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# Sitting on sidewalk is \$210 fine



Primary '99: Voters will choose eight of 10 candidates for the Plymouth City Commission in the Tuesday, Aug. 3 primary. The eight will go on to the November general election to fill four four-year seats on the Plymouth City Commission. Here's what they had to say about the issues facing the city. / A10

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A 15-year-old Plymouth Township boy was fined \$210 and ordered to complete 32 hours of community service after being ticketed in downtown Plymouth for sitting on the sidewalk.

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

A 15-year-old Plymouth Township boy was ticketed for sitting on the sidewalk in downtown Plymouth earlier

After four hours in court Matt Sikes pleaded guilty to obstructing the sidewalk and was slapped with a \$210 fine, 32 hours community service and six

months probation. He is appealing.

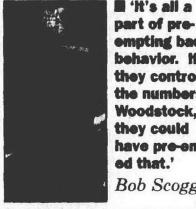
The incident began earlier this month when Sikes was walking along Penniman with a friend. They met up with two other friends sitting on the sidewalk across the street from the Coffee Bean. Sikes and his friend sat

Meanwhile, a woman and her dog walked around the teens, but according to them she wasn't angry about the inconvenience. In fact, they said, she smiled as she passed.

A patrol car was waiting nearby and all four teens were given tickets. According to the teens two of them had been warned against sitting on the sidewalk the week before. The officer who wrote Sikes' ticket could not be reached for comment.

"He's a good student and never in trouble a day in his life," according to Sikes' mother, Margaret. "He has held a job for two years. I'm very, very angry and disgusted. They want these kids out of town. These kids go down

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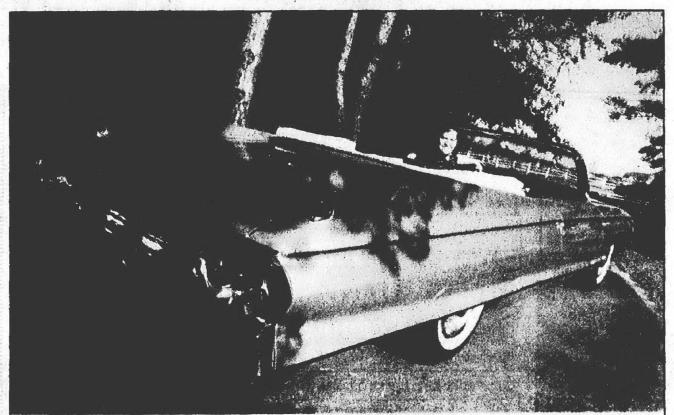


Chief Bob Scoggins

empting bad behavior. If they controlled the numbers at Woodstock, they could have pre-empted that."

Bob Scoggins

## Classic elegance



'61 Caddy: Pericles Chiatalas of Plymouth Township backs his 1961 Cadillac El Dorado in his circular driveway along Ann Arbor Road. He will show his car as part of the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance classic automobile show Sunday.

## **Invitation only**

Car buffs cruise to stylish Concours d'Elegance

BY RICHARD PEARL

What do a 1936 Packard

Roadster, a 1955 Ford Thunderbird and a 1961 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz have in com-

Besides being owned and lovingly restored by Canton and Plymouth residents, the three cars and their five owners will be making their firstever appearance in the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance classic automobile show - one of the top such shows in the country.

This year's Concours, which salutes the Packard and the Bugatti, will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus.

In addition to the featured cars, 250 other vehicles will be on display.

All proceeds benefit the Hall, the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of John Dodge, a founder of the Dodge car company.

What: Concours d'Elegance Where: Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus **When:** 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sunday Cost: Tickets to the Sunday Concours is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 13 to 17 years of age, with those

"It's an invitation-only type of event. I can't turn that down," said the owner of the Cadillac Biarritz, Pericles L. Chiatalas of Plymouth Town-

under 12 admitted free.

"It's quite an honor," agreed Robert Kohl of Canton, who co-owns the '55 T-bird with wife, Judy Ann.

The legendary Packard, marking its 100th anniverary, was the American car that, in its time, rivaled the big European imports for prestige and mystique.

Greg Stachura, co-owner with wife Jean of a '36

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Proud owner: Pericles Chiatalas of Plymouth with his 1961 Cadillac El Dorado.

# Canton monitors Plymouth 911 calls

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

The Canton Township Public Safety Department continued to monitor Plymouth Township emergency 911 calls

Immediately after lightning struck the Plymouth Township radio communications tower Friday afternoon, the City of Plymouth acted as a secondary answering point. When the volume became too busy for the city, Police Chief Lawrence Carey made arrangements to transfer call monitoring to Canton Township, which took the information and then relayed it to Plymouth Township via inter-city radio or telephone.

It took only about 20 seconds to turn on the portable system, Carey said. "As fast as you can grab a police prep," he said. A prep is jargon for portable radio-equipped police.

"We were never really 'down'." Carey said. "This was a big hit. You could hear it. It was very noticeable. You could hear the crack of thunder and then a crackle."

The emergency 911 radio equipment,

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## Cougar left no tracks for police

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

A Parke Davis security guard told Plymouth Township Police July 25 that he saw what he described as an 80-90 pound cougar in the company's parking lot at 46701 Commerce Drive during the evening of July 24.

Police who responded said that they saw no footprints or tracks in the area, according to the police report.

Parke Davis is on a short road that is located just south of the railroad tracks and north of M-14.

'We have received no additional reports of any sightings and there is no verification that it was actually a cougar," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey. "It might be somebody's pet.

The security guard's supervisor declined comment to the Observer Wednesday

The reporting person thought the animal was a pregnant female by the way it walked, the reporting person

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## Group forms to prevent school violence

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Before you know it, it will be time for Plymouth-Canton students to hit the

books once again. Not only do students face daily exercises in reading, writing and arithmetic, but some also fear the tensions that come with facing school violence.

By the end of the last school year, tensions were high at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park after shootings in

Littleton, Colo., and the reports of plans to wipe out a middle school by students in Port Huron.

A group of concerned citizens in the Plymouth and Canton communities are launching a meeting designed to develop long- and short-range goals to help prevent school violence.

"It's really a brainstorming session to get people from all walks ... parents, teachers, administrators, community leaders, people that have kids in school and people who don't have kids in school ... to come together and put forth their ideas on how we can prevent school violence," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who has two students in the district. "It's a problem that goes beyond the scope of the schools because it's the responsibility of parents and the community in general.

Lorenz and Hugh Harsha, a member of the Educational Excellence Foundation, are clear that the meeting, slated for mid-September, is not a program, but a way to get ideas from the commu-

"It really is a brainstorming session," added Harsha, also of Plymouth. "We, the community, are the schools. The schools have all sorts of plans in case something happens. But that's reactive, not pro-active. We need to have safe places for our kids to go to school."

The pair say they've gotten support from a number of groups and organizations, including Community Youth Initiative, AM Plymouth Rotary, the Ply-

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## Revamping voter files under way

BY SUR BUCK STAFF WRITER

Eliminating "deadwood" from the Plymouth Township voter file is under way.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted to add an additional administrative assistant position at their July 20 board meeting.

Sandy Groth, who has worked at Plymouth Township elections for several years, has assumed the duties of working with the Qualified Voter Files. She has experience working with the City of Livonia's QVF file.

Groth began the time-consuming work last week as she checked to make sure that all new Plymouth Township streets were included in the index.

She initially found five not included.

Three elections are scheduled next year.

"When it is done, it will be a great system" Groth said. The QVF project is designed to eliminate inefficiencies in the state's voter registration system. Creation of the system,

mandated by the National Voter Registration Act, is expected to eliminate duplication of voter registration, streamline the registration cancellation process, eliminate time-consuming maintenance, and eliminate registration forwarding errors.

"The main responsibility, in part, of the person replacing the current administrative assistant will be to work sole.y with the Qualified Voter File." said Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "It is imperative that we are online with the state system prior to 2000, an election year. This will be an ongoing responsibility."

The second administrative assistant position will cover most of the duties performed by the current administrative assistant and other clerk's office duties, she said. Both full-time administrative assistants will be cross-trained, she

The salary range is \$26,652-\$34,775.

Mary Nalepka, the current deputy township clerk, retires at the end of this month. Massengill hasn't decided yet which of the two people she

will designate as deputy township clerk

At the board meeting Trustee Chuck Curmi said that "after talking to somebody about this" he had concerns that the township was being overstaffed.

Aurora Vigil, of the township's human resources department, said that the township currently has 108 total fulltime township employees, including Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Clerk Marilynn Massengill and Treasurer Ron Edwards. There's seven part-time employees and 19 paid on-call firefighters that the township calls part-paid.

In July 1998, there were 105 full-time township employees, including the three elected officials, nine part-time employees and 22 paid on-call firefighters.

Curmi proposed an "informal hiring freeze" and also suggested that when the QVF work is completed, the person hired should be made available to work in other departments.

"I don't like to see people locked into jobs," Curmi said. "I

like to see the workforce move around.

Chris Thomas, director of elections for the state, said that if municipalities don't purge their records, they will see a false percentage of registered voters vis á vis the total eligible population, prior to the presidential election next year.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1995 necessitated the changes, he said. Updating voter files lessens the potential for voter fraud, Thomas said.

Municipalities received software last year to accomplish the task of insuring records integrity, Thomas said. More than 600,000 inaccurate voter registrations have been removed since last year, he

Thomas predicts that the township may purge as much as 15-25 percent from its voter files.

Prior to the NVRA, the names of voters who hadn't voted after five years were canceled, Thomas said.

# Cherry Hill Village flea market may be its last on Aug. 7

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

What may be the last Canton Historical Society Flea Market ever held in the original Village of Cherry Hill is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7.

Work on a proposed multi-million-dollar housing and commercial project at the site, expected to show how the village might have evolved, is expected to be under way by next August, according to a Canton Township official.

The mostly outdoor flea market, open at no charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., again will be held at the historic Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads.

The historical society, whose members will have their booths inside the schoolhouse, also will operate a snack bar there and will accept donations of historic items for the society.

"This is something the whole family will enjoy," said society president Bob Boyer, noting it's "a chance to spotlight a piece of history that's going to be part of a really big development soon.'

Ronni Curtis, historical society member who is market chairwoman for the third straight year, described it as "a very tranquil and laid-back affair" in "a rather unique spot.

"We usually get a lot of comments on the location because it is such an interesting place," she

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The flea market will sell "everything from antiques to garage-sale items to Beanie Babies," said Curtis.

She believes the market is one of only two true flea markets in western Wayne County because it offers collectibles and handcrafted items along with such items as Mary Kay Cosmetics and Partylite Candles.

Last year, she recalled, vendors offered University of Michigan mugs, license-plate frames and other items; antique linens; special photo albums; dried flower arrangements and children's books, games and magnetic puz-

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## **WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY**



## INSIGHT INTO MISCARRIAGE

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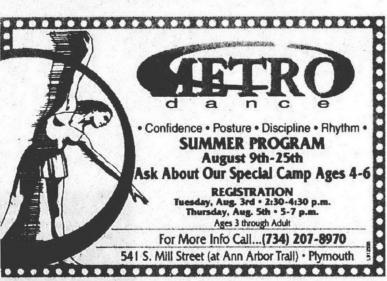
attributable to random chromosomal abnormalities, which are isolated incidences that have no bearing on future pregnancies. Fertilization is a relatively complex process that goes beyond the simple union of sperm and egg. If the 23 chromosomes of the mother and father do not unite successfully to create one embryo, it cannot survive. The majority of women who suffer miscarriages due to random chromosomal abnormalities have normal pregnancies the next time. Hormonal glitches are more likely to occur as women age, which explains why miscarriage rates are higher in women over age 35.

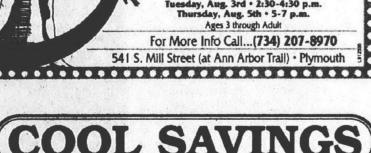
When you're ready to consider beginning another pregnancy, call 313-565-9510 to schedule a prenatal care consultation with board certified ob/gyn specialists. Our caring, dedicated staff and state-of-the-art technology and treatment methods can go a long way towards putting your fears to rest and allowing you to enjoy a healthy full-term pregnancy and delivery. You'll find our center conveniently located at 1711 Monroe, Dearborn. Diplomates, American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Evening appoints

P.S. Very few miscarriages occur due to environmental or lifestyle factors.

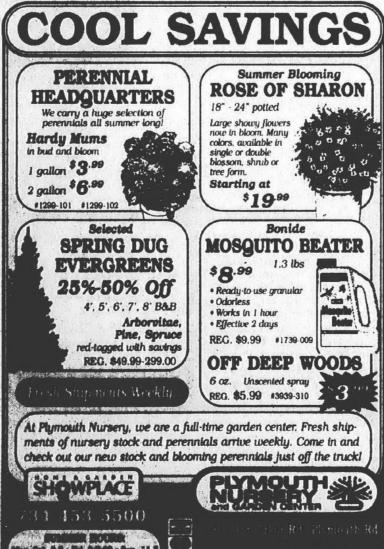
## Preschool 'Character Building is Our Concern' Enrolling Pre School Open 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. All Year 2½ yra to 4 yra Plymouth











## Cougar from page A1

Only a few businesses are located on Commerce Center Drive. The road deadends to the east with a large, thickly-wooded

Representatives of Critter Control, who contracts with the

township for animal control, said that no one reported seeing a

The call taker at Mitsubishi Electronics America located east of Parke Davis said no one in her company mentioned seeing the



#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 p.m., E.S.T. on Thursday, August 12, 1999 for the following:

> Floor Restoration & Replacement **Plymouth Cultural Center** 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI 48170

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the regular office hours

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

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## Local Celt herds kilt-clad and others to Highland Games

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

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What Mel Gibson did in the movie "Braveheart" for Scottish awareness worldwide, Bill Phenix of Plymouth and other volunteers are doing locally during the Highland Games at Greenmead in Livonia.

"It's one of the oldest Highland Games in North America," said Phenix, president of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. The Scottish organization was founded in 1849 in Detroit and, on its 150th anniversary, is hosting the event from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

While Celts will likely make up the bulk of the crowd, people of all nationalities attend the annual gathering, which is expected to draw 14,000 to 16,000 people, based on past atten-

Held for the third year in the historic village, the Highland Games features kilt-clad bagpipers, Highland dancers, athletic competitions and duck, cattle and sheep herding.

Tickets are \$10 each, which includes a shuttle ride from Schoolcraft College to the Greenmead grounds.

"There's something to watch all day long," Phenix said. He often misses a lot of the program, because he is too involved with organizational duties, he admitted.

The 150th annual Highland Games are patterned after the ethnic tradition that began in the 14th century when local clans, or families, gathered for leaping races, running competitions and log tossing.

"Over the years it became a social event, and people started bringing food, drinks and men would show off their kilts to attract the young girls," said Phenix, who was born in Ireland and whose great-grandmother was

## **Highland Games**

What: Highland Games Where: Greenmead in Livonia, Newburg and Eight Mile Roads. **When:** 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 Cost: Tickets are 410 each, which includes a shuttle ride from schoolcraft College to the Greenmead grounds.

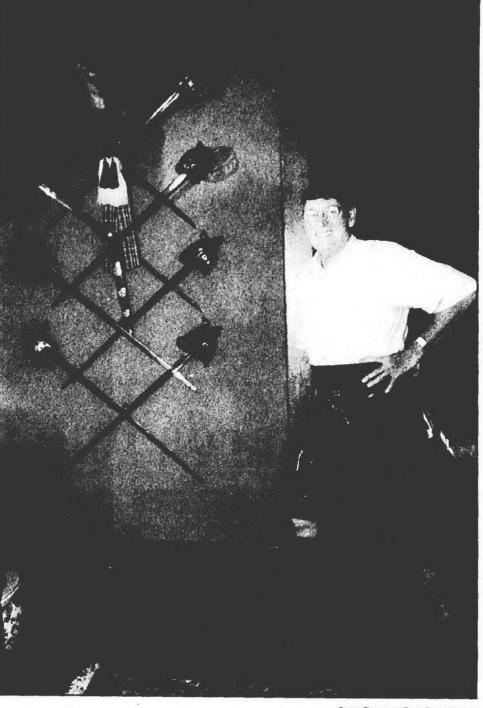
"It became more formal and the athletics became more structured," he

Greenmead will be transformed by the ethnic traditions of northern Great Britain including bagpipers, drummers, fiddlers, harpers, singers, dancers and Scottish athletes. Crafts, ethnic drink and food, such as meat pies and fish and chips, will be avail-

In celebration of the 150th anniversary, professional athletes from all over North America will participate in traditional Scottish games such as hurling 20-pound stones, throwing chained hammers and tossing the caber (12-foot-long logs). Nearly 200 dancers, some as young as 2, will compete in the dancing competitions.

The Highland games made a profit of \$21,000 last year and donated \$19,000 to non-profit organizations including Gleaners, the Salvation Army, Goodfellows and scholarships, Phenix said.

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit was started in 1849 to help indigent Scots in the Detroit are and has evolved during the last century and a half to help area charities.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

A Plymouth Celt: Bill Phenix wears a contemporary tartan kilt while standing next to a display of Scottish sabers in his dining room on Penniman in Plymouth. Phenix is president of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. The Scottish organization was founded in 1849 in Detroit and, on its 150th anniversary, is hosting the Highland Games at Greenmead in Livonia from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday,

# Sidewalksalesbegin Friday

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Downtown Merchants will hold its annual Plymouth Sidewalk Sales from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, July 30 and from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, July 31.

Special discounts and bargains will be available at Plymouth's shops and galleries. In addition

The Plydowntown mouth Community Chamber of Commerce Downtown Merchants will from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 hold its annup.m. every al Plymouth Sidewalk The Gathering, located Sales from 9 adjacent to a.m. - 9 p.m. Kellogg Friday, July 30 Park and from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, July

Walker Buzenberg Furniture will host live music and more in conjunction with Plymouth's Sidewalk Sales

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Beginning on Friday, free live easy listening music will be playing for those browsing for home furnishings and on Saturday fresh lemonade will be available.

2 p.m. Walker/Buzenberg will offer a seminar, "Design School." The interior design presentation will consist of color concepts, furniture layouts and accessory placement. Reserve your spot in the seminar by calling (734) 459-1300. Space is limited.

## Park expands at 5 Mile/Sheldon; Plans in works for 6 Mile paving

Northville Township is adding to its park acreage by spending \$1.4 million for property at Five Mile and Beck roads

Northville recently entered into a purchase agreement with the state of Michigan on what is commonly known as the Phoenix property, located west of Beck on Five Mile. The 60.98 acres will be bought through the sale of building authority bonds. The purchase price is \$22,000 per acre for a total of \$1.37 million.

The acreage will be added to the existing 38-acre Community Park, said Township Supervisor Karen Woodside. The new 60 acres connects directly to the south end of Community Park.

"Our residents gave us the direction to acquire parkland in a four-year special millage last August, and we have aggressively accomplished our goals. We are still in negotiations on one final component of land for our park." Woodside said.

The Phoenix purchase has

than two years. It was negotiat- used for recreation and not sold. ed along with the township's acquisition of the Fairweather property, 15 acres on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Five Mile which the township bought from the state last February. As part of the current bond issue, 53 acres at Six Mile and Napier will be included.

The old four-story Fairweather building, the site of a death in January 1997, was demolished with assistance from the state and Governor's office.

The Phoenix property previously housed a prison, which was demolished several years ago. This past year, the township board and planning commission rezoned the Phoenix property to "park" to ensure its use as recreational land. The city of Detroit held the right of first refusal on the property, which they agreed

been in negotiations for more to relinquish if the land was Negotiating the terms of the condition took a number of months, which is why the Fairweather property real estate deal closed in February and the Phoenix property won't close until Sept.

> Other happenings in neighboring Northville Township include: Six Mile will be paved between Sheldon and Beck beginning later this summer.

■ The Six Mile bike path from Haggerty to Northville Road will be constructed later this year.

The township must pay 20 percent of the cost of both projects. with 80 percent of the cost coming from the county (or grants for the bike path). The developers along Six Mile voluntarily assumed the 20-percent township share of the Six Mile Road

## COP CALLS

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

## Cell phones stolen

Two cell phones were reported stolen from different locations in downtown Plymouth last week. In one case, the woman told police that she left her purse in her vehicle, which was parked in her driveway July 24.

The cell phone was valued at \$349. The purse had \$180 cash, which was also taken, according to police reports.

In a separate case, a 34-yearold woman told police she left. her sister's cell phone on a blanket she was using at Kellogg Park July 21. The phone was

## valued at \$300.

## Bike stolen

A 54-year-old woman reported her Schwinn bicycle stolen on Pinewood Circle July 25. The bicycle was valued at \$20.

Wild Wings theft

Two Thomas Kincade music boxes were reported stolen from Wild Wings July 19. They were valued at \$180, according to police reports. A blond woman, about five foot six inches tall and weighing 160 pounds is suspected of the theft. The case is

## **PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

#### Stolen purse A 73-year-old woman said that

she noticed that her purse was gone about 1 p.m. July 13 when she wheeled her shopping cart to the cart carousel at the Kroger store, 44505 Ann Arbor Road. Counterfeit money

Police took a report of a \$20 counterfeit bill on July 22 from the manager of the Taco Bell, 205 Ann Arbor Road

By Staff Writers Sue Buck and Diane Gale Andreassi

## **CAMPUS NOTES**

under investigation.

## WMU MARKETING

Troy Smith of Canton was among students recently honored for outstanding achievement in a number of areas by the Department of Marketing at Western Michigan University

Those students being honored for Outstanding Academic Achievement are seniors who have completed at least 96 credit hours, including 15 hours of marketing, with and overall grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Smith was a member

of the team that took first place in the district and fifth place nationally in the Promotional Products Association Collegiate Competition He received a bachelor's degree in advertising and promotion in December



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'55 T-bird: Bob and Judy Ann Kohl pose with their 1955 Ford Thunderbird in their driveway in Canton.

# Bugattis, Packards line up

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

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Some 25 hand-picked Bugattis and 60 hand-picked Packards will highlight the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance at Oakland University on Aug. 1.

Joining the European Bugatti and the American Packard - both of which were considered the premier cars of their day in the 1920s and '30s - will be some 250 other vintage classic, sports, racing and 1950s cars that are considered the most valuable in the world.

Among the Packards on display will be the first one built in 1899; a 1932 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton originally owned by actress Jean Harlow and Packards of the '40s and

Among the Bugattis on dis-

## **CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**

■ Joining the European Bugatti and the American Packard - both of which were considered the premier cars of their day in the 1920s and '30s - will be some 250 other vintage classic. sports, racing and 1950s cars that are considered the most valuable in the world.

play will be fashion designer Ralph Lauren's Type 57SC and Type 59. Meadow Brook's showing of 25 Bugattis at one time and in one place is a historic first.

Also on display will be General Motors' Firebird I, II and III - futuristic, experimental cars of the future, a la the 1950s and a 1907 Thomas Flyer. The model was one of only three cars to complete the 1908 around-the-world auto race from New York to

Kicking off Concours week is the Concours-Gehringer Golf Classic on July 26-27 on the Meadow Brook Hall grounds; an international art show July 30 at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac; a Saturday night art auction preceding

the gala dinner at Meadow

Brook Hall; and the Mode du

Concours fashion show, which

will run Aug. 1 during the

Other events include the invitational classic car auction July 30-31; the Meadow Brook Historic Races XV at Water-

auto review

ford Hills Raceway in Clarkston; the Tour d'Elegance Rallye on July 30 in Clarkston, followed by vintage car cruise and a showing of 100 vintage cars at Depot Park.

The Meadow Brook Concours is one of the premiere events of its kind, ranking with the Concours at Pebble Beach, Calif., and the Concours at Bagatelle in Paris,

It benefits the Tudor revival-style, 110-room Meadow Brook Hall, which stands on 1,400 acres and is the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of a founder of the Dodge automotive firm.

Tickets to the Sunday Concours is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 13 to 17 years of age, with those under 12 admitted

For information on all Concours events, call Meadow Brook Hall, 248-370-3140.

## Invitation from page A1

Packard - one of only six known to exist today - said Packard was "the premier automobile company in the world" during the 1920s and '30s, ranking ahead of Cadillac.

It took 2-1/2 years of work both by Stachura and Jeff Geraci, whose parents live in Canton, to rebuild the Packard, which Stachura bought five years ago from a fellow member of the Motor City Packard Club.

## 'Very graceful'

Stachura, a freight broker and distributor who is in his second term on the Canton library board, said the '36 has a "very graceful styling" that is "almost a sculpture."

Built on a wooden framework, the car is a two-seater with room for two more in its rumbleseat. It's one of the few cars with the spare tire mounted on the rear and also was the last model to have wooden-spoke wheels and suicide doors.

The car, which sold for \$2,700 new, is now worth about \$75.000, Stachura said.

While he wouldn't call it "a terrific investment" - "Your money will grow faster in the stock market," he said - what he gets from the car is "the thrill of being able to own something that I really admire."

That's pretty much how Bob Kohl feels about his '55 Thunderbird, which was built in November, 1954 - the T-bird's first model-year - and keeps company dollar-wise with Stachura's Packard and Chiatalas's Cadillac El Dorado, which was originally worth \$60,000.

Restored to its original red and white, "It's a beautiful car, beautifully done," said Kohl.

Owning the T-bird "is a dream that became reality," said the Ford development engineer, 54, who had wanted one ever since his junior high school days.

Although he prefers the 1957 model, his wife liked the '55 and he's glad now they got it, what

■ That's pretty much how Bob Kohl feels about his '55 Thunderbird, which was built in November, 1954 - the T-bird's first model-year - and keeps company dollar-wise with Stachura's Packard and Chiatalas's Cadillac El Dorado, which was originally worth \$60,000.

with the new Thunderbird planned for 2001.

"We're definitely soulmates in this car," said Kohl.

He originally planned to drive it after it was restored, said Kohl, who has owned it since 1994. But "since it came out so good," he is showing it now and will cruise in it later.

## First place

He's only put 20 miles on it since the restoration. He showed it competitively four times last year and it never took less than first place or first plus best-of-

Chiatalas' El Dorado Biarritz likewise has been driven only 3,000 miles since it was restored about five years ago.

But it originally was going to be a father-and-son restoration when his father, Louis, president of TRW Automotive in Australia, purchased it back in 1977.

However, they didn't do much work on it and it became a "family cruiser," chalking up 30,000 miles on the odometer before it was restored to the original specifications, including the leather

The car, a convertible, "looks as stock as if it came off the line," said Chiatalas, a sales representative for a medical diagnostic manufacturer.

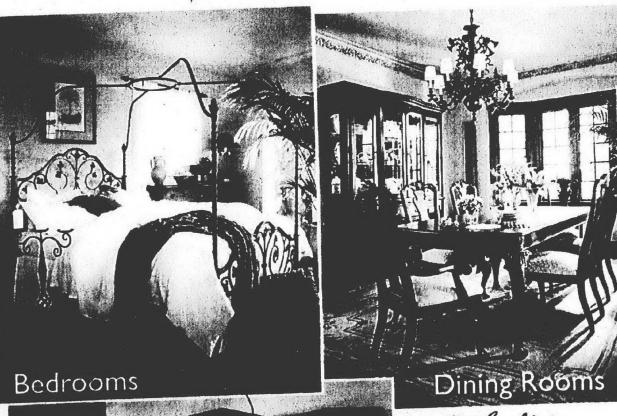
Because of a "soft" car market, Chiatalas said the car is worth about \$30,000 today.



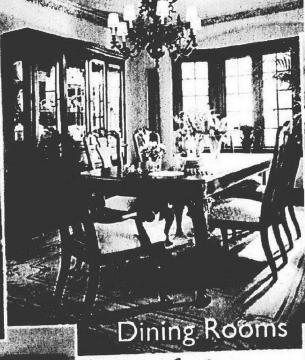
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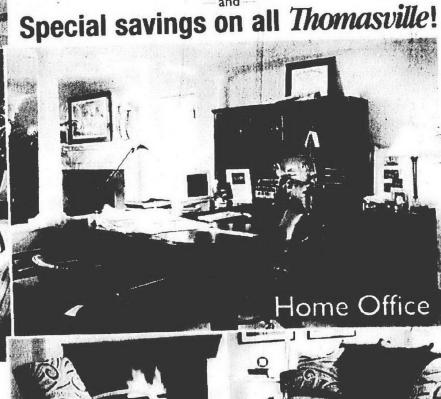
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# Reform supporters leery of money's impact on politics

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Joyce Russell believes money wields too much influence in pol-

Campaign fund-raising brings millions to candidates from businesses, special interest groups and unions, and gives them resources to advertise on television and get their message out for several months.

That money can lead to buying influence and makes it harder for lesser known candidates not

backed by traditional political machines to be elected because they cannot afford political advertising. It makes Reform Party delegates like Russell wonder why.

"If money is considered freedom of speech, then what freedom do poor people have?" Russell asked. "It shouldn't cost so much for elections. They take too long each year."

Russell of Northville represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth

and Westland, and part of western Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Russell attended last weekend's convention for the Reform Party in Dearborn.

Reform Party delegates each cite the same issues - Campaign finance reform. The national debt. Term limits.

Matt Abel, a delegate for 11th District, which includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County, believes Congressional members from the two parties do not tell the truth when it comes to discussing the nation's eco-

"All this talk of a surplus is a bunch of hooey," Abel said. "The national debt went up, and they use fictitious accounting when they discuss the debt.'

Reform Party members want to balance the budget and pay off the debt, one of the reasons Abel supports the party.

Abel is a former Democrat, but joined the Reform Party because "it is not controlled by the UAW, and it is not controlled by the chamber of commerce,"Abel said.

Abel also grew tired of what he

called "obfuscation" by government officials. "We need to get our economy back on a strong foundation. We're almost \$6 trillion in debt."

Perry Spencer, chair of the Reform Party of Michigan, believes citizens want more control of government through government reforms.

"Campaign finance is being abused," Spencer said. Lobbyists spend absurd amounts of money to buy influence and "shut people out" from the process,

Free trade agreements may have added jobs, but manufacturing jobs are being lost, Spencer said. "What kinds of jobs are we redeveloping? Most are low-paying, service-industry jobs," Spencer said.

The party has been helped by Jesse Ventura's election as governor of Minnesota last year. "It brought us back into the forefront of attention," Spencer said. "Because a third-party candidate can win a major election, everyone has to take us seriously."

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## How Reform stands on major issues

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Here is a summary of where the Reform Party stands on issues, according to literature distributed at its national convention in Dearborn last weekend and the group's Web site:

Social Security: Fulfills the promises of the old system. Phases out the pay-as-you-go system and creates a system of private accounts that are federally supervised, but individually controlled.

■ Tax reform: Eliminate the Internal Revenue Service and raise sufficient revenue for government to perform its assigned tasks in a simple and fair fash-

■ Budget: Pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Pay down the federal debt until the principal balance is zero and American taxpayers no longer have to pay interest on the debt. End corporate welfare and special interest subsidies

Campaign finance reform: Vigorously enforce current campaign finance laws. Change the composition of the Elections Commission to include independent and non-partisan representation. Campaigns should include free and equal access to the media resources for all qualified candidates. Outlaw political action committees.

■ Term limits: Institute term limits on the U.S. House of Representatives for three terms; two terms for the Senate.









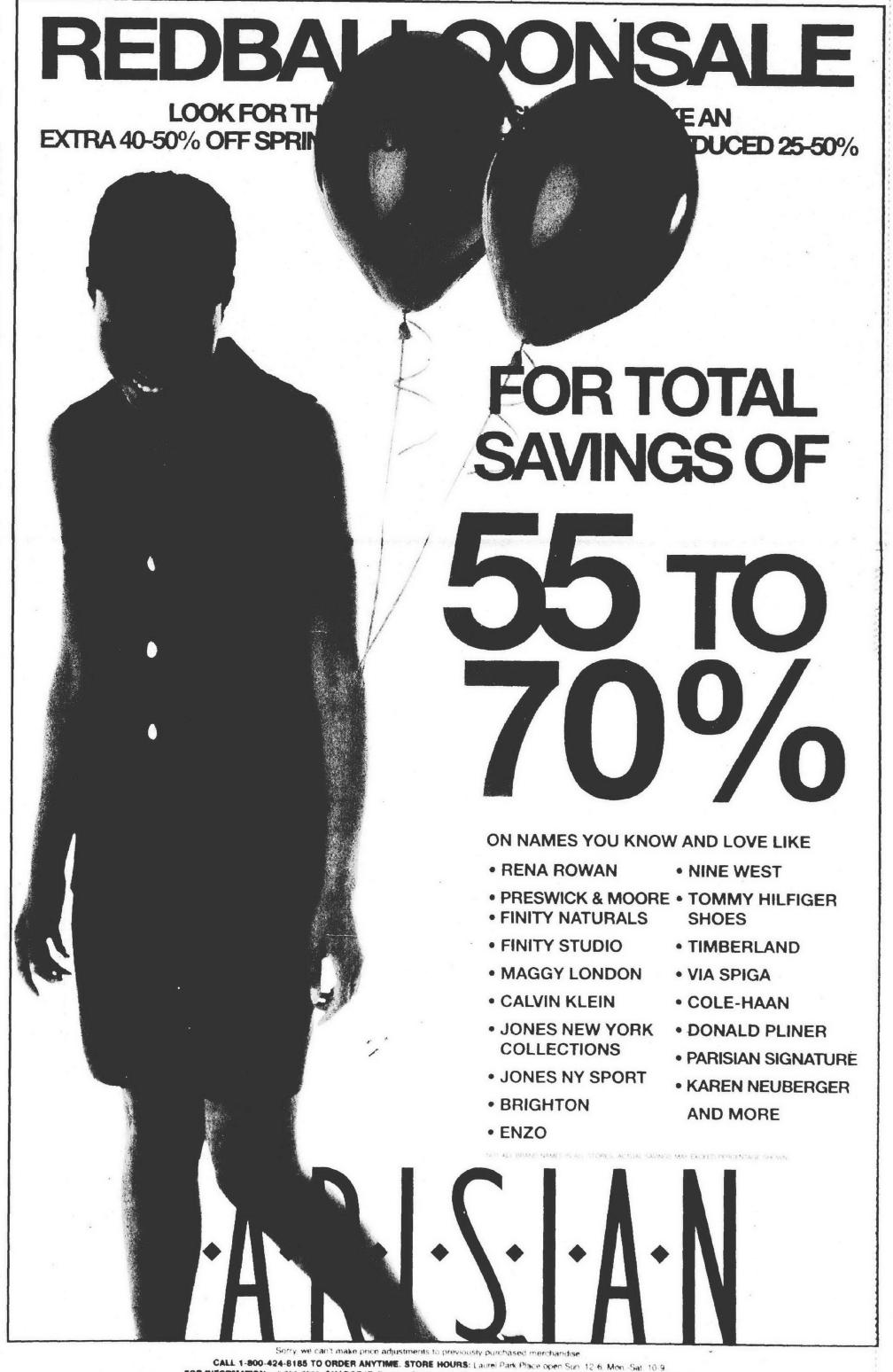
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## Athletes honored at Special O

A delegation of athletes from Plymouth-Canton participated recently in the State Summer Games of the Michigan Special Olympics at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

Team members competed in track and field, swimming and power-lifting, winning numerous medals and ribbons.

Track and field participants included: Venisha Allen, David Adams, Billy Ardt, Ben Bednarz, Jonathon Byrne, Tasha DeGraff, Edna Drexler, Derek Ellis, Tiffany Ellis, Andrea Flynn, Kristin Haydon, Brittany Jerden, Christian Lawless, Randy Leslie, Steven Mog, Christ Nicholson, Jayne Ostrander, Michael Pilotto, Holly Ranta, Kyle Siarto, Tom Southard, Justin Strabbing, Scott Stoner, Michael Tallon, Julie Trublowski, David Riley and Tracey Jenkins.

Swimmers included: Carrie Schilling, David Foust, Tasha DeGraff and Julie Abraham.

Power lifters were: Ron Walzak, Scott Zammit,



Team: Athletes competed in track and

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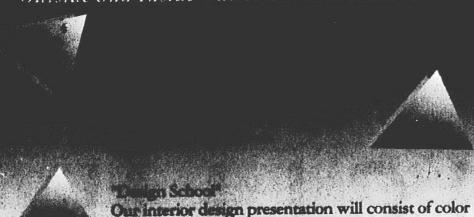
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## Ticket from page A1

there to get an ice cream, a cup of coffee and to go to a movie."

Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins said the tickets are part of an aggressive monitoring strategy against cruising, which was popular in downtown Plymouth during the 1980s and early 1990s. Young motorists jammed the city, especially Main

"If we don't control the numbers, what happens is you get large groups and the behavior is predictable," Scoggins said. "It's all a part of pre-emptying bad behavior. If they controlled the numbers at Woodstock they could have pre-empted that."

It would be impossible for four teens to obstruct 10 to 12 feet of sidewalk, according to a mother of another teen who was ticketed. Her son has not yet been arraigned and she asked to remain anonymous.

However, police maintain that tickets are part of aggressive monitoring.

"Right now we have control because the technique works,'

Scoggins said. "We're no different than any police department in the country that's had problems with cruising. When we have kids who are obstructing traffic, we ask them to move."

Numerous warnings have been issued to teens who are obstructing the sidewalk, Scoggins said. Most often the teens who are ticketed will not comply.

"It's been the newspapers that have always escalated the problems by printing these issues in the past," he said explaining that teens read about problems and want to see for themselves.

Plymouth police are viewing the children in town as the enemy, said the anonymous mother adding that part of the problem is that there isn't a lot for kids to do in town.

"These are the children of the people living in the community," she said. "They are 10 years from becoming the people who will run this community and raise their own children in this community.

"I tell my children don't drive

fast, don't smoke, don't drink, but I never told them don't sit on the sidewalk," she added. "How were we supposed to know about this ordinance. It was like they went and looked up an old law just to keep the kids out."

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She fears that her son could have a criminal record because of this incident.

"I don't want him to go through this and think that he's a criminal," the mother said. "They're hanging out and they're the same kids who have been hanging out downtown since they were five years old it's just that now they're six feet tall.

"We moved into the city so our kids would grow up here and when they got old enough they could go downtown alone," she added. "I don't think the businesses realize that these kids are walking around with twenty dollar and fifty dollar bills in their pockets. The kids love coffee shops," she said. "They're not asking to hang out at bars."

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radio communication for police and fire, and in-house computers were affected, Carey said.

Carey, who has been police chief in the township for 18 months said this has not happened before during his tenure here. He is a former Troy police

The repair costs could be as high as \$12-15,000 based on information supplied to him by an Ameritech repairmen who evaluated the situation Tuesday

'We're faced with a situation where we have to repair something that we planned to replace in six months," Carey said. "We're trained to operate in a crisis mode and during power outages. Citizens never notice any other situation."

Fire Chief Larry Groth said that a person was designated to remain at fire headquarters for

communication. Headquarters is also located in the same complex as the police department at Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley.

The fire department was able to maintain their pager callback system that transmits voice messages, Groth said.

The fire department had about 20 runs over the weekend, most dealing with downed wires and trees that were located in the city, he said.

## Group from page A1

mouth-Canton Civitan Club and the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council. The communities of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have given their support, according to Lorenz.

One of those on board and ready to help is 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe.

"I see part of that violence when it comes to court," said Lowe. "It would be great for the schools and the court system to eliminate it."

Lowe would like to see some

long-range planning to get kids from thinking of violence as an alternative.

"I know there are some shortterm solutions, but we need to be in this for the long haul, not just a quick fix," added Lowe. "We need to implement programs in the elementary grades so by the time they get to high school the propensity towards violence is reduced."

Lorenz wants to make sure that, unlike last year, students aren't afraid to go to school

because they fear what might

"The kids are edgy and so are the parents," said Lorenz. "We have to come up with a way to stop the violence. And if we use the collective minds of the community, we can do it."

Groups or individuals who want to take part in the upcoming meeting to discuss ways to curb youth violence in the schools can call Scott Lorenz at (248) 901-1519.



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## Delegates split on choice for chair

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

The Reform Party delegate for the 11th Congressional District thought Jack Gargan was a good choice to become the party's national chairman.

"At least the party is no longer perceived as being controlled by Ross Perot," said Matt Abel of West Bloomfield. The 11th District includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County.

Abel and about 350 other delegates convened in Dearborn last weekend as Gargan, a retired financial consultant from Florida, was chosen as chairman on Sunday.

For the delegates and party leaders, the convention in Dearborn was a weekend well spent.

"I think everyone worked hard," said Joyce Russell of Northville. Russell represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland, and part of western Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

We had different opinions about who should be chairman," Russell said. "I voted for Pat Benjamin and was disappointed that she didn't win."

Russell liked Benjamin's experience. "I wasn't suspicious of her agenda," Russell said.

But Abel and Perry Spencer, state party chairman, looked forward to Gargan's chairmanship.

Abel said there was "nothing against" Ross Perot, former Reform Party presidential candidate, by the delegates in the choice of Gargan, but Benjamin's support from Perot backers deterred Abel from supporting

"I think what's happening is the party is getting its wings, Abel said.

Gargan is a "good face" for the party and getting the message to Americans, Spencer said.

## Reform from page A5

Madonna vice president honored as fund-raiser

Sister M. Lauriana Gruszcynski, vice president for university advancement at Madonna University, was given at distinguished service award at the Michigan Colleges Foundation's annual meeting on Mackinac Island in June. Sister Lauriana received the award from William Liebold in recognition of 40 years of fund-raising activity.

The Michigan Colleges Foundation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, was founded in 1949 to raise funds from business and industry to support Michigan's independent liberal arts colleges.

As Sister Lauriana was presented the award, Liebold noted that this year also marked another very special anniversary for the nun, her 60th year in religious life as a Felician Sister.

"We are very proud of Sister Lauriana's commitment on

behalf of Michigan Colleges Foundation," said Liebold.
"Madonna University has been a member of MCF since 1952 and has played an important role in our success in making a significant impact of the lives of the students served by our 14 member institutions."

In her acceptance, Sister Lauriana expressed gratitude to all those who worked with her over the years, sharing their fundraising techniques. She attributed her success to the Felician Sisters, especially their

foundress, Blessed Mary Angela. Sister Lauriana's efforts have resulted in the successful completion of major campaigns including a \$4.5 million library and classroom addition 1982-1985; a \$2.5 million educational development center 1986-87; and a \$10 million Investors in Academic Excellence Campaign

Russell considers herself an original member of United We Stand and supported Ross Perot's presidential run.

The media and general public seem to be caught up in celebrities," Russell said. "Jesse got us a lot of publicity when he got elected. During that election we couldn't buy publicity.

"We've had people in the trenches for a long time working

Spencer expects the party will pursue a "grass-roots" approach in seeking support for a Reform Party candidate in the city coun-

cil race in Ann Arbor. A former member of the Republican Party, Spencer describes himself as a fiscal conservative. He sought another party when he saw that attempts at campaign finance

reform failed. That's why Spencer and the

others seek the Reform Party for attended at their own expense." the answer and they point to the more than 500 convention-goers in attendance at the convention. Everybody at the convention

Spencer said "For them, it was their vacation.

"It tells me that people are serious that reform is needed."

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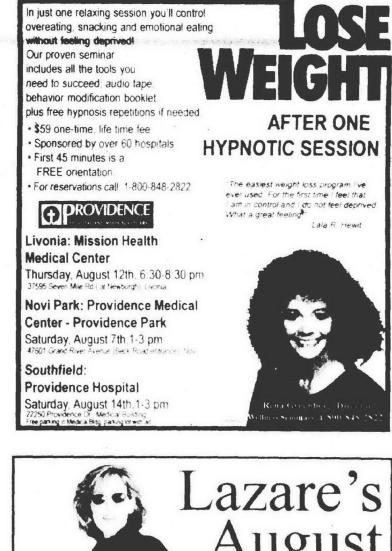
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## 1-275 motorist information Starting this weekend, I-275 traffic is expected to be switched from the northbound lanes to the six new lanes on the southbound side so the northbound side can be reconstructed. Southbound traffic will be returned to its proper lanes, protective barriers will be moved, then the northbound lanes will be crossed over to the southbound side. That crossover will begin just north of the Five Mile overpass in Livonia and end north of 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Motorists should expect delays through the construction zone and obey speed limits'. Construction is expected to last through = Crossever

10 Mile between I-696 and the M-14/I-96 interchange. Within the next wack, 1-275's northbound side will be closed for 275 reconstruction on reconstruction on the freeway, exit and entrance ramps and bridge work. A crossover just north of Five Mile will direct the northbound traffic to the southbound side. That traffic will be crossed back over just north of 10 Mile road. The long sweeping ramps now are open on the southbound side. Ramps will rample open on remain open on the northbound eide during construction, but face intermittent closures while work crews replace the pavement on the pavement or ramps. Crossovers through the construction zones will allow entrances and exits onto the 6 Mile exits onto the of freeway. No two interchanges of these ramps will be closed at the same time, so when Eight Mile is closed, Seven Mile and Six Mile interchange will property of the control of interchange will property of the control of interchange will property of the control of interchange will property of interchange will interchange will property of interchange will property interchange will interchange will property interchange will interchange will property interchange will in interchanges will 5 Mile







## **CROSSING PATTERNS**

## Northbound I-275 traffic will switch to southbound lanes starting today

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kahramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Get ready for The Switch. About 200,000 motorists who travel I-275 each day can expect to be driving on the new southbound lanes today.

Those four lanes and two shoulders, fresh with new concrete poured this spring and summer, now will handle both northbound and southbound travelers. The northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction as the freeways four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

The traffic shift also means the \$49 million project to repave Michigan's second busiest freeway is nearing its halfway point, just about on schedule to be completed by late October.

"We're pleased with that," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Southbound traffic will be switched to three lanes on the southbound side. Large rectangular concrete blocks used to create a barrier wall will be moved from the northbound side of the freeway to the southbound side over the next five days, then the northbound traffic will be crossed over to its three lanes.

bound I-275 runs just north of

the Five Mile overpass to just north of the 10 Mile Road bridge. Like the earlier crossover. motorists can use three lanes of traffic in each direction for travel.

## Other project highlights include:

- The 7 Mile entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side of I-275 were expected to be reopened, weather permitting, last night (Wednesday).
- The exit ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 may be opened as early as today, but the construction configuration of lanes on I-275 will allow for only one lane of traffic from I-696 to merge. Motorists from eastbound I-96,

12 Mile Road and M-5 also access southbound I-275 SWITCH in that area.

The Haggerty Connector detour will be closed for modifications for several days. MDOT expects to use the ramp from I-696 and the modified detour to direct traffic to southbound I-275. Motorists should double-

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The Haggerty Connector between 12 Mile and 14 Mile will be open the first week of August.

check construction signs.

Lanes will be reduced from two to one on eastbound I-96 to That crossover route of northsouthbound I-275 in Oakland County and westbound I-96 to

northbound I-275 in Livonia. M-14 motorists exiting to northbound lanes will not see lane reductions there, but they can expect backups.

Starting in mid-September, interchanges at Six, Seven and Eight Mile will be closed for reconstruction of entrance and exit ramps, but not simultaneously. That means when Six Mile is worked on by contractors, Seven Mile and Eight Mile will remain open.

"They can expect the northbound side to mirror the southbound construction," Pannecouk said.

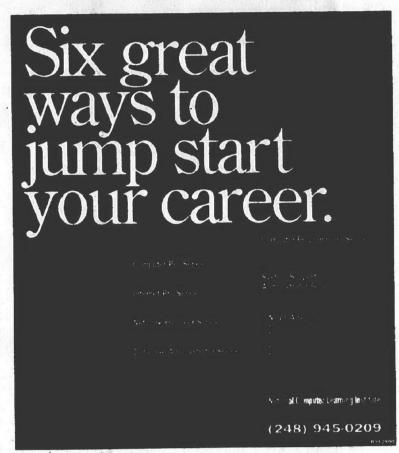
Bridge repairs on the northbound side will force lane reductions at bridge locations at the interchanges at Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile.

MDOT also was expected to decide within the next few days how traffic from northbound I-275 will be directed to eastbound I-696. "That ramp will be reconstructed, and it will have the same impact on motorists that the ramp (from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275) had when it was reconstructed," Pannecouk

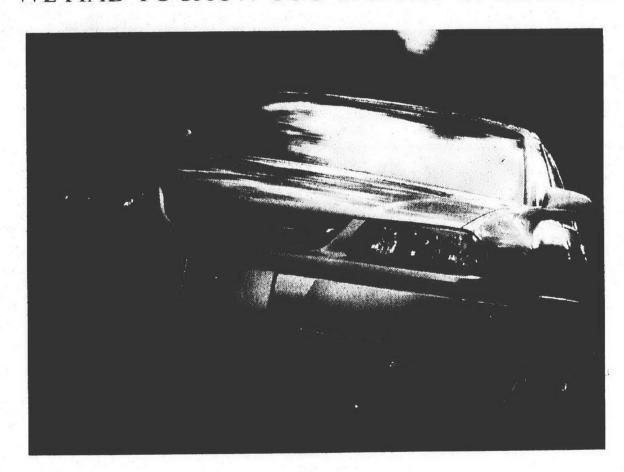
MDOT is looking at temporary routes or short detours for those motorists. "That information should be detailed within the

next week," Pannecouk said. Pannecouk advised motorists to watch the speed limit of 50 miles paper accounts to keep updated, she added. per hour in the construction zone "Stay tuned so you aren't surand read construction signs to aid prised by any traffic switches," commuters in getting to their Pannecouk said. destinations. They should listen

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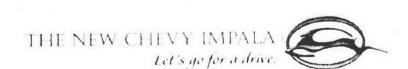


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# Goin bugg



Making a splash: Sean Brown, 8 of Canton slides down the water slide created by the Wayne County Parks as part of the Nature / History Day Camps for ages pre-school through sixth grade at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. This week long camp for the 1st and 2nd graders was titled frogs and toads.



Ribbet-ribbet: (Far left) Jordan Emery, 8 of Canton looks through his frog mask. (Above) Wayne County Parks counselor Matt Nobel-Richardson of Plymouth reads "The Very Quiet Cricket" to the 1st and 2nd graders at the day camp.



Buzzing around: (Above) Matthew Bernard, 61/2 (left) of Northville was dressed as an insect by counselor Matt Noble-Richardson. (At left) Anthony Adamowicz, 7 of Northville paints his insect with glow-in-the-dark paint. "I really like to draw" said the youngster who was wearing a spider shirt.



Getting close to nature

at area Kids Day Camp

About 80 children ages preschool

through sixth grade have attended

Kids Day Camp this summer at the

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in

Sponsored by Wayne County parks, the program aims at educating youngsters about the environment and helps them learn about nature. Now in its second year, the program is coordinated by parks naturalist Carol Clements. "We've had twice as many kids this year as last year," Clements said. "We try to get them outdoors and have fun activities through puppets, games and

Last week children made frog masks and track T-shirts of animals, walked on a bird hike and mammal hike, and studied fossils and sunspots. The youngsters learned about topics ranging from astronomy and constellations, predators and prey, insects, trees and

The day camp ends this week, but anyone who is interested in sending their children to the camp next summer can contact the parks office next

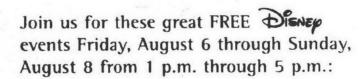
Native American crafts.

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## What a find

In celebration of our 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY, make plans to join us throughout the month of August for a host of special events!



- Mickey's Rock-A-Robics, Mickey, Donald Duck and Goofy will be performing on the hour from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Disney Doodles features a Disney sketch artist who will narrate and sketch a scene from a Disney film. Disney Doodles will be performed on the half hour from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Mickey & Minnie and Belle & Beast Meet and Greet (1 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Enter to win a "Disney Girls" denim jacket.



■ Win a Walt Disney World Vacation for Two in Orlando, Florida courtesy of Livonia Carlson All Aboard Travel. Enter to win at their cart across from Coopersmith's.

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## Other Events/Happenings in August:

- August 6 through August 8: . Grab-bag Giveaway. 250 bags containing \$10 gift certificates, coupons and samples will be given away each day.
- August 9 through August 19: 10 Days at 10% Off Sale. Pick up your coupons at the Laurel Park Place Management Office or at any directory stand. Take 10% off a regularly-priced item at any of the participating stores.
- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.— 12 p.m.; Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14. 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.



- Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m.: Parisian Fashion Show in the Parisian Court.
- And...a taste of what's to come To celebrate the opening of the new Sweet Lorraine's restaurant coming soon to the Livonia Marriott they will be giving away samples of their delicious cuisine throughout the month.



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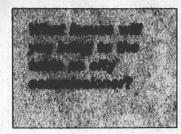
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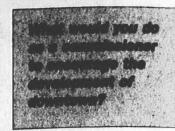












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Kevin Decker nt since 1989 Ferndale High School, Oakland University Self-employed, Industrial Auctions, Inc. Community involvement: Helping out the neighbors and complaining about the water bill Divorced, no children

Issues on nonpartisan cooperation. honesty, integrity in the spending of other people's money, and an openness to hearing the cares and concerns of the populace as a whole.

To maintain a balanced budget is simple - do not spend money you do not have. This requires realistic budgeting and the strength to say no to some spending, the difficult decisions are how to keep costs low while providing the services that government should provide police fire, roads and trash removal - and remembering those areas that should not involve a city

The City of Plymouth should remain autonomous in services until it can be clearly shown that the combining of any services would guarantee significant costs savings that could be directly passed along to city residents.

The role of a city commissioner on a daily basis is to listen - to really hear the cares and concerns of people you represent, and to try to bring their voices with you to the meetings.

Long-term development can be aided by stressing that which we already have going in Plymouth. the different festivities (Ice Spectacular, Art in The Park, etc.) and their drawing power should make outside businesses want to locate in the downtown or Old Village area.



Daniel Dwyer Resident for seven years Bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Michigan Prison administrator, Michigan Department of Corrections Chairman of city's beautification committee, captain in law enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Big Brothers/Big Sisters Married, two children

The water and sewer fund and related sewer repairs must be a high priority due to the negative consequences on every citizen if these issues are not properly addressed. Other issues are balancing our budget, review of appropriate joint services, evaluation of professional service contracts, development of Old Village and making the city commission a working body that

focuses on the city's best interest

Retain spending to the approved budget with careful monitoring of projected expenses. Promote business growth to increase the tax base. Reduce expenses (i.e. joint services. Be open to forms of alternate revenue.

government.

Yes, we should negotiate with any adjoining community if it will save money and improve services. the fire department, joint dispatch and the Sheldon Road underpass are all good examples of appropriate mergers. I would also support evaluating a merger of the recreation department.

Yes. Two issues should control

which services are discussed for

merger: 1) whether merger will.

delivered to city residents and 2)

whether merger will increase the

should be pursued only where the

quality of service to residents will

to residents would not increase.

not be reduced and where the cost

cost of service delivery. Merger

harm the quality of the service

My role as a city commissioner will be to set policy, evaluate budgets and creating a vision and a direction for the city, the city manager is paid to run the daily operations of the city with his department heads. The city commission should provide the manager with clear goals and objectives and then hold the city manager accountable to reach those goals and objectives as her

The answer to this question is

or she sees fit.

I would work closely with the DDA and other service groups who have done a wonderful job of promoting the downtown area. I would continuously evaluate our parking needs to avoid serious difficulties as the downtown area continues to

I recognize downtown is one of

Be aware of the business

community's successes and

failures, recognize that change is

inevitable and try to be ahead of

the curve... The recognized trend

now seems to be the direction of

strong supporter of the "downtown

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"downtown living." I am a very

of downtown's current business

continue to do so for many years.

makeup will work well with

residential living and should



Sean FitzGerald Resident for seven years University of Michigan, University of Detroit, juris doctor Attorney, Wayne State University Chairperson, Plymouth Planning Married, expecting child

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College, BBA

Michele Potter

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Penny Rowland

55-plus year resident

Plymouth High School, Hillsdale

Vice president of Peoples State Bank

Canton Township Trustee, 1967-1971

Plymouth finance director, 1987-1996

Also served as city clerk, treasurer

Married, two grown daughters

Resident for three years

and Interim city manager
DDA and Municipal Building Authority

Michigan State University, bachelor's

Behavioral Health Coordinator for

Michigan Peer Review Organization

Frequenting our community activities,

patronizing our local businesses and

meetings to look for opportunities in

attending all city commission

1) Municipal finance is the most critical issue facing the city, specifically city infrastructure costs (sewers, drains, streets, buildings). 2.) Improving the decorum of the

city commission. The bickering must stop. 3.) I would make city charter revision as an issue for consideration, the city charter was enacted in 1951 and actually pre-

dates the state constitution.

The city's ongoing financial

lack of fiscal control,

problèms related to an apparent

mismanagement of city's water

planning, general infrastructure

fund and associated infrastructure

planning and financing, and quality

and senior programs. Also, ongoing

Interpersonal relationships between

the commission and administration.

We need to create an environment

conducive to encouraging new

our city. A top priority is to

businesses and entrepreneurs to

thoroughly evaluate the city sewer

issue and make recommendations

increase costs to the residents as

to handle it as expeditiously as

possible to prevent significant

we saw with the water bills.

of life issues, such as recreation

commissioners and with other

governmental units and between

I would insist on more careful city commission scrutiny of the city's finances. The problem with the recent water rate increase is not that it happened - it is how it happened. It would have been much less painful to residents if the Detroit water rate increase had not been imposed all at once. Had the city passed the increases along to residents as they were incurred, then residents could have planned their own budgets accordingly.

reflects the community needs.

is not unusual unless change

budgetary matters. I have the

Our current commission had to

which brought significant costs.

the new city manager should be

given room to do his job and if

deal with some unforeseen issues,

further unexpected costs arise, the

commission should be updated on

effects of these on the budget. We

I would monitor expenditures on an

a reasonable basis regarding the

need to be proactive to contain

costs; we don't need micro-

nanagement and re-work

background and expertise.

Public recreation services could be improved by merging them. I strongly believe the city and Greater effort must be expended to township should continue to review assure that the "approved budget" is a "real budget" that properly Change within the budget structure becomes the order of the day, in which case why have a budget at all. (State law does require the adoption of an annual budget). More effort needs to be devoted to

methods by which combining services would lead to financial and service advantages to both governmental units and their respective citizens. 'Current and prior commissions already have taken action regarding fire services and police dispatch. Recreation, planning, purchasing, legal and engineering, may all be up for discussion.

The accomplishments of our current commission on the recent joint services agreement need to be commended, i would like to see these issues of the underpass and joint dispatch play out before jumping into another joint project with both feet. However, according to a survey of residents sent out by the Volunteer Voice, 72 percent of city and 77 percent of township

addressed more resources to recreation. I think the city commission has As with any board, the function is not to be involved in daily made great strides in this area and I would continue the negotiations operations - that is why we hire in all areas which are feasible, staff - but to provide the leadership, direction and oversight. make financial sense and are

Plymouth's most appealing and found in the city charter, the unique features. The long-term charter does not give city commissioners a role in the daily development of downtown ultimately depends on private operations of the city. The city developers being confident that commissioners responsibility is to the city wants their business to formulate city policy. It is the city locate there. They must know that manager's responsibility to the city is willing to enact implement those policies subject ordinances that positively promote or oversight by the commission. development. The recent revisions The charter does not give to the city's parking ordinances commissioners the authority to removed one large obstacle. micro-manage department heads.

Simply put, the city commission is charged with the responsibility of policy maker. The city administration is charged with the responsibility of carrying out commission policy. I do not believe individual city commissioners should meddle around in the day to day activities of our city government. I strongly believe it is incumbent upon any commissioner to be aware of the day to day operations of our city.

Encourage attendance of residents at commission meetings to be certain residents' voices are heard. Increase the flow of information. Utilize the Internet. The city currently posts meetings, but not agendas. If the agendas were available to residents before the meetings, they could make time to attend when issues that they have concerns about are to be

The city needs to be run as a private enterprise. We need to increase accountability, set goals and attain them. The city must court private business and build a bridge between property owners and interested businesses to work together to achieve a community we are all proud to be a part of.

I would continue to work closely

with the Downtown Development

authority coordinating efforts and

supporting their goals. Specifically

management to implement a plan

which is coordinated by the DDA

and includes enforcement, signage

I would target 1) parking



Married, two cats Salty Repeck University of Michigan, BA; Wayne State University, Masters in Public Administration Consultant, Warger, Eavy & **Associates** Chair and board member of Wayne **County Department of Social Services** (Family Independence Agency) Chair of Plymouth Downtown **Development Authority** Married, one child

There are already a number of issues before the commission which need to be continued, such as coordination of services with the township and the water and sewage issue. I would look at a community policing plan, better coordination and communication between the commission and other boards, such as the planning commission, and the development of an events policy.

Financial responsibility is the most

continued growth as a community.

Maintaining our city's quaintness

important issue facing the city.

Development is a necessity to

and charm is also a concern.

ongoing basis to insure a balanced budget for the fiscal year - not waiting until the last quarter. This would include identifying expenditures that are not on target and either making the necessary adjustments or amending the budget to re-appropriate. I also would budget to insure growth in the "rainy day" fund to handle unpredictable expenditures and insure a strong standing for the

expenditures.

A regular review of expenditures will allow the commission to keep the budget overage from getting out of hand. When expenditures are up the commission should work as a whole to discuss with administration ways to reduce

Yes. Although I've lived in the township for 30 years prior to moving to the city, I still consider the downtown city of Plymouth my downtown. if some services such as public safety or waste management could be merged to the mutual benefit of both city and township, I'm all for it. But care should be given to make sure city residents aren't getting the worst

supported by the community.

I would be part of the commission whose duty it is to oversee, but not necessarily participate in the smooth running of the city. The commission should set guidelines for administration and then oversee that the guidelines are being followed.

This is accomplished by having

clear and measurable goals and

communication between staff and

objectives along with a good

the commission.

and marketing and 2) maintenance and repair efforts to keep downtown looking its best and 3) identify capital projects. Plymouth has always been a great place to live. We must encourage businesses to bring their individuality without spoiling the small town's atmosphere. With enough diversity between business owners coming in, we can then

encourage those who are here to

expand. Although the process we need to continue to maintain our

parks and streets attractively and



Resident for seven years Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Schoolcraft College Deputy court clerk, 35th District Court Community involvement: YMCA One son

> First and foremost, keeping Plymouth a small town and holding on to our history. It's important.

First I would consult with outside "resources" for solutions to each problem, cut off unnecessary expenses and create revenue using our city festivals, concerts, etc.

Yes and No. Certainly not the police. We are a town that needs a police force that knows its problems. As far as other services, I would review on a case by case

end of the deal.

I believe running our city is No. 1. but the job does not end there. Being active and involved day in and day out addressing issues, not just in commission chambers, but out within the community.

continue the cultural events that make Plymouth special. Greater planning (long-term) recreating a master plan for the city for future development. To give the city more choices in what it wants for itself, rather than what developers want for us. A healthy advertising campaign - T.V. print.

radio, but strategic.



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Resident for eight years

for Black Sole Muzik

Rotary Club

Writer, producer, director for Motor

Vice chair of Old Village Develop

City Films; P.R. and marketing director

Authority and patronize the Plymouth

The city of Plymouth must have a vision and a plan for the future. From that platform all else follows. I believe our residents expect its government to maintain a proper balance of city services and planned growth while keeping the quality of life as we know it.

I would want to review the budget and expenditures every month, Robbing Peter to pay Paul is irresponsible. Reviewing the budget will allow us to spot any unauthorized project spending and take proper action.

Our city services are second to none and we as residents know and expect that. Quality comes with a price and by utilizing financial responsibility with our tax dollars we can continue to have them. Giving control over to a larger bureaucracy will diminish everything we have. and the current law.

First, I believe that a city commissioner is responsible to the concerns of residents by acting as their representative at all times. Secondly, combine their comments with the actual administration of the city and prioritizing them within the boundaries of our tax dollars

The residents of Plymouth must know that their involvement is crucial at this point in our history. Any development must always satisfy residents concerns first. Plymouth is a lewel that must be preserved and protected and can be with a long term plan for our future.



Lower taxes, lower water rates and Improve services, Review and institute effective budget process. balance all funds, i.e. building, water funds. Review and institute good accounting practices with proper accounting principles. Review need for full-time finance for: metitute oversight titute department head and

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All cities like Plymouth are required by law to have a balanced budget. It is how and what is done that makes the difference for our citizens, I would review and institute process and procedures that insure the lowest possible taxes with the highest level of services that are needed and desired by the citizens of

AND SHAPE

This should be an ongoing process, but always keeping in mind the types and levels of services that are needed and desired by our citizens. I for one, desire a policeman at my door one minute after I call for help.

Oversight and policy setting only.

It is clear that the most recent commissions have not taken advantage of the past several years of economic growth. I believe that this great economic growth will continue at least in the short run. therefore, we must act quickly and responsibly to assist in the development of not only the downtown but also the Old Village area. We must always keep in mind that we are the City of Homes and must take in residents' concerns.

# Woodward designated a Michigan Heritage Route

/PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has designated Woodward Avenue, rich in history and culture, as a Michigan Heritage Route. A ceremony officially honoring one of Michigan's best known roadways will be held on 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Pleasant Ridge Memorial Park (Woodward Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard)

Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, will host the ceremony. MDOT Director James DeSana will make remarks and reveal the official designation road signs. Representatives from Detroit, Wayne County and Oakland County and communities along

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Woodward Avenue will also be in

Oakland and Wayne Counties, in cooperation with SEMCOG. the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Woodward Avenue Action Association and 10 Woodward Avenue communities from Detroit to Pontiac, submitted the nomination to MDOT late in 1998.

As a Michigan Heritage Route, a management structure representative of those communities will be put in place to formulate marketing plans, special events and physical improvements for all 28 miles of Woodward.

The Michigan Heritage Route Program was legislatively mandated to identify, protect, enhance and promote the unique scenic, historical and recreation-

with the many benefits of preservation and education, a Heritage Route can provide economic benefit by stimulating tourism, attracting business and adding weight to grant applications. Michigan has seven designated routes, with several others pending approval.

Designation as a Michigan Heritage Route signifies that those living and working within the communities that the corridor encompasses have dedicated themselves to conserving, enhancing and promoting their area as a unique travel destination," noted MDOT Director

James DeSana. "There is no more deserving roadway in the state for a Michigan Heritage Route designation

al qualities of state roads. Along than M-1, Woodward Avenue," said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive. "Symbolically, Woodward Avenue represents a bridge which unites city and suburbs, east and west, north and south."

Calling Woodward Motown's Main Street, Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said, "The Woodward corridor has the region's major cultural, sports and entertainment and educational institutions. It is terrific that communities and organizations from two counties are teaming up to improve an important regional asset."

Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer also cited the avenue's role as a bond for the region. "The designation of Woodward Avenue as a Michigan Heritage

Route further enhances the route's rich history and culture, allowing Oakland and Wayne Counties the opportunity to build upon our ongoing regional cooperation," Archer said. "It also serves as a great tool in uniting all communities along the route as we move into the

new millennium." "This honor for Woodward Avenue is a tribute to the efforts of a regional nominating committee that included Oakland and Wayne Counties, the Wood-

Saturday, August 7th, 10 am - Noon

Saturday, August 14th, 10 am - Noon

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ward Avenue Action Association, Zago Architecture and SEM-COG," said SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait.

Included among the corridor communities that officially endorsed the Heritage Route are Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Detroit, Ferndale, Highland Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak. More than 100 businesses, institutions and neighborhood associations, have endorsed this effort.

## Schoolcraft's child care center accredited

The Schoolcraft College Children's Center program has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, joining only 7 percent of early

childhood programs nationwide. Dorothy Witten, professor of child care and development, said the NAEYC accreditation signifies that every part of the program is excellent.

"We have a top-quality child development curriculum, and I wanted accreditation for our laboratory center," Witten said. The center's goals are to offer a quality practicum for students while providing the best care possible for the young children.

"This is a prestigious accreditation," she said. "There are very few accredited centers in this area. Not many centers seek it because it is so hard to get. It



has a lot do with the facility, the

**Dorothy Witten** 

caregivers and the training they get and the documentation they

Witten said NAEYC officials examine the facility for safety, the ratio of staff to children and staff training in assessing the center for accreditation. "They look at all of the things that might impact a child's experience at the center," Witten said.

They even look at how toys are stored, whether those are kept at the child's eye level so that they can learn responsibility in taking toys out and putting them away, Witten said.

The accreditation was voluntary, and included a self-study and on-site evaluation. The selfstudy and site report were sent to Washington, D.C., where NAEYC representatives from all over the country decide on accreditation. The process takes

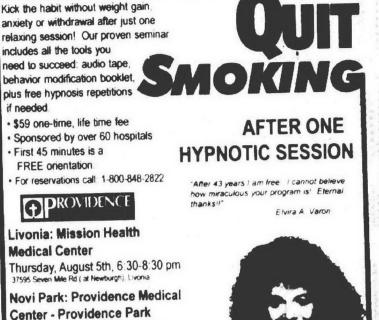
about a year and the facility is accredited for three years.

"This is the first time we have sought this," said Witten. "We waited until we moved into our new facility and got everything in place before we applied.

"It involved a lot of hard work, and we are pleased to have earned it."

The Children's Center serves about 100 children from age 6 weeks through kindergarten. Students from the child care and development certificate and associate degree programs work with the children under the supervision of teachers who have been through the program and faculty who teach the courses

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-





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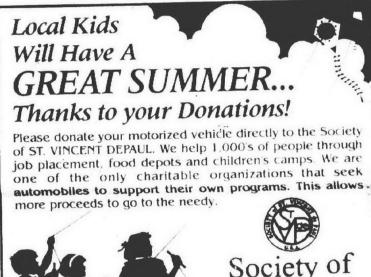
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## Smithsonian exhibit features Plymouth boy's barn

A barn belonging to a 7-yearold Plymouth Township boy is part of a larger traveling exhibit on loan from the Smithsonian

"Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" is on display at the Farm Learning Center of Kensington Metropark near Brighton/Milford until Aug. 15.

Greg Mogus' barn is part of the Michigan State University model barn exhibit that is featured along with the Smithsonian display. The plywood model barn is a gable barn that has a pulley for hay bails on each side. It at one time belonged to his older brother, John, now 15.

Each weekend at Kensington will focus on barns and some activities associated with barns, such as timber framing, putting up hay, pit sawing or rope making. Horse-drawn hayrides and cow milking demonstrations will take place daily.

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"The programs will give the chance to take a closer look at the bygone days from our agricultural past," said Debra Cavallaro, supervising interpreter for the Farm Center. "The hands-on activities provide opportunities for children and adults to see how people lived and worked on a

"Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" has been organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Building Museum, with assistance from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and in association with the Federation of State Humanities Councils and Michigan Humanities Council.

This project was made possible through the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Hearst Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution Special Exhibition Fund and The Smithsonian Educational Outreach Fund.

A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required at a cost of \$3 weekends and holidays or \$2 weekdays (except Wednesdays which are free entry days.) An annual pass costs \$15 or \$8 for senior citizens. For general information contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at 1-800-47-PARKS or visit its Web site at http://www.metroparks.com



Barn raising: Greg Mogus, 7, of Plymouth Township plays with his model barn at Kensington. The model is part of a Smithsonian exhibit, "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon."



### NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **Downtown Development Authority**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan Downtown Development Authority will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 5, 1999 for the following:

PRINTING AND COPYING SERVICES

Bid requirements and conditions, and all other related documents to this Bid may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Administrative Services at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular working hours

Work related to this Proposal and Bid consists of furnishing all necessary labor, supervision, equipment and supplies for production of requested promotional materials with artwork and layout provided by the Downtown Development Authority.

The Downtown Development Authority Board of the City, of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and Bids and to waive any irregularities. The Downtown Development Authority Board reserves the right to select various options from the received Bids that are in the best interest of the city of Plymouth Downtown Development

ADDRESS PROPOSALS AND BIDS TO:

Linda Langmesser 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170

Proposals and Bids must be in a sealed envelope bearing the inscription "Bid - DDA Printing and Copying Services."

It is the responsibility of the bidder to insure that their Bid is delivered and accepted in a timely manner. It is suggested, although not required, that Bids be hand delivered or delivered by Express Mail, FEDEX, Airborne, U.P.S., Etc. with a guarantee of delivery with a signed receipt.

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EXPERTISE.

LINDA LANGMESSER

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., August 12, 1999 for the following:

PURCHASE OF MUELLER BRASS WATER MATERIALS

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. 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

TERRY BENNETT

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., August 12, 1999 for the following:

## PURCHASE OF MOVEABLE SHELVING

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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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: auxiliary aids or services and writing or calling the following:

David Medley

ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-543

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A Special Joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 20. 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL - Board of Trustees

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent:

Also Present

**ROLL CALL** - Planning Commission

Johnson, Gustafson, Lieberman, McLaughlin, Wade, Members Present: Sullivan, Zarbo

Members Absent: Staff Present:

Machnik, Ager, Casari, Goulet, Weyer, Bochlage, Kelly, Wolosiowicz, Wrublewski

Joe VanEsley, Virginia Parker, John Roughley, Ralph Welton, Representatives from Biltmore Properties, Canton Observer, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Detroit Newspapers, LRK Associates, Gibbs Planning Group.

Tringali Associates CHERRY HILL VILLAGE ITEM 1

Supervisor Yack introduced David Stollman, Vice President Biltm Properties, Mr. Stollman gave a historical background on the Cherry Hill Village Project and introduced Jim Constantine, Director of Planning for Looney Ricks Kiss Inc. Mr. Constantine presented the Cherry Hill Village Project and gave examples of historic village design performed by his company from around the country. He reviewed residential unit types. pedestrian path and bicycle trail system, gateway designs, the village square, natural features of the area, phases of construction.

Discussions included the status of the acqusition of tract eleven, potential uses for the Ford Factory, detention-retention areas, limitations of hte pattern book, covenants and restrictions price ranges for housing and time line for a final site plan

Supervisor Yack informally adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held

on July 20, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on August 10, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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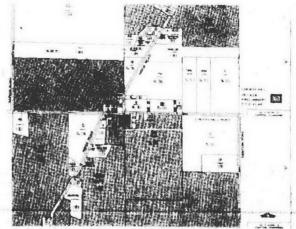
## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943

of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 23, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS, 071 99 0002 001, 071 99 0002 002, 072 99 0005 003, 073 99 0002 000, 073 99 0005 002, 073 99 0009 000, 074 99 0001 000, 074 99 0002 000, 074 99 0008 709, 074 99 0010 705. Property is located north and south of Cherry Hill Road between Denton and Napier. First Public Hearing.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 19, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review



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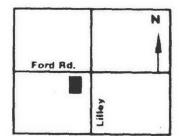
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#### FLOYD E. PETERSON

Services for Floyd E. Peterson, 77, of Canton Township will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7,in the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating.

He was born May 25, 1922 in Moscow, Idaho. He died July 19 in Westland. He was a research chemist at Warner-Lambert/Parke Davis in Ann Arbor for 38 years. He served in World War II in the 8th Airborne Division of the United States

Army. He came to the Plymouth/Canton community in 1959 from Defroit. He loved his family, muic, photography and travel-

Sarvivors include his wife,

Barbara of Canton; two daughters, Marti (Bruce) Hartdegen of Plymouth, Nancy (Dennis) Martin of Saline; and four grandchildren, Matt and Brian Hartedegen, and Laura and Kevin Mar-

Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson's Founda-

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## CHRISTOPHER NORMAN DECKER

Services for Christopher Norman Decker, 27, of Plymouth were July 24 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Frank Howard officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

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He was preceded in death by his mother, Caroline J. Decker.

Survivors include his father, William (Lynette) Decker of Plymouth, two brothers, William (Cheri) H. Decker, Jr. of Livonia, Steve Wells; two sisters, Susan (Ken) Currie of Plymouth, Jennifer (Mark) Pinto of Ann Arbor; grandparents, William and Kay Biskney of Farmington Hills; three nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to Chris Decker Memorial Fund c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170.

## DANIEL J. CONNELL

**OBITUARIES** 

Services for Daniel J. Connell, 49, of Canton were July 23 in the St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiat-

He was born Oct. 16, 1949 in Detroit. He died July 20 in Canton. He was a tool and die maker at Ford Motor Co. He was a member of St. John Neumann Church

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Rose Connell; and one brother, Terry.

Survivors include his wife, Trish; three daughters, Shannon, Colleen, Kelly; and one sister, Peg (Dan) Loch.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers or donations to Angela Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

#### EDITH M. ROBB

Services for Edith M. Robb, 86, of Okemos (formerly of Plymouth) were July 28 in Gorsline-Runciman Co. East Chapel, East Lansing, with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, officiating. Burial was in Dewitt Cemetery, Dewitt.

She was born Dec. 8, 1912 in Kinmundy, Ill. She died July 25. She came to Michigan in 1922, and received her bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University. She had advanced studies at Wayne State University and Chicago University. She was a school teacher for 39 years

with the Livonia Public Schools and other area schools.

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She was a charter member of the Livonia Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth where she was active in all church activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Ethel Robb; one brother, William W. Robb; and two sisters, Alice Skinner and Elsie Robb.

Survivors include her two sisters, Agnes Bouyoucos and Lorene Little; sister-in-law, Iris Robb; and many nieces and nephews.

Please see OBITS, A15

## REQUEST FOR BIDS LOCAL AREA NETWORK SERVER

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting bids for the purchase of alocal area network server. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

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

All submittals must be received by August 16, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. A bablic opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the hiddle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for the purchase of a document imaging system that will facilitate the storage, indexing and retrieval of documents. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

> Ms. Deloris Newell Western Townships Utilities Authority 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 453-2793

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The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Plymouth Guitar is proud to present the August schedule for Friday Night Fun, a series of free concerts held in downtown Plymouth at 7 p.m., every Friday, featuring the best of the Detroit Area music scene.

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August 27-Ten Fingers Free transforms Penniman Avenue with their alternative rock sound, sponsored by LaRiche Chevrolet.



### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1999

A SPECIAL meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 29, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

NEW OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 827 W. ANN ARBOR TRAIL **ZONED: B-2, CENTRAL BUSINESS** APPLICANT: TRI-MOUNT MANAGEMENT

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> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend. Publish: July 29, 1999



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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Thursday, August 5, 1999, at 201 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly, opened and

> RIM CLAMP TIRE CHANGER & BALANCER

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

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

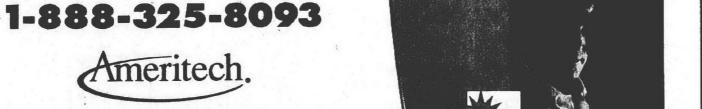
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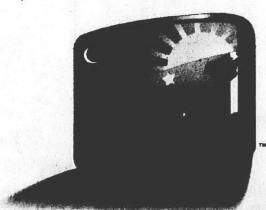
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **Downtown Development Authority**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan Downtown Development Authority will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 18, 1999 for the following:

DESIGN OF ENTRANCE/DIRECTIONAL SIGNS Proposal requirements and conditions, and all other related documents to

this Proposal and Bid may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Administrative Services at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular working hours

Work related to this Proposal and Bid consists of furnishing all necessary labor, supervision, equipment and supplies for design and oversight of production of entrance/directional signs assisting access and promoting

The Downtown Development Authority Board of the City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and Bids and to waive any irregularities. The Downtown Development Authority Board reserves the right to select various options from the Proposal/Bid that are in the best interest of the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. ADDRESS PROPOSALS AND BIDS TO:

> Linda Langmesser City Clerk 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170

Proposals and Bids must be in a sealed envelope bearing the inscription "Proposal - Entrance/Directional Signs."

It is the responsibility of the bidder to insure that their Proposal and Bid are delivered and accepted in a timely manner. It is suggested, although not required, that Proposal and Bids be hand delivered or delivered by Express Mail, FEDEX, Airborne, U.P.S., Etc. with a guarantee of delivery with a signed receipt.

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Services for Harold W. Johnson, 76, of Plymouth were July 19 in Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, with the Rev. Harold W. Edmonds officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Park, Novi.

He was born May 1, 1923 in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. He died July 16 in Farmington Hills. He was a service technician.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Johnson; and parents, William Henry and Elizabeth Johnson. Survivors include his son, Daniel (Megumi) Johnson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Esther (Chris) Gregory of Canton; one brother, Vernon Johnson of Thornbury, Ontario; and seven grandchildren, Malcolm Johnson, Katarina Johnson, Kerry Johnson, Randy Johnson, Christopher Jr. (CJ) Gregory, John Gregory, Elizabeth Gregory.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, 11532 Parkview, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## JAMES W. WOODS

Services for James W. Woods, 75, of Bloomfield Hills, were July 23 in St. Hugo of the Hills Church. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

He was born Feb. 13, 1924 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died July 20 in William Beaumont Hospital. He was a graduate of Elder High School and Xavier University. He also had further studies at Stanford University in California. He was a United States Marine during World War II. He was a warehouse and distribution consultant for the grocery industry. He operated Jim Woods and Associates, Ltd., Bloomfield Hills from 1974 to 1992. He was director of distribution for the Kroger company in Cincinnati. Ohio from 1948 to 1967. He was senior vice president of Allied Supermarkets from 1967 to 1974. He was a member of St. Hugo of the Hills Church and an active member of the Elder Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores M. Woods; three daughters, Jennifer Neilendam of Canton, Cynthia Schneider of Seminole, Fla., Diane Piscopink of Troy; five grandchildren, Jason, Brett, Emily, Amy and Erin; and one great granddaughter, Mallerie.

Memorials may be made to Detroit Zoological Society, P.O. Box 8237, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

## DANIEL L. CONNELL

Services for Daniel L. Connell, 49, of Canton were July 23 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

He was born Oct. 16, 1950. He died July 20 in Canton. He was a tool and die maker at Ford Motor Company. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church,

He was preceded in death by his sister, Terry; and by his parents, Richard and Rose Connell. Survivors include his wife, Trish; three daughters, Shannon, Colleen, Kelly; and one sister, Peg (Dan) Loch.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

## MARVIN LEE SCHULZ

Services for Marvin Lee Schulz, 51, of Canton were July 24 in St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Ceme-

He was born Sept. 26, 1947 in Detroit. He died July 19 in Ann Arbor. He was an engineer for Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the K of C Msgr. Kern Council and a member of the Krozdron VFW Post. He was in the US Army from 1969-1971 with one full year in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Catherine Schulz; one daughter, Laura Marie Schulz; and three sisters, Bernadine Kummer, Geraldine Fleestone, Marlene Mrocka.

Memorials may be made to Unit 8-A Nurses Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, U of M Medical Center, 1500 E. Medical Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY MCCABE FUNERAL HOME, CANTON CHAPEL DOLORES M. MUMA

Services for Dolores M. Muma, 73, of West Bloomfield (formerly of Rosedale Park) were Saturday, July 24, in St. Mary Church, Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born June 28, 1926 in Detroit. She died July 20 in North Oakland Medical Center. Pontiac. She was the former administrative assistant for McManus, John & Adams Adver-

## **OBITUARIES**

tising Agency. She was a member of the West Bloomfield Women's Club for eight years. She was a member of Women of Bloomfield for 3 1/2 years as treasurer. She was a voracious reader and master bridge player (member of several bridge clubs) and she loved

working crossword puzzles. She and her husband went on annual elder hostel trip in search of further knowledge. She could speak three languages. She also loved summers in the Traverse City area.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Power.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; three sons, Michael (Sue) Muma of Plymouth, Andrew J. (Beth) Muma of Rochester Hills, David P. Muma of Berkley; two daughters, Lindsay Ann Kill of Pleasant Ridge, Margaret E. (James) Serda of Rochester Hills; and nine grandchildren, Matt, Alex, Andy, Brian, Jack, Patrick, Pam, A.J.,

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Community Center.

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Local arrangements wee made by the A.J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

#### BERTHA E. SCUSSEL

Services for Bertha E. Scussel, 83, of Canton Township were July 26 in St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 17, 1915 in Mulberry, Kansas. She died July 22 in Michigan Hospice, West

Bloomfield. She was a florist. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold C.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda M. Lynch; three sens, Jay D, Peter M. (Cindy), James A. (Sandy); one brother; one sister; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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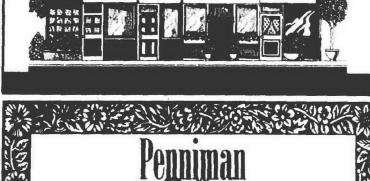
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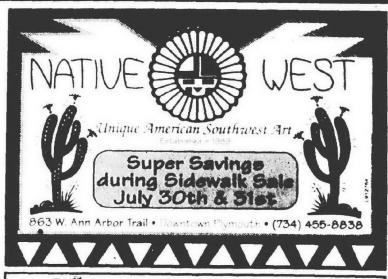
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## **Election '99**

## Voters to pare list of hopefuls

or the first time since 1993 voters in the city of Plymouth will have a primary election due to so many candidates running for a seat on the commission.

Twelve people turned in nominating petitions, although two have since dropped out of the race. A primary is held if more than double the number of petitions are filed as there are seats available, according to city charter. Four seats are open.

The good news is that so many people have taken an interest in public service and, for that, all 10 of the remaining candidates should be lauded for taking the initiative to make their community a better place in which

Voters will pare down the number of candidates to eight next Tuesday and those successful candidates will square off in the November general election to fill the four vacated seats.

The Observer has followed the race closely throughout the past few months and sent out questionnaires to each candidate. Their responses can be found in today's Observer. We also watched nine of the 10 candidates in action last week at a Meet the Candidates Night sponsored by The Republican Club.

The eight candidates we feel stand out as best representatives of the residents of Plymouth are as follows:

Kevin Decker, a self-employed metal worker, stresses the importance of nonpartisan cooperation between the commission and residents. He also feels his role as a city commissioner is to listen and "to bring those voices with you to the meeting."

Daniel Dwyer, a top administrator at an Ypsilanti prison, currently sits on the city's . beautification committee and has dedicated the past eight years to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. His focus on downtown

appears rooted on family activities - and parking issues.

Sean FitzGerald, an attorney, is our No. 1 choice for city commissioner. As a member of the Planning Commission since 1995 and current chairman, FitzGerald has a grasp of government operations. He also would be a calming voice to the commission, which has been besieged by chaos.

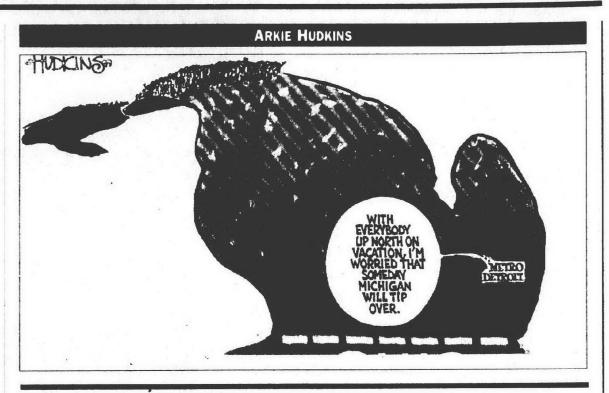
Bill Graham, vice president of Peoples State Bank, is a 55-year resident who previously served as the city's finance director, clerk, treasurer and interim city manager. His resume in municipal government and community service is lengthy. Graham will bring experience to the table.

Michele Potter, a social worker, wants to create an environment conducive to new business and entrepreneurs for the city. Potter will bring many fresh ideas to the commission table. She has done her research and is interested and energetic.

Sally Repeck, a business consultant and chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority, has a focus on communication - not only among the commissioners, but between the commission and other boards, such as the Planning Commission. Her knowledge of downtown would be an asset.

Al Thomas, a real estate agent, wants to have a vision and a plan for the future of Plymouth. "I believe our residents expect its government to maintain a proper balance of city services and planned growth while keeping the quality of life as we know it," he said.

Jerry Vorva, a real estate agent, is a former city commissioner and state representative. Vorva has experience and common sense on how a government should operate as a representative of the people.



## **LETTERS**

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Valerie Olander, Plymouth Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Valerie at (734) 459-2700 or emailed to volander@oe.homecomm.net

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## Thanks to supporters

wish to thank all those who supported me through my term as Plymouth City Commissioner. I am proud of the path that the former Mayor Donald Dismuke and I have laid out to help in the development of Plymouth's downtown. I'm ecstatic about the new friendship and bonds that I have formed between the city and township, which helped lead to the recent agreements. Those agreements benefit our whole community! As you are aware, the time and effort involved in making municipal government work can be a rewarding endeavor, to those that undertake the challenge. I am proud to serve the citizens of Plymouth as mayor through the end of my term.

My wife, Kimberlee, and I have been blessed with some new challenges at our respective professions. These opportunities also take time and effort. Unfortunately, when you combine those with a commitment of raising a 6 year old child and other general family demands some things have to give. Therefore, I have decided to withdraw from the commission race and not seek re-election in the fall for another four-year seat.

My decision not to run will also allow me to finish my term as mayor without the political overtures from some of the current commissioners. There are many other fine candidates in this year's commission race, many of whom are knowledgeable in the issues currently facing the city. I ask my supporters to back William Graham, Jerry Vorva, Daniel Dwyer and Sally Repeck in the general election and John Vos in the special election. Those individuals led by John Vos and David McDonald will raise the city chamber to new heights.

Again, I am honored to serve as mayor of this great city and look forward to a more limited role in keeping our community healthy and growing.

> Joseph C. Koch Plymouth

## Support alien rights

Secret evidence. It has been used against members of the Arab and Muslim community for quite some time. The legal pretext is the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, which allows the federal government to present secret evidence against noncitizens considered a "threat" to national security

For example, the recent incident and resul-

obscene/unacceptable/inappropriate language

points up the need for consistent enforcement,

not elimination, of the law. Should the issue

find itself before the Michigan and/or the U.S.

again its position that many societal stan-

dards have degenerated much too far down

"the slippery slope." Hopefully Mr. McCotter,

as a Republican and the head of this new task

force, will view each "antiquated statute" with

an eye toward the benefits of returning to the

more ethical, moral and wise standards upon

which the country and this state were found-

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The Republican party has stated again and

tant court case relating to the use of

Supreme Court, then so be it.

Fighting terrorism is certainly one of our most important battles as we move into the 21st century. The result of this law, however, has been nothing short of horrific for families whose relatives find themselves jailed suddenly and without warning, explanation or bond. Even deportation.

The bottom line is that the defendant and his attorney are unable to defend against the alleged "incriminating" evidence for the simple fact that they don't know what it is.

But several members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats are trying to change this unconstitutional phenomenon by co-sponsoring a bill which ensures that "no alien is removed, denied a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or otherwise deprived of liberty, based on evidence that is kept secret from the alien." In simpler terms, the bill (H.R. 2121) would safeguard the rights of the accused brought before a court, regardless of ethnic origin or religious affiliation, by informing them of the crimes they are being charged with and guaranteeing them of their due process.

Please contact your Congressman or Congresswoman and urge them to support H.R. 2121.

> Sherri Muzher Lansing

## Share the road with trucks

hen it comes to a clash between a passenger vehicle and heavy-duty to win.

So it only makes sense that those of us driving puny, two-axle vehicles ought to take notice and listen when the Michigan Truck Safety Commission, which represents the people who drive huge, multi-axle trucks, puts out some suggestions to help us share the road

There's a convergence of issues that make things more difficult for all drivers these days. First, there are more cars and more trucks on the road today than ever before due to a number of reasons, including the predominance of on-time delivery of goods.

And, there's been a record amount of road construction in Michigan this summer that makes drivers more frustrated with the slowdowns. Toss in a little hot weather, mix thoroughly and you'll get a local commute more nightmarish, perhaps, than ever before.

Given those factors, the timing of the MTSC effort to boost safety awareness couldn't be better.

The tips are relatively basic. Many are things we learned - or should have learned back in driver's training. These suggestions

Trucks make wide turns; hang back a little while they swing out for a turn.

■ Merge and go with the flow when getting onto a freeway. Blend safely into traffic by picking an opening, adjusting your speed and

■ When it comes to cars and trucks sharing the road, size mat-

merging.

■ Watch out for a truck's blind spot – it's big. Blind spots include the back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side, and on the driver's side outside the rearview mirror. A big key: If you can't see the truck driver in his/her mirror, the trucker probably cannot see you.

■ Remember, these trucks are very heavy. One 18-wheeler our reporter rode aboard was able to handle 80,000 pounds or 40 tons of auto parts. Obviously, that kind of heft requires plenty of time to get up to freeway speed and, more importantly, plenty of time to

Many of us say we're good drivers and it's the other guy who can't handle the wheel properly. And we all complain when we get behind or next to those big rigs; we grouse about how they drive and many times they're risky drivers too.

Facts, however, show that most of the time there are serious crashes, it's the passenger vehicle's fault. In fatal accidents, 7 of every 10 times it's the car that causes the crash, according to MTSC figures.

When it comes to cars and trucks sharing the road, size matters. Smart car drivers will remember these tips next time they see that big rig in their rear-view mirrors.

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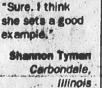
## **QUESTION:**

Do you think the space shuttle having a woman commander is a good role model for young women?

We asked this question in downtown Plymouth



she sets a good





"Sure she would be. Now is the time for her to do that kind of



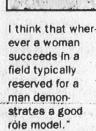


You bet. I like the saying: 'A woman who wants to be equal to a man

lacks ambition."

Sandy Kim

Plymouth



Browning

The Free Press (June 28, 1999) reports that state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter "as head of the newly-appointed State Law Revision Task Force" has stated his intention to "target antiquated statutes for elimination."

More ethical standards

It is our hope that Senator McCotter and the members of the task force will bear in mind that each targeted statute was, presumably, weighed carefully before being passed into law. Therefore, it is likely that a good many of those supposedly outdated statutes may have merit, may be worth retaining and,

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## Sandy defined courage

While the PCCS board is develop-ing policies and procedures for naming district facilities, it's important that people know how the school board came to their decision to give Phase III the name, Sandra Sagear. It's also a good time for people to learn more about Sandy.

First, it may seem that the school board made a hasty decision, but they had Sandra Sagear's name (and background information) in front of them for several weeks before they voted to assign her name to Phase

I submitted Sandra's name to be considered for the new elementary school. At that time, I also included letters of support and a petition

signed by people in the community. which included parents, Plymouth-Canton school employees, and people without school-aged children. When I told people about Sandra, I heard many, many stories about their families and friends who also fought polio and other disabilities.

The school board did not violate any policy or procedure. The final decision to name any building has always been a board decision. The only thing that has changed over the years has been that the amount of input from the community has increased.

Sandy was a 1969 graduate from Plymouth High School (PHS). Sandy died about six years ago. As a toddler, Sandy contracted polio. After recovering from the acute phase of

the illness, she was able to walk wearing braces and attend public

LETTER TO EDITOR

schools. I had the privilege of going to school with Sandy Sagear. She was kind-hearted, caring, and a good friend. She wasn't the first person with polio to go to school, nor was she the first person at PHS on crutches. Although, you could say she made it through school by the seat of her pants.

Remember that PHS (now Central Middle School) is a three-story building. Think back 35 years: there was no elevator, no backpacks, but there was a dress code. Sandy got to classes on the second floor by going up the staff stairs, next to the cafeteria. Because of her braces, it was difficult for Sandy to walk forward up the

stairs, so she walked up the stairs backwards or she would sit down and scoot up the flight of stairs on her fanny... and in a skirt. She did that every day for three years. Friends helped by carrying her crutches and books up the stairs, but once on the second floor, she managed on her

I can't remember ever hearing Sandy complain or ask for special privileges. She just wanted to go to school. Sandy died about six years ago from complications of post-polio syndrome.

I want to thank the P-C school board for voting to name Phase III, "The Sandra Sagear Building." I hope that they are able to develop a policy and confirm this vote very soon. My regret is not that they

acted on this with enthusiasm, but that I waited so long to take this story to the school board. I should

have been there 33 years ago. The board didn't try to correct a past mistake with this decision; they simply wanted to honor the memory of a young woman for her dedication to education, who persevered in spite

of a difficult and unfair situation. If our intent is to have schools for children to grow and learn in, then we need a name that has the power to inspire. Sandy's determination, hope, patience, and courage will be as much a part of Phase III as the bricks and glass.

> Debra Madonna Plymouth

## **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Congress drops the ball on health care ... again

n the last few years I served as editor of The Novi News, I began to notice a disturbing trend - we were writing stories with increasing frequency about fund-raising events for people with terminal illnesses.

How sad, I thought. In this day and age when health insurance is so common, some folks still have to go out on the stump to get the cash they need to keep from dying. I was even more disturbed when I began to realize that in most of these cases, the patients actually had health insurance.

As I continued to observe, it became clear there were two typical causes for this need to raise money. One was to cover costs incidental to the treatment expenses. For example, a patient might be flying to a clinic out of state and air fare and hotel rooms for relatives caused the additional cost burden.

Fair enough, I concluded. Insurance can't be expected to cover such costs.

The second common cause really



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however. The doctor determined the patient needed a drug not yet fully approved by the Federal Drug Administration and therefore still considered experimental. Insurance com-

bothered me,

panies most often won't pay for experimental drugs.

While modern science is spinning out new treatments for all manner of ailments at a truly dazzling rate, the FDA still requires the most arduous testing of new drugs to be found anywhere in the world. And it should.

But typically, by the time pharmaceutical companies reach the point of submitting a "protocol," the outline of the final study, to the FDA, drug manufacturers have done quite a bit of preliminary testing. The last bit of

research is done on humans to track the drug's effectiveness and discover all the potential side effects.

Doctors keep an eye on such research and it is not unusual for them to conclude that some new wonder drug is the last best hope for their patient. The patient can get the drug, by participating in the study, but insurance companies usually won't pick up the tab.

Somehow, that seems almost criminal to me \_ that a patient for whom insurance premiums have been paid, who needs a drug that has been developed to the point its is being given to humans should have to face bankruptcy - or resort to fund-raisers - to pay for it.

So I was extremely disappointed when Congress recently turned down a proposal to require health maintenance organizations to pay for experimental drugs. It was one of a number of HMO reforms rejected by federal lawmakers. Also on the list were proposals to allow doctors to make the

final call on what treatments a patient needs, rather than the HMO, and eliminating HMOs' immunity from lawsuits.

Frankly, I've never understood why HMOs.should not have legal liability for their actions. We all understand that things can go wrong on the operating table when we consent to surgery, but that has not led to any immunity for doctors from malpractice suits.

Now that Congress has dropped the ball, it's time for the second string to take the field. If any HMO reforms are likely to be enacted, it will be the state Legislature that does the job. It has had to do it before.

When Congress rejected President Clinton's national health care plan several years back, it was the state legislatures that had to take over. In one year alone, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, state lawmakers across the country proposed some 26,000 health care reform bills and turned 3,400 of

them into law. Much of the national plan was adopted in many states.

Dennis Denno, spokesman for the Michigan Democrats, is mad about Congress' most recent failure to act and pointed the finger directly at Republican Sen. Spencer Abraham for his no vote on the bills. Congress could have taken care of the issue for the entire country. But he agrees now it's up state lawmakers.

State Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said she believes the final call on a patient's treatment should be the doctor's, not the HMO's. And she agrees it is up to the state to do the

It's just one more instance in which the state is left to do a job the feds should have taken care of.

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## Disillusioned voters find alternative

national political convention took place in Michigan over the weekend. No, it wasn't the Republicans crowning George W. Bush as their presidential nominee. Nor was it the Democrats, vibrating (slowly) to the electric personalities of Al Gore and Bill Bradley. It was the Reform Party, in convention duly assembled at the Hyatt Regency in Dearbor

Now before you either snigger or condemn the Reform Party to the overcrowded graveyard of American third parties, consider this.

■ What political party's platform called for and achieved the most substantive political reform in the last 10 years? The Reform Party's plank on term limits.

■ What third party rose virtually overnight to full-blown national exposure over just two presidential elections? The Reform Party, led by billionaire Ross Perot. ■ What political party attracted 336,000

Michigan votes for its presidential candidate in the 1996 election? The Reform Party, with Ross Perot its candidate for president. For folks in Michigan, the Reform Party

ought to have a lot of appeal as an alternative to either of the mainstream parties. To the left are the Democrats, dominated in

general by organized labor and in particular by the United Auto Workers and its president, Steve Yokich, and his chief of staff, Paul Mas

The scope of domination was laid out for all to see last week when Frank Garrison, the longtime head of the Michigan State AFL-CIO and one of the few independent thinkers in the party hierarchy, announced his "retirement." The feud between Garrison and Yokich-Massaron has been an ill-kept secret for years. We now know who has the votes.

Also powerful in the Michigan Democratic Party are Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and the various political factions in Detroit, as well as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. Excepting followers of McNamara, a practical politician of the old school and a centrist, there's not much room at the Democratic inn for moderates, "Milliken Democrat" suburbanites, or business and professional people.

On the right are the Republicans, now dominated by Gov. John Engler, a colossus whose reign has obscured the vicious split between relatively practical "Main Street" Republicans and the rabidly rigid social conservatives.

Don't kid yourselves. All may be sweetness and light on the surface; Republicans regardless of ilk are panting to recapture the White House and George W. seems the most likely guy to do it. But underneath the politics of compassionate expediency lurk a bunch of savage ideologues. whose past track record demonstrates spectacu-



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lar efficiency in driving away most moderate

So a party that includes this on its platform -"We shall seek to reform our electoral, lobbying and campaign practices to ensure that our elected government officials and our candidates owe their allegiance and remain accountable to the people whom they are elected to serve rather than other influence-seeking agencies" - should be very attractive to a lot of middle-of-the-road Michigan voters.

Of course, the Reform Party arose as the compound of widespread voter frustration with both major parties, generously greased with Mr. Perot's money and ego. I doubt any other person in America could have created a party that got itself on the ballot in most states literally from

Over the weekend, the Reform Party had to address in convention its own personality struggle for leadership between Perot and Minnesota governor and former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura. Now that the issue has been, ahem, pinned down, the reformers will have to go forward under the cloud that, "a vote for the Reform Party is like a vote for none of the above," in the words of Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

It's all very sad. Since the election last year, many, many people have told me they feel they have no home in either major political party. The prospects for either Democrats or Republicans reaching out to ordinary, middle-of-theroad people seem slim. And the Reform Rarty has limited itself to offering us a billionaire with short man's disease and a TV entertainer.

Winston Churchill was right. Democracy is the worst system of government, except when compared to any other.

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## Fast-thinking airport employee cited for heroic on-the-job rescue

An airport operations agent at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport received honors and praise on Thursday for actions he took June 29 to save the life of a Detroit Edison work-

Gregory Wing of Belleville received a Distinguished Medal and a Citation of Valor on Thursday from County Executive Edward McNamara for removing a live 7000-volt electric cable from Peter Hartner at the airport on June 29.

That evening Wing escorted Hartner out to the approach end of one of Metro's runways to inspect several cable boxes, damaged by a lightning strike the night before.

Before beginning repairs, Hartner removed a yellow "hot stick" from his vehicle and laid it on the ground near the work area. (A "hot stick" is an insulated pole used to move live power

After believing he had isolated the burned-out circuit, Hartner told Wing the transformer was grounded so repairs could begin. Unaware of an alternate feed to the transformer. Hartner began to work. But when he made contact with the conductor, he was severely shocked, and fell to the



Life saver: Greg Wing, left, shows his medal and citation received for his rescue of Peter Hartner, right, from an electric cable.

ground with the live 7,000-volt against his body. cable resting on his body.

"I said, "God, forgive me for all I've done,' and reached for the wire," said Wing. The eight-year Metro Airport employee quickly grabbed the "hot stick" from the ground and pushed the live cable

from Hartner's body. Wing then checked Hartner, who was slipping in and out of consciousness and used his radio to call for emergency assistance. Hartner suffered two contact burns where the wire brushed

"Greg Wing's heroic deed saved Peter Hartner's life," said Charlie Sherrill, director of airport operations.

McNamara said Wing also visited the Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center that evening to see how Hartner was doing.

"His heroic and humanitarian efforts serve as an example for us all, and it gives me great pleasure to bestow upon Greg this honor. We are lucky to have him as part of our team.

## Ventriloquist entertains at park

Children of all ages can experience a full evening of entertainment which includes a ventriloquist and movie, on Friday, July 30, at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Ventriloquist Richard Paul will perform at 7:30 p.m., and the Disney animated feature movie, "Mulan," will be shown at dusk.

Paul is an author, member of

the National Speaker's Association and the International Ventriloquist Association.

"Mulan" will appear outdoor on a 300-foot projection screen with stereo sound. The movie tells the story of a young, highspirited Chinese girl who learns that her aged father has been called into service to fight the invading Mongols.

The Summer Family Enter-

tainment Series of free movies, musical and children's performances in the outdoors was made possible through the parks property tax. This event has been co-sponsored through the Redford Parks and Recreation Department.

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#### **COMMON SENSORS**



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## Kids' views: some things to consider

he land mines for kids are out there. Make no mistake about it. This columnist has highlighted several of them, including drugs/alcohol, sex, violence and a need to fit in.

But as we wring our hands with worry about the next generation, I am relieved to see that not all the children share our concerns.

In a new poll by Nickelodeon and Time magazine, more than 1,100 kids age 6-14 expressed some thoughts that, frankly, surprised me.

As Chaudia Wallis sums up in her July 5 Time story, "What emerges loud and clear from the study is that kids are very happy to be kids and they don't view the world as the nasty place their parents perceive it to be.'

These kids, instead of worrying about guns, crime and violence, are more concerned with the simpler aspects of childhood: being bossed around, homework, being grounded

The scariest proposition they could conjure up about their future was to envision themselves as president of the United States.

When asked if they would rather be Microsoft founder Bill Gates or

■ When asked if they would rather be Microsoft rounder Bill **Gates** or **President Bill** Clinton, 67 percent responded positively for **Gates.** When asked if they would even consider being president at all. 62 percent

said no.

President Bill Clinton, 67 percent responded positively for Gates. When asked if they would even con sider being president at all, 62 percent said

But along with remarks that could have mirrored children from the '50s, there were some answers that we as parents may want to ponder.

For instance, when asked what age they thought premarital sex was appropriate, the kids' average answer was

23 years old. When parents were asked the same question, the answer was 18 years old.

Another question asked kids and adults was how much respect they thought adults have for kids. Some 79 percent of the kids thought adults have "some" or "a lot" of respect for children.

In contrast, 94 percent of adults answered the same way. When the kids were asked if they felt that adults had no respect for children, a solid 5 percent agreed.

Could it be that adults send a mixed message by assuring children they have respect for them, but don't act like it?

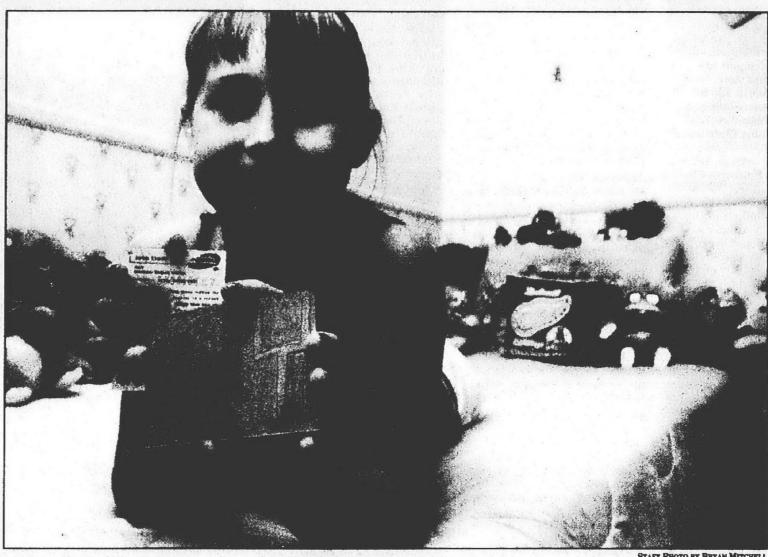
One last surprising response that should tell us something about what every child needs came when they were asked if they would like to spend more time with their parents.

As expected, the little kids agreed they would like to spend more time with their parents, but even 60 percent of the kids ages 12-14 agreed.

Maybe that's the most significant piece of information we can take from this survey: spending time with children builds a connectedness like noth-

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## Here's her football favorite



Take a look: Surrounded by her collection of stuffed koala bears, Ashly Butkowski shows off the John Elway Upper Deck football trading card that she drew for the company's "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest. Her drawing was one of 30 included in a subset of Upper Deck's 1999 MVP footballs card set.

# Drawing puts her in Upper Deck

while sitting in front of the TV. It only took her

The contest ran August through October of last

year, and entrants were given the mission of draw-

ing, painting or otherwise creating their vision of a

collector's Upper Deck NFL MVP football trading

The Carlsbad, Calif.-based company received

3,000 entries in three age groups - 5-8 years, 9-14

years and 15 years and older) and selected 10 win-

ners in each group, based on their creativity, over-

whelming," said Lisa Vipond, football brand man-

ager for Upper Deck. "We evaluated some true-to-

life renditions from collectors ranging in age from 6

"The amount of entries we received was over-

card, featuring their favorite player.

all presentation and athlete likeness.

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BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

s Ashly Butkowski puts it, she's been drawing ever since she could hold a crayon, and the refrigerator in her Westland home is her art

Magnets hold up her free-hand drawings of a lobster, a fish and a computer-aided sketch of her dad. Richard, sitting on the couch, eating "Air Crisps."

There's also a spot for her first published piece, a crayon sketch of John Elway. Ashley wishes she'd included a few more details, but no matter. The crayon drawing of the Denver Broncos quarterback was just what Upper Deck wanted for a football trading card.

"I wish I had put a nose on him," said Ashly, fingering the trading card that's available as a subset card in Upper Deck's 1999 MVP football set.

"And there's no helmet," said her mother, Karen. "She didn't even look at pictures of him, she drew it from memory. She does all of her pictures like that. She's our little artist."

It was her father who happened on the contest last summer. A trading card collector since he was a child, he found a blank card, announcing the "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest, in a pack he bought last year.

He asked Ashly is she wanted to enter, and the 7 1/2-year-old responded with and "I guess so." "She drew it the next day," said Karen. "She did

to 55. The entrants showed their passion for trading cards and football in general." The winning cards are inserted into packs as an

about an hour."

Mission to draw

additional card within the NFL MVP football set. The insert ratio is one card in every six. A third grader at Grant Elementary School in Livonia, Ashly entered the contest with a positive

attitude - "I knew I would win." Living in Detroit Lions country, she opted to draw John Elway because of her Dad.

"When Dad watches the Broncos with me ... well, I watch it with my Dad ... he's like my favorite player out of all of them," she said.

"My husband's been a huge Broncos fan since he

was a little kid," added Karen.

The family had expected the contest winners' would be announced at the end of the 1998 season, but heard nothing. It wasn't until April, that the

letter came from Upper Deck. "It was a nice surprise," said Karen, who told her daughter about it when she picked her up at school. When we found out, it had been so long that we couldn't remember what it looked like, only that it

"Ashly enters a lot of things and is fairly lucky, but this one took skill."

Even her sister, Jennifer, 13 1/2, calls her sister lucky and considers her contest success to be "cool," Karen added.

## For her 'fans'

had a goal post.

In addition to having her drawing appearing on the Upper Deck card, the youngster received an Upper Deck baseball cap, sticker and 25 cards to give to her "fans.

She also heard from Elway on Monday. Selected as the MVP of Super Bowl XXXIII, Elway sent her an autographed picture and a note, saying "Way to go, Ashly, and best wishes.

Her collector father has already checked out the value of the card. Because of the limited number of cards and her choice of John Elway, Ashly's card

Please see FOOTBALL, B2

## Women face challenge fulfilling God's call

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Karen C. Lewis' marketing career had been a successful one. She admits she enjoyed money. She went on expensive vacations and purchased designer clothing for herself and her family.

But all that changed. After her son was born with an autoimmune disorder, her family was felled by a string of medical emergencies. Lewis was diagnosed with lupus and her daughter with juvenile diabetes. During that time of struggle, she realized one thing: she wanted to be a priest.

"I have what, I call a 'Gotcha Bird.' God has this little invisible bird on my shoulder and it'll go, 'Gotcha,' " the boisterous Lewis explained. "God is always active with us, but we don't pay attention and listen. Once we stop and listen, which for me took many crises, God goes 'Gotcha' and tells you want you need to hear.

"Unfortunately, our God doesn't use a telephone, telegram, post office or email, so it makes it a little bit harder to figure out what God wants you to do."

His message for Lewis was an ordained ministry. Her answer was "no

way."
"I like money, I like my weekends off," she said. "I'm not real big on the church, in terms of what you have to do. I really said I'm not good enough. through the seven-year ordination. August 1995, she has served as assis-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

New career: Karen Lewis is among a growing number of women who are accepting the call to serve as ordained ministers. The assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, she feels comfortable in her work, but some people are uncomfortable with the idea of female clergy.

But I said, OK, I will go ahead and think about it."

Lewis thought about it and went

process, that included leaving behind her husband and three children to study for a year in Illinois. Since

tant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The process wasn't as easy as that. While she felt comfortable as a clergy member, others called it awkward or just plain wrong. Lewis, however, takes

"I've had my tastes of discrimination," she said. "I've had people refuse to receive communion from me. I've had people request a male to do funerals and not a female. I've been called names. I've been told I can't do what I do because Jesus chose men to be apostles and I don't have the right anatomi-

"My response is, I have yet to see a man use that part of his anatomy at an altar or in any part of their priesthood. As soon as they start using that in their priesthood, then I'm out because I don't qualify. I had one priest tell me that I don't need to make the same salary as him because my husband has a good job.

"Discrimination is alive and well against women clergy. I pray that for my children's generation, it's going to be different."

## **Increasing numbers**

The number of female clergy is growing. When the Rev. Sharon L. Janot attended seminary in the early to mid-

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## CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing ino later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at \$20 for a 6foot table. For more information. call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062. ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church **3 Jooking for crafters for its** tumn arts and crafts show 9 m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the purch, 26431 W. Chicago, Intween Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at 1813) 937-2880 DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 in. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the and. For more information, call **1284**) 421-6130.

DE THEODORE Theodore Catholic Church is king for crafters for its annual aft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more Information, call Mary at (734) **42**5-4421.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 n.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West hicago at Inkster roads, Redd. Table rental is \$25. For bre information, call Joanne at 13) 937-0226 or Josie at (734)

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA** Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for

more information.

LIVONIA STEVENSON The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY** 

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

ST. VALENTINE

Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

## Clergy from page B1

1980s, probably less than 10 percent of the ordained clergy was women. But now, she believes, the "number is certainly over 10 percent."

And there's a large group of them in the western Wayne County area.

Janot pastors at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford; Diana Goudie and her husband. Bob. share duties at Aldersgate United Methodist Church; the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell has pastoral duties at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia; and the Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson has been at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia since 1988.

But, Lewis points out, most female ministers tend to be "assistants."

"Most of the women clergy in this area are assistants. Very few are rectors or pastors of large churches," she said. "They're usually assistants or associates. They're not the lead pastor. That's discrimination."

Unfortunately, her bumpy road is one that is well traveled. Goudie has had a few rough moments in her career. While she was pastoring at a church near Milan, an older man in her church insisted that women should not preach.

"I just continued to love him, surround him, be nice to him and so forth," she said. "When he went to the hospital, I was there for his surgery. By the end, he got so he thought my prayers were OK. I just continued to be who I was. I continued to work hard at my sermons to preach good sermons and people heard that."

Now with her husband at her side, things are a bit easier for

"We have a male and a female as equals; it's a wonderful model for people," she said. "What happens is if somebody identifies easier to a woman they come to me. If they identify easier with a male, they go to Bob. It's been wonderful. They not only accepted my femaleness, they've also accepted the equality between the two of us."

## The first hurdle

Upon graduating from Evangelical Lutheran Church of America seminary in 1987, Good Shepherd's Janot was first con-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

One, two: Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia is the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell's first call; however, it is the second time the church has had a female minister.

cerned about getting a "call," or an assignment to a church.

"As a woman, there's always that first hurdle in serving in congregations; that's a prevalent experience," Janot said. "When I was ordained, we started looking at 'Can you get a first call? Can you get a second call? How do women continue to take on leadership roles in the church beyond first calls or small congregations?"

Timothy Lutheran is Powell's first call. In high school, an acquaintance told her she would make a great pastor. She admitted that she just humored the woman and laughed. Powell wanted to study psychology. She

didn't think she was the right one for the pastoral job. That soon changed.

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"As some of my friends became pastors, I realized pastors are human beings and there are different personalities and different styles," she said. "There's not one way of being a pastor. So that kind of opened me up to be willing to follow the call that I felt but didn't feel like I could fulfill.

"Eventually, I went to seminary. I thought I would only be able to be an associate pastor working with a senior pastor in such and such setting. I didn't think I'd ever be on my own as a solo pastor."

As the second female pastor at Timothy, she hasn't encountered the same type of discrimination as her peers.

"One thing they did need to remember that I think is important for many congregations is that not all women pastors are alike," said Powell, whose husband is a pastor and between calls. "They had one and assumed that I would be very similar to her and I'm not. She and I have very different personalities, different styles, very different priorities.

"It's important for people to remember just because we're women, it doesn't mean we all think and act the same.' But, she does point out that

women bring a unique perspective to the church.

We've been able to think about incorporating the whole family, to think about welcoming children in worship," she said. "I think it's a great gift just to have different types of people serving as pastors. It reminds us that God is not a white male, 55 years old. That even when people draw pictures of God, they draw a white guy.

"God is so much broader than that. Having women pastors, pastors of color, reminds us that there's something broader about God, something wider about God's love than just one gender, one ethnicity, and one age."

## Good food, good recipes? Find 'em in Taste.

## Football

will sell at \$7, according to one price guide.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Ashly would like to do similar cards, especially for hockey. That way she could draw her" good buddy," former Detroit Red Wing Slava Fetisov.

The youngster has been writing to Fetisov ever since he was injured in a car accident following the Wings' Stanley Cup victory in 1997. When ever he's around, Richard and Karen take her to see him.

"He remembers her from the first time they met," said Karen. "She asked him for a hug. And he remembers that. Every time he sees her, he says, "Come here, I know what you want.'

"She writes to him; he doesn't she said.

write back, but he lets her know he's gotten all of her cards and

But after the note from Elway, Ashly may add him to her "pen pal" list.

"I was excited and surprised to get it and I think I'll write him,"

## Sears looks for fashion-smart kids

have what it takes to reign as the Sears BizWiz Style Expert?

If you do, log on to FreeZone.com beginning Thursday, Aug. 5, to enter the Sears BizWiz Style Contest and take a chance at becoming Sears firstever kids fashion consultant.

Kids will be able to display their wardrobe wizardry by raiding a room full of clothes and expresses their individuality and creativity

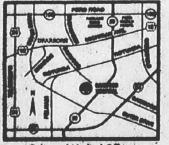
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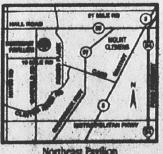
The grand prize winner - to be selected by an MTV stylist - will receive an iMac computer and

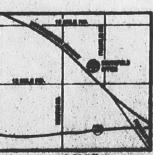
Hey, kids. Do you think you putting together an outfit that one for a friend, \$1,000 in "fun money" and a trip to New York City for a day (family included) where he or she will be a consultant, deciding on Sears' spring line. Nine runners-up will win a \$500 Sears gift card.

So hop on the Internet and go to http://freezone.com/sears, but be sure to wait until Aug. 5 or you may just hit a road block.

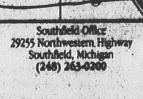


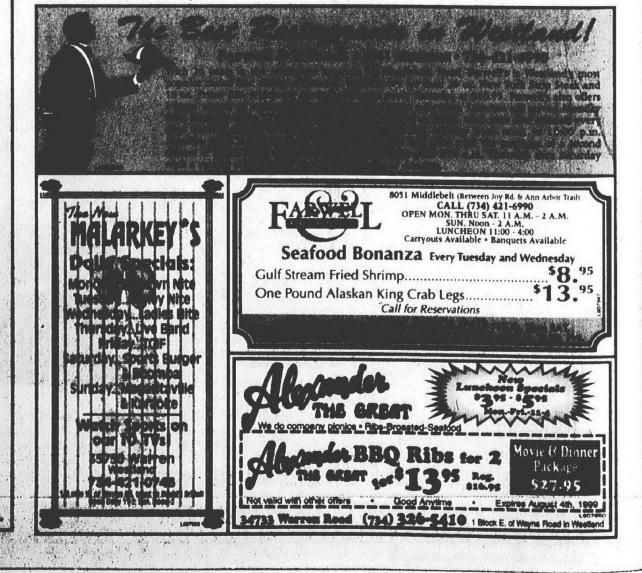












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Dina Marie Belleperche and John Benjamin Johnson were married May 28 at the St. Genevieve Parish in Livonia by the Rev. Rudy Piro.

The bride is the daughter of Marshall and Janet Belleperche of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Gerry Johnson, also of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson high School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Alltel Supply in Livonia. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Self-employed, he also attended UM-Dearborn.

Lisa Belleperche served as maid of honor with Jena Belleperche and Rachel Hoffmeyer as bridesmaids.

Peter Harwood-Stamper

## **Anquetil-Rice**

Anthony and Marlene Cosgro, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlette Helene, to Scott Douglas Rice, the son of William and Cathy Linn of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Oakland Community College. She has a real estate license and is employed with Lormax Stern Development Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. in California for five years and attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a journeyman

## Miles-Sedlar

Thomas and Judith Miles of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to Terry Allen Sedlar, the son of Lori Sedlar of Springport, Mich., and Terry W. Sedlar of Bath, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Oakwood Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Springport High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. He is a fourth-grade



served as best man with Tom Mulder and Karl Smathers as groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Following a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., they are making their home in Livo-



electrician for Valassis Communications in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.



teacher with the Van Dyke Public Schools

An August wedding is planned

## Baab-Bevill

Kenneth and Linda Baab of Flint announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Marie, to Thomas Brian Bevill, the son of William Bevill of Canton and the late Virginia Bevill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of arts degree in education and a graduate of Indiana University with a master of arts degree in speech and hearing sciences. She is employed at Sinai-Grace Hospital as a speech and language pathologist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. He is employed as a manufacturer's representative at

## Rice-Bowser

Bev Rice of Livonia and Tom and Lucille Rice of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantelle S. to Scott M. Bowser, the son of Earl and Kay Bowser of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Macrosoft in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Arthur Anderson LLP in Detroit.

A November wedding is planned at First Presbyterian

## DeSempelaere-Waldman

Marcel and Florence DeSempelaere announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Scott Harris Waldman of South Riding, Va., the son of Sandra R. Waldman of Boca Raton, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is an internal consultant for American Management Systems

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Parkcrest High School and a 1995 graduate of Shippensberg College. He is a systems developer for American Management Systems Inc.

A September wedding is at St. Colette Catholic Church in planned at Holy Cross Evangeli-



Canton Services

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



Church in Plymouth.



cal Lutheran Church in Livonia.

## **Black-Crofts**

Elizabeth Annie Crofts and Patrick Ryan Black were married April 24 at Mount Timpanogos Latter Day Saints Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland. The groom is the son of Richard and Glenda Black of Portland, Conn.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School. She will graduate this year from Brigham Young University with a bachelor

s degree in recreational management.

The groom is majoring in computer science at Brigham Young University. He is employed at XACT Ware Information System in Orem, Utah.

The bride asked Tammie Campbell to be her maid of

## Crofts-Johnson

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Johanna, to Mark Richard Johnson of Burkburnett,

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and is studying nursing at Brigham Young University.

Her fiancé is a1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and is studying accounting at Brigham Young University. He is employed as a project supervisor at Marketing Ally.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.

## Weckerle-Luna

Frank and Mary Rose Weckerle of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne, to Michael Luna, the son of Ron and Ruth Luna of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Siena Heights College, She is employed as a purchasing agent for the Marriott Corp.

Her fiance is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed as a certified public accountant for BDO Seidman in

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

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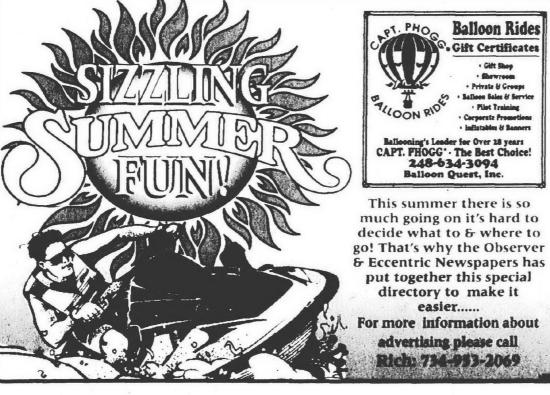


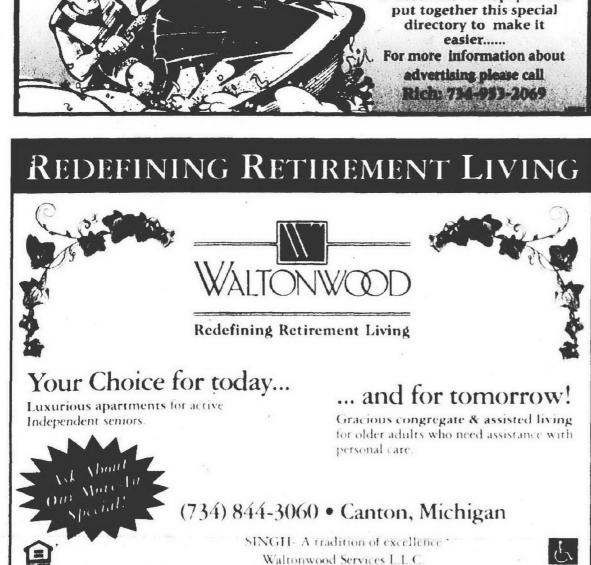
honor with Martha Crofts, Mary Crofts and Heather Crofts as bridesmaids.

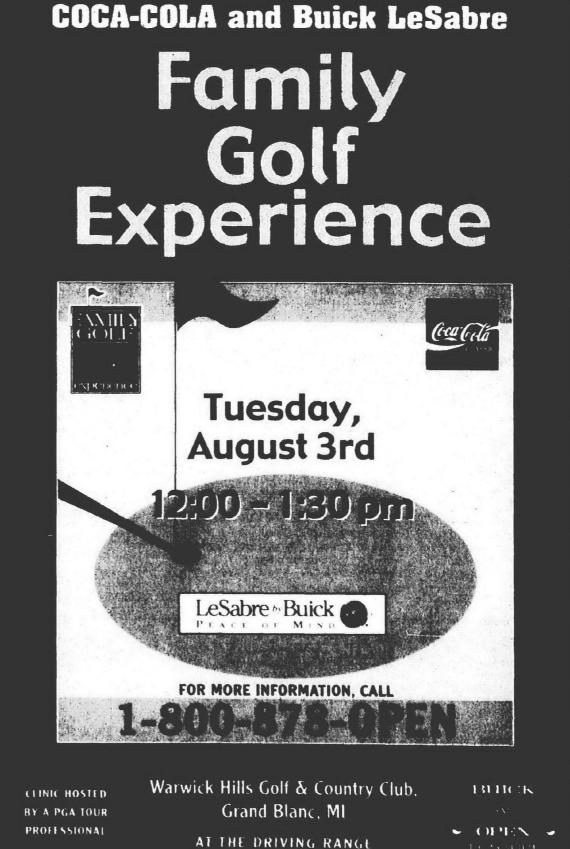
The couple received guests at receptions in Orem, Utah, Westland and Portland, Conn. They are making their home in Orem.











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WEEKEND

BARBIE SHOW

■ The Barbie Fashion Doll Show returns from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 are \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110. **BEANIE BABY SHOW** 

The Beanie Baby Show returns from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 are \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

**FESTIVAL** 

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church is sponsoring a festival from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at 321 S. Ridge, Canton. There will be a trash and treasure sale, games, food and crafts for sale. For more information, call Kevin at (313) 562-7496.

FAMILY FISHING

Maybury State Park will again host Family Fishing in August. Bring the entire family and join us at the pond from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7 and 14. Park staff will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques and help beginners get started in this enjoyable sport. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if you do not have your own. Maybury Pond is inside the Beck Road entrance to Maybury State Park, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. Park near the riding stable and follow the signs to the pond. This is a free event; however, a state park motor vehicle permit will be required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

SUMMER BIRD HIKES

Maybury State Park in Northville Township hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. The next hike begins 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. 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 onetwo hours. The hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. Call (248) 349-8390

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The program, Feathered Friends, will take a look at wild birds in the park. Explore how and where they live through activities and a hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of **Beck Road** 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 detail at (248) 349-8390.

**FARMER'S MARKET** 

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors 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.

## **AROUND TOWN**

SOCCER CAMP

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will host a Soccer Camp for children ages 5-11 from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 2-5 at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road. The camp will help beginning and intermediate soccer players develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. Camp fee is \$15 and is payable at the time of registration. Program includes instruction, snacks, materials, a water bottle, and a soccer ball to take home. For more information or to register, call (734) 522-6830.

**ART SHOW** ■ Artifacts Art Clubs will present Summer Multimedia Exhibit from Aug. 1-15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be Detroit-based artists in many medias and styles. The artist reception will be 7-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1 For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

PATIENT CARE CLASSES

Arbor Hospice offers a free six-session patient care class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 3-19 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. Participants will learn to provide support and limited care to terminally ill patients and their families. Class registration ends July 23. To register, call Esperanza Barcelona at (734) 662-5999 Ext. 143.

**CAMP INVENTION** 

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

NIGHT OUT

■ Plymouth Township presents, "National Night Out," from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. at the following locations, Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty Road; Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar; Plymouth Hills Park; and Westbriar Subdivision between Whittlesey Lake Drive and Barrington. For more information, call (734) 354-3243.

CRANBROOK DINNER

## Daly on display



A Daly dog, please?: The Plymouth Museum is featuring the 1960s during its Celebrate the Century exhibit that has been ongoing throughout the year. Memorabilia from each decade of the 1900s has been on display. A Daly Drive In booth with all the table top accessories was donated to the museum before the wellknown restaurant at Main and Ann Arbor Road was torn down to make room for a Rite Aid drugstore. It is now on display with other items from the 1960s. For hours of the museum, call 455-8940.

■ 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 at 380 Lone Pine, 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. FLEA MARKET

■ The Canton Historical Society hosts a flea market 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. A 10-by-10-foot space for vendors is \$15. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. The society will sell donated items inside the school. Donated items can be brought to the school noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Call 981-1475.

**HUNTER'S SAFETY** 

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Location:

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Additional info.:

■ The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park present the second annual Hunter's Safety Course 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 7-8. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. A Social Security num-

ber will be required at the time of registration. Checkin will start at 8:30 a.m. Class begins 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 non-resident.

Call (734) 397-5110. SENIOR HEALTH LECTURE ■ Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Dr. Bharate Srivastava present a series of free lectures devoted to seniors and their nealth. The next lecture is 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The topic will be health issues of women, including osteoporosis, breast cancer, uterine cancer and nutrition and exercise. Call

(734) 397-5444. OPEN HOUSE

CALENDAR

■ The Plymouth YMCA is having an Open House for the "Y" kids pre-school program from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. This is for the 1999-2000 school year. For more information, call

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit

the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth and Canton Observers,

community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print

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 question:

Use additional sheet if necessary

(734) 453-2904.

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 the parks and recreation office at the Summit and at 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 be eligible to win prizes including round-trip airline tickets, autoia, a \$1,000 bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. Call (734) 397-5110.

**GOLF OUTING** 

■ Project Compassion celebrates the International Year of the Older Person with its 12th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 16 at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m. Carts, refreshments on the course, full dinner after golf, prizes galore, Toyota Camry hole-in-one contest and Pro Air tickets hole-inone contest. Price is \$100

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per person (\$35 is tax deductible). For more information or to register, call Project Compassion at (800) 626-9622.

KINDERMUSIK

■ Village Music in Plymouth's Old Village offers professional instruction in Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program for newborns to age seven years old. Registration is now open for all levels and early sign up is encouraged for classes beginning the week of Sept. 6. For more information and registration materials, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

SINGLES DANCES

■ Dances occur 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster) Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. The dances are for people age 21 and over. No jeans. 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. Saturdays. The park is on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Call (248) 349-0911.

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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers a 24-hour hotline of upcoming events. Call (734) 453-1540.

**CRAFTERS NEEDED** 

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6feet with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

REGISTRATION

■ Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years of age. 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 Coop Nursery has openings now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469.

SUPPORT **GROUPS** 

CAMP MONARCH

■ The "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice sponsors a family-oriented weekend camp. Camp Monarch is a bereavement camp

designed for young people and their caregivers who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and ends noon Aug. 15. The cost of \$75 per family includes housing, meals and activities. However, Camp Monarch is open to every family regardless of its ability to pay. Call (734) 464-7810.

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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.

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.

**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.

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times. call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-

## **VOLUNTEER** WORK

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 

■ Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free, Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196. ■ Hospices of Henry Ford

Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort, Call (313) 582-2382.

■ William Beaumont Hospital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

■ The Department of Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System has a variety of summer volunteer opportunities available for students age 12-19. Teens may help with patient transport, office support and information desk staffing. Call Beverly Leneski at (734) 761-7995.

## CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honors or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Tiffany Lacey, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Heather Murley has been awarded the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement May 7. Murley is the daughter of Tam and Ray Murley of Plymouth and a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School in Canton. Dr. Murley is currently

working in a mixed-animal practice in Wyoming.

U OF ILL GRAD

Marisa Fontana, daughter of Lawrence and Janice Fontana of Plymouth, received her master's degree in anthropology and archaeology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She will begin her doctorate studies this fall focusing on North American archaeology. The commencement was May 9.

Jessica Ann Bradley, Peter B. Davis, Rodney B. Lewis, and Van-James E. Pigtain of Plymouth were honored at Washtenaw Community

College for achieving academic excellence. the students earned a grade point average of 3.8 or better.

CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

Washtenaw Community College associate degree and certificate candidates for April and June were recently announced. Rodney B. Lewis of Plymouth was announced as a candidate.

SCHOOLCRAFT DEAN'S LIST

The following Plymouth residents made Schoolcraft College's winter dean's list: Sandra Lynn Alcini, Christopher Dean Allen, Julia Bedford, Laura Berezak, Katherine Berg, Sherry Bowerman, Doris Bowles, Sharon Bowling, Hollace Brown, Becky Case, Lisa Cova, Tracy

Lynn Gibbons, Jason Ginopolis, Robert Hallerman, Melanie Hambeck, Jeffrey Harris Jr., Katherine Hurt, Andrew Jones, Ana-Maria Kananen, Thomas Kepler, Mary Kerfoot, Jeffrey Kiernan, Brandon Kietzman, Jennifer Kubera, Tara LaFlair, Allison LaPoint, Brian Lee, Jiqing Li, Yvonne Macheske, Katra Miller, Alfredo Morales, Cathy Newsom, Frank Petrat, Kristina Petrat, Joseph Philips, James Roose, Lisa Sabina, Bradley Sandberg, Nikalette Scaglione, Dragutin Stevanovich, Monika Strakosova, Charles Vann, Michael Wesner, Andrew White, Craig Wickham and Danielle Winkler.

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For more information, call

Trinity Presbyterian Church at

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# New staff helps Trinity prepare for 21st century

Trinity Presbyterian Church is ready to minister to needs in the new millennium by expanding

Joining the staff are Phil Woods, teen and young adult ministry, Tim McCracken, Christian education ministry to children, Joyce Preston, music ministries, Gordon Bleich, chancel choir director, and Daniel Weidman, assistant to senior Pastor Dr. William C. Moore.

Weidman, a graduate of William Tynsdale College, is attending Michigan Theological Seminary. He will direct Trinity's contemporary worship service, targeted to those who have little church background.

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He also will focus on smallgroup development, a ministry aimed at giving those church members not living near their extended families a place to connect and build supportive relationships.

Church officials project that, by 2000, more than 90 percent of Trinity's adult members will not live near their extended families.

With the teen years expected to become more turbulent, Woods, who is studying at Reformed Theological Seminary, believes that a strong, dynamic youth ministry can make a significant difference in a teenag-

Woods, a graduate of Liberty

University, is implementing an holistic philosophy of youth ministry by helping young people to grow in their relationship with God, reaching out to other youth and getting all teens to participate in service projects.

In addition, a mentoring program directed by Woods offers to connect church youth with older adults who can help them discuss and deal with issues in

McCracken, a graduate of Columbia Bible College and Seminary, knows that today's children are exposed to more change, violence and unrest than ever before.

Under Trinity's "Tomorrowland Ministries" umbrella, he is trying to mobilize resources, such as Sunday morning music and biblical instruction, Wednesday night life-skills training, camp and retreat outings and the annual summer vacation Bible school, that will help them grow into healthy

Preston, in overseeing Trinity's music ministries, is coordinating music for the church's three Sunday morning worship services and also planning musical events appealing to the larger community.

Trinity offers a praise worship service at 8 a.m. Sundays, a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and a traditional worship service at 11 a.m. at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Preston has an undergraduate degree in piano performance and a master's degree in music literature from Eastern Michigan

She is planning a series of concerts and special focus services, such as the Pilgrim Thanksgiv-

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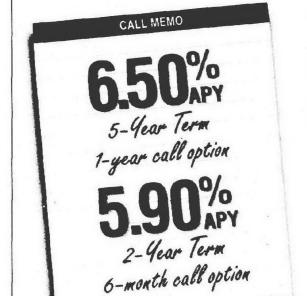
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## First Congregational welcomes Rev. Joy

When the Rev. Robert Joy speaks from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Wayne on Sunday, Aug. 1, the congregation will listen ... listen to his first sermon as the new senior pastor.

Joy, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., has a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Edinboro (Pa.) University where he majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and received his master of divinity degree in 1991.

"Earlier in my life, I worked as a building contractor with my father. I still see myself as a builder working for my Father."

Joy believes open-mindedness between God's people is indispensable and that tolerance and respect for the opinions of others set the stage for "the Holy Spirit to create peace and progress

within a fellowship."

"I enjoy the interchange of ideas and believe God will guide us to the truth," he added.

He also believes that God's grace is "overwhelming and unstoppable."

Married, Joy and his wife, the former Juliann Dagg of Redford Township, have two children. He also has a son by a previous mar-

His wife has a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Hope College and a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She enjoys vacation Bible school and red Kool-

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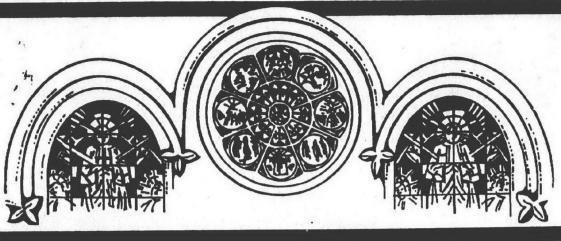
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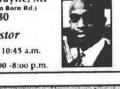
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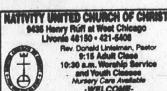
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**RELIGIOUS NEWS** 

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VOICE OF PRAISE

Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne. The group of 12 singers from the Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., will perform traditional, gospel, old-time gospel, contemporary and a capella music. The group is directed by David Dale, minister of music at the Lexington church. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-7410.

#### RUMMAGE SALE

St. Anne Catholic Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the church, 23310 Joy

Road, Redford. For more information, Call (313) 534-2121. SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet for dinner at McVee's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Southfield at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, then attend a Bethany Together Dance at 8 p.m. at Divine Providence Church, Nine Mile and Beech Daly roads, Southfield. Dinner reservations can be made by calling John Shewell at (248) 471-4828. Participants are responsible for the cost of dinner as well

Single Place Presents will have Carol Chambers and a panel discuss "What Men Wish Women Knew" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The Open Forum, also at 7:30 p.m., will feature Sandy Baumann discussing "Dating Turn Offs." The cost is

as \$8 for the dance.

Single Place also will have a divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Aug. 19-Sept. 30 at the church and the five-week series, "Getting It Right the Next Time" with Jacque Martin-Downs and Lynn Vaughn, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 26-Sept. 23. The divorce recovery workshop costs \$30, while "Getting It Right" costs \$40 for the complete series.

For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-

#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as

they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall, West Chicago at Inkster Road in Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper casual attire required.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. Sundays for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile. Livonia.

For more information, call Colleen at (734) 729-7912 or

Diane at (734) 971-4553.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a brunch at noon Sunday, Aug. 8, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A concert will follow, featuring the voices of cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan. Donations are \$12 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

## FOUNDER TO SPEAK

The founder of the Jews for Jesus evangelistic agency. Moishe Rosen, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Canton, and at 6 p.m. Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

Rosen was age 21 when he and his wife Cecil, who also is Jewish, came to a personal relationship with God through Y'shua. Four years later, he was ordained to the ministry and in the late 1960s, developed a form of evangelistic literature, called broadsides, pamphlets that use

humorous illustrations and eyecatching themes to make a statement about Jesus as the Messi-

Jews for Jesus use music and drama in a Jewish style with a Christian message to make the point that being Jewish and believing in Jesus go hand in

hand. For more information, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022 or the First Baptist Church at (734) 721-7410.

RAINBOW FESTIVAL

St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/pierogi dinner of Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug. 21 and pork chop dinner on Aug. 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing to the Dyna Dukes, Duane Malinowski, Misty Blues and Polish Kid and Co. For more information, call the church at (313) 561-

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#### **ROSEDALE GARDENS**

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt. Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats, visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking on water and another day be thrown onto a prison ship with the Apostle Paul. Each day will conclude with a Treasure Time finale to celebrate what they have learned. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

## **CLARENCEVILLE UM**

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire,

8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5 at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Children ages four and older will use their talents to serve God the King while enjoying Bible stories, crafts, games and music. There also will be a Royal Regalia Feast and Program, featuring dinner, music, skits and all of the fanfare of medieval times, on Aug. 8. (Reservations are required.) For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3444.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. For more information, call the

## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Church of the Savior, Reformed Church in America, will have its vacation Bible school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 2-6 at the church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. The theme will be "A Jungle Journey," and there will be a review at 7 p.m. Aug. 5

church office at (734) 427-2290.

and picnic for participants and their families 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6. The deadline for registering is July 26. For more information, call (248) 888-8480 or (734) 464-1062.

#### ALDERSGATE UM

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend a castle adven-

ture set in merry old England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

## WARREN ROAD FM

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school. Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 9-13, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.

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A rose is a rose: Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County members Kay Diggs (behind bush) and Sally Randall (left) were joined by Hasi Cislo and Schoolcraft College employees Susan Adams, admissions secretary, and Julie Tobin in planting a Zonta International rose bush on campus.

## Zonta gives roses to community

Three special rose bushes are blooming at Greenmead Historical Village, Schoolcraft College and Livonia City Hall, thanks to the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County.

Planting the bushes was the club's first activity of the club year. The Zonta international rose (Harflow) is among the earliest to flower, creating a flamboyant display of glowing amber blooms until summer's end.

For decades a yellow rose has

been a symbol of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women locally and globally.

Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center is one of the recipients of money the club gives each year to improve the status of women locally. Zonta of Northwest Wayne County has donated more than \$25,000 to the center since the club's incep-

The club's two main fund-raisers are its fashion show and preholidays Koeze Nuts sale. Officers for the 1999-2000 club

year are Sally Randall of Botsford Hospital as president, Dorothy Murphy of Henry Ford Community College as vice-president, Evelyn Shuput, a Livonia Public Schools retiree, as secretary, and Kay Diggs, a Henry Ford Community College retiree,

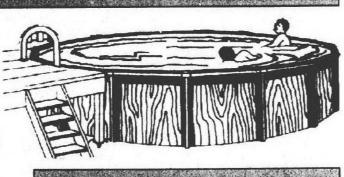
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## **NEW VOICES**

James and Kelly McAllister of Canton announce the birth of Joseph Patrick April 6 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He has a brother, John James, 31/4. Grandparents are George and Linda Riley of Westland and John and Mary McAllister of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Evelyne Harrington of Ply-

John and Lauren Hosko announce the birth of Stephanie Lauren April 20 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a brother, Alex, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Diane Roslinski of Plymouth and Robert and Therese Hosko of Warren. Great-grandparents are Frank and Jean Kijek of Detroit and Sophie Roslinski of Roseville.

Larry and Andrea Walkuski of Livonia announce the birth of Alex Michael April 7. He joins two brothers, Peter and Lukas. Grandparents are Peter and Doreen Walkuski of Livonia, Elizabeth Vollmer, Bill Muldovan and Rene and Lise Broeders of Windsor.

Gary and Sue Brda of Westland announce the birth of Jared Allen March 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City

Hospital. He joins two sisters, Valerie, 6, and Jamie, 3. Grandparents are Billy and Janet Chambers of Gladwin, Joan Brda-Ruhl of Somerdale, N.J., and the late James Allen Brda.

Ronald and Denise Parko of Livonia announce the birth of Victoria Denise April 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She joins a sister, Rene Lynn. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloom-

John Flanagan and Madonna Hurley of Garden City announce the birth of Koryn Gabriel Flanagan March 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Stephen Pierce, 12. Grandparents are John and Shirley Flanagan and Tom and Ruth Hurley. all of Canton.

Alex and Catherine Ealovega of Canton announce the birth of Alison Grace Feb. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Eric Stephen Ealovega, 21/2. Grandparents are Andrei and Barbara Ealovega of Canton, John and Irene Sarkisian of Canton and Gary and Jeanette Bishop of Adrian. Great-grand-

parents are Russ and Lavern Kolar of Texas and Ethyl Rhodes of Washington.

Walter and Michele Helsel Jr. of Redford announce the birth of Carleen Ann-Denise March 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Jean Brown and John and Virginia

Chris and Camaro Moreno of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Jacob Christopher April 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Zachary. Grandparents are Ron and Brenda Clark and Rick and Pauline Moreno, all of Westland.

Darlene M. Davis of Westland announces the birth of Jacob Matthew March 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, He joins a brother, Joshua Michael, 21, and Amber, 1. Grandparents are Sharon Hargrave of Detroit and Charles M. Hargrave Sr. of Westland.

Andrea and Joseph Craigie announce the birth of Olivia Anne on April 3 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.



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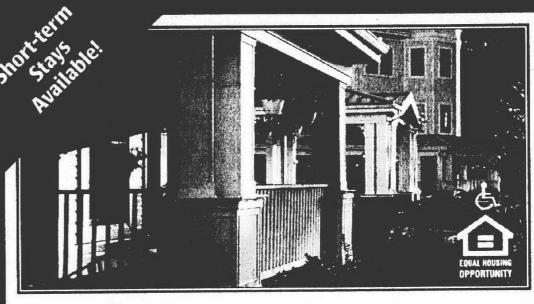
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## OBSERVER **SPORTS** SCENE

## **Ocelot harriers signed**

Schoolcraft College women's cross country coach Nancy Gavoor announced the signing of seven student-athletes to letters for the 1999-

Among those who will run this fall for the Lady Ocelots include Dawn Daniels (Wayne Memorial), Kristin Switalski (Redford Union), Jenny Furlong (Livonia Franklin), Mandi Davis (Garden City), Katie Chonacas (Livonia Churchill), Lydia Ewald (Dearborn Fordson) and Lindsay Patra (Detroit Redford).

## Area golf divots

•Westland's Matt Wiley was second after shooting an opening-round 2under par 70 Monday in the 44th annual Michigan Publinx Golf Association state four-day match-play tournament at Bedford Valley and Stonehedge golf courses.

Larry Vander Bie of Holland led the 278-player field with a 3-under 69.

• Recent Westland John Glenn High graduate Chris Tompkins shot 69-75 to earn one of three state qualifying berths in the Western Open, July 12-16, at Treetops near Gaylord.

Tompkins also finished fifth with 73-73 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop at Treetops.

Other area scorers included Tony Fotiu, Livonia Franklin, 79-75, and Adam Wilson, Plymouth Salem, 81-

·Scott Wolfe, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Stevenson, lost in a sudden death playoff for first place after shooting 76 in a field of 68 for Boys 14-15 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop July 26 at Mystic Creek in Milford.

## Cards ace in Maine

Bruce Meininger, 33, of Livonia, made his vacation a memorable one by scoring an ace on the 153-yard, No. 8 hole July 6 at Hillcrest Golf Club in Millinochet, Me.

Meininger, using an 9-iron, overcame rain to record his first ace in a best-ball format witnessed by his wife Julie, along with his aunt and uncle Ann and Ernie Santerre, both of

## Youth soccer selection

Melissa Dobbyn, an eight-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, has been selected to the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Region II Girls Olympic Development Program Team in her age group.

Dobby was selected by regional and national coaches at the regional camp in DeKalb, Ill. where the top 19 players from each of the 14 midwest states competed for pool team selection. Only 30 players were selected in each age division.

Dobbyn is a member of the Michigan Hawks Premier Soccer Club.

## Canton hoop tryouts

Team tryouts for the Plymouth Canton girls basketball team will be at 9 a.m. (varsity), 11 a.m. (junior varsity) and noon (freshman), Monday, Aug. 16 at the Canton gymnasi-

All tryout participants must have a sports physical by the first practice. Any physical taken on or after April 15, 1999 is good for the 1999-2000 school year.

For more information, call coach Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734)

## **Hoop coaches wanted**

Birmingham Brother Rice High School is seeking a varsity assistant, jurior varsity and freshman boys basketball coach for the upcoming sea-

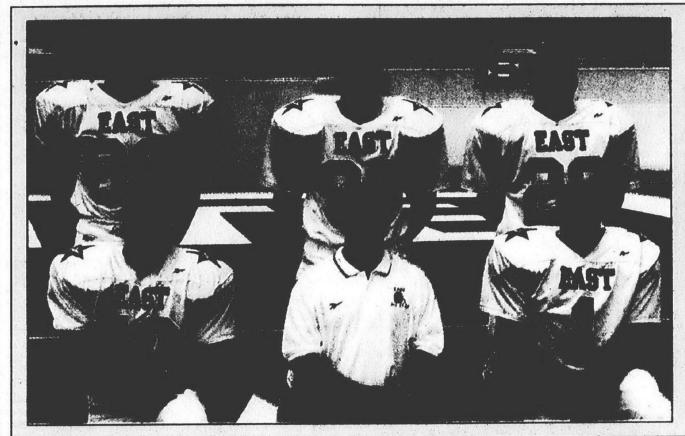
If interested, candidates should send a resume to: Donald J. MacAloon, 180 Oakland Avenue, Suite 260, Birmingham, Mi. 48009; or fax a resume to (248) 646-2641.

## Fall league baseball

High School varsity players are needed for a fall league team which begins play Saturday, Aug. 14.

All-Star players from the team will also be eligible to participate in weekend wooden bat tournaments.

For more information, call coach Kevin Tardivi at (248) 443-0113 or coach Jim O'Donnell at (248) 641-3792 (between 7-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday).



## **Grid stars on parade**

East contingent: Observerland is well-represented at Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star game. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. Suiting up for the East team (top row, clockwise from left) is Redford Catholic Central tight end Nick Brzezinski (Duke). Redford Thurston linebacker Scott Genord (Indiana). Livonia \* Clarenceville back Walter Ragland (Adrian College), Westland John Glenn tailback Reggie Spearmon (Grand Valley State), now Clarenceville varsity football coach Greg Hudkins and Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant (Ohio State). Tickets are \$7 per person at the gate. The East leads the series, 10-8.

# Madonna recruiting class stellar

## Haeger adds top talent

SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Greg Haeger doesn't act like he hit the lottery, but the fourth-year Madonna University baseball coach likes his odds for the future.

With six regulars to replace from a 25-24-1 team, Haeger went out and tapped into abundant pool of talent right in his own backyard - Observer-

**Redford CC** 

land He has signed five first-team All-Observer players, along with a pair of second-teamers and another off Redford Catholic Central's 38-1 Division I state championship

squad. next year," team Haeger said. "We lost some pretty good starters who have

been here the last three or four years. "But we were able to bring in some good local kids who will compete for

starting jobs right away "I've got some competitors and that's

what I wanted." First-team All-Area players who will don the Madonna uniform next season include Redford Union pitcher-outfielder Joel Halliday, Redford Catholic Central catcher Chris Woodruff, Livonia Churchill first baseman Eric Lightle, Westland John Glenn pitcher-first baseman Dale Hayes and Livonia Stevenson third baseman-pitcher Roy

## BASEBALL

Rabe.

Second-team All-Area picks soon-tobe Crusaders include pitcher-outfielder Mark Cole of Redford CC and catcherfirst baseman Joe Rizzi of Plymouth

Second baseman Mario D'Herin of CC is also in the fold along with outfielders Chris Radu (Riverview) and Gary Linzell (Belleville).

Madonna has also picked up University of Detroit Mercy left-handed hurler Randy Palmer (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), who will be a sophomore transfer.

"This year we had the (scholarship) money to bring in quite a few players," Haeger said.

Halliday, who helped RU to a 24-5 overall record, and Hayes, who clouted an upper deck shot to right field at Tiger Stadium in the East-West All-Star game, both hit left-handed, but are right-handed throwers.

As a pitcher, Halliday was 9-2 and hit .348. Haves batted .442 with 33 RBI and was 7-4 on the mound.

"Joel is a good athlete who played second, the outfield and pitched for RU," Haeger said. "He's a good hitter and has hit well in the Collegiate (summer) league. He has good potential as a pitcher. He throws in the mid-80s (MPH).

"Dale is a good left-handed hitter with power. Right now he throws in the



Livonia Stevenson



**Dale Hayes** Westland John Glenn



**Eric Lightle** Livonia Churchill

low-80s. Right now he's 6-feet-3 and weighs only 170, but once he gets stronger he'll increase his velocity."

Lightle led Churchill, which captured its first district title in over 20 years, with a .490 average. He had six homers and 37 RBI.

"Like Hayes, Lightle is a big kid, 6-3, 6-4, who is a worker and has power," Haeger said. "He has good power potential."

Haeger, who led CC to the 1987 state Class A title before going on to Michigan and the Detroit Tigers' minor league system, also grabbed three play-

ers off Shamrocks' roster. Woodruff, a 225-pound catcher, could be the steal of the class. He batted .440 with 40 RBI

"He has a chance to start right away," the Madonna coach said. "He has a lot of power in a home run friendly park. He could be an impact player right away.

Cole, meanwhile, is a lefthanded

thrower who plays the outfield. "He didn't pitch a lot for CC, but he

has a good breaking ball," Haeger said. "He also has a good heart and is a good competitor. He also gets his hacks up there at the plate.

D'Herin, a right-handed hitter, was an unsung player on CC's state championship team. He provides leadership qualities.

"Mario has great hands and good foot quickness," Haeger said. "He's a good control hitter. He's very vocal and shows a lot of energy on the field."

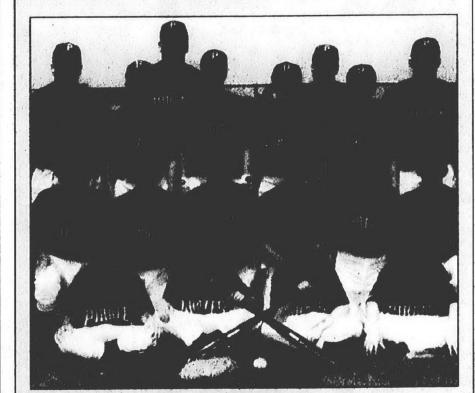
Rabe, who helped Stevenson win division and district crowns, is a late addition to the Madonna recruiting

He originally committed to Oakland University, but got caught in a coaching change before making a decision to play at Saginaw Valley State. But early in the summer, Rabe had another

change of heart. He holds several Stevenson career offensive marks. This season he batted .523 with four homers and 35 RBI. As a

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## **Bronco busters**



Divisional champions: The Pirates, sporting a 13-1 record, captured the Wayne Baseball Association Bronco Division (ages 11-12) title thanks to the efforts of (front row, from left) Charles Cook, Justin Koshorek, Mike Hajduk, Adam Beyer; (second row, from left) Matt Barnier, Andrew Kaleto, Clint Cottenham, Dinnes McGill, Tony Colosimo, TeJay O'Connel; (third row, from left) Danny Cover, Drew Lakatos, Ross Maciasz, Alex Lickliter; (fourth row, from left) assistant coaches Eric Buchanan, Jason Bobby, Aaron Bates and manager Jeremy Bobby.

## **Wayne County Twisters** win season opener, 10-0 Defense corrals Stallions

The Wayne County Twisters survived the sweltering heat Saturday afternoon to win its Lake Shore Semi-Professional Football League opener over the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions, 10-0 at Academy of Detroit School in The stingy Twister defense held the

Stallions to minus-37 yards total offense. Wayne County had six sacks and stopped nine Stallion running plays behind the line of scrimmage.

Lamar Spalding (Canton) scored the game's only touchdown in the first quarter on a 16-yard around end. Chuck Petitpas booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Petitpas added a 41-yard field goal late in the second half to give the Twisters a 10-point cushion. Offensively, Damon Frendo (Garden

City) moved from his defensive back spot to lead the Twisters in rushing with 53 yards in six carries. He will be joined in the backfield by

Spalding, Eddie Trent (Westland), Aaron Williams (Detroit), Freddy Ricks (Wayne), Corey McClelland (Inkster), Damon Green (Southfield) and Billy Starr (Ypsilanti).

"Our major concern is our offensive unit," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. "We know his squad has

the material and our coaching staff is making every effort to evaluate new squad members' talents under game

"This always takes time and can be both beneficial and hazardous. But it must and will be done regardless of the consequences.

The Twisters hit the road the next two Saturdays

On July 31, they will take on the archrival Motor City Cougars in a 1 p.m. start at Inkster High. On Aug. 7, they travel to Macomb, Ohio to face the Black Swamp Patriots.

They will return to Academy of Detroit (old Cherry Hill High School) to make the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m.

"With the strength of our league improving, we may suffer a defeat or two along the way," Brothers said. "But, I do not believe we will reach our full potential until we're three to five games into our schedule.

"Making this happen rests on the shoulders of Jason Hagelthorn (Westland) and his able staff.

## METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Season down to nitty-gritty

Sean Kass pumped in six goals and added one assist, while teammate Brent Thomas and Shaun Harriington recorded four goals and two assists apiece to lead the third-place Wildcats to an 18-6 first-round Metro Summer Hockey League playoff win Tuesday over the Spartans at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Wildcats advance to the semifinals at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Cultural Center to face the second-place Huskies

The championship game is at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Other offensive standouts for the Wildcats included Mike Swistak, one goal and four assists: Paola Decina and Vic Decina, one goal and two assists each; Darrin Silvester and Daryl Schimmelpfenneg, one goal each. Dan Dobrowski went all the

ay in goal for the Wildcats. Westland's Jason Lawmaster of Ontario Hockey League playoff champion Belleville led the Spartans with four goals and one assist. Mike Porter chipped in with two goals and two assists, while Redford Union hockey coach Pete Mazzoni, Chris Howroznik and Jake Wiegand

contributed two assists each. · LAKERS 9. BRONCOS 4: The Lakrs advanced to Wednesday's semifinal against the first-place Bulldogs with a 4-0 third-period run Tuesday to subdue the Broncos at PCC.

Nick Jardine led the winners with four goals and one assist. Matt Frick added two goals and one assist, while Brian Sutherland and Mike Vigilante each tallied a goal.

Ron Lowrie and Scott Dolesh each had two assists.

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Lanny Jardine and Brandon Hothem shared time in goal for the Lakers, while Rick Marnon and Will Hamele split duties for the Broncos.

.BULLDOGS 22, WOLVERINES 7: The first-place Bulldogs opened the playoffs Monday at PCC behind Jason Basile's three goals and nine assists.

Matt Grant and Kevin Swider each added three goals and four assists for the Bulldogs, who broke it open with an 11-2 third-period surge.

Other offensive standouts for the Bulldogs included Brad Yonemura (two goals, five assists), Corey Swider (three goals, two assists), Adam Krug (two goals, three assists), Troy Milam (two goals, three assists), Brian Halas (hat trick) and Matt Prater (one goal)

St. Louis Blues draftee Phil Osaer went all the way in goal for the win-

Jim Wheaton led the Wolverines with three goals and one assist. Jeremy Majszak added two goals and two assists, while Ryan Ward had a goal and three assists. Matt Krupa and collected three assists, while John Gallagher had a goal and assist.

. HUSKIES 8, LAKERS 8: In the MSHL's final regular season game Sunday at the Cultural Center, Phil Pietila's goal from Glen Pietila with just five seconds left gave the

Huskies the tie against the Lakers, Phil Pietila finished with two goals and two assists. Jim Tudor added two goals, while John Pietila, Dwight Helminen and Frank Bourbonais each

added one. Bourbonais and Keith Pietila each

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contributed two assists. Eric Dolesh led the Laker with two

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goal and three assists. Mike Vigilante contributed two goals and two assists. Other goals went to Tony Ferrero, Matt Frick and Scot Curtin.

Brian Jardine and Vigilante each had two assists.

Goaltenders J.J. Weaks (Huskies) and Lanny Jardine (Lakers) each went all the way in nets.

. WILDCATS 24, WOLVERINES 9: The Wildcats wrapped up third place by bombarding the Wolverines in the middle game Sunday at the Cultural

It was 14-7 after two periods as the Wildcats went on a 10-2 scoring run in the final period.

The Wildcats' Sean Kass wrapped up the MSHL scoring title with a goal and 14 assists. He finished with 61

Vic Decina contributed 10 goals and two assists, while Brent Thomas had six goals and one assist. Darrin Silvester chipped in with three goals and five assists, while Mike Swistak had one goal and four assists. Paul Khawam and Tad Patterson added the other Wildcat goals.

Ryan Ward (five goals, two assists). Brad Wolfe (two goals, four assists) and Eric Hawkins (two goals, three assists) led the Wolverines.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats, while Thomas Monnier and Mike O'Keefe split time in the nets for the Wolverines.

·SPARTANS 10, BRONCOS 7: Joe Kustra's hat trick Sunday and two goals each from Nick Lewarne, Jason Lawmaster and Jack McCoy carried the Spartans past the Broncos in the first game Sunday at the PCC.

Mike Porter contributed four assists, while Lawmaster, McCoy and Pete Mazzoni each added two. Jack Wiegand also had a goal for the Spar-

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Ted Martens (Buildogs)	28	6.23
Lanny Jardine (Lakers)	41	7.20
Dan Dobrowski (Wildcats)	46	7.58

Ryan Ward (Wolverines)

Kyle McNeilance had three goals for the Broncos, while Nick Smyth contributed two goals and two assists. Baron Becker recorded four

Tom McNeil and Eric Pagel split time in the Spartan nets, while Will Hamele and Rick Marnon took turns for the Broncos.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## SALEM CHEERLEADING CAMP

The Plymouth Salem High School cheerleaders will host a camp for girls ages 6-13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Salem gymnasium.

The \$30 cost includes clinic, lunch, Salem water bottle and T-

All participants will be invited to cheery at a Salem High home

game. To register, call Sue at (734)

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OCC VOLLEYBALL COACH WANTED Oakland Community College is seeking qualified candidates for an immediate opening as women's head volleyball coach.

The team is based out of the Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford.

If you are interested, contact OCC Athletic Director Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155. The volleyball season runs from August to mid November.

#### PREP COACHES WANTED

• Farmington Public Schools is seeking applicants for the positions of varsity, junior varsity and ninth grade girls basketball coaches for the fall of 1999.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest with any pertinent information to Brian Swinehart, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, 32789 West Ten Mile, Farmington, MI 48336.

Swinehart can be reached by phone at (248) 489-3352. His office fax number is (248) 489-3418.

• Redford Catholic Central is seeking a freshman boys soccer coach for the upcoming season. Interested persons should call varsity coach Dana Orsucci at (313) 534-0660, Ext. 146.

#### VIPERS IN-LINE TOURNEY

The Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League will host Blade Raid '99, an inline hockey tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills parking lot.

Games will consist of four-onfour roller hockey (including goaltender). Teams area guaranteed a minimum of three games in the round-robin format. The squads with the best records advance to the playoffs with the top three finishers in each division receiving awards. All participants will also receive tickets to the Vipers' 1999-2000 homer opener and an official Blade '99 T-shirt.

For more information, call the Oakland County Parks office or tournament director Don Rossman at (248) 377-8637.

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For more information or to enroll in a program, call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400.

## ROCKERS SUMMER CAMPS

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) Aug. 2-6 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, weeklong camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for \$99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Racquet Club. Half-day camps are \$119 and full-day are \$189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official size-5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-200 Rockers VIP season ticket pass. For more information, call (313) 396-7070

## OAKLAND CC WANTS ATHLETES

The Oakland Community College men's and women's cross country teams, the women's vollevball team and the women's tennis team are looking for athletes to compete in the 1999-2000 school year.

All athletes must be full time students at OCC during the fall semester.

OCC students interested in competing should call either cross country coach Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155, volleyball coach Mike Lindstrom at (248) 363-1904 or tennis coach Kim Jackson at (248) 360-3159.

## Recruits from page C1

pitcher he went 7-5 his senior first.

vear. "I just love his competitive-

ness," Haeger said. "As your third baseman he's a kid you want on the field because he wants to win.

"And he has some power." Rizzi, hampered this spring after undergoing knee surgery, made All-Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"He's the same kind of kid as Woodruff, only he's coming from can go two-deep just about the left side," Haeger said. "He's everywhere. And most of the a big, thick kid who can also play

"And like Woodruff he'll need more work defensively."

Haeger is also looking forward to the return of pitcher Mitch Jabczenski, who did not play last year to concentrate on working toward a degree in education.

"He was one of our best his sophomore year and right now he's playing in a wood bat league in New York," Haeger said. "Right now our team looks like it good kids our from our area."







## Danielwicz MVP in All-Star

Beth Danielewicz was named the most valuable player of the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League's varsity all-star game Saturday after leading the Blue team to a 10-2 victory over the Red.

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Danielewicz, who plays for the Farmington Hills Diamonds, was the winning pitcher, tossing a no-hitter through four scoreless innings while striking out seven.

She also was 2-for-3 with the bat and scored a run in the midsummer classic at Shiawassee Park in Farmington

Becky Mitchell (Livonia Lancers) and Amelia Araiza (Diamonds) also had two hits apiece for the Blues.

Christine Fones (Livonia Knights) and Mitchell batted in two runs each; Kathy Rospierski (Lancers) and Sheila Gillies (Knights) had one RBI apiece. Courtney Wilmering (Lancers) and Araiza scored two runs each.

Amanda Sutton and Shae Potocki of the Plymouth Lightning scored first-inning runs to give the Red team a 2-1 lead, but the Blue took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth.

Sutton and Jamie Linden (Livonia Lasers) hit triples in the first inning. Linden's threeINCREDIBLE

base hit scored Sutton with the Red's first run.

Other members of the Blue team were Sallie Kuratko, Carly George, Meghan Misiak and Kathleen Schram of the Knights; Alyssa Stanbridge of the Diamonds; Kristen Barnes of the Lancers; Jenille Brown and Megan Coultas of the Canton Cobras

The Red roster included Jessica Chapman, Dawn Allen, Marnie Jones and Jacqui Slebodnick of the Lightning; Nicole Zabkiewicz, Jeanette Bertrand, Amy Sandrick and Kerstin Marshall of the Lasers; Kelley Hutchins, Amanda Jankowski and Kim Giller of the Livonia Cyclones; Ellen Doughty of the Farmington Hills Hornets; and Janeese Chapman of the Plymouth Thunder.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Dana Hardwidge of the Knights, and the Red squad was coached by Bonnie Sutherland of the Lightning.

Andrea Alberty was named the MVP of the Incredible JV all-star game after driving in the winning run in the seventh inning to give the Blue an 8-7 win over the

Stephanie Day and Lisa DeRoche had two hits apiece to lead the Blue. Day also had two RBI, DeRoche and Liz Malek one

Rachael Koernke batted in two runs for the Red; Renae Ritz and Colleen Badger had one RBI

The players on the Blue team were Megan Wilkinson, Kim Baldoni, Kristine Tomey, Mindy Mitchell, Sue Malonis and Alberty of the White Sox; Malek. Shawn Fallon, Kristin Grewe, Sara Robak and Day of the Red Sox; Jackie D'Agostino and Kelly Batterman of the Wings; Amanda Morrill and DeRoche of the Ladybugs.

The Red team consisted of Maria Palmer, Lauren Mydlowski, Sara Sakowski, Erin Agemy, Carly Tracey and Megan Myers of the Mustangs; Ellen Hector, Kate Rhodes, Amy Schiffman, Koernke and Taryn Charrette of the Broncos; Katie Michniak. Ritz and Natalie Krieger of the Gators; Badger and Nicole Zamitt of the Rangers.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Amollio Salinas, and the Red team was coached by Ken Mydlowski.

## Compuware heads to Charlotte

Following a pair of secondplace finishes in state tournaments, the Compuware 15-yearold girls softball team won the Brighton Classic last weekend by defeating NFWB-Ultimate Precision in the final, 6-1.

Immediately following its victory, Compuware left for Charlotte, N.C., to battle more than 200 teams from across the country for the NSA national championship.

Compuware was second in the USSSA state tournament July 17-18 at Canton Softball Center.

In three pool-play contests, Compuware topped Western Michigan Elite (9-0), Finesse (6-2) and Bay City Classic (9-5).

Sarah Pierce (Clinton Township) banged a triple, three doubles and a single during pool play, and teammate Jenny Lyon racked up seven RBI.

In the next round, Compuware struck down the Downriver Travel Lightning, 13-4. Aimee House (East Lansing) had two

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Blast, 7-1. Denise Haus (Lincoln Park), Jessica Kish (Lincoln Park) and Meghan Young knocked in two runs each to move Compuware into the semifinals.

River City Riptide took a 4-1 lead into the sixth inning and appeared ready to extend its winning streak against Compuware, but the 15s came back in the bottom of the inning.

Singles by Danielle Weber (Canton) and Kish preceded a secure a 6-4 victory.

tled the heat and the Rage's big hitters in her seventh consecutive game of the weekend.

The 15s also were runners-up the previous weekend (July 10-11) in the NSA 16-and-under state tournament at Softball

Marszalec struck out eight as Compuware defeated the Mount Pleasant Drillers, 1-0. Weber knocked in the only run, scoring Bell with two out in the seventh

Compuware came from behind in the next game to defeat the Riptide in extra innings, 7-6.

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State runner-up: The Canton Storm recently reached the final of the USSSA Girls 14-and-under slow-pitch softball state championship (July 14-16 in Commerce Township) before losing to host Robeson Brothers Splash. Home runs by Melissa Horste and Rebecca Rourk gave the Storm a 14-8 semifinal win over the Clinton Valley Cougars. The second-place finish capped a six-tournament summer for the Storm including an appearance in the Smaky Baker All-American Girls Slow-pitch NIT (Fourth of July weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio). Other members of the Storm include: Jackie Jacek, Susan Woodard, Samantha White, Stephanie Gallison, Stephanie Sobick, Kelly Ebers, Heidi McCroskey, Brook Stephanie Gallison, Stephanie Sobick, Kelly Ebers, Heidi McCroskey, Brook Posler, Maggie Tudor, Amy Geick, Lauren Esser, Kim Diedrich and Francie Barbero. The Storm are coached by Dave Rourk, Bruce Horste and Mike Sobick.





## Lennestown-bound

## Livonia DCI return to AAABA Nationals

Load up the charter bus. Decision Con-sultants, inc. of the Adrey Metro Resolull Association will be making a return trip to Johnstown, Pt. (Aug. 9-14)) for the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournment. Last year DCI finished 4-2, reaching the semifical of the winner's bracket before being defeated twice by the eventual cham-pion Washington Senators, 19-8 and 11-1. Coach Mike George's equad opened tour-ney play with wins over Philadelphia (9-8), Schenectarly, N.Y. (18-11) and Brooklyn, N.Y. (9-8).

N.Y. (9-8).

DCI qualified for the second straight year by finishing in first place in the Colle-giate Division of the Adray Metro with a 15-8-2 record.

It's pretty much whole new squad from a year ago with only three players returning

pitcher Tim Miller (Livonia Prenklin/Waysie State), Ryan Kravetz (West Bloomfield) and Matt White (University of Detroit Mercy).

Four players from Michigan State are on the roster including Troy Bergman (son of former Tiger Dave), Chris McCuistion, Don Watchowski, Dave Strunk.

Representing Eastern Michigan are Dan Hyott and Greg Anglin. Oakland University players include Mike Bennion, Eric Hardin and Adam Sokoll.

Zach Cornwell (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Mike Gates play for CMU.

Two players come by way of Grand Rapids Junior College Rick Court and

Jason Popham).

Rounding out the squad is Matt Pike (Siena Heights) and Andie Maki (Grand Valley State).

"Hitting-wise, we just have a solid group of guys," DCI manager Mike George said. The pitching has been phenomenal, probably our strongest point.

"We have bunch of guys who really get along well. We don't do statistics. The only stats that matter to me is winning league. "We got out to 6-0-2 start and didn't hurt

us any." George will take a 20-man roster to Johnstown.

He added two pitchers from the secondplace Michigan Lake Area Rams - Shawn Morrison, a left-hander from Western Michigan, and Tom Gallus, a right-hander from EMU.

## 16-and-under Rams win district

The Michigan Lake Area Rams scored 74 runs in five games last weekend to win a 16and-under district championship at Plymouth Canton-Salem high schools.

The Rams were led by Mark Lundquist of West Bloomfield who had nine hits, including three home runs, and 17 RBI in the American Amateur Baseball Congress tournament.

Lake Area opened with a 19-0 rout of Jackson. In succeeding games, the Rams defeated the Michigan Knights of Macomb County 14-9, Livonia Travel 16-2, the South Farmington Blues 16-1 and Adrian 9-8

Kevin Entsminger (Canton) was the winning pitcher against Livonia and Adrian, allowing three hits, striking out nine and walking two in 4 2/3 innings. His earned run average was 1.50.

Lundquist, Mark Downer (Pinckney) and

Thomas Larson (Novi) won one game each.

The team's leading hitter was Garrett Ignasiak (Waterford), who played in only three games but batted .667.

Josh Odom (Livonia) hit .538, Lundquist and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) .500 and Entsminger .462. Brandon Siemens (Riverview), Joe Ruggiero (Livonia) and Anthony Coratti (Novi) batted .429 and Larson .427.

Entsminger and Ruggiero had eight RBI apiece, Odom seven and Larson six. Charlie Haeger (Plymouth) also hit a home run. Miller scored a team-high 11 runs, Odom 10 and Dan Wilson (Livonia) nine.

For the season, Lundquist is hitting .427 with 67 hits in 157 at-bats, 18 doubles, three triples, nine home runs and 73 RBI. He leads the team in each of those categories.

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Ruggiero has a .369 batting average, Odom .348, Larson .330, Wilson .316. and Haeger .299. Odom has five homers and 35 RBI, Siemens 30 RBI and Ignasiak three homers. Eight players have between 23 and 29 RBI.

In the pitching department, Ruggiero is 8-0 with 30 strikeouts and eight walks in 43 2/3 innings with a 2.56 ERA.

Lundquist is 7-1, Haeger 5-0, Larson 4-0, Entsminger 7-4 and Wilson 4-1. Lundquist leads the team with 62 2/3 innings, 40 strikeouts and 1.45 ERA. Larson has a 1.62

Coratti, Entsminger and Haeger attend Redford Catholic Central High School; Ignasiak, Lundquist and Miller, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Larson, University of Detroit-Jesuit; Odom, Livonia Churchill; Ruggiero, Livonia Franklin; and Wilson, Livonia Stevenson.

## WaCo finishes 53-7

The 10-and-under WaCo Wolves capped off a 53-7 season by finishing 13th out of 41 teams in the AAA division of the USSSA World Series last weekend at the Arc Park complex in Fort Worth, Tex.

The Mariners of Georgia eliminated the Wolves on Saturday in the finalist round of the doubleelimination tournament, 17-1.

Pitcher Anthony Savone (Redford) recorded three tournament wins for the Wolves while Toby Matchulat (Redford) was the starter in two of the victories.

Alex Cowart (Dearborn) and James Telfer (Saline) each batted .666 to lead the Wolves offensively. Savone had a team-high 12 hits for the six games, while Telfer had an on-base percentage of .800.

Nathan King (Livonia) added eight hits and a .500 average. while Savone added eight RBI and a .466 average.

Nick Stortini (Redford), Billy Hardin (Dearborn Heights) and Jordan Szapichler (Farmington) all had on-base averages close to

The Wolves dropped their opener, 14-11, to the Texas Diamond Backs despite erupting for six runs in the opening inning as five players contributed hits during the surge.

Hardin and Will Lewis (Detroit) both sacrificed in runs, while Savone cleared the fence in the fourth inning to give the Wolves a momentary 9-8 lead.

The Diamond Backs scored six runs in the final two innings to earn the victory.

Cowart scored three runs and had three hits in a losing cause.

The Wolves rebounded in the second round to be the Kansas Mariners, 14-6, as Cowart (4-for-4), King (3-for-3) and Szpaichler (two hits) paced the offense.

Savone, who went the distance, was the winning pitcher, while Grant Lawrence (Livonia)

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The Wolves won their second straight game and remained alive in the tournament with a 10-9 victory.

Matchulat pitched four solid innings before giving way to Cowart and Savone, Stopper J.J. Pierce (Westland) fanned the final batter with two men on.

Joshua Brewer (Plymouth) contributed a key sacrifice bunt in the victory.

Pinkerton, Ohio then pinned a 13-1 loss on the Wolves as Stortini, Cowart and Savone collected the only hits against a hardthrowing left-hander.

Pierce and Lewis handled the pitching chores.

The Wolves then staved alive by defeating the Lone Star Bandits of Texas, 15-1, as Telfer had three hits and five RBI. Hardin and Mike Broughton (Westland) each drew two walks and scored a pair of runs.

Pitchers Matchulast and Savone combined for the victory. setting the stage for a meeting with the Georgia Mariners.

Once again a flame-throwing left-hander handcuffed the six of the 12 batters he faced with strikeouts.

Telfer had the lone hit, while Aaron Dolkowski (Livonia) was the team's defensive standout

## **Detroit Braves advance**

The Detroit Braves, a 12-and: under Little Caesars Travel League baseball team won the American Amateur Baseball Congress regional Saturday in Oregon, Ohio with a 6-0 record. including a pair of victories against the Midland, Ohio Red-

The Braves now advance to the AABC World Series in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



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## RU grad named president of Lightning

Ron Campbell, a 1974 Redford Union graduate, has been named president of the Tampa Bay Lightning, a recent expansion team in the National Hockey League.

Campbell's title also extends to the Ice Palace, the arena the Lightning calls home. Campbell immediately assumes responsibility of the day to day operation of all departments within the Lightning organization.

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He retains his title as Executive Vice-President of Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills. Tom Wilson, president of PS & E, is Chief Executive Officer and Governor of the Lightning. Campbell serves as the team's Alternative Governor.

"Ron is the obvious choice to head our operation in Tampa," said Wilson, who will remain actively involved with the Lightning. "Since day one, when we originally consid**PRO HOCKEY** 

ered the purchase, Ron has been our most integral and involved manager. Without him we would have never acquired the Lightning. He studied the team, the arena, their histories and all their financial aspects. He helped negotiate the purchase and now we believe he should oversee the organization.

"He knows the organization better than anyone and I have complete confidence in his abilities to be an effective leader in its turnaround while also assuring that we become a significant contributing member of the Tampa Bay community."

The top financial executive at Palace Sports and Entertainment for the past 15

years, Campbell was hired by Guardian Industries, Lightning owner William Davidson's flagship corporation, in 1981.

He joined the Pistons' organization in 1984 when he was hired to oversee all financial aspects of the team.

His role with the Pistons-Palace organization continued to evolve when the company opened The Palace of Auburn Hills in 1988 as he also took on all administrative and organizational responsibilities for the arena

Additionally, Campbell worked closely with the team's basketball staff for more than a decade, reporting to the team President and General Manager on league policy issues, primarily involving the NBA's Salary Cap and Collective Bargaining Agreement. while assisting in player personnel issues.

## **Playoff champions**

Orloles finish strong: The 12-yearold Livonia Orioles, captured the Pee Wee Majors two-round city tournament July 10 with a one-run victory over the Royals in the championship and a 19-6 triumph over the Eagles. Members of the Orioles, coached by Scott Murray and Phil Adkins, include Ben Adams, Sean Adkins, Chris Barczuk, Bobby Billotto, Joe Dugan, Brandon Mishowski, Jamie Murray, Matt Robinson, Ricky Snyder, John Thomas, Alan Tyler, Justin Smith and Shane Vine. The Orioles completed their Livonia season with a 12-4 record.



Tops Bahrami in singles fina

Fourth-seeded Henri Lecen-te captured the singles title at the \$150,000 Mentadent Jee Dumars Champions senior tennis tournament in Bloom

Leconte outlasted secondseeded Mansour Bahrami in Sunday's final at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), enabling Lecente to vault into fifth place in the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit's Masters Point Stand-

Leconte, who lost to Bahrami in the finals of the seasonopening Delta Air Lines ATP Senior Tour of Champions in Doha, Qatar, earned \$40,000 in first-place prize money and picked up his second singles title on the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit.

"It was a great win," Leconte said. "Mansour played well, but I felt really good about the way I played. It was tough in the heat, but I think I had a good week of tennis."

Leconte's success at the BOH was limited to singles play, however, as he and Johan Kriek teamed up Sun-

in the deciding Champion

Bartier on Saturday, Molino, and Nagel defeated senior cir-cuit pros Mel Purcell and Eddie Dibbs, 8-4, 7-6 (7-6).

Saturday's comifinal singles matches featured a 4-6, 6-4, 13-11 win by Locente ever Kriek, while Bahrami downer Sweden's Mats Wilander, 6-3; 1-6, 10-8.



## Canton Braves capture playoff championship against Tigers

The 10-and-under Braves recently caged the Tigers, 10-6, to capture the Canton Community Junior Baseball Association boys 10-and-under World Series championship

The finished the season with a 16-4 record.

Dan Ryan and Charles Page are the coaches, assisted by Scott Gordinier and Andy Campbell

Team members of the Braves include Jeremy Krueger, Nick Ryan, Maxwell Vaughn, Keith Campbell, Bryant Powers, Brian Hale, Devin Moss, Dan Gor dinier, Jason O'Guinn, Steve Paye, Nick Rapson and Caleb

## Blues seize Series berth

The South Farmington 10-year-old Blues earned a trip to the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series by winning the East Central regional championship July 21-25 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The double-elimination World Series will pit nine regional winners from the United States and Puerto Rico in competition starting today in Olive Branch. Miss. The Blues open against the Memphis Tigers tonight.

In sweeping the regional opposition, South Farmington defeated Kendalville (Ind.) 12-2, Dublin (Ohio) 2-1. Wallen (Ind.) 11-4 and the Michigan Rams 14-6. To clinch the title, the Blues again defeated Dublin, the Ohio state champs, 12-8.

Complete-game pitching victories were recorded by Zak Kozuchowski, Josh Rebandt, Brian Noble and

The efforts by other Blues players were led by center fielder Harvey Martin and infielders Stephen Doty, Brooks Tuyn and Andy Lentz.

In the title game, the Blues overcame a two-run deficit with a six-run rally ignited by Paul Greenwood and aided by key hits from Martin, Doty, Gorecki, Kevin Raftery and Jon Cas-

The Blues have an impressive 48-9 record entering the World Series.

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# Canton anglers rule Lake St. Clair bass classic

A couple area bass fishing teams have been experiencing tremendous success lately on local waters here in southeastern Michigan.

Darren Lear and Ken Rosbury, both of Canton, opened the bass season last month on Lake St. Clair with a victory in the Motor City Charity Bass Classic. Fish-

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ing Yamamoto grubs and tubes in 12 feet of water, the duo combined to catch an eight-fish limit that weighed 34.8 pounds.

"That was an unofficial Lake St. Clair record," Rosbury said. "We caught two big ones that weighed 5.2 pounds and 5.4 pounds and we also won big fish honors for the tournament.

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Rosbury said the fish were in a transition period and were found in a post-spawn staging area.

The following day, the dynamic duo teamed up once again and placed second in the Tri-State Bass Super Team Tournament. also held on Lake St. Clair. They caught another limit that weighed 26.5 pounds and pocket-

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Two weeks later, Lear competed in the Forrest Wood Open, the sixth stop of the 1999 Wal-Mart FLW Tour. Of 166 professional anglers Lear managed a 21stplace finish with a two-day total of 29.8 pounds.

Two weeks ago the Lear/Rosbury team was at it again and had two more victories over the weekend. On Saturday, they won the Angler's Choice Tournament on Lake Erie with a five-fish limit that tipped the scale at 21.7 pounds. The following day they topped the chart in an Oakland Bass Masters Tournament on Lake St. Clair with an eightfish limit that weighed 27.7

"We're fishing some areas that a lot of other people aren't," said Rosbury. "We've been fishing out there for a long, long time and all the hard work is finally starting to pay of."

## Ladies find a little luck

Another local tandem having a great summer of fishing fun is Canton's Mary Ashteneau and Troy's Jeni Harless.

Two weeks ago they teamed up to win the Bustin' Lip Tournament on Lobdell Lake with a

five-fish limit that weighed 22.2 ond. pounds.

"That's a tremendous weight for that lake," said Ashteneau, a former qualifier for the National Bass'n Gals Classic Star. "We

went out at 5 a.m. and hadn't fished for five minutes and caught one close to five pounds. We had all our fish by 7 a.m. and only culled one fish after that.'

The first fish they caught turned out to 4.5 weigh pounds and earned Ashteneau

and harless big fish honors for the tournament.

Ashteneau said they were fishing in eight feet of water with Berkley spider grubs.

The same pattern paid off last weekend as Ashteneau and Harless joined forces to win the Hooksetters Bass Association tournament on Lobdell Lake. This time they landed a sevenfish limit that weighed 15.71 pounds. They pocketed \$245 for winning the first tournament and \$1,000 for winning the sec-

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"We found one deep hole along a little weed bed and they were coming up there to feed," Ashteneau said. "I can't wait until August 29 because Oakland Bass Masters has another tournament out there and we plan to fish that one, too."

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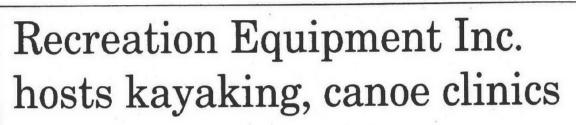
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## BASSMASTER on tap

Rochester's Art Ferguson is currently in New Orleans competing in the prestigious BASS-MASTER Classic, which runs Thursday through Sunday, July 29-31, on the Mississippi River

Ferguson fished in the Classic one other time, in 1990. He earned a berth in this year's tournament by winning the Northern Division championship in the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. Federation National Championships earlier this year.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248)



The staff of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville are hosting free clinics for those with interests in kayaking and canoeing.

· A kayaking skills and safety course will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Park's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to

· Paddling camping essen-

tials will be covered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety.

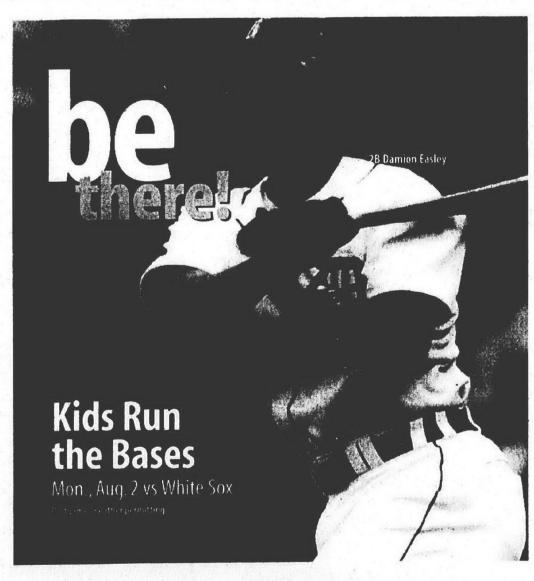
•REI staff member Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an Ultra-light Backpacking exhibit at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI.

In order to complete his jour-

ney in a limited amount of time, pack weight had to be kept to a minimum. Duluk will provide a gear list of his 20pound pack and discuss the mental and physical preparation for such a journey.

REI is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads just west of I-275. The address is 17559

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## CLASSES/ CLINICS SAILING LESSONS

Beginner and would-be sailors can get free, hands-on sailing lessons during a special program offered by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club. Lessons begin at noon Saturday, July 31, at Stony Creek Metropark. Call (248) 6256197 for more information.

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Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444

The newly renovated Livonia

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dren. Livonia residents shoot

located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on

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Application deadline for the fall

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**TOURNAMENTS** 

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 31, on Sanford Lake.

Registration is \$60 and the pay

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Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762

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Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the

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### HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 to register and for more information.

## **PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS**

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

## SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC

Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

### WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

## ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING

Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultralight backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

## **MORE HUNTER EDUCATION**

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering several hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Aug. 28-29, Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313)532-0285 to register and for

#### more information **FLY FISHING SCHOOL**

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water; playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register

and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474

#### **FLY TYING**

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class

## MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

## CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information

## **ACTIVITIES**

## FISHING DERBY

Get hooked on fishing during a fishing derby, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Orion Township Parks and Recreation. Activities include

several contests such as dry casting, smallest fish, largest fish, ugliest fish, best fishing hat and biggest frog. Activities begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Call (248)

391-0304 for more information.

### WATERLOO HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at the Waterloo State Recreation Area beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370 for more information.

#### HERITAGE PARK

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFramboise at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

#### **BALD MOUNTAIN HIKE**

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike at Bald Mountain State Recreation Area beginning at noon on Sunday. Aug. 22. Call Dan Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

## **CLUBS**

## CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for

more information.

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month

third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets #:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim ments will be served. Call Jim ments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for mor information.

#### FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more informa-

## HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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#### BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

#### **FLY TYING**

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

## **BALD MOUNTAIN**

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area** in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; · 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

## **PONTIAC LAKE**

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa-

#### **ORTONVILLE RECREATION** Ortonville Recreation Area in

Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

## OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

## NATURE CLUB

Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Independence Oaks. The club will also meet Aug. 28.

## STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

## SUMMER EVENING STROLL

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

## BEETLES AND BUTTERFLIES

Learn the differences between beetles and butterflies and why both are important during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Proud lake.

## ANIMAL TRACKS

Learn about animal tracks then make tracks on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Highland.

ING IN THE PARKS Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday's, through August 10, at Island Lake, Metamora-Hadley and Pontiac Lake recreation areas

## GARDEN HERBS

A discussion on how to use and grow various kitchen herbs begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Maybury.

### FARM STORIES

Listen to a short story about crows then join in a fun activity during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug.

## 7, at Maybury.

FISHING FOR BEGINNERS Learn the basics of fishing dur-

ing this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Highland.

## BATS OF MICHIGAN

Learn all about bats during this slide presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

## **NATURE FOLKLORE**

Take a look at nature from a different angle and learn about leg-

ends and folklore during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Maybury.

## **METROPARKS**

## **METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

### 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

## THE BEAR FACTS

Learn all about black bears during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Indian Springs.

## GOOD BUG, BAD BUG

A naturalist-led hike to learn how insects affect us begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at

#### Kensington. HABITAT HODGEPODGE

A naturalist-led hike in search of various habitats in the park begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington.

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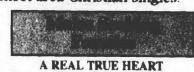
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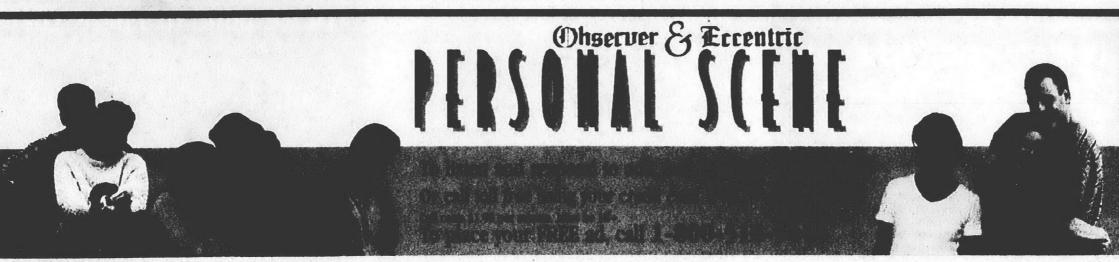
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SWF, 33, 56\*, 1250s, blonde/green
Vivacious, adventurous, fit and stable, loves life childran, travel and
laughter. Seeking is-ndsome fit
STOWPM. to love, laugh and play
with. TX4602
ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL
Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWF, 34.

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Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWF 34
577, 130lbs, blonde/green, seeks
financially secure, successful SVM,
42- for possible LTR, TT4526
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Petitle, well-educated SWPF, 46,
stender, blue/blue, NS, ND, no chidren, enjoys goff, intelligent humor,
iffe Eclectic interests in music art,
entertainment. Seeking handsome,
successful but playful SDVMM tall.

SUCCESSful, but playful S/DWM, tall, N/S, LTR. 12 4535
SENSUAL LADY LOVES CHIVAL-RY

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DWF, young-looking 44.52°, 126/bb,
strawberry blonde/green, seeks
SWM, 40-50, who is fit, attractive,
honest and attentive I enjoy fishing,
camping, dancing concerts,
romance, cudding and holding
hands For LTR. \$\overline{\text{TM}}\) 4531

MO PICKUE TRUCKS...
for this classy, degreed, attractive,
blonde, leggy lady. You're sophisticated 46+, NS, who likes Pine Knob,
Meadowbrook, fine dining, travel,
Let's enjoy summer, and wondeful
limes logether. \$\overline{\text{TM}}\) 4334

Let's excure DWF 42, mom, tall,
sim, NS, seeks male counterpart
38-45, who enjoys family, outdoors,
football, shooting pool, romance,
concerts, and more. North Oaktand
County, \$\overline{\text{TM}}\) 4323

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Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous,
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Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, petries SWF, 43, long blonde-hazel, N/S, N/D, loves horses, nature, hik-ing, traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conversations. Seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. 174164

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Siender DWF, 43, 55°, blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fin, outgoing S/DWM, 34-46, 510°, with good sense of humor. Possible LTR N/S
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Bense of humor. Possible LTR. N.S 24076 LOOKING FOR A HERO LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, downto-earth DWF, 36, 577, 128/tbsblonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoysrunning, werm weather, music, biking, Seeking nice, financially secure
SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life with.

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LET'S GO SAKLING

LET'S GO SAILING

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR SF. 44, 5'8', medium build, nice personality, smoker, drink sociably Seeking financially secure man, 45-55, in Garden City area, no small children. Enjoy moves, walks, concerts, dining, art, cuddling, affection 12'5050. SEXY REDHEAD..

Easygoing, fun-toving DWPF, 49, 56°, 145hs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6°+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR TEY99?

NEW RECRUIT Outgoing DWF, 52, 5°5°, brown-blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dencing, dinners, moves, outgoors or just hanging out. Seeking SM, similar interests. For long/short term romance or just for friendship. T3:356

term romance or just for friendship.

27:3595

COULD WE...
have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWPM, 45-57, N/S, fit, not into games, who likes traveling, fleater, beach, is honest, intelligent, fun, romantic call this attractive SWPF, young 51: 12:4021

Sender, tall, intelligent, refined yet fun SF, 53, smoker, seeks an intelligent, tall, catasay and confident generic tall, catasay and confident generic tall, attasay and confident generic tall, attasay and confident generic tall and yet good conversation.

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laced with good conversalion 174470

Are you a good-looking, outgoing, well-exercised, degreed N/S, who wishes to meet a gorgeous, degreed, 57\*, 130/bs, childless, mid-40s lady who loves to tread, bike lour, antique, and goode. Lef's connect 174956

ASPECIAL LADY

54\*, 145/bs, red/green, single mom, seeks SWM, 42-52, who enjoys camping assimming, reading, movies of the seeks SWM, 45-50, hones, full-loving, commitment-minded for LTR, 174916

LTR. T4916

ATTRACTIVE

EUROPEAN WOMAN

European born, refined, loving, educated SF, young mid-60e, 55°, good figure, many interests, seeks caring, intelligent, secure gentleman 67-75, NS, with sense of humor, for lasting relationship T4234

SOULMATE AND MORE

relationship TI-234

SOULMATE AND MORE
Up-beat, well-traveled, romantic
sensual DF late 40s, 55°, 125tbs
ready to share warm moments,
laughter, fine arts, and my head with
honest, communicative, established,
classy S/DM, 45+, wonderful you!
N/S TI-4906

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Educated, financially secure woman,
N/S social drinker, likes home and
hearth, travel, theater, movies
Seeking a gentleman in his 60s for
friendship first. TI-4898

BINONE KNOCKOUT
Petite, educated DWPF, 42, no
dependents, looking for someone to
tock her world. Seeking aducated,
honorable, spiritual, decent financially/emchonatly stable WPM, 3549 who's not afraid of a serious relationship. TI-4901

NEW BEGINNINGS

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CARPORT AND ALVERTINGS

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CARPORTINGS

Aive, with, and still sexy, 46, 5'8', SF, full-ligured and happy. Looking for a male that knows what love is about Call, let's meet 17 4902.

READY TO TRY AGAIN READY TO TRY AGAIN
Talkative, Inendty, easygoing SWF,
39. N/S, N/D, no dependents loves
animals, movies, walks, camping,
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museums. Seksing samilat male to
share time with. 17.4861

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THE BEST IS YET TO COME affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous, seeks tall, fit, attractive degreed, energetic, honest SWPM 45-53, 6+, NS, sense of humor For friendship first, possible LTR

T3598

MAGIC TOUCH

Gentle on the heart Cute DWPF 52.
N/S, seeks S/DWPM, N/S, 45-60,
5101+ for dancing, warm-weatherfun and enjoying life, Livonia area
T2534

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

Down-to-earth SWF, 40, N/S, N/D, N/D/Ugs, enjoys music, danging, working out, walking and the out-doors. Seeks special SWM who pris God first If you're that someone special, please call \$\overline{\pi}\$4800 THE REAL THING

SWF, 47, caring, fun-toving, enjoys dancing, dinner, movies. I'm looking for a good frend to share special times with Be an active SWM, 45-55, with a good sense of humon. \$\overline{\pi}\$455.

with a good sense of humor. \$\overline{12}\$4725

with a good sense of humor. 174725
LET'S DO LUNCH
Healthy SBPF, 55+, with young ideas
and high energy letvel, seeks healthly
SBPM, who is sensitive, for compan-ionship, maybe more in the future.
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I CHALLENGE YOU.
Id call this dependent free smart,
challenging DWF, 40+, this shapely
brunette desires passionate intelli-gent SDWM, 45-55, for weekend
escapes, star gazng, dating, North
Oakland county, Please call again.
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ONE MORE TRY

ONE MORE TRY GLAMOROUS BABE

Educated, charismatic, cultured, professional female, no dependents, seeks educated, successful professional, 40-55, 6°+, who likes fine dining, cultural events, for possible relationship \$\mathbf{T}\$ 4622

tionship. 1274622.
LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH...
Petite SWF, 50, 57°, brown-brown, enjoys reading, jazz, nature, theatre, and good conversation. Seeking sincers SWM, 46:54. H/W proportionate, to share thendship, lide, humor, and happiness. For LTR. 1274624.

DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL...
passionate professional, SWF, 36,
55°, 1121bs, loves life, laughter,
seeks stable spontaneous S.DWM
38-55, who is open-minded, fit, and
sensual. Eventually looking for
monogamous involvement. \$2,750
FRESH START
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monogamous involvement. T3750
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Fun-loving, kind, easygong, downto-earth hemale, 51, easks wonderful
companion to share life with T24589
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Shapely, sensual DWF, late 30s, 555
brown hair seeks physically lif, financially/emotionally secure SDBM, 6+,
for LTR, to grow old with significant
other Spiritual, physical, intellectual
connection a must. T24538
PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
Successful, humorous, charming,
interesting, giving female, 53, enjoys
moves, plays, concerts, fine dining,
cooking, boating, loves people
Seeking soutmate in a successful,
sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply,
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FRIENDS FIRST
Aftractive SWF, 50 seeks gentleman
who demands honesty in a relationship. I'm very caning and fun-loving,
and enjoy the outdoors, romantic
evenings and generally enjoy sort fairs,
flee markets, concerts, hockey
Seeking companionship with SWM,
40-50, with similar interests. T24432.

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!

Attractive DWF, young 50, 54\*, brown/blue, NS, enrotionally/financially secure, seeks compassionate, honest, similar SWM. for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel or just being together for mutual TLC Friends first, LTR 24333

PRETTY FEMME FATALE Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing PF, interior designer, seeks Ralph Lauran type male, 55-65, in Birmicham area. 274079

VERY ROMANTIC

Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 49, 54\*, medium build, likes the water, up north and Fforda Seeking total grettleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. 374075

DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

DWF, 38, 52\*, 1650s, blonde-sparkling blue, smoker Seeking a man who enjoys the outdoors, nature, waterfalls, storms, campfires, travel, festivals, concerts, and more 34955

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Ultra ferminne, petite, svelite European blonde with sophisbated tasles seeks nighty successful SWM 50-65, for possible LTR. 374912

SHARE MY LIFE

Caring, loving, widowed WF, 71, 5'3", 140bs, NS, seeks may for irrend-ship, companionship, good times logether. 324966

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MODEL TURNED...
Psychotherapis. SWF, former fashion model turned 52, long bionde
hair, green eyes, Scandinavian complexion, stylishly Rubenesque,
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intelligent, caring SWM, 40+ for possible LTR, 124911

CLASSY, ACTIVE. LOVELY BUT LONELY Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive romantic, fun, eclectic, special lady seeks honest, fun, loyal, flexible, special gentleman, 55+, N/S, for companionship and more. \$\frac{\pi}{24899}\$

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Do we dare get together? Joyful, athletic, witty, emotionally secure, attentive, nature-needy female, 44, seeks male comrade, with same qualities,

DESIRABLE ROMANTIC

DESIRABLE ROMANTIC.. seeks penieman. 40-55 who's caring, romantic, honest, a one-womanman, for possible LTR. T24954
SWEETHEART AVAILABLE
Attractive, intelligent SWF, 46, have strong morals/values/sprintualism. Seeking SWM, 43-52, to share same, for friendship/relationship. T24628

WHERE IS THE ONE FOR ME?

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Professionable employed SBF. 32, no dependents, enjoys movies, concerts, dining out, cooking, quiet immes Seeking sincere, ordege educated, serious, family-oriented, employed SB, 32-49, for a relationship, TT4336

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This never-cigarette smoking man
seeks earthly female, under 45,
who's booking for a lone gumman Me35, 6°, wanting extra-terrestrial
encounters T2:5046.

35. 6', wanting extra-terrestrial encounters IT5046
AUTOMOTIVE PROFESSIONAL
SWM, 36. 5'T, I 40lbs, very good-looking, MBA, engineering manager, likes sking, golfing, Seeking SF, 25-36, br LTR IT5051
UNIQUE ATTHETE
Seeking kind, open female with depth, who's unjeue, into weightfitting, martial airs By attractive, athletic SM, 30, 5107, 1855s, good person IT5055
CALL MY LOVE LINE!
Feel better faster Chamining achiever SWM, 40s. looking forward to an exciting range of behavior and exploration, with a spunky SWF, having a capacity, for intimacy. IT4993

VERY SPECIAL GUY...
wants to find a needle in the
haystack DWM. 44, 63°, 200bs,
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writted, confident, attractive SDWF,
30-40, N/S, For possible LTR Kids
ob. \$24986
PROFESSIONAL AND REAL
Down-to-serth, 32 year-old SWM i
am attractive, exciting, caring, and
fun. Seeking an attractive woman
who enjoys lifet \$23741
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Professional, good-looking SWM, 33,
63°, in shape, intelligent, funny,
humorous, but senous at the right
time Seeking S/DWF, 30-40.
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Attractive SWM, 34, 62°, dant/blue, great sense of humor, easygoing, enjoys sports, concerts, movies. Seeking attractive foreign female from any country, age open, no American women, please \$12,4777.

HANDSOME WHITE MALE Sincers, easygoing SWM, 41, 58°, 1555s. degreed, humorous, seeks trim, pietty SWF, who enjoys Sundey breakfasts, theater, symphony, and shows movies, outdoor concerts, dning out, opera, travel, romance. \$12,4721.

dining out, opera, travel, romance. 
### 721

LOVE TO LAUGH
Handsome SWPM, 42, 5107, muscular, seeks alim, affectionate SWF, social dinnker, no dependents for love, taughter and LTR. Committed monogamous relationship ### 74714

SINOLE FATHER
DVM, 37, 5107, 1700s, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit loving sweetheart, who enjoys music, travel, dining, and romaintic, quiet times. Novi area ### 74321

WAITING ON A FRIEND...
to NI my days and nights. SWFM, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be nonest, suran-basted and love children. Novi area ### 4522

FRIENDSHIP FIRST.

B is companion to handsome.

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Be a companion to handsome, youthful educated, amusing dad. 47, 62°. 210lbs, who enjoys gotting, motorcycles, meater travel, fine dining Seeking Independent, youthful attractive, easygoing, professional, 35-47, race open/single moms welcome. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$ 4904

SMILE WITH ME
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, dark blond/arge gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks affractive, sim, monogamous SWF, under 45, N/S, tor possible LTR. Talk to you soon.

TREASURE UNCLAIMED

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Sensitive, caring, fun-loving, unique
Inendly, Itali, handsome SWPM,
40ish, dark blondlarge gorgeous
blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF,
under 45, N/5, with similar qualities,
who's seriously interested in a rela-tionship. \$\overline{\text{T955}}\text{4}\$
BELIEVE IN LOVE/ROMANCE?

I want to live it! Italian male 6',
seeks same in attractive, slim SWPF,
35-45, N/5 Happmess awaits
\$\overline{\text{T953}}\text{45}\$
ACTIVE, EMGACING

ARE YOU A TOMBOY?

Attractive, thoughtful, passionate, romantic SWM, 35, 65°, 180bs, sandy brown hair, N.D. enjoys camping, cooking. Seeking Sim, attractive tom-boyish type, 28°-35, who is marriage-minded, loves to travel 17 4995

A PHONE CALL AWAY

Ouiet, down-to-earth, handsome SWM, 45, 63°, likes motorcycle rid-ung boating, skiing, outdoor activelies sincere conversation, seeks stender SWE, with similar interests for possible LTR. 32°415

SOMEONE SPECIAL?

Humorous, yel, intellectual, active. Humorous yet intellectual, active outgoing SWM, 40, 510°, 190tbs enjoys reading, winting outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friend ly, outgoing STWF, 34-48, N/S petitelmedium build, for possible relationship. 1 very HEALTHY & ATTRACTIVE VEHY MEALITY a attinuous Athletic, honest, romantic, intelligent masculine with soft side WM, 40, lean muscular build, N/S, financiary secure, animal lover, seeks honest, attractive, 4f, out-going, fun-loving female, for summer fun, possible ITD 4415.

MEET THIS MAN! A flawed creature with aggressive tendencies, a big ego, inability to listen but good at fishing fixing and hitting a ball. Seeking SWF, 35-50 174895 FIRST TIME AD

Sensitive, romantic, honest, sincere
SWM, 32, 6, darkhazel, olive com-plexion, likes dining out quiet
everlings, and evening walks
Looking for SWF, 25-40, for LTR

124804 AWAITING MR. RIGHT?

AWAITING MR. RIGHT?
A meaningful relationship based on support and understanding? Great!
But until then i'll do just fine Handsome, mischievous SWM, 43, seeks upfitting feminine companionship 

☐ 4894 BE ADVENTUROUS

PATCH MAN
Sincere, fun-loving degreed, athletic
articulate, sincere SWPM, 38, 51°,
1900s, varied interests. Seeking
stim, frim SWAF, to develop passionate, monogamous, romantic, sensual
LTR. No games. Age unimportant
but attitude is: \$\mathbf{T} 46.78 BE ADVENTOROUS

Educated, adventurous DWPM, 46, 577, 140lbs, N/S Seeking similar SWPF, withing to embrace wonder and excelement life offers. Must eryoy all types of musics dancing travel. and excitement life oriers all types of music, dancing, travel, romantic evenings, passionate nights \$\mathbf{1} 4326 STEAK TO SUSHI-between! SWPM

IMPROVE YOUR IMAGE!

Honest, sincere, romantic DWM. 41, 59°, 180/bs, 9 year-old son, loves concerts, sports, cooking, traveling, outdoors, more Seeking DWF, 34-40, with smilar interests. Friends first, possible LTR, 120°925.

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Irist, possible LTR. \$\overline{T}\$ 9922.

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I'd find someone special: DWM. 41, 59", 1800berfir, shortorewithrown, nice 1800berfir Seeking 1800berfir shortorewithrown, nice 1800berfir shor

WINE & ROSES
Warm, cuddly, semi-retired teddy bear in North Oekland Caucasian, NS, ND, no dependents Seeking a friend and lover to share, health, weath, happiness Tr4810
Widower 61, 6, 170lbs, Caucasian, retired, enjoys home projects Looking for a slender woman who looks forward to the joys of the days to follow. Tr4812
COMPAINON WANTED Honest and caring SWM, 65, 58, 170lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys BBQ travelling, Seeking retired SW/AF 60-68, with similar interests for LTR Tr4813
LIVE
DWM, 26, 577, 155lbs, kies to have tun Seeking S:DWF, 20-28, who likes to go out and have tun Tr4814
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SEARCHING FOR A HEART Intuitive, educated, creative persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 58, 1st brownblue no dependents. Seeking enaphtened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for frust, freedistip, communication, and more £73193

FREE TO A GOOD HOME Professional, financially-emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romartic SWM, 55, 511; NS, social drinker, enrylys simple things in life nature, vacations, love Happhess awaits us from this moment. on £7480.

CALL THE SHOT!

Make the move! An opportunity to

ACTIVE, ENGAGING
Seeks SWF, NS, to enjoy the arts, bookstores, history, fravel, long walks, nature, good conversation lennist, \$\frac{1}{2}\text{Max}\$ and the seek of the see

conversations \$\overline{\pi}\$5049

LAKE-FRONT OWNER

DWM 44 61" 205lbs: business owner, with kids who lives on the water, seeks 5F. 30.44, who is interested in a best finend, kids a plus \$\overline{\pi}\$4996

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WIDOWER

CPA, 60, medium build, blond blue, with varied interests, seeks tirm very attractive, personable [ady with whom to share life's offerings. T1991]

whom to share life's offerings.

17:3801

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Financially secure SWM. 42: 6
180ths, enjoys waiking movies, driving out. Seeking slim woman, 31-44, who loves to laugh, and is bill of kindness and love. 17:4994

17'S NO FUN BEING ALONE

Caring, affectionate loving DWM, 52
57' loves lake activities, sking movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium 95: 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term nonogamous relationship. Race unimportant. 17:4988

RUGGED, MUSCULAR.

all, clean-cut, degreed SWM, 40, 63', 233lbs, brownblue, jock type with no dependents, good personality, enjoys most everything, travel, Las, Vegas, road. tros. waiking

vegas, road trips sing friendly SF ap \$4018 SINCERE

HOT COMMODITY
Altectionals, spontaneous, oxfloring, leathful SWM, 40, 61°, senjoys concerts, movies, long welfus, cozy free. Seeking down-to-earth, honest SUP-30-40, with smilar interests, for possible LTR 12/4805
TURNER SEEKS FORDA
Nice-looking, well-educated man, 47, 61°, tim, mito arts, architecture, marketing, music, golf, and keeping a balance in rife and work. Needs, smart, good-looking, insightful woman with strong sense of conviction. 12/4769
A REAL GENTLEMAN
Kind-hearted SBM, 44, 57°, 170bs, medium build, easygoing, knows how to treat a lady with respect/dignity-Seeking STWMF, 35-50, for friend-ship and fun. 12/4770
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Attractive SBM, 39, 56°, 170bs, good job, car, homeowner, seeks very affectionate woman of any race/seg. 12/47. ROMANTIC GENTLEMAN.
seeks loving lady with whom to be a soutmate. If man educated down-to-out and the proportion of the property of the pr

very affectionate woman of any race/age. #4774

ROMANTIC GENTLEMAN... seeks loving tady with whom to be a soutmate. I'm an educated, down-to-earth. SWM. early 50s, 51s', and enjoy humor, dancing, nature, travel, home life, sharing your goals and interests. #27200

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH Warm weather, outdoorsy SJM. 46, 59°, 162bs, dark brown-blue, spiritual sensus, asnastive, enjoys boasting, volleyball, an lairs, outdoor cales, haing. Seeking soutmate SF, 29-44, sense of humor a plus. #23923

TRAVEL COMPANION WANTED Attractive, retired WM. 55, 56°, 130lbs, seeks SWF, under 50°, 130lbs, seeks SWF, under 50°, 130lbs, 11-10 pon-minded, N/S You name it, I've done it, Westland. #24715

BUSNIESS MAN

Attractive, young-looking DWM, 52, physically ift, financially secure, seeks SWF, 30-45, for potential LTR #24716

COOL, SMOOTH, TASTY Classic, creative, bold SWM, 45 prefers briefs over boxers. Seeks riteresting feminine counterpart, with lost of personality to march into my life #24712

DREAMS

I can dream about you if I can't hold you gente all night. DWM, 48, 57°, 195bs, long brown hair, NS, social drinker, seeks. Idety, 40-50, pettermedium build. #2410

ONE GOOD MAN

SWM, 59, electrician, enjoys gotfing Seeking widowed or SWF, with no children and good sense, who enjoys travel. #24710

FIRST TIME AD

DWM, 53, 510°, 180lbs, graying buf nice hair starting brown eves no rice hair starting brown eves no r

Seeking widowed or SWM, with no children and good sense, who enjoys travel. \$\mathbb{T}\$185 TIME AD

DWM, 53, 5107, 180 bis, graying but nice hair sparkling brown eyes, no-dependents. Ni.S. light diniker, employed homeowner, enjoys movies, gardening, dining out. Seeking slim, good-looking dark haired woman. \$\mathbb{T}\$2711

HAVE FUN WITHIS 38, SWPM

Do you like weekends up north? Lakes? Motorcycles? Mountain bis-ing? Being in shape? Then have fun with his SWPM. 38! You're in your 30s, lift, and you love lids. \$\mathbb{T}\$2400

LOCKING FOR A SMILE

Open-minded, warm-hearled SPM, seeks warm-hearled tenke. 30sh, with a smile to fill my day to share takes, boating, travel, motorcycles and workouts. Nov. \$\mathbb{T}\$4320

MISFITS AND MISADVENTURES?

Turn-on to this youthful gent, SWM, 46. I can cope with mood swings, peculianties at Seeking SF, 35-50. NIS, with share takes boating, travel, motorcycles and workouts. Nov. \$\mathbb{T}\$4320

MISFITS AND MISADVENTURES?

Turn-on to this youthful gent, SWM, 46. I can cope with mood swings, peculianties at Seeking SF, 35-50. NIS, who is fun to be with enjoys comedy clubs coffee houses, jazz clubs denoing, swimming, backgammon, chass. \$\mathbb{T}\$4421

ARE YOU TIRED...

ARE YOU TIRED. looking for a new beginning? SM seeks SWF 25-35 who enjoys canceing camping good conversation. No games 174680.

FINE ARTS, NO SPORTS

LONELY HEART someone, 40-47, who likes

Seeking someone 40-47, who like towling biking waiting and anything else 1 like kids and dogs 174621

LET'S SHARE
TOWLING TOWL Honest, spiritual, financially secure open DWM, young 60s, 6, 200bts. N.S. N.D. Summers/Michigan, Winters/South. Seeks lady to share fine ants fravel dance possible LTR. There's no time like today. \$\mathbf{T}\$4326.

There's no time the today 124328 LOVE'S LIFES FORCE most easy but this charming SWM, thinves on the passion of love and it's oeecer mandestations. Seeking fundoing SWF, over 40, with a dream to rulis.

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SEEKING A REAL MAN
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SATURDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "The Planets" 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Pre-concert lecture. "Cosmic Inspiration," 7 p.m. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 37.7-0100, or (248) 645-6666.



Janet Ginis stars in "Belles," Mark Dunn's drama in two acts, presented by SRO Productions, 2 p.m. at the City of Southfield's historic park, the Burgh on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 seniors and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for information.



Hot Tix: If you love classic cars, plan to attend the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Over 260 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children under age 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for infor-

mation.



# Polar bears to dive into Arctic Ring

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Ashley Feel turned away from the polar bear exhibit at the Detroit Zoo to

ask no one in particular if that's where they're building the Arctic Ring of Life? The 11-year old Bloomfield Hills girl knows all about the new home being

built for the polar bears and can't wait

for the exhibit to open in May of 2000. The \$13 million dollar naturalized habitat will take the place of the rocky landscape and the pool with the big purple ball in it. An interactive facility for polar bears, seals and people, the nearly four acre space will be the world's largest polar bear exhibit when completed. Until then, the bears continue to lumber along the craggy terrain

just in time for their 2 p.m. feeding.

oplified sketch based on illustration from Detroit Zoological Institute

bears are my most favorite animal in the whole wide world. I love them because they're cute, they're white and they swim."

Polar bear mania

The giant plush polar bear and cub on Ron Kagan's couch are a dead giveaway to the zoo director's current love affair. He "first began to think about reinventing the polar bear exhibit more than four years ago." In addition to the polar bears and seals, other cast members will include arctic foxes, snowy owls, lemmings, and a little frog that turns into an ice cube each winter and then thaws in spring and hops away.

"When you have a dream you have a dream. It's evolved," said Kagan. "It has this incredible 70 foot see-through

"I love polar bears," said Feel. "Polar tunnel. Diving and swimming polar bears and seals, who will be separated by a transparent barrier, will be all around you. There will be real icebergs. It's very elaborate with ice all around. There will be massive amounts of artificial ice and ice flows, and viewing galleries with entrances with icicles drip-

ping water." Kagan expects a few bruised polar bear noses initially. Ever since the African wild dogs were brought in earlier this year from Honolulu and placed next to the zebras, the dogs occasionally try to chase the black and white striped beasts. So Kagan expects the bears to dive after the seals a few times before realizing the barrier is there.

"We're following the bears migratory path. They follow the seals," said Kagan. "Humans understand stories. We're telling the story of the arctic for visitors. It's a story of a trek to the North Pole.

Visitors will enter into an Inuit village complete with art then follow a trail from the tundra to the open sea to pack ice to an underwater gallery and through the 70 foot acrylic tunnel to an exploration station on top of which is a huge ice making machine. Blocks of ice, weighing hundreds of pounds, will

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The Detroit Zoo

WHERE: 8450 W. Ten Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 398-0903.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 6 p.m. Sundays, until 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 1.

ADMISSION: \$7.50 adults. \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. Parking is \$3 for cars/vans.

## **FESTIVAL**

## **150th Annual Highland Games**

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 7. Gates open 8:30 a.m., closing ceremonies 6 p.m.

WHERE: Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, Livonia.

ADMISSION: \$10 at the gate, \$8 in advance. Patron tickets \$35 (individual), \$60 (couple) or \$100 (family of four), call (313) 886-4703. Information available online at www.highlandgames.com PARKING: Patron, handicapped and limited general parking in the main lot at Greenmead

off Newburgh Road. There is a \$5 charge for non-patron parking in the Main Lot, which is expected to be full by 10 a.m.

SHUTTLE: General parking in the Shuttle Lot at Schoolcraft Col-

lege, south of 7 Mile Road on Haggerty Road, and at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on 6 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road. There is no charge for park ing in these lots, and complimenta ry shuttle busses will run every 5 to 10 minutes throughout the day beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The buses are handicap accessible and will drop off and pick up passengers at the main gate of the

Greenmead # SPECIAL EVENT: Oldfashioned Ceilidh (kale-ee) - 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, just north of 7 Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 in advance, call (248):593-5064



The Rev. Willet J. Herrington

## St. Andrew's Society hosts Highland Games BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Curt McAllister of Lake Orion was always conscious of his Scottish roots, but he didn't do much digging around SCHEDULE until an aunt began doing genealogical INSIDE

research Scottish on both his mother and father's side, McAllister is looking forward to attending the Highland Games for the first time on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Greenmead Histori-

Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a group formed on Nov. 30, 1849

cal Village in Livonia.

by 35 Scottish immigrants to "help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage," the games have been held in metro Detroit for the past 150 years. Detroit's Highland Games is

the longest running fest tival of its kind in North

America. Proceeds from the

games are used to fund: gift-giving throughout the year-Think of the games as a showcase of all things Scottish music, dance, history, and food. The games will feature three stages of entertainers

including 20 bagpipe bands,

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replace the 20-40 pound blocks that are now given to the polar bears. The blocks, some with fished packed in them, allow them to have fun while they're getting their food.

#### Let bears be bears

Scott Carter believes one of the most important aspects of the exhibit is that the Arctic Ring of Life mimics a bear's natural habitat. As curator of mammals, Carter is lending his knowledge of bears to accomplish just that because "most polar bear exhibits are too small." The old habitat, which consists mainly of rocks and a pool, will soon be a larger space filled with plants similar to those found in their natural ehvironment.

the polar bears in a more realistic environment, to give them a more realistic idea of where the bears come from," said Carter. "We want to provide the opportunity for polar bears to act the way they would in the wild, for a polar bear to act like a bear, so people will know what a polar bear is. The new habitat will have a summer tundra with flowers and grasses and an open pool as well as an open sea area with snow and ice. Most people don't think of bears in summer walking around flowers."

The new environment will also have a lot of built-in cubby holes to hide foods.

"They'll find smells which are very interesting to a bear. Bears spend plenty of time just smelling," said Carter. "Like "We want to build a visitor most bears, they need to be kept experience so people could see stimulated. Lots of times they

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intelligent. They like things that are a challenge, things that they have to figure out." Kagan is working with the

sleep, like all bears. They're very

architecture firm Jones & Jones of Seattle to make sure the polar bears are happy in their new home, but it's been a challenge.

"It's certainly not easy bringing people and animals together in a way that works," said Kagan. "We try to recreate nature and bring people into it in a way that's interesting. As far as the animals, you have to understand animals. Polar bears love to swim. They love sunbathing. They like to roll around in sand and the dirt and they like to walk a lot."

Kagan is making sure the zoo's five polar bears have space to do all three. Plus, double that for five new bears when the exhibit is complete.

"The Sacramento Zoo is sending a bear this fall. They heard we're doing this. They're limited

there and felt their polar bear should be in a better place. We also alerted Canadian authorities that if there are some orphan bears they need to place, we have room."

## For kids only

Along with the sleeping lions and 47-year-old Rudy, the oldest rhinoceros in captivity, Kagan thinks the polar bear habitat and the \$6 million National **Amphibian Conservation Center** scheduled to open in December will intrigue children. He's proud of the fact the Detroit Zoo is tailoring their plans to children as well as the animals and adults. The prairie dog exhibit, opened May 19, incorporates three acrylic bubbles so children can view colony members close up. A sign leading to the bubbles warns 'No adults allowed.'

Brendan Muster, who was visiting the prairie dogs with his mother Debra, thought "they were cute."

"We have a pass so we come all the time," added Debra Muster who grew up in Troy and now lives in Sterling Heights. "They love the train and visiting all the animals."

Kagan couldn't be happier when he hears the complimentary comments of families like the Musters. He's hoping the grizzly bears will be just as content when they move into the existing polar bear quarters. The grizzlies will fish from a running stream stocked with trout.

"We're beginning to do more and more elements that are just for kids," said Kagan. "We're affecting people's attitudes about nature. One of the ways you can do that is by letting them fall in love. By taking them out into nature, you obviously want them to care for something. This is not about display. It's about how do we save the animals and how do we create a bond between animals and people. To see the river otters swimming under water,

how could you not be impressed and care about Michigan wet-

#### Concerts in the Park

Where: In the grassy area, just inside the front gate of the Detroit-Zoo.

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednes-

Admission: Included with regular Zoo admission. In the event of bad weather, concerts will be canceled. Visitors may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Refreshments available for purchase. Schedule

■ Aug. 4 — Bones of Contention (blues)

■ Aug. 11 — Alberta Adams with R.J.'s Blues Crew

■ Aug. 18 — Black Beauty & Thornetta Davis (blues)

■ Aug. 25 — The Blackman/Arnold Quartet (jazz)

Smooth Summer Sounds





Games from page E1

pipers, drummers, and over 200

Highland dancers. There will be a clan tent at the games," said McAllister who recently joined the St. Andrews Society. "They'll have books of crests and there will be people there who can help you learn more about your Scottish her-

You can buy a set of bagpipes from one of the vendors, some fern cakes (Scottish tea cookies), Celtic crafts and gifts.

This year, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Highland Games, the St. Andrew's Society is hosting an old-fashioned ceilidh (kale-ee), 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Scottish humorist Jeremy Bell will perform at the party which offers dancing and

At the games, Kirk Pauley of Farmington Hills will compete in the 16-pound hammer toss and other tests of strength. Pauley has won Detroit's heavy athletics title for the past four years. This Highland Games — Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m. — Gates open for the public 9 a.m. - Competitions begin, piping, Highland dance, heavy ath-

Noon — Welcoming ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, parade of the clans

6 p.m. — Closing ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums,

major competitive awards Throughout the day - Scottish arts and entertainment, chil-

dren's events, vendors of Scottish goods.

year's competition includes Ryan Vierra, three-time defending world champion, and five-time Canadian champion Harry McDonald who pulled the 387ton ship, HMS Bounty, 25 meters in just over a minute and a half.

Lauren Miller, 19, a student at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, is among the dancers competing in the Highland Dance Championships. Last year she took second place at the national finals. Her sister, Jennifer, 21, is the two-time defending national champion in the premier division and touring with the "Fire and Grace" dance troupe in California, a Scottish version of the popular "Riverdance." She's coming home to compete at this year's games.

Scotland as early as the 11th

Highland Games grew out of rustic clan gatherings held in

century. When Scots immigrated to the U.S. and Canada they brought the tradition Highland Games with them. "Young men would show off, show how far they could throw a hammer, and the youngsters would show off their dancing," said the Rev. Willet J. Herrington

of Garden City, chaplain for the

St. Andrew's Society.

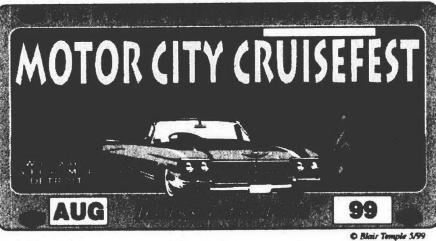
"It's a real nice, fun get-together. I see a lot of my friends, those who are Scottish and those who wish they were Scottish. I bless the clans in the afternoon at the ceremony, and get to wear my

The St. Andrew's Society recently opened its new headquarters at the Cranbrook Centre in Southfield. Society members will be use the suite of offices for meetings and an archive for memorabilia and records.

Local dancers who will be competing at the games include, Amy Calmes, Ceileigh Sturgeon of Canton; Caitlin Campbell, Erin Welsh, Plymouth; Brittney Patterson, Jamie Schittaro, Livonia; Jacklyn Hay, Becca Southern, Hope Drexel, Lindsay Corbets, Rochester Hills; Christina Hugo, Rochester; Samantha Szwak, West Bloomfield; Holly Dorger, Bloomfield Hills, and Brianna Kwasky of Farmington.

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The next time someone tells you to use your "noggin" turn on the computer, and type www.noggin.com

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Noggin, described as "the new thinking channel for kids from Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop," began airing July 15 on Comcast Cable's Channel 44 in Garden City. Comcast was the first cable company in Michigan to offer the program.

"From time to time we like to beef up our channel line-up," said Fred Eaton, area manager for public affairs for Comcast Cable. "It's family friendly, very high quality programs. They don't duplicate PBS, but the programming is of the same sort. We think that it's important for young people to have a channel they can watch to learn something and be entertained

with something besides violence and shoot-'em-up."

The commercial-free station airs 24-hours a day and is targeted to children ages 2-12. Programs for preschoolers air 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the afternoon, Noggin offers programming for kids ages 6-12. Adults can tune in to watch the late night lineup of classic educational programs with nostalgic appeal.

Featured programs include the best from the libraries of Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop — "Blues Clues," "Allegra's Window," "Sesame Street," and "The Electric Company."

Noggin's mission, explains general manager Tom Ascheim, is to "serve kids' natural urge to learn by offering them a place to learn — on television and online — where learning is driven by them. Our slogan, 'What Sparks You?' celebrates kids' natural excitement for learning by asking kids themselves to help shape the network's agenda and steer its content."

Nicole of Troy was logged in to

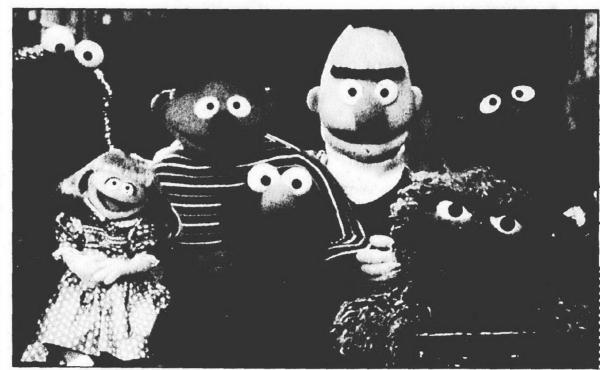
Noggin on Friday morning. She was playing "Nog It!" a game where children can help create a whole new language called "Nogginese." Words visitors create are incorporated into a quiz for the future.

Kids who visit Noggin on the Web can play games, ask questions, contribute stories, poems, ideas and suggestions.

"The Internet is a fast way to reach a lot of people," said Ascheim. "You get ridiculously rapid response. We want kids to feel like they're in charge of their own learning. We are listening to them to work for them."

Shortly after its February launch, Noggin.com recorded 21,000 visits to the site. By the end of June the number had grown to 830,000.

Noggin is expanding it's TV viewing audience as well. "We'd like to be a broadly distributed network," said Ascheim. "Comcast is the first analog (basic) cable company to broadcast the channel. You're breaking new ground for us."



Tune In: "Sesame Street" is just one of the many popular programs that airs on Nog-

# Jewish Ensemble Theatre announces season line-up

Season tickets are now available for Jewish Ensemble Theatre's millennium season. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Rd. (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Season tickets range from \$50 for matinee previews to \$88 for Saturday night performances in the regular run.

Individual tickets are \$15-\$25, based on the performance. Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups. Ample free parking is also available. The theater is handicap accessible. For information, visit the Web site at http://comnet.org/jet. To purchase tickets, call (248) 788-2900.

"The Immigrant," by Mark Harelik, will be performed Oct. 6 through Nov. 7. It is a true story about two Eastern European Jews who immigrate to a small Texas town in 1909. Inspired by his grandmother's photo album, Harelik tells the story of two out of the thousands of Jewish immigrants who ended up in the American Southwest through an immigrant resettlement program.

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue," by Neil Simon, will be presented Dec. 22 through Jan. 23. The play was written in the 1970s, but it is surprisingly and hysterically timeless. Neil Simon's comedy touches on serious subjects such a urban angst and mental breakdown, yet is full of snappy two-liners and determined to send you out feeling good. Simon captures the hell of modern city life, while maintaining his signature tickle of the funny bone.

Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" is being performed March 24 through April 19. A woman is stricken with a mysterious illness that prevents her from walking soon after reading about Kristallnacht in the newspaper. It's 1938 and her husband is the only Jew in an otherwise exclusively WASP real

estate firm. Her doctor is an eminent scientist, but even with ample resources and the best medical care nothing seems to work. "Broken Glass" is a powerful work by Miller dealing with relationships, hope and what it means to be a Jew.

The final show of the season will be "The Day We Met" by Kitty Dubin, May 24 through June 25. "The Day We Met" is a new comedy work that had a very successful premier at JET's Festival in 1998. This play consists of a series of vignettes dealing with modern

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relationships seen with the playwright's special insight and humor, tied together through the theme of first meetings. Characters young and old, male and female, give a clear and funny off-beat view of the human condition.





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"The Flowering Young Belle of St. Petersburg" or (Stop Acting You're Killing Me), a musical murder mystery by Andrew Lark, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$10, available at box office on day of performance, Proceeds benefit the Avon Players Building Fund. (248) 608-9077

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"Beauty & The Beast," Friday-Sunday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400 **TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS** 

"Schoolhouse Rock," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$2, \$4, \$5. (313) 535-

## SPECIAL EVENTS

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

JAZZ AND ALL THAT POETRY Featuring Jah Meets Jesus with Marc Maurus, M.L. Liebler and The Magic Poetry Trio, Spoke. Ann Holdreith, Faruq Z. Bey, Jim Bralif, and Juxtaposition with Cindi St. germain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10.

(313) 831-1250 LIVONIA WOODCARVERS SHOW 'Features more than 100 carvers, also supplies and books, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$ per family. (734) 421-8310

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE



Classic cars: Plan to attend the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. More than 250 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children younger than 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.

**FESTIVAL** 

Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug. 1, and Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson. \$12, \$8 ages 12 and younger. (517) 788-5032 or http://www.michshakefest.org or thebard@michshakefest.org **PUB CRAWL** 

Along Woodward Ave. in Ferndale, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, meet at corner of W. Breckenridge and Woodward in the city lot behind First Federal. \$3, proceeds to benefit charity works of Friends And Neighbors of Ferndale. (248) 545-1435/(248) 584-4767

REDFORD THEATRE Film "Red River," with guest organists Lance Luce and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 6, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 7, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Clawson Legion Hall, 655 Main St., between 13 and 14 Mile Road. \$5, \$20 readings. (248) 528-2610

**SWEET ADELINES REUNION** 

The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International invites past members to a 40th anniversary and reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center, 37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was formerly called the Macomb County Chapter, Utica-Rochester Chapter and The Charmonizers. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

## BENEFITS

**CRANBROOK HOUSE AND** GARDENS

6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147 BARBEQUE & BREW AT THE ZOO

6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, Australian-themed outback party including cookout, entertainment by Blue Moon Boys presented by the Wild Thing Society, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Detroit. \$15, to benefit the Detroit Zoo's tree kangaroos. (248) 541-5717 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Garage Sale and Car Wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the playhouse,. 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. To benefit Ridgedale Players' Scholarship Fund. To donate items or for questions, (248) 988-7049

ROARING 20'S CELEBRATION 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Omni Detroit Hotel, 1000 River Place. To benefit Variety- The Children's Charity. (248) 855-

## FAMILY EVENTS

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BARBIE FASHION DOLL SHOW 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5; \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

**BEN SPITZER** 

Juggler and magician, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

#### FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

**BLUE PIGS CONCERT** 

The Detroit Police Band plays noon Friday, July 30, in the Garden Atrium of the Southfield Town Center, 4400 Town Center. CLOCK CONCERTS

One Flight Up, 7:30 Friday, July 30, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

**CONCERTS ON THE COURT** 

Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association. (248) 952-5533

**CONCERTS ON THE LAWN** 

Black Market's reggae and Caribbean rhythms 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; Robert Penn performs blues music, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Bones of Contention, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (blues)

GAZEBO CONCERTS

Sheila Landis Quarter, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph. Southfield. (248) 424-9022 IN THE PARK"

Imperial Swing Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Shain

Park, Birmingham. "MUSIC IN THE PARK"

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 4, Spoon Man, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater. (734) 416-4ART

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS" Bob Durant Band (Big Band sound) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29; Guy Lewis and the Chautauqua Express, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS** SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Johnny Awesome Band, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Addison Oaks County Park. (acoustic rock).

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

All Thumbs People & Puppets, Dragon tales, stories, songs, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward, www.imaginationtheatre.com

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON QUINTET

Featuring George Benson and Don Swindell, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July

30, in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY Phil Gram Combo, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Westland Library

Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Free. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918 (swing and jazz)

## CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Symphonic Blockbusters" with fireworks and conductor David Alan Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, July 30; "The Planets" with astronomic projections, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31; "Tchaikovsky Spectacular," with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 (tickets also available as part of the Overtures singles BBQ beginning at 6 p.m., \$40), all at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-\$50. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsym-

phony.com DANIEL PAUL HORN

The pianist performs the works of Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Scriabin and Mussorgsky, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in the Forum **Building Recital Hall at** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

## POPS/SWING

**BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA** 

With special guests the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$50 and \$75. (248) 433-1515 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** 

"Big Band Bash" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-\$50. (313) 576-5111 or

www.detroitsymphony.com JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

THE STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5. The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (western swing)

## AUDITIONS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages to begin rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for male and females for musical/comedy gospel stage play, no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375 EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Summer dance day camp for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6, Aug. 2-13; also intensive master classes in advanced ballet and pointe with lacob Lascu 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the EDE Center for Dance, 1541 Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248)

852-5850 FREEDOM: DANZ XPRESSIONZ Audition Detroit's hottest hip-hop flavored dance companies 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, at 229

Gratiot, second floor on corner of Broadway/Radolph. \$5. (313) 964-8497

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for six men and five women for Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. (248) 889-1152

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY

Auditions for 1999-2000 season 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, bring one teacher recommendation from current dance school and \$15 registration fee, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS "You Know I Can't Hear When the Water is Running" by Robert Anderson, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 4-5, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. (248) 435-9866

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

**SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS** Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under fivefeet) for "The Harlem Nutcracker" by Donald Byrd, 11 a.m. Saturday. Aug. 21 (registration at 10 a.m.), at 1526 Broadway, corner of Madison and John R, Detroit. For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House, (734) 615-0122

U.S. COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL

Open call for comedians to showcase their routines later in the day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, Finalists perform at 8 p.m. in concert open to the public. (248) 542-9900

## JAZZ

**MARCUS BELGRAVE** 

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano) SONNY FORTUNE

Sets at 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15, includes all three sets. (734) 662-8310

**GEM JAZZ TRIO** 

6 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800 TEDDY HARRIS JR. QUINTET

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON QUARTET 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St... Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(vocal/piano/bass/drums) JAZODITY

10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (funk rock)

JAZZHEAD 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at

Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700 DEZZIE MCCULLERS 6 p.m. Saturay, July 31, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333

Madison Ave., Detroit. Free.

(313) 963-9800 DEE DEE MCNEIL 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the

Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800 SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14.

Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

at Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,

(vocal/piano/bass/drums) GARY SCHUNK TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 29. Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAJ TRIO Featuring Sven Anderson, piano

and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA QUINTET 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/ bass/

drums/ guitar/vocals) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594 7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton. Birmingham, Free, All ages. (248)

647-7774 PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-

**CUBAN ALL STARS** 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe. 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-

## WORLD MUSIC

AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"

With Congolese singer Sam Mangwana and jazz pianist Abdullah Ibrahim, 8 p.m. Friday. Aug. 6, and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$25 (box seats \$40) (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitsymphony.com

RON CODEN 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

THE DISTRACTIONS 9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

IMMUNITY 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday.

July 30, Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Free. 21 and older. (734) 449-0040 (reggae)

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9 p.m. Friday, July 30, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reg-

**GERARD SMITH** 

9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

THIRD COAST REGGAE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reg-

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Continued from previous page JAN KRIST

9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk rock)

#### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

ARNA CAREY BARR

With Marble Brown, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319 M.L. LIEBLER

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12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, and adult's workshop 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne. (313) 538-4257 "POET IN RESIDENCE"

Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

#### DANCE

#### MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY

Master class taught by former Bolshoi soloist and teacher Luba Gulyaeva for dancers of an intermediate or advanced level, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. \$15. (248) 334-1300

MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4 member. \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298

TERPSICHORE'S KITCHEN

"Summer Dances," a showcase of the best choreographic and dance talent in the Ann Arbor area, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (2 1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

## COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Paul Venier and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 (\$10); Steve Brewer, Emery Emery and Chrissy Burnes. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 5-7 (\$12), at the club above kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road.

Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734)

996-9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Mike Bonner through Sunday. Aug. 1, also appearing Bam Bam; Ross Amicucci Wednesday Sunday, Aug. 4-8 with Horace Sanders, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays. Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

## BELLE ISLE ZOO

SECOND CITY

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND

GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10): and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and plane tarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m. through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories." with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world: "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit continues through Sunday, Aug. 8, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit'. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER "More than Meets the Eye." an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week, "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren). Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4, (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk

Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes." also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit, Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

(313) 852-4051 HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse. Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"Celebration of Emancipation" Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8; Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 30 to Aug. 4) through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors age 62

and over, \$4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills, \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-

## POPULAR MUSIC

DAVIE ALLEN AND THE ARROWS Backed by The Silencers, with Knoxville Girls, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**APPLES IN STEREO** With Beulah, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (roots rock)

JOHNNY AWESOME BAND 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Old

Hickory, 7071 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton. (810) 735-7630 (acoustic rock) BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY** 

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BLUE ROSE 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Fritt's Pub, 77 N. Main St., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (810) 469-0878 or http://www.bluerose.iuma.com or blueroseband@hotmail.com

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With Delta 72 and The Crumbs, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (rock) **GORDON BENNETT** 

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# Funny 'Drop Dead Gorgeous' doesn't miss a trick

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" is, so far, the drop dead funniest film of the summer. And for all the right reasons

No big-budget special effects covering up a lack of substance, no high school fascination with bodily functions and fluids, no obscenity-filled animation sucking in kids and unwary parents. "Drop Dead Gorgeous," a send-up of small-town beauty contests, is one reason we go to the movies: to laugh our heads off and feel good about it later. You will.

The film is a "mockumentary" along the lines of Rob Reiner's breakthrough "This Is Spinal Tap." It's not done often because it calls for a writer and a director who understand how a documentary is shot in the first place, how to craft a film-within-a-film and how to let the absolutely serious play out to become the absolutely hilarious.

Writer Lona Williams ("The Drew Carey Show"), who was an actual beauty queen, and firsttime director Michael Patrick Jann (creator of MTV's "The State") have put it together brilliantly. They've avoided the trap

of making a funny five-minute "Saturday Night Live" sketch into an unfunny feature-length film ("A Night At the Roxbury," et. al). "Drop Dead Gorgeous" never drops the crown on the

Come with their documentary film crew to Mount Rose, home of Minnesota's oldest living Lutheran (actually deceased, but no one's taken down the billboard). They're there to follow the contestants during the days leading up to the Sarah Rose Miss Teen America Pageant preliminaries — a really big deal up there in small-town Minnesota.

hopefuls. There's Becky (Denise Richards), whose mother (Kirstie Alley) was a winner years before and is this year's pageant director. Becky was born and bred to win this contest, but how far will mom go to make it happen? Then there's Amber (Kirsten Dunst), a trailer-park princess who practices her tap-dancing while putting makeup on corpses at the local mortuary ("We're real busy this time of year - hunting season.").

Amber, so perfectly Midwestern blonde and perky, wants only to make it big like Diane Sawyer.

Let's meet the two leading She tells her off-camera interviewer, "Guys get outta Mount Rose all the time for hockey scholarships... and prison. But the pageant's kinda my only chance." Amber's mom (Ellen Barkin, in a remarkable departure from her steamy seductress roles) becomes the victim of Amber's ambitions, but an exploding beer can fused to her hand is apparently a small price

Sabotage is everywhere. Stage lights fall, costumes disappear, threshers blow up. Someone has turned to the dark side, that's for sure, and the fix seems to be in.

Who will succeed the reigning Queen, who's now an in-patient at the local hospital's Anorexia

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" doesn't miss a trick. The awful talent competition (including dog impressions and a reading from "Soylent Green"), the cheesy choreography, the lame smalltown judges are all skewered royally, although the portrayal of one judge as mentally impaired crosses the line.

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Comedy: Mindy Sterling (left), Kirstie Alley, Denise Richards and Sam McMurray star in "Drop Dead Gorgeous."

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

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"DEEP BLUE SEA"

Group of researchers working on a cure for cancer using materials from genetically enhanced sharks becomes stranded on a damaged and sinking marine research facility. There, they are menaced by the sharks they have created, which now surround them with deadly intent. Stars Samuel Jackson.

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"RUNAWAY BRIDE" Romantic comedy of a woman who has left three grooms at the altar, and the cynical reporter who writes a scathing article about her. Stars Julia Roberts.

Richard Gere, Joan Cusack Schedule to open Friday, Aug. 6

"THE THREE SEASONS" Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A drama of four tales woven together of the new Vietnam, each told from the perspective of those who suddenly find themselves to be expatriates in their own country. Stars Harvey Keit-

"MYSTERY MEN" Comedy based on the Dark Horse comic of a motley collection of would-be superheroes who must save a city from the

villainous Casanova Frankenstein

"THE SIXTH SENSE" Chilling psychological thriller about an 8-year-old boy who is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghosts. Stars

Bruce Willis.

"THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR" Romantic thriller about a millionaire playboy who steals a painting from a well-guarded museum and his fiery romance with a female insurance inves tigator who is on to his game. Stars

Pierce Brosnan. "THE IRON GATE"

A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a 9-year-old boy named Hogarth. Animated feature

"THE DINNER GAME" Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. Pierre Brochant (Thierry Lhermitte) is a French publisher who faces his greatest challenge. He's supposed to find a guest to bring to a dinner sponsored by his friends, wealthy and obnox ious yuppies engaged in a never ending game of oneupsmanship

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 13

"BROKEDOWN PALACE"

Two high school girls set off on a dream trip to Thailand following their graduation. The dream turns to a nightmare when they are accused of drug trafficking and sentenced to 33 years in a Thai prison until an expatriate American lawyer comes to their aid. Stars Claire

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 20

"MICKEY BLUE EYES"

Romantic comedy about an English art dealer in New York who falls in love with the daughter of a Mafia boss. To win her hand, he embarks on a mission to thwart the Mob. but quickly finds himself laundering money and masquerading as the notorious mobster "Mickey blue Eyes." Stars Hugh Grant,

James Caan. "LOVE STINKS" An un-romantic comedy in which boy meets girl, boy gets girl..and then can't get rid of her no matter how hard he tries. Stars French Stewart, Bridgette

"TEACHING MRS. TINGLE" Three students have decided that the taught a lesson. Now they're in over their heads with 48 hours to get out of an impossible situation. Stars Helen Mir-

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 25 "IN TOO DEEP"

A police detective goes deep undercov

er to get a notorious gangster. But in his quest, he risks losing himself. Stars

Omar Epps. Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 3 "BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE"

Lively romp of love and lust with some very surprising results. Stars Wendy

"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE" Story about a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school crashing into a parked police car.

Stars Alec Baldwin.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 10 "WHITE BOYS"

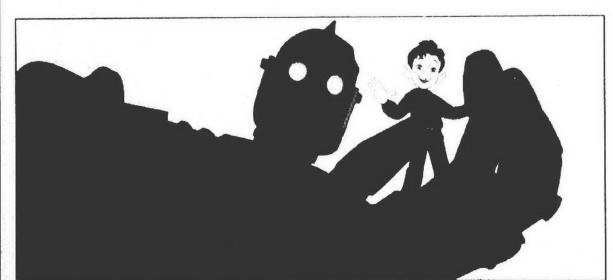
A funny, honest and searing look at white wanna be gangstas in the heartland, and at America's youth struggling to find their place in a multicultural society. Stars Danny Hoch who also wrote the screenplay with director Marc Levin, Richard Stratton and Garth Belcon.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 1 "NEXT TO YOU"

A teenage girl and boy who have grown up next door to one another have never made a love connection. But when long time friends and neighbors gather for their high school's centennial celebration, they realize they were meant for each other all along. Stars Melissa Joan Hurt and Stephen Collins.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 15

"FIGHT CLUB: Tale of a man who sets up a fights in which young men are paired off in bloody, no holds barred bouts that continue until one drops. Stars Brad Pitt.



Animated feature: The Iron Giant (voiced by Vin Diesel) and Hogarth (voiced by Eli Marienthal) in a scene from "The Iron Giant" opening Aug. 6 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

# Have some fun before summer slips away



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that sinking feeling you got as a kid when the month of August was approaching? The complaint went something this: "School's about to start and I

haven't had

enough fun." It was a comment that parents usually reacted to with a roll of the eyes, a

Remember lengthy reminder of your recent First Fridays summer vacation activities, and a verbal overview of what it was like to work for a living. As a kid, that approach may have provided an important lesson on the value of free time, which there was less of due to the well-meaning lecture.

As an adult, you realize that no one is immune from the "summer's almost over" blues. So, let's play a little catch-up with some cultural activities you can easily fit into your schedule.

How about checking out the First Fridays at the Detroit Institute of Arts event on Friday, Aug. 6? Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS program visited a recent First Friday affair at the Detroit Institute of Arts for a segment that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

It will explain why the monthly event has become such a hit with families. The August program at the DIA starts at 6 p.m., and features a workshop on mosaic techniques, an informal

drawing session with artist Vito Davis, two BACKSTAGE PASS August. Or, consider a trip & Valdez, a quilting demonstration, and reggae with Universal Xpression. While you're there, don't miss the Knight Gallery exhibition of artist Ben Shahn.

## Summer music series

Another activity that won't burn up precious vacation time is the summer music series at the Detroit Zoo. Beginning each Wednesday at 6 p.m., you can talk with the animals or sing with some outstanding performers, such as blues standouts Alberta Adams and Thornetta

alums to be featured in August. Bring a picnic basket, Yogi.

Time is running out for you to experience Cranbrook Art Museum's excellent exhibit, "Contemporary Art From Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island." Look into the summer jazz series concerts on Friday, July 30 and Aug. 13, too.

## Century Club

"Forbidden Hollywood" continues to generate fun at the Gem Theatre's Century Club during its run that extends through Jackson for the expanded Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Two bands especially worthy of broad exposure are the jazz group Blackman and Arnold and the wild rock band Cowboy Mouth. Both perform on BACK-STAGE PASS on Aug. I, an edition which also features metal sculpture artist Chris Turner, who was recently commissioned to build a millennium bell in Detroit's Grand Circus Park.

Summer hasn't slipped away. It's waiting for you to grab.

## Stagecrafters begins 1999-2000 season on a musical note

Season tickets are now onw sale for Stagecrafters upcoming 1999-2000 Main Stage Season at the historic Baldwin Theatre, in downtown Royal Oak at 145 South Lafavette.

Season tickets are \$58 for Thursdays and Senior Sundays, or \$68 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday regular performances. Individual tickets are \$14-\$16 for musicals and \$12-\$14 for nonmusicals. Individual tickets go on sale Aug. 21.

To purchase season tickets, call (248) 541-6430. Deaf patrons may call Stagecrafters TTY at (248) 541-6439. For more

productions and membership, visit our website at www.stagecrafters.org.

Kicking off Stagecrafter's 44th season is the electric Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This high-tech, high-powered musical will explode onto the Baldwin stage in a flash of energy, voices, dancing and lights. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will appear on the Baldwin stage for 14 performances from Sept. 17 though Oct. 10 with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Sept.

Then as autumn slips into the

darkness of winter nights, Stagecrafters presents "Dracula." In this dramatic re-telling of this classic, as the light of the moon peers through the fog, the slow creaking of the lid will be heard and a dark figure will rise from his lair. The howl of a wolf will comfort him, as he knows the night will offer him another feast of blood. Diabolic laughter will echo from the depths of the theatre as the Count hunts for yet

another victim. "Dracula" will

take you into the ultimate battle

between good and evil for 11 per-

formances Nov. 5-21. A signed performance for the deaf will be held Thursday, Nov. 18.

The beginning of a new year brings the timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale in a miraculous kingdom of dreams-cometrue in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." The hearts of children and adults alike will soar when the slipper fits. Bring your glass slippers to the Baldwin for 14 performances of Cinderella Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Jan. 27.

What better way to welcome Spring than going "Barefoot in the Park?" One of Neil Simon's best comedies, "Barefoot in the Park" begins as a new lawyer and his bride have just completed their six-day honeymoon and are moving into the new highrent apartment that she has chosen just for him - at the top of six grueling flights of stairs. There's no furniture, the wrong paint, leaky skylights and room only for a twin bed. The situa-

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newlyweds, but will leave the audience laughing for 11 performances March 24 through April 9, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, April 6.

Stagecrafters closes the season with "The King and I." This Rodgers and Hammerstein tale complete with gorgeous music, extravagant costumes, romantic settings and unforgettable music, plays for 14 nights May 12 through June 4, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, May 25.

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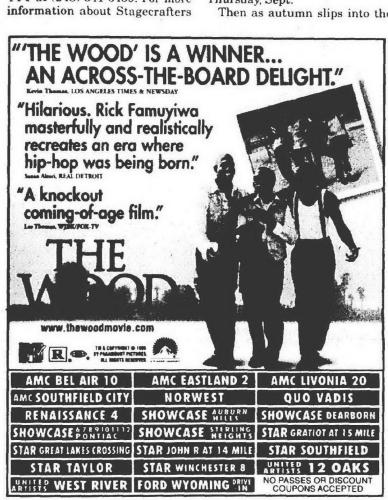
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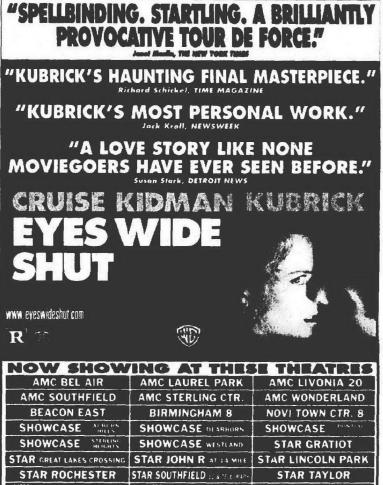
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# Marco's celebrates 10th anniversary

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

There's a a new menu at Marco's in downtown Farmington, but many things are the same as they were 10 years ago when Marco Conte and his sister Tina opened.

"One of us is always here. We treat customers like they're family, and get to know them," said Marco.

Executive Chef Steven Kedzeirski, like a lot of the staff has been at the restaurant since day one.

Consistent, quality, made-toorder fare are among the reasons Marco's has succeeded.

'We've all worked together for so long that our employees are like family," said Marco. "Everyone knows what they're supposed to do."

The restaurant is formal with white tablecloths, but quite comfortable. Art Deco inspired, Marco's doesn't look like a traditional Italian restaurant. "I love color," said Marco explaining why he chose soft purple, mauve and aqua as accents. Nothing has changed over the past 10 years except some of the art work, and fresh flowers, which are replaced every week.

Marco's is quiet, intimate, and softly lit with candles. It's a good place to unwind after a busy day or week, close a business deal, or pop the big question to someone special.

"We've had a lot of marriage proposals here," said Marco. "I've had lots of customers ask if 'I could put this ring in someMarco's

Where: 32758 Grand River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly-baked bread and fresh green salad. Main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato. Meatless options: Many

Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the heritage of Italian food. Outdoor seating for 20 at four tables. Restaurant seats: 85, smoking section 20 seats

Handicap access: wide front door, no steps.

Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) \$5.95-\$8.95; Zuppa (soup) \$2.50-\$3.50; pastas \$12.95 to \$17.95; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) \$14.95-\$22.95. Luncheon menu includes fresh salads \$6.95-\$8.95; sandwiches \$4.95-\$5.95; pastas \$6.95 to \$12.95; entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95

Reservations: Recommended on weekends, and for parties of six or more.

Parking: Ample self park.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Extras: Gift certificates available, restaurant can be reserved for private parties.

Marco Conte's wine recommendations Reds: If you order pasta with red sauce, beef or veal

■ 1996 Carmenet Vineyards Dynamite Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, Calif., \$9 per glass, \$38 per bottle — Marco discovered this wine in Chicago eight years ago and considers it a great vin-

■ 1995 Castello Banfi Mandrielle Merlot, \$57 per bottle is a beautiful Italian red wine

Whites: If you order chicken, fish, or pasta with cream sauce ■ 1996 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, \$35 a bottle is dry, clean, crisp and very Italian in style.

■ 1997 Groth Chardonnay, California, \$35 a bottle shows quite a bit of oakiness, but is very dry, clean, and crisp

thing."

Marco now 38, was only 28 when the restaurant opened. Tina was 18 and had just graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Both of

them grew up in the business, their parents owned a restaurant, and were enthusiastic and

In the beginning, Marco's menu was casual, and contained

many traditional Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna and gnocchi.

They worked to polish the service so that it would be "fine, but not stuffy," said Tina. "It's like visiting with people every night, like a big party."

Marco enjoys cooking and creating new dishes. "I was always in the kitchen watching my grandma cook," he said

At the restaurant, he began introducing new dishes such as the popular chicken breast sautéed with Michigan cherries and Frangelico liqueur, but kept the lasagna, gnocchi, and ravioli.

Looking at the menu with Tina and Marco is kind of like looking at a family scrapbook. Many dishes have a story behind them.

The chicken dish was created after Marco received some samples of Michigan dried cherries and started experimenting with different flavor combinations.

Calamari Fritti, a popular appetizer, is an "old standby." and often requested. Linguine Alla Gaeta - linguini with olive oil, garlic, baby clams and shrimp was created 10 years ago in honor of their father, Enzo, and his Italian hometown, Gaeta.

Filetto Alla Gorgonzola medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce - is 10 years old, and still very popular. "Every time you take a bite, it melts in your mouth," said Filetto di Salmone Con Caperi

E Funghi - broiled fillet of Nor-

Toasting success: Marco Conte and his sister Tina raise their glasses in a toast to celebrate the 10th. anniversary of Marco's. Filetto Alla Gorgonzola medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce, and Insalata Caprese - fresh tomato basil salad served with fresh Mozzarella cheese, are among the restaurant's most popular dishes.

wegian salmon with mushroom caper dill sauce has been on the menu only three years, but is an example of why Marco's isn't your typical Italian restaurant. Lambata di Vitello Alla Griglia char-grilled veal rib chop with grilled portobello mushrooms and seasoned roasted peppers is one of Marco's favorite entrees. Tina likes the Rolatini di Melanzane - pan-sauteed eggplant rolled with Mozzarella cheese and baked with fresh tomato

Pasta dishes and entrees are served with freshly baked bread and a fresh green salad. The luncheon menu offers main dish salads, sandwiches, and variety of entrees including pasta, chicken, seafood and steaks.

Looking ahead, Marco said he wants to continue "doing a great job with my sis at this place.

"Marco and I are the best of friends," said Tina. "We take a lot of pride in our restaurant.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Steve's Family Dining - Is celebrating their third anniversary, Thursday-Friday, July 29-30. Free beverage, coffee, tea, pop or iced tea, with every meal. Steve's offers homemade family fare including Polish specialties such as stuffed cabbage and pierogi. The restaurant is at 40370 Five Mile Road at Haggerty in Ply-

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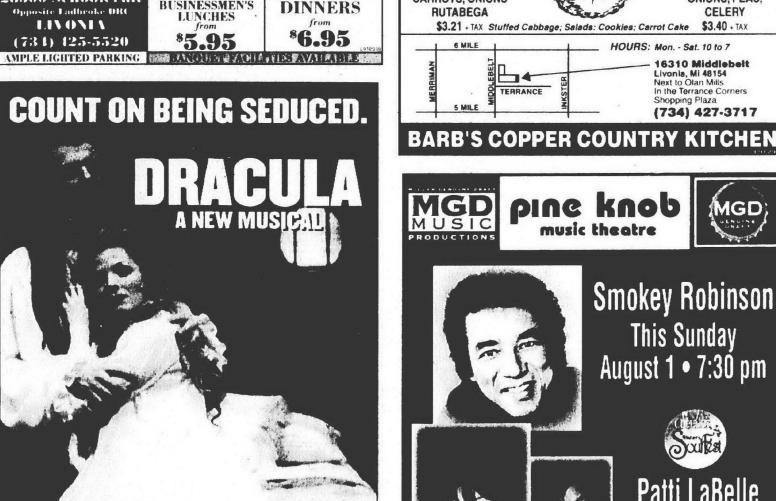
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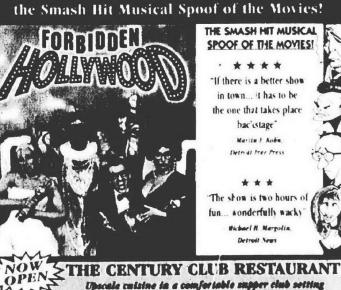




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