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The (political) war is over!

■ Not only did city and township officials agree Tuesday to a 67-33 percent split for the funding of the Sheldon Road railroad underpass, but also agreed to the hiring of three new firefighters and merging police/fire dispatch to the township police station.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city commissioners and Plymouth Township trustees Tuesday afternoon did in 2 1/2 hours what they haven't been able to accomplish in 2 1/2 years.

The two municipalities agreed to fund the Sheldon Road underpass, hire three additional firefighters, and establish a joint police/fire dispatch to be housed in the township.

"This puts to rest a lot of issues that are of importance to the whole community, and that's important," said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

"What we've done is good for the community, and good for all of us in the long run," said Mayor Joe Koch.

The communities agreed that Plymouth Township would pick up 67 percent of the Sheldon Road grade separation cost, with the city to be responsible for the remaining 33 percent.

The two communities' share of the expected \$8.2 million project is \$1.5 million. The township's share will be about \$1 million, with the city's share approximately \$500,000.

City commissioners voted 7-0 to accept that agreement.

City Manager David Rich believes the financially-strapped city can come up with the money without asking voters for additional millage.

Plymouth Township has money in its budget to pay for the underpass.

There was a time when the township was against paying any portion of the underpass cost, but recently passed a resolution to spend up to \$1 million, depending on the final cost figures from Wayne County.

New firefighters

In exchange, Plymouth commissioners softened their stance on hiring three new firefighters. The commission recently voted unanimously against the additional expense, saying the increased number of runs were in the township.

It was a complete reversal Tuesday, as commissioners voted 7-0 in favor of

hiring the new firefighters and looking into extending the fire department agreement.

Dispatch merger

Commissioners also voted 7-0 to make the newer and renovated facilities at the township police department a joint dispatch facility for police and fire.

At earlier meetings, city and township officials began to see that a joint dispatch facility would be more cost effective, saving tens of thousands of dollars for both municipalities.

For both the firefighters and joint dispatch, the township will pay approximately 75 percent of the cost and the city 25 percent.

Since city officials gave notice of the special meeting, they were able to vote

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Doug Miller



Ron Loiselle



Mayor Joe Koch

■ 'There is a lot of knowledge and history here, and I received a lot of information. I'll bring their thoughts back to the city commission to discuss during our goals session.'

Joe Koch
mayor



Dave Pugh



Bud Martin



Don Dismuke



Jim McKeon



Joe Bida



Jim Jabara



Jack Kenyon



Dennis Bila

Back to the future

History repeats itself with former mayors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Many of the political and economic issues facing Plymouth today are some of the same that faced city fathers in the not-so-distant past.

Some of those issues were brought to light by a group of 10 former Plymouth mayors who on Monday night answered the call of current mayor, Joe Koch, to give their views on the major issues facing the city.

Among those at the top of the list are sewers, streets, consolidation with Plymouth Township, a railroad underpass and safety.

A consensus of those former mayors, some who now live in neighboring communities, including Plymouth Township, feel Plymouth residents should not have to pay for 50 percent of the cost for a railroad underpass on Sheldon Road. Instead, all agreed the cost should be on a per capita basis.

"I can't believe I'd want to pay for half of it," said Dennis Bila.

"The city shouldn't participate (in the project) if we'd have to pay a substantially higher price," added Doug Miller.

There was some discussion about the ongoing relationship between the city and township officials.

"We're still paying the price today for trying to annex the township years ago," said Joe Bida.

"About two years ago I tried to develop a relation-

ship, but there are existing old-time scars that won't go away," said Don Dismuke.

"I'm concerned about the relationship between the city and township. There's a lot of fighting that occurs, and that's counter-productive," said Miller. "We have to remember we are neighbors."

Former Mayor Bud Martin remembered an issue that has never been addressed for downtown Plymouth.

"Nothing has been done about a downtown restroom," Martin told the group. "We promote downtown, but there are no restroom facilities. It's a disgrace."

Martin also mentioned improvements at Veteran's Park in front of Central Middle School, and planting more trees downtown along Main Street.

There were concerns among the former mayors in keeping the appearance of a safe downtown, especially with the crowds of young people who are cruising and walking in large groups.

"It's not that the crowd is doing anything wrong, just the number of them," said Jim McKeon. "It's a very serious situation."

"There are major kinds of renovations in town ... it's in great demand," said Dave Pugh. "People don't want their safety jeopardized."

Bila is concerned about the quality of downtown and keeping it flourishing. He's glad city leaders were able to keep the downtown post office open, but doesn't like

Please see MAYORS, A8

F-16 flyover starts parade

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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All is GO for Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees.

"Besides a little tweaking here and there, we're all set to go," said parade coordinator Fred Hill. "The parade is set to begin at 7:30 a.m., and of course, we're always on time."

■ For Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade route and lineup of events, turn to page A3.

Michigan's earliest parade route is on Main Street between Theodore and Hartsough. It begins with a flyover by F-16 jets, followed by a sky diving team which will be waving an American flag as it makes its way to a landing spot in front of City Hall.

There are nearly 80 units this year, making it the largest parade in the nearly 50 years Plymouth has hosted a July 4th celebration. Along with 15 bands, Hill promises Civil War reenactment groups, Miss Michigan, helium-filled balloons, Steve King and the Ditties and, of course, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

Hill said there are still some seats left in the Bleacher Creature section, which will have a choice viewing spot at Main and Penniman, across from the reviewing stand.

"It's an exciting way to watch and be a part of the parade," said Hill.

For \$10, parade viewers get a bleacher seat at the heart of the parade route, and get a Parade Pak to interact with various units as the parade goes by.

There's a sponge rubber clown nose for when the clowns appear; a red, white and blue inflatable baseball bat to shake at the Detroit Tigers' Paws as he passes; a red, white and blue straw hat; and a megaphone.

"I think a parade should be interactive, and this is a fun way to get people involved and raise a few dollars for the parade," added Hill.

This year's parade costs approximately \$25,000, with most of the expense offset by 15 corporate sponsors who have donated \$1,000 or more. Sales of the Bleacher Creature seats, as well as commemorative flags which are \$150, help the event break even.

Please see PICNIC, A3

Good old-fashioned fun is cooking at picnic

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Remember when you could buy a meal for 25 cents and neighbors planned summer picnics together?

Plymouth Township residents are invited to take a walk down memory lane during the Good Old Fashioned Neighborhood Picnic beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 4, in Township (McClumpha) Park, Ann Arbor Trail, west of Sheldon.

Experience an afternoon filled with nostalgic events and prices. Hot dogs,

ice cream and soda will be sold at 5 cents each.

The roster of activities might have been pulled from a "Leave it to Beaver" episode complete with a bicycle-tricycle decorating contest. Judging will be at 2 p.m. Cash awards will go to the first, second and third place winners.

Last year, one of the most popular events was the sand coin search. This

year \$200 in nickels, dimes and quarters will be hidden just beneath the surface. The young sand diggers will keep the treasures.

There's something for all ages and interests, like horseshoe tossing, shuffle board; a frisbee giveaway by the police department; soccer and close up inspections of a fire engine and police car and motorcycle. Young and old anglers will compete, too. Bring your

own fishing rod, but the bait is provided.

It might sound silly, but the prize is worth it for whomever does the best job pushing a marshmallow on the ground with his or her nose across a field. The winner gets a one night suite at the Hilton Hotel, a bottle of champagne, a buffet breakfast and \$100 for baby-sitting.

"Many families who came last year had three generations there," said Bill Joyner, volunteer picnic coordinator.

Please see PICNIC, A3

McCotter seeks Senate page

Full-time college students seeking experience in state government can apply for a position as a Senate page, said state Sen. Thomas G. McCotter, R-Livonia. The Senate district includes the Plymouths and Canton.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for a motivated, hard-working student to gain first-hand knowledge of state government," said McCotter. "I hope anyone interested in a bird's eye view of the legislative process will take this opportunity to apply."

available immediately. Pages can select either a morning or afternoon shift. Their duties include assisting senators during legislative sessions, passing communications between governmental offices and other tasks as assigned.

Interested applicants should contact Paul Snowball in McCotter's district office at (734) 642-0628 or send a resume by fax to (734) 642-0654. They can also mail a resume to Sen. Thomas G. McCotter, P.O. Box 30066, Lansing, MI 48909. The deadline for all applicants is Friday, July 2.

Bring a hearty appetite to first pie eating contest

The Plymouth Observer will sponsor its first pie eating contest 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10 during Art in the Park.

Twenty banana cream pies have been ordered for Observer carriers and other children interested in participating.

Contestants will have two minutes to gobble up a banana cream pie with prizes awarded to first, second and third place finishers.

Damon's The Place for Ribs will supply the bibe.

Anyone with a hearty appetite should fill out the registration form below and return it to the Plymouth Observer by Wednesday, July 7.

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Thursday night rhymes with poetry

Every Thursday night in July the Plymouth Poets are presenting Plymouth's Seventh Annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at the Coffee Beanery Company. The event is from 7:30-10 p.m. and includes featured readers and an open microphone.

Featured Readers include:
 July 1: Clark Iverson and Rishikavi Raghudas
 July 8: Michael Marcus and Marc Maurus
 July 15: Sonja Pouncey, Ann Holdrieth, and Rod Reinhart
 July 22: Liberty R.O. Daniels

and Marye Miller
 July 29: Ama Carey Barr and Marble Brown

The Coffee Beanery Company is located at 344 Penniman (at Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth.

In addition, Poetry Crawl is set for Art in the Park on Saturday, July 10. Michigan's premier performance poets will give exciting open-air readings during the annual art festival. For information call Rod Reinhart, Plymouth's Poet in Residence at (734) 459-7319.

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

PURCHASE OF 20 (TWENTY) NATIONAL DRAEGER AIR CYLINDERS

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the Company/Person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JULY 8, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Acceptance of Agenda

- Joseph Guido of 24350 Orchard Lake Rd. Ste 101 Farmington Hills Mi, is representing Electropolitan Inc. (George Marvaso). They are appealing Property on Haggerty, South of Ford Road, Ordinance 26.03 Schedule of Regulations for Commercial and Office Districts, they need a height variance. Parcels 050-99-0015-000 and part of 050-99-0013-000. (Planning)
- June Neuman of 2348 Woodgreen Ct., Canton MI 48188 representing June & Jeff Neuman of the same address. Are appealing 26.02 rear yard setback requirements. Parcel #71-110-01-0057-000. (Building)
- Paul & Tricia Hickman of 42133 Greenwood Dr. Canton MI 48187 are appealing Zoning Ordinance # 103 Sec. 6 They want to put a fence up for the safety of their child. Parcel # 041-01-0009-000. (Building)

(April 8, 1999 ZBA Canceled due to withdrawal of Both Applicants)
 (Approval of May 13, 1999 minutes)
 June meeting Cancelled

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Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton, Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5 p.m., Friday, July 23, 1999 for the following described project:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

for the design and construction followup of 12-inch water main to be extended from Mott Road north along Denton Road 8,200 linear feet. The design is to include connections to existing water main at Mott Road.

Requests for Proposal Documents are available to pick up at 2ND Floor, Engineering Services at the following address.

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The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Pie eating contest
 REGISTRATION FORM

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PADGET TRUST REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 116 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 8, 1999 in order to be in ch

Vict Gustafson, Chairman
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES GROUP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 114 99 0002 000, 115 99 0001 000, 115 99 0004 000 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.

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Vict Gustafson, Chairman
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 Plymouth Township Picnic float
 1925 Calliope
 Plymouth Canton Schools- school bus
 Good Morning USA Banner

OTHER 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

BARBECUE

A chicken barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, July 4 at the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill. For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

FAMILY DAY

The United Assembly of God will have a family day/carnival from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 4. The church is located at North Territorial between Beck and Sheldon. Petting farm and hot air balloons.

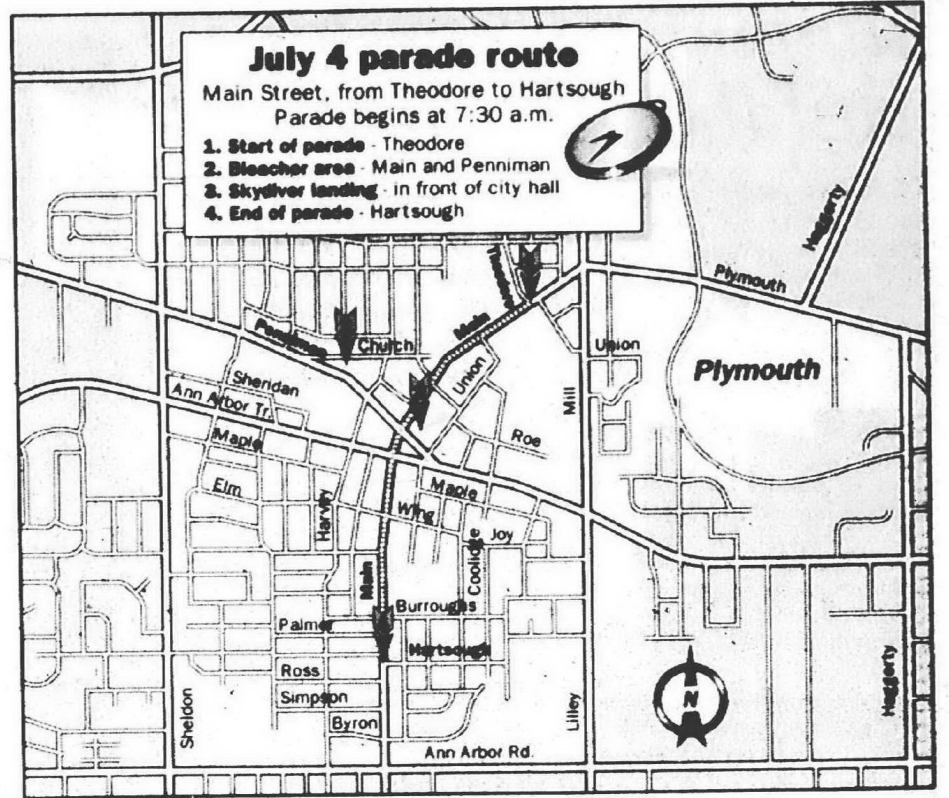
Picnic from page A1

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Joyner brainstormed the idea three years ago. The event attracted 500 people the first year; last year that number tripled to 1,500 and this year they're expecting 2,000.

"Basically what we're trying to do is get people to come out to the picnic," Edwards said. "This is about Plymouth Township and giving it some identity."

At least 40 companies have contributed goods and money.

"What's really neat about the whole thing is you have families bringing out their chairs and spending four or five hours on a holiday and talking to their neighbors and having a good time," Joyner said.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Close call: Canton resident Dawn Davis was driving westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon when her Chrysler LeBaron was hit 11 times with rounds from an AK-47 assault rifle.

Friday court date slated for alleged AK-47 shooters

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Two Canton men will face multiple felony charges - including assault with intent to murder - Friday in connection with a June 25 shooting incident at Palmer and Sheldon roads.

A preliminary examination for Zachary Scott Woodyby, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, is scheduled for 35th District Court in Plymouth in front of Judge John MacDonald.

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

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said it's likely the duo will waive the exam.

"It's up to the defendants if they want to have it," he



Woodyby Boster

on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Police two men were standing on the side of the road and opened up on the 22-year-old.

Davis' Chrysler LeBaron was hit 11 times, police say, with rounds from an AK-47 assault rifle. Amazingly, she was only slightly injured with a piece of metal shrapnel grazing her right lower leg.

Davis fled from her car and made it over to the shoulder of the road. She stopped a passer-by, who then gave her a ride to the Canton Police station.

Two men, meanwhile, were seen running between homes south of Palmer. They then left the subdivision and fled southbound on Sheldon in a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am.

Canton officers eventually apprehended Woodyby and Boster on Michigan Avenue where they crashed into a 1989 Ford van heading westbound, police reports said.

COP CALLS

Road rage

A 38-year-old Ann Arbor woman could face a felonious assault charge for allegedly causing a "road rage" accident at 7:15 a.m. Monday on M-14, near Beck.

"The Mustang was heading eastbound on M-14 at Beck when the driver of a Pathfinder changed lanes in front of her. The driver of the Mustang became angered, passed the Pathfinder and slammed on her brakes," said Michigan State Trooper Shawn Barton.

The 1997 Pathfinder rolled three times before coming to a stop in the eastbound lanes, he said.

The 24-year-old Pathfinder driver, also from Ann Arbor, was taken by ambulance to Saint Joseph's Hospital for multiple minor injuries. She was released later that day, Barton said.

The report is being sent to the Wayne County prosecutors' office to charge the driver of the 1998 Mustang with felonious assault for causing the accident, Barton said.

A second "road rage" incident was reported to Plymouth Township police later the same day. A 49-year-old Northville man could be charged with malicious destruction of property for denting a car in an alleged fit of rage about 8 p.m. Monday.

An 18-year-old Canton man told police he exited his subdivision onto northbound Beck Road near Joy with "plenty of room" in front of a blue 1998 Ford Expedition. However, when he stopped at the stop sign at Joy the driver of the Expedition began flashing his lights at him. Finally, at a red light at Ann Arbor Road, the driver of the Expedition pulled alongside his 1999 Chevrolet yelling that he was going to cause an accident.

The teen told the driver to "lose the... attitude," which caused the driver of the Expedition to block in his 1999 Chevrolet and begin kicking the driver's side door and hood.

The Canton man wants to press charges. Police are investigating.

Attempted break-in

A 35-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for attempting to break into the Quick Pick party store, 9450 Lilley about 3:10 a.m. Monday.

A Plymouth Township police officer on patrol saw the man strike the front window, breaking it as he was driving on eastbound Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. The culprit fled after seeing the officer, but was later caught after a search by city police and Canton Township's K-9 unit.

The suspect was arrested after he crawled out of bushes at Ann Arbor Road and General Drive, police said.

Larceny

A stove was stolen from a home under construction on the 48000 block of Hilltop sometime between June 13 and June 16. A door was broken to gain entry, police said.

Malicious destruction

A 14-year-old was questioned by police for breaking a van window at West Middle School. The teen allegedly admitted to the principal that he had broke the window on June 15.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Book signing

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith, author of "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" is signing copies of the book from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Little Professor on the Park.

The store is located on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Rotary Club

Rotary Club luncheon meetings are now held at the Mayflower Meeting House Grand Ballroom Thursdays at noon. Rotary Club's traditional Friday meeting day has been permanently changed to Thursdays starting this month.

Art rental

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has acquired some large abstract paintings for its Rental Gallery. The colorful work is on consignment from

area artist Helen Krysan, whose inspiration comes from the direct observation of nature. The pieces can be rented or purchased from the PCAC.

The Rental Gallery has other new acquisitions and many seasonal pictures to grace the walls of homes and offices. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Board of review

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will convene from 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20. The Board of Review will meet in the conference room on the second floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

The Board will review the following types of appeal: homestead, hardship, clerical errors, and mutual mistakes of fact.

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New Morning School announced that three full-day scholarships are available for its 1999 Summer Camps Program. The scholarships were given so that three children who cannot attend camps because of financial restrictions will have the opportunity. The donor of the scholarships is Valassis Communications Inc.

Applications are available by calling the school at (734) 459-7976 or visiting the school in person at 14501 Haggerty Road. Included in the scholarships is a latchkey option for before and after the camps. Ages are 6-11 years old.

The scholarships were given so three children who cannot attend camps due to financial restrictions will have the opportunity.

The Experimenting Scientists camp is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., July 26-30. The Science and Math Magic Camp is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., August 2-6. The Disaster Science Camp is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., August 9-13. Latchkey from 7-9 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m.



Megan Malinowski

Central student heads to Interlochen camp

Megan Malinowski, 12, of Plymouth will attend Interlochen Arts Camp. She will study music/art at the camp.

Established in 1928, Interlochen Arts Camp is the nation's oldest and most successful summer arts program. It offers intensive training in dance, theatre arts, music, creative writing and visual art. The campers, ages 8 to 18, attend the programs for eight weeks. The camp

Megan Malinowski is a member of Center Stage Ballet Company in Northville.

attracts its 2,000 students from all 50 states and 29 other countries.

Throughout the course of the summer, more than 500 events are presented at the camp by students, faculty,

staff and guest artists such as comedian Bill Cosby, world renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, Ohio Ballet, Chicago and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. This will be Megan's second time as a camper at Interlochen.

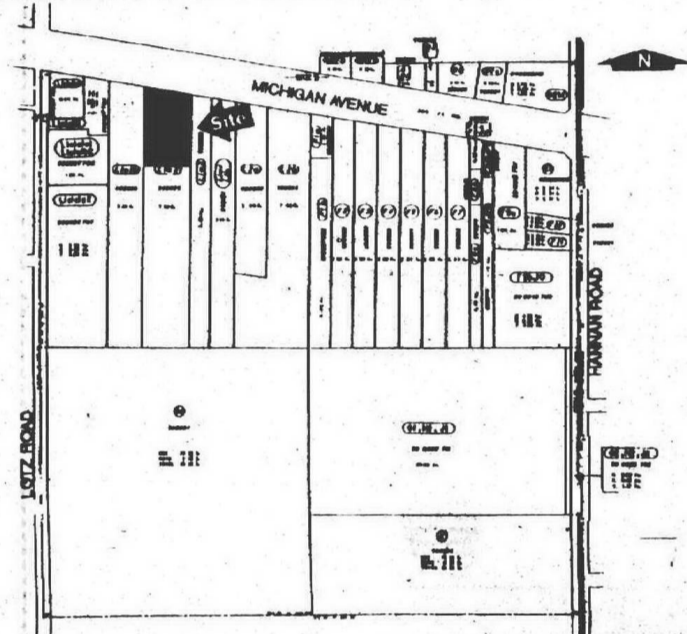
Megan is a honor roll student at Central Middle School and a member of Center Stage Ballet Company in Northville. She is the daughter of Deborah Malinowski-Padolka.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1160 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

CANTON COMPANY FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 141 99 0029 0000. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 8, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: June 10 and July 1, 1999

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

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Jeremy M. Swanagan**, son of Chris M. Swanagan of Plymouth and Michael W. Swanagan of

Canton, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Sea Control Squadron 32, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. Swanagan was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and ini-

tiative, Swanagan consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. The 1996 graduate of Canton High School of Canton joined the Navy in January 1996.

SUPERINTENDENT LIST

Cadet **Michael Clark**, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Walter and Susan Clark of Plymouth, made the superintendent's list at Howe. He received the award by attaining a 3.5 grade point average.

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THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Bill would require losers pay in 'frivolous' lawsuits

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
mmalott@homecomm.net

Think long and hard before filing that lawsuit. Under legislation pending in Lansing, the "loser" in a legal case would be required to pick up the attorney fees for the prevailing side.

Proponents argue the bill would cut down on frivolous lawsuits.

As examples of such cases, proponents cite a legal action brought against a Hartland Township truck stop. A customer spilled coffee on herself and filed the case in court looking to

recover damages. Although the truck stop owners were eventually cleared of any negligence, the case carried considerable legal costs for the business, according to the Michigan Law-suit Abuse Watch, a Southfield-based advocacy group.

Other examples cited include a suit brought against a beer maker for false advertising. A drinker filed because the beer, despite "implicit promises made in advertisements," did not bring him success with women.

The University of Michigan

was sued by a student who received an F in German. The state has been sued when a visitor allegedly caught a cold in the drafty rotunda of the Capitol building.

Senate Bill 119, sponsored by Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, would require the loser in lawsuits to pay attorneys' fees for the winner in order to discourage such suits. The proposal would require the loser to pay the winner's attorney fees if the winner prevails on all counts in the case. Absent an outright win,

the judge would have discretion as to which party would pay the legal bills of the other. Judges could limit costs if they believed the amount was unfair.

Businesses are largely in favor of the legislation.

"The sad and unfair aspect of this abuse is that the system is weighted in favor of the one who sues, at the expense of the one who has to defend. You can go broke in America proving that you are right," said Charles Owens, director of Michigan's branch of the National Federa-

tion of Independent Business.

Opponents include trial lawyers who contend the judicial system already has protections against frivolous cases. Currently, judges may award attorney fees as part of the judgment, but they are not required to.

"We may have a loser pays system in theory, but not in practice," Owens said. "This is due to an unwillingness on the part of most judges to discipline their peers when they bring forth a frivolous lawsuit and because the definition of what

constitutes a frivolous lawsuit is weak."

Opponents, however, argue that not all cases that lose are necessarily frivolous. A loser pays system, they believe, would discourage cases which have merit from being filed if the plaintiff could not afford the defendant's fees should the case fail to win.

The bill has been sent to the Senate's judiciary committee for review. Action on the proposal is expected to come up in the fall.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall '99 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 3, for new and returning students. Summer registration hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Aug. 1 with the exception of July 5 when the office will be closed. From Aug. 2 through Sept. 3, office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7.

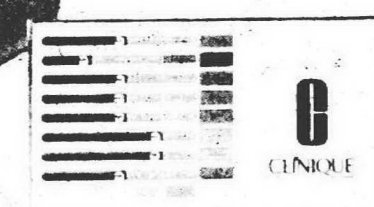
The convenience of fax-in registration for all students is available and will be accepted until Aug. 20.

Students may enroll in day, evening and weekend classes and non-admitted students must obtain a permit-to-register from the admissions office. Transfer student are welcome. There is no application fee.

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Plymouth United Way recognize its 1998 contributors

An award breakfast was held May 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn to recognize contributors to the 1998 Plymouth Community United Way campaign. Mary Roehr, director of public relations for Ameritech, was the guest speaker.

Due to the commitment and dedication to the Plymouth United Way campaign, 41 funded agencies have helped provide support for youth, senior services, domestic violence victims, mentally challenged, hospice services, and quality health care for those in need.

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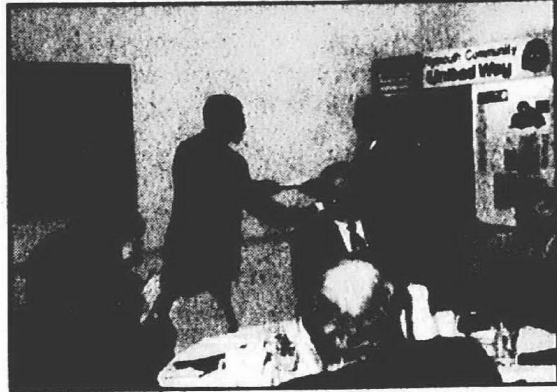
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County opens bidding for airport parking

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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Companies interested in bidding on airport parking operations can once again bid on that contract, which expired last month.

Also, prosecutors were waiting to receive a resolution approved June 24 by Wayne County commissioners before pursuing civil action against the previous parking operators.

County prosecutors believe the county was overcharged more than \$1 million for shuttle van leases at the airport.

Earlier this week County Prosecutor John O'Hair would not comment on any civil action until he received the resolution from the commission.

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy found Wayne County paid as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA of Cleveland to lease 37 vehicles and found it would have been cheaper to purchase the vans. Dunleavy discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

Later prosecutors evaluated more than 100 leases and believe the county is owed more than \$1 million.

County commissioners approved a contract in late March conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days. Commissioners later set a deadline for a settlement or the contract would expire.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, first informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$603,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses, then informed commissioners in a letter June 16 that prosecutors believed the county has "substantial claims against APCOA for refunds for the excessive reimbursements on the vehicle leases, and absent a reasonable settlement, appropriate proceedings should be initiated for their recovery."

In late May, APCOA had

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offered to repay Wayne County \$450,000. That offer came the day before a deposition concerning the case was to be taken of an official from McQ Leasing, the firm renting vans to APCOA, to obtain sales information on lease vehicles.



Cultural exchange: Salvador Monroy (left), Mexican consul, Detroit; Sister Mary Francilene, president, Madonna University; and Raul Herrera Vega, rector, Vasco de Quiroga University.

Madonna to exchange with Mexican university

Madonna University in Livonia and Vasco de Quiroga University in Morelia, Mexico, have signed an agreement to facilitate the student and faculty exchange programs between the two institutions.

"This agreement will formalize a relationship between the two universities, which has been developing over the last few years," said Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University.

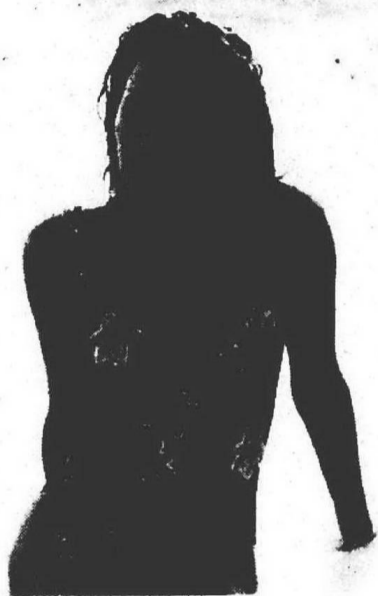
Students from Madonna Uni-

versity have visited Morelia and Vasco de Quiroga University on service learning trips since 1997. Earlier this year, Dr. Gerald Charbonneau, Madonna University assistant president of sociology and social work, completed a teaching grant at Vasco de Quiroga University.

Currently, Madonna University's Center for International Studies has affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Taiwan and the Peoples Republic of China.

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Golf event will benefit ALS

The Michigan chapter of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is hosting the organization's annual "Golf Invitational" on Monday, July 12, at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion.

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on the resolutions. Township trustees did not call the affair a special session, so they will vote on the issues at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

After the three votes by the city, everyone felt like they walked away a winner.

Winners

"I'm elated because we moved forward and made decisions," said Trustee Chuck Curmi. "This will benefit both communities. I'm happy we settled the underpass. We need it."

"What went on here is very positive," said Trustee Ron Griffith. "I think we did a lot in a short amount of time."

"This turned out better than I hoped for, but as well as I wished for," said Trustee K.C. Mueller. "This was an exceptional way to resolve the issues."

During the past year, the same issues brought mostly animosity between the two communities at the Joint Services Committee meetings, where three members from each elected board meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues. Most of the time, each community held fast to the company line to protect their interests.

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*Chuck Curmi
township trustee*

The break came about a month ago when Commissioner Colleen Pobur, at one of the joint sessions, suggested the two boards get together and hash out the issues face-to-face.

What many feared might turn into a spat actually turned into a love fest as both sides slowly, but surely, came to agreements on their top three major issues.

Moving ahead

"We should have done this a long time ago," said Pobur. "We had to come to the table, in a public forum, with the public and the media saying 'do something.' This is a foundation for going forward."

"With all three of these issues, we felt like we were hit in the face," added Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. "But, when

we're sitting and discussing the issues, we came to an agreement."

Community fire department Chief Larry Groth has been working for two years to get additional fire fighters hired for his department.

"We have multiple runs and it taxes the department," said Groth. "Our full-time firefighters aren't coming back in for overtime because they are getting burned out."

Trustee Ron Edwards suggested the two municipalities meet several times a year to iron out issues.

"What we accomplished in a few hours is tremendous," said Edwards. "This is the first time we ever sat together, and what happened was great for both communities."

Afterwards, there was some reflection on what the two boards had just accomplished.

"This is unprecedented," said Curmi. "Typically, elected officials are unwilling to cooperate for a whole series of non-rational reasons."

Added Griffith, with a smile. "We (government officials) could talk ourselves out of business. That probably would be good for the taxpayers."

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hearing what he called a "parting shot" by recently-resigned Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little that Central Middle School should be sold.

"As the growth centers around us, don't allow these kinds of institutions to leave the city," said Bila. "Fight hard to keep the quality of the community as a whole. There should be more concern about the quality of life, not lowering taxes."

"Chuck Little didn't care about the City of Plymouth," added Pugh. "It's not a growing city, so it's on the bottom of the totem pole."

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*Jack Kenyon
former mayor*

Some of the former mayors liked the idea to give their input into city affairs.

"I suggested to the mayor that he continue this with other organizations, like the Salvation Army, YMCA and the Chamber

of Commerce to get a different flavor of ideas," said Jack Kenyon.

Former mayor and current commissioner, Ron Loiselle, said the meeting was a good opportunity for ideas.

"There are some really good valuable resources and knowledge in this community," said Loiselle.

"I would like to see this type of program continue," added Jim Jabara. "So goes Plymouth, so goes the community."

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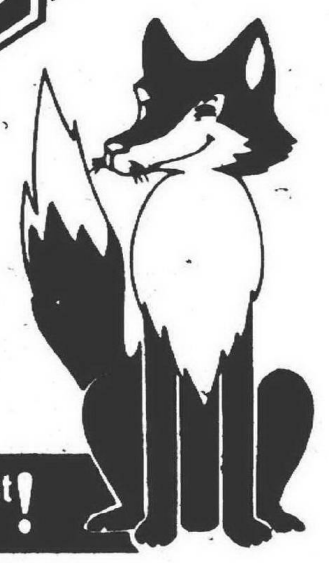
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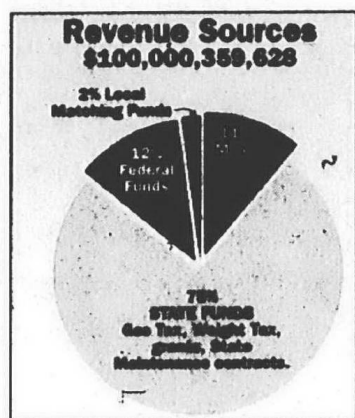
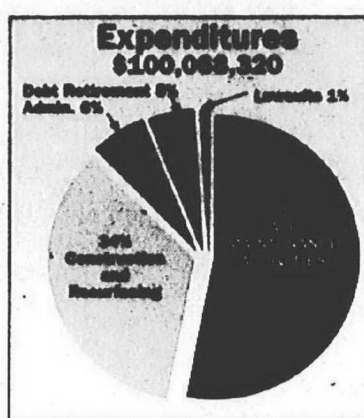
With the ribbon cutting Wednesday for Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Wayne County road officials took another step toward improving main thoroughfares in western Wayne County.

The county has planned \$60 million in improvements to about 80 miles of roads for this year. In western Wayne County, more than \$20 million of improvements are expected to 32 miles of roads and bridges.

That work touches communities from Canton to Redford, Plymouth to Westland.

"The paving is substantially completed on the Five Mile Project (between I-275 and Levan)," said John Roach, public information manager of Wayne County Department of Public Services. "Crews also have done prep work on Geddes between Beck to Sheldon (in Canton) and resurfacing will begin in July."

Sheldon from Ford to Warren also is paved, and work on Middlebelt Road was completed between Joy and Plymouth and I-96 to Five Mile.



Motorists who use Farmington Road as an alternate route to Farmington Hills and Livonia during the construction of I-275 should prepare for reconstruction of that road between Five and Seven Mile roads. "That should start in a couple weeks and finish in October," said Roach.

Here is a list of county road projects that are either completed or expected to be completed soon:

Canton Township
Belleville, Van Born to Michigan, resurface 1.6 miles, July 15.
Canton Center, Ford to Cherry

Hill, completed.

Geddes, Beck to Sheldon, resurface 1.5 miles, Aug. 1.

Joy, .5 miles east of Haggerty to Livonia, resurface 0.2 mile, Aug. 1.

Sheldon, Ford to Warren, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Livonia
Eckles, Plymouth to Schoolcraft, resurface 0.6 miles, completed.

Farmington, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface 2 miles, October.

Five Mile, I-275 to Levan, resurface 1.25 miles, nearly completed.

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Five Mile, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, October.

Joy, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, Aug. 1.

Middlebelt, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Middlebelt, Plymouth Road to Joy, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Plymouth Road, Eckles to Ann Arbor Road, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Seven Mile, Wayne to Farmington, reconstruct and widen 1 mile, Sept. 1.

Plymouth Township
Hines Drive, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface 2.2 miles, completed.

Lilley Road, Joy to Ann Arbor Road, resurface, July 15.

Sheldon, Five Mile to Six Mile Road, July 15.

Six Mile, Beck to Sheldon, August.

Redford
Five Mile, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface 1 mile, nearly completed.

Westland
Farmington, Ann Arbor Trail to Joy, resurface 0.26 miles, July 30.

Anti-tax group buoyed by judge's query

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All that construction drivers have to put up with when they are on the highways is something they pay for every time they fill up (gas taxes were

increased 4 cents a gallon in 1997 to pay for those upgrades).

But Taxpayers United (the anti-tax advocacy group based in Birmingham and headed by Bill McMaster) says the increase was illegal and is suing to have the money returned to Michigan residents.

A question asked by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Harold Hood in a June hearing on the case has given the group hope it can at least have the tax suspended temporarily.

McMaster argues that when the House of Representatives voted in a late night session July 17, 1997, to approve the gas tax increase, lawmakers forgot to vote to give the measure immediate effect. Nonetheless, McMaster contends, the state began collections in August of 1997 when it should have waited

until April of the following year.

Hood's question, addressed to an assistant attorney general, was how the money would be returned to taxpayers if the court were to rule in the advocacy group's favor.

"We would simply suspend collections of the four additional cents a gallon for as long as required," the state's attorney responded.

If Taxpayers United can get the tax collections suspended, they plan to also try to have the entire tax thrown out. McMaster argues passage of the increase violated the Headlee Amendment of the constitution, which requires approval by voters of any new taxes.

Originally filed as one suit in Ingham County Circuit Court, McMaster explained the case has

been split into two separate questions, the overall legality of the tax and the question of immediate effect. The Court of Appeals is expected to rule first on the question of immediate effect. Once the hearing is completed, it typically takes several months for the court to complete deliberations. A three-judge panel is hearing the case.

The gas tax was hiked from 15 cents per gallon to 19 cents per gallon to raise money for road repairs. McMaster and five other state residents are listed as plaintiffs in the suit, including Dominic Vincentini of Oxford, Rose Bogaert of Dearborn Heights, Mary MacMaster of Orion Township, Laurel Pietrangolo of Warren and James Pietrangolo, who has died since the case was filed in 1997.

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City attorneys Legal fees are no joking matter

We hope the egg timer wasn't ticking on Monday when Plymouth city officials attempted to negotiate a reduction in attorney fees with the Detroit-based law firm of Plunkett & Cooney.

Mayor Joe Koch, Commissioner John Vos and City Manager David Rich met with representatives of the prestigious law firm in an effort to reduce costs. Since the city hired Plunkett & Cooney, legal bills in the city have tripled to approximately \$170,000.

During the previous year, the city paid out \$58,000 to Cameron Miller & Associates, located right here in Plymouth.

The changing of attorneys last February resulted in heated debate because the city paid a monthly retainer with Cameron Miller, and Plunkett & Cooney charged an hourly rate. Koch and Commissioner Dave McDonald voted against changing law firms, but lost out on a 5-2 vote.

And here we are 15 months later with the hourly rate issue resulting in a huge problem. In fact, Rich is blaming the city's overall budget deficit on the increase in attorney bills.

What has caused an additional dilemma is the fact that the city's charter requires the city attorney to live in Plymouth. Plunkett & Cooney qualified for the contract because

Sarah Osburn, 28, an associate with the firm, is a resident.

However, the city is paying for her learning curve as well. The young, inexperienced attorney often must go to partners for answers, and then the city is billed for that attorney's time, that attorney's phone calls and that attorney's photocopies.

The situation is ripe for a few attorney jokes, but digs deeper, into the pockets of residents.

Mayor Koch speculated on Tuesday that it is more likely for Plunkett & Cooney to reduce fees over the next 12 months rather than offer a refund for the past year. Unfortunately, the city would be tied to the law firm for another 12-month contract. Either way, the city isn't going to recoup all of its costs - some \$100,000 over previous years' bills.

Yes, Plunkett & Cooney can offer quality legal care that a smaller firm can't. But it just goes to prove that a local, private practice attorney may have more interest in the city than a big downtown law firm. Remember the good ol' days when Cameron Miller faxed over documents at no extra fee?

The city can't afford to have its attorneys dine on steak and champagne while residents struggle with a beer and nuts budget.

Freedom to vote falls short

"Here, in the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, is the assertion of the natural rights of all to the ballot; for how can the consent of the governed be given if the right to vote be denied."

- Susan B. Anthony

"Your every voter, as surely as your chief magistrate, exercises a public trust."

- Grover Cleveland

"More men have been elected between sundown and sunup than ever were elected between sunup and sundown."

- Will Rogers

"As long as I count the votes, what's the problem?"

- Boss Tweed

Education has been a hot topic locally and nationally. Parents complain about test scores, lack of discipline, misuse of tax money, etc. The recent acts of violence in schools have created an outcry about declining values. Yet, when given the opportunity to vote on school leaders and taxes, voter turnout is shamefully low.

especially in those elections in which we have a direct impact, in which we can directly confront and question all the candidates face-to-face, in which our vote really does affect the outcome.

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These low turnouts help create the cynical conditions we supposedly deplore. Special interests groups or entrenched administrators are able to get out their supporters without worrying that anyone else will show up to oppose them.

Of course, we do get lucky. The minority voters often elect dedicated, hard-working, self-effacing citizens who want to serve on the school board for the best of reasons.

And the minority voters often decide wisely to support or reject a millage.

But the decision should not be theirs alone to make. As long as we believe, as Susan B. Anthony did, that our government depends on the "consent of the governed" then our vote is a public trust that we should always fulfill.

This weekend, we will celebrate our freedom. High school bands will strut, politicians will give speeches and fireworks will explode.

We will puff our chests and declare that America is the greatest country in the world and we are proud to be Americans, where we have the freedom to vote ...

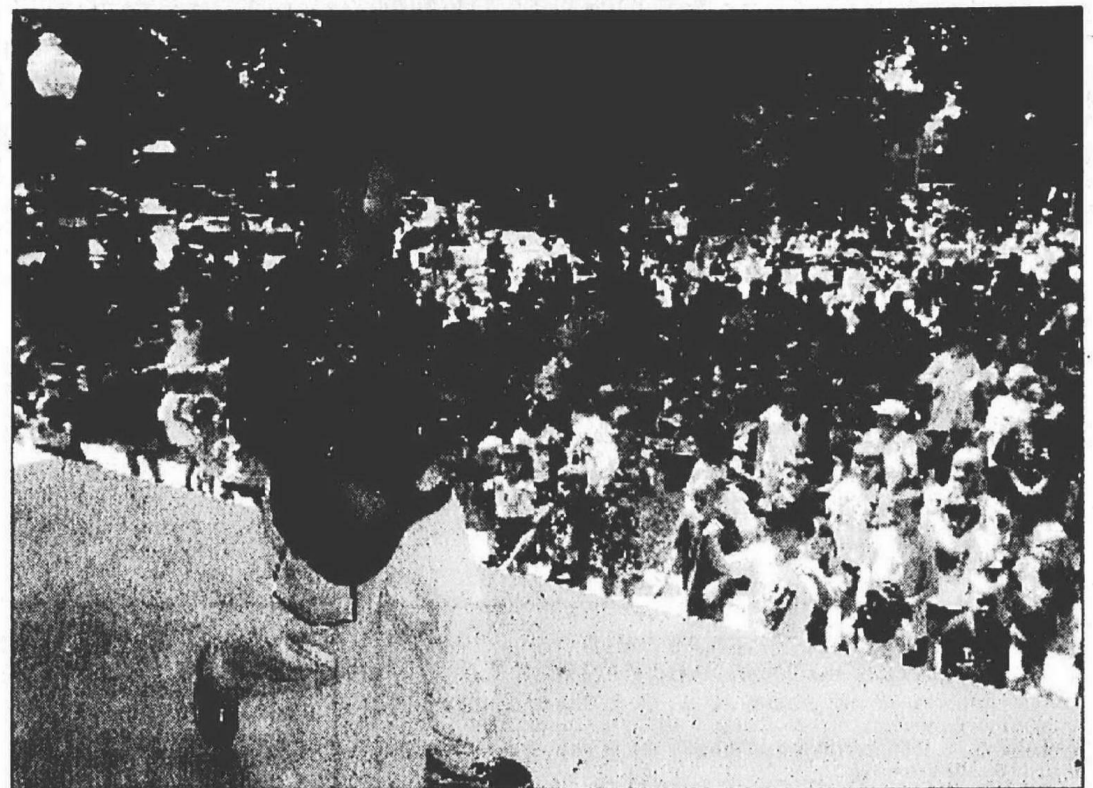
Two weeks ago we were asked to exercise that freedom in school elections that had direct and immediate consequences for our pocketbooks and for the quality of life in our communities. Yet in all of our Observer communities, less than 6 percent of the registered voters bothered to exercise this glorious right. In one community the figure was 2 percent.

As the above quotes show, voting has long been viewed both reverentially and cynically. We are all at least subconsciously aware that our representative form of government is what defines America. We all realize that we have been the leader in bringing elective democracy to an ever greater part of the world.

But we also know that politics can be a messy business. Deals are made in back rooms. Image makers manipulate the truth. Money distorts and corrupts the process.

That makes it all the more important that we take our responsibility more seriously,

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Get involved in schools

I would personally like to thank everyone that helped and supported my campaign for the Plymouth-Canton School Board. I think the results indicated that voters want change. They want decisive action taken on merit pay, the superintendent selection process, new high school location, and school funding issues.

The process involved in solving these issues will be sometimes lengthy and controversial. However, the process will be open. I think continually seek public opinion through the uses of district town meeting and discussion with teachers and administrators. We derive common solutions from open discussion. The solution to these and other concerns will effect the education of all the district's students. The school board needs your input. Get involved because it is your community's future.

Steve Guile
Canton

Hardly feels sorry

To the poor principal that has been working without a contract for two years. Isn't that awful?

When you make a little under or a little over \$100,000 per year with the best benefit package that I have seen around, it is hard for me to feel sorry for you.

Sure, you work hard but so do the people at big corporations that make big money. There is no big money for 40 hours per week.

I have always been a firm believer that if you can make money somewhere else, please go. What good is a dissatisfied person to themselves or to the employer? Some principals are complaining that certain members on the board want to run the school system like a business. Do they want to run the schools like the federal government, spend 125 percent of the revenues coming in? That is why the nation is almost \$6 trillion in debt and sinking faster each year.

The balance budget that both parties are bragging about is non-sense. Senator Carl Levin wrote me that without using Social Security money to balance the budget we would have had a deficit of \$28 billion last year. I never took any government-ese accounting courses so I can't figure that one out. I do know that when I'm broke, there is no one to bail me out. I have been on my own for over 38 years and at 76; I think of retirement some time but all my retired friends tell me to keep going as long as I can.

I always remind myself of the old man in Ferndale that sold his business and went to St. Pete, Fla. He sat on a park bench and looked around. He came to the conclusion that they were all sitting around waiting around to die. He said to himself, I've got to get the hell out of here. Came back to Michigan, purchased some land, purchased earth moving equipment and built a golf course. He died with satisfaction of doing something.

I hope I can say the same someday.

Leon Suchorski
Canton

Dean H. Lenheiser
Plymouth

Voters send message

Well, the elections are over, and the results are in. The Schoolcraft incumbents got re-elected and the Plymouth-Canton incumbents got defeated. The former board president got the least votes of all.

Both Mr. Maloney and Ms. Blamer are sitting there blaming things that caused their defeat, as happening in the last two weeks, to the last two months. Maybe they should have looked at what they did during the last two years, if they wanted the real reasons. It seems to me that the voters were actually looking at their rubber stamping Mr. Little, instead of looking out for the voters (as they are supposed to be doing).

The action of this school board over the last few years has been disgraceful, since they have been little more than Little's pawns. Maybe the next school super will be informed that they work under the guidance of the board, and not dictating what the district will do.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
What are your plans for the Fourth of July?



"I plan to see the fireworks and a movie. After that, we're going up north."
Justin Straub, 12
Plymouth



"I'm going to go up north to Traverse City with my cousins."
Erica Straub, 9
Plymouth



"Celebrating. We're going to go swimming at Murray's Lake."
Daniel Brach, 7
Northville



"I'll go watch the fireworks at Greenfield Village. That's all."
Brandon Ekblad, 7
Plymouth

We asked this question at the fountain in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

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- Philip Power

Peddling products opens door of distrust



SCOTT DANIEL

"Before we put our math books away boys and girls let's remember that today's lesson was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, the drink of a new millennium!"

The thought of a teacher saying something along those lines may sound ludicrous. But considering the recent trend in education - deal-making with large corporations - I submit that it's not so far-fetched.

School districts around the state have begun debating the idea. Some, including Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, have already acted.

In Ferndale, for example, the district recently began negotiations with Pepsi and Coca-Cola. The companies would help fund athletic teams in

exchange for placing vending machines in the high school, selling their products at school games and more.

In Kent County, school districts agreed in March collectively to sign with Coke. Districts, including one of the state's largest in Grand Rapids, will split \$2 million or more annually over the next decade.

Plymouth-Canton already has a deal in place with Coke.

According to Executive Director for Business and Operations John Birchler, the district signed with Coca-Cola in July of 1996.

Under the deal, Coke gets exclusive rights for selling its products at Centennial Educational Park. It would also have similar rights in the district's middle schools if the program expands, Birchler said.

In exchange, Plymouth-Canton received \$47,000 when the deal was signed and collects another \$120,000 annually. The contract runs until July of 2001.

Birchler said 50 percent of the

funds go directly to athletics. The rest is taken up by co-curricular clubs, academics and "principals' discretionary" accounts, he said.

Currently, the district isn't negotiating with any other corporation for similar deals.

"There's nothing specific in the works," Birchler said.

The high schools' beverage contract, however, will be either renewed with Coke or sent out for bids, he added.

Naming rights have been another issue.

Last March, departing Superintendent Chuck Little raised the idea of seeking corporate sponsorship for the new middle school by selling naming rights.

Fortunately, it fizzled and the new school, which will sit at the corner of Hanford and Canton Center roads, will be called "Discovery." Hopefully the idea won't rear its ugly head in the future.

The potential for personal and fiscal conflicts of interests are great.

And that's not even to mention the morally indefensible position of school districts pimping students for corporate America.

Before Plymouth-Canton goes any further with these contracts, I believe we should consider a few red flags:

■ Who should decide what companies have access to students and/or district facilities (i.e. buses, athletic fields and courts)?

If you say the school board, isn't it possible that a board member could have a tie to the company? What kind of safeguard is there from a corporation paying a board member or school official to make sure it gets the contract?

■ Who should research these companies before the district does sign a contract?

How would it look for the district to sign a deal with someone only later to find out they're owned by a tobacco company? How about an alcohol company?

Even if the firm was found to be squeaky clean, should school districts

really be in the business of promoting and endorsing?

Look at the wonders it has done for major college athletics. How many coaches have been dismissed or investigated for crooked shoe contract deals and kickbacks?

Lots.

The point is, we're heading down a road we don't need to go. The money garnered from businesses will not solve nor provide a long-range solution for school funding.

At best, it's a Band-Aid. Even if it did solve the problem, I think the price we'd pay is too high.

In order for a school to be an effective learning environment, it must, above all, be safe. That's means physically and emotionally.

How safe can students feel, and how much trust can students place in a teacher, school and district that tries to hustle them 180 days a year?

None.

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O'Hair, Archer turn to barbarism in wake of shootings

It's sad to see late 20th century leaders descend to a barbaric concept of law as they either seek to right wrongs or, more likely, milk a sad event for political publicity.

But so it is with Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. And it's all the sadder because both are former jurists - O'Hair on the Wayne Circuit Court, Archer on the state Supreme Court.

They have announced their intention of suing gun manufacturers. It's a popular thing to do in the wake of shooting deaths, regardless of whether it's fair or whether it will work.

To her credit, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, whom I sometimes have criticized, is distancing herself from this brand of thinking. And freshman state Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, has introduced a bill

to prohibit lawsuits against gun manufacturers.

I used the word "barbaric" on O'Hair and Archer because it's the same word used by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. in his classic treatise "The Common Law." Writing in 1880, Professor Holmes traced the history of law back to the Greeks and Romans, then showed how it developed in later societies.

"In Edward the First's time (around 1300)," Holmes wrote, "some of the cases remind us of the barbarian laws at their rudest stage. If a man fell from a tree, the tree was dead (forfeit to the crown for pious uses). If he drowned in a well, the well was to be filled up. It did not matter that the forfeited instrument belonged to an innocent person."

From 1530 Holmes supplied this example: "If my horse strikes a man, and afterwards I sell my horse, and



TIM RICHARD

after that the man dies, the horse shall be forfeited."

He quoted a judge from the time of Edward I: "Where a man is killed by a cart, or by the fall of a house, or in other like manner, and the thing in motion is the cause of the death, it shall be dead and."

Holmes found the same kind of barbarism in Exodus (XII, 28): "If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die, then the ox shall be surely stoned,

and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit." Greek courts, two centuries after Christ, "still sat in judgment on inanimate things."

Holmes had an explanation: People wanted immediate vengeance on the object that caused the pain, whether it was a brute animal or a rock. "Liability seems to have been regarded as attached to the body doing the damage, in an almost physical sense," he wrote. I love his next sentence:

"An untrained intelligence only imperfectly performs the analysis by which jurists carry responsibility back to the beginning of a chain of causation. The hatred for anything giving us pain, which wreaks itself on the manifest cause, and which leads even civilized man to kick a door when it pinches his finger, is embodied in the noxae deditio and other kindred doc-

trines of early Roman law."

Doesn't that fit the O'Hair-Archer gun suit?

All these examples are from chapter one, "Early Forms of Liability." Besides showing us how law develops, either upwards or downwards, Holmes has a larger point to make: "Precedents survive in the law long after the use they once served is at an end and the reason for them has been forgotten." In other words, case law becomes encrusted with useless rust.

In Detroit last month, a killing was performed with a tire iron. Taking the O'Hair-Archer thesis to its absurd conclusion, we should sue the manufacturers of tire irons. And no doubt someone will, if it becomes politically popular enough.

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An earlier primary will serve politicians, not the rest of us



MIKE MALOTT

Who can blame them? Michigan Democrats plan to try again to move up their presidential caucuses to Feb. 12 next year.

Last week, the Democratic National Committee rejected the state's request to hold caucuses earlier next year. Right now, the rules committee bars any state other than Iowa and New Hampshire from holding caucuses before

March 7.

Michigan Dems say they'll try again this summer. After all, Michigan Republicans just moved up their primary election four weeks to Feb. 22.

The point of all this calendar jockeying is to get more attention for Michigan voters. The new date for the Democratic caucuses would have put Michigan Dems right behind Iowa and New Hampshire in selecting their presidential nominee. The Republican move would also make GOP voters here the first among major states to cast their primary ballots. With Michigan's primary balloting in late March as it had been, so the complaint went, the election and caucuses here were mere afterthoughts for most presidential contenders. Earlier ballots would get more attention for state voters, bring candidates to Michigan more often, and, well yes, convince candidates to spend more campaign money here, too.

Makes perfect sense. Unfortunately, it's all terribly wrong-headed.

What it all means to you and I, dear voter, is that we get to endure at least another month of campaigning by 30-second sound bites and horse race stories from the media.

We already know who the front runner is (polls already show voters clearly favor George W. Bush over Al Gore). They also show few of us know what he stands for. Bad as that sounds, few of us know what Gore's platform is either, and he's been our vice president for six years.

These presidential contenders were both in town last week stumping for votes... and saying very little about their positions on the various issues.

Some will argue - as the political party leaders do - that it's still all for the good for Michigan. As long as the primaries and caucuses are set by the parties and the states, it is going to be

a competitive process. After all, we are electing someone to a very important position.

That's where I part ways. I say we overemphasize the presidency. We've built around the president a cult of personality in which charm and appeal count for more than policy. Only in such an atmosphere could the American public be so entranced with the president's every foible for months on end.

We've come to treat the president as nothing less than elected royalty.

Compare all this presidential election hoopla to the mundane way in which members of Congress are selected. There's a primary, held as late as August in Michigan. It's even later in many other states. The winners head straight off to the November ballot. The winner goes to Washington.

It is clear the framers of our Constitution thought Congress was the more important of the two. Yes, they are co-equal branches of government, but it was Congress that was vested with the power to raise taxes, regulate foreign and interstate trade, raise armies, declare war, launch programs and pass laws. The president is supposed to be the executive, the administrator.

We all seem to understand that at the local level. We all pay more attention to the city council because it does the decision making. The mayor or the city manager simply follow those decisions. At the state level, it's the Legislature that gets the focus of our attention. The governor gets plenty of attention, too, but most people seem to understand his job is to run the bureaucracy while policy is left to the House and Senate.

At the national level, however, our attention seems unnaturally focused on the actions of one man. And it has a strange influence on the way our country conducts its business.

Despite the nearly unanimous approval in Lansing, the consensus (as near as I can tell) is that the change will do little except spur other states to move up their primary balloting as well.

I'm willing to give credit where it's due. Leaders of Michigan's political parties, both Dems and the GOP, can give themselves a big pat on the back for further fouling up America's interpretation of its own Constitution.

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Misuse of fireworks can lead to July 4 tragedy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The M-80's blast ripped through the afternoon sky in Hines Park from the explosive gripped in the subject's left hand.

It destroyed two fingers. Moments later, a second firework, equivalent to a quarter stick of dynamite, exploded, blowing off a left hand.

The subject was only a mannequin, but the exhibition put on by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Metro Airport Police and Westland Fire Department was graphic enough to demonstrate the power of Fourth of July fireworks at a press conference June 23 at Nankin Mills area in Hines Park

■ 'Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth.'

David Carignan
Westland Fire Department

in Westland. A group of about 15 children from the Brightmoor Community Center in Detroit also attended.

"We realize it is a celebration of our nation's birthday, but if fireworks are not supervised, it can lead to tragic consequences, even death," said Sheriff Robert Ficano. "You can see the injuries to the hands. You would have turned a celebration into a tragedy for a family."

Ficano said 7,000 injuries

related to fireworks are reported nationwide each year.

Dave Carignan, deputy fire chief with the Westland Fire Department, said people should enjoy fireworks from a distance and parents need to oversee their fireworks. "Children have been known to get at fireworks," Carignan said. "A 7-year-old once went into his parents' room and got an M-80. It blew off half his hand."

"Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth."

Visual impact

Wayne County deputies and Westland fire officials highlighted the conference with the use of the mannequin to illustrate how a human can be injured from explosives. Airport police's bomb squad personnel assisted by planting the fireworks and lighting fuses.

From the first explosion, the mannequin sustained "injuries" of two destroyed fingers, while sweats covering its mid-section melted. That meant at least second degree burns on the stomach and mid-section.

A second blast ripped the mannequin's right hand off, knocking the mannequin over. More of the sweat suit melted and its wig fell off as the figure fell to the ground from the force of the blast.

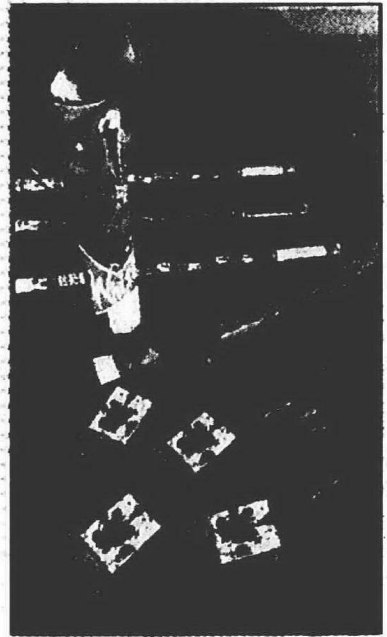
"You can just imagine the burns," Ficano said.

Legal and illegal fireworks also were displayed at the press conference. Michigan law permits the sale of sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices, but prohibits the sale, possession, transport or use of cherry bombs, comets, firecrack-



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Brave soul: Using a mannequin, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano demonstrates the dangers of exploding firecrackers.



Dangerous goods: Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano highlighted what fireworks are illegal (left) and legal (right) at a press conference last week. State law allows sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices but bans cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers, M-80s or larger versions, such as M-250s or M-1000s, Roman candles and bottle rockets.

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Bottle rockets and firecrackers can fly in any direction before exploding and sparklers burn at temperatures hot enough to burn gold.

Westland Battalion Chief and EMS Coordinator Michael Reddy said finger and hand injuries normally result from fireworks mishaps over the Fourth of July weekend. "Don't let your kids play with them. Have an adult light them and keep back," Reddy said.

"Fireworks are not toys," Ficano said. "The biggest birthday celebration of the year is the Fourth of July. What we're trying to emphasize is safety and responsibility."

Ficano said people can check with local police departments to

see if a fireworks dealer is legitimate. The latest scam involves dealers who sell "permits" to fireworks purchasers which "allow" them to light those fireworks in a certain area.

People also should not purchase these permits, Ficano said.

Fireworks tips

Ficano outlined the following fireworks safety tips:

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have an adult present

- Ignite outdoors
- Have water handy
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Store in a cool, dry place
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- Light one firework at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers
- Dispose of properly

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Kicking habit: AA shows way

His beard was scraggly, his eyes hollow with deep circles under them. He had a pasty looking complexion as if he didn't get enough water in his diet.

The complaint "Steve" brought in to the counselor was that he was tired of drinking and knew he had to quit.

The psychologist worked up a glow chart with him to look at the various consequences he had suffered because of his 28 years of drinking.

The chart included DUIs, a lost driver's license four years ago, three job firings, a failed marriage, current relationship problems and a closed head injury from one of the many fights he had been in.

He even confessed that recently his 3-year-old daughter had said, "No more beer, Daddy."

As the therapist started to describe the route that many alcoholics, drug abusers and gamblers take towards recovery, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous, Steve began to shake his head and mumble.

"Nah, I'll just stop drinking."

Although he admitted that all of his friends drink, somehow he thought he could stop. AA would call this "stinkin' thinkin'."

Self-grandiosity walks hand-in-hand with addictions, providing a degree of arrogance that allows the person to believe in only themselves for solutions.

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This sort of "me" centered thinking translates to *I don't need help from others*. And maybe you even agree that the addicted person had choices, thus, chose to start and can choose to stop.

But addictions are cunning and con-

ning. More often than not, when the addicted person tries to stop without help, they'll cycle through the pattern of stopping ... starting ... stopping ... starting.

And on and on it goes. The mind can always justify starting again.

A fascinating concept came about on June 10, 1935, when two men, both heavy drinkers, joined together to start a program that was based on the premise that only an alcoholic can help another alcoholic.

The one fellow, Bill, began to write down all of the principles for sobriety, which he later published as a book. At first, he titled it, "The Way Out," then "The Empty Glass" and finally, "Alcoholics Anonymous."

When the Saturday Evening Post published an article about AA in 1941, the program took off.

Today, there are more than two million AA members, and all are familiar with the 12 steps of AA. Even the American Medical Association now defines alcoholism as a chronic disease, not failed willpower.

Back to Steve ...

I think about him and his attitude of "I can do it myself," and then I think about this remarkable program and how it has helped hundreds of thousands of people by teaching principles through others who have been there.

It's such a simple program that it almost seems too easy to work. But ask anyone who is in AA whether they prefer to "just stop" or stop with the help of AA, and you'll know the power of the program.

If you would like to learn more about the program, call (248) 541-6565. It could save your life or that of someone close to you. And, of course, kids are the real winners when adults get help for addictions.

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A score 'fore' education



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Wash'n Dry: After caddying for four years at the Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, Stephen Porosky this year was promoted to cart attendant, which includes cleaning golf cart.

Duo caddy way to college

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Desiree Dinga and Stephen Porosky knew very little about golf when they became caddies a few years ago.

All that's changed now.

Dinga of Livonia holds her club's caddying record while Porosky of Redford Township, who finished his

high school career as golf team captain, earned conference all-division honors.

Their abilities and performances both on the golf course and in the classroom garnered the two National Honor Society students full college tuition and housing scholarships to the school of their choice through a unique program for caddies.

Dinga and Porosky were among 27

caddies in the state to be named Evans Scholars by the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation, the largest privately funded scholarship program in the nation.

Each scholarship is renewable for up to four years and is worth \$22,000 to \$65,000.

Evans Scholars Chapter Houses on 14 campuses, including Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, provide the living space. Dinga and Porosky will attend MSU.

Only caddies are eligible for Evans scholarships and only those who meet four criteria - caddie record, academic record, financial need and character - can win.

Jeff Coleman, golf service manager at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township, where Dinga works, said students must caddie at least two years, be in the upper 25 percent of their class academically, need financial aid and be recommended by three club executives - the golf service manager, the golf pro and the club president.

After applications are verified, caddies face intense questioning by The

In demand:

Desiree Dinga, who is often sought out by club members to caddy, was the No. 1 caddy at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township last year.



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Golfer Evans helps start scholarship

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The state of Michigan is a hotbed for Evans Scholars, with a total of 1,112 golf caddies having graduated from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan since 1952, when the U-M chapter was formed.

Michigan, which has had 550 Evans grads and had 55 enrolled this year, was the third Evans chapter in the country, while MSU, with 572 graduates and 65 enrollees this year, was the fourth, forming in 1955.

Nationwide, there are more than 840 golf caddies attending college as Evans Scholars this year. And there are more than 6,800 graduates.

The Evans Scholars Program was founded in 1930 by Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., a famed Chicago amateur golfer who won the 1916 U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur.

It was Evans's idea to send caddies to college, but the Western Golf Association (WGA) to which he belonged balked at the idea.

His plan was finally adopted in 1929 by the organization, which awarded its first two scholarships to two Northwestern University students the next year.

Today, the Evans Scholars Program continues under the WGA, which is headquartered in Golf, Ill., and is celebrating its centennial this year.

Scholarship funds come mostly from contributions by more than 100,000 golfers, who annually donate more than \$5 million to the foundation. Golfers contribute through the WGA's Bag Tag Program and Par Club.

The scholarship program also gets special charitable gifts and receives proceeds from the Motorola Western Open, the Chicago area's annual Professional Golf Association Tour stop, conducted by the WGA. Evans Scholar alumni also donate more than \$1 million annually.

For more information on the program, call (847) 724-4600 or write to the Evans Scholars Foundation at 1 Briar Road, Golf, Ill. 60029. Or visit the association's Web site at <http://www.wildcats.nwu.edu/es/>.

Tourney 'scores' in spinal cord treatment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of a benefit softball game are looking for a few women with good throwing arms, a competitive spirit and the desire to help a charity dedicated to finding treatments for spinal cord injuries.

The Steven Van Kerckhove Women's Softball Tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Claude Allison Park, Beech Daly between Six and Seven Mile roads in Redford.

Van Kerckhove is a 22-year-old Plymouth Township resident who was injured six years ago in a car accident. The spinal cord injuries he suffered in the crash left him a quadriplegic - paralyzed from the neck down.

He spent two months after the accident in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's intensive care unit. He then went to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo., where he spent another five months in physical therapy, learning to adjust to his physical changes.

All that time spent recovering from the accident meant Van Kerckhove had to repeat his junior year at Catholic Central High School. He finally graduated in 1996 and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he is studying history and communications.

He's keeping his aspirations big. "He wants to work for the (U.S.) State Department," said his mother, Mary Ann.

Van Kerckhove gets around campus on a motorized wheelchair and is able to perform most tasks such as note-taking himself. He uses an adaptive arm brace to grasp the pencil.

But he still needs some help from his classmates when he needs to get something out of his backpack or pick up food in the cafeteria line. People are very



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSHMAN

good about helping him out.

The Van Kerckhoves also made their home wheelchair-accessible and installed a home gym so that their son can exercise in the basement, accessible by way of a ramp in the garage.

Despite some small setbacks, such as repeating his

junior year and other minor physical problems, Steven's doing very well and has always been in good spirits, according to his mother.

"He's one of the most positive young men that I know," she said, adding that he knew he had two

He believes:

Steven Van Kerckhove chose to live his life the way he wanted after an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down and it's his positive outlook that has served as an inspiration for organizers of an upcoming women's softball tournament.

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choices - sit around and feel sorry for himself or live life to its fullest. "He chose to live life the way he wanted. He's really done amazingly well."

Actor Christopher Reeve, who was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident in 1995, has helped bring spinal cord research to the public eye, making fund-raising easier, she added.

Van Kerckhove eventually wants to move out of his parents' home and live on his own, although he will always need to have help with certain tasks. He also is working on learning to drive a specially modified car.

Tournament organizer Patricia Soter, who is a friend of the Van Kerckhove family, said the desire to help Steven and others dealing with spinal cord injuries inspired her to establish the tournament.

"I just feel that I wanted to do something for Steven," she said.

"He tries so hard at everything." Soter said she hopes at least 250 people will sign up to play. Roughly 14 players will be on each team and they will play a two-game elimination format.

Those interested in organizing teams must send the team roster and a \$100 tax-deductible entry fee by July 1 to Soter at 14420 Shadywood Court, Plymouth 48170.

Checks must be made payable to the Spinal Cord Society, a research organization based in Fergus Falls, Minn.

For more information, call (734) 459-5919.

Those who want to help but don't have good throwing or catching arms can sponsor diamonds, softballs, umpire fees, T-shirts and many other things.

So what does the tournament's namesake think of all this?

"I'm excited - because the sooner I can get out of this chair, the better," Van Kerckhove said.

Scholars from page B1

Greencoats, a panel of 53 men, all wearing green WGA sports jackets. Both Dinga and Porosky were surprised by the panel's size.

"I about died when I walked in there," said Dinga.

Both passed, with Dinga the only one of 28 candidates garnering all 53 votes.

Although she was one of only two females in the field that day, she was poised. Asked to translate a sentence into Spanish, Dinga, a four-year student of the language, did it glibly.

"She's a heck of a young lady," said Coleman.

First ever winner

A magna cum laude graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who had a 3.91 grade-point average, she was news editor of the Stevenson Spotlight student newspaper and also a debate team member. It appears that she is the school's first-ever Evans winner.

She was Meadowbrook's No. 1 caddie last year, when she also smashed the club record for "caddie loops" - 18-hole rounds by a caddie - with 187.

That buried the 156-loop mark set the year before by fellow

■ 'Caddying is a lot of fun. You get to meet a lot of different types of people.'

Desiree Dinga
Evans Scholar

Meadowbrook caddie and Evans Scholar John Jones of Novi.

Porosky, who caddied four years at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, this year was promoted to cart attendant, which includes cleaning golf carts and golfers' bags.

Ranking 13th academically in his class at Thurston High School with a 3.89 grade-point average, Porosky played three years of prep golf - two on varsity - and was an All-Mega Conference Blue Division selection. He carried a 40-stroke average for the Eagles, which finished third. He also was a news writer on the Eagle Eye student newspaper.

"He's nice and bright and is well-liked," said Thurston golf coach Emil Majeski.

According to the association, Porosky is the 10th Thurston golfer to become an Evans Scholar. The first, James F. Keene, a 1970 graduate of the University of Michigan, is director of bands

and professor of music at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Porosky, who lives with his mother Mary in Redford (his father Ken lives in Dearborn), "really loves the game of golf," said Jason Idy, the Western assistant golf professional who joined head pro Kevin LaFrambois and 1998 club president Tom Handyside in recommending him for the Evans scholarship.

Idy said Porosky is a hard worker who often caddies in the mornings and works carts in the afternoons.

Porosky, to whom golf "came kind of natural," enjoys working with people and plans to earn a teaching degree in biology, so he can teach it in high school and also coach golf.

Hustle and desire

Caddying is a game of hustle and desire, according to Meadowbrook's Coleman. Caddies planning to do two loops a day start the first one at 7 a.m. and, soon as they finish, go to the top of the caddy list for the next loop.

Dinga, who like Porosky is often sought by club members, did two and sometimes three loops a day last year, Coleman said, putting her on the course almost all day. This year she also is working for him, washing golf clubs in the bag room or scooping up balls on the driving range.

"She was really driven," he said. "She really wanted the scholarship."

Her quality and quantity of loops earned her a Meadowbrook honors caddy award.

Even now, Coleman said, "She gets to the golf course first thing in the morning ... she's probably here 6:15, 6:30 a.m. She waits for the golf bag and goes to the

driving range with it" to meet its owner.

Once on the fairways, Dinga, one of only a small field of female caddies, carries the golf bag, gives the yardage on holes, suggests which clubs to use, reads greens and tells how the holes break, repairs ball marks and divots and keeps the clubs clean.

"Caddying is a lot of fun," said the 18-year-old Dinga who plans to major in engineering. "You get to meet a lot of different types of people."

After learning in 1996 that the son of her mother's friend and co-worker planned to caddie, she decided to try it. She needed a job, she said, and "didn't want to do baby-sitting."

Other than three nine-hole "lessons" from senior caddies - "They golf and you carry the bags," she said - learning to caddie came by doing it.

A Redford native who was 10 when her father Joseph died at age 50 of cancer, Dinga "has been focused and disciplined since she was five," said her mother, Kathleen.

Her father was a tool and die maker who "thought so much of people with scholarships" that "he would be in his glory with all that she has done," said Kathleen.

"I wanted her to feel she could do anything," she added. "I didn't want her to be intimidated by anything."

To accomplish that, she took her daughter with her to real estate closings, estate sales and many other business transactions, so that the youngster would feel comfortable with them. Her daughter was a quick study. At the grocery store, Dinga would catch overcharges on items, her mother said.

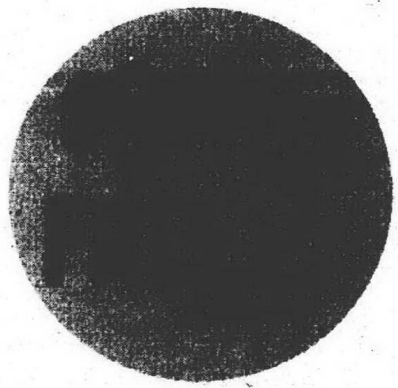
Kathleen fully approves of caddying for youngsters, especially girls.

"It teaches them discipline and there's only a very small percentage of girls (doing it)," she said. "They're out in the fresh air. It's good exercise and a great job for a kid."

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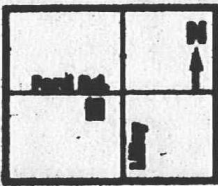
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

PRINTING OF FOUR SPECIAL EDITION FOCUS NEWSLETTERS

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 1, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility to be located at 47440 Michigan Avenue - Ste. 130 within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 32, Township 2 S, Range 8 E, Canton Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds; E 1173.91 feet along the E line of said Section and centerline of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed width) to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide); thence S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 63.60 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide) for a Place of Beginning; thence continuing S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 1642.71 feet along said right-of-way; thence North 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds W 793.08 feet; thence N 28 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds E 608.47 feet; thence S 79 degrees 56 minutes 24 seconds E 214.70 feet; thence S 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds E 279.57 feet; thence N 70 degrees 25 minutes 32 seconds E 989.12 feet; thence S 63 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds E 342.68 feet; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds E 602.84 feet along the West right-of-way line of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed width) to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 32 and containing 35.86 acres of land, more or less. Subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any; together with a non-exclusive 150 foot wide private easement for ingress, egress, and public utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner, Section 32, Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds E 1173.91 feet along the East line of said Section and centerline of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed width) to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide); thence S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 1706.31 feet along said Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide) for a Place of Beginning; thence continuing S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 150.00 feet along said right-of-way; thence N 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds W 792.91 feet; thence N 70 degrees 25 minutes 16 seconds E 150.00 feet; thence S 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds E 793.08 feet to the Place of Beginning.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 1, 1999

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Meloche-Ward

Missey Ward and Victor Meloche were married May 1 at St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia by the Rev. John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of John and Joann Ward of Garden City. The groom is the son of James and Geraldine Meloche of Livonia.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1990 graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Detroit Diesel Corp. in human resource and development.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also is employed by Detroit Diesel.

The bride asked Liz Liberty to be her matron of honor with Jennifer Mayle, Leigh Vaughn and Lorraine Meloche as bridesmaids.



The groom asked George Teodorescu to be his best man with Nick Meloche, Jacques Meloche and Joel Meloche as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia. They are making their home in Westland.

Torpie-Morrison

Russell and Nancy Torpie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Ann, to Scott Allan Morrison of Novi, the son of Jerry and Janet Morrison of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Motoresearch.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed at TRW.

An October wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



Cohen-Dorfman

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cohen of West Bloomfield and Marlene Cohen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jill, to Michael Randy Dorfman, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Dorfman of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is attending University of Detroit School of Law.

A July wedding is planned.



Spry-Johnson

Tanya Renee Johnson and Brian William Spry were married May 1 at the Heritage Park wedding chapel by the Rev. Daniel K. Watkins.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Eudell Johnson of Westland. The groom is the son of Joan Spry-Clark of Westland and the late Robert W. Spry.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School.

The bride asked Helen Pianowski to be her matron of honor with Tammie Johnson, Tania Passalacqua and Lisa Collins as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Kevin Korby to be his best man with Darrell Johnson, Donny Rundenza, Rob Keyandwy as groomsmen and



Jeff Johnson and Doug Abbott as ushers.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. They are making their home in Westland.

Mellis-Penn

Jim and Barb Mellis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Kristin, to David Alvin Penn, the son of Alvin and Nancy Penn of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in engineering

chemistry. She will attend Princeton University in pursuit of a doctoral degree in molecular foundation.

Her fiancé received a music foundation certificate from Schoolcraft College. He is continuing his studies in musical education.

A July wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Beetler-Garrett

Dan and Sybil Beetler of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to William Patrick Garrett, the son of Bill and Claudia Garrett of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed as a physician's assistant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an industrial engineer by Ford Motor Co.

A September wedding is planned at Northville Christian Assembly.



Konjarevich-Anderson

Andrew and Janice Konjarevich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Lynn, to Michael Alan Anderson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, St. Petersburg Junior College and the University of South Florida with a degree in psychology. She is employed by Gateway Computers in Clearwater, Fla.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Illinois University with degrees in public health and education. He is co-owner of Apollo Hair Loss Clinic in Largo, Fla.



A May wedding is planned at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

Kell-Garner

Howard and Dori Kell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Alton Kell, to Jeffrey Joseph Garner, the son of Joe and Tricia Garner of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in economics.

An August wedding is planned in Kauai, Hawaii.



Messer-Wall

Edward and Deborah Baker of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh Messer, to Christopher John Wall, the son of Edward and Evelyn Wall of Midland.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works as a reporter for the Midland Daily News.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of H.H. Dow High School and a 1984 graduate of Alma College. He received his master's degree in 1989 from Oakland University. He is a Kelly Global Learning



manager for Kelly Services in Troy.

An August wedding is planned in Carleton.

Palazzola-Wines

Cheryl Gates-Beers of Clarkston and Paul Palazzola of Utica announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Palazzola, to Eric Wines, the son of Roger and Jeanette Wines of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Anchor Bay High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is an account executive for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Birmingham.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He is a CAD systems manager at Siemens Automotive in Auburn Hills.

An October wedding is



planned at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

Kehrer-Fuchs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehrer of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather M., to Robert J. Fuchs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuchs of Alabama.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Ferris State University. He is working in construction with FMG Concrete Cutting in Brighton.

A September wedding is planned at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.



ANNIVERSARIES

Frye

Family and friends gathered June 19 at the home of Harold and Georgianna Frye to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married in Belleville on June 25, 1949, the Fries have lived in the Wayne-Westland area their entire married life.

The party was hosted by their children - David and Maureen Frye of Canton and sons Jonathan and Jason, and Lt. Col. Nancy Frye, who is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Neb.

A special guest at the party was his 96-year-old-mother, Vivian Frye of Wayne.



Lariviere

Robert and Marilyn Lariviere of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass, followed by dinner at Mountain Jack's Steakhouse, hosted by their family.


The couple exchanged vows on July 2, 1949, at St. Luke's Church in Detroit. She is the former Marilyn Whittton.

They have four children - Robert, Donna, Mark and wife Lynn, and Paul and wife Jamie - and four grandchildren.

He has been retired for seven years, after working as a salesman at Federal Products Corp., a precision tool and gauge company, for 45 years. She is a



homemaker. Their interest include golf and family activities.




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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

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

BEANIE BABY SHOW
 ■ The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m., Sunday, July 11 during the City of Plymouth's "Art In the Park." The show is being held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 4-12 years old. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

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

CREEPLY CRAWLIES
 ■ Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families on Saturday, July 17, beginning at 11 a.m. The program, Creeply Crawlies, will feature insects and other small creatures. Learn about these small but interesting animals through activities and a guided hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building, Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck in Northville Township. The program is free of charge; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call the park office for more details at (248) 349-8390.

AROUND TOWN

QUIT SMOKING
 ■ Dr. David Schindler, is offering hypnosis to help quit smoking for \$30 each (normally \$120), not covered by insurance. The sessions are July 18 or 25 at 7 p.m. Availability is limited, please call (734) 591-5537.

CRANBROOK DINNER
 ■ An elegant evening of music and dinner to benefit Cranbrook House and Gardens is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Cranbrook House and Gardens is located at 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. There is free parking at Christ Church, directly across Lone Pine with free shuttle service provided. In case of rain, many rooms of Cranbrook House will be open. For tickets, call (248) 645-3147.

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

HUNTER'S SAFETY
 ■ From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 7 and 8 the Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park will be offering the second annual Hunter's Safety Course. All participants must be at least 12 years of age. Students will be asked to show proof of age before class. A social security number will also be required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m. and class will start promptly at 9 a.m. A parent/guardian meeting will be held prior to class. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. The class is held at Summit on the Park- Professional Development Center. The fee is \$20 resident/ \$25 nonresident. For further information call (734) 397-5110.

SINGLES DANCES
 ■ Dances are held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster) Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. The dances are for 21 and over, no jeans please. For more information call, (734) 981-0909.

WALK IN THE PARK
 ■ Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville holds a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. every Saturday. The park is between 10 and 11 Mile, on Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

GOLF SCRAMBLE
 ■ The Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will hold a golf scramble July 10 at St. John Golf Center, 44115 Five Mile Rd., Plymouth. The cost is \$21 for nine holes with a cart. Tee time is 5:30 p.m. RSVP Carol at (734) 453-4011.

FLEA MARKET
 ■ The Canton Historical Society will host their annual Flea Market on the grounds of historic Cherry Hill School from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. The school is at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. A 10x10 space for vendors is \$15. Vendors



Inspiring: Motivational speaker Ron Bachman of Northville recently spoke to over 2,000 Plymouth-Canton school children.

Walk this Way: Bachman inspires 2,000 P-C students

Motivational speaker Ron Bachman recently spoke to over 2,000 students in the Plymouth-Canton school district. He left students in awe after talking to them about unbelievable life, the need for respect and the importance of realizing your goals.

Bachman, 41, was born with a congenital birth defect that caused both his legs to be amputated at age 4. He has overcome this major obstacle and now has a successful speaking career, a 19-year-old daughter and an autobiographical film.

Bachman started speaking to students at the beginning of this year as part of his "Walk This Way" program, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Dodge Dealers Association. Bachman has spoken to more than 85,000 students since January, a number that was expected to grow to 100,000 at the end of this school year. Jeff and Jason Scott,

co-managers of Dick Scott Dodge, were honored to have Ron speaking in their area.

Bachman spoke to the students about diversity and his importance of goal setting. He also talked about his personal goals and how he struggled through life to accomplish them. Bachman helped the children to realize that anything is possible, even if you are disabled.

The speaking engagements were sponsored by Dick Scott Dodge, the Southeast Michigan Dodge Dealers Association, Better Business Bureau, Kiwanis Club and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Bachman will be spreading his courageous and inspirational message throughout the Southeast Michigan area. Anyone interested in booking a speaking engagement with Ron Bachman call Dick Scott Dodge at (734) 451-2110 or (248) 886-2000.

must provide their own tables and chairs. The Society will be selling donated items inside the school. Donated items can be brought to the school from noon - 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. For information call 981-1475.

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

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM
 ■ The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will once again be offering their summer park program to city-resident children. This year's program will continue through Friday, Aug. 6. Hours are from 10 a.m.

through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following city parks will be used this summer: Kiwanis Club Park (Auburn and Junction), Rotary Club Park (Wing and Herald), Garden Club Park (Sutherland and Forest), and Jaycee Park (Hamilton and Joy). Each park will have two leaders assigned who will have daily activities for the children. Some of those activities include: games, swimming, bowling, mini-golf, skating, stories and field trips. This is free program. There are costs for the various off-park activities. Parents can register their children at the park nearest their home. For further information, call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

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

CAMP INVENTION
 ■ A one-week science and creativity day camp is held at Isbister School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Aug. 2-6. The camp is for grades 2-6 and costs \$180. Call 1-800-968-IDEA.

ACT WORKSHOP
 ■ ACT college entrance examination workshop is offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. The workshop meets for five Tuesday/Thursday evening

sessions from July 13-July 27 on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Cost is \$145 which includes books and materials. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 ■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce wants to remind you that we continue to provide a 24-hour hotline of events and "What's Happening" in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540 and touch one for Calendar of Events.

GARDEN WALK
 ■ The Sixth Annual Garden Walk-The Gardens of Northville will be held Wednesday, July 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from gardenviews (202 Main.) and the Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 Main). For more information call (248) 348-3263.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS
 ■ The Plymouth Recreation Division is now selling amusement park tickets to most major amusement parks in Michigan and Ohio. The tickets purchased at the Recreation Division Cultural Center Office will save up to \$6.70 at the gate. For more information, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at 455-6620.

ART CLASSES
 ■ D&M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult. Call (734) 453-3710.

CREATIVE DAY
 ■ Registration for fall preschool is open at Creative Day Nursery School for both morning and afternoon classes in Canton. Creative Day is at 44815 Cherry Hill.

REGISTRATION
 ■ Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

■ Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes for 18 months through five years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADULT DAY CARE
 ■ Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

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

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP
 ■ The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. Call Tracy Groen at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mitsg@mediaone.net

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

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS
 ■ Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, and helps them learn to rebuild a new life. The free meetings take place 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

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

DIVORCECARE
 ■ DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets 7 p.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton. Child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features experts on divorce and recovery. Seminar sessions include facing anger, facing loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. Call Bernice at (734) 459-3333.

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

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

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CAMPUS NOTES

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DEAN'S LIST
 Jeff Bissonnette of Canton has been named to the Freed-Hardeman University dean's list for the spring semester. Bissonnette is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bissonnette. He is a junior Bible major.

Kathryn Irene Murinas of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievements for the spring semester. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Murinas of Plymouth.

GRADUATED
 Elaine Kirchgatter, treasurer for Canton Township, graduated from the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute. The Institute is a three-week program, one week annually, offered through the Center for Public Service at Central Michigan University. The program consists of more than 100 hours of instruction in the duties and responsibilities of a municipal treasurer.

Brian C. Tibursi graduated from Amherst College, Mass. He majored in mathematics and physics and entered Amherst college after graduat-

ing Plymouth-Salem High School. He is the son of Maryalce Tiburzi of Westland.

Jesse E. Venegas of Canton was among 103 graduates at St. Mary's Preparatory School, an all boys Catholic prep school in Orchard Lake, MI.

DEPARTMENTAL HONOR
 Denise Krolczyk of Canton was recognized as the outstanding student in her major at Grand Valley State University. Krolczyk is a public and non profit administration major. She is the daughter of Vincent and Mary Ann Krolczyk of Canton.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
 Phillip A. Werman of Canton was one of the

active members recognized from Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society. Alpha Phi Sigma is a national Criminal Justice Honor Society in which students must have a 3.0 grade point average and a 3.2 GPA in their major to become a part of the honor society. A recommendation is necessary from an advisor for membership.

WRITING AWARD
 Aaron Hoge of Plymouth was among 17 Madonna University students from various academic programs who were nominated by faculty to receive student awards for Excellence in Writing. The awards are sponsored by the Madonna University Writing Across the Curriculum (MACAW) program.

The U.S. - a nation of immigrants with common bonds

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

We asked a young man vacationing in the U.S. from the Basque region of Spain, "What have you noticed so far that is most different?"

"Everywhere you go, you see the American flag!" he answered immediately. "You don't see that many flags in my country."

We realized that most of the flags he noticed are up year-round. It's a sign that, despite gripes with our government, our populace has a good feeling about where we live.

If you live long enough, you can develop a perspective about things like this. We recall that patriotism hit an all-time low during the Viet Nam War.

Flags were hardly displayed,

military personnel returning from combat received a cold shoulder, veterans were no longer invited to march in parades, and people stopped singing the national anthem when it was played at sporting events.

But patriotism is returning, albeit to a wiser public. It is not because our country has no flaws that we honor our heritage. Rather, we Americans - who certainly don't agree on everything - take pride in our energetic, countrywide debates as we strive to resolve even the most divisive issues.

That doesn't mean the course has always been peaceful. Take the Viet Nam War demonstrations, the mayhem in Waco, the Oklahoma City bombings, and so on. Time and again, though, we, as a nation, have struggled to achieve justice, and when it is not served, we demand changes.

Interesting concept

Of course, "we, as a nation" is a rather interesting concept in the U.S. We are such a mixture, not only of nationalities but of generations within them. To say that we are all descendants of immigrants is not a new thought. However, it is interesting to realize that each naturalized citizen and his or her descendants automatically inherit the history and heritage of our country.

After all, is it any more of a stretch to think that a newly naturalized citizen from, say, Mexico has a connection with the Puritans than it is for more me, whose first American ancestors immigrated here from Ireland in the mid-19th century?

A few years ago, we were guests at the silver wedding anniversary of friends from India. They came here in the 1960s with \$8; that was all the money with which they were legally allowed to leave. They worked hard and assisted their

relatives both financially and by opening their home to brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews so they could come to this country, too.

Don and I were moved as the couple's relatives, in tribute after tribute, spoke appreciatively about the blessings and opportunities they have in their adopted country - the U.S.

My father, the last immigrant in my line of ancestors, came from Canada. Much to the Canadians' annoyance, we don't seem to think of that as much of a jump. But it was. A veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he came here after World War II. My mother was American, and he felt opportunities to provide for his family were better here.

Owing his allegiance

My father never stopped loving his native Canada, but he quickly learned to love the U.S., as well. He was adamant that, since this country was providing

a good livelihood for his family, he owed it his allegiance.

Furthermore, he had no right, he said, to complain unless he anted up. And, by golly, he took full advantage. He voted in every election. He complained about politics and politicians. But, as a citizen, he had the right.

So, what do we think on the millennium's last fourth of July - from where does our nation's strength emanate? It is not because we are all alike.

Way back in 1782, a French writer wrote prophetically about the future of our country, which was already a land of diversity. "What then is the American, this new man? Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world."

The global roles we have played in the 20th century alone, right down to our present intervention with NATO in Kosovo, bear out his vision of 200 years ago.

That's because, despite our differences, we possess a national profile. We Americans are an outspoken lot. That's how we find out about injustices and wrongs that both individuals and our government have committed. And when we do, we clamor for accountability and reform.

We do not find issues and crises resolved to everyone's satisfaction. President Clinton's impeachment and the current debate about our role in Kosovo are perfect examples. But, as a nation, we continually labor to improve conditions, and we keep seeking the voice of reason to guide us.

That's our strength - our inheritance from our ancestors; our legacy to our descendants.

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.

St. Mary Hospital honors employees' years of service



Long-time employees: Honored for up to 40 years of service at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia were Deborah Moore, patient accounting (from left), and Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, 30-year employees; Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant, Sister Mary Modesta, senior vice-president, Sister Mary Frederick of Marybrook Manor and Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry, 40-year employees, and Margaret Becker, pre/post-operative care, a 30-year employee.

Employees who have worked at St. Mary Hospital since its opening in 1959 were honored at a recent awards banquet held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

More than 130 employees and physicians were recognized at the 14th annual Service Awards Banquet May 26.

Hospital employees were recognized for years of service from 10 through 40 years, based on service through Dec. 31, 1998.

Employees receiving 40-year awards were Sister Mary Modesta, senior vice president; Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry; Sister Mary Frederick, Marybrook Manor; and Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant.

Receiving a 35-year award was Mary Dubay-Whaling, peri-operative services, while 30-year awards were given to Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO; Margaret Becker, registered nurse, pre-post-operative care; Deborah Moore, patient accounting; and Rosemary Wangeman, laboratory.

Those receiving 25-year awards were Diana Beaty, Camille Brick, Carol Ann Carr,

Susan Dayison, Jean Gabriel, Katherine Galenski, Kathleen Houlihan, Cary Marakovitz, Claudia McClellan, Josevegas Mendoza, Virginia Montesa, Mary Ellen Morris, Mary Skupski, Kathleen Stout and Theresa Underwood.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Jacqueline Allbee, Debra Armhein, Eileen Belknap, Joanne Block, Patricia Burns, Roy Chamblin, James Chiumino, Elizabeth Cornell, Joanne Danczak, Daniel Deary, Eileen Dorrough, John Goldsworthy, Carol Graff, Donna Grima, David Karol, Robin Kopack, Colleen La Valley, Patricia Long, Patricia Machniak, Gary Martz, Annamma Mathew, Marcia Nichols, Karen Paizon, Mary Pelz, Donald Perrie, Lorna Reid, Catherine Reinke, Barbara Rozinski, Barbara Sapelak, Marie Siegel, Julie Smith, Jo Ann Sopko, Marc Teter, James

Tumidanski, Christine Underwood, Lorraine Varlesi, Debra Waddell, Michael Ward, Donna Womack and Dr. Tsen Wood.

The 15-year awardees included Denise Balko, Karen Bedell, Kathryn Borromeo, Mary Curtis, Sharon Cygan, Patricia Czach, Gregory Gallo, Barbara Bulowski, Anna Guziel, Janet Heib, Josann Iwanka, Marie Kaetz, Phyllis Kennedy, Dr. Daria Kiani, Bernadette Kidwell, Lori Kudirka, Julia Leo, Carol Lucy, Linda MacDonald, Siobhan Mardeusz, Sharon McDonald, Dr. Veda Muthleb, Leslie Perrine, Henny Quinn, Priscilla Roach, Marcelina Socie, Cheryl Southard, Roberta Swierca, Anne Walsh, Gay Wincakowski, Barbara Wysocki and Charlene Zupanik.

And receiving 10-year awards were Amal Abdulhak, Maria Adamick, Mary Lou Anolick, Lourdes Aragones, Jane Bon,

Christine Cossin, Carol Curnow, Donna Dombecki, Laurel Edwards, Fatme El-Abdallah, Launa Elliot, Charlotte Epps, Theresa Erchenbrecher, Eva Grzybowski, Sally Hart, Robert Jarosz, Joan Kindred, Dianne Konstal, Winifred Kotcher, Marlene Laerman, Jeanne Long, Betty MacDonald, Anna-Marie Mazzara, Nancy McAnsh, Sister Joyce Marie, Lisa Meldrum, Dawn Miller, Deloris Mixon, Lila Nadolski, Deborah Neubecker, Dr. B. Babu Paidipaty, Mario Pastores, Dr. Mitchell Salhaney, John Schwartz, Patricia Shepard, Lori Slack, Avis Stevenson, Daniel Swiercz, Edith Valenzuela, Deborah Webster and DeJores Yurush.

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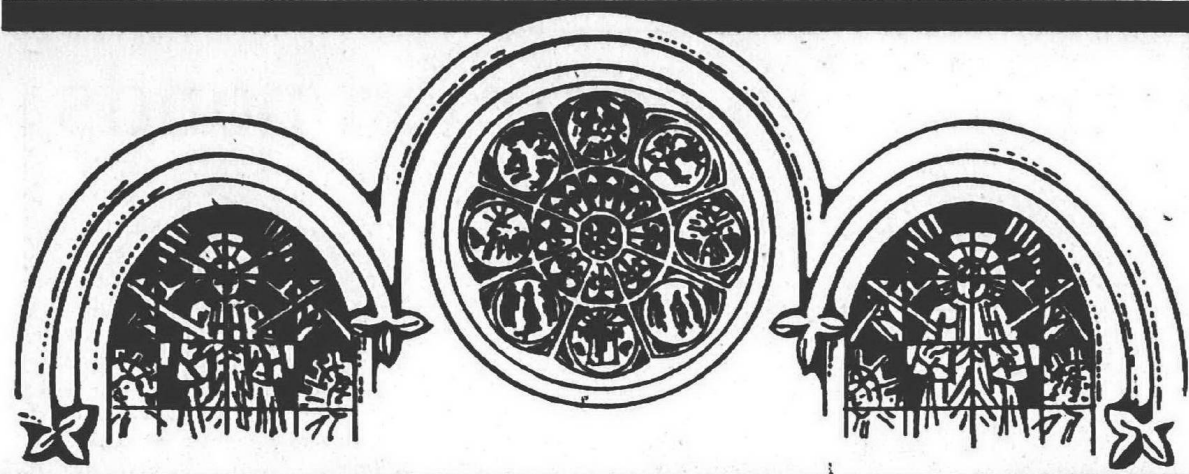
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

NEW READERS At its recent annual business meeting, members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, Margaret Welcher Dendler was elected first reader and Roger Reisdorf second reader.

While Christian churches usually have the Bible explained to them by their minister, Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" serves that explanatory purpose in Christian Science churches.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, is at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

BARBARA WALTRY and MARY ANN MERCECA will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville.

NEW BEGINNINGS New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia.

FOURTH OF JULY The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have a Fourth of July celebra-

tion, beginning with a 10:30 a.m. freedom service outside at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. There also will be a barbecue at 12:30 p.m., followed by volleyball, horsehoes and moonwalk at 1:30 p.m.

'ON MAIN STREET' Former president Jimmy Carter will address the importance of exercising faith and forgiveness in daily life as he joins host Dr. Dale Meyer in a special episode of the weekly television talk show, "On Main Street."

STAINED GLASS Stained Glass, a senior high singing group of the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) will present the musical, "Truth Slayers," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3

Town Square. The musical, written by Matt Tullio, takes place in two dimensions: one earthly and one demonic.

For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

RUMMAGE SALE St. James Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

FLEA MARKET Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs \$20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.



Freedom Celebration: The Steelers from Nashville, Tenn., will present a gospel concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4, as part of a Freedom Celebration at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for vacation Bible schools should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

GRACE BAPTIST Grace Baptist Church will host its annual Super Summer Youth Activity, sponsored by Neighborhood Bible Time, 6-9 p.m. July 11-16 at the church, 28440 Lyndon, Livonia.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Livonia Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus," 7-9 p.m. July 12-16 at the church, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST Newburg United Methodist Church invites children to join its construction crew for "Under Construction" vacation Bible school July 12-16 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

FAIR HAVEN BAPTIST Fair Haven Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus," 7-9 p.m. July 12-17 at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland.

ST. MATTHEW UM St. Matthew United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 12-15 at the church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Veggie Town, 9:30 a.m. to noon July 12-16 at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

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Tent Troupe makes a stop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Tent Troupe, the only traveling tent theater in America, will make a one-day visit to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, on Tuesday, July 6.

The troupe will give two performances under the big top. The performances are free, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at intermission time.

A special children's matinee,

"Tent Troupe Tales," will begin a 2 p.m. and feature a variety of favorite folk tales, stories and songs from around the world. Pre-show activities will start at 1:45 p.m.

The matinee, for preschoolers through elementary-aged children, will include music, dance, pantomime and audience participation with stories from India, Africa, China, Sudan, France

and the Middle East.

The evening performance at 8 p.m. will feature the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." The play is light, comic and entertaining, but in a time of family values, it shows love, mutual respect, understanding and concern for family members.

The play, which appeals to the whole family, takes place in the

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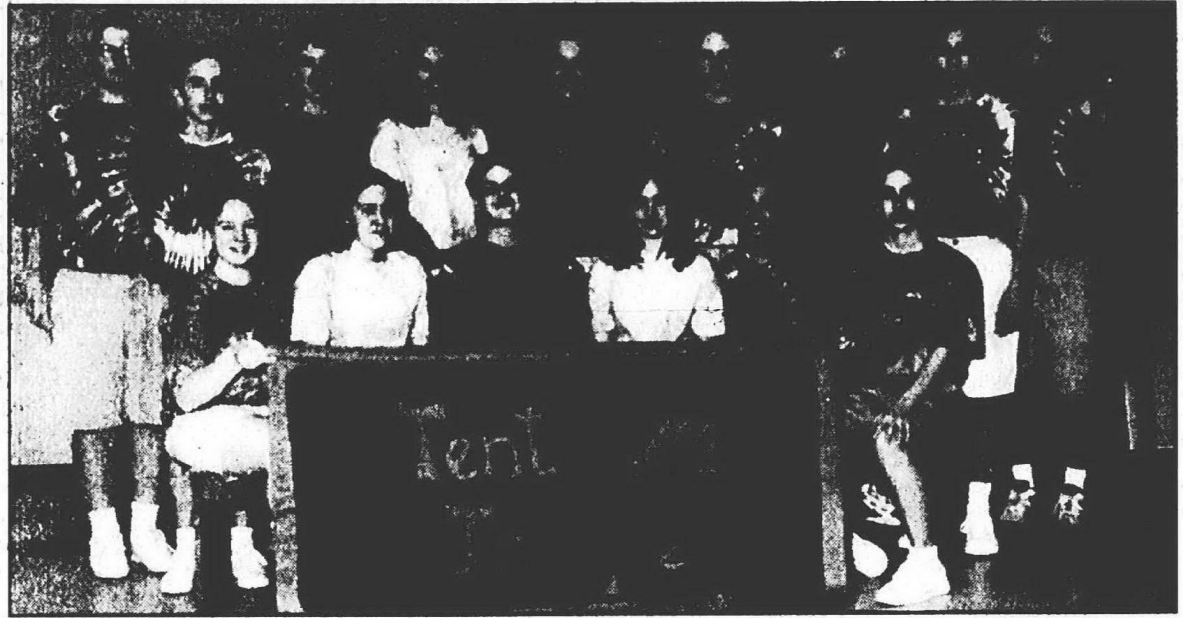
This is the 29th season for Tent Troupe, a group of 31 high school performers from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver

Springs, Md. In addition to performing, members do all of the setup work and sleep on cots each night. They raise two-thirds of the money needed for the trip before they begin, and the rest comes from free-will offerings.

And even though the hours are

terrible - the troupe's day starts at 5 a.m. - and the pay is nothing, there are more applicants for the troupe than there are openings.

For more information, about the performances, call the church at (734) 427-1414.



Real troopers: Members of Tent Troupe 1999 include Amy Farrar (front row, from left), Erica Fenstermacher, Ryan Martinez, Jenny Moser, Christina Pernia, Matthew Gardiner, Philip Holst (second row, from left) James Gardiner, Aaron Pannebaker, Ximena Levander, Carrie Breslin, Douglas Hogue, Chris McCabe, Brian Walker and Kevin Walker.

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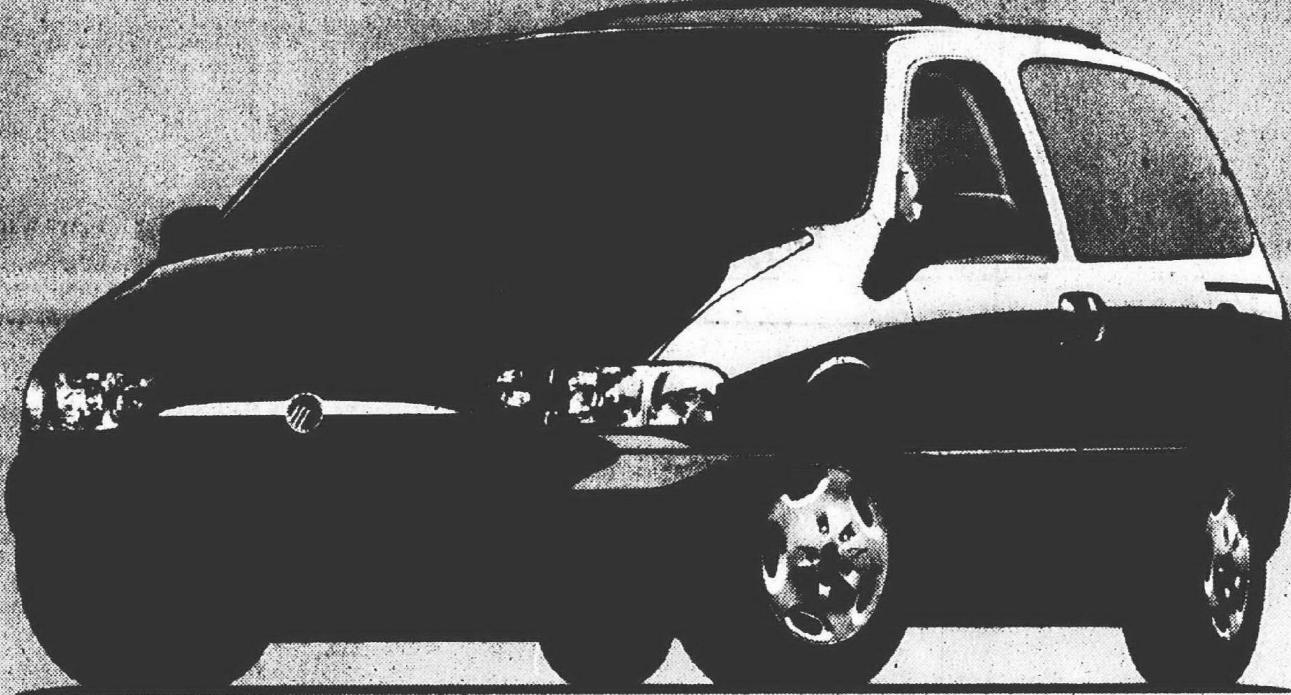
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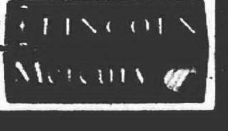
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SANDLOT BASEBALL

Livonia Adray surprises Rams in Metro test, 3-0

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are tied for first place in the Adray Metro Baseball Association, at least in terms of points, despite losing their last two games. The Rams fell to 10-9 with a 3-0 loss on Sunday to Livonia Adray, the circuit's surprise team. The loss came two days after the Rams lost a 5-1 decision to Livonia Decision Consultants Inc. The Rams have 18 points, the same as second-place DCI, which has played four fewer games to date (8-5-2). Adray is 7-12 (14 points) and Hines Park is in last place at 3-11-1 (seven points). In the loss to DCI, Tom Gallus (Eastern Michigan University) suffered the loss, allowing 10 hits and one walk with three

strikeouts over 4 1/2 innings. Jason Popham (Grand Rapids Junior College) was the winning pitcher, throwing a two-hitter. Joel Halliday (Redford Union) collected both of the Rams' hits. Casey Johnson scored the Rams' lone run in the seventh without the benefit of a hit. Two walks, an error and a hit batter accounted for the run. Troy Bergman (Michigan State) and Rick Goulet (MSU) had two hits each for DCI. Adray's Joe DeLisle threw a one-hitter in the 3-0 win over the Rams on Sunday. Ben Rush (Hillsdale College) recorded the lone hit. Phil Kommer (EMU) was the losing pitcher, allowing five hits over six innings.

Livonia Travel 15 wins, then falls

Livonia Travel 15, a 18-and-under Man-tle division team, is 6-3 in the Little Caesars Open League. On June 22, Livonia Travel 15 fell to the Detroit Police Athletic League at Ford Field, 5-3. On June 21, Livonia Travel 15 scored a 12-2 win over host Dearborn Heights Annapolis as pitcher Eddie Cons raised his record to 3-0 on the year with the win over Annapolis. Leading hitters for Livonia Travel 15 in the two games included Billy Marsack, 4-for-9 with three RBI; J.T. Haelterman, 5-for-9 with one RBI; Jake Viane, 2-for-6 with three RBI; Jeff Niemiec, 3-for-5 with two RBI and Steve Celeskey, 2-for-5 with an RBI. Marsack attends Livonia Stevenson, while Haelterman, Viane, Niemiec, Celeskey and Cons all attend Redford Catholic Central. Rams runner-up in Battle Creek The Michigan Lake Area Rams 10-under Willie Mays travel team took second place at the Mayor's Invitational Tournament in Battle Creek.

YOUTH ROUNDUP

The Rams had a 6-1 record, losing in the championship game to the Seline Hornets, 11-8. Four of the five Rams' wins ended by mercy rule. Their five wins came by a combined score of 64-11. Members of the team include Jonathon Cervenak, Drew Davenport, Jonathon Falvo (Farmington Hills), Sean Falvo (Redford), Dwayne Henderson, Brandon Malinowski (Farmington Hills), Steve McColum (Farmington Hills), Evan Morris (Farmington Hills), Nick Plinka (Redford), Ross Tashjian (Farmington Hills), Tom Whitting (Farmington Hills) and Ben Vaughn (Plymouth Township). The coaches are Nick Falvo and Mark Falvo. The Rams are 22-5 overall, 15-3 in the Little Caesars League. WaCo Wolves 3rd in Danville, Ill. The WaCo Wolves, a 10-and-under baseball team, finished third by winning four of

five games in last weekend's Danville Super Series regional in Danville, Ill. The Wolves started tournament play with a 12-5 mercy rule win over the Danville (Ill.) Hawks as Toby Matichuk was the winning pitcher. Alex Overt was the winner in the second game for WaCo in a 14-3 mercy rule victory over Lake Zurich (Ill.) Lightning. Anthony Savano and Matichuk combined on the pitching victory in a 10-0 triumph over Team Illinois, while J.J. Pano, William Lewis and Grant Lawrence combined to hurt the Wolves past the Danville Flames, 17-3. WaCo was eliminated by McDonald's in the semifinals, 10-9. Top hitters during the weekend included Nathan King, Mike Broughton, Jordan Spasichler and James Telfer. Savano clubbed a solo homer over the home. The Wolves, now 35-1 overall and 20-3 in tournament play, return to action this weekend in Sylvania, Ohio. Solid defense was provided by Aaron Dolkowski, Nick Storini, Billy Hardin and Josh Brewer.

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ple of miles per hour harder than I did last year." There's that itch, though. The feeling he should be up a step to Double-A Reading (Pa.) of the Eastern League. With some of his teammates from last season. "They've got me down here," he said. "It could be for the rest of the year. Or they could move me up to Reading. I don't know and they're not telling me. "It's very frustrating. It impedes my progress through the organization. It's tough watching guys move ahead of me, that I know I'm better than, or have done better than. I'm just getting skipped over, it seems like. "I can't afford any more setbacks." Spoken like a true 'Young Man In A Hurry.' Rutherford put his idle time last winter to good use, though. He finished up his classroom work on his Parks & Recreation degree from EMU. Now all he needs is 15 hours of practical time and he's ready for the real world — should he ever need to work in it. But while the Phillies' image is one of an organization on the way up, the view isn't quite that way for insider Rutherford. He isn't totally happy with his situation and wouldn't mind a change. Philadelphia made wholesale changes in its organizational structure last season, sacking the farm director and field instructor among others. "So all the new guys will be looking at me for the first time," said Rutherford. "They don't know what I can do, except for the reports they've read. "They said the reports are good, but they still haven't seen me." They will, though. And what they might see is a pitcher with a better understanding of his craft. Someone who can appreciate that at least he has an itch to scratch.

Bulls prove to be spoilers in boiler-land

Farmington's Charlie Avery pitched the Michigan Bulls to a 6-5 victory Sunday in the championship game of the Blue Storm Invitational Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind. Avery started and went 4 1/2 innings as the Bulls defeated the Norwood (Ill.) Blues in the final of the prestigious Connie Mack event, which took place on the campus of Purdue University. Avery, who turned a 6-5 lead over to reliever Mike Barnett of Farmington Hills, scattered six hits, walked two, hit two and struck out three. Ross Patterson, also of Farmington Hills and a Barnett teammate at North Farmington, hit a two-run single in the top of the fifth inning to give the Bulls a 6-2 lead. Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) and Takeshi Saito (West Bloomfield) had two hits each, and Leonard Wallace

(Detroit Chadsey) drove in a run with a bunt single. The Bulls began the tournament Friday with a 10-6 win over the Huntington Patriots from West Virginia. Kevin Tomasaitis (Plymouth Canton) pitched the first five innings to earn the victory. Mike Higgins (Walled Lake Central) relieved him, but Tomasaitis returned to get the last two outs. Patterson was 3-for-3 with three RBI and Mitch Maier (Novi) 2-for-3 with three RBI. Adam Fazio (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) was 3-for-4 and had one RBI. Barnett tossed a three-hitter later Friday as the Bulls defeated the Rochester (Mich.) Yankees, 4-1. He struck out four and walked three. Patterson had the big hit with a bases-loaded triple. Fazio was 2-for-4 with an RBI. In the first of two games Sat-

urday, the Bulls edged the Illinois Sox, 5-4, scoring five runs early and holding on to win. Saito pitched 6 1/2 innings before Avery came on to earn a save. Saito allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one. Lightle and Maier, who hit a solo home run, were 2-for-3 with two RBI apiece. The Bulls drilled the Columbus (Ohio) Cobras in their fourth game, 15-8. Patterson was a key player again with three hits, including a pair of doubles, and five RBI. Kevin Lantzy (OLSM) was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Lightle 3-for-5. Marc Flanbaum (West Bloomfield) hit a two-run double; Fazio and Gino Lollo, a University of Michigan recruit from Cape Coral, Fla., added two hits

each. A.J. Rowe (Novi) pitched the first two innings before retiring due to a sore shoulder. Wallace worked the next three, and Saito, Tomasaitis and Lantzy took a turn on the mound. "I didn't know how we would do when we went down there," Bulls coach Jim Ferguson said. "I didn't know if we'd be .500 or go home early. "I think we played very, very well, and the team really came together. We executed and played as a unit." Fazio, Flanbaum and Patterson made the all-tournament team. Brian Lindstrom (Walled Lake Central) is another member of the Bulls team. The other coaches are Larry Swistak and Dan Avery.

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King's farewell tour comes to Canton

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
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Eddie Feigner, lead member of the world-famous King and His Court traveling softball team, will share the spotlight on Friday night at Canton Softball Center.

The King and His Court have toured the world for 54 seasons and this is the first with a woman, his wife Anne Marie Feigner, as a regular on the roster.

Feigner's significant other, a long-time amateur star and currently the Amateur Softball Association Junior Olympic Chairman for several states, grew up in Canton.

It might be one of the few venues where the King, a record-

SOFTBALL

breaking pitcher, isn't the most well-known player on the field.

Maybe it should be called The King and His Courtship.

The exhibition game against the Canton All-Stars begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available through the Canton Softball Center and the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association coaches. Adult tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate.

Student tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the gate. Family tickets (up to five children) are \$15. Children under seven years old are admitted free.

The event is a major fund-rais-

er for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Center.

The King has pitched in more than 11,000 games and shows, thrilling fans at one time with a 100 mile per hour fastball. He still throws harder than most accomplished pitchers half his age.

The King and His Court are the equivalent of basketball's Harlem Globetrotters.

Remarkably only three players at a time join the King on the field, leaving five positions vacant. Besides the King there is a first baseman, shortstop and catcher.

Anne Marie, whose maiden name is Dozbush, plays first base and catcher and occasional pitches, along with being a switch hitter at the plate.

The King has recovered from triple bypass surgery and this is the final seven-month tour of his career.

The farewell tour began on March 20 in California and headed east, making stops in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and up the coast to the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kansas.

After Michigan, the tour heads to Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, the New England states and Nova Scotia. The Canadian Tour and Alaskan trip follows. All events are performed for charity.

The King has played more military shows than entertainer Bob Hope.



King ready: Eddie Feigner and his court will be coming Friday night to the Canton Softball Center.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of Computer Workstations and Printers. Specifications and Bid Packets will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Casteel, PCCS Director of Integrated Technology, at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and reject all bids, as the judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
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(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by July 19, 1999 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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INSIGHT INTO MISCARRIAGE



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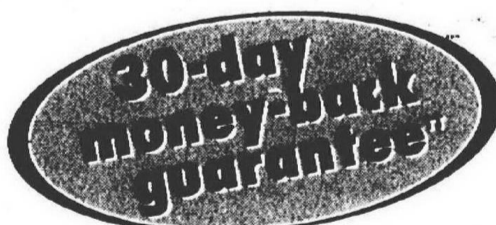
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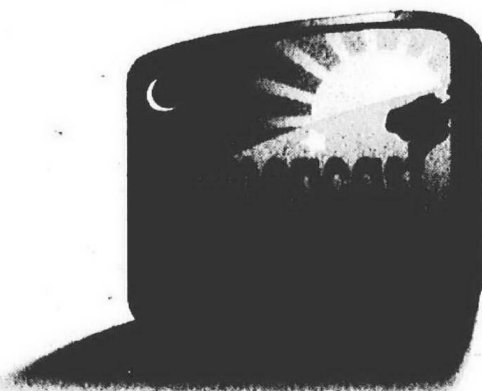
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SATURDAY



Visit the Primate House at the Detroit Zoo to see one of the zoo's newest family members, a Japanese snow monkey born on May 10. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 adults; \$5.50 senior citizens age 62 and older and students; \$4.50 children ages 2 to 12. The zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY



The Neville Brothers perform songs off their latest CD, "Valence Street," 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$25 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. Little Feat opens the show at 8 p.m. Fireworks follow the Neville Brothers' set. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

HOT



Hot Tip: Join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4 for a "Salute to America." Doors open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30 p.m., DSO concert with fireworks finale begins 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$18 adults, \$9 children ages 5 to 12, children age 4 and younger are free. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 645-6666, or (313) 982-6175. For more information, call (313) 982-6177.

A FLAVORFUL BLEND OF MUSIC AND FOOD

TasteFest

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kim Henson is in an unenviable position. As the director of entertainment for the Comerica Michigan Tastefest, she has the job of making sure the musical acts mesh with the tastes of the 250,000 people who pour into the New Center Area on July 4 weekend.

But the Nashville-based Henson handles it gracefully and diplomatically.

"With the festival and the talent buying, we're certainly targeting that audience that's likely to come down and enjoy restaurants, enjoy a little nightlife, work, or live in this Detroit market."

At the same time, she has to please older adults, children, and those who rarely go to or fear Detroit.

"We also realize we're great family entertainment. We want to bring the young people with kids. We have a Cuban orchestra coming in that'll do salsa."

"You always want to make sure that you're being sensitive to changes in the market and who you're serving," said Henson, who also books the Clio Amphitheatre near Flint.

TasteFest - which runs Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, in Detroit's New Center Area - celebrates its 11th anniversary with 75 free stage performances and 35 restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties.

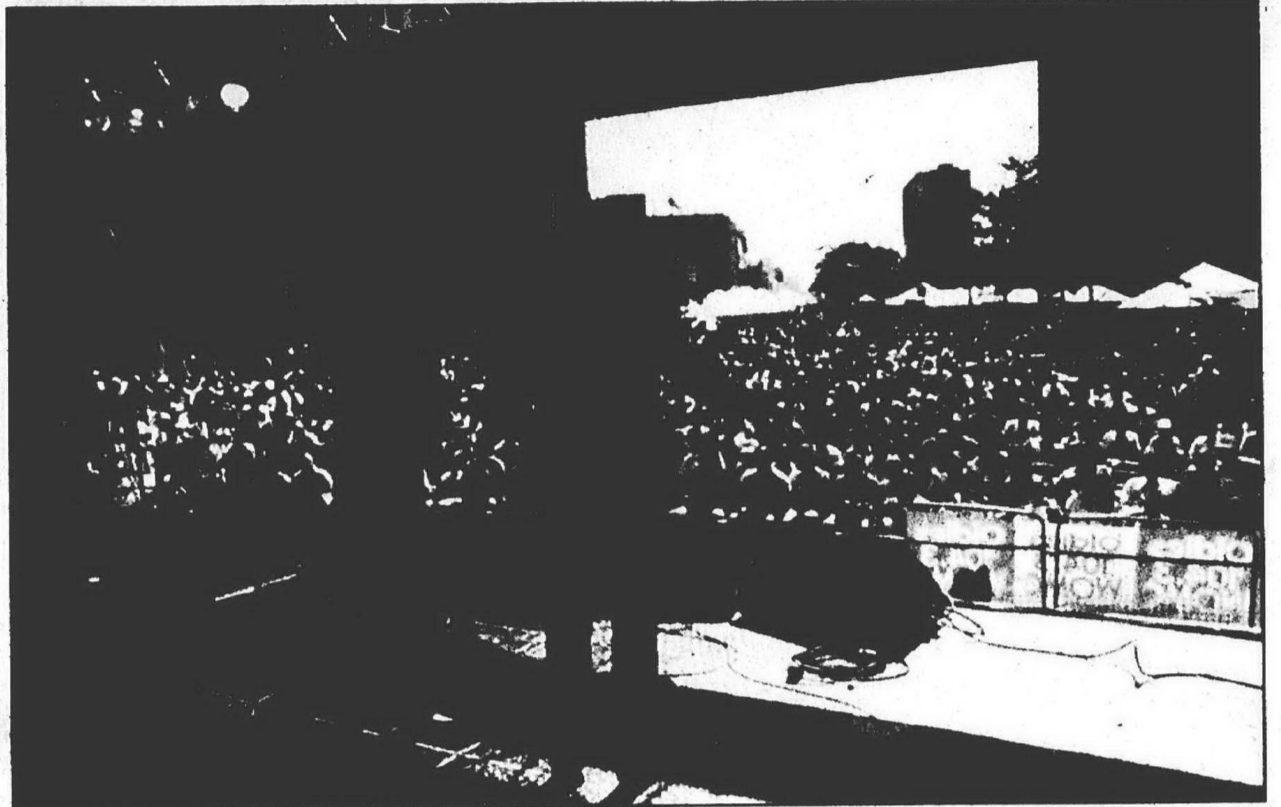
The list of headliners reads like a buffet of hip groups. Grammy nominees Fastball kick off the event on July 1, followed by David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears (July 2), jazz singers The Rippingtons (July 3), salsa group Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son (July 3), the R&B act The Dramatics (July 4), the ska band Reel Big Fish (July 4), blues singer Susan Tedeschi (July 5), and the Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (July 5).

Henson explained that there are no opening acts so the crowd will circulate among the restaurant stands while walking from stage to stage.

Alvarez's performance will be his first in the United States.

"He's a very predominate and well-

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Headliners: The Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (top photo), the local rock/pop band Brilliant (above) and the ska band Reel Big Fish (below).



Comerica Michigan Tastefest

The annual festival of food and music runs July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. The festival features a lineup of free national and local entertainment on three stages, a children's stage and activity area, and more than 35 Michigan restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties. Culinary and ice-carving demonstrations, and other free activities are also offered. For more information, call (313) 872-0188 or visit <http://www.tastefest.org>.

JBL SOUND STAGE
Fisher Building Parking Lot,
West Grand Boulevard at Third Avenue

THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Fastball, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
Blood Sweat and Tears featuring David Clayton-Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son, a 12 piece Cuban Salsa Orchestra, 3 p.m., and The Rippingtons featuring Russ Freeman, with the Craig Chaquico Band, and special guest Paul Taylor, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
The Dramatics, 3 p.m. and Reel Big Fish, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
"1964 The Tribute" - Beatles Tribute Show, 2 p.m. and Susan Tedeschi, 4 p.m.

WELLNESS PLAN JAZZ SHOWCASE
West Grand Boulevard at Cass Avenue

THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Deborah Chenault with David Lee Trio, noon and 1:15 p.m., Original Moon, 4:30 p.m., and the "Phat Jazz Jam" featuring The Edge with Althea Rene and Lenny Price, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
The Articles, noon and 1:15 p.m., Sheila Landis and Rick Matle, 4:30 p.m., and Orquestra Sensacional, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
"Sisters in Jazz" featuring Marlon Haden, Gayelynne McKinney, Ellen Rowe and Sheila Landis, noon, David Myles and Mylestones, 2 p.m., Tuxedo Junction, 4:30 p.m. and Randy Scott, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:

Cass Tech High School/Midnight Jazz Combo, noon, "Bakers Keyboard Piano Reunion" featuring the JazzMasters, Teddy Harris, Alma Smith and Charles Boies, 2 p.m., Pamela Wise and the Afro-Cuban All Stars, 4:30 p.m., and Kimmie Home, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:

Tim Bowman, 1 p.m., "Battle of the Horns" featuring Dwight Adams, George Benson and Rayse Biggs, 3:30 p.m., and Modern Tribe with Gwen and Charles Scales, 6 p.m.

NESTLE ICE CREAM STAGE

New Center Park

THURSDAY, JULY 1:

Brilliant, 5:30 p.m., and The Twistin' Tarantulas, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:

Soul Clique, 5:30 p.m. and Mudpuppy, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:

Universal Xpression, noon, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, 3 p.m., Hellbenders, 5:30 p.m., and The Butler Twins featuring Cathy Davis, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:

Starlight Drifters, noon, Bonne Temps Route, 3 p.m., Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty and Willie D. Warren, 5:30 p.m., and PsyFunk, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:

Thornetta Davis and Black Beauty, 12:30 p.m., Reverben featuring James Wallin', Jeff Fowlkes, Greasy Carlial and Bobby East, 3 p.m., Immunity, 5:30 p.m.

KIDSHOWS

Fisher Theatre Lobby

SATURDAY, JULY 3:

Eugene Clark, 1 p.m., Gary Rosen 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Storyteller Ivory Williams, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:

Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., and Gary Rosen, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:

Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., Jonathan Park, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Incognito, 3 p.m.

MUSIC

'Musical gravity' brings J. Geils Band together for reunion tour

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen years ago, ego clashes, attitudes and animosity put the brakes on the rock super group J. Geils Band. Harmonica player "Magic" Dick Salwitz says "musical gravity" brought the band back together for this summer's reunion tour.

But Seth Justman, keyboardist, said all it took was a couple of phone calls.

"There was a manager by the name of John Baruck, who manages REO Speedwagon, who called each of us on the phone and said, 'I have a very simple proposition. Why don't you guys get together, rehearse your show and go on the road for like a month and don't worry about making records. Don't do

WHO: J. Geils Band

WHAT: Perform with special guests Toots and The Maytals

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

HOW: Tickets are \$37.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn for the July 14 show. The holiday week end shows are sold out. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

anything, just play the songs you used to play and get together and have a good time and see how it all feels," Justman recalled.

"The whole idea that it was such a

simple kind of approach, I think, appealed to everyone. Amazingly enough, our schedules all coincided during this time period. Everyone just decided, hey, it sounds like a good time."

A good time, indeed - especially to Detroiters. The J. Geils Band is playing 18 shows in 13 cities. Three of those shows are at Pine Knob - 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14. The holiday weekend shows are sold out.

"The shows in Detroit should be amazing," Justman explained. "We consider that like the Mecca of rock 'n' roll - no question about it. We consider it our home. We know so many people

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Reunited: J. Geils performs two sold-out shows Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4, at Pine Knob. Tickets are still available for the Wednesday, July 14, show.

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known Cuban composer who hasn't gotten out of Cuba because of what's gone on over the last 20-some years in Cuba. This is his first time out of the country," Henson explained.

"It's a great vehicle to showcase this kind of music. Everybody, I think, will enjoy it. We have the groups like Fastball, which will be a lot of fun. They're contemporary," she said.

"Reel Big Fish has been big with the college scene. I think that is perfect for TasteFest because that's the kind of roots music everybody feels like they relate to. You don't have to know any of the songs. You're going to enjoy the music."

Reel Big Fish's drummer, Carlos de la Garza, said that's the philosophy of the band.

"We're here to entertain. That's what their duty is. We try to be funny and entertaining," said de la Garza, whose video for "Sell Out" was among the best of 1999.

Bands looking to play TasteFest should be entertaining and possess integrity, Henson explained.

"When we're buying for the TasteFest, we try to buy groups with a great deal of integrity. In a nostalgic sense, we want to bring in groups that are kind of icons in their format," she said mentioning the Dramatics.

Locally, besides the Dramatics, that means The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1998 Band of the Year Mudpuppy, former Band of the Year the Twistin' Tarantulas, who is celebrating the release of a new CD,

Mudpuppy singer Paul Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, said he 'always has fun' at TasteFest

and award-winning blues/soul singer Thornetta Davis.

Mudpuppy singer Paul Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, said he "always has fun" at TasteFest.

"We were knocked out by the audience response. A lot of those people show up to the gigs and have bought product. That's what it's all about. Just when you think the audiences aren't the way they used to be, they surprise you," he said.

The jazz stage will house "perennial favorites" Gwen and Charles Scales, Tim Bowman, Kimmie Horne and David Myles.

"We have our perennial favorites and it's because they work. They just work and you can't overthink it," Henson said.

Sometimes, Henson admitted, she has the urge to mix it up a bit.

"I just feel like I need to redecorate sometimes and I want to move the couch. (Then) I realize that it works and the people love it. These performers have done a great job at really maintaining a strong part of the marketshare in Detroit."

"But there's so much outstanding talent in Detroit that it's never hard to program the stages. The sad thing is, I don't have enough stage space.

There's so much talent that deserves to play that kind of event."

A local newcomer this year is Brilliant, a Ferndale-based pop band that recently released the single "Tell Me"/ "The Weight of Your Words," both of which mix elements of alternative rock, Brit pop and techno.

The band includes keyboardist Dan Denton, a systems administrator in the South Redford School District, along with fretless bassist Steve Vilnius, the nephew of Latin pop star Jose Feliciano, and singer Steve Cooley.

"I really enjoyed them. They have that techno pop thing going. This is the demo I was talking about that would come down - those who are living and working in this market. They definitely have that sound going on," she said.

Music aside, Henson's main goal for TasteFest is to pull people back into the city of Detroit "to see what's going on" and to "keep it light."

"We are an entertainment venue so we try to keep it light. The bands should be suited for a performing arts environment. It's an outdoor street festival. It should be big and have a lot of energy but shouldn't be too serious."

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there. Detroit has been so receptive to us since the early days - Cinderella Ballroom."

"We played everywhere there and it's always been such a great experience for us. We're anxious to come back and really lay out a great show."

Justman and Salwitz have found that reuniting with former band members Peter Wolf, J. Geils and Danny Klein has given them a newfound appreciation for the band's music. Drummer Stephen Jo Bladd is sitting out the tour and is replaced by The Rollins Band's drummer Sim Cain.

"The most part I think has been, for me, rediscovering our music. Having been away from it for so long, there's kind of a renewal and a growth that I think has happened for each of us musically," Salwitz explained.

"To go back and refresh ourselves with classic rock music, for me, has been a really inter-

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Seth Justman Keyboardist

esting thing. I'm finding that I'm actually liking it now more than I ever have before."

Justman called it "a really exciting moment in our careers."

On tour, the set will be exclusively J. Geils Band material.

"That was part of our agreement to do this thing to begin with. We wanted to keep our arrangement as simple as possible. The time factor is one element of it, material is another," Salwitz explained.

"Also, this is a J. Geils Band

show and it's really about that," Justman added. "It's about the body of work we created through the years and that's what we're gonna focus on."

So far there are no plans to record new material.

"We're just taking it one day at a time. The plate is pretty full right now with rehearsals and getting the show together. We'll see what the future may bring. We're not closing any doors. We're not looking forward and we're not looking back," Justman explained.

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C-Note enjoying success of first hit, breaking into Latin market

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Jose "Brody" Martinez of C-Note, working with hit songwriter Diane Warren was quite the aviary experience.

"She has this bird she sits on your shoulder. ... The bird is really mean. It won't let you touch it. Only Diane can touch it. She put the bird by the phone when the phone was ringing. When one of the producers (Guy Roche) tried to answer the phone and the bird kept stabbing him with his beak," Martinez, 24, said with a laugh.

"It's a pretty bird but nobody can touch it."

Two Warren-penned songs appear on C-Note's debut album "Different Kind of Love" (Epic) - "Tell Me Where It Hurts," and "One Night Only," originally recorded by Luther Vandross.

"It was a great, great experience. I was kind of intimidated because she's Diane Warren because she's a Grammy. Every song she writes is just about gold."

After awhile, Martinez began to feel comfortable with her.

"She'll eat Doritos with you. She sits down there and she'll chill with you," said Martinez, one of four vocalists in C-Note.

The Orlando, Fla.,-based C-Note is enjoying the success of its first hit, "Wait Till I Get Home," written and produced by veteran hip-hop hitmakers Full Force, and samples Hall and Oates.

Besides mainstream success, C-Note is breaking into the Latin market, which, thanks to performers like Ricky Martin, has burst onto Top 40 charts.

Three-quarters of C-Note is of Latin heritage. Martinez was born in the United States, and fellow singer Raul Molina was reared in the Dominican Republic. David "D'Lo" Perez's parents are from Cuba and Puerto Rico. C-Note is rounded out by Andrew "Dru" Rogers.

"Being here, growing up in the States, we listen to all the urban music, all the R&B, all the hip-hop, all the pop, the rap. There's

all sorts of music here in the States."

"When I go back home, we listen to the music of our country. It's about time music like this came around."

Martinez grew up in Orlando, Fla., but spent a year in Clinton Township living with an aunt who fell ill. When Martinez was a child, his father pushed him to become a baseball player. Eventually, Martinez, 1993 graduate of Chippewa Valley High School, made his way into music.

C-Note falls into the "boy group" category that also includes 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys. But Ceci Kurzman, VP of worldwide marketing at Epic Records, thinks differently.

"First and foremost, we don't see them as a boy group, but as a very talented vocal group. It just so happens that they're good looking," Kurzman told Billboard magazine.

Either way, C-Note is set to open for Brandy during her tour, which makes a stop at Joe Louis Arena on Friday, July 2.

"What I like about it is the tour's more soulful in a vocal way. Brandy's total R&B but also a big-time cross-over star. Silk is a big-time R&B act. For us to be put in there and be respected for our vocals, that's something I'm really looking forward to."

C-Note along with Silk and 702 open for Brandy, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets are \$28, \$38 and \$48. Call (313) 983-6600 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for more information.

Imperial Teen

For Imperial Teen founder Roddy Bottum, touring with Courtney Love and Hole was like being a part of a traveling circus.

"It's as entertaining as a circus. Well, Hole are really great. There's not like any clowns or tigers," explained Bottum, the former keyboardist for Faith No More.

Imperial Teen's latest album, "What is Not to Love" (London) was released in February and carries a 1960s pop sensibility.

Witty and catchy, there's a lot to love on the band's sophomore effort.

When asked if he prefers the majestic sounds of Faith No More, or the lo-fi feel of Imperial Teen, Bottum answered, "Well, let's just stick with Imperial Teen."

"I think our first record was a little bit lo-fi," he said of Imperial Teen.

"This one we spent a little more time with. The first record we just sort of jumped in the studio and recorded a bunch of songs that we just learned how to play. This one we took a lot of time with it - like months. We took a lot of time in the studio, refining the sound, experimenting, having a good time."

Bottum explained that the

quick turnaround time of 1996's "Seasick" is reflective of the "theme of the last record."

"We were at a point in all of our individual artistry where we had just sort of learned all the instruments we were playing. We were writing songs together for the first time. We wrote the songs really fast. It just was where we were going with that record. It was just a very novice approach. We were pushing the point that you don't need to spend a lot of money, or be hyper-proficient to write good, passionate pop songs. That was sort of the theme that came into the first record."

"We're not really there anymore. We've been playing together for close to five years. We know each other really well. We play together really well so we're

not gonna stick to some lo-fi pretend charade," he said before adding "that just rolled off my tongue, didn't it?"

Imperial Teen and Owsley open for Fountains of Wayne 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit www.961melt.com for more information.

Misc.

The Cult's concert at the Viper Room on Hollywood's Sunset

Strip is available on demand through July 23 at www.mp3.com/thecult. The Web cast includes songs like "Wild Flower" and "Love Removal Machine."

The Cult, lead by frontman Ian Astbury and guitarist Billy Duffy, are performing together for the first time in four years. The Cult reunion also includes drummer Matt Sorum, formerly of Guns 'N Roses, and bassist Martyn LeNoble, formerly of Porno for Pyros. The Cult plays Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Thursday, July 29. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.961melt.com

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BACKSTAGE PASS



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Are you a success? In the workplace, success may be defined by the ability to exceed a sales quota, or receive a promotion or a salary increase. All three can bring great personal satisfaction, especially if the reward results from our own ingenuity and hard work.

Done equals success. It is an industry in which every project is filled with obstacles to completion. Where do you turn when the temptation to abandon production is at its peak? The answer may be a local support group for filmmakers.

No, it's not one of those twelve step deals. Although, given the challenges of the profession, maybe such a program should be available. The Detroit Filmmakers Coalition is a six-year-old non-profit organization that serves as a center for independent producers.

Chris McElroy, a segment producer for Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, takes viewers inside a classroom of budding filmmakers in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4. He's also a member of the group.

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Chris McElroy
Segment producer

training available. A work-in-progress may need equipment and technical support. For completed films, the organization presents periodic screenings," says McElroy.

Even after funding is secured for a project, which often is the largest hurdle, the sheer complexities of filmmaking

inevitably lead to production obstacles. That's when the organization's resources can help keep the project afloat.

With all the things that can go wrong, what type of person accepts such a challenge?

"We have teenage students in our classrooms receiving training right alongside people in

their fifties," said McElroy. "It's a good mix of people who share a dream."

McElroy is one person who believes the completion of an independent film is, in itself, a success story. As a case in point, he praised the work of two women from Detroit who didn't allow their inexperience to stand in the way of their first film project.

Maazo Mengiste and Nicole Sylvester used the resources of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition to develop the skills to write, produce and direct a short film titled "The Stop."

It wasn't that long ago that it may have been necessary to

head for Chicago or New York to realize the dream of making a film because of well-established film cooperatives in those cities. More information about the Detroit organization is available by calling (313) 255-0098 or on the Web at thedfc@juno.com

Maybe there is a common way to define success in all professions. In the arts or other industries, the most interesting and successful people are those who appreciate the completion of a project because it gives them the opportunity to start something new.

By the way, this column is done. Until next week, of course.

In the arts, it gets more complicated. A work may be commercially viable but panned by critics. Favorable reviews may not lead to public interest. Or, in some cases, critical and public acclaim may come, but the artist loathes the project because it strayed from the vision or purpose.

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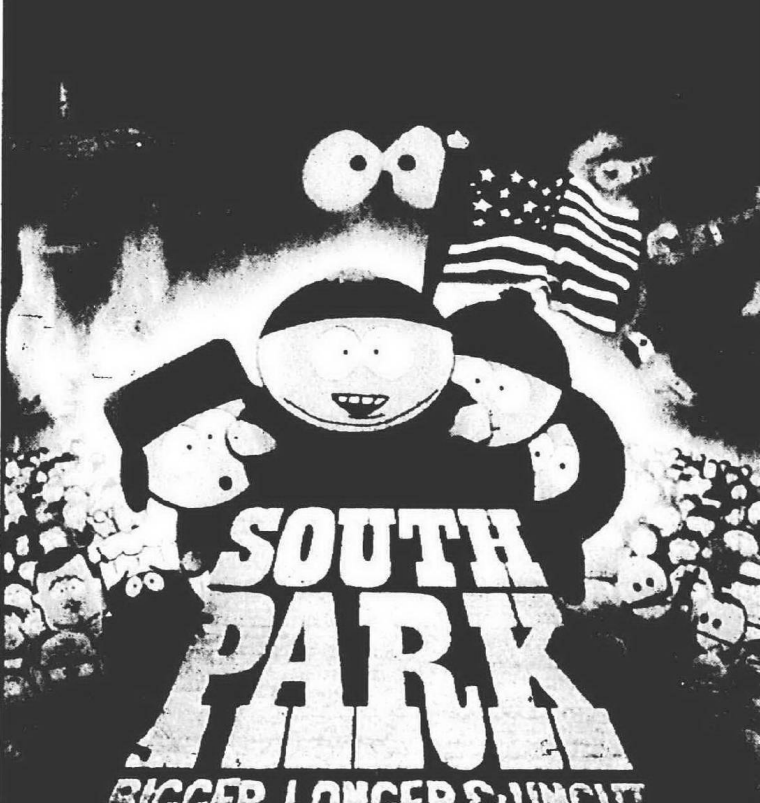


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Local restaurants offer 'Taste' of their specialties at fest

By MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Get ready! You're invited to a sizzling, summer-in-the-city celebration. The party, the 11th Comerica Michigan TasteFest, takes place this weekend in Detroit's New Center area. You'll be treated to lively stage performances, family-friendly activities and fabulous food.

Bring your appetite. More than 150 taste-sized dishes will be served by metro Detroit restaurants and food vendors.

If you're looking for American fare with an Asian blend of herbs and spices, wander by The Orchid Cafe booth.

"One of our most popular items is the whitefish and French fries," said Donald Nguyen, co-owner of the Troy-based eatery. This is the third year the restaurant has participated in TasteFest.

"We will also offer barbecued chicken wings, fried shrimp, eggplant stuffed with chicken and chicken fried rice," said Nguyen. Tasters can purchase a sample or a full meal.

Love those tangy, fall-off-the-bone pork ribs? Then perhaps you might want to check out the Ginopolis Restaurant's booth.

"Our ribs are basically a rib

that is cut and trimmed before it is cooked," said Randy Williams, spokesperson for the restaurant in West Bloomfield. "They are all meat."

Samples of ribs, rib dinners (with a side of coleslaw and roll), pulled-pork and pulled-chicken sandwiches, and a chicken Italian sausage sandwich served with green peppers and onions will be available.

The Pasta Stop, a Farmington eatery, received their first invitation to participate in this year's festival.

"My wife, Margaret, and I went to the TasteFest last year," says Roger Ratkowski, owner. "It was a really nice event."

Sample sizes of meatballs and spinach ravioli will be served. "All our products are made from scratch," said Ratkowski. "Our ravioli is a signature item with our house tomato sauce."

Other Pasta Stop selections include meatball subs and a pasta salad with fresh-cut vegetables, tossed in a home-made raspberry vinaigrette.

Save space for some yummy desserts!

Jill Wise of West Bloomfield's Strawberry Patch says: "I'll be serving hand-dipped, chocolate-covered strawberries. Also, we'll

TasteFest Participants
Here's a list of TasteFest food vendors: The Almond Hut, American Coney Classics, Atwater Block Brewery, Aw Shucks, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Bangkok Cuisine, Beale Street Blues, Bert's Jazz Market Place, East Franklin & Steve's Soul Food, Fun Foods (Lemonade & Smoothies), Ginopolis' Restaurants, Harmonie Garden Cafe, Hokkaido, Hunter House Hamburger, JA-DA, Juan's Hacienda, Kola's Food Factory, Mackinac Island Fudge, Mario's, Olympian Cafe, Minnie's Cakes, The Orchid Cafe, Original Buscemi's, Peacock, Papa Romano's, Pasta Stop, Savino Sorbet, Strawberry Patch, Stroh's Ice Cream, Sunrise Sunset, Sweet Water Tavern, Sweet Potato Sensations, Under the Eagle, Wood's Seafood Saloon and 736 Java.

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Cost: No admission fee for stage shows. For food and beverages, purchase "taste" tickets for \$5 at ticket booths located throughout the festival. TasteFest tickets are not refundable. Free parking is offered after 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and all day Saturday through Monday. Preferred parking for \$2 is available adjacent to the festival - watch for signs.
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have strawberry shortcake sundaes with ice cream, whipped cream and nuts."

For the chocolate-lovers in the group, Wise offers a delectable brownie sundae, made with a scope of vanilla ice cream, drizzled with hot fudge, and then topped with nuts and whipped

cream. "Our desserts are an excellent ending to a wonderful day," says Wise, who will be participating for the third year.

As you meander around the festival, soaking up the sounds of jazz, pop and blues tunes, be



Backdrop: The GM world headquarters building looms in the background as TasteFest cooks prepare ribs. The event opens today.

sure to taste some of the other dining delights. Alligator medallions, sweet potato cheesecake, fried mushrooms, Scottish sherry

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Thursday through Saturday until 1 a.m., and Sunday until 10 p.m. Among most-ordered menu selections at these Italian-American eateries are chicken Caesar pizzetta (bagel crust with mozzarella and provolone cheese baked and topped with Caesar salad) and char-grilled chicken.

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Slip away to the Islands at Fusion, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills for a Caribbean feast beginning with cocktails and music at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 and July 8, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$39.95 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. Call (248) 489-8854 for reservations/information.

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