roads to good or fair condition within 10 years, Engler said.

"At the same time, our commitment to fixing our current system of roads is clear, as only 7 percent of our 1999 budget will be dedicated to new road construction," Engler said. Engler credited passage of the Build Michigan II plan, the full impact of the recently-passed federal trans-portation bill and the Michigan Department of Transportation's continued reorga-nization for the investment in road and bridge repair.

Road and bridge invest-ments for 1999 include: \$434 million to repair and rebuild roads; \$258 million for maintenance; \$175 million in bridge rehabilitation and pre-ventive maintenance on bridges; \$88 million in new road construction with the balance of the budget (\$41 million) invested in safety improvements; federally mandated programs (\$97 million); economic development fund and TEA-21 high-priority projects (\$36 million); the completion of the etate's critical tion of the state's critical capacity projects (\$66 million) and other support activities.

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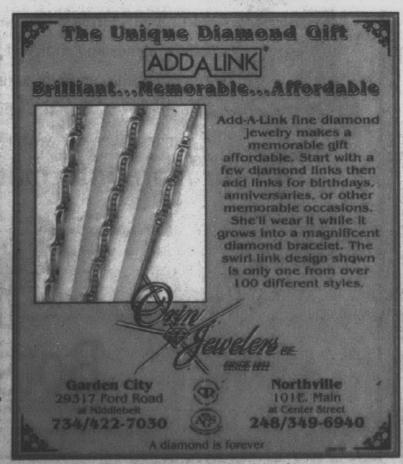
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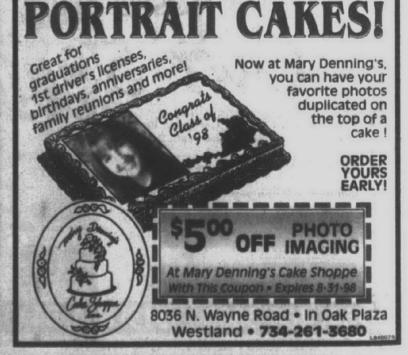
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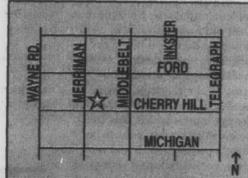
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Time has come

New vision of Old Village

Legislation we can be proud of

t long last, something truly new is happening in Old Village. And it's about

The proposed construction of the 21-unit Liberty Woods Condominiums on the southeast corner of Liberty and York streets is a sign of movement for Plymouth's historic area.

Condominiums will bring new residents with new ideas to Old Village. While many residents and business owners in the area are active, there's always room for more ideas and

Already a market study by business consultant Doyle Hyett has been performed for Old Village. He had a hand in developing downtown Plymouth so he knows what the community is about.

His vision of Old Village is one of antique shops, flower shops, potteries, a butcher shop, wine and cheese shop, maybe restaurants serving Italian, Chinese or Thai cuisine.

All you have to do is imagine and Old Village could provide that interesting slice of life for the Plymouth community. It could be where you can just kick back, enjoy a great

We have lashed the Legislature for its late-hour votes, its sausage-making habits

So it is incumbent on us to praise our

law "date rape" drugs. These laws, when

heroes and heroines in Lansing for rising to a

bipartisan occasion with some good laws. Top

examples: organ donor laws and efforts to out-

implemented by an informed public, literally

tary of state to include organ donor information when drivers renew, or apply for new,

Michigan licenses or for state identification

cards. Applicants will receive a postage-paid

card they can sign and return to be listed as

The secretary of state would forward the

applicant's name and address to the state cen-

tral organ procurement organization. In other

bills, the Legislature provide \$40,000 for pro-

program and \$64,000 for the return postage

to that effect on his or her driver's license or

in the number of people who are registered

organ donors. More than 2,000 people are on

organ transplant waiting lists. An estimated

In short, lawmakers assume Michiganians

will respond to the request to be organ donors

once they know it can be done and is needed.

We think they assume correctly. Michiganians

can and will be more generous in helping oth-

ers live through the ultimate act of recycling

Reps. Lingg Brewer of Holt and Lynne Mar-

Meanwhile, the Legislature has passed

Schwarz's bill to outlaw GHB, gamma-hydrox-

ybutyrate - the "date rape" drug. The new law

classifies GHB as a Schedule 1 controlled sub-

stance, along with opium and hallucinogens.

"GHB is particularly dangerous because

tinez of Lansing and Republican Sen. John

The bipartisan team included Democratic

11 patients per month die because donated

ducing a pamphlet explaining the organ donor

The willing donor would have a statement

Michigan ranks 45th among the 50 states

willing organ donors in the event of their

One set of new laws will require the secre-

and its inflation of partisan issues.

will save lives.

unexpected deaths.

state identification card.

organs are unavailable.

Schwarz of Battle Creek.

cards.

■ To draw residents, an area has to have something to offer.

dinner, stroll among a myriad of stores that could offer off-the-beaten-track items or those items that you can't find in your everyday, run-of-the-mill stores.

To have successful stores and restaurants, you have to have residents. To draw residents, an area has to have something to offer.

That's why we think the construction of these new condominiums is a sign of something good about to happen in Old Village.

Old Village has been like the weather. Everyone talks about it, but no one does anything. Until now. We congratulate developer Adriano Paciocco, president of Multibuilding Co. Inc. of Plymouth, for his decision to build in Old Village

To other developers, would-be and existing entrepreneurs, follow the money and you can share in the slowly growing success of one of Plymouth's best-kept secrets.

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anybody can buy the materials to make it over

the counter and cook it up in a kitchen," said

A sexual predator can slip it to a young

memory so that the victim can't even identify

her assailant. Administered too freely, GHB

for possessing and using GHB. That's if the

predator is identified, caught, tried and con-

Aug. 6 Community Life section report, if

population, she says, is college women.

women were taught to prevent such tricks.

Ilene Zisk of First Step in Canton says grow-

ing numbers of area women are becoming vic-

tims, particularly in the last two years. Target

Warning signs: The victim appears drunk

but has no odor of alcohol on her breath; her

speech is slurred, her face not animated, her

Preventive steps: Don't accept a drink from

body limp; she's confused, dizzy, drowsy,

someone you don't know well or trust; at a

bar, accept drinks only from the bartender;

your glass and never leave it unattended.

watch your friends' behavior; keep your eye on

So our Michigan Legislature deserves a col-

lective, bipartisan pat on the back for passing

But it will be up to the people - those who

have the attitude of being their brother's and

sister's keepers - to donate organs and guard

against drug-passing predators.

There are, of course, severe punishments

It would be much better, according to our

woman in a drink and rape her when she

passes out. The drug also causes a loss of

of recycling organs.

Schwarz during Senate debate.

can even cause death.

speaking incoherently.

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needed. We think they assume cor-

Bird watching



Diverse crowd: (Far right) Deborah and Richard Rosser of Plymouth draw curious looks at the celebration of the Plymouth automobile as their prized birds, Scarlet, Humphrey and Merlin make the rounds at the show.

LETTERS

Lower those machines

'm sorry. I can't take it anymore. I'm tired of hearing that there was nothing wrong with the voting machines used in that fated vote. There was a problem, and it was a simple, but a VERY important problem with them.

To start with, let me digress a bit, to lay some groundwork for my explanation. As we look at our television sets, we do so, while lying on the floor, sitting in chairs, standing up, straight in front of it, to the left, or to the right of it. It really doesn't matter much. But the screens on those machines, are meant to be viewed from a heads-on position. If you move to view it at an angle, you start losing your good

So what does this all mean? Those machines were standing at least 4 inches too high, causing anyone of less than 68 inches in height, to have a next to impossible task to view those screens properly. Since we know that the average female is less than 66 inches tall, it is surprising that there weren't more spoiled ballots.

How many of you had trouble viewing those screens? Did the powers that be know that they had a problem at that time? Probably not. Did they realize later on, that they had a problem during that election? It's my guess that they did because the next time that those machine were used, they were lowered about 4 inches. These are the facts. If you don't believe me, check it out for yourselves. And don't shrug me off, as someone just ranting, because then, you are acting like the person who keeps screaming that they can see no problem ... because they have their eyes closed.

Leon Suchorski Canton

Only getting better

n response to the Thursday, July 9, Observer headline on Page 1, "Retailers 'hate' Art in the Park." I need to make it very clear to you and your readers that indeed, the Plymouth retailers DO NOT hate Art in the Park.

This event does not come without some obstacles but no means did I state that retailers hate the event.

In my comments to the city commission on Monday, I stressed that the retailers, the event organizers and the city all have been working together to resolve some of the past issues that have hurt retail during this event. I commented that improvements are planned for this year and will only get better for next year.

Positive changes are happening, however, the Observer chose only to report the negative

issues, which we hope are in the past! to print the word hate and to make it appear that it was my quote, offends me, my fellow retailers as well as the entire town of Plymouth. I am proud to live in this great community and to own a business here as well. Plymouth has so much going for it and the events are a part of why we all love Plymouth so!

Art in the Park is a wonderful event that has experienced some growing pains, however, working together (retailers and event organizers) we can expect it to only get better, for all of

> **Annette Horn** Plymouth business owner

Don't shortchange schools

duped by an organization called "School Choice Yes." This group, which is reluctant to reveal its source of financing, has mounted a campaign to drastically change the Michigan Constitution. Its aim is to coerce taxpayers into paying for private schools, something forbidden in the state Constitution.

Not only would this group like to radically change the Michigan Constitution, it would like to shortchange your neighborhood school. Scarce funds going to finance your child's education would be paid out instead in the form of tax credits. Individuals already paying private school tuition would receive a reduction in taxes resulting in reduced resources to your local school.

Michigan citizens would lose the accountability that they have come to expect from their tax dollars, once private schools become the recipients of tax credit funds. Remember that private schools are nonpublic. They are not eligible for public funds, as clearly stated in Article 8, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution.

Thinking people, and those who feel a sense of community, must resist this lobbying effort to fragment and segregate our society. As a native Michigander, like the rest of my family, I urge the public to oppose the "School Choice Yes" agenda. A harmful-agenda being imposed by outsiders, it would only provide for the few at the expense of the many.

Holland

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you feel about Geoffrey Fieger's bid overnor of Michigan?

We asked this question at the Canton Public



"I know him as 'the Kevorkian guy.' The governor needs to keep his head about him ... Fieger shows he can't do that."



doesn't win. I think he's making a circus of an important event."

"I don't have an opinion either way. I voted for him in the prima ry, but I'm waiting to see who he picks for his **Shirley Proctor** running mate."



"I don't think he's got much of a chance. I don't think anyone has, but him in particular. He's factoo brash."

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POINTS OF VIEW

'Downtown' vacation trek: Lights are much brighter

Vacations can be fun and relaxing. They can also be educational, informative and related to my professional responsibilities.

That's what I learned in early July when I spent most of my two-week vacation driving through and stopping at numerous small towns on the Wolverine side of Lake Michigan.

That included Holland, Grand Haven, South Haven, St. Joseph, Muskegon, Ludington and Manistee.

There's a reason why I have a special interest in the downtowns of small and medium-sized cities.

I have covered the ongoing ups and downs (now it's in an up period) of Garden City's efforts to upgrade its downtown business section at Ford and Middlebelt for most of the past 32 years.

First, let me admit that I thoroughly enjoyed Lake Michigan beaches,

scenery and dunes along the southwest and central-west stretches of our state.

I had never seen that region of Michigan before.

Fortunately, the cities I visited, with the exception of Muskegon, had breathtaking views of the lake and well thought-out plans and designs for their downtowns.

Unfortunately, Garden City doesn't have a major lake on its front door – though there is a smaller pond on the south end of the city immediately following a heavy rain which floods numerous residential streets.

Those Lake Michigan communities also don't have a major state highway running through the middle of the downtown business section. That forces city and business owners to get on bended knee every time they want to have a banner strung over Ford



LEONARD POGER

Road.

During my Lake Michigan vacation, I was particularly impressed with what Holland, Manistee, St. Joseph and Ludington did for their downtown buildings and appearances.

Manistee, especially, has a tasteful and customer-appealing facade plan for its downtown structures, of which many are close to 100 years old.

The streets were busy with tourists, as I expected. But there were also many locals going about their business.

The streets were clean, the storefront windows were interesting, and parking was easy to find.

Ludington also had another advantage of a major lakefront.

A channel from Lake Michigan cutting behind the main business strip was utilized by a restaurant owner who built a deck and encouraged customers to eat their meals outside and

enjoy the water and passing boats.

While Garden City can't create a lake in front of the world's first

Kmart store on Ford at Middlebelt, officials can still continue to look for ways to think of big and small design features for buildings that would attract customers.

Too many times, the city's down-

town is merely a blur to drivers speeding to their jobs or homes at rush hour.

Sometimes, there is a benefit for :*
them to slow down a bit and notices :
the recent changes.

While Garden City and its sister communities with traditional downtowns – Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and Farmington – are struggling economically against the nearby regional malls, there is hope.

A little imagination can go a long way toward making downtowns more attractive – and it's less expensive than demolishing older buildings and replacing them with sterile looking structures taken from a consultant's cookie-cutter design book.

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Fieger-led ticket doesn't scare off all hopefuls

veryone but party chair Mark
Brewer is predicting disaster for
the Michigan Democratic ticket
Nov. 3. Even if gubernatorial nominee
Geoffrey Fieger learns to curb his
tongue, he still is "not yet novice" in
his knowledge of civics. He'll go down,
hard.

So why, then, are other candidates eager to be on the ticket with him, for example, as attorney general? Are they gluttons for punishment?

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The reasons are many.

First, the man at the top of the ticket has short coattails because Michigan voters are notorious ticket-splitters.

Recall President Johnson crushing Republican Barry Goldwater by a million votes in 1964, and Gov. George Romney trouncing Democrat Neil Staebler by 393,000.

Recall Gov. John Engler winning in 1994 by 710,000 over Democrat Howard Wolpe, but Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley mowing down the GOP's John Smietanka by 444,000.

Look at the 1994 results another way: The Republican dropoff between Engler and Smietanka was nearly 626,000 or 20 percent of those who went to the polls. That's an enormous amount of ticket splitting.

The farther down the ticket you go, the greater become a Democrat's chances for survival if there's an Engler landslide.

Second, a Democratic candidate who makes a good impression running for attorney general, even if he or she doesn't win, is in an excellent position to try another day.

At this writing, Fieger hasn't announced who else he wants on the ticket, and if he's smart, he'll let the Aug. 28 state convention decide. But unusually high numbers of Democrats are courting him and the party for the AG nomination.

Carl Marlinga, the Macomb County prosecutor, has been waiting in the wings for higher office for most of the 1990s. Even if he isn't nominated or elected, he's timber for any spot in 2002.

Bob Ficano, after 15 years as Wayne County sheriff, is still the polite, even-handed practitioner of his youth. A nomination for attorney general, even if he doesn't win, could give him high visibility to succeed Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara in four years.

(Incidentally, why hasn't McNamara, who is in his 70s and whose wife wants him to retire, groomed an obvious heir who would be accepted by the voters? Aren't good executives supposed to groom successors?)

Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel, seems to have excellent prospects, despite her loss in the state Supreme Court on the real estate transfer tax and her loss in the

Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the governor. Even if only nominated for attorney general, she would be nicely positioned to succeed aging Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in a couple of years.

Ditto with Sen. Chris Dingell, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro and a half-dozen others.

Third, the Democratic nominee might just win. At least that was the mood when the brass got together for the "unity breakfast" Aug. 5.

Engler has ordained Scott Romney, son of the former governor and part of the big Honigman Miller firm in Detroit, as his candidate for attorney general. At 57, Romney has never run for as much as township trustee, let alone served in any elective or appointive office.

There are nice questions about whether he has even practiced public sector law. I won't recount the other issues Democrats plan to raise



TIM RICHARD

against Romney until he has had a chance to speak to them. Suffice it to say the Dem hopefuls aren't the least bit afraid.

That's why a lot of Democrats aren't afraid to be on a Fieger-led ticket.

Footnote: It's fashionable to deplore the decline in voter participation. Well, not this year. On Aug. 4, the turnout was 1,409,928, up 13.7 percent over 1994.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Entrepreneurial government's an idea whose time has come

eading publications entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects" ordinarily is not the way I'd prefer to spend my time.

But this particular booklet, put out jointly by SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (Metropolitan Affairs Coalition), turns out to be great reading. It details a bunch of joint projects undertaken by local governments in this area that both cut costs to taxpayers and improve community ser-

They are part of a growing movement toward something called "entrepreneurial government," the term coming from Tim Richard, who covers governmental doings for this newspaper.

The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing, but they have proven largely clueless at doing more when revenue was shrinking. In response to this problem, some governmental leaders are trying to learn the habits of entrepreneurs, who run their businesses by finding ways to cut costs, improve productivity, innovate and even take risks.

Here's an example from Livingston County, which used to be mostly serene, rural farm country, but today is the fastest growing county in Michigan.

Going back to 1989, the Brighton Post of the Michigan State Police provided county residents with 911 emergency services. But the explosive growth of the county soon stretched to the breaking point the system's capacity, and it had to be abandoned.

At that point, government leaders in Livingston County could have thrown up their hands and let individual communities such as Brighton and Howell go their own separate ways in providing 911 emergency services, each with its own overhead costs. But the County Board of Commissioners authorized a study that determined that a shared countywide emergency dispatch system would save money and improve service.

In the fall of 1997, Livingston County voters approved by 57 percent the largest emergency telephone surcharge in the state for a new 911 system. The total charge per one-party line is capped at \$3 per month. For that, Livingston County residents get a totally new 911 communications system and dispatch facility, designed to meet the growth requirements of the county into the next century.

Another example comes from Novi, formerly little more than the old name for the sixth (in



PHILIP POWER

■ The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing.

Roman numerals, No. VI; get it?) stop on the interurban street railway, but today a mush-rooming community surrounding enormous shopping malls.

In 1995, the Novi Community School District realized it needed to build new schools in response to increasing population, while the city woke up to the fact that it had better acquire some land for parks and recreation before the entire community got paved over. But the only site available was too big for either use.

Voila! Enter entrepreneurial government!

Leaders from the city and the schools got together to buy 100 acres of land on 10 Mile for joint use.

Both city and school benefited from reduced costs for land acquisition and site development. New elementary and middle schools will come on line in 1999 and 2000 to serve Novi kids. And more than 50 acres of athletic fields, tennis courts, woodlands and wetlands are now available for community residents.

I happen to believe that entrepreneurial government – the habits of mind that focus on getting more – are the wave of the future in local government. Maybe folks running for governor and for the state Legislature would like to address this idea as the campaign gets under

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The Inkster Valley course

eanders along the flood plain of the Lower Rouge River, demanding shots over and around wetlands, forests, meadows and the river. The course was designed to reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticides it requires, and built to allow very little direct runoff of rainwater from its fair-

The course is located on Mid-

dlebelt Road just north of Michigan Avenue in the cities of Inkster and Westland.

The Friends of the Rouge golf outing will feature a four-person scramble format with prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; first, second, and third place teams and door prizes.

For an entry fee of \$100 per person, golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch, gifts and prizes. The entry fee will also include a Friends of the Rouge membership for 1999.

Sponsorships of each hole are also available at \$250 each. For detailed information, contact George Hubbell or Erich Ditschman of Hubbell, Roth & Clark Environmental Consultants in Bloomfield Hills at (248) 338-9241.

Make checks payable to Friends of the Rouge, and mail them to Friends of the Rouge, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights 48127. Friends of the Rouge, which sponsors the annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Rouge River watershed through education and citizen involvement.

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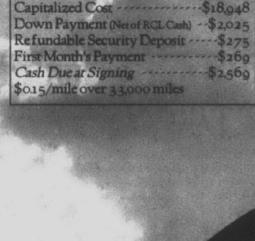
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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Historic cars bring back memories

merica's long-standing love affair with the car is evident in the huge numbers of people of all ages who turn out for the Dream Cruise. For those who restore old cars, however, it's really a love-hate relationship. Nowhere is that ambivalence clearer than with my husband Don who is restoring a 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe he has owned since he was 16.

The project has taken on a life of its own. When Don and I celebrated our 25th anniversary, he gave me an emerald ring, and I gave him car

Just before Don stripped the Plymouth down to bare metal, we participated in an old car show. The eclectic mix ran the gamut from Model T's through sports cars and from pristine trophy winners to diamonds-in-therough. Some had gained singular historic significance like the car Joe Kennedy drove while ambassador to England.

Even though our car was not fancy, many people were excited to find it. Some said that model was the first car they had owned as newlyweds. Others fondly recalled how it had been their childhood family car.

In addition, old cars have a characteristic smell. The sniff alone transports us back in time to the Sunday drives or trips to the beach of long

A few folks asked if they could sit in the car. One man touched the dashboard and sighed. "Look at this," he told his 12-year-old son. The boy's eyes waxed heavenward as he endured his father's animated tour of interior details and the recollections they evoked.

Another owner received a similar, nostalgic request. This time, a man climbed into the back seat and took hold of the overhead strap. With a contented smile, he said, "My grandparents always told me to hold onto the strap when we were driving."

The war years

World War II created a break in car production. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the War Production Board ordered the complete changeover of automobile factories to military production, so models date either through 1942 or from 1946.

Even so, the war produced an era when automobile and airplane history were closely interwoven. Early in 1941, for example, Ford Motor Company began building the Willow Run Production Facility (currently General Motor' Hydra-Matic plant) to produce B-24 Liberator bombers, using assembly-line methods. Ford also constructed Willow Run Airport for transport of the new planes.

During the automobile production hiatus of the mid-1940s, people had to make due with cars they already had. Gas was also rationed. Moreover, even if you had ration coupons, fuel was often unavailable. Countless Americans disposed of their pre-war cars _ even favorites like my grand-parents' Ford Mercury.

Also, scrap metal drives were in high gear during the war. Many an old car was returned to the foundry, melted down and transformed into planes that saw duty in Europe and

By 1946, automobile manufacturers had a captive audience – a car-hungry nation that craved a return to normal life. Postwar models were slightly restyled versions of the 1942 designs. The public didn't care. The demand was so high that cars remained essentially unchanged from 1946-48.

The courting car

Don bought the Plymouth in 1963. We met in college soon after, and the '48 became our courting car. Then, though, it was just old. Time had to pass for it to acquire the character and charm it has today as an historic vehicle. Still, our friends loved it.

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he signs are out all over, and Michigan Gov. John Engler has been heard to refer to it as "Jobzilla."

With the state's incredible growth of more than 700,000 new jobs since 1991, it's no wonder the two words used most often by employers are help wanted. The signs are popping up everywhere and they've become local proof of plummeting unemployment rates statewide and nationwide.

Because the best paying jobs are the first to go, minimum wage positions aren't getting filled as quickly. And anyone who visits fast-food restaurants feels the pinch when

the service isn't so fast.

The U.S. unemployment rate for June was a low 4.5 percent in June, while Michigan's jobless rate held steady at 3.6 percent, the second consecutive month of the lowest rate since the Michigan

since the Michigan Employment Security Agency began compiling seasonally adjusted estimates in 1970, according to the Michigan Jobs Commission.

It's a trend that is putting employers who are looking for employees and have some basic requirements like depend-

ability, employers like Ralph Barber who, with Ken Mehl, is co-owner of the Blarney Bay Sports Bar and Grill in Westland.

"We just bought the place and what I'm looking for is people who are courteous, have a nice smile and personality and people who can work with the public," said Barber who keeps in mind that he has to provide a work environment that's pleasant, if he wants to attract and keep the best people. "If they don't like it here and feel that they don't fit in the group, it's easy to go down the street, because they know that everyone is hiring.

"We try to make a nice comfortable work setting and make it so everyone is happy when they come in. That's our main objective, not that that's possible 100 percent of the time, but as best we can."

Rosemary Garcia, office manager of MG





Tool and Engineering, said the best way to be sure you're hiring a good employee is to know about the person ahead of time.

"It's very difficult to hire good, professional people," Garcia said.

Precision is the hallmark of the Plymouth prototype shop, where work is done to the tenth of a thousandth of an inch. That kind of detail calls for experienced workers.

"They get top wages and benefits, but we don't look for guys who just want a paycheck," Garcia said.

Some applicants try to bluff their way through interviews and if they're hired, she said, they don't last long – "If there's someone who is trying to fake it, they won't make it."

While it's still possible to find employees

who take pride in their work, Garcia said, it's not commonplace.

"We really try to employ people that the boss would have known through the industry, but that's not always possible," Garcia said. "To hire a guy from the street for this kind of work is hard unless someone is out there and by chance is unemployed. They have good benefits, good wages and he (the owner) treats them pretty well. And he expects them to work."

Judging character

James A. Speers, president of A & Jay Wholesale Auto Parts in Redford Township, said he's become a good judge of character.

"All you have to do is read the (classified) ads and they're full of detail of what people are looking for," Speers said. "Everybody wants the same thing. Somebody with half a brain, depend-

able and can tell time and get there in the morning."

Speers said he believes employers shouldn't have to bribe employees.

"If they're worth their

"If they're worth their salt they will make progress in any organization and their wages will go up and their type of job will get better," Speers said. "But when they start out saying, "What are you going to do for me?" that doesn't work. They have to prove their worth to the employer."

After years of experience, Speers said, he gets a "gut feeling" for who will and who won't make good workers and "hopefully you're not wrong too much of the time.

"When you've been at it as long a I have, nothing surprises you," he said. "A lot of people, especially young people, just don't have a clue to what it means to work."

Finding employees who follow a solid work ethic isn't easy to find, said Speers, suggesting that one way to make people

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studied. Make sure you know your Social Security number. You will need this information,

if you have to fill out a job application.

Gather together all your personal papers. You will need a Social Security card, and depending on the job, birth certificate or other proof of age, school records, military records and union

■ Try to find three people who know your abilities and ask for permission to name them as references. Get their business titles, addresses and phone numbers to list on the application. Teachers, clergy members and leaders of groups you've been associated with are good people to list. However, don't list relatives.

Make sure you're looking for the right type of job based on your interests, experience, aptitudes and education. Know your qualifications and abilities and be sure that you can present them at a job interview.

When you get a job interview, find out as much as you can in advance about the company. Then

try to show the employer how you can be valu-

able to him or her.

If you can get the company's application form in advance, practice filling it out. Ask somebody you respect to review the work. Send one copy to the employer; save the second copy to review before the job interview. Be neat and brief but provide thorough information.

Get a good night's sleep before the interview so you're fresh and alert. Be clean and neatly groomed. Avoid fashion fads, extreme hairstyles and heavy makeup.

Go to the interview alone. The employer wants

Be on time. Better yet, be five minutes early so you can compose yourself. Announce yourself promptly and courteously to the receptionist, and while you're waiting, sit up and look alert. Somebody may notice you, and first impressions are important.

Greet your interviewer in a poised and friendly manner, but show respect and don't become too familiar.

■ Look interested and enthusiastic. Don't slouch in the chair and don't be nervous (a few deep breaths will help). Look at the employer; don't stare off in the distance. Don't chew gum.

Talk clearly and distinctly without slang expressions; don't mumble. Answer all the employer's questions accurately, honestly, frankly and promptly. Don't exaggerate or talk too much. Let the employer lead the conversation.

Sell yourself. Show how your training and experience can make you valuable for the job you are seeking. Be prepared to discuss the infor-

mation on your application. Be specific about the job you want (don't say you'll "do anything") but be flexible in considering other jobs with the company.

Don't argue with the interviewer and don't criticize others, including past employers or coworkers.

Don't discuss your personal life, your domestic problems or financial troubles unless the employers asks or if they may have some bearing on a possible job. An employer is mainly interested in what you can do for the company.
 Be realistic in discussing wages

and while you may ask about vacation time and fringe benefits, don't dwell on them. Jobs go to applicants who are interested in the company.

Find out where you stand. Call the

employer back or see if he or she prefers to call you back. If you don't get the job, ask to be considered for other openings.

Don't be discouraged, if you don't get the job. Ask the employer why not, and profit from his of her advice. (Employers hire people who are properly dressed; who are serious and considerate; who have the right training and ask for realistic wages; and who are friendly and self-confident. Does that sound like you?)



Early examples fuel community service



Margaret Harlow

Margaret Harlow is no stranger to being honored for volunteer work. She has been recognized as Westland's First Citizen and Business Person of the Year and is a recipient of the Athena Award.

Her latest honor comes from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, which recently saluted her as a 1998 Woman of Distinction for the positive effect she has made on her community.

nity.

"I was surprised and pleased to be the only one from this area," said Harlow, co-owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "I just do what I do and don't have something like this in mind when I do it. There are a lot of others here who deserve this."

Harlow was nominated for the honor by Westland Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Carre. Active in the Girl Scouts, the two women met when Carre came to the area as

a branch manager for NBD Bank.

"She's very active, too," Harlow said of Carre, who announced Harlow's selection at a Rotary meeting. "Before the start of the meeting, she walked in with flowers and asked to make an announcement. The club fined me \$1; they could have fined me \$3."

When it comes to giving back to the community, Harlow was introduced to the idea while growing up in Plymouth, where she watched friends of her parents get involve in the community. She "looks up to those friends" and sees them as

"kind of like mentors."

The first time

Her first-time venture into volunteering was collecting for Easter Seals. She stood in front of the Penn Theater with friends, collecting money and giving out flowers.

When her three children were in school, she got involved with school, serving as a room mother for 15 years at Schweitzer Elementary School. She became actively involved in the family business by the time the children were in junior high school, but she continued to make time for their activities.

Today, son Jeff is a certified public accountant at Miesel-Sysco Services; daughter Michelle is a "great" teacher in Farmington, and youngest son Jeff is attending Eastern Michigan University and working in the family business.

"Work can't get in the way of your family," she said. "You need to go to the conferences, the gymnastic events. I raised a very successful family, and that's the greatest tribute in life.

"All these other things don't mean nothing if my own kids hadn't grown up to be healthy, strong adults." Harlow says her involvement has evolved. She's not cer-

Harlow says her involvement has evolved. She's not certain how she got where she's at, but it's all because "one thing leads to another."

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hungry for a job is to have them live through four months of an mic slump like the famed

Great Depression in the 1930s.

Now, though, jobs are plentiful
and finding workers remains a challenge. Just ask the office manager at a Plymouth insurance company who asked to remain anonymous. She said it took two months to fill an opening for a receptionist. The wait wasn't easy, she added, because when one person is missing in a small company everyone has to carry the extra work load.

"I think that some people who came in were overqualified and some underqualified," she said. "One of the big things we need is someone who will show up for work every day and be on time

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and does what we need them to

She has filled the job and is confident about her decision, but she quickly added that it wasn't

Judy Somershoe, executive recruiter for Management Recruiters of Livonia, finds applicants for high-level management and engineering jobs for MRL clients.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE #98-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 3 TO

ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2, FOR THE PURPOSE OF

CITY ACT, 1909 PA 279, SEC. 5.e, AS AMENDED (MCLA 117.5c, AS

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby

DIVISION 8. LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Sec. 2-95. Local officers compensation commission,

shall determine the salaries of each local elected official. The

oppulation or less and 7 members in a city of over 20,000

city, appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected and serving in the legislative body. In the case of a 5-member commission, the terms of office

shall be 5 years, except that of the members first appointed, 1 each shall be appointed for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. In the case of a 7-member commission, the terms of office shall be

7 years, except that of the members first appointed, 1 each

shall be appointed for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 years. The first members shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance. Members other than the first

members shall be appointed before October 1 of the year of

appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the

unexpired term. A member or employee of the legislative,

judicial, or executive branch of government or a member of the

juridical, or executive branch of government shall not be a

Sec. 2-96. Determination of salaries; expense

local elected official. The determination shall be the salary

unless the legislative body, by resolution adopted by % of the

it. The determination of the commission shall be effective 30 days following its filing with the city clerk unless rejected by the legislative body. If the determination is rejected, the

existing salary shall prevail. The expense allowance or

reimbursement paid to elected officials in addition to salary shall be for expenses incurred in the course of city business and accounted for to the city.

Sec. 2-96. Meeting of commission; quorum; concurrence of majority; chairperson; session days;

session days in each odd numbered year and shall make its determination within 45 calendar days after its first meeting.

A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a

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without a concurrence of a majority of the members appointed

and serving on the commssion. The commission shall elect a

chairperson from among its members. As used in this section.

"session day" means a calendar day on which the commission

meets and a quorum is present. The members of the

commission shall not receive compensation, but shall be

entitled to actual and necessary expenses incurred in the

be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in

sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting of the

or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance

with Act N. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Sec. 2-99. Implementation; changes in procedure for establishing compensation.

resolution. After 1 year following the date the ordinance goes into effect the procedure for establishing the compensation of

elected officials may be changed by charter amendment or

filed pursuant to the procedure provided in the charter or

otherwise by filing a petition with the city clerk containing the signatures of at least 5% of the registered electors of the city

on the effective date of the ordinance. The election shall be

conducted in the same manner as an election on a charter mendment. If a petition for referendum is filed, a etermination of the commission shall not be effective until the

Section 2. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "The Local Officers Compensation Commission Ordinance of the City of Plymouth".

Officers Compensation Commission Ordinance of the City of Flymouth.

Section 3. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or

Section 4. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will

not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than

Section 5. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof.

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STABLISHING A LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION

ION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5c OF THE HOME RULE

Somershoe not only looks at the specific requirements that a company asks for in an applicant, but she also considers subtle issues, like whether the person's personality will fit in a specific office setting.

"We try to find a match for our

clients," Somershoe said. "Hopefully, we've helped someone make a good career move and it's a positive for everyone."

Key qualities in applicants, she said, is to be self-motivated, assertive and able to work in teams. Companies want people who are looking at the job as an opportunity for growth and not just a place to collect a paycheck. "Someone who is just looking

for a higher salary is not a top candidate," Somershoe said. Just because there's a low

unemployment rate doesn't mean employers have lowered their standards, because "we find that our clients are just as particular," she added. Connie Kish, branch manager

of Act I Technical in Livonia, fills jobs on a permanent, contractual and contract-to-hire basis in the computer and engineering fields.

She advises people looking for a job to be ready to elaborate on certain experience they've mentioned on their resumes and fine tune it to the employer's needs.

Explaining that you "adminis-tered a network," for instance, wouldn't be as eye catching as saying you "led a project" and were able to "problem solve," she said, adding that "resumes should reflect a lot of skills."

"Of course, being on time and well-prepared for an interview, as well as having flexibility in scheduling appointments for interviews and start dates are also appreciated by employers,"

Kish said. "Employers are looking for someone who is highly skilled and able to function in more than one role and who doesn't mind working some overtime. They want people with good and well-rounded backgrounds.

"Gone are the days when the erson who sat in the corner did their job and didn't talk with people. They need good written and oral communication skills that will allow them to progress throughout the company. They're looking for people who are long-term employees.

While employers are the ones making most of the decisions, people looking for jobs have wish

For instance, Todd Richards, a 25-year-old Ann Arbor resident, was sitting in the Livonia office of Steven J. Greene, & Associates Personnel, a full-service recruiting company for senior management, sales representing, accounting, plant production, administration and support staff.

Richards is looking for "good benefits and salary" above everything else. It doesn't really matter, he said, where the company is located.

"Another good thing is an opportunity for growth, for onward and upward," said Richards who has been looking for a job in sales or marketing for about two months. The spring 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan said he

On the Job: The sign in the window of McDonald's in Livonia was how Garcia Tyner of Detroit landed his job. In need of a job to feed his family, he says it's "a good job."

took two years off to relax and figure out what I really want to

He turned to Steven J. Green & Associates Personnel because, "it's hard to get an idea of what a company is looking for by just looking in the paper."
Richards said it wasn't unusu-

al for him to drive 40 minutes to Southfield for an interview, spend a half hour, have nothing happen and then get called back the next day for the same frustrating routine. He's hoping a recruiter will eliminate some of the hassles

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And as Somershoe explained, both employers and job hunters are trying to avoid a bad match that will be a waste of time for

"It doesn't pay to hire the wrong person just to fill a slot," she added. "We have to be very careful that we present only good matches, even though it's a tight market."

Harlow

from page B1

Harlow is a charter member of the Westland Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of the Westland Rotary

She also is a past president of the Westland Downtown Development Authority and serves on the Oakwood Hospital Foundation, Wayne-Westland Schools Foundation and Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

A favorite project

Through her involvement in Rotary, Harlow heard about "Turn Off the Violence," which encourages parents to turn off the television and do something with their children, such as reading a book or going to the

She liked the idea and took it back to the Task Force, which endorsed the idea and designated the second Thursday in October as "Turn Off the Violence" Night. A favorite project, it has been well-received in the community. This year, it will be observed on Oct. 8.

She also/has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas and has been involved with the city's Youth Assistance Advisory Council. The Youth Assistance Program provides parenting for parents and guidance and counseling for kids so that they "can be better parents and better kids."

Harlow gets a lot of satisfac-

tion out of the work because it helps keeps kids out of the courts, a feeling she says was reinforced by a young mother who, at last year's Christmas party, thanked the city for the

"She said she felt she was losing control of her son and that he was headed for trouble and without the help of Youth Assistance and mentoring, she didn't know what would have happened to him," Harlow said. "It's nice to be able to touch lives and very real to hear a mom tell you how grateful she is."

If Harlow had to pick one activity over everything she does, the winner would be the Rotary Club because of how it reaches out to other groups like Youth Assistance and the Salva-

tion Army.

You have no idea what available in the community until you become involved," she said. You have no idea how good your community is. There so many positive things happening in Westland."

History from page B1

Don's car towered above the new, low-profile models. It was the landmark to look for on college outings.

His often-frustrating, multisearch for car parts even led us to a neat junkyard in Arizona, where the climate makes the area a car-part heaven. I mean "neat" in the literal sense because their cars are lined up

in tidy rows, according to year.

Don also painstakingly hand-shaped sheets of metal into contoured patches that replaced sections long since rusted away. He year restoration project has has the car sanded, primed and taken us on a merry chase. The almost ready for painting, just in time for its 50th anniversary. We duplicated the Chevron Blue color by matching it to the original paint that was preserved on an interior door jam.

Don has visions of surprising

former college classmates by showing up in the '48 for a drive to the local A&W. You may not be able to go back

in time, but sometimes you can

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE #98-5**

The City of Plymouth Ordains that Section 26-7 and 26-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 26-7 Treasurer's duties; perpetual care fund

"It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to deposit all sums in payment of lots or burial rights and in the payment of cemetery services in the cemetery fund of the city, except such sums as are provided by perpetual care, which shall be held and invested by state laws governing such trust fund. The amount of TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) of the sale price for each lot hereafter sold shall be deposited in a fund for such lot or lots. An account shall be kept of all receipts and disbursements in connection with the acquisition and maintenance of City cemeteries".

Sec. 26-10. Rules and regulations (add sub-section 30) (30) The use of plastic cemetery vaults shall be

This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 10th day of August, 1998.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 3rd day of August, 1998.

DONALD DISMUKE LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CM/AAE

Mayor City Clerk

Publish: August 13, 1998

MAIN STREET PAVING UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES 1231 GOLDSMITH PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

The rain over the past couple of days has caused some minor delays in the progress of the Main Street Paving Projecta. Cadillac Asphalt, the prime contractor and the City's Engineers from Wade-Trim have been doing an excellent job in keeping to the schedule (see Paving Update from August 5, 1998). We anticipate that the rain we are receiving this week will have very little effect or create any major delays in the projects. Cadillac Asphalt is very optimistic that they can continue to show substantial progress once the weather clears.

We anticipate that there may be some minor concrete removal on the North Main Street Project over the next two days. The weather forecast is not favorable until Monday.

On Monday (weather dependent), you can expect to have substantial work taking place on both North and South Main Streets. Traffic can be expected to limited to one lane in each direction in the construction sones. It is anticipated conditioning (base pavement repair) on South Main Street and concrete crews will be working on North Main Street.

As always, when driving in a construction zone please drive carefully, there may be marked or unmarked hazards in these areas and the rain has caused the appearance of some pot holes in the construction zone.

Publish: August 13, 1998

CITY OF PLYMOUTH SALE AND USE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY MINORS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE #98-4

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding a Division to Article VIII of Chapter 54, which new Division shall be entitled Tobacco and numbers as Division 4, and shall contain three sections, which sections shall be numbered Section 54-361, 54-362 and 54-363; to prohibit the use and possession of tobacco by minors; to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors; provide definitions and limitation to this ordinance; and to provide penalties and fines for violation

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS: Division 4, entitled Tobacco, of Article VIII, entitled Offenses involving Minors, of Chapter 54, is hereby adopted and reads as follows:

DIVISION 4. TOBACCO Sec. 54-361. Use or possession of Tobacco products by minors.

(a) No person under the age of 18 shall purchase, offer or attempt to purchase, have in possession or use any product which is used for the formation of a smoking device, tobacco, tobacco snuff, chewing tobacco or tobacco in any other form.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense. Sec. 54-362. Sale of tobacco products to minors; penalty; affirmative

(a) No person shall sell, furnish, give or deliver any product which is used

for the formation of a smoking device, tobacco, tobacco snuff, chewing tobacco or tobacco in any other form, to any person under the age of 18. (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,00 for each offense.

Sec. 54-363. Tobacco products on school property. (a) A person, except those who qualify under (c), shall not use a tobacco

product on school property. (b) A person who violates subsection (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00.

(e) School staff and/or personnel are exempt from this section. Section 2. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than

the part declared invalid. Section 4. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof. DONALD DISMUKE, LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE

Mayor Introduced: July 6, 1998 Enacted: August 3, 1998 Effective: August 23, 1998 Publish: August 13, 1998

City Clerk

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Person with questions regarding this UPDATE should feel free to contact Shawn Keough at Wade-Trim Engineering at 734-947-9700 or Paul Sincock at the City of Plymeuth at 463-7737.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Gerlach-Attwood

Gary Gerlach and Sandra Kay Attwood were recently married at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. The Rev. Chris Richards and Steve Andrews of Kensington Community Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Warren and Virginia Attwood of Canton. The groom is the son of Robert and Nancy Gerlach of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Chrysler Corp.

The groom also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Dow Automotive. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, they are making their



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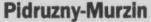
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Dr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Plymouth announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Olivia Jean, to Brent Andrew Dacre, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dacre of St.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as an office manager for a doctor's office in Dayton, Ohio.

Her fiance s a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, a 1994 graduate of Hope College in 1994, and a 1997 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is employed by Tobias Funeral Home in Dayton,



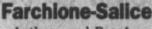
Julie Marie Murzin and David Allen Pidruzny were married May 23 at Central City Park Gazebo in Westland by the Rev. Ralph Fischer.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Kathy Murzin of Garden City. The groom is the son of Richard and Karen Pidruzny of Yorba Linda, Calif.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a customer service representative for Active Aero Charter Inc. in Belleville.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is a mechanic's assistant at Johnson Controls Flight Depart-

ment in Belleville. The bride asked Theresa Murzin, Michele Sellers, Wendy Nigro and Jody Pidruzny to



Anthony and RoseAnna Farchione of Farmington Hills announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Elise, to Paul Salice, the son of Anthony and Maria Salice of

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and occupational

She is employed as a registered occupational therapist by the Detroit Medical Center at the Rehabilitation Institute of

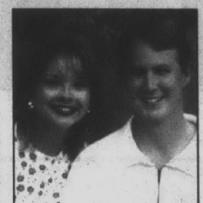
Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of



science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Gen-

An August wedding is planned at Divine Child Catholic Church

in Dearborn.



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A September wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia



Ritchie-Dilworth

David and Betty Ritchie of Saline announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter. Mary Ann Leslie, to Lawrence Michael Dilworth, the son of Joyce Dilworth of Livonia and the late Lawrence Dilworth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saline High School, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Johnson Controls.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed by ANR Pipeline.

An August wedding is planned



at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island.

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Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter. Lesa Dawn, to Chad Matthew Van Meter, the son of Cynthia Katt and Perry Van Meter, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in communication: broadcasting and theater/speech.

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of Concordia High School in Fort Wayne and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy/religion and English.

Greg and Nancy Zelek of Ply-

mouth announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Lee

Anne, to Douglas John Biron,

the son of Bob and Judy Biron of

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Plymouth Salem High School

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Her fiance is a graduate of Lakeland High School and West-

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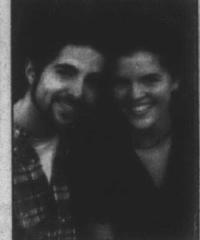
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An August wedding at Edward Hines Park is planned.

A September wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Church in Brighton.

Shine!

Michael and Elaine Pucher of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Cheryl, to David Robert Van-Goethem, the son of Michael and Helen VanGoethem of Linden.

Pucher-VanGoethem

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She is employed as a computer consultant for Compuware Corp.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Linden High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed as an environmental consultant and civil engi-

Nikou-Nigro

Tim and Marika Nikou of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter. Katina, to Kurtis Allen Nigro, the son of Joy Bernicker of Bullhead City, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a manager at Ann Taylor in

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Hisperia High School in California. He is employed with E.L. Commercial Interiors in Livo-

An August wedding is planned at Nativity of the Virgin Mary The couple greeted guests at Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township.

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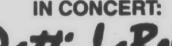
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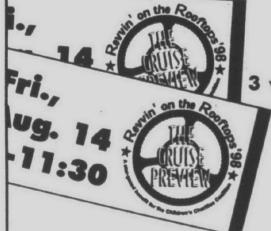
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Metro Council gives Silver Award to 4 Cadette Scouts

Four Cadette Girl Scouts from St. Michael School have been named recipients of scouting's Silver Award – the highest honor a Cadette Scout can earn - by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout

The Silver, which also is Girl Scouting's second-highest award, recognizes individual efforts and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

It took two years for Kate Bla-harski of Westland, Jessica Grima of Redford, and Stephanie Grima and Kristen Palombo, both of Livonia, to complete the five requirements for the award.

The girls are members of Troop 1940, led by Rita Grima and Sheri McCrohan.

The first step was to earn three interest-project patches related to their community service projects. They then earned the Dreams to Reality patch, which allowed them to explore and learn more about career options for the future.

The third step was earning the Cadette Scout Challenge pin. The girls were challenged to learn more about themselves, relating to others, developing



values and contributing to the community while also learning more about Girl Scouting.

The Leadership pin was the fourth step. To earn it, each girl needed to do 25 hours of leader-

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The fifth and final step involved a 30-hour community service project. Each of the four scouts picked their own project, which involved service outside of scouting. It had to include planning, organizing, leadership and documentation of the 30 hours:

Once the project was completed and documented, it was given to the Girl Scout Council for its review and approval. The girls were notified of their approval in mid-May and received their awards May 27 at the Council Honor Reception. Kate Blaharski, a Girl Scout

for eight years, made helping orphan children and families in the Dominican Republic her project. She started by contacting a religious order which works with those people and inquiring about their needs.

She began collecting needed items, soliciting donations from local stores, neighbors and families. Then Kate, who will be a freshman at Ladywood High School next year, packaged the items and had them flown to the Dominican Republic

Jessica Grima, in Girl Scouts seven years, contacted the oncology center at Mott Children's Hospital to find out what pediatric patients needed. She organized and collected small toys in her neighborhood from fellow students, friends, businesses and

The items were packaged and driven to the hospital, where

Jessica, who will be an eighth grade student at Pierce Junior High School in the fall, presented them to the staff. The toys are being given to the children after chemotherapy treatments.

For her project, Stephanie Grima, in scouting nine years, contacted an orphanage in Korea to ask what was needed. During the summer, she worked at Korean Culture Camp and spoke to parents, informing them of

A freshman-to-be this fall at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Stephanie was able to collect items from those families as well as from local stores, all of which she packaged and had flown to South Korea. As a thank-you, she received photographs of the children dressed in the outfits she had collected for them.

Kristen Palombo has been in Girl Scouting for eight years. For her project, she contacted Children's Hospital of Southeast Michigan to ask their needs before soliciting donations from more than 91 stores and busi-

In her solicitations, the future freshman at Mercy High School in Farmington discussed her project in detail with many of the store managers and was able to collect enough miscellaneous items to fill 105 shopping bags.

She delivered the bags to the hospital, then distributed the items to the children herself.

The four scouts plus the 11 other members of their troop were recently bridged-up to Girl Scouting. They plan to pursue the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's

MDA 'Aisles of Smiles' to benefit 'Jerry's Kids'

Helping "Jerry's Kids" can be as easy as shopping at your favorite grocery store.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association and grocers throughout the state have teamed up to offer "Aisles of Smiles" to raise money for the MDA.

Manufacturers of products will donate to MDA a portion of each customer's purchases now through Sept. 11. The contribution will be made as part of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon on Labor Day.

"Our hope is that shoppers will take notice of the campaign banners and shelf talkers and make a conscious decision to support MDA and the companies that have been so generous to our cause," said John O'Rourke, MDA regional director.

The participating products include Brach's fruit snacks, Bush's baked beans, Florida's Natural and Grower's Style orange juice, Dole salads, Glad Handle-Tie trash bags and tall kitchen bags, Mardi Gras towels, Turkey Store meat and Deli, Ice Mountain water, Hungry Jack waffles, Jeno's CNT pizza, Old El Paso salsa, Star-Kist solid white tuna, Tampax flushable tampons, Softsoap pumps, Marie's dressings and dips, Dean dips, Musselman's 48-ounce apple sauce, Instant Lunch, Ramen noodles, Mrs. Smith pies, A-1 steak sauce and Planter's

Helping with the campaign is SALES MARK, one of Michigan's largest food brokers.

We are excited to play a role in this tremendous fund-raising effort," said Don Gundle, president of SALES MARK's Midwest region. "Any way our efforts can help with aggressive research and increased patient services for MDA is a win-win situation

for all." The MDA is a voluntary health agency operating clinics in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint/Midland, Lansing and Kalamazoo. It offers week-long camp sessions for youngsters with muscular dystrophy, community services and far-reaching professional and public health

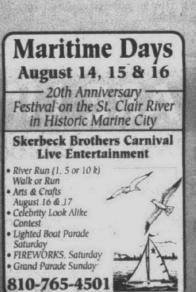
education. MDA also gives money for worldwide research into 40 neuromuscular diseases, including research projects at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. It receives no government money or seek fees from patients or their families.

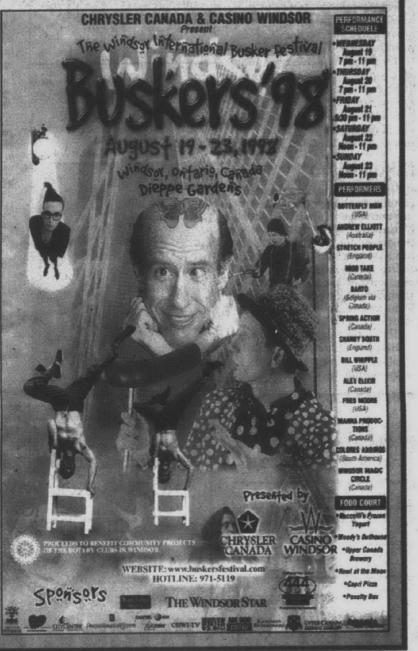


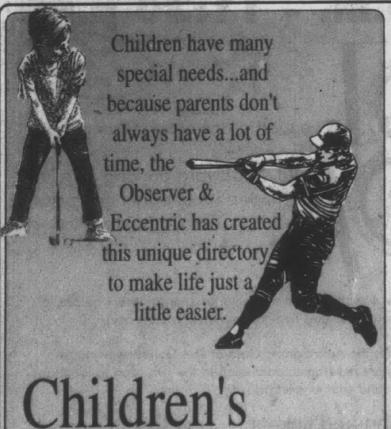
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Donald and LaDonna Mey of Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a buffet reception at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills

The couple married May 15, 1948, in Sylvania, Ohio. She is the former LaDonna Roome They have three children -

Anita Kemsley of Livonia, David of Brighton, Lynn Mey of Dunedin, Fla. - and six grand-

He retired 15 years ago after working for CSX for 33 years. She worked at brokerage firms in Plymouth for 12 years.

He is active in the Highland

Rust

Edward C. and Loretta L. Rust of Redford Township will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 28 with a Mass at St. Valentine Catholic Church followed by a private reception at the Dearborn Inn.

The couple married Aug. 28, 1948, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Loretta L. Juver.

They have eight children -Patrick and his wife Marie of Detroit, Kathleen and her husband Bob Hurley of Redford Township, Daniel and his wife Joi of Detroit, David (Brother Benedict) of Trappist, Ky., Sharon and her husband Bob Curry of Brighton, Mary Lynn and her husband Mike Brown of Canton Township, Susan and her husband Mike Blankenship of Dearborn Heights and Paulette and her husband Jeff Fleischer of West Minster, Colo. and 11 grandchildren.

He retired in 1984 from Sears Roebuck and Co. after working church.



Lake Men's Chorus and the Highland Lake Community Patrol.



as a power tools and appliance salesman for 20 years at the store's Oakman Boulevard location and 20 years at the store's Livonia Mall location. She was a homemaker.

Edward Rust has served as an usher at St. Valentine for 31 years and is active in the men's club. She is a member of women's altar sodality at the

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Joanides

John and Joan Joanides of Livonia celebrated their 50th redding anniversary with a family gathering and dinner

The couple married May 9, 1948, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit. She is the former Jean Pantoleon.

The couple has three children - Katherine, Elizabeth and the late Charles - and two grand-

John Joanides is president and member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church board and is active in sports



including bowling and golfing. She sings in the church choir.



Alex and Janette Calder of Livonia celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a second honeymoon in Franken-

The couple married June 1, 1933, in Highland Park. She is the former Janette Wolcott.

The couple, 47-year Livonia residents, has four children -George, Neil, Gary and Kenneth - and five grandchildren.

He retired in 1969 from the U.S. post office after serving 28 years as a letter carrier. She is a

He was an avid golfer until a few years ago and shot a hole-in-



one when he was 80 years old. She used to sew.



Blazok

George and Frances Blazok of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18 by renewing their vows during Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church, followed by a reception.

The couple married July 10, 1948, at St. Florian's Church in

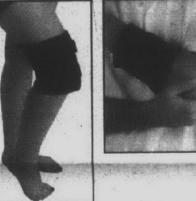
Hamtramck.

The Blazoks have five children Rick and wife Cindy of Livonia, Denny and wife Jackie of West Palm Beach, Fla., Chris of Kewaskum, Wis., Sue and husband Dennis of Detroit, and Sharon of Redford. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.





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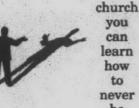
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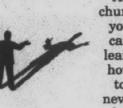


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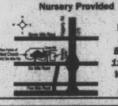
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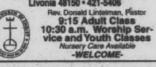
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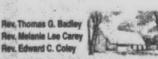
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The Young Continentals will resent their 1998 Give Em Hope Tour at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, east of

Haggerty, Livonia.

Made up of 30 singers, dancers and technicians, The Young Continentals will provide a message of hope through music, drama choreography and personal testi-mony. There will be no admission, however a freewill offering will be taken to defray the cost of the program ministry.

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Table rentals are available for the Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Space, including one table, is \$20, and racks are an additional \$5. The sale will feature used children's clothing, toys, furniture, equipment and maternity clothes. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Kayla at (734) 595-6712 or (734) 425-4462.

■ Sacred Heart Church will host a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be for sale. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-

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The Newburg Singles will meet at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, in the parlor of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Rick Anderson will talk about his trip to The Holy Land. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Mission team helps to raise walls at camp Their destination was Belize and for 13 adults, their one-

week stay in the Central American country marked the start of a new era for foreign mission ministry at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The group went to Belize to pitch in with materials and labor for a large construction project in the northern district of Orange Walk. The project is the joint effort of Rivers of the World and the local church in the city of Orange Walk Town

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Located on a parcel of land
on Honey Camp Lagoon, the
project is focusing on building a
totally self-contained camp, including sleeping quarters, kitchen, dining/meeting hall, showers and lavatories, safe water supply and generator

The facilities are used as a recreation center for youth, clergy and other groups and a training camp for ROW expeditions in countries like Cuba and Vietnam. ROW is an international exploration and medical missionary organization headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

St. Paul's adult mission team focused its efforts for the week on completion of cinder block walls for a number of buildings. They worked along side a team of five Belizean masons from

Everything was done by hand, including hauling water from the lagoon, mixing ingre-dients for the mortar and concrete, building forms and wire reinforcements and pouring the support columns and headers. The tropical climate made it essential for team members to ake short rests and water

hreaks to prevent dehydration.
At the end of the week, the team had accomplished more than it had planned with the completion of all walls on a cabin and the water purifica-tion building. In addition, about half of the perimeter walls were laid for the shower and lavatory facility. As a reward for work well-

done, the group was given a day off to enjoy either the Mayan ruins of Lamanai or go on a snorkeling trip to a barrier reef of the island of Ambergris



Done at last: Members of the mission team from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church join with five Belizean masons in front of a partially finished cabin they worked on during the team's one-week trip to the Central American country.

The success of the mission trip has members of St. Paul's

discussing plans for future missions to help complete the project at Honey Cape lagoon.

IINI CARNIVAL

Praise Chapel will have a mini carnival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the church, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. There will be free games, a watermelon-eating contests and popcorn and lemonade available for 25 cents each and hot dogs for 50 cents each. For more information, call the church at (734) 467-4848.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a

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RIR is, a joint venture of all churches in Redford to meet the increased demand for food in the

area. The pantry opened its doors in February and to date has served more than 700 resi-

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RIR is at St. James Church. It's open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For more

information about being a volunteers, making donations or receiving services, call Paula at (313) 387-9802.

SHARING TESTIMONY

Dave Clark, a prolific songwriter who has written songs for such artists as Glenn Campbell and Sandi Patti, will share both his testimony and music at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Aug. 16, at Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, between Haggerty and Lilley roads, Canton. For more

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Warren Rd. Light and Life
Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Space Mission Bible Camp," Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 33445 Warren Road at Farmington Road, Westland.
Countdown will begin at 6:30 p.m. with re-entry at 8:30 p.m.
Preschoolers through fifth graders will learn that God helps them in all aspects of life. For them in all aspects of life. For more information, call Pastor

David Powless at (734) 458-7301.

The church's Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11a.m. (contemporary). the ser-mon series for August is "The

econd Coming."

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have its vacation Bible school 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The program is for children age 4 through sixth graders. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-

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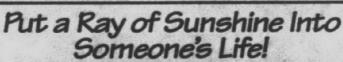
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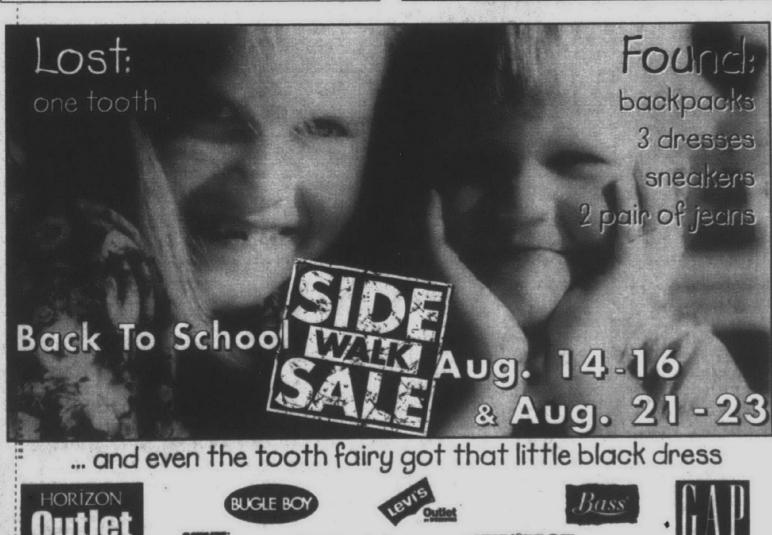
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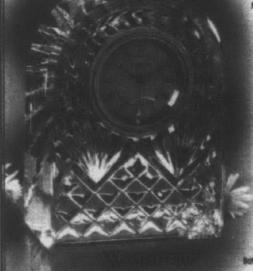
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SPORTS SCENE

GC driver victorious

Ken Ahlgren of Garden City captured the 20-lap ARCA Figure 8 fea-ture race Saturday at Flat Rock

Ahlgren picked up his second win, the first since opening night.

Redford's Tom Selmi finished third

in the 25-lap ARCA Street Stock feature, while Redford's Rich Frantz was

In the 150-lap ARCA Late Model feature, Mike Morris and Steve Cronenwett, both of Westland, finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

Sting icers undefeated

Livonia Sting, a group of hockey players from Livonia Stevenson High School, recently captured the Royal Oak Summer Conditioning League with a 5-1 victory over Clarkston after a 6-3 semifinal victory over Walled Lake Western.

Sting, coached by Stevenson varsity coach Mike Harris, who is 51-4-3 in his four seasons with the Spartans in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

The Sting finished the summer with a 13-0-1 record with other victories coming against Birmingham Brother Rice, Royal Oak, Walled Lake Central and Waterford Mott.

Members of the Sting include: Kevin Marlowe, Chris McComb, Matt McLeod, Bob Pruchnik, Mike Walsh, John May, Tim Allen, Mike Zientarski, Nick Harris, Nick Lang, Ryan Sinks, Willie Wilson, Dan Wilson, Jason Gildersleeve, Mark Mink, Eric Mink, Mark Nebus, Mike Nebus, David Bonello, Alex Piotrowski, Mike McCowan, Adam Heseltine, Joe Suchara, Chris Williams, Dennis Queener, Mike Majkowski and Jon Katulski.

Former team captain Jeff Lang served as assistant coach. Team sponsors include Mike and Diane McGowan of McGowan's Sports Shop on Five Mile Road, just East of Farmington.

S'craft needs runners

New Schoolcraft College coach Nancy Gavoor is seeking cross country runners for the upcoming season (scholarships available).

For more information, call Gavoor at (248) 471-4005.

Meet Chief grid coaches

The Canton Chiefs "Meet the Coaches Night" will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Canton High School.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Canton Football Booster Club president Judy Dent at (734) 397-3046.

Volleyball coach wanted

Ladywood High School is seeking a varsity volleyball coach for the 1998-99 season.

Those interested should send a resume to: Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mi. 48154-

Soccer coaches wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking two boys under-9 recreational coaches for the eight-week season, which begins Sept. 12.

Candidates must be energetic, love children, be dedicated to having fun, emphasize teamwork and show plenty of patiencer

Games will be played on weekends with one to two practices per week.

For more information, call Chris Nolan at (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324, or Deb Robinson at Ext. 3309.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Michigan Indians Baseball Club (1999 season) will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 22 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads. Players must be born between Aug.

1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

The Indians play approximately 55 to 60 games (including tournaments). For more information, call Nick

Marrone at (734) 459-0695. For Michigan Indians Mickey Mantle (16-and-under division) call Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793.

Concealed places 4th at World Series

■ Concealed Security's bid for a World Series 11-under championship fell just shy in Tarkio, Mo.

Livonian Lou Pirronello has coached travel baseball teams for more than a decade and none came closer to a national championship than this year's Concealed Security 11-year-old team.

Emotionally, at least.
Concealed finished fourth at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Tarkio, Mo., bowing out with an 8-4 loss to Baltimore, Md. on Friday night.

The loss came 24 hours after Concealed suffered a heart-breaking 13-12 defeat to eventual champion San Diego; Calif., which rallied for three runs with two outs in the bottom of the Indians go 2-2-2 at Series, C2

Pirronello's 17-year-old team in 1995 finished fourth at the Connie Mack AAU national championships but that team's final loss was more lopsided.

Concealed and San Diego were the only two unbeaten teams remaining in the field when they met Thursday night and each could state a case for being the favorite at that point.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) were named to the all-tournament team for right field and shortstop, respectively. Each batted over .500.

"We won eight in a row, beat all the big boys from Texas, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Mexico, southern teams that notoriously dominate the World Series," Pirronello said. "This and the 17-year-old team with (J.J.) Putz,

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Jump start

Livonia D.C.I. wins 1st 3 in Johnstown

Rams head to Louisville, Ky., C3

Livonia Decision Consultants Inc. won its first three games before losing one at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown,

In a battle of unbeatens, D.C.I. lost for the first time on Tuesday to the Arlington Senators from Washington D.C., 19-8, at St. Michael Field outside Johnstown. No details were available at press time.

The loss dropped D.C.I. to the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. D.C.I., the champion of the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, played another game Wednesday.

Details will appear in Sunday's Observer editions. Here are results from the first three games:

D.C.I. 9, Baltimore 8: D.C.I. held on to win a game that was resumed Tuesday morning after being suspended due to rain in the seventh inning the day before. It was the second game D.C.I. won by a score of

D.C.I. trailed 5-4 when the game was suspended.

Matt Pike, a pickup from the Michigan Lake Area Rams, gave D.C.I. instant momentum when the game resumed, hitting a mammoth home run in the seventh to tie the score 5-5. A walk to Jamie Linton and a double by Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill/Henry Ford Community College) gave D.C.I. the lead for good, 6-5.

Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills/Detroit Catholic Central/U-D Mercy) tripled to open the eighth, leading to three more runs and a 9-5

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Spartans make splash

SWIMMING

Four members of the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club earned places last weekend in the 11-12 year-old division at the 1998 Michigan Swimming Long Course Championships held July 30-Aug. 2 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium in Ypsilanti.

Ashley Eilers earned zone qualifying times, equivalent of the National AAA time standards, in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyles

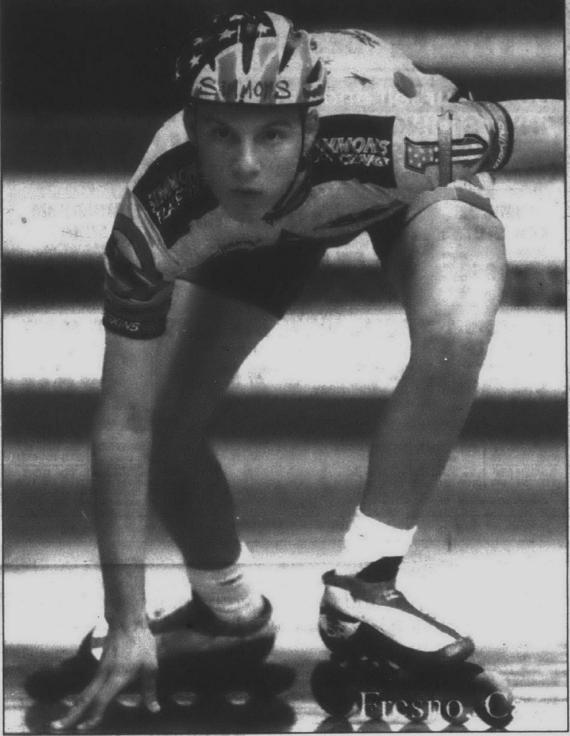
Eilers finished fourth in the 50 freestyle (29.71); sixth, 100 freestyle (1:05.37) and 100 backstroke (1:20.07); seventh, 100 butterfly (1:17.74); eighth, 200 freestyle (2:26.2); 11th, 50 backstroke (36.82); 14th, 50 butterfly (34.48); and 19th, 200 individual medley (2:55.84).

Michelle Aristeo took a third in the 100 backstroke (1:17.67); 10th, 200 freestyle (2:33.81); and 18th, 50 breaststroke (42.44).

Elizabeth Cambridge placed sixth in the 100 butterfly (1:17.62); 12th, 50 backstroke (36.91); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:29.0); 13th, 50 breaststroke (41.06) and 50 butterfly (1:23.74); 15th, 200 IM (2:51.58); 18th, 200 freestyle

Andrea Giczewski placed 13th in the 50 backstroke (37.06); 19th, 100 butterfly (1:27.98); and 23rd, 50 butter-

The foursome of Cambridge, Giczewski, Eilers and Aristeo combined for a third in the 200 freestyle relay (2:07.23).



'Craven' success: Canton Township resident Charlie Craven was in championship form at the National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, bringing home the gold medal in the Junior Division.

Craven brings home gold

Charlie Craven, who will be a senior this fall at Plymouth Canton High School, captured a gold medal in the Junior Division (ages 16-17) at the 1998 National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, Aug. 1-5, in Fresno, Calif.

Craven, a member of the Great Skate Wolverine Inline Roller Speed Skating Club of Roseville, is coached by Robb Dunn and Jay Ingram.

The 17-year-old Craven took placements at 500, 1,000 and 2,000 meters, earning 70 of a possible 90 points, 20 ahead of the second-place finisher in the USA Roller Skating-sanctioned event.

Craven also was the overall, road and high-

point champion at the Banked Track and Road Inline Roller Speed Skating Championships last May in Colorado Springs Colo.

He earned of of four qualifying spots on the 1998 U.S. Junior World Team which will compete next month at the World Roller Speed Skating Championships in Piombino, Italy.

Craven has also participated in the Professional Inline Racing Series since January where he currently ranks first in the Junior Division.

The series ends Saturday in Downers Grove,



Palace hosts: Eve Claar (left) and Mary Rogers are former Observer & Eccentric girls basketball stars now keeping busy behind the scenes for the Detroit Shock, one of two new teams in the Women's National Basketball Association.

Former WLAA standout markets 1st-year team

As the National Basketball Association endures a players' lockout, a pair of former star athletes from Oakland County are helping fans lock into some new excitement at the Palace

North Farmington graduate Eve Claar and Birmingham Marian graduate Mary Rogers are two of the marketing leaders for the Detroit Shock, a

first-year team in the two-year-old Women's National Basketball Associa-

The Shock's target audience may be women and youngsters, but it's gaining

Shock treatment

The Detroit Shock's remaining regularseason home game, at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 against the New York Liberty, is Fan Appreciation Night at the Palace.

About 4,000 tickets remain on sale. The Shock expect to set a new regularseason attendance mark on this night and fans have the opportunity to win a Buick Regal, Sea-Doo, player jerseys and other souvenirs.

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Indians finish banner year

The Michigan Indians Willie Mays (10-and-under) baseball team finished 2-2-2, advancing to the championship round of the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series in St. Louis, Mo.

The Indians, who finished the summer 40-13-3, were eliminated by the Quad City (III.) Hitmen, 7-4, and the Virginia Cannons, 8-4.

In preliminary round play, the Indians beat the Balwin (Mo.) Barons, 7-4 and the Mount Juliet (Tenn.) Knights,

The Indians also tied the Barlett (Tenn.) Redbirds, 9-9, and Olive Branch (Miss.), 4-4, to take second seed in their

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Members of the Indians, managed by Nick Marrone, include: David Carey, Shawn Little, Craig Post, Canton; Kyle Gendron, Greg Marrone, Plymouth; Eddie Duggan, hen Merlo, Livonia; Shawn Dunford, Westland; Craig LaPlante, Whitmore Lake; Nathan Sarkissian, Nick Sarkissian, South Lyon; Garrett Ruthig, Brighton; Andrew and Ben Davis, Dearborn

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Team sponsors included Northwest Airlines, Hewlett Packard, Great Lake Bancorp, Standard Federal Bank, J.S. Trudeau Concrete Forming Inc., Federal Mogul Corp. Judge Vincent J. Brennan Foundation, Victory Packaging

and R.J. Dougherty of Livonia.

The Indians captured three tournaments this year including Traverse City, Canton WABA Classic and the Sylvania, Ohio Firecracker Classic.

They also took second in the Great Lakes Memorial in Canton and a third in the Battle Creek Mayors Invitational.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Trish Murray of Livonia carded a 73 Saturday to finish third in the Michigan Women's Publinx State Tournament held at Hawk Hollow in Bath.

Joan Garety of Rockford was medalist with a 70, two strokes ahead of Ann Lauer of Auburn Hills and three shots in front of Murray.

Eighty golfers competed in the one-day tournament.

In sectional qualifying for the U.S. Golf Association Amateur Championship Monday at the University of Michigan Golf Course, Scott Wingfield of Grand Blanc shot 71-66 to take medalist honors with a two-round total of 137.

He will be joined Aug. 24-30 at the U.S. Amateur at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y. by Scott Harris of Troy (68-73/137) and Michigan Amateur champion Shawn Koch of Howell (71-71/142).

Other area scorers included Matthew Wiley, Westland, 75-74/149; Andrew Chapman, Plymouth, 76-74/150; Kevin Janasik, Livonia, 77-73/150; Gary Kraus, Livonia, 77-78/155; David Higham, Livonia, 78-80/158.

In Monday's U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying at Jackson C.C., three Australians earn berths include David Gleeson of Dalby, 67-72/139; Geoff Ogilvy, Beaumaris, 71-70/141; and Cameron Percy, 71-70/141.

Alex McLuckie of Livonia shot 76-80/156. WESTLAND FALL SOFTBALL

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Recreation Men's Class C League softball will be through

Friday, Sept. 4. League play will be at 6:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m. and 10 p.m. Mon-

day/Wednesday Tuesday/Thursday (double-headers) at Jaycee Park. There will be a maximum of eight teams

Returning teams can register through Monday, Aug. 24. A manager's meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Bailey Center.

League play opens Sept. 14 and runs through Oct. 30 (no playoffs).

The registration fee is \$205 per team (includes \$30 forfeit fee). There is a \$15 fee per nonresident not to exceed \$100.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

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The annual Rick Mahorn and Friends Basketball Camp tips off from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road (off Michigan Avenue).

The weekend kickoff includes Jamit Talent Search, advance registration, networking, free scholarships and refreshments.

The camp will also be from 12:30-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Royal Oak Dondero High School, 709 N. Washington Street, off 11 Mile and Catalpa roads.

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The weekend will help promote sound emotional and spiritual development through education and cultural awareness.

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After an opening 2-2 tie with the Livonia Meteors '82, the Lightning '81 defeated the GLS Wing, 3-1, and the USL Vitesse 81, 2-0, to advance to the championship game against the Livo-nia Meteors '81.

The game ended in a 3-3 tie following regulation time and two overtime periods and was decided in an Major League Soccer style shootout, with the Meteors prevailing.

This successful tournament performance follows a fourth place finish for the Lightning '81 in the All-American Girls Invitational held in Blaine, Minn, in early July, where the team competed against teams from Minnesota, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania.

Members of the Lightning '81 include Kelly Connell, Jenny Fisher, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Kopenski, Emily Neiiendam, Vicki Palis, Kristina Seniuch, and Sarah Ware of Canton, Sarah Debien, Danelle Filips, Theresia Radtke, Cheron Rice and Andrea Weinman of Plymouth, Nicole Angelocci and Kristin Shea of Novi, Susan Fisher and Jessica Roberts of Trenton, and Tara Robertson of Ann Arbor.

The team is coached by Glenn Kaatz and John Debien.

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The Michigan Lake Area Rams capped a winning season with an extended appearance in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association 15-year-old World Series in Crystal Lake, Ill.

The Rams advanced to the fourth round of the championship losers bracket Aug. 6 before falling in 11 innings to Puerto Rico, 5-4.

The Rams, were 7-4 in the tournament and ended the season with a 44-23 record.

The Lake Area roster consists of Scott Miller, Farmington Hills; Mark Lundquist, West Bloomfield; Kevin Entsminger, Canton; Justin Gerwatowski, Northville; Charles Haeger, Plymouth; Anthony Coratti and Thomas Larson, Novi; Garrett Ignasiak, Waterford; Joshua Odom and Bob Wilson, Livonia; Gary Pearson, Dearborn Heights; Brandon Siemens, Riverview; Sal Papia, John Picco and Robert Tessier, Ontario.

The Rams are managed by Dick Miller of Farmington Hills. The coaches are Greg Haeger, Sr., of Plymouth and Todd Miller of Farmington Hills. The business manager is Dennis Lundquist of West Bloomfield.

The Rams started the CABA World Series with a 2-0 victory over Georgia.

After a 15-12 loss to Florida, the Rams won their next three: 4-0 over Crystal Lake, 12-4 over

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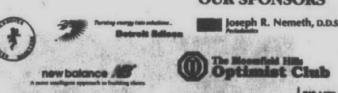
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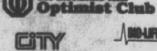
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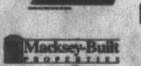
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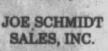
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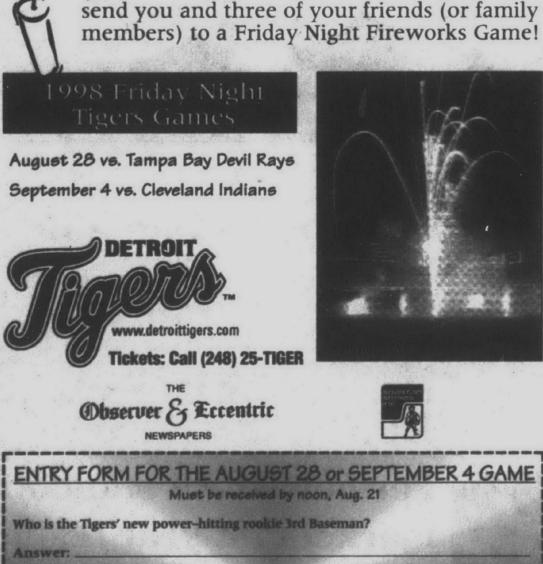








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performance. Blackmore went 2-for-6, including a double, with one RBI. Pike, catcher Chuck VanRoby (Henry Ford) and outfielder C.J. Ghannam (Farmington Hills Harrison/University of Michigan) had two RBI each.

D.C.I.13, Schenectady (N.Y.) 11: D.C.I. ran its record to 2-0 with this win struck out one and walked three. on Sunday at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Winning pitcher Tim Donohue allowed one run on one hit in five innings of relief, coming in with the score tied 8-8 hours. and runners on second and third with no outs in the bottom of the fifth.

Donohue walked the first batter he faced and a wild pitch put Schenectady ahead 9-8 before ending the rally. He finished with four walks and five strike- them, delay them," said Mike Mas-

"I'm usually a starter, but the team started to get my change-up over for strikes and felt comfortable after (the walk and wild pitch)."

D.C.I. scored four runs in the top of the eighth to take the lead for good.

Linton led off with a walk and a wild pitch put him on second base, leading to an RBI single by Storm Kirschenbaum. Blackmore followed with a gametying double and Billy LaRosa added a two-run single.

LaRosa finished the game 4-for-5. Donohue retired 12 straight batters

at one point before walking consecutive batters with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. He struck out the last batter, however, to preserve the win.

Donohue was pitching in relief of Pike, who allowed 10 runs, all earned,

Daguanno was 3-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored. Blackmore, who scored three runs, Livonia Adray pick-up Eric Hardin and Linton had two hits

D.C.I. 9, ABCO Phillies (Philadelphia, Pa.) 8: Relief pitching bailed D.C.I. out in the first game as well as pick-up Nick Latra (Farmington/Central Michigan University) allowed three hits and one run in 4 2/3 innings as D.C.I. rallied for a 9-8 win in 11 innings over the ABCO

Ghannam was the hitting hero in the first game played Saturday night at St. Michael Field.

Ghannam's one-out single down the third base line scored Tom Jones from second base. Jones walked and was sacrificed to second.

Blackmore led D.C.I.'s hitting attack, going 3-for-6 with an RBI and two runs

D.C.I.'s ace pitcher John Stieger started and was relieved after allowing seven runs on 14 hits and four walks with four strikeouts through 6 1/3 innings. Latra silenced the Philadelphia bats the rest of the way, however. He

D.C.I. played Brooklyn, N.Y., another undefeated team, in a winner's bracket game played Monday despite rain that had fallen most of the previous 24

Sunday night's marquee game at between the host team and Lansing. Mi., was rained out and several others Monday were delayed or postponed.

"They'd start them, delay them, start tovich, a sports reporter with the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat. "One started got in a little trouble and asked me to on one field and moved to another. We go to the bullpen," Donohue said. "I didn't have rain her for two weeks

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The Michigan Lake Area Rams 20-under baseball team is assured of three games and it hopes for more at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series beginning Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

The Rams enter the tournament after finishing second in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association based in Livonia.

The Rams open round-robin play at 4 p.m. Thursday against the Long Island (New York) White Sox at Derby Field. Win or lose, they play again at 8 p.m. Friday against the host team Derby City, also at Derby Field, and at 1 p.m. Saturday against Washington at the University of

The Rams will play at 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. Saturday depending on where they stand after three

The Rams have added five players to their post-season ros-

ter and they all either pitch and Tom Willerer (Indiana Uni-exclusively or can pitch: Nick versity).

Newman (Livonia Adray), Bill Axelson is 4-3 with two saves Styles (Hines Park/Plymouth Salem/University of Detroit-Mercy), Jesse Wozniak (Hines Park/Garden City), Jake Reeder (Hines Park) and John Stieger (Livonia Decision Consultants

Newman and Reeder are lefthanders.

Stieger's addition is contingent on where D.C.I. finishes at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament held this week in Johnstown, Pa.

Pitching might be especially important with this being an aluminum bat tournament. Players used wooden bats in the Adray loop.

Even without the pitching help, Rams coach Rick Berryman thinks he has a strong starting rotation of Josh Axelson (Michigan State), Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State)

and a 3.0 earned run average; Wampler is 3-1 with a 2.70 ERA and Willerer is 3-2 with one save and 3.58 ERA.

"I have three quality starters," Berryman said.

Mike Noonan (Redford Union/Adrian College) has been solid in middle relief, recording a 2-1 record with a 1.77 ERA, and another left-hander, Joe Davenport, has starting experience

If needed, Berryman also feels he could use every-day players Matt Pike and left-hander Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St. Mary's College), on the mound.

The eight-team field has players as old as 22, which isn't new to the Rams. There are four 22under teams in the Adray Metro

"It's not like we're stunned by it," Rams coach Rick Berryman

said. "What I'm pleased about is we're going down with plenty of pitching. When you go back-to-back it's what you need.

"I've got five spots (pick-ups) to burn and I used four and thought Pd gamble on Stieger. I hope D.C.I. does well but if we ake it to Sunday and he's able to join us it gives us a quality pitcher who's ready. And if I get desperate I can use Humphreys."

The Rams hitting attack is led; by cleanup hitter Aaron Lawson Farmington Hills/Wayne State), who has a team-high .411 average and 27 RBI.

Leadoff hitter Kevin Prater (Oakland University) is batting 360 with a team-high 25 runs scored and 15 stolen bases and 22 RBI. Catcher Joe Seestadt (Western Michigan) is hitting 316, second baseman Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madon-na) .308 and Rickey Green (Oak-

Rams from page C2

Wisconsin and 6-3 over Virginia. Following an 11-9 loss to Washington State, the Rams edged Hawaii (1-0) and Arkansas (8-7) but lost to Alabama, 11-4.

Michigan stayed alive with a 7-4 win over Fox Valley, Ill. The Rams won the game in the bottom of the seventh on a grand

slam by Ignasiak. Picco, Odom and Lundquist had single RBI.

Haeger was the leading hitter with a .379 average. Lundquist hit .359 and had a team-high 17 RBI. He also led the Rams with 14 hits and eight extra-base hits, seven of which were doubles.

Papia, who was second with 12 RBI, batted .333 and Ignasiak Lundquist was the RBI leader

For the overall season, the team's top hitters were Lundquist (.387), Ignasiak (.362), Odom (.342), Siemens (.305) and Pearson (.304).

Ignasiak hit 11 home runs, Odom eight and Lundquist five.

with 70, followed by Ignasiak (64), Odom (53), Pearson (28), Haeger (26), Wilson (25), Siemens and Entsminger (24).

Picco led the pitchers staff: with a 14-4 record, 132 strike-outs and 2.99 ERA. Wilson was 7-2, Entsminger 7-4, Tessier 6-3 and Siemens 3-1.

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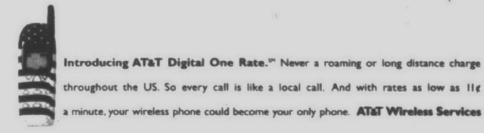
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SOFTBALL

Crews' sisters lead Madness

Mixed results in extra-inning games helped determine the path taken by the Motor City Madness fast-pitch girls softball team at last week's Amateur Softball Association 16-under World Series in Farmington Hills and Novi.

The Madness finished in 33rd place among 76 teams after a 3-2 record in the double-elimination tournament, including a 1-1 mark in extra inning games on

The Madness, which played most of their games this sum-mer in an Ann Arbor collegiate league, ended with a 44-12

Most of the Madness players have been together three seasons, recording a 130-27 record in that span. They finished ninth in the National Softball Association 14-under World Series two years ago and 28th in the NSA 16-under World Series last year. The chance to show their abili-

ty to college coaches from across the state and country proved worthwhile, Madness coach Gar Frantz said.

"We had a fantastic year," Frantz said. "When I was coaching at third base and could look over the fence at UCLA coach Lisa Fernandez among about 100 other scouts that's quite overwhelming. It gave coaches to opportunity to come in and look at the class of 2000. That was very fulfilling to know kids got very good exposure. Whether they run with it is up to them."

The Madness opened with a 1-0 win over Texas Forest (Houston, Tx.) on Thursday, 'scoring a run in the 10th inning when the game was decided by the inter-

national tie-breaker.

made the last out the previous inning, on second base with no

Winning pitcher Amanda Fitzgerald (Byron) threw a sixhitter, striking out six with no walks.

The Madness won after Stephanie Crews (Westland) singled to score Fitzgerald from third base. Fitzgerald started the inning at second base and was sacrificed to third base by Erin Carson (Farmington Hills Mercy).

Madness' chances improved significantly earlier in extra innings when rightfielder Dana Falvo (Mercy) made a fine back-handed catch and threw the ball in on the line to prevent a runner at third base from scor-

The Madness dropped into the loser's bracket after losing a heartbreaking 2-1 decision in 11 innings to the eventual champion USA Athletics from Santa Anna, Calif.

The score was scoreless through 10 innings.

Santa Anna scored a pair of runs after the first two batters struck out with a runner on sec-

A base hit to centerfield scored the first run but not without con-Centerfielder Stephanie Crews threw a perfect strike to the catcher and the runner "looked out," according to Madness coach Gar Frantz. "But the umpire ruled her hand got to the plate before the tag. It was a bizarre call."

The girl who collected the base hit landed on second after the throw to the plate and scored on

The rule calls for each inning to begin with a runner, whoever The Madness got one back in the bottom of the inning with Samantha Crews (Westland) scoring on a ground out by Laura

Burkhart. The Madness played another game on Thursday that wasn't completed until Friday morning. They won the rain-delayed game against the Tri-City Rage of New York, 7-2, after resuming the game in the fourth inning.

Fitzgerald earned the pitching victory, relieving Frantz in the fourth inning.

The Madness scored four runs in the fourth inning to go ahead to stay. Katie Cameron, Carson and Frantz had RBI singles. Samantha Crews drove in the other run with a sacrifice fly.

The Madness stayed alive with a 2-0 win over the CyFair Slam-mers (Austin, Tex.) later on Friday. Cameron led the hitting attack with three hits. Frantz and Theresa Flowers also contributed RBI singles.

Fitzgerald threw a one-hitter with eight strikeouts in earning

the pitching victory.

The Snohomish Merchants from Seattle, Wash. eliminated the Madness 1-0 in an 11-inning game played later Friday.

Fitzgerald pitched in hard luck, allowing six hits and no walks with eight strikeouts.

A sacrifice bunt and a suicide squeeze bunt led to the Merchants only run.

Frantz was on second base for the Madness to start the top of the 11th but there was no advancement as the Merchants made forceouts at third on consecutive sacrifice bunt attempts.

Compuware 9th in national tourney

Compuware finished in a three-way tie for ninth place in the 76-team Amateur Softball Association 16-and-under girls national fastpitch tournament at Founders Park in Farmington

Compuware won six of its first

seven games before losing a second time late Saturday to the Kansas City Lasers in 10 innings, 2-1.

The international tiebreaker. rule was used to decide the game. The Lasers scored twice in the top of the 10th.

Compuware's Emily LaBar doubled to score Andrea Hillsey in the bottom half but was out trying to stretch her hit into a

Lauren Fuerstanau, who won three of five games, was the los-

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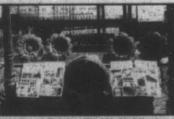
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she earned a business degree before earning a master's degree

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Claar, who also coaches the

Lake Orion girls varsity basket-

ball team, was hired a year ago

as an account representative for the Pistons and Palace Enter-

tainment, which also owns

Meadow brook and Pine Knob

music theatres. She became

Youth Programming Coordinator

of the Shock when Detroit was

named one of two expansion

Rogers, 28, graduated from

Wayne State as the school's all-

time leading scorer and has been

employed by the Palace for six

years, starting with an intern-

ship. She too was an account rep-

resentative for the Pistons and

Palace before her title changed

to director of community rela-

tions for the Shock with their

"Just to walk into this building

and work was great," said Claar,

25. "When I was younger I loved the 'Bad Boys' – during commer-

cial breaks I'd emulate Isiah

(Thomas) out on the driveway.

Working for a WNBA team is

like icing on the cake. I'm

already here and you give me

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work with players and coaches

who are really great people."

Ironically, Claar almost took a

ob in a similar capacity with the

Detroit Tigers before opportunity

knocked at the Palace. The Lake

Orion coaching job and an open-

ing at the Palace came simulta-

She credits John Ciszewski, an

executive vice-president at the Palace and an AAU girls basketball coach in Lake Orion, for

helping her land a job at the

wanted to hire me as a coach,"

Claar said. "The commute (work-

ing for the Tigers and coaching

at Lake Orion) was just not

During the three-month long

"We just try to be places and be seen," Claar said. "When I started researching the WNBA back in November, I would spend 30 to 45 minutes on the phone with people who just wanted to keep talking. I didn't understand

Of course, with their basketball background, neither could pass up the opportunity to try out for the Shock in the spring. Claar got to see how close she is to playing shape, matching up a lot in informal workouts against Nancy Lieberman-Cline, the Shock coach and one of the most popular woman players

"I was very lucky to get to play with Nancy and I was matched up with her every time," she said. "I don't know if she was taking it easy on me but I held

Rogers' best sport in high school was softball. She made all-state honors and turned down Division I college offers to play basketball for Division II WSU. Perhaps she'll try out for a women's professional softball

team should one come to Detroit.

"My true love was basketball,"

said Rogers, who also earned a

master's degree from WSU. "It

didn't come easy and I knew I

Selinger reappears: Claar reacquainted herself with former

CMU placekicker Chuck Selinger, a 1990 West Bloomfield

graduate, at last Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the

Selinger was there working for

General Motors Event Works, promoting an event for Shockfest, which takes place in the Palace parking lot before home

could keep getting better at it." Sounds like the perfect motto

Well, maybe not.

for the WNBA.

season, which covers most of the

summer, it's not uncommon for Claar and Rogers to work 60-70

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Selinger and Claar had to make double-takes when they ran into each other before the

Selinger is easier to recognize

than most football players. "I'm a kicker. I had my helmet off more than on," he quipped.

Selinger, who lives in Marshall, is also public relations manager for the Oldsmobile Scramble, the world's largest amateur golf tournament.

Michigan is hosting eight sectional tournaments Sept. 8. For more information call Selinger at (517) 278-1140.

'We got next' not just Shock from page C1 Claar was a star guard at Cenfancy slogan at Palace tral Michigan University where

Anina Cicerone loves the new Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association but you get the idea her favorite guard of all-time lives under the

Cicerone is the 7-year old daughter of Birmingham Marian girls basketball coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone, who in her playing days starred at point guard for the University of Detroit.

Lillie-Cicerone had Anina out-fitted in a Shock jersey bearing the name and number of forward Cindy Brown, the WNBA's leading rebounder, at Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the

Every parent's entitled to a little brainwashing. How many little kids can pronounce the names of Shock star guards Sandy Brondello and Korie Hlede, anyway?

"I like Cindy Brown - because she's on the back of my shirt," said Anina, who's as cute as she

So her mother is still the best guard Anina knows, but her ree-year-old brother Russell is a harder sell. The Shock players and his mother take a back seat to someone else.

"I like Michael Jordan," Russell said.

Ah, give him time.

Although the Shock appear to be forming a strong fan base, even among the tiniest of people, Anina apparently still gives her most allegiance to her mother's



Korle In charge: Shock guard Korie Hlede (left) directs traffic vs. Los Angeles.

But it might help to have a mascot like the Shock's Zap to keep her company at Marian

'She's still more of a Marian fan," said Lillie-Cicerone, who has two Shock season tickets. But it's hard to keep her interest the whole time. She's usually in the hallway playing."

Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline has her son, 4-yearold T.J., already talking politically correct.

"All of them are my favorite," said T.J., standing off to the side of the court with some family friends while his mother was

T.J. must have been glad to hear his mom's team won on this

"When she loses, she's in a

Sitting in the crowd at a typical Shock game is like a "who's who" among girls high school basketball. At any given game you can find scores of boys and girls who attended the Pistons/Shock Partner Camps run by Steve Moreland.

High school girls basketball coaches and their players are among the 8,000 season ticket holders and the first-year team has even attracted a following of

There is the group of Bosnian

Getting Zapped: Mascot "Zap" entertains Shock fans. "This is for us," Johnson said.

men, dubbed the "Baseline Bosnians," who bring their native land's flag along to cheer for their country's representative - 6-foot-8 center Razija Mujanovic.

Former Redford Bishop Borgess guard Regina Respert attended Wednesday's game with a friend. Her brother, Shawn, who has played for the Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors and Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, seemed intrigued by the thought of attending a WNBA game, she said.

But he passed on the invita-tion this night.

"He told me 'That's good, pay close attention to how they play,' said Regina, a player at Oberlin College in Ohio. "It's like studying. I want to take a few pointers back."

A group of grown women sitting behind one basket were having fun not acting their age. Alisa Collins, 31, Jackie Bass, 32, and Tracey Johnson, 30, all of Detroit, arrived with signs in hand.

These girls have a blast, whether the Shock win or lose.

"Pistons watch out. This is here to stay. You can actually talk to the coaches and players. They're not hiding from you. The Shock Wave, the club's

dance team, features high school aged boys and girls from across metro Detroit. Dancers Tricia Crawford and Stephanie Walker are constantly turning down requests to date from boys. "We just kind of blow it off,"

said Crawford, who already has a boyfriend. "The fans are incredible, there is so much enthusiasm. It's like a family atmosphere.

Shock assistant coach Chris Collins, the son of former Pistons' coach Doug Collins, appreciates the players' talents.

"I love it, I'm having a blast," said Collins, whose sister plays collegiately. "The players have great attitudes, come to practice willing to learn. They don't play for the money right now and some of them are 35, 36, 37 years old, their bodies are breaking down - but they're still playing. It's a great game."

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Trailing 12-10 with two outs m of the final inning, San dego tied the score with an ffield hit. The next batter followed with a line drive down the left field line that fell in for a base hit, scoring the tying and go-ahead runs.

Concealed learned the hard way baseball is a game of inches. The line drive tipped off the third baseman's glove - another half inch and it's in his glove,

game over," Pirronello said. "And

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the winning run was a bang-bang play at the plate after a great throw from the outfield (Westland's Alan Hagedon)."

Casey Sargent, the third of

three Concealed pitchers, suf-fered the loss. Ryan Shay (Gar-den City) started, pitching the first 4 2/3 innings before Eric Drieselman (Garden City) came

on for one-thing of an

Concealed had 12 hits, led by Chris Rusin (Canton), who was 3for-3, including a double and an RBI. Eric Vojtkofski (Wayne) and Drieselman each went 2-4 with an RBI. Richard also was 2-4, including a home run.

Concealed enjoyed leads of 5-1 and 8-3 before San Diego's

Concealed, still staggering from the heartbreaking loss, fell behind 8-0 Friday to Baltimore threatening with four runs in its last at-bats. A double by Shay, single by Votjkofski and walk to Scott Szpryka loaded the bases with

Hagedon and Sargent followed with RBI singles and Andrew Stafford had a two-run double to cut the deficit

to 8-4. With two runners aboard and the tying run in the on-deck circle, Baltimore ended the threat when the first baseman went in the hole to make a play on a grounder in time to get the batter at first.

The eight run deficit was just too much to overcome.

"Everybody was amazed at the comeback. The other team was sweating bullets," Pirronello said. "I couldn't be prouder of the

team. Coach Bill Szppryka said it best: 'It was like two heavyweights going at it for 10 rounds and then asking the one who lost to come back the next day."

Team members included Phillip Mabey (Livonia), Matt Rodeghier (Farmington), Mark Pirronello (Livonia), coaches Pat Rusin, Al Shay, Frank Stafford and Szpryka and bat boys Tyler Rusin (Canton) and Jeremy Shay (Garden City).



Final Four qualifier: Members of the Concealed Security

include (front row left-right) batboys Tyler Rusin and Jeremy Shay; (first row l-r)

Vojtkovski, Ryan Shay, Jeff Richard, Matt Rodeghier;

Eric Drieselman, Casey Sar-

gent, Alan Hagedon, Chris

Shay, Frank Stafford, Bill

Rusin, Scott Szpryka; (fourth row l-r) coaches Lou Pirronello, Pat Rusin, Al

Szpryka.

(second row, 1-r) Andrew Stafford, Mark Pirronello,

11-year-old baseball team.

Phillip Mabey, Eric

Making contact: Chris Rusin (Canton) was one of Concealed's hitting heroes in a heartbreaking loss to eventual national champion San Diego, Calif.



Beats the throw: Alan Hagedon (Westland) was a threat on the basepaths and with the bat at the 11vear-old World Series.

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ing pitcher. Compuware had just three hits, including one each by Jessica Beech and Angie Bal-

Compuware opened tournament play Aug. 4 with a 3-1 victory over the Indiana Impact. Hillsey was 2-for-2 and Beech, Erin Ballinger and Lisa Copeland scored the runs while Fuerstanau tossed a four-hitter.

The team followed with a pair of 2-0 wins over the Salanis (Calif.) Storm Aug. 5 and the Virginia Shamrocks Aug. 6. Jessica Brubaker allowed only

three hits over 5 1/3 innings against the Storm. Beech had two hits and Maria D'Agostino In the first game of the elimi-

nation round, Fuerstanau hurled a one-hitter at the Shamrocks. Beech (triple) and Hillsey (double) had two hits each; LaBar had an RBI.

Beech went 4-for-4 with an RBI as Compuware edged the Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Flames on Friday, 3-2.

Hillsey had another two-hit game, and D'Agostino and Emily Nimke, the winning pitcher in relief of Brubaker, contributed

Compuware suffered its first loss Saturday when the South-ern California Athletics eked out

Melissa Wilson was 2-for-3 with an RBI for Compuware, which scored in the bottom of

run thrown out at the plate. In the second of four straight games Saturday, Compuware defeated the Washington Merchants in 10 innings, 2-1.

the seventh and had the tying

With the tiebreaker rule in use again, Ballinger started the bottom of the 10th on second base but was out at third on Wilson's

Wilson was sacrificed to second by Julie Houck and scored the winning run on Beech's dou-

Hillsey and Wilson were 2-for-3. Fuerstanau was the winning

Without time for a break, Compuware improved its record to 6-1 by defeating the Arizona Hotshots, 1-0.

Brubaker pitched a two-hitter over seven innings to earn the win. Hillsey (2-for-3) scored the lone run on Balconi's sacrifice

The fourth consecutive game resulted in the 2-1 loss to the

Compuware, which added Lindsey Simko to the team for the tournament, had a 42-7

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OUTDOORS

on another journey Ferguson embark

Eight years ago, as an ama-aur breaking into the bass fishng tournament scene, Livonia sident Art Ferguson earned a ot in the prestigious B.A.S.S. lasters Classic by finishing first in the amateur Federation Tournament. As the only amateur in the tournament, it was an honor he'll never forget and to this day Ferguson is one of just three Michigan anglers to have ever qualified and fished in the Clas-

This year, Ferguson is mbarking on yet another bass fishing journey that he hopes will lead to another berth in the Classic. Ferguson finished 16th last year in the B.A.S.S. Masters Eastern Invitational standing, which earned him a berth in the B.A.S.S./K Mart Top 150 Pro-Am tour where he'll compete against the top bass anglers in the world.

The competition will be fierce, but Ferguson won't be battling the odds alone. Ferguson's cousin, Bloomfield Hills resident Kyle Green, has also qualified for the Top-150 circuit through money winnings and will join Ferguson in a quest to reach the Classic. Technically they'll be competing against each other, but they'll be able to help each

other along the way as well. "Kyle and I will be working and rooming together," said Ferguson. "We'll be able to do some pre-tournament fishing together and we'll room together when we're on the road. It will be nice to have someone there that you know and it will help to cut down on some of the expenses,

Expenses will be high. The

tournament trail rolls throughout the eastern and southern United States and begins Aug. 23-29 on the Potomac River in Maryland. Ferguson estimates it will cost him upwards of \$20,000 to complete the circuit. Although Hamilton Chevrolet, Terminator Titanium Spinner Baits and Northfield Manufacturing, he still needs to fish well to break

"I couldn't have broken into the Top 150 without my sponsors, but I'll still have to do well to make any money," said Ferguson. "If I do well in the first two tournament I should be OK, but if I don't make any money early, I could be in trouble. Hopefully, I'll do well and things will work out.

So far this summer, things have been working out very well for the 33-year-old angler. Besides running a guide service on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay, Ferguson has been busy fishing the local bass tournaments. He has won two open tournaments on Lake St. Clair, and after three tournaments in the Michigan Division of the Red

he gets support from sponsors Man Tournament Trail, Fergusuch as Jan's Sports Shop, son was in first place in the point standings. He has two fourth-place finishes and one eighth-place finish. The top five anglers in the division at the conclusion of the sixth tournament advance to the Red Man Regional where a fully-rigger bass boat is up for grabs

In his spare time, Ferguson has been busy with cable TV and radio engagements. Locally, you can get fishing tips and facts from Ferguson each Thursday at 6:40 p.m. on Sports Wrap on WJR (760 AM) radio. He'll also be featured in an upcoming fishing show called O'Neill Outside. The show was filmed on Florida's Lake Okeechobee, where ferguson guides during the winter, back in March. It will air at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 on the Sunshine Network, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Outdoor Channel and 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Outdoor Life Network.

Northern exposure

Bob Collins has enjoyed a great summer of fishing. He traveled south and fished Cape Hatteras, North Carolina earlier this year and ventured to Key West Florida to wet a line as

He's had success close to home, too. Fishing on Squaw Lake in Oxford, Collins hooked and landed a mighty 6 1/2-pound, 34-inch Northern pike.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ARCHERY

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 16, on its walkthrough range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 for more information.

Detroit Archers will host the state 3D championships on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30target 3D shoot on Sunday, Aug.

23, on its walk-through range in Plymouth. Call (313) 453-9843 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.

CLINICS

The Bluewater Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Perch Point Conservation Club will hold a clinic on how to hunt waterfowl beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Perch Point Conservation Club in Marine City. Admission is \$10 and kids age 16 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Call (810) 412-7141 or (248) 852-7326 for more information.

TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at

9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discuss by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

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 Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688 after Aug. 15.



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SATURDAY



Richard Jeni performs 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road. Rochester. Tickets are \$10 and \$20, call (248) 377-0100 or

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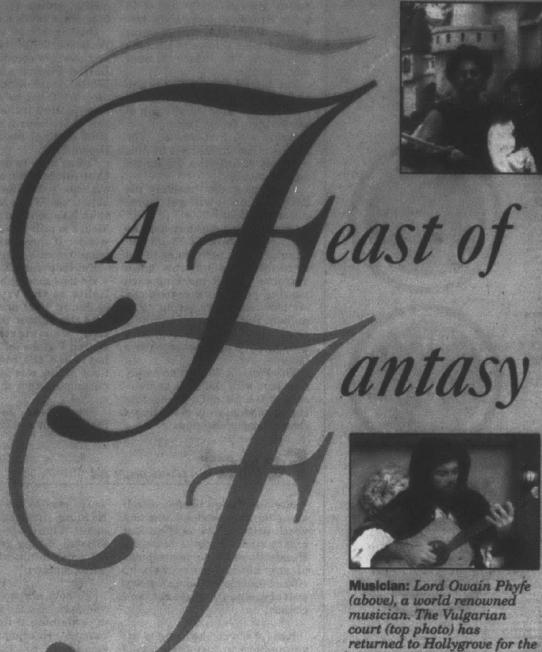
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Richard Denomme is one of the more than 200 award-winning artists exhibiting works in the Fourth Annual Novi Art Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Town Center, I-275 at I-96, live music daily, call (248) 347-3830 for informa-



Hot Tix: There will be lots of cruising on Woodward Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15 during Woodward Dream Cruise 1998. Check out the schedule of events inside.





court (top photo) has returned to Hollygrove for the royal nuptials of Queen Eleanor and King Robert.



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Indulgences: Father Jerry, played by Jerry Bacik, helps everyone indulge in fantasy and fun at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rain or shine) weekends and Labor Day, Sat. Aug. 15 to Sunday, Sept. 27
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ADMISSION: Adults \$13.95 gate, \$12.50 ance; Children (ages 5-12) \$5.95 gate, \$5 advance; with ID) \$10.75 gate only. Season passes \$49.95 (Available through the festival main office). Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information. Advance tickets available at Kroger, Kessel Food Markets, AAA Michigan and BP.

Schedule and Highlights: III Leisure & Lore - Aug. 15-16

International Strongman Competition, Merlin's Magic Fest, Fizzle The Dragon's Birthday Party

MA Faire of the Heart - Aug. 22-23 Wedding of the Century, The Dating Game, Valentine Making

High Seas Adventure - Aug. 29-30 Singing Pirates, Great Lakes Beer Tasting Travel The Silk Road - Sept. 5-7

International Beer Fest, Belly Dancing Contest, Free Fortune Cookie Contest M Highland Fling - Sept. 12-13 Bagpipe Blowout and Dance Competition, Caber toss

M Spirits of the Realm - Sept. 19-20 Home Brewing Demonstrations, Mask Making, Grape Stomping, Parade of Fooles, Inglenook Wine Tasting, Parade of the Little Spirits

Sweet Endings - Sept. 26-27 Tournament of Temptations Baking Contest, Chocolate Festival with free samples, Pie Eating Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest

Hospitality is Queen Eleanor's middle name, and now that she has her own personal chef, her royal highness is in more of a position to properly entertain guests at the 19th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival

ppening Saturday, Aug. 15. In addition to the usual succu- is \$12 per lent roasted turkey legs, savory soup served in a bread bowl, Scotch eggs, and apple dumpling, Queen Eleanor and her personal chef Cheri Sias, are cooking up some surprises sure to delight your tastebuds

and senses New this year at Holly Shire is the Feast of Fantasy - a five course, two hour, meal featuring entertainment between each

course "The menu includes Maryland Crab cakes, chilled beet soup, Caesar salad, sorbet, and herb crusted pork prime rib with roasted red potatoes and sautéed summer vegetable med-ley," said Michelle Bono. "Guests also receive a limited edition hand-thrown pottery goblet as a remembrance.

There are two seatings every Sunday during the festival noon and 3 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, advance reservations are recommended call the number listed in the chart.

Perhaps you'd like to enjoy tea with Queen Eleanor and her court. English high tea, includsandwiches, and, of course, lively entertainment, is served 4 p.m. each festival day. The cost

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and legendary characters of the Renaissance Festival for Fables at the Table, a continental breakfast filled with laughter and

merriment, 10:30 a.m. each Festival morning in the Castle. The cost is \$5 per person.

Quality cigars, premium beer, and a buffet of crackers, fruits and hard meats is offered 6 p.m. every Saturday and Labor Day during the Festival. Admission

is \$12 for guests 18 or older, and advance reservations are recom-mended.

Dragon's Breath Ale, brewed Festival, is available at the new Dragon's Breath Pub and Stage. This year's ending, Sept. 26-27

Chocolate Festival and Cupcake Contest were added to the fes-

The fun begins Saturday, Aug. 15 with the International Strongman's Contest and Merlin's Magic Fest. Witness daredevil antics and frightening feats of courage as the amazing Cliffhanger tempts fate on the high wire with the "Blindfolded Walk of Death."

Michigan Renaissance Festival offers non-stop entertainment including sword swallowers, magicians, musicians, and comedians on 12 stages and performance sites. There are games of skill, hilarious contests and lots of special events every weekend. Eat, drink and be merry, you can even go shopping too. There are more than 150 artisan shops to choose from including the Ye Silver Castle Sword Shop and Queen's Choco-

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ANNIVERSARY

The Palace celebrates 10 years

Two hours before the Aug. 1 Rod Stewart concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the venue's banquet room is filled with the scents of prime rib, pasta and chicken intermingling with laughter and enthusiastic conver-

Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, shakes hands with television personalities, newspaper reporters, athletes and others who have supported the organization during its 10 years of existence.

As Stewart hits the stage with his sassy rendition of Oasis' "Cigarettes and Alcohol," Wilson patiently watches but then sneaks away. After 10 years at the helm of The Palace, he's anxious to recreate his memories with the WDIV-TV special honoring the venue's 10th birthday.

"It's almost like raising a child in the sense that day after day you're plugging away and then you step back and marvel at how they've grown and how they've changed and how much fun it is to be around them," said Wilson, a Rochester Hills resident.

"To a great degree, The Palace has The Beastle Boys

been like a child for a lot of us. There's a number of us who have been here all 10 years. Besides a business interest, we have almost a human interest in her success.

Millions of customers

The Palace of Auburn Hills opened for business Aug. 13, 1988, with a concert by pop star Sting and has since welcomed 23.5 million people into its

The organization now known as Palace Sports and Entertainment has



added to its roster Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township, The Detroit Vipers and the Detroit Shock.

In the last decade, The Detroit Pistons won back-to-back championships in 1989 and 1990; the hockey team, the Detroit Vipers, hit the top spot; and the venue has undergone millions of dollars worth of renovations.

The most notable change is the Atrium addition which includes a Jam Session comparison exhibit, the merchandise stores, Sony Maximum Television Theatre, Music Superhighway CD listening stations and the Pistons and Palace Celebrity halls of fame.

It hasn't gone unnoticed. For the last 10 years, the honors have been rolling in. The Palace has earned "Best New Venue" honors by Performance and Pollstar trade publications, and it is annually ranked among the nation's top-grossing indoor venues leading to numerous "Arena of the Year" plaques.

Several pop stars have made return

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The Palace of Auburn Hills is celebrating its 10th anniversary by hosting a variety of events during the next year. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.palac

MUSIC ACTS:

III The Beastle Boys with special guests A Tribe Called Quest and Detroit-born key-boardist Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$25.50.

III Reba McEntire, Brooks and Dunn, Terri Clark and David Kersh, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Tickets are \$43.

M Pearl Jam and Cheap Trick, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Tickets are \$23. III Elton John, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50.

Ill Tentatively scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills are the "Family Values Tour" fea-turing Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy on Thursday, Oct. 1; and The Paper boys on Saturday, Nov. 21.

SPORTING EVENTS:

The Detroit Shock's remaining home game is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, against New York. Tickets range from \$8-\$12.50. **III The Detroit Vipers has not announced its** season schedule as of press time. The season usually begins in early October and runs through mid-April. Tickets range from \$8-\$35. If The Detroit Pistons season is scheduled to begin Friday, Nov. 6, against the Philadephia 76ers pending resolution of the labor dispute. Tickets range from \$12-\$31.

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visits to The Palace - Billy Joel, Reba McEntire, Elton John and Jimmy Buffet - as well as family shows such as Discover Stars on Ice, World Championship Wrestling and the Longhorn World Championship Rodeo.

World Championship Rodeo.

Others have made their Detroit-area debut. The Spice Girls treated a sold-out crowd of mostly girls under the age of 10 to its Broadway-style show last month. Pearl Jam will re-enter Ticketmaster venues in the area by playing The Palace on Sunday Aug. 23.

The birthday activities began in late July with 10 20-foot-tall candles mounted on the top of the building facing Lapeer Road. Keeping with that theme, The Palace of Auburn Hills is hosting a variety of activities during the next 12 months.

A Palace guest - namely the 25th million - will get "some major surprises."

"We haven't announced the package yet. We're at 23-1/2 million right now. We're going to put a counter up on the main entrance with it marking each passing guest so everyone can see how close we're getting to 25 million. Somebody – hopefully a relative – will get a very nice package," Wilson said with a laugh.

The Palace's 10th anniversary coincides with the 10th anniversary of the Detroit Pistons' first championship, so it is holding a season-long celebration.

"Every few games, one member of the championship team will come to a game. It will all culminate on April 3 when Orlando and coach Chuck Daly come in and we'll have everybody back for one big night to revisit the Bad Boys," he explained.

Pete Skorich, the vice presi-

Pete Skorich, the vice president of broadcasting and multimedia, counts the Detroit Pistons' titles as his fond memories.

During those seasons, the Rochester Hills resident served as the video coordinator for the Detroit Pistons and visited the White House with the champions. That led to other, bigger opportunities including a stint as the video coordinator for the 1992 original men's basketball Dream Team.

"I was able to do some things that under normal circumstances I wouldn't have been able to do. When something like that happens to you, you go, 'God, I'm still relatively young. I wonder if these will be the two biggest events of my life?"

But they weren't.

He lists among his other highlights as the Vipers championship in 1997 and the concerts
held throughout the years. Skorich, who started with the
Detroit Pistons in 1976 as a ballboy when the team played in
Cobo Arena, was instrumental in
putting together the anniversary

For Wilson, seeing Barbra Streisand in concert in 1994 was

a thrill.

"Still to this day, it's the best shows that we've ever hosted because it was just so perfect. No one had any hope that they would ever see her perform live. That made it very, very special."

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The Palace of Auburn Hills, according to Wilson, will continue to keep up its reputation. World-renowned restaurant designer Ron Rea, who also worked on the nearby Industry nightclub in Pontiac, will head up the multi-million dollar effort to revamp The Palace's restaurants and banquet facilities.

The Suite Entrances at the

The Suite Entrances at the east and west sides of the building will be gussied up. Further in the future, the organization is planning to modernize the arena's public address/audio system and PalaceVision video screens, to enlarge areas of the concourse and expand the north end of the building.

Looking back at The Palace's 10 years, Wilson is amazed at its growth.

"At the beginning, we were a pretty tight little group of more than 100 that opened the building. Now we're up to 350 full-time employees. We went from being an arena and a basketball team to (adding) an amphitheater, the other amphitheater, the Shock, the Vipers hockey team. Now 300-plus nights a year, give or take a few day, we're doing something somewhere. That's the most amazing thing."

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late and Fudge Shoppe. Stroll along the tree-shaded paths and watch demonstrations of ancient crafts such as glass blowing. Hundreds of items reminiscent of the 16th century will be offered for sale including jewelry, pottery, weavings, herbs and clothes.

King Robert challenges all youngsters to test their skills and become official knights of the realm. Cheer for your favorite knight during the full-contact armored jousts three times a day.

"We create a playscape where the scene unfolds within you,

you're part of the cast," said Lu Harding, director of entertainment. "There are over 300 performers on any given weekend. We perform anywhere there's a patch of green."

To help prepare young actors and actresses for the challenges of performing at the Renaissance Festival, Harding expanded the Academy of the Michigan Renaissance Festival to include classes in the history of theater, movement, period costume design, and Renaissance performence

Local experts including Phil Fox of Wayne State University and Roberta Lucas of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, worked with the students.

"We want to give the students more ammunition," said Harding. "They step out on the festival grounds with a little bag of tricks, they're very young actors who don't have a lot of tricks. We feel it's important to help them gain experience."

The 40 Academy graduates range in age from 16 to 23, and will be joined on the festival grounds by seasoned performers including Greg Oatley who portrays Stir Collin Macleod and world-renowned Renaissance bard, Owain Phyfe.

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Avenge Cand Join the Oakland Regional Board of Trustees of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Robbie Timmons of WXYZ. the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WXDG The Edge for a benefit showing of The Avengers starring Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman and Sean Connery We're having a look-a-like contest, too. Do you look like Ralph, Uma or Sean? Come dressed as one of the movie's characters and win a dinner cruise on Lake St. Clair for you and a companion. Monday, August 17, 1998 Star Theater, Southfield, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road 6 p.m. Patron Party (Galleria Officentre) \$50. 8 p.m. Movie Only \$25 eds benefit cancer research, patient care and educat MANOS Observer & Eccentric

Sister Hazel grows tired of 'nice guy' label They're nice guys who write same things." nice, happy songs and put on happy shows. But Ryan Newell, rhythm/slide guitarist for the roots rock band Sister Hazel,

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"When we write songs, a lot of times they come from the same places the angst-ridden songs come from. Usually the songs start with some kind of frustration and either you elaborate on the frustration or write a song to try to make you feel better. We're the ones playing the songs every night so there's no use in making ourselves more depressed," Newell said with a laugh, via telephone from Hawaii.

said the "nice" label is getting

"We like to put people in a nicer place. But people write us up as the 'happy band.' That's ridiculous to us because we feel like we're writing about the

No matter where the songs come from, Sister Hazel's style has proved to be successful. The giddiness of Sister Hazel's single "All For You" pushed its album Somewhere More Familiar" (Universal) past the one million sales mark.

"We're really excited about that. It's an honor. Sometimes I forget what we do is a privilege. We're thankful to be out here."

Sister Hazel - lead vocalist/ acoustic guitarist Ken Block, vocalist/acoustic guitarist Andrew Copeland, bassist/vocalist Jeff Beres, and drummer Mark Trojanowski – formed in 1994 in Gainsville, Fla., home to the University of Florida. Newell, a Berklee College of Music graduate, joined the band in 1996 after serving as the band's session guitarist.

ran Sister Hazel's Rescue Mission in Gainesville during the '70s and '80s, released it selftitled debut in 1994. It includes an acoustic version of "All For

"The first record, it's self-titled, and is actually a demo for us to get gigs when we were first starting out. People liked the cassette so we decided to get CDs made," explained Newell, who appeared on the album.

After the success of "Sister Hazel," the band returned to the studio to start work on "...Somewhere More Familiar." Recorded in six days and mixed in four, the band released it on its own label, Croakin' Poet Records.

"We rode around in a van and trailer and sold the CD on our own. We started to have label

African-American woman who out as is. I think a lot of the magic from that record was the raw energy on it. We recorded a lot of those tracks live and went

back and touched it up."
When Universal Records showed interest (and a budget) the band "touched up" a few of the guitar and vocal parts to make it "major-label worthy" and to reflect the changes that had been made to the songs while Sister Hazel was on the road.

That still applies today, said Newell, whose band plays Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Wednesday,

Aug. 19, with Seven Mary Three. We improvise a little bit more so we don't play the same show every night. It's more interesting musically. There's longer solos on some songs. We change an arrangement here, do an interesting transition there. We

As for the album title, it harkens back to the whole "nice

guy" thing..
"We don't want to limit ourselves to optimism. The group of songs that we put on that disc happened to have a common

Three perform Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door for the all-ages show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit http://www.961melt.com. Sister Hazel's Web site is http:// www.sisterhazel.com

Dave Wagner returns to Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE

was rough(age) on all of us. Sure, you can have a great salad without arugula, but the entire time you're partaking of it you're

had some arugula."

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Wagner was the

Dave's depar-

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Well, our salad days are back. Like Michael Myers and Freddie Kruger before him, Dave Wagner won't stay gone. Of course, we couldn't be happier. But when you're talking about the guy who for so many years at WQRS was noted for bringing a sense of humor to the sometimes staid world of classical music, you have to figure we're going to tease him mercilessly.

I called Dave and asked him, just where the heck was he, anyway? "I was in Cincinnati for half a year, where I had a great time doing the morning show at

is Backstage teach full time at Madonna, so I took the plunge doing the gig I got as associate professor, teaching music history, music theory, and arc welding for plumbers. Oops! I'm low on acetylene. OK, how about directing the University Chorale, then? I'll be busy doing some gigs on pipe organ, too. And, of course, I get to work with you again, Ann, which is extremely cool. I'm glad to be back for the third season of Backstage Pass." While he liked Cinci, Dave missed Detroit. "Sure, they have Skyline Chili, but they don't have our Coneys thinking, "Great salad! If only it or Greektown. You have to go away to realize the great things

> Speaking of what we have here, how about a preview of the upcoming classical season around Detroit? "The upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre season opens with Puccini's 'Turandot,' which actually hasn't been done here in a while. It has a really good cast, including Alessandra Marc, who got her first big break with the MOT and has gone on to an international career. Les Ballets de Monte Carlo, is coming at the end of September to do the ballet 'Romeo & Juliet.' Also, the Paul Taylor Dance Company

the MOT season in May.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra season opens with Joshua Bell, the violinist, who's on the cutting edge now of the upcoming names. In October there's Nigel Kennedy, who goes by just the one name 'Kennedy,' kind of like Prince. He's one of the new wave of performers; he doesn't dress in the traditional tuxedo, he may come out wearing all black. Then you have Awadagin Pratt, an African American pianist from Philly, who's won all these competitions. Also coming in October is guitarist Chistopher Parkening. He was one of the favorite students of Andres Segovia, the great guru who brought the guitar forth as a solo instrument on the concert stage. And I can't forget about the Preservation Hall Jazz Band coming in from New

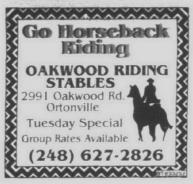
Anything outside the big venues? "Detroit's particularly rich in community music-making, both university and community groups. You've got the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, plus other community symphonies and ensembles, we're a very rich area for that. I

In the salad that back? "I had the opportunity to Detroit Opera House as part of off-the-beaten-path groups you don't always hear about."

Speaking of surprises, Dave got one earlier this year. "I won the 1998 Motor City Music Award for Best Classical Disc for my CD 'Bright and Clear.' I was going to call the disc 'Dull and Opaque,' but I thought this was more uplifting. Maybe it was a sympathy vote after what happened at WQRS. I was so caught up in my romance with I-75 that didn't even know I was nominated. One day a friend told me, 'Congratulations, you won the award.' So now I have this stat-

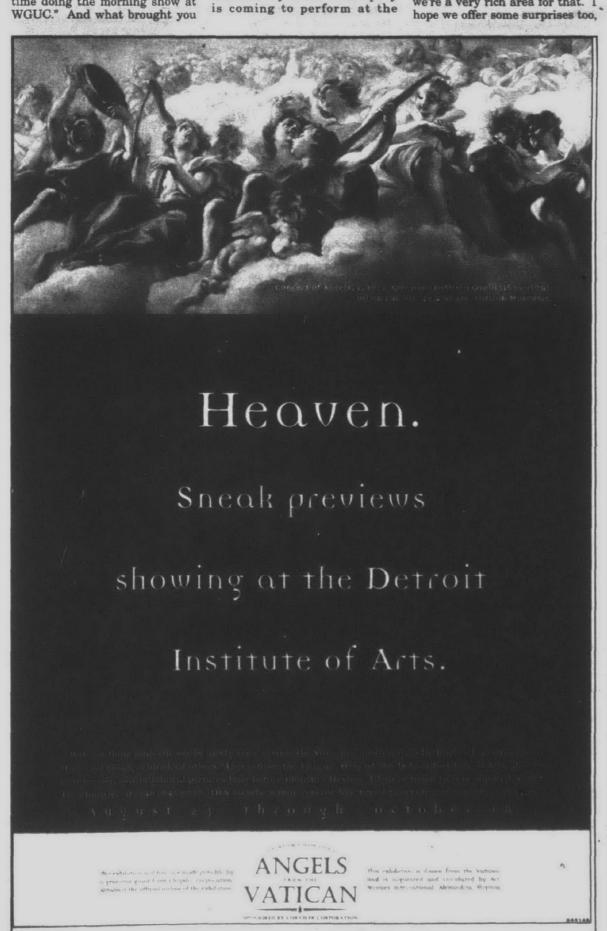
Thing sure turned around after the demise of WQRS and the abandonment of classical radio in Detroit got 1998 off to an unceremonious start. "Yeah, what a great year! Oddly enough, I'm looking forward to 1999; I've got a bunch of concerts lined up in Cincinnati. I guess you just look for opportunities as they come up."

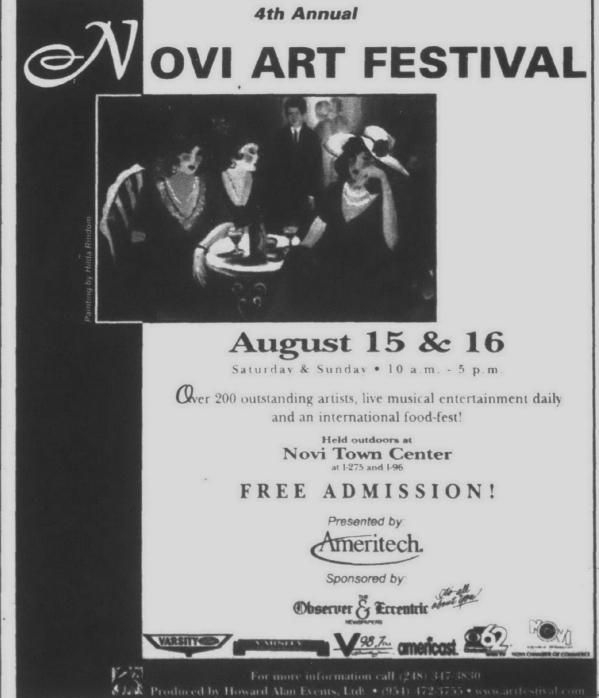
Backstage Pass is pre-empted this week due to the August Pledge Drive at Detroit Public Television. Fear not; we'll be back on the air next week with more great coverage of Southeast Michigan's vibrant visual and performing arts.





The Toronto 'Phantom's' 10" Year Savin





Adays a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CHEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY
"Playscape '98: A Festival of New
Plays," featuring musical comedy and
staged readings of four plays, through
Sunday, Aug. 16, Meadow Brook Theatre
in Wilson Hall, Oakland University,
Rochester, \$5-\$25. (248) 377-3300
PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the
Road," Joan Ackerman's new comedy
takes a look at the great American pastime of automobile travel, through
Saturday, Aug. 29, at the theater, 137
Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. WednesdaysFridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays,
and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$20 for Wednesday,
Thursday and Sunday, \$25 FridaySaturday, (734) 475-7902

COLLEGE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The Comedy of Errors," ThursdaysSundays, Aug. 13-23, at the college's
Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine
Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen Road,
Dearborn. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2
p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 students. (313)
845-9900
MACOMIR SUMMER THEATRE

**Steel Magnolias," a comedy about six Louisiana ladies who face love and mortality with uncommon strength, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 14-15 and 21-22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$12, \$10 seniors/students, \$9 groups of 10 or more. (810) 286-2222

WARREN CIVIC THEATRE
"Jesus Christ Superstar Resurrection," 8
p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, and 2
p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Warren
Woods Auditorium, 12 Mile and
Schoenherr, Warren. \$10, \$6 and \$4,
(810) 751-8080

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN
"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 13-14 and 18-21,
2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 15, 22 and
Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and 2:30 p.m.
Sundays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, at the
theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville.
Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance
times and rates.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FERNDALE CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK SHOW

More than 600 classic cars and trucks, live entertainment by The Contours and other groups, car swap meet, carnival games, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Friday night free. \$5 State Fair parking fee, \$3 admission Saturday; to benefit community groups. (248) 543-8368

"FESTIVE FRIDAY VICTORIAN EVENING"
Featuring Dodworth Saxhorn Band playing authentic 19th century music and instruments, High-Wheeling Band playing music while riding nine-foot unicycles, Buffalo Soldiers' Black Civil War infantry re-enactors, open community contra dancing in the street, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, on Liberty Street between Main Street and Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 665-8863

PRENNEDY DREAM CRUISE"
Dream Cruise musical with songs from the '50s and '60s by special education students and staff from Pontiac, Lake Orion, Oxford, and Rochester, highlights include wheelchair dancing, arts and crafts show by students and faculty, and classic car and hot rod show by local businesses and clubs, come for fun and bring your vintage car, cruisin' cars well-come, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Kennedy Center, 1700 N. Baldwin, Pontiac. (248) 333-1424

ART TILE FAIR

Pewabic Pottery presents its third annual sale of handcrafted art tiles by more than 60 artists from across the country, free antique tile appraisals, installation demonstrations for the setting of tile tables, back splashes and floors, and a silent auction to benefit Pewabic's education and historic programs, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, Sunday, Aug. 16, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. \$5. (313) 822-

FAMILY EVENTS

THE CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS
Noon Sunday, Aug. 16, Garden City Park, northwest corner of Ford and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Free. All ages.

GARDEN CITY FAMILY FEST

Featuring games, arts and crafts, food booths, ice cream social, marching bands, magic show and marching bands, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, City Park on Cherry Hill Road, east of Merriman Road. "THE LION KING"

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Marshbank

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Marshbank Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 per car, \$1 per person walk-ins. (248) 738-2500 NATIVE AMERICAN SANDPAINTING Children can learn how to make their

** Children can learn how to make their pwn sand painting, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. **15, Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Meet at the Annex parking lot. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187 **WIZARD OF 02**

Stage presentation, noon Tuesday, Aug. 18, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10 pavilon, \$5 lawn, All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

BENEFITS

ers" starring Ralph Fiennes, Uma

"A NIGHT OF GOOD TASTE GOES TO THE MOVIES"

Featuring a screening of the movie "The

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 summerthemed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art of Pontiac, Gallery Function Art glass blower Tobi Upton, and a fashion show featuring artist Adam Shirley, 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, Detroit. \$35 general admission and cash bar, \$30 Fanclub members and cash bar. (248)

Woodward Dream Cruise

has fun for everybody

rooftop, along with dancers and food

by Matt Prentice, and Dr. Teddy

Harris Jr. during the Auto Barons'

\$100 for admission to two rooftop

locations, \$150 for patron status

complimentary valet parking and

admission to all three locations.

Grinder featuring Detroit Red Wing

The Post Bar, 22828 Woodward

Ave. Ferndale, \$12.50 in advance.

21 and older. (248) 546-7678; Car

show featuring more than 300 clas-

sic cars. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Angels (9:30-10:15 a.m.), Teen

Aug. 15; and performances by Earth

Angels (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), The

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(7:30-9 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15,

billy show with Three Blue

and Jake and Elwood's Blues Review

along Woodward Avenue. (248) 546-

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Teardrops, Intoxicats, Whistle Stop

Attic, Gusoline Alley, Draggin's Car

Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave.,

Country Time Dancers (noon), Ride

the Train Down Memory Lane (noon

to 5 p.m.). Oakland County Traveling

Show (1:45 p.m.), slot car racing (2-

6 p.m.), Earth Angels (3 p.m.), Bob

and Carl (4 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.), Tri-

"Rock 'n' Roll in the Woods Dance"

Phonix (5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.),

Club and Panic in Detroit Scooter

Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248)

544-3030 or http://www.

HUNTINGTON WOODS

Club, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15,

Barn Combo, as well as retail booths

Junction, Lucky Haskins and Big

from King Brewery, Cinderella's

Darren McCarty, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug.

(248) 258-5511

FERNDALE

which includes Harris's performance,

party at The Community House.

Official classic car parade with

(6:30-7:30 p.m.), classic car display

Coalition Street Dance (7-9 p.m.),

Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels

(8:30-10 p.m.) all along Woodward

Avenue on Friday, Aug. 14, Benny

and the Jets, with Chris Christie's

Let There Be Drums, and Fread

p.m. to 1 a.m. Frida

546-2450

BIRMINGHAM

tribute to Elvis, Mike McGuigan and

Lorenze and the La-Bamba Band, 8

O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at

730-1627; Various performances on

the Griffith Street Stage 11 a.m. to

Village Players Cafe and Drive-In at

Woodward Avenue and Chestnut (10

a.m. to 10 p.m.), Community House

children's activities (11 a.m. to 3

p.m.), and Dancin' Country (11:30

a.m. to noon), Zeemo (1:30 p.m.),

Satin Dolls (2:30 p.m.), The Cooties

with Buddy Holly (3:30 p.m.), Aaron

Ochoa and The Sum Things (4:30

Band (5:30 p.m.) Peabody and the

Johnny Powers with Artie Wolf and

Angels (8:30-10 p.m.) all in Shain

p.m.), Elvis with The Five Piece

Wayback Machine (6:30 p.m.).

The Pack (7:30 p.m.) and Teen

Park Saturday, Aug. 15; George

Friend's Black Beauty, 4-7 p.m.

Woodward Ave. (at Maple Road),

"Revvin" on the Rooftops" benefit

featuring performances by Johnny

Trudell big band orchestra on the

Chester Street parking structure

Thurman and Sean Connery, a light sum-

mer supper, and beer tasting courtesy of

Copper Canyon Brewery, 6 p.m. Monday,

Center and Galleria Officecentre, 25333

Aug. 17, Star Southfield Entertainment

W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph

Southfield. \$50 patron tickets include

supper and screening, \$25 movie tick-

Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS

ets, benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos

Sale of pet foods and supplies to benefit

the homeless and abused animals at the

Michigan Humane Society, adoption tent

(cats and dogs), bomb sniffing demon-

Department K-9 Unit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen

Road, at Civic Center Drive, north of I-

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23, at the

strations by Southfield Police

Road and Northwestern Highway),

rooftop. The Simone Vitale Band on

the Old Woodward parking structure

Saturday, Aug. 15, Morton's

Birmingham Sunoco, 35001

Birmingham. (248) 433-3550

4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. (248)

Coolidge Highway), Berkley, (313)

Grand Marshall Gov. John Engler

(6:30-10 p.m.), Tri-Community

559-1645
SINGLES COALITION BENEFIT DANCE
8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, to benefit the children of Oakland Family
Services, all singles welcome, dressy attire, at the Novi Hilton Hotel (Main Ballroom), 21111 Haggerty Road, I-275 and Eight Mile. \$15 in advance, \$20. (248) 851-9909

SUMMER

"AN EVENING WITH IRVING BERLIN" Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road. BIRMINGHAM STRAW HAT BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between
10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills.
Free, All ages. (248) 473-9570
DETROIT BREAKDOWN
6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Performing Arts

(7:30-9 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15.

Avenue performs oldies music 11

Buffett's music 1-3 p.m., art tent

with tye-die and sand art, all along

Woodward Avenue. (248) 542-7322

"Motown Beat Makes the Pontiac

Loop"-themed events include a swap

"Pontiac Makes the Loop Car Show"

near Saginaw and Pike streets 6-

9:30 p.m., DJ Paul Cooper at the

Courthouse on Saginaw Street and

p.m., and Chubby Checker concert

at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10

Water St., Pontiac, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Saginaw and Pike Streets 9 a.m. to

9 n.m. Motown music 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Saginaw Street, official auto

cruise parage 6:30-7:30 p.m., The

Plaza Amphitheatre 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15. (248) 857-5603

Sun Messengers (1 p.m.), Impact 7

(4 p.m.) and Joce'lyn B. (7 p.m.)

Oak" with Outback Steakhouse,

Bert's Jazz on the River, Dobos,

Kola's, Dakota Inn, Tania's Pizza,

Mario's, Mongolian Barbecue and

Culinary Trends Saturday, Aug. 15,

all at Memorial Park, northeast cor-

ner of 13 Mile Road and Woodward

Northwood Center parking lot, south-

Woodward Avenue. (248) 544-6680

west corner of 13 Mile Road and

Avenue: Classic car display.

Saturday, Aug. 15, "Taste of Royal

Commodores concert at Phoenix

ROYAL OAK

Friday, Aug. 14; Swap meet on

Water Street 6 a.m., "Pontiac

Makes the Loop Car Show" at

Huron, auto cruise parade 6:30-8:30

look-alike contest at noon, Air

Margaritaville performs Jimmy

a.m. to noon and 4-5 p.m., celebrity

(248) 541-3030

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PLEASANT RIDGE

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 326-6123

IMPERIAL BRASS QUINTET
6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, off I-696, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission, \$7.50, \$5.50 students/seniors 62 and older, \$4,50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903 ROBERT NOLL/BLUES MISSION

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Entertainment on Us series, 7-9 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 14, Ann Arbor Trail and
Forest, Plymouth; Ursula Walker/Buddy
Budson Trio, and Pamela Ransford and
the Plymouth Guitar Band closes the

Entertainment on Us series 6:45-9:45

p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 in Kellogg Park,
Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail,
Plymouth. Free. All ages.
LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Civic
Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages.
(734) 421-2000, ext. 351
MARC THOMAS AND MAX THE MOOSE
Noon Wednesday, Aug. 19, in Kellogg
Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor
Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416
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PANCHITO AND THE MEXICAN FIESTA

DANCERS
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Civic
Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages.
(734) 421-2000, ext. 351
JIM PERKINS & STONE CIRCLE
7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the gaz

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the gazebo at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (Irish music) (248) 424-9022 "SHOUT!"

Beatles tribute group performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Heritage Park amphitheatre behind Canton Township Administrative Offices and the Canton Library, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110

WRISTYN SMITH AND BLACKSTONE
With Steve Azar, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug.
15, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood
Blvd., Dearborn. Free with admission,
\$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens
ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children
ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4
and younger. After 4 p.m., \$10 adults,
\$5 kids ages 5-12. (country) (313) 2711620
STREFFCORNER

3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Inglenook Park on West 12 Mile Road, between Evergreen and Lahser roads. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 967-1112 PAUL VENTIMIGLIA GROUP 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center.

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive. Free. All ages. (jazz and variety). (248) 424-9022

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Lew Williams in concert 7 p.m. Saturday,
Aug. 15, at the Senate Theater, 6424
Michigan Ave., at Livernois, Detroit.
\$10. (313) 894-4100
MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN
SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "Goldfinger," 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Dave Calendine. \$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

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
Auditioning women who read music and like to perform light classical, show-tunes and seasonal favorites, by appointment only through Aug. 30 in Southfield. (248) 557-3734/(248) 642-3216
DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC

ORCHESTRA

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY
1-2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Henry Ford Community College, (Dance Studio, lower level, Athletic Building), 5101

Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6314

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Auditions for Black Box Production of Fred Carmichael's contemporary comedy "I Bet Your Life," four men and four women ages 20-60, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 17-18, in Adray Auditorium, on the campus at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Also needed stage manager, crew members and box office personnel. Performances Oct. 15-18 and 22-25. Scripts available in lobby of Mackenzie Fine Arts Building. (313)

845-9817

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD Audtions for "A Chorus Line," 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, be prepared to sing and dance, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. (313) 531-0554

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The group is looking for members and
former members to help celebrate its
25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday,
Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia.
(734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box
700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDUFF AND HAYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13,
Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W.
Eighth St., Royal Oak, Free, All ages.
(248) 541-8050
GEORGE BENSON TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrili St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313)

823-8000 SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, and Friday,

Aug. 21. Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (gypsy jazz) (248) 652-1600 JOAN CRAWFORD TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 EXPLOSION CEREBRAL 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Espress

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (avant jazz) (734) 668-1838

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21,
Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.
Free. 21 and older, (248) 645-2150
SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13,

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 WENDELL HARRISON TRIO 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King

Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838
ROY HAYNES QUARTET
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,
Aug. 21-22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S.
Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21
and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

IRT TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 15,
Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak,
Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks. All
ages. (248) 546-1400

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Duet, 2711
Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King
Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838
MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest vibist Cary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, and on its own. 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800
"A MIDSUMMER'S NITE JAM SESSION"
Featuring the Paul Butterfield Reunion

Featuring the Paul Butterfield Reunion Band, Charlie Gabriel Ensemble, Johnnie Bassett, Phil Lasley, and Shahida Nurullah Trio, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-1250

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Aug. 13-14 and
20-21, and Wednesday, Aug. 19, Duet,
2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther
King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 8313838

ROBERT PHIPO DUO 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838 PAMELA RANSFORD

With Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

JOHNNY TAYLOR
With Betty Wright and J. Blackfoot, 8
p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Chene Park,
2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$17.50\$38.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292

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PAUL VORNHAGEN
With his quartet, 9:30 p.m. FridaySaturday, Aug. 14-15, Bird of Paradise,
207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and
older. (734) 662-8310; With his trio, 8
p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 20,
Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kotton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S.
Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21
and older. (248) 594-7300

GOSPEL

"THE 1998 GOSPEL GET DOWN"
With Revived, Angel of Joy, Angela
Nelson and Leviticus, 6 p.m. Saturday,
Aug. 15, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N.
Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15 per person, \$25 for two. 18 and older. (810)
465-5154

WORLD MUSIC

"AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"

With Ensemble Kalinda, 8 p.m. Thursday.
Aug. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward
Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$40. (313) 576-5100
or http://www.detroitsymphony.com
"AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL"
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Featuring 150 African and African American vendors, food court, two public mural projects, mask-making, drumming workshops, children identification pins. African counting games, open mic poetry and performances by Caribbean Pans of Joy (6-7 p.m.), Akoben (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and Yelloman (9-10:45 p.m.) Friday, Aug. 14; Seven Mile (12:30-1:30 p.m.), Step Show (2-4 p.m.), Wachanga Na Malika Dance Co. (4-5 p.m.), Treme Brass Band and Yellow Pocahontas Mardi Gras Indians (5-6 p.m.), Kola Ogunkoya (6:30-7:30 p.m.), Jay U Experience (8-9 p.m.). War (9:30-10:45 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15; and Dottery/Dottery (12:30-1 p.m.). Mosiac Youth Temple (1-2 p.m.), David Myles (2:30-3 p.m.), Soweto Beat Street Dance (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Samba Ngo (5-6 p.m.), Universal Xpression (6:30-7:30 p.m.), OJ Ekemode (8-9 p.m.), and The Mighty Sparrow (9:30-10:45 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 16, all at Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 494-5800 THE ARTICLES

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10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (248) 650-5080

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FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET With Leo Kottke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Cancelled. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (248) 650-5080

LONESOME AND BLUE Celebrates the release of its CD with a party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages, (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org MINI-FESTIVAL: A BENEFIT FOR THE

With Bruce Robison, Guy Clark, Rodney Crowell, Danny Britt, Jimmy Tittle, Matt Watroba and David Barrett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

SHAWN PHILLIPS 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DUSTY RHODES 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-

DANCE

"FOURTH FRIDAY FLING"

For advanced contra dancers, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863 "THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE" With Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94). Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-

COMEDY

CARROT TOP

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavillon, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com RICHARD JENI

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Zito from WPLT-FM, John McDonald and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 13-15; Hector Rezzano and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22, 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 Dean Haglund, who plays the "Lone Gunman" on "The X-Files," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Jef Brannan, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 (\$6). and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn.

(313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Jim Mendrinos, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15 (\$7); Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Aug. 21-22 (\$12), at the club,

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE John McClellan and Alan Olifson, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 13-16; Spike Rizzo and David Luther Glover, Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 19-23, at the club, 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). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedyeastle.com JOAN RIVERS

With Don Rickles, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 br

http://www.palacenet.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-

SHERYL UNDERWOOD With Gary Owen and Steve White, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50, \$22.50

and \$27. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 POPULAR

SKA JAZZ ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$10 in advance, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (ska)

With Life of Agony, and V.O.D., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$16 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) ATHENAEUM

With Emmet Swimming, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

With Nightside Eclipse and Esion, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) BARREL HOUSE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404 (blues) BEASTIE BOYS

With A Tribe Called Quest and Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills \$25.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

BIG WRECK With The Mayfield Four, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock/Brit pop)

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Sensitive Clown, Something Retarded, 52 Static and Menage-A-Ska, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) **BLUE ROSE**

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, I-Rock, 16530 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 881-7625; 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Road, Troy. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 588-3471 (blues) BLUECAT

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (248) 398-1000 (blues)

"BLUESTOCK" With emcee Dan Macnall, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Blind Tiger Band, Boogiemen, Bugs Beddow Band, James Cloud Group, John Cook and the Big Skillet Blues Band, The Dogs with Harmonica Shah, Motor City Josh, Robert Noll and Steve Somers Band with Valerie Barrymore, noon Saturday, Aug. 15, and with emcee Mike Shanno Alligators, Catfish Hodge, City Limits Clubs Band, Curtis Sumpter Project with Cathy Davis, Glen Eddy Band, Tim Flaherty Trio, Bobby Murray Band, Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, Mojo Rattle and Val Ventro Blues Band, noon Sunday, Aug. 16, all at Hennessey's Pub, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (248) 348-4404 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 9:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 15, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (R&B)

BOYZ II MEN With Destiny's Child, Next and Uncle Sam, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$25, \$45 and \$75. All ages. (313) 983-

6606 (R&B) **BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE** 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

BRILLIANT 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,

Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues) **CAELUM BLISS** 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All

ages. (313) 961-5333 (dark pop) CHRONIC STREET 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404 (blues)

With Crazy Flying Giants, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BILLY RAY CYRUS 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

CHICO DEBARGE 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26.50 main floor, \$22.50 balcony. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (R&B)

DEEP PURPLE With Emerson, Lake and Palmer with Dream Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and

(248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)
DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Cup of Joe, 26061 Town Center Dr., Novi. Free. All eges. (248) 344-2176 CHRIS DUARTE GROUP

With Neko Case and Her Boyfriends, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

With The O'Jays and The Isley Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 13-14, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$62.50 and \$47.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B) EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

FAT AMY With Uncle Booby and Solid Frog, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

FATHERS OF THE ID 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johanson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (313) 567-8638 (alternative rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (acoustic blues) FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250; 10 p.m. Thursday Saturday, Aug. 20-22, Mr. B's, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-4600 (rock) FOSSIL CIRCUS

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock) GIRLS AGAINST BOYS

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative

COREY GLOVER Former lead singer of Living Colour, with Broken Toys, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Postponed until the fall. (248)

544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) SILVER GOODMAN AND THE ROCKETPOPS

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-

BRUCE HORNSBY 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 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 (piano-driven pop)

LISA HUNTER 9 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 14 and 21, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville, Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629; 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790 (acoustic rock) IMPOTENT SEA SNAKES With 60 Second Crush, 9 p.m. Saturday,

Aug. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic,

4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

NIKKI JAMES AND THE

FLAMETHROWERS 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-

With The Throneberries and Motion Control, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

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9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND BIG BLUES 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues) MATCHBOX 20

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http://www.palacenet.com (soul) "ROCK NEVER STOPS" With Slaughter, Quiet Riot, Warrant, L.A. Guns and Firehouse, 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All

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With Sister Hazel, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$11 in advance, \$13 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) "SHAQ JAM PARTY"

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De Palma's 'Snake Eyes' worthy of praise

Nicholas Cage fans, be patient; we'll get to him in a moment. Snake Eyes," a suspense thriller that starts over the speed limit, and doesn't slow down until you're halfway home, is Brian De Palma's to praise.

The versatile, veteran director's resume includes "Carrie," 'Dressed to Kill" and "Body Double" in the same genre, as well as "Mission: Impossible" and "The Untouchables." With "Snake Eyes," De Palma has taken the DNA of 40's B-movies and creat-ed a whole new high-tech species of suspense. It's more than cloning; "Snake Eyes" is "The

Maltese Falcon" on steroids.

Set in an Atlantic City hotelcasino, Nicholas Cage is Rick Santoro, a corrupt police detec-tive which, we're advised, is indeed redundant. In an opening sequence which will be dissected in film schools alongside that of "Citizen Kane," De Palma's steadicam follows, leads and encircles Santoro from the Boardwalk to his ringside seat of a heavyweight title match. It's a continuous 13-minute shot that required incredible choreography of actors and equipment.

And in that uncut scene, Santoro is reunited with old chum Kevin Dunne (Gary Sinise), a navy commander assigned to protect the Secretary of Defense.

When Dunne is drawn away from his post by one mystery woman, while another sits down next to the Secretary, the champ is apparently knocked into next week and rifle shots ring out. The Secretary is hit, and Santoro looks around at the 14,000 flee-

A series of flashbacks, each with innovative filmmaking, replays the events leading up to the assassination from the viewpoints of three witnesses: Dunne, Julia Costello (Carla Gugino), the woman who spoke to the Secretary just before he was shot, only to run from the scene, and heavyweight champion Lincoln Tyler (Stan Shaw) whose loss comes under scrutiny of the pay-

As the individual stories unravel while simultaneously becoming intertwined, Santoro knows he's taken on a lot more than his cop's beat prepared him for, and must choose allegiance between the old friend and the beautiful woman who lost her glasses in the fracas but never squints. A no-brainer, you say? Well, maybe.

Fresh from "City of Angels," in which he did little more than look ethereal, Cage chews the scenery with relish as the loud, on-the-take and on-the-make Santoro. When he's reminded that Atlantic City has turned from a high-class resort into a sewer, he responds "Yeah, but it's my sewer." In his tacky Hawaiian shirt, Cage is a fun guy to follow as he puts the pieces together. De Palma allows us to stay only a half-step ahead of the detective, so we root him on from the dark while wondering if we, ourselves, are on the right track.

Sinise (ever-identified as Forrest Gump's Lt. Dan), is revealed soon enough as more than just the victim of a redhead's ample cleavage. From there, he turns into the intense pursuer, like the unstoppable robot in "Termina-

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Cage, left) discusses the investigation into the murder

Kevin Dunne (Gary Sinise) in "Snake Eyes."

tor 2;" he just keeps coming, and

so much for anyone who gets in

Gugino (TV's "Spin City"),

turns in a multi-hued perfor-

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A meditation on romance, friendship and destiny. Stars Hope Davis.

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Soul Asylum bass player happy

the rock band Soul Asylum, is completely satisfied at this moment. "I'm sitting in a Red Bank,

N.J., hotel room right now. It looks pretty nice outside. I didn't crawl off the bus until about an hour ago," Mueller said at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. After doing banks of inter-

views in support of the band's latest album "Candy from a Stranger" (Columbia), he's going exploring.

"I'm going to go down to the marina and see if I can find myself a fishing pole."

Cities with marinas have boded well for Soul Asylum, he explained.

We played Traverse City once. A friend of ours from Chicago booked us a show in some empty building. We drove up through the U.P. We had a rockin' good show in Traverse City," Mueller

For the thousands of shows that Soul Asylum has played in its 17-year career, Mueller has the ability to vividly recall shows that took place years ago.
Soul Asylum's Detroit history at 3-D in Royal Oak, a small neighborhood dance club now known as The Groove Room.

"That thing was kind of a zoo," he said with a laugh. "The stage was tiny. They didn't have enough power to keep the back line from shutting down. There's a car in the middle of it, right? I remember walking down to the McDonald's down the street for

This time around, Soul Asylum is returning to Pine Knob on Tuesday, Aug. 18, to perform on a bill with Matchbox 20 and its fellow Minnesotans Semisonic.

Soul Asylum is touring in support of its third album for Columbia Records, "Candy from a Stranger," which includes the recent radio hit "I Will Still Be Laughing." For "Candy from a Stranger," Soul Asylum tapped Chris Kimsey (Rolling Stones, Gipsy Kings, Killing Joke) to produce. Super producer and Garbage drummer Butch Vig produced its previous effort, 1995's "Let Your Dim Light

"He (Vig) was a little more par- palacenet. com.

Karl Mueller, bass player for includes a gig about 12 years ago ticular. When we were working with Chris this time, he put us in a little room that we could all be within 15 feet of each other. We pretty much set up and played in a way that it felt kind of like practice."

The recording session, Mueller explained, was the closest Soul Asylum has come to recording live since "Soul Asylum and the Horse They Rode In On" (Twin/Tone, 1990).

"It's a more relaxing way to do thing. On this record I hope you get that feeling that you could tell we were relaxed and enjoying ourselves."

The only pressure the band felt, Mueller explained, was "to make a record we can be proud

Soul Asylum is scheduled to perform at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, between Semisonic (7:15 p.m.) and Matchbox 20 (9:30 p.m.) at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$29.50 pavilion and \$20 lawn for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http:// www.

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'Q' concert puts focus on young talent, mystery guest

Susan Calloway is bound and determined to get her music to radio. So much so that she's used her entire effort on it.

"The stuff we're doing is geared toward mainstream dio. It's one of those things where we went to radio first. We're trying to gear it that way and so far we've had a lot of label interest," said Calloway, a Southfield native.

Her direction is thanks in part to producer/engineer Gerard nerek of Farmington Hills who has also worked with Anita Baker and Aretha Franklin. He is currently in New York mixing the CD based on the VH1

"Divas" special.

"He's been kind of helping me p a new project," Calloway said. His help also includes getting major label representatives to listen to her music.

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rs to lose.

Part of her vision is to play out only once a month with her band Joe Lambert, Todd Glass, Jeff Woods and Brett Lucas. The one gigiá-month plan is contrary to what she did with her former band, the roots rock outfit Red C.

Five done a lot of shows opening for national acts, doing stuff with Ritual (a local booking agency), and the Magic Bag (in Ferndale). I'm not going to play every icky bar in the city," said Caffoway, who recently opened for Paula Cole and Holly Cole.

Supporting the cause: Local singer/songwriter Susan Calloway.

Concert for a Cure" on Sunday. Aug. 16, at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater in Pontiac that also features Edwin McCain, Stewart Francke and a special guest band that has only been identified to the public as one that has sold millions of records.

Calloway's vocals on her promotion-only single "Falling Down" share the soulfulness of Vonda Shepard and the range of Sarah McLachlan.

McLachlan. I have a blues influ-

ence," she said before quickly everyone look good," stressing that her sound is band

The market is so flooded with female singer/songwriters. That's so difficult. I love the whole Lilith Fair rack, but the music seems to be centered around (the individual singers). My music is centered around a live band. These guys are not just hired

hands," she explained.
"When I played with Paula
Cole it seemed really obvious that her band was just hired hands. I want my shows to be a little different than that. It's my baby, but I'm treating it as more of a band sound."

Calloway said that her solo project offers her more freedom and happiness - than her work with the multi-Detroit Music Award-winning band Red C.

"Red C was more of a democracy with three songwriters and three singers. You want it (a project) to have focus. With Red C there was too much talent, and too much going on," she explained.

One thing that remains, however, is her dedication to Michigan and the Midwest.

We're definitely trying to break this out of the Midwest. If we do get some kind of deal and break it out of here, it makes

Edwin McCain

The last time South Carolina singer/songwriter Edwin McCain came to Detroit he was up against the toughest comp - the last game of the Stanley

Cup finals.
"It was fantastic," he said of his show at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. "We had a big crowd, especially considering the Wings

McCain, an avid hockey fan, showed his support for the Wings. Was it to win over the crowd? He'll never tell.

"I came on stage with a broom and wore a jersey all night long," he said with a chuckle.

McCain doesn't need to win anybody over now. His single, the lullaby-like ballad "I'll Be," has risen up the charts. Displays assembled by his label Lava/Atlantic Records asked young lovers to make it "their

McCain wrote the song for a now-former girlfriend.

"I keep my attachments down to a minimum so that I don't have anything that I miss," he

It was that song, during which McCain sings "I'll be captivated/I'll hang from your

write the rest of his sophomore effort "Misguided Roses." Suffering from writer's block, McCain wrote the song after going to "Chapel Hill trying to retrace some of my steps to find the thing that helps me write the

lips/Instead of the gallows of heartache that hang from above," that inspired him to

songs and there it was." Unlike his debut album, "Honor Among Thieves," McCain is accompanied by an electric guitar on "Misguided Roses." "I just think the songs kind of

lent themselves to experimenting with different sounds. We found the right player in (gui-tarist) Larry Chaney and (pro-ducer) Kenny Greenberg, the two guys that played electric on the

record," he explained. "We really did find people who could approach electric guitar from the songwriting perspec-tive, as opposed to just throwing electric guitar into a song. They

were really approaching it as what would be most appropri-

Although "Honor Among Thieves" spawned the hit "Solize tude," on which he duets with Darius Rucker of the platinum selling act Hootie and the Blow?"
fish, McCain is happy with what
"Misguided Roses" has brought

"It's definitely a relief to be able to have your second albu be successful. You know, the sophomore jinx and everything. It's just nice to know I'll be mak-ing records for awhile."

"Q95 Concert for a Cure" featuring Edwin McCain, Susan Calloway, Stewart Francke, and a special guest, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, 10 Water St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$9.55 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 967-3750 or (248) 645-6666.



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Barbecue's hot, blues cool at 'Red Hot & Blue' EATING OUT IN

You used to have to drive pret-ty far south on I-75 to get Mem-phis-style barbecue, not any-

Red Hot & Blue, a national Memphis-style pit bar-b-que blues restaurant chain based in Arlington, Va., is here. Two restaurants, one in Southfield and one in Sterling Heights, are open, with a third scheduled to open the middle of September on Novi Road, just south of Grand

Red Hot & Blue is fun, casual and comfortable. The walls are red, which makes the place feel kind of cozy, and the ceiling fans help create that sultry Southern atmosphere that "ya all' are familiar with. The place seats 240 people, at booths and comfortable tables.

If you know someone who loves singing the blues, living or listening to them, you've got to get acquainted with Red Hot &

-Posters and pictures of blues musicians, and musical instruments fill the walls. The music to dine by is, what else? blues.

Come hungry, and you won't be blue. Mouth-watering smells greet you as soon as you open the door.

"We offer simple, good food," said Tracy Mills, manager. "It's unique, something you can't get anywhere else. Our service is excellent, we make you feel like you're at home."

Red Hot & Blue slow smokes their bar-b-que meats for over 12 hours in hickory wood pits to make them "tender, moist and

Start dinner with an appetizer. Onion Ring Loaf, "fun-to-eat, crispy-thin onion rings, shaped into a loaf," is one of the popular ones. The homemade Brunswick Stew is loaded with smoked chicken, smoked pork, corn, onions and tomatoes. "It's a good hearty appetizer," said Mills. Other choices are Red Hot & Blue nachos and Smokehouse

Red Hot & Blue Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que Where: 29285 Southfield

Road, Southfield (248) 557-0955 and 33800 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights (810) 679-9400

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Reservations: For parties of

Menu: Memphis-style barbecued meats including beef brisket, chicken, sausage and ribs. Salads and sandwiches also available. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.

Cost: Moderate, huge portions. Platters \$7.99-\$12.99; ribs \$10.99-\$16.99; Sandwiches \$5.99-\$6.99; Main entree salads \$6.99.

Credit cards: All majors accepted

Carry-out: Yes. Bulk orders, and smoked meats by the pound also available.

Banquet Room: For 50-60

For a taste of everything, try the Tennessee Triple Platter your choice of three different smoked meats: ribs, pulled pig, beef brisket, or quarter chicken.

You may ask yourself, what is a pulled pig, I never heard of that. Pulled pig, a Red Hot & Blue specialty, is tender, moist pork shoulder, pulled off the bones, served with Mojo Mild bar-b-que sauce.

Mills also recommends the beef brisket, ribs and chicken. The St. Louis Cut Ribs are available - "Wet" - slowly smoked over hickory wood and gazed with Mojo Milk bar-b-que sauce, or - "Dry" - rubbed with a secret blend of dry spices. You can add your own sauce Mojo Mild or Hoochie Coochie hot at the table. Share ribs with a friend and order a slab of ribs for two.

If you're real hungry, order one



Triple treat: Tracy Mills presents the Tennessee Triple, a combination of beef brisket, quarter chicken, and pulled chicken for people who can't decide what to order at Red Hot & Blue Memphis Pit Bar-b-que.

of the platters - pulled pig, beef brisket, chicken, smoked sausage or catfish. They're served with bar-b-que baked beans, cole slaw and fresh-baked bread. Starter salads are also available.

The smoked sausage is Earl Campbell's brand old-fashioned sausage, hickory smoked then grilled over an open flame. Catfish is Mississippi Delta farm raised, lightly breaded and fried.

"Our coleslaw and potato salad is made fresh every four hours," said Mills. "We also make our own baked beans with diced green peppers and onions."

The bar-b-que sandwiches included pulled pig, chicken, and beef brisket are served "Memphis Style" topped with homemade coleslaw. Sandwiches are served with homemade red skin potato salad and a crisp pickle.

If barbecue's not your bag, don't despair, Red Hot & Blue aims to please. You can get a Caesar Salad with or without chicken, a Grilled Chicken or

Blackened Chicken Salad.

Sandwich options include Smoked Turkey on a Roll topped with fresh tomato and red onion, 1/2 pound Cheeseburger, or Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich. The Memphis Blackened Chicken Sandwich is a chicken breast grilled with dry spices, topped with lettuce, tomato and red onion, served with bar-b-que Ranch dressing.

Save room for dessert, pecan pie, Oreo brownie sundae, fruit cobbler, banana pudding and key lime pie are some of the choices.

Red Hot & Blue serves a variety of fountain drinks, including Barq's Root Beer in a frosted mug. Refills on fountain drinks, coffee and tea are free.

On tap is Red Hot & Blue Brew, microbrewed by Atwater Block Brewery. Try one of the new blended daiquiris or Margaritas, or tasty frozen drinks. A full service bar offers other choices too.

If you're on your way home

from work, and don't have a clue what to make for dinner, or need something different for a party, Red Hot & Blue can solve your

problem.

There's a Memphis Bar-B-Que Pig Out for Four - full slab of ribs, whole chicken, 1/2 pound beef brisket, 1 quart each of coleslaw, red-skin potato salad, BBQ baked beans and dinner rolls for \$44.99, or a "Pig Out" for two for \$23.99. Hickory Smoked Meats including pulled pork, chicken, sliced beef brisket, turkey and Earl Campbell Sausage. You can order a half bar-b-que chicken or full slab of ribs, and even catfish by the pound. Whole pecan pies, fruit cobbler and banana pudding by the pint or quart are available

The name "Red Hot & Blue" is from the title of Dewey Phillip's radio show that played on WHBQ-AM in Memphis. He introduced Elvis Presley, Rufus Thomas and Jerry Lee Lewis.

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.

M Avant Garde - Where: 126 South Old Woodward, Birmingham,, (248) 594-4499. Open: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11p.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.

■ Beau Jack's - Where: 4108 W. Maple (between Telegraph and Franklin Road) Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2630. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Something for everyonefajitas, salads, sandwiches, soups & chili, pasta, steaks, chicken, fish, oven-grilled pizza.

Cost: Moderate, salads \$7.25 \$11.95; dinner entrees \$12.95-\$19.95; pasta \$9.95-\$14.95; burgers and sandwiches \$5.95 \$9.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not accepted. Entertainment: Piano bar - 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday

■ Encore - 1801 South Telegraph Road (east side north of Square Lake in the Quality Inn), Bloomfield Hills (248) 335-3790. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Menu: American cuisine with fresh daily fish special. All entrees include bread basket, salad, appropriate starch and vegetable. Cost: Appetizers \$6-8; sandwiches \$6-7; entrees

Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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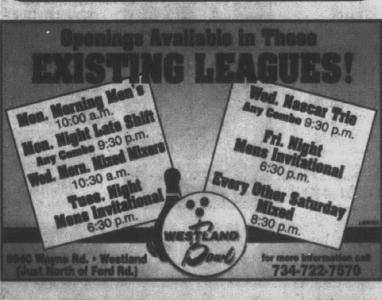
every Friday in August beginning at 5:30 p.m. New England Steamer menu featuring Main Lobster, Steamer Clams, Redskin Potatoes, and Corn-On-The-Cob. Cost \$14.95 per person, (excluding tax, gratuity and beverages). Chez is at 27000 E. Sheraton Dr. (at Novi Road and I-96 service drive). Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations/information.

Summerfest menu through

Sept. 6. Featured items include Salmon of the Angels, \$14.95, Chilled Oriental Shrimp Pasta, \$13.50, Grilled Whitefish Vera Cruz, \$14.50, and Tournedos of Beef, \$16.50. The restaurant is at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Call (734) 454-0666.



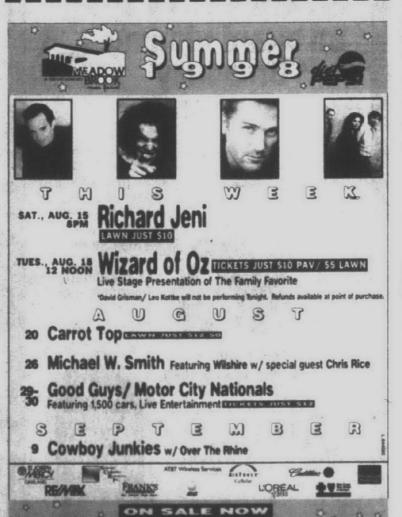








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