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Merger worries city dispatchers

The eight-person city dispatch staff is circulating fliers questioning the effects of a merged service for city residents. The new dispatch center will be at the township police station.

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Plymouth city police dispatchers say they are not opposed to the seemingly imminent merger of dispatch services with Plymouth Township.

But they are concerned about how it will affect both services to city residents and their own futures.

On Monday, members of the eightperson staff, with the blessing of their Public Safety Dispatchers Union, took to city streets with a flyer, co-signed by the city's Police Officers Union, that warns of a pending cut in police services

Asking residents if they realize "that

the city government has decided, for you, to take away police services," the flyer urges citizens to attend Monday night's city commission meeting, at which the proposed merger agreement is expected to be ratified

The regularly scheduled Aug. 16 commission meeting is 7 p.m. Township trustees are to vote on the agreement at their meeting the next night.

"We are not entirely opposed to the merger," said Michelle Chumney, dispatchers union president. "Really, we're unhappy with the way it's being handled. They aren't telling us anything.'

Besides, both dispatchers and the police union say locating dispatch in the township - as was the case with the fire department merger - is not good.

"Everybody comes here," said police officer Mel Meck, the union president. "This is the center" for the Plymouth community.

Dispatchers said some township residents don't even know they have a police department and have to be directed to it.

Meck said the township would vote against the merger if the city said it wanted, the dispatch center. "It's only a good idea if it's in the township," he said.

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock, who on Tuesday refuted all but the first of the flyer's six claims - that taxes will not be lowered by the merger said dispatchers shouldn't worry about their futures because "nobody's going to lose their jobs.'

And the union's representative, Gerald Radovic, on Wednesday said collec-

tive bargaining will deal with staffing of the proposed Plymouth Community Communications Center (PCCC).

In contract

Radovic said a provision in the city dispatchers' contract, which runs until June 30, 2001, calls for bargaining the issue if there is a merger.

And the township dispatchers' union is to begin bargaining for its new contract August 26, Radovic added - at Plymouth City Hall, with City Manager Dave Rich among those present. So why the flyer?

"We thought they (residents) should be aware" of what the unions predict will be changes in service, said Chumney. "They've been kept in the dark.

"If they're changing the service I receive, I would want to know about it," she said.

Asking if the township "is annexing

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Merchants offer \$300 to thwart vandalism

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

A few bad ones among the good. That's how Melanie Purcell, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, put it in explaining who is the target of a \$300 reward posted Monday by angry members of the association following a spate of vandalism there.

The party or parties responsible for writing graffiti in black paint on businesses, a public school, a church and the downtown parking structure are assumed to be in their teens or 20s.

But, Purcell said, that doesn't mean all the young people hanging out downtown at night are being blamed.



1,2,3 Stretch: Cecilia Jones (left) performs upper arm stretches under the direction of Donna

Music Theatre, celebrates women in music./E1

Theater: West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission presents "A Midsummer' Night's Dream" performed by **Repercussion** Theatre 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Drake Sports Park. / E1

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"It's just that a few bad ones (have) hid amongst the crowd of good" and caused a problem at such a bad time.

It is "sad, it really is sad" that, "with all the overblown situation right now" about the nighttime crowds, "this inflames it more," Purcell said.

"It's not a matter of being against young people," she insisted. It is "not a

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City to ban Keľlogg Park signs

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

The proliferation of temporary posters, banners and signs - particularly in downtown's Kellogg Park - has Plymouth city commissioners considering a resolution controlling them.

An amendment to the city's zoning/ signing ordinance, recommended July 14 by the planning commission, ties such signs to approved special events only - and the events must take place in Plymouth, too.

Furthermore, commercial, industrial or private signs not part of an approved

Please see SIGNS, A4

Michalski (at right) at the Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth Monday.

No slowing down in store for seniors



In step: Bob Beesley, a resident of Tonquish Creek Manor, twirls his partner, Nancy Charlet, during a dance demonstration at Tonquish Creek on Monday. Beesley offers dance instructions to his fellow residents once a week.

Monday was a busy day at Tonquish Creek Manor, a 108-apartment senior housing complex near Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

A 10 a.m. bi-weekly excercise class was followed up with dance lessons from resident Bob Beesley, 68. Afterward, residents dined at Three Brothers.

The Tonquish Manor opened in 1970 providing subsidized housing for men and women over the age of 62. It is a joint effort between the City of Plymouth and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This is government at work," said director Sharon Thomas, who said preference is given to Plymouth residents on the 3-5 year waiting list

Activities are planned throughout the month and van transportation service is available for those who don't drive. Next week Tonquish Creek residents have trips planned to Westland Mall and Super Kmart, as well as Movie Night on Tuesday.

Rite Aid stalls Ann Arbor/Main plans

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

When the developers of a Rite Aid drug store received final site plan approval from the Plymouth Planning Commission last November, they told commissioners to expect demolition and construction to begin "in March or April."

However, the construction season is quickly moving ahead and a vacant Daly Drive-in still sits on the southwest corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Road, with not even a hint that a Rite Aid will be constructed on the site. We're still moving ahead on the pro-

ject, but it won't be constructed until sometime in 2000," said Beverly Lyons,

'We're still moving ahead on the project, but it won't be constructed until sometime in 2000.'

Beverly Lyons Rite Aid

a Rite Aid spokeswoman. "Rite Aid has been re-evaluating its real estate strategy, which has caused delays in construction.

Lyons didn't have a new time schedule for the Plymouth Rite Aid and didn't know when the current building on the site will be demolished.

"Plymouth is still scheduled to get a state-of-the-art Rite Aid," added Lyons.

"That will include a drive-thru pharmacy, a pharmacy area with a private consultation area, a business service center and a one-hour photo."

The building approved by the planning commission is red brick masonry. with limestone accent and oval-top windows. There will be a red-brick wall along both Ann Arbor Road and Main Street.

The planning commission also negotiated a Welcome to Plymouth sign with a clock on top for the corner.

Leo Gonzalez of Simcom Co., a real estate developer, said construction is expected to cost nearly \$1 million. He said the store could be open within six months of the first shovel in the ground.

THIS WEEKEND

Friday Night Fun: Forest Avenue rocks at 7 p.m. to the tunes of James Harrison Bates. Sponsored by sideways, inc. and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Corndaddy: The roots rock sounds of Corndaddy take center stage at the Lower Town Grill in Old Village at 9:30 p.m. Saturday

Farmers market: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors Plymouth's Farmers Market from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. under The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and seasonal items.

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Legendary dance instructor dies unexpectedly



Helen Stewart

BY SCOTT NEINAS STAFF WRITER

Mary Helen Stewart, Canton's legendary dance instructor, died at Annapolis Hospital Monday, Aug. 9.

Stewart, 54, owned and operated Masters of Dance Arts on Canton Center Road for 25 years. She taught competitive dance and ran production groups for dancers of all ages, from beginners to professionals.

Debby Ash, a former student who now operates her own dance studio with another Stewart protégé, said the studio is one of the most respected in the area.

"She touched a lot of families. She was one of those teachers that you never forget," Ash said. Stewart resided on Westminis-

ter Way.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Donald; daughter, Tiffani; son, Brandon; her mother, Mildred Potter; and sisters, Betty Jenkin and the Rev. Victoria J. Westphal.

Visitation is from 1-9 p.m. today at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Friday from the funeral home. Part of Stewart's legacy is that

no fewer than 15 former students of hers have dance studios in the Detroit metro area. Donald said she's had at least

12,000 students walk through her doors over the years. "She was very well known," he

said. "Her students have gone on to Broadway, motion pictures, Vegas, everywhere."

After returning Sunday from Las Vegas, where her troupe had won 37 medals at a national competition, Stewart's health failed suddenly Monday morning.

She was rushed to the hospital at 10:30 a.m. where doctors treated her for a blood clot that started in her leg and worked its way to her heart and lungs. She died that afternoon.

"She's the most unbelievable person," said Brienne Hesse, a former student. "She's changed more lives than anyone I've ever known. She's had a huge impact on my life."

The dance studio was a meeting place for family and former students as people began arriving from around the world to pay their respects.

Linda Patrick, another former student, flew in from Oklahoma where she runs a dance studio.

"If it weren't for her, I wouldn't be in the business I'm in. She's the most inspirational, kindhearted individual I've ever known," Patrick said.

Stewart was born in Detroit and raised in Dearborn. At the age of 9, she began taking dancing lessons at the Continental Dance Studio. When she was 17. she began teaching dance at the studio for 15 years before moving to Canton.

She twice served as president of the Dance Masters of Michigan and was Regional Director for Dance Education of America, which is now setting up a scholarship memorial fund in her name.

Just put that on my tab...

POLICE NEWS

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER earlooe.homecomm.net

Whatever a Canton Township man was drinking Saturday night at the Lower Town Grill sure must have been good.

He paid an extra \$45 to enjoy it, city of Plymouth police said.

Responding to a complaint from a resident on nearby North Mill, police found a 1998 Ford blocking the driveway and conthe popular tacted restaurant/bar to see if its owner was there.

A barmaid told the 49-year-old customer that police were requesting he move his car.

According to the officer's report, the man got up, walked to the establishment's window and looked out. He then returned to his table and sat down with his "beverage of choice."

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Police responded by impounding the car, which tacked an extra \$45 in towing fees onto the man's total "bar bill" for the night.

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Plymouth Community Chamber adds 53 members

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce added 53 new members in a recent membership drive. Total membership is 630.

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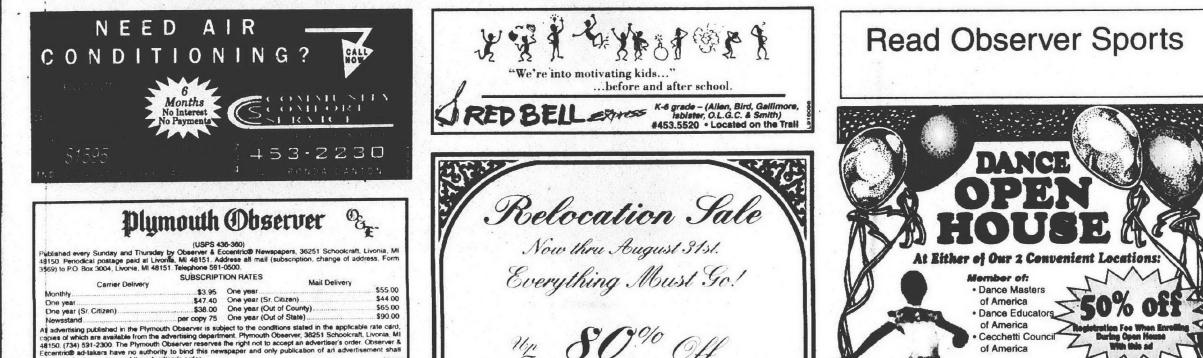
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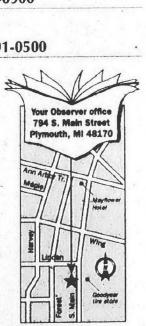
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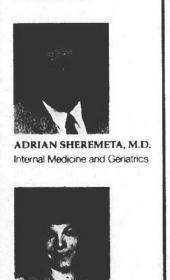
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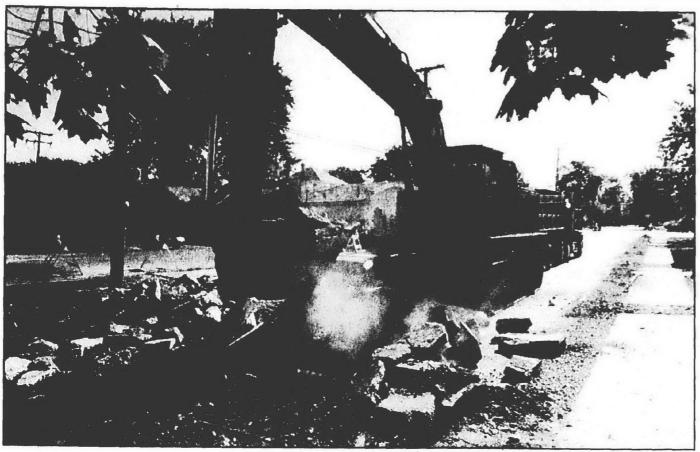


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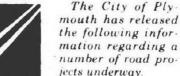
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Road work: Work crews tear up the concrete along Wing Street east of Main Monday. The old pavement is being replaced.

City streets get overhaul as projects move ahead



mouth has released the following information regarding a number of road projects underway.

WING STREET

Wing Street between Main and Deer streets remains closed while the street is completely rebuilt. It is expected to take 14 days. There is currently one lane access to Deer Street, south of Wing

N. EVERGREEN:

Installation of new water services on the new water main should begin today (Thursday). This phase of the project will take two weeks. Once the water services have been completely installed, the sidewalks and driveway approaches will be replaced.

N. EVERGREEN & GOLDSMITH:

Pavement and paving should begin on both N. Evergreen and on Goldsmith Street in the early part of September. Both the removal of old pavement and the paving should take 14 to 21 days. There may be some concrete work taking place on Goldsmith near the east end in the next few days, but it should not cause major traffic problems.

CHURCH STREET:

On Church Street the city's contractor will be removing some curb and driveway approaches on the north side of Church from Blunk to Penniman. The final paving did not meet the expectations of the city engineers and is being replaced

JUNCTION:

The Consumers Energy projects in the area continue to stall the city's paving contractors. Consumers said the city cannot begin work until it is finished

SPRING STREET:

There are some ponding or "bird baths" on Spring Street, causing this portion of the project to not meet the criteria established by the project engineers from Wade-Trim. This area is under review by the engineers and the contractors. They are looking at methods of repairs.

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Mayor says final decision is his in attorney selection

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

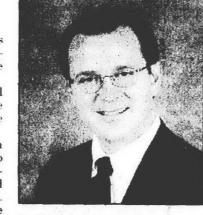
Plymouth Mayor Joe Koch has decided he'll let the city commission have some input into the selection of a new city attorney.

However, his ground rules fall far short of what the rest of the city fathers believe their role should be.

Commissioners last month indicated to Koch they wanted to be part of the entire decisionmaking process, up to and including the final selection. However, Koch has decided he and three other members of a committee will make the final choice.

In a memo to fellow commissioners, Koch said the committee which includes commissioners Ron Loiselle and John Vos, as well as City Manager David Rich - will meet and choose three proposals from among the individuals and firms that submit applications. The group will present the three to the commission at its Aug. 16 meeting for review.

The memo goes on to say "



"'I'm still getting input from the rest of the commission, but it's still up to me to make the final decision."

> Joe Koch mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Stella Greene. "The mayor put aside what we collectively proposed for whatev-

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commissioners will have one week in which to put their comments, praise or concerns in writing to the committee. The committee will then bring back their appointment to the city commission meeting on Tuesday. Sept. 7.

It's become a tug of war between Koch and several members of the commission over the appointment of the new city attorney

"This process is used by other governmental units and is dictated by the charter," Koch said. "I'm still getting input from the rest of the commission, but it's still up to me to make the final decision.

Vos, a member of Koch's committee, said despite the wishes of the commission, the charter gives the mayor responsibility for choosing the next city attornev

"I think in Joe's mind this is a compromise," Vos said. "In reality, it's the mayor's call."

And while that may be so. other commissioners aren't pleased they won't be a part of the entire selection process.

"We wanted to take partisan politics out of the decision-making process by involving all seven commissioners," said

er reason.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury was more blunt.

"Koch has chosen to ignore the majority of the commission, and is exercising his own personal power by hiding behind the city charter," he said. "The mayor has already made a commitment for a new city attorney, and this process is a sham.

Shrewsbury wouldn't comment on who the new city attorney might be, but there has been talk around City Hall the new contract could go to the law firm headed by Cameron Miller, with Don Morgan the firm's Plymouth resident and representative to the commission.

Ironically, it was Miller's firm that was dumped in favor of the firm currently representing the city, Plunkett & Cooney.

The battle over the appointment of a new city attorney began when commissioners realized Plunkett & Cooney charged them nearly \$170,000 for the 1998-99 fiscal year, far above the \$52,000 that was budgeted.

Shrewsbury said he would favor a charter amendment eliminating the requirement that the city attorney live in Plymouth in order to increase the pool of qualified applicants for the job.

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Purse found

A Belleville woman's purse, apparently stolen from her at a golf course in Bloomfield, was found Saturday on Sheldon Road in the city of Plymouth.

When her husband picked it up at the police station, he said he and his wife had been at a

golf outing in Bloomfield and had not been near Plymouth. He said it was missing some credit cards

Bike found

Plymouth city police are seeking the owner of a 15-speed purple, 1996 Zanzibar bicycle found in the bushes at Jaycee Park, Joy and Harding, last week by an employee of the 35th District Court. The bike is valued at \$50.

Staff writer Richard Pearl

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Golf classic

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and this year's major sponsor, Blackwell Ford present their annual Golf Classic on Tuesday, Sept. 14 (rain date is Sept. 21) at Fox Hills Country Club. Check-in is at 9 a.m., and tee off is at 10 a.m. Cost for a foursome is \$600; two-some is \$440; Individual tickets are \$175 (available after Aug. 10 on a first come, first serve basis); and dinner only is \$50. Sponsorship includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, open bar, refreshments and a sponsor sign).

For more information or to get a registration form, call (734) 453-1540.

Chili and salsa cooks wanted

The 21st annual Michigan State Chili Championship & Salsa competition will be held in Plymouth on Saturday, Sept. 11 during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The chili competition begins at 2 p.m. and will be ready for judging and sampling at 5 p.m. Salsa will be judged at 3 p.m. Samples of the

posted.

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special event also would be prohibited under terms of the amendment, which passed its first reading last Monday night.

The special events policy, which would include the number incidences of banners tearing loose and blowing wildly in the of signs allowed and could restrict their placement to the park. day of the event, is still being city might want to adopt decided.

"This will cut down on the number of signs and clean up" the signage, said Jim Penn, city building official. He said some

Reward from page A1

matter of age, it's a matter of respect for property. "This costs property-owners

money, it costs the city money." The anger of the downtown business owners is understand-

able, Purcell said.

If the vandalism had taken place in a neighborhood, "people living there would be mad," she said. "Business owners downtown have a right to be mad, too. The reward, offered by downtown Plymouth business owners through the DDA, is for informa-. tion leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever is responsible for the Aug. 3-7 vandalism.

Mayor Joe Koch suggested the

Northville's signage at key

entrances to the city. The three

signposts permit announcements

to be bolted onto them.

Anyone with information is asked to call Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll at (734) 453-8600.

The guilty party faces multiple charges of malicious property damage under \$1,000, police said.

competition chili will be available to the public with all the net proceeds going to the Fall Festival groups including the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions clubs. This is the second year the state championship will be held in Plymouth.

Cooks from all over the Midwest are expected to compete in this event with the chili winner receiving a \$1,000 cash prize and the salsa winner a \$100 prize. Both winners will represent Michigan in the World Championship Chili Cookoff & Salsa Competition in Nevada on Oct. 10. The winner in the world chili cookoff receives \$25,000 and boasts the finest chili in the world.

The chief judge for the Michigan Championship will be the 1996 World Champion, Georgia Weller from West Bloomfield. This cookoff is sanctioned by the International Chili Society.

Chili cooking and salsa applications are now being accepted. For more information, call Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838 or fax at (734) 455-1651.

signage has been as large as 32 During the discussion, Commissioner David McDonald sugsquare feet and that others have gested the board wait until the been repeatedly repainted and special events policy is also pre-He said there also have been sented.

> But members followed the suggestion of Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who noted the amendment is "what the commission asked for" and suggested it be passed while the city administration works on the special events policy in the next 30 days.

The First Church of Christ Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, was painted with the words "ACT", "OAM" and something looking like "MASAROR".

Six walls and doors at the rear of Central Middle School, 650 W. Church, were similarly vandalized, as was the top deck of the city parking garage, a side of the Magic Bus II building at 895 Wing and the MasterTech Coatings Inc. building, 300 Hamilton.

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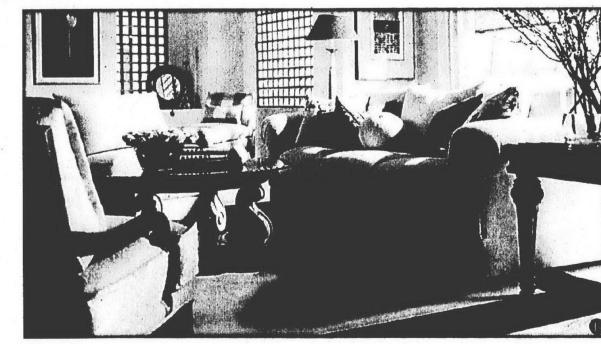
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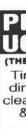
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Judge will hear about storm water clean-up plans

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

State and county environmental officials are expected to inform U.S. District Judge John Feikens on Monday about progress on the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

The court hearing generally packs Feikens' courtroom with observers, as many of the 48 communities in the Rouge River watershed send representatives to hear Feikens inquiries about the project.

Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw county officials, the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency report to Feikens.

Feikens schedules court hearings every two months. Feikens is overseeing a lawsuit filed by the EPA against the communities to clean up storm water flowing from communities into the Rouge

Roy Schrameck, district director of the DEQ's surface water quality division, expects state DEQ officials will update Feikens on the status of stormwater permits, sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and river data.

The permits, issued by the state, are required for the stormwater discharges into the river, but are "voluntary" in that communities have a hand in writing their own programs about how they will clean up the discharges and illicit connections of sewage to storm sewers.

Discharges also contain fertilizer and pesticides from lawns, and small amounts of oil and grease from parking lots.

As of this week, the state has issued 29 certificates of coverage under the stormwater permits. Two others are ready to go, while

Bird-watchers meet Sunday

Bird-watchers can enjoy the view at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday.

The "Crack of Dawn Birding Club" meets the first Sunday of the month and offers an excellent opportunity to meet other bird watchers in the area. More than 141 species of birds have been seen at Crosswinds Marsh. including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon and great egret.

For information on this or any parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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two more have issued final comments to the DEQ.

Ten other permits are being negotiated with other communities

"This is a voluntary stormwater program," Schrameck said. "We don't have one similar to this in Michigan, and there's not one in the United States. We're treading on 'untrod' ground with this program. We're making this program, and we're also designing it, so it's taking a lot longer.'

The permit also outlines a public education plan.

Oakland County commissioners recently approved money for a study on the cost of a septic tank inspection program. A county drain official expressed concerns about the expense of such a program at a Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting in June. Oakland County officials learned of a \$15 million grant available for local communities there to address environmental concerns.

Washtenaw County has approved a septic tank inspection

ordinance.

Wayne County commissioners are considering a similar ordinance that would require an inspection at any home at the point of sale.

Progress is slow on the river's cleanup as regulatory agencies don't want to appear heavyhanded in enforcement

"If we get dictatorial, then people can walk and we don't want that to happen, because we want a program to improve the Rouge," Schrameck said.

The nine communities and one agency in negotiations on per-

mits are: Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Melvindale, Southfield Township, Van Buren Township, Ypsilanti Township and the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The DEQ is reviewing Birm-

ingham's proposed stormwater program. It outlined a program instead of applying for a permit. Schrameck did not know whether it would be approved.

About 45 locations of SSOs also have been discovered that illegally discharge in the Rouge watershed. The DEQ is working with

tems and/or the inability of the communities to discharge their contract capacity to the North Huron/Rouge Valley interceptor system, according to a state report given to Feikens two months ago. Schrameck believes a pump

station will address that problem and engineering consultants hired by communities will check on municipal collection systems.

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Some of the problems stem

from internal hydraulic problems

within municipal collection sys-

problems, Schrameck said.



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Plymouth Township cracks the weed whip

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.hom comm.net

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Summer means barbecues. vacations - and weed control.

Plymouth Township, like most area municipalities, restricts weed and plant growth to less than 10 inches high.

Cultivated flowers and garden areas are not included in this height restriction, but all noxious weeds are prohibited

Weed height might not be high on some Plymouth Township residents' agenda during the summer, but Charles McIlhargey of the building department doesn't want residents to lose sight of this issue or their property.

Residents should also pay more attention to any storm damage, and to quicker plant growth.

"Keeping weeds under control reduces pollen for allergy sufferers and eliminates rodent shelters," McIlhargey said. "The appearance of your property also impacts its market value.

McIlhargey urges residents to take a walk around their proper-

"Pay particular attention to sheds, fences, trellises and rose arbors that can take a beating from high winds," McIlhargey said. "While walking around the exterior of your home, don't for-get to look up," he said.

Inspect siding, roofs, gutters, and down spouts for damage.

Check for peeling paint. If wooden surfaces are left unprotected, winter damage can result in surprisingly high repair bills, he said. Wire brush, sand, prime or repaint surfaces as needed. Repair or replace loose and damaged aluminum that covers the fascia, a flat board, band or face, often used in combination with moldings and located at the outer face of the cornice.

These building components may seem like small matters; however, if left unattended, they can provide a path for the elements to begin the structural deterioration of your property, McIlhargey said.

"If you are planning a new deck, swimming pool, or shed, most municipalities require building permits and inspections," McIlhargey said. "The building department is happy to explain regulations for decks, pools and other outside property maintenance issues," he said.

Simple measures are key to protecting structures and maintaining property values that will ensure a strong return on the time, money, and hard work property owners invest in their property, he said.

TNT Lawn Service does weed cutting in accordance with the township weed ordinance. The cost is \$42 an hour.

To determine which plants fall into the noxious category, call (734) 354-3209.



Donation: UAW Local 845 and Ford Motor Co., Sheldon Road plant teamed up to donate two new gas grills to Our Lady of Providence. Pictured are: (top row) Jack Schertel Ford Viseton chief security officer; Rodger Caldwell, president UAW local 845; Lou Whitlock Ford Visteon plant manager; and Dave Travis, publicity chairman, UAW Local 845. (second row) Marie Marrow, president, Plymouth Community United Way, Sister Linda, OLP; Marie Tess Rasalan, resident; Sister Margaret Mary OLP; and Dawn Thomas, resident; (front) residents Kathy Rychlick and Kathy Furtaw.

UAW donates grills to help girls home

Summer barbecue's just became easier thanks to the generosity of UAW Local 845 and Ford Motor Co., Sheldon Road Plant.

Two new gas grills were recently donated to Our Lady of Providence, a home for mentally challenged girls located on Beck Road in Northville Township.

Local union President Rodger Caldwell and Ford plant manager Lou Whitlock had the grills purchased from Home Depot, assembled by Ford skilled trades (millwrights) and filled with propane all ready to use.

This all occurred after the union was contacted by Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, Morrow was answering to the wishes of Sister Linda Willette, and the kids at Our Lady of Providence.

Dispatchers from page A1

the city," the flyer claims the dispatch merger "is only the first step" in cutting services.

Besides stating taxes won't be lowered, the flyer claims: there will be no more 24-

hour city hall access, with the building closed daily at 4:30 p.m.

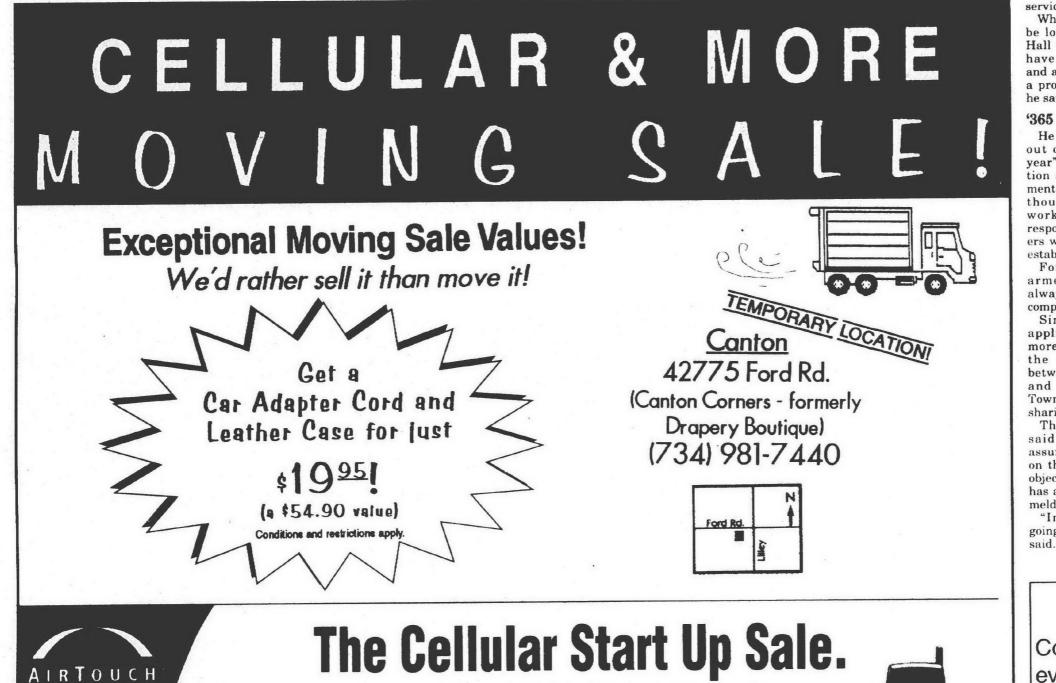
and on weekends and holidays; there will be no more 24hour police-station access in the

city; a township employee will be deciding "how important your call for service is;"

the commission or city

administration may not have checked into getting federal grants or moneys for dispatch renovation, radio equipment, officers' radios and other items;

and city officers may be used to answer township calls when the township is backlogged or



short on help.

"Will city calls have less priority?" the flyer asks.

In answering the claims, Sincock said both the city and township agreed at the outset "they would only look at joint services provided it has no adverse affect either on the employees or the service levels.

While agreeing taxes will not be lowered, Sincock said City Hall will be accessible and will have a drop-box for payments and absentee ballots. "That's not a problem, not the case at all,' he said.

'365 days'

He said officers will be based out of City Hall "365 days a year"; that remodeling the station and buying needed equipment are two of "thousands and thousands of details" to be worked out; and that callresponse priorities by dispatchers will be according to alreadyestablished procedures.

For example, he said, "An armed robbery in progress always outranks a noisy stereo complaint."

Sincock said the city has applied for federal grants for more police officers and noted the mutual aid agreement between the city, the township and Canton and Northville Townships already provides for sharing calls as needed. The assistant city manager said dispatchers have been assured since June, when work on the merger began, "that the objective (of it) is that everyone has a job, that employees will be melded into the system." "In other words, nobody's going to lose their jobs," Sincock

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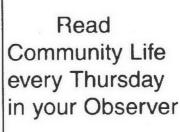
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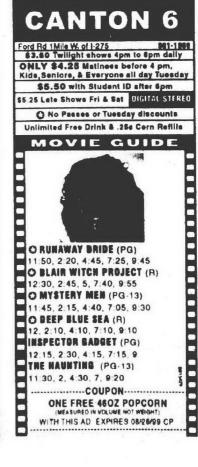


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Juvenile justice program will use tethers, education

The following story is the first in a series of articles on the Wayne County budget. The Wayne County Commission conducted budget hearings in July with county officials from each department, then commissioners began budget deliberations this week.

Commissioners are expected to approve a new budget by Sept. 1.

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

Starting Oct. 1, Wayne County will administer the juvenile justice block grant, a major change in this year's budget for the Department of Community Jus-

Wayne County will receive about \$55 million to \$60 million from the state to finance juvenile delinquency services for more than 3,000 youths. Another \$55 million will come from the county's general fund.

State legislation called for the state to have exclusive responsibility for "abused and neglected" children and the county to have jurisdiction over the youth delinquency population, instead of the old 50/50 split.

ty Justice also is responsible for

the administration and coordina-

tion of the detention, interven-

tion and prevention programs

related to juvenile and adult

offenders. It will monitor and

evaluate its programs related to

adult and juvenile justice ser-

Approximately 35 new posi-

tions have been budgeted in the

juvenile justice division for the

Wayne County expects to use care management organizations and juvenile assessment centers to help juvenile delinquents with drug or alcohol problems, according to Greg Roberts, executive assistant with county Executive Edward McNamara, who met with Conference of Western Wayne officials in May.

"When we look at what happened in Colorado and what happens in Wayne County, a lot of people asked what we can do to stem the tide of violence and crime," Roberts said. "We believe Wayne County has the answer." The Department of Communi-

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Sheriff Robert Ficano

new \$47 million juvenile detention facility near Greektown in downtown Detroit.

The adult probation services expect to increase community sanction services for offenders such as tethering, supervision, special alternative incarceration at boot camp and at the detention facility.

"There has been a significant increase in the use of these sanctions and continued emphasis on the monitoring and enforcement of recommendations to the court will result in a continued upward trend," states one of the goals from Jeriel Heard, director of the Department of Community Justice.

Probation services will increase computer access for probation officers to communicate with each other, the regional office and with central administrators in Lansing. Community justice officials hope agents can better supervise clients and monitor their behavior. For juveniles, the Benjamin Carson Academy, housed inside the juvenile facility, is expected to provide juveniles with classes in English, language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, art and technology.

The juvenile detention facility will house 196 beds within 12 units and cost an estimated \$135 million to operate.

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Internet unit started

Next year's budget is \$26.4 million for Sheriff Robert Ficano's office, court and field services, and marine and parks patrol, and secondary roads. Another \$74.3 million is budgeted for the county jail.

About 1,300 employees work in the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

Ficano said he has asked county commissioners to consider an ordinance to establish the Internet Crime Unit as permanent positions. The unit of four officers has investigated the illegal use of the Internet by sexual predators

Staffing at the jail also remains a top budget priority along with narcotics investigations, Ficano said. In 1998, 855 people were arrested on drug charges by the sheriff's department.

This year's budget maintains the status quo. Ficano also encouraged a technology partnership with the county's Information Processing Department on the transition into Y2K.

Prosecutor seeks funds

Prosecutor John O'Hair appeared before the county commission in July, wanting a \$500,000 budget increase to pay for five additional prosecutors.

One of the prosecutors' goals is to solve 25 unsolved homicides by March 31, 2000, and develop cooperative programs to reduce the homicide rate in Detroit by 20 percent.

O'Hair's \$25.7 million budget includes about 270 people, with more than 150 prosecutors, in divisions ranging from trials and case dispositions to special operations. That budget increased from \$24.6 million in this year's amended budget.

The Victim Services division is requesting two additional community services specialists through the Victims of Crime Act, stationed at precincts in Detroit.

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Metro Airport budget would create 58 new positions

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

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Officials at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport have included 58 new positions for the airport's proposed 1999-2000 budget, ranging from 12 airport operations assistants to two electrical technicians.

Those positions represent the a largest increase in personnel out of any of the county departments.

The 58 positions also include eight airport maintenance workers, eight laborers, five airport operations supervisors, five customer service agents, three environmentalists, five department managers, two department supervisors, two division deputy

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directors, two electrical technicians, two foremen, two typists and a clerical specialist and a department administrator.

Detroit Metro's operations are budgeted at \$178.9 million, an increase of \$15 million, which includes administration, external relations, concessions and quality assurance, maintenance, noise compatibility, properties, planning and facilities.

A new concessions and quality assurance division will-oversee requests for proposals for the midfield terminal for food and beverage service and retail stores by the end of 1999.

The busiest department will probably be the division of properties, planning and facilities.

That department will oversee the five-year capital plan to improve the airport. Those improvements will be financed through Passenger Finance Charges, which is a surcharge on each airline ticket sold, grants from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Aviation Administration and state of Michigan grants.

A five-year capital plan outlines \$494 million in airport improvements to be completed this year, including south access road projects, such as the Rogell Drive connector and north tunnel and roadway, and construction of the new runway and taxiways, parking garage and power plant

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On Wednesday, work crews building the new Midfield Terminal were scheduled to erect the project's first structural steel, as part of Northwest Airlines' construction of the new facility. The 74-gate terminal is expected to be completed in late 2001.

Susan Kopinski, deputy chief financial officer, responded to several questions last week from

the commission about the airport construction fund, including PFCs.

"There are no changes in PFC activities," Kopinski responded. "The current rate remains at \$3 per enplaned passenger. PFC revenue is budgeted at \$41 million for fiscal year 2000.

There is legislation pending in Washington, D.C., to increase the PFC but nothing has been settled as of this time.

Kopinski was asked whether security checkpoints were "sufficiently manned."

"Security checkpoints are the responsibility of the airlines," Kopinski said. "However, there is sufficient airport police to patrol the terminals and react quickly in case of a security breach. The manpower for this function was taken care of in this budget."



Parks employee honored for work

A longtime Wayne County parks employee who has advocated the restoration of the historic Nankin Mills site in Westland and preservation of parklands in Wayne County has been honored as Pubic Servant of the

Year. Wayne County parks chief of design Nancy Darga was honored by the Public Administration Foundation Inc. for her exemplary job dedication, above

and beyond the call of duty, and her notable accomplishments, employment longevity and community service.

The Public Administration Foundation is an affiliate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The award was presented on June 24 at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly.

A landscape architect for 21 years, Darga was an original 2.0

member of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. Darga also served as grant coordinator and secured the first piece of land purchased through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Darga, a Michigan State University graduate and Detroit native, is the mother of two children, Alex and Anna, and the wife of Wayne County Engineer Michael Darga.

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Wolverine Riders take the big curves on 2 wheels

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtinaw@ce.homecomm.net

Sometimes the clichés are true.

Garden City resident Orman "Pappy" Patterson, 79, has been riding motorcycles since 1936, except for a few years when World War II interfered. "I got a brother named Harley Davidson Patterson," he said.

Not to mention a son and grandson who ride.

Livonia resident Warren Shirey is the owner of 13 motorcycles. A motorcycle rider for 50 years, one day he wished he had all of his old bikes back. "So I quit selling what I had," he said.

Romulus resident Bob Hughes has logged more than 240,000 miles in 29 years of riding, 112,000 of them on a single 1988 Kawasaki Voyager. He also has a Kawasaki Eliminator 600 that he rides to work.

Redford resident Bonnie Andes says the phrase, "If I have to explain it to you, you wouldn't

On the road again: Redford resident Bonnie Andes, shown here on the Yamaha Virago 750 at right, didn't start riding until she was 50 years old.

Wolverine Riders

The Wolverine Riders meet on the first Sunday and third Saturday of each month from April through October at Richard's Restaurant in Livonia, taking in a ride after breakfast and/or a business meeting. The next meeting begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

They also take "ice cream rides" every Wednesday and throw in several longer out-of-state rides.

A monthly newsletter is published throughout the year. During winter months, the members meet for dinner at various restaurants and rent a hall for a Christmas party.

Dues are \$30 a year. To inquire about joining the Wolverine Riders, show up at a meeting or call President John Behnke at (734) 522-8246.

understand," illustrates her reasons for riding. "It's wonderful. I like the freedom of it. Now I know I can run away from home."

These are typical members of the Wolverine Riders motorcycle club, whose emjoyment of riding is as much a passion as an artist's desire to paint.

Founded by former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry (among others) in 1987, the Wolverine Riders currently comprise some 69 two-wheel aficionados, including several women. The club was born, in part, as a receptacle for riders who "were tired of having to have one kind of bike to join an organization," said Westland resident Jim Bowes, a co-founder with Berry.

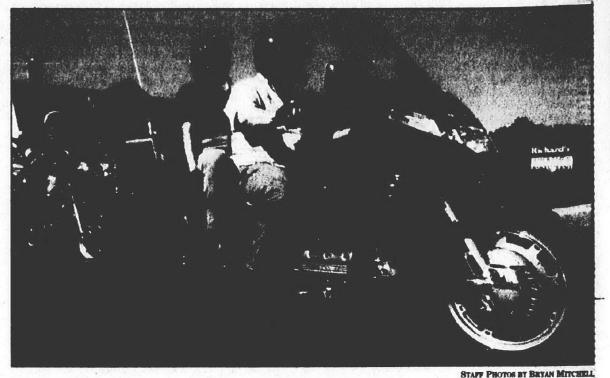
Many of the members have ridden together for years, and they've switched from sport bikes to cruisers to touring bikes as they've gotten older. Most of them are on the backside of 50, with many of them riding Gold Wings, Voyagers and other comfortable touring bikes. But they get around as much as anyone and more than most. Sit with them a while and you'll hear stories about rides to Florida, California, South Dakota and everywhere in between.

Although the Wolverines are starting to look like an AARP club, President John Behnke is quick to say that young members are welcome. He wasn't even sure this article should mention the average age of members for fear it would discourage younger riders from joining.

It doesn't matter how young you are, how much experience you have or what kind of bike you drive, he said. The Wolverines will be happy to ride with you.

The riders meet twice a month at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road west of Newburgh in Livonia. From there they embark on a ride that sometimes ends with an ice cream lunch in Jackson and other times keeps them away from home until 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, they left



Follow the leader: John and Ellen Bryant of Hamburg led the second group of six motorcycles on the Sunday ride to Jackson.

Richard's Restaurant at 10:15 a.m. in two groups. Dexter resident Mary Green, a rider with 27 years of experience and no serious accidents (knock wood, as she does when she says that), led the way on her 1982 Honda CB900 Custom. Behind Green were three Gold Wings and this reporter on a Yamaha 535 Virago. The second group, led by John and Ellen Bryant of Hamburg, contained one Gold Wing, two Voyagers, a BMW dresser. a Yamaha 750 Virago and the only sport bike in sight, a Honda 650 Nighthawk ridden by Tim Salowitz.

Although these people ride some of the biggest motorcycles in captivity, they still enjoy curvaceous roads and stayed on them as much as possible. Indeed, this reporter's skills were challenged in keeping up with Green as she cut through

See WOLVERINES, A11



Hard riders: Bob and Ellen Hughes of Romulus have put more miles on their Kawasaki Voyagers than many people put on their cars.



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OBITUARIES

E EN BL. HETTING

Bervices for Helen M. Hittinger, 95, of Plymouth were Aug. 3 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

She was born May 25, 1904 in Detroit. She died Aug. 1 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Hittinger; and her parents, Christian and Wilhelmina Schmidt. Survivors include her niece, Jean E. Schmidt; and several great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680 or to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201-9983.

THOMAS O'FLYNN

Services for Thomas O'Flynn, 64, of Canton Township were Aug. 7 in St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

He was born March 6, 1935 in Defroit. He died Aug. 3 in Detroit Receiving Hospital. He was a project manager for a computer company.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores "Dee" O'Flynn; two daughters, Micki (Arthur) Hall, Maureen (Stephen Salvador); two sons, Kevin (Kathleen), Dennis (Loretta); two sisters, Rose Mary (Fritz) Sutter, Peg; and one brother, Jim (Diana).

Memorials may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Canton.

DOROTHY R. CRISP

Services for Dorothy R. Crisp, 71, former resident of Plymouth, were Aug. 4 in St. Paul's Church, Concord, N.H.

She was born in Plymouth and died in Concord Hospital. She graduated from Plymouth High School and attended Ohio Weslyan University until she was married to Jack P. Crisp. who was then in the Army Air Corp, in St. Joseph, Mo. on Feb. 28, 1945.

They settled in Michigan where they had two sons, Gary Donald born July 9, 1945 and killed in a car accident on Nov. 2, 1973 and Jack Perry born March 15, 1950, who is a lawyer practicing in Concord and

Berlin, N.H. The family moved to Connecticut in 1959. Dorothy purchased a home in Franklin, N.H in 1983.

She worked for the Olin Corporation at its Stanford, Conn. headquarters and its New Haven research and development facilities for many years. She retired as vice president of Human Resources in 1985. Dorothy was active in the Eastern Star for most of her life and was a Past Worthy Matron. She was on the Franklin Planning Board and the Zoning Board. She was also a Supervisor of the Voter Checklist. She had been very active in the Franklin Methodist Church and more recently in the Contoocook Methodist Church. She was on the board of directors for the Franklin Visiting Nurses Association, the Historical Society and involved in the restoration of the Opera House. She was a social worker at Mountain Crest and had been active in the Republican Party. She occasionally worked in her son's law firm.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Greer; and her oldest child, Gary. Survivors include her husband, Jack P. Crisp Sr.; one son, Jack P. Crisp, Jr.; five granddaughters, Melis-

sa, Hanna, Emma, Sara and Lydia; and one great granddaughter Julia.

She was described by her friends as being expressive, caring, determined, creative and loving. She was a person of great faith who worked to love and support her family, contribute to her community and follow the tenets of her faith. She was always busy but never without grace or a smile and friendly word or deed.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin, N.H 03235.

MICHAEL JAMES FITZGERALD

Services for Michael James Fitzgerald, 61, of Canton were Aug. 6 in Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

He was born May 25, 1938 in Detroit. He died Aug. 3 in Oakwood Hospital. Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Fitzgerald of Canton; two daughters, Melinda (Garett) Pridotkas, Wendy (Gary) Smith; one son, Michael James II; mother, Dorothy Fitzgerald; one sister, Michele (David) Jankowski; one brother, John (Cathy) Fitzgerald; four grandchildren;

Services for Jessie Gee, 94, of Westland were Aug. 7 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Col. Franklin Thomson of the Salvation Army officiating.

She was born Nov. 18, 1904 in England. She died July 31 in Westland. She was a supervisor for a bakery.

She was preceded in death by

include her three daughters. Barbara (William) Auerbach of Canton, Betty Mae (Robert) Kurkjan; Mary Lou (Michael) Tanamachi; one son, Donald; nine grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

JOAN E. BURGER

Services for Joan E. Burger, 57, of Plymouth Township were Aug. 10 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born April 24, 1942, in Detroit. She died Aug. 6 in Plymouth Township. She came to the Plymouth community from Garden City in 1970. She was a teacher in the South Redford School District. For the past 10 years, she worked out of her home as a bridal consultant under the name of Cameo Wedding Chapel Inc. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth and a member of the Association of Bridal Consultants. She loved to travel, loved music, computers and had a great passion for her business. She was a wife of 29 years.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Burger of Plymouth Township; one son, Robert Burger II of Lansing; and one brother, Edgar Lacey of Morenci, Mich.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth.

BEN J. STANTON

Services for Ben J. Stanton, 84, of Plymouth were Aug. 12 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roland DeRenzo of Burial was in Mr. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

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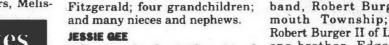
He was born June 11, 1915, in Detroit. He died Aug. 8 in Livonia. He received his degree from Detroit Bible Institute in 1953. He also founded the Pulpit Supply Service. He owned and operated the Reliable Barber Supply and worked at this until he became ill. Mr. Stanton retired in 1987 as custodian in the Plymouth-Canton Schools where he had worked for 11 years. Mr. Stanton was affiliated with the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton and a member of the Evangelical Church Alliance. He was a resident of Plymouth for 31 years. Mr. Stanton was a sergeant in the Army Air Corp. during WW II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Minnie Shapiro; one brother, Harry Shapiro; and one sister, Gloria Kief.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Plymouth; five sons, Dr. David (Vi) of Saginaw; Paul (Loraine) of Plymouth, Timothy (Jamie) of Wayne, Daniel (Heather) of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, Mark of Canton; four sisters, Lilyan Alpern of Warren, Ohio, Ruth Weiss of Southfield, Silvia (Shirley) Stern of Southfield, Peg Cole of Southfield; and four grandchildren, Blake and Drew, Anna and Matthew.

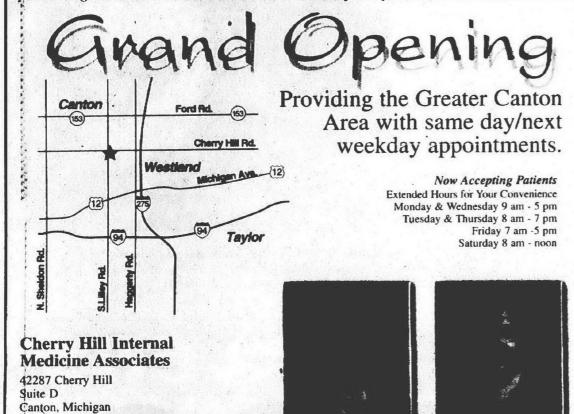
Memorials may be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 2727, Huntington Beach. Calif. 92647 or Boys & Girls Bible Clubs, 21122 Indian St., Southfield, MI 48034.





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The number of traffic accidents in the seven county region decreased by 13,000 in 1998 when compared to the previous year, according to a report issued last week by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

The total number of crashes in the region last year was 186,693, according to the report titled "1998 Southeast Michigan Crash Summary Statistics." The report is compiled annually by SEMCOG from accident reports filled out by local police, sheriffs departments and the Michigan State Police.

The regional total in 1997 was 199.638

"The crash rate - the number of traffic crashes per vehicle

the region as well. The overall crash rate in southeast Michigan was 4.39 crashes per million vehicle miles traveled in 1998, down from 4.79 crashes per million in 1997, despite the fact that vehicle miles traveled increased from 41,679 million in 1997 to 42,512 million in 1998," SEMCOG concluded in the report.

Other conclusions reached in the report:

Injuries occurred in 25.3 percent of all accidents in the region. That's a decline for the third year in a row. Overall, southeast Michigan accounts for 51.8 percent of all injury crashes in the state.

Alcohol-related accidents are on the decline. There were 8,153 crashes in the region involving alcohol, a drop in the row. But alcohol-related accidents are more severe. In accidents not involving alcohol, injury results about a quarter of the time. In alcohol-related accidents, injury results 46.6 percent of the time

Injuries also occurred more frequently when seat belts were not used. Only 14 percent of drivers overall are injured in accidents. But when belts are not used, the injury rate jumps to 42.9 percent. Some 7,100 men were not wearing belts when they got into an accident, twice the number of women who failed to wear restraints.

Younger drivers were involved in more accidents. Drivers age 21-34 were involved in 27.9 percent of accidents, compared to 24.2 percent for drivers between the ages of 35 and 49.

The number of elderly drivers involved in accidents dropped in 1998, from 22,653 in 1997 to 21,523 in 1998. But the proportion of crashes involving the elderly was slightly higher, 11.5 percent versus 11.1 the previous year. Nonetheless, the statistics showed elderly drivers were more likely to be hurt in an accident, 16.6 percent were hurt or killed in accidents compared to a percentage of 13.9 for all drivers.

Monroe County is the safest place to drive. The accident rate per million vehicle miles traveled there is only 2.5. Livingston County had the second lowest rate, 3.11. Oakland ranked fifth with a rate of 4.01 per million miles traveled. Wayne County was in last place, with a rate of 4.99.

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"Michigan has many charities that do wonderful work in our communities and around the world. Unfortunately there are many others who jabber and talk about their wonderful work but do little or nothing that is worthwhile ... The donor must beware.'

Those who receive calls from charities are advised to ask a number of questions: Is the caller a volunteer or a paid fund-raiser? Does the caller work for a professional fundraiser or the charity? Where is the organization located? How much of the donation will go for the charitable cause?

Complaints regarding charities should be referred to the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section at (517) 373-1152. For police or fire organizations, call (800) 769-4515. Written complaints may be mailed to: Charitable Trust Section, Department of Attorney General, P.O. Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909.

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the big sweepers. In the old days, she said, there might be only four riders on the trip and they'd "laugh at you if you didn't go twice the speed limit," but now they keep it under 15 over the posted limit.

The destination this day was an ice cream parlor in Jackson where everyone had a dish of something they'd regret the next time they put on a pair of pants. Norm Patterson's banana split was nearly a foot high.

Andes explained that she has only been riding motorcycles for three years. "I got started because I turned 50 and I was single and the kids were grown,"

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Andes dumped her Virago when it had just 388 miles on the odometer and walked away from it. She even rode the bike home. Yet she once broke her foot falling off a horse.

The ice cream marked the end of the day's formal group ride, but seven of the 11 riders chose to continue together, taking the back roads toward metro Detroit. If they had to explain why, you wouldn't understand.



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MARION L STICKELS

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Services for Marion I. Stickels, 82, of Marlette, Mich. (formerly of Plymouth) were Aug. 8 in Marsh Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Parker officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 21, 1917, in Detroit. She died Aug. 5 in Kings AFC Home, Marlette, Mich. She lived most of her life in Plymouth and Central Lake, Mich. moving to Marlette in

1994. She was a member of the Bell Tower Church, Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by her brother, Stanley Allen. Survivors include her husband. Howard; three sons, Hugh (Betty) Daly of Marlette, David (Rose Marie) Daly of Alaska, Lawrence (Nancy Jo) Daly of Indiana; one daughter, Susan (Al) Clymer of New Mexico; two step-daughters, Joan (Earle) Cherkosly of Plymouth, Diane (Mark) Hoagland of Sylvan

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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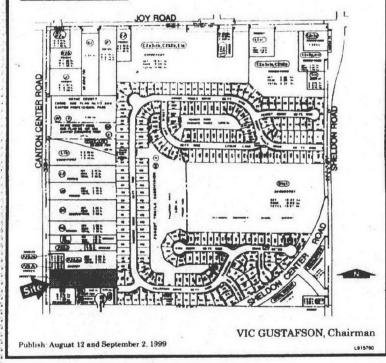
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 13, 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

FOEGE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING FOR PARCEL NOS. 010 99 0027 001 AND 010 99 0027 002. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Joy and Sheldon Center Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, September 9, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

SEE ATTACHED MAP



Lake; two brothers, Walter Allen of Tipton, Donald (Shirley) Allen of Miss.; four sisters, Margaret Merritt of Plymouth, Mildred Wesley of Plymouth, Marjorie McKillip of Arizona, Madeline (Howard) Hunt of Arizona.; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or United Hospice of Marlette.

JOHN R. AHO

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Ski Club, the Society of Automo-Services for John R. Aho, 55, of tive Engineer's and he founded Pinckney (formerly of Plymouth) the Pinckney C.R.O.P. Walk. He were Aug. 11 at Holy Spirit

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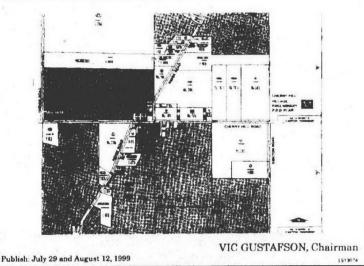
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, 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.**

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Catholic Church, Hamburg with the Rev. Ron Rein officiating.

He was born Dec. 21, 1944, in Newberry, Mich. He died Aug. 5 in Oakwood Hospital. He was a general sales manager for Borg-Warner in Detroit. Before moving to sales he was employed at Ford Motor Co. for 17 years. He was an incurable romantic and an optimist. He worked hard and played hard and was very humorous. Mr. Aho loved to ski and to play golf. He was a member of L.G.C.C., Schussmeister's

Denise; four children, Johnny (Michelle) Aho of Pinckney, Mike Heitbrink of Pinckney, Jay

Survivors include his wife,

Lutheran Church.

(Tanya) Aho of Detroit, Andrew Aho of Plymouth; one brother, Mike (Mary) Aho of Newberry: and two granddaughters, Christina and Sierra.

Memorials may be made to John Aho Memorial Fund c/o Shalom Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were made by Bell-Borek Funeral Home, Hamburg.

CAROLINE M. GOODALE

Services for Caroline M. Goodale, 92, of Plymouth were Aug. 5 in Michelson Memorial Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Jaggers officiating. Burial was in Elmwood.

She was born June 9, 1907, in Tacome, Wash. She died Aug. 2

in Mercy Hospital-Grayling. She was a member of the Shalom was self-employed in the grocery-bakery-delicatessen business. She was a member of the Nichelson Memorial Methodist Church. She was a life member of the Eastern Star-Plymouth and the White Shrine. She was previously awarded the Michigan State Fair Homemaker of the Year Championship.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren Goodlae Sr.; and three sisters. Survivors include his three daughters, Caroline McMullen of Bentleyville, Pa., Barbara (Douglas) Shaw of Wilmington, N.C., Beverly (Robert) LaVoisni of Brooklyn, Mich; one son, Loren (grace) Goodale Jr. of Grayling; 16 grandchildren; and 26 greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Funeral \ Home, Sorenson

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **PUBLIC HEARING**

CONSIDERATION OF PARK LAND ACQUISITION UNDER THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on August 24, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan to consider the acquisition of 88.7 acres between Ford and Hanford Roads west of Ridge Road in Canton Township. The property would be acquired for recreational use under an agreement with the Michigan DNR dated September 1, 1998. The property in question would substitute for parcels no longer available to Canton for purchase. This park lands acquisition project is proposed to include both active and passive recreational uses intended to serve the Canton community. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

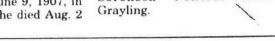
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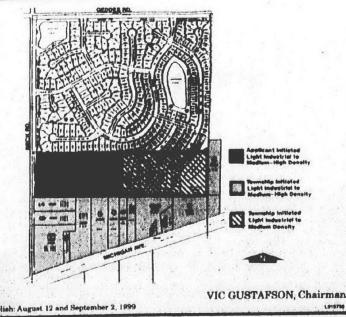
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Task force on violence turns to schools for ideas

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School violence is a problem that "almost defies solutions," according to state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

"Usually, those of us in the legislature think we have the good ideas. We come up with our one or two concepts and say, 'OK, now everyone is going to do this.' When it comes to an issue like school violence, it would be foolish thinking to believe we could solve the problem that way," he said.

Instead, the Michigan Senate's S.A.F.E. Schools Task Force wanted to create a "clearinghouse" for ideas about programs designed to address violence. The final report of the task force, issued last week, serves primarily as that.

Having surveyed school districts across the state about the school violence and conflict resolution programs they already have in operation, the report outlines the programs as described by local schools.

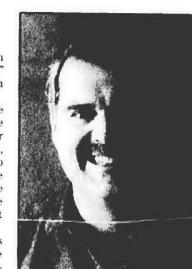
Among the area school districts whose programs are detailed in the report are Rochester Schools, Farmington Public Schools, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Along with compiling the program information, the task force created a website - at www.gop.senate.state.mi.us/senator/emmons/ - where the report and later updates will be posted.

Task force assigned

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In the wake of the shooting this spring at Columbine High School in Colorado, State Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, assigned the 17member task force to review the subject of violence in the schools.



State Rep. Loren Bennett

The Legislature also created an Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education at that time. Although the initiative grew out of the Columbine shooting, the task force report did not limit its work to that type of incident.

"A 9-year-old third-grader on the playground one day tried to bang a child's head against a cement sidewalk and then attempted to strangle a little girl. Kept for after-school detention, he told the teacher, 'It's for the initiation. You need to hurt as many people as bad as you can to join the gang," task force chair Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, wrote in her introduction

"This shocking story sent shivers down my spine because the third-grader was at the rural school of my childhood. If gangs and violence were here, then there is no student or school which can be assumed safe.'

Along with Emmons and Bennett on the task force were Sens. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, Bev-

erly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, Dale Shugars, R-Portage, Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, and Robert Emerson, D-Flint. Also serving on the task force were **Oakland County Sheriff Michael** Bouchard, Okemos School Superintendent Dr. Dan Wertz and Hazel Park School District Administrator Jon Archibald.

"I was very intrigued," Emmons said. "We heard about some programs that deal with children in ways that I didn't know children could be dealt with '

Emmons said she was most intrigued with a program being operated by the Allegan County Intermediate School District. The program views parents as the child's first teacher. So it provides mentors to assist parents in teaching skills to their youngsters, from birth to age 5, that will improve reading and learning skills later on.

Task force staff aide Patty Hertich said she expected reaction to the report to be somewhat "mixed."

"A lot of school districts have been working on this issue and for them, they may look at the report and say, 'Been there, done that,' " she explained. "But for any school district that is just getting started, this should be a really wonderful tool."

The task force did make several recommendations for new legislation. The panel recommended that the Legislature should take up a bill to allow for the sharing of information between mental health agencies, schools, and law enforcement regarding the conduct of students. It also called for a bill stating that any child who commits an act of cruelty to animals or an arson should be 'guaranteed intervention services."

Recommendations

The panel also recommended Schools. This program is based that individual school districts should

Develop crisis response plans

Work with law enforcement agencies to develop the crisis plan. Contact the Michigan Psy-

chological Association for more information on potential violent behavior warning signs. Participate in training semi-

nars offered around the state on violence prevention. The task force called for the

Office of Safe Schools, which is set to begin operations in October, to:

Maintain and update the violence prevention website.

Consider a hotline for students to report suspected acts or threats of violence.

Categorize and dispense crisis plans and S.A.F.E. Schools' plans to districts which request them

Create an advisory committee to ensure that violence prevention programs are credible.

Develop "best practice guidelines," based on research to advise school districts which prevention plans are the most effective to put in place.

Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said she has been working on a proposal with Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to toughen penalties for threats made against schools. At present, such threats count only as misdemeanors. Johnson and McCotter plan to introduce the bill shortly.

School ideas

Local programs noted in the report included:

The Peer Mediation Hotline in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. An anonymous tip line. The Character Counts pro-

gram in Plymouth-Canton

on the core ethical values which comprise the "six pillars of character" - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Community Circle, for grades K-5, in Rochester Community Schools. The program uses role playing, videos and other instructional techniques to teach conflict resolution and decision-making skills.

The Elementary Student Assistance Program in Farmington Public Schools. The program is a community-based effort designed to provide education, early identification, referral and support services to "at risk" stu-

dents

The Crisis Management Pol-

icy in Farmington Schools. Crisis response teams have five subcommittees covering areas of responsibility such as emergency items, general security, communication and trauma.

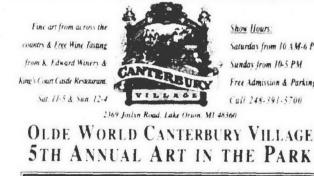
Positive Peer Intervention in Walled Lake Consolidated Schools for grades 7-12. Two separate classes of boys and girls, each containing 15 students, learn to deal with conflict.

The Options Room in Walled Lake Schools. Students are sent to an "Options Room" when they have committed a minor infraction. The room is designed to help students understand the choices they made that caused the situation and provides them with the skills to avoid further

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Voting rights Absentee law needs reform

or people who say their vote doesn't count: Think again. In the city of Plymouth the primary election for city commission candidates added up to a hefty price tag considering so few bothered to exercise their right to vote.

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The primary election cost the city a total of \$10,000. That cost is similar to most elections, but this time only 973 of the 7,016 registered voters showed up Aug. 3.

At Precinct 2, only 3 voters per hour stopped in during the 13-hour period the polls were open. (That's 35 of the precinct's 1,300 registered voters.)

But what is astonishing is that 612 of the 973 voters were absentee ballots. We could attempt to analyze the large number of absentee ballots claiming that most are homebound senior citizens. However, we don't feel that is the case in today's society of busy work schedules and family obligations. Simply, it's easier to vote absentee.

Guidelines currently claim voters can only cast an absentee ballot if they are physically unable to be at the polls due to a disability or they are out of town. A busy life doesn't fall under the subsections of this act, although we suspect it has a lot to do with voter apathy.

Rep. Joseph Rivet, D - Bay City, introduced a bill (HB4603) in April which would allow registered voters to request the absentee ballot without stating a specific reason. We

believe this would open up the voting process and allow voters time to mull over their decisions

The bill isn't anything new. It seems almost every year a similar one is proposed, however, it never garners enough support from lawmakers. Rivet's bill is currently in the committee of Constitutional Law & Ethics.

Rivet speculates that similar bills never are approved because some members of our state Legislature benefit by having a small segment of the population vote. Some will even go a step further claiming that someone not completely involved in the government process shouldn't vote. Either way, it sure makes campaigning easy, he said.

Rivet also has proposed a "Vote by Mail" bill. The proposal calls for a pilot program that automatically sends every registered voter a ballot within a small designated test area. It would be tested with a single issue ballot if approved by lawmakers.

"One day we're going to vote on the Internet. Of course we need to address security issues, but don't rule it out," Rivet said.

His ideas have merit. Or maybe, we should take the passive-aggressive route and publish the names of registered voters who failed to exercise their franchise alongside the drunken drivers with a statement: "The following people are not allowed to complain about city operations for the next four years ... "

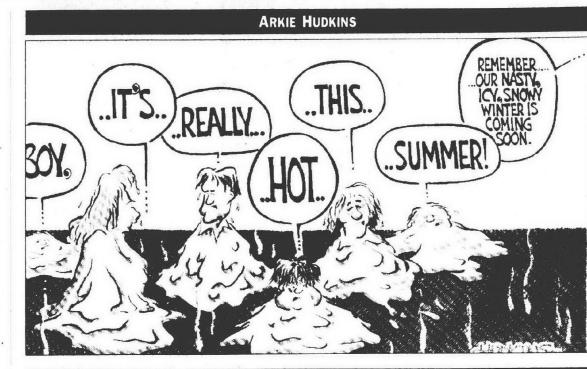
It's clear what Salem will lose

here is a stretch of M-14 between Plymouth Township and Ann Arbor that's a visual oasis from our urban clutter of housing developments, mega-malls and office complexes.

In summer the groves of trees are thick, deep green. Between the trees you can see a few aging farm buildings and in the open areas you're likely to see cattle, sheep and horses grazing. In the fall the trees turn brilliant - fiery reds, glowing yellows, deep nmbers. And when winter comes and the stiff inds blow across the highway, the landscape beside that stretch of M-14 in all its autumn glory.

And sometimes the best architecture in the world is no architecture at all - as many forward-thinking architects have argued for decades. We need open spaces, trees to reinvigorate the air, farm land to separate urban areas, parks that are left natural. Some cities, such as Portland, Ore., have even factored greenbelts into their regional planning.

Do we really need yet another unattractive shopping mall with acres of blacktopped parking, surrounded, as inevitably it would be. by one lookalike housing development after another. Briarwood, Laurel Park, Westland, Wonderland, Twelve Oaks and a seemingly endless string of strip malls seem to provide more shopping than we really need, though we're sure that the Taubman company has marketing studies that show otherwise. They're the most successful mall developers in the world, and they know where the profits are. But at what a cost, to the greenbelt and to the urban areas left behind. While we move ever westward and northward, the central city and the older suburbs are being left to decline. There are still areas in these cities for development and redevelopment. There is a great opportunity for designing and building new urban centers, not over farm and park land but within the older cities themselves.



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

Feels sorry for Matt

don't ever take my precious time to respond to things I read in the paper because most of the time they don't justify a response. However, I have been reading the last two issues of the Plymouth Observer regarding the ticketing of Matt Sikes, and I am so furious that I cannot keep silent any longer.

This is without a doubt the most asinine waste of taxpayers money that I have ever heard of. Since when can one not sit themselves on the curb when they wish? I wonder what would have happened had that been my old butt and that of my old friends sitting on the curb - would we have gotten ticketed also?

I am so incensed over the blatant singling out of this child that I am half tempted to rally my friends (who also have teenagers that, yes, do hang out uptown on occasion) to go find a curb and put our overweight butts on it and see how long it takes for us to get a ticket!

Something has got to change and fast - this is WRONG!

> Nancy Manser Plymouth

Right to bear arms

he reference to a "Well Regulated Militia," is the first as well as the last instance a reference to the ordinary citizenry. It is not at all a reference to a regular armed soldier as members of some standing army. And quite obviously, neither is it a reference merely to the state or to the local police. The very assumption of the clause, moreover, is that ordinarily citizens (rather than merely soldiers, or merely the police) may themselves possess arms, for it is from these ordinary citizens who as citizens have a right to keep and bear arms (as the second clause provides) that such well regulated militias as a state may provide for is itself to be drawn.

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In September, Salem Township officials will consider a proposal for bringing water and sewer services to this area. Mall developer Al Taubman recently bought 200 acres at the M-**14-Gotfredson** interchange as a possible site for a new shopping center. Others also have designs on developing that area. For many this rush to development is inevitable, the onward march of progress.

It is hard for a newspaper to argue against development. We benefit in many ways. More housing means more circulation. More stores mean potentially more advertising.

We understand that new construction means jobs. We know that as the population grows, we need new housing.

We understand that land owners expect and deserve a fair market return on the land they own.

But we also know that once green land is lost, it's lost forever. We know that we pay a high price as a society when we take away that greenbelt.

Al Taubman has been a generous steward of his fortune. He has recently been a major benefactor to the Detroit Institute of Arts and the University of Michigan, where his donations will particularly strengthen their architecture program.

The paintings at the DIA are spectacular, but the greatest landscape painting pales

Grape.

Jeremy Henson

Plymouth

Perhaps development is inevitable, perhaps we can never escape the famous Joni Mitchell line in "The Big Yellow Taxi": "They've paved paradise and put up a parking lot.'

But we ask the Salem Township officials to consider all the ramifications of what they are, almost certainly, about to do. We ask that they consider the lifestyle they now enjoy for themselves and the special quality enhancement their rural area provides for those who are lucky enough to drive through.

Understand clearly what you and we are about to lose.

'Blueberry.'

Romulus

This town should be ashamed that these righteous do-gooders who are going to protect us all from these people under 21 cannot come up with some place for these kids to be.

Where are they supposed to be ... home? I doubt it. Kids are supposed to be out doing their thing, and Paul Schulz must have way too much time on his hands since he seems to know just exactly what is going on everywhere - because "I've been around." Around where would that be - the turnip patch? Oh, and don't forget, he has seen the guns come out. Oooooooooo boy, in what life was that? WW I My daughter has definitely spent her share of time up town on a Friday/Saturday night and, other than being told to move in a most unkind way by the Plymouth police, there has never ever been any problems that have occurred where she has been and she has been right in the thick of the congregating, waitingto-take-out-the-old-people, unruly under the age of 21-type people!

This entire situation positively make me sick - no one provides anything for them to do or any place to be, but they cannot even walk or, better yet, sit on the sidewalk/ curb? There is something very wrong with this entire picture.

Kids are actually a lot of fun if all these paranoid over-30 people would just get a grip and let them be kids!

I feel so sorry for Matt - what a great introduction to becoming an adult. No wonder kids don't like "old people;" it makes me ashamed to be over 30.

right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

> Vincent P. Manderachia Plymouth

Long-term solution needed

am writing to express my deep concern regarding the public outcry due to the ticketing of youths who were sitting on a downtown sidewalk. Might I suggest that rather than being reactive to this one specific incident. maybe we as a community should be proactive in dealing with potential future issues.

Certainly there are many different opinions regarding adolescents in our city. Hence, it might be prudent for our city commission to appoint a "Plymouth Youth Commission" to address the "problems" as perceived by a cross section of members of our community

In my mind's eve I see such a commission being an appointed group of volunteers who represent all facets of our city. Composition of this group should consist of a member of the current city commission, a police officer, a business owner, parents, adolescents, and representatives from the school system. This group could set goals, study trends, and recommend processes to address concerns. Why not focus on long-term solutions rather than short-term emotional issues?

> Michele R. Potter Plymouth

QUESTION:

Lifesavers is considering discontinuing one of its original five flavors. What flavor would you like to see replace pineapple?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



'Raspberry.

Christine Sharyn Peterson Johnson Grosse Pointe

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s I read the lead article, "Sitting As I read the lead at the," in the July 29 Plymouth Observer I was startled to discover the teen given the ticket is someone I know who has always been polite in my presence.

My second reaction, which I would have had even if I hadn't known this teen, was anger that our community has become so hostile to teens who are not causing problems.

I understand the need and support the effort to control cruising because of the many problems it causes including drawing young people from other communities. Police Chief Scoggins' statement that, "It's all part of pre-empting bad behavior" and then his mention of Woodstock shows how over-reactive the police department can be.

After my first draft of this letter, I was glad to read the article "Community rallies for ticketed teens" in the Aug. 1 Observer.

Just as I thought, the woman walking her dog really didn't mind the four teens sitting on the sidewalk and said they weren't in her way. Knowing Matt I'm sure he would not cause any trouble and doubt he would ignore 3-4 warnings to move, although Mayor Koch was quoted as saying the police officer gave that many warnings.

If the police officer did advise the teens to move, did he tell them he was going to ticket them? Knowing that traffic tickets are often handled in a similar way, I was not surprised to read that the prosecutor told Matt to plead guilty and he'd get one day of community service plus have to pay the court costs. The surprise was the Judge Lowe gave him a fine of \$210 and 32 hours of community service.

I agree with Mr. Keeth that this punishment is "ridiculous" and with Mr. Zylick who was "appalled by strong arm tactics."

Recent local paper articles have mentioned police officers wanting a better relationship with young people and some work very hard at it. Issuing a ticket for sidewalk sitting surely

undermines that idea. How can we expect our young people to respect police officers if they see them misuse their authority? This is not the first time I've been aware of overreaction of community police officers, though I highly appreciate them for doing a difficult job.

Our three children grew up in this community and going "up-town" often to spend money was a pleasant activity. There is not a lot for young people to do in this community, no place where they can Rollerblade or skateboard. Let's not punish them when they are socializing in non-destructive ways

The article at the bottom of the July 29 Observer front page was titled "Group forms to prevent school violence." At a school council meeting I learned about a group with a positive attitude: The Community Youth Initiative, begun by citizens of Canton. Those two organizations, as well as the AM Plymouth Rotary and the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, and both the city and township of Plymouth were mentioned as supporters of the effort to brainstorm and gather ideas for making schools safe.

Judge Lowe was also mentioned as ready to help.

I recently wrote a Letter to the Editor which ended with "the Plymouth-Canton community has a lot to celebrate," but this sidewalk sitting incident makes me ashamed of our community. Hopefully the City of Plymouth will find better ways to prevent problems than having police officers ticket young people for sitting on the sidewalk.

The groups named above should be able to help.

Janet Sockolosky Plymouth

Disagree with coverage

read your recent articles and I have several concerns regarding a lack of investigative reporting to understand the larger issue that is successfully

being addressed in several ways including a more aggressive policing policy. The issue really is not Matt Sikes and the resulting fine/community service. The way you or your editor decided to headline the story certainly creates a perception that this child is being mistreated.

LETTERS

As a resident of the downtown, my wife and I have a different viewpoint perhaps than Mrs. Sikes and others that "rallied," as you put it, to the "ticketed teens." In these cases, those rallying were from the township, a few miles maybe from the downtown. And, it was distressing to me of the knee jerk reaction that "he will shop in Northville but not in Plymouth."

The real issue is a swarm of young people between 12 and 25 late at night. The especially bad area is where Matt Sikes got warnings and ultimately a ticket - on Penniman near the Coffee Bean, Dairy Mart and the telephones. It is in other areas too and where we live we also receive their unwanted gifts of loitering to be seen by their peers, hearing a bass hum from their car/boo box radios, sharing their vulgarity especially use of the F- word which seems to be a normal part of that generation's vocabulary, urination on our property and adjacent buildings. And, finally a nice gift the following morning of litter, pop cans, broken bottles and occasionally a used condom.

Some will say we chose to live downtown and should expect to be a baby-sitter. After all, they have nothing to do. Well, I don't think so and it was several like us as well close-by residential neighbors who demanded more aggressive policing. So blame us.

What can be done? Continue the policing policy in the near term as it seems to be helping. The people and parents who are "rallying for the ticketed teens" need to be here at night to see for themselves from the apparent popular time from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. I think we have a right to expect a certain degree of peace and quiet at those hours similar to what would be expected in the subdivisions and other neighborhoods in the city. Longer

term, we believe the growth of residential living in the downtown such as the new condos to be build at the Mayflower Hotel site and on Penniman plus the restaurants being planned will promote a generational "balance and diversity" that is certainly lacking today.

Outside of the downtown, recreation needs to be addressed especially by the township where the Sikes live. The township voters denied a recreation property tax increase last year. Go figure! Lastly, we as adults have a responsibility to our children. My encounters with some of the kids in the downtown seem to indicate they do not have reciprocal sense of responsibility and obligation based on some of the behaviors discussed earlier. In the case of Matt Sikes, I contacted the police and was advised he and the group he was with was warned and ticketed on July 1, a Thursday, at 10:15 p.m. To me, I wonder why a parent would allow a 15 year old to be hanging around after 10 p.m. in the downtown situation I described.

> **Dave Pugh** Plymouth

Teen deja vu

just received an extremely interesting phone call from my mother to my office in Washington DC. She told me that my brother's good friend and my neighbor of many years, Matt Sikes, was fined for basically "hanging out" in downtown Plymouth. That, in itself, would have been interesting news because I know Matt quite well. Why my mother called me 500 miles away, however, had more to do with actions I was responsible for in Plymouth a few years ago.

Back in 1996, as I began my senior year of high school at Plymouth Canton, I decided to do something about the problem which Matt has currently had to deal with. This problem is the fact that many adults in this community fail to address the issue that teenagers do not have anything to do.

I read in the article about a Plymouth resident asking for a skatepark in a community meeting. It is history repeating itself and the community failing to remember that my friends and I asked for a skatepark in 1996.

In fact, we formed a task force actually the mayor formed a task force for us with community leaders and teenagers to try to find a solution. Then, however, I went away to university here in DC. Did we succeed? We formed a task force. We had community involvement. I received a very nice letter from Robe Lowe com: mending me on my efforts even. While I am not sure whether or not he was involved in Matt's sentencing, this does bring an added degree of puzzlement into my mind. My friends and I are still waiting for the skatepark ...

It is very ironic to me and disheartening to come to the conclusion that, while members of our community are always quick to agree that teenagers here do not have a place to go, nothing ever gets to the point where a tapgible solution is finalized. I look at Matt Sikes' situation and feel that I failed him. My friends in 1996 were counting on me. I was a good student, well respected, and believed in myself. I was their spokesperson and now Matt is being punished for the same types of behavior that I felt I was being punished for. In fact, in the summer of 1996, I was told by a police officer to sit down on a bench or else be fined. I, however, did not get fines and tickets, but I did get angry and that incident lit a spark inside me.

You know something though? I should not feel as if I failed him. The Plymouth Canton community has failed Matt, myself, and the thousands of other kids throughout the years that have been chastised for "hanging out".

Will I have to repeat myself again?

Maureen P. McInerney

A junior at The George Washington University. Washington DC

Graduate of Plymouth-Canton **High School**

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Parents tell more

fering with a pedestrian? Wen-

ting on the sidewalk and inter- Parks and Recreation program at Jaycee Park. They have



We are the parents of the teenagers who have been accused of sitting on the sidewalk and interfering with the passage of a pedestrian. We would like the community to know the truth about the situation. On the night the tickets were issued none of the teenagers had been warned. Furthermore they had no knowledge they were breaking the law, Earlier in the summer, two of these teens had been warned but never told of the consequences or that they were breaking the law. In fact, the impression those two were left with was that they needed to get out of the way, something children in this culture are told all the time. Matt Sikes, who has so far been issued the severest of the penalties, had never once been warned. The Plymouth ordinance

under section 54-79 states: "No person shall stand, sit or recline in one place or move slowly about or conduct himself in any public place, or join with one or more other persons in a public place, if the accused knows or should know that, singly or together with others, he is unreasonably obstructing the free and uninterrupted passage of the public along any street or sidewalk." This is the ordinance that our children have been accused of disobeying.

Chief Scoggins has made some statements that we believe are an attempt to discredit our children and to defend the actions of his officers. If the four teens were, as Chief Scoggins charged, participating in disorderly conduct, vulgar language, destruction of property and littering, why was the citation written only for sit-

dell Sikes, the father of Matt, met with Chief Scoggins the day after the incident requesting details. Chief Scoggins had the officer involved call Wendell at which time Wendell questioned the officer about the teens behavior. He asked if the teens were smoking, drinking, littering or were using bad language. The officer responded that they were not doing any of the above mentioned activities but only blocking the sidewalk in a way that made it difficult for a woman walking her dog to pass by. The woman has stated that the teens were sitting on the edge of the (14-inch wide) sidewalk in a place that was not obstructing her passage. We, the parents of these teenagers. believe that this is the heart of the issue. The boys were not breaking the law, and, in fact did not even know that the law existed. Furthermore, there was no obstruction of pedestri-

an traffic, the sidewalk is too wide for four teens (sitting two by two and facing each other) to ever block pedestrian traffic.

After four confusing hours in court, Matt went before the judge and was given a sentence he did not expect. In fact, he does not even remember pleading guilty. And, as he and his father were leaving the court, the probation officer asked Matt (in front of his father) if he had learned his lesson. "What lesson?" Matt responded. "Don't sit on the sidewalk?" The probation officer then replied, "Don't go into downtown Plymouth.

We're the parents of the children of Plymouth. Our boys attended the only elementary school in the city and rode their bikes together to the summer

enjoyed the Wednesday summer lunch programs, have attended Thursday concerts in the park spent hours downtown every day of the Fall Festival, frozen during the Ice Festival only to be warmed up by hot cocoa at the Box Bar, suffered through their parents' shopping during Art in the Park, attended movies at the Penn, and simply just enjoyed the benefits of their parents' decision to live in the City of Plymouth. They never knew they weren't wanted downtown. They thought it was their right to be there. And that is what this is all about!

These are normal teenagers who have been supervised and supported by loving parents throughout their lives, parents who have been very active in the community and the schools. When we allowed our children to go downtown without our supervision, it was when we felt they were old enough to safely go there without us. Never did it occur to us that the very police officers whom we thought would protect our children would instead cause them to feel like criminals. These teens have not broken the law and should not be punished. Perhaps the city needs to spend a little time and money educating its citizens about the city ordinances and placing a few more garbage cans and benches around the downtown area. In the meantime, we have advised our children not to go into downtown Plymouth and to spend their evenings in Northville instead.

The parents of Matt Sikes and David Noyrocki Plymouth

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Sticky wicket of obligation, commitment

ou hear about a great job, right up your alley, so you apply for it. During the interview, the employer tells you that he would like you to sign a two-year work contract with them.

You have no problem with that because you think highly of this company. They are paying you big bucks and are giving you four weeks vacation per year.

But after a few months on the job, things change and you begin to feel like the boss doesn't listen to your ideas. Your enthusiasm wanes. You come home one night and tell your spouse, "I feel like breaking the contract with these jerks. They just don't know how to run a business.

But you are surprised by your spouse's response.

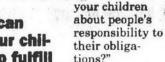
"But honey, you are obligated to stay with this company. You signed on knowing you were going to commit to two years. Don't you feel any responsibility to them?

You start to feel sick. How obligated are you to stick it out? Guilt sets in. Then you start to rationalize.

"Hey, Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions broke his contract with management. And he stands to lose \$7 million. I'm not losing anything."

Your spouse over hears you mumbling "And what do you propose to tell

We can help our children to fulfill



saying "It's raining" and spitting to the weather question or "No. do you play miniature golf?" to the bashetball question. For people who have been nicknamed "Tree," "Jolly Green Giant"

for tall men and women 21 and older. Females must be 5-foot-10 and males

must be 6-foot-2. "I've enjoyed making friends from all over the place," said Barbara Turgyan from Canton, who is jokingly called a "squeaker" by club mates because she just barely meets the

height requirement. Area members say they've met a lot of people they can see eye-to-eye with - and many people they see eyeto-shoulders with.

The club's tallest male is Jeff

eling to tall conventions out of state, "theme" parties, movie nights, camping trips and picnics. The club recently held a picnic at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Formed in 1941, the Detroit club also publishes a bimonthly newsletter called "The High Topic."

School memories

Tall people, like others who are "different," tend to get teased in school.

When Turgyan attended Mary

call her names like "Stretch" and "Beanpole." .

Turgyan was selected Miss Tall Detroit in 1993, following a family tradition. Her aunt was selected Miss Tall Texas in 1952, the year Turgyan was born

Tall Clubs International selects a "Miss Tall International" annually. The reigning queen is Janet Hughes, a "squeaker" at 5-foot-10.

Carol Bender of Livonia, who is 6foot-1, said the most unusual nickname she ever had was "G'ji" for "girl giant." The name, inspired by "Gidget" was given to her by a classmate at a Detroit school. "My last name is a nickname in itself," she added.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

At the top: Lyn Smith of Deurborn (back row, from left), Frank Wright of Monroe, Steve Hoffman of Southfield, Sue Braun of Plymouth (second row, from left), Bev Sudds of Novi, Carol Bender of Livonia and Barb Turgyan of Canton (front row) see eye-to-eye with fellow members of the Tip Toppers Club of Detroit.

Height has its share of tall tales

Community Life **COMMON SENSORS**

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commitments by sharing with them what will happen if they attempt to weasel out ...

This is a very sticky wicket obligations and commitment.

A friend of mine once told me about a situation in which a man and a woman were having an adulterous affair.

The man was assured daily by her that the woman was going to leave her husband "any minute" to join

When the day of reckoning arrived, the man, who had waited patiently for her to serve papers for divorce on her husband, found out that she decided at the last minute to return to her marriage and try to make it work.

Why, he wondered. She loved me. She was going to leave the husband. How could she stay with him?

The reason was her commitment. She had made a promise and a vow to stay in the marriage no matter what. and when the rubber met the road, she fell back on the commitment she had made.

Do you notice how quickly we break commitments that we make? Do our children pick up on this and do the same? You bet.

Maybe we need to think about things that we commit to longer and harder before we say, "Yes, I'll do that." We can help our children to fulfill commitments by sharing with them in advance about what will happen if they attempt to weasel out of something before completing it.

I heard where a daughter wanted to drop out of karate in the middle of a semester, after the mom had spent \$75 on the lessons and bought a \$115 uniform for her.

The mom knew the commitment was an important lesson to teach, so she said, "Well, honey, you'll need to go to three-quarters of the lessons, and then you will have to pay me back for the uniform.'

Her child not only fulfilled that part of the bargain, but found a "buyer" for the uniform! A nice ending to the dilemma of how accountable are we

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"Big Bird" or "Stretch," those are the most annoying questions a person can ask them.

hen you see a tall person

walking down the street, resist the urge to ask, "How's the weather up there?" Or "Do you

The responses could range from

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER *

play basketball?"

There's also a social club for those people who have hit their heads on hanging plants, struggled with short kitchen counters, crouched to fit their legs inside the back seat of a compact car or bought a more-expensive plane ticket just to get extra leg room. The Tip Toppers Club of Detroit is

Wurst of Ann Arbor at 6-foot-10. Mardelle Young from Mt. Clemens is the tallest female at 6-foot-3. The tallest members nationally are David Rasmussen at 7-foot-3 and Kathleen McIntyre at 6-foot-9, according to the TCI Web site.

The Tip Toppers are part of Tall Clubs International, encompassing 65 clubs in the United States and Canada. Club activities include trav-

Magdalene Catholic School in Melvindale, the nuns lined up all the students according to height. That meant she always went into Mass last.

"When I was in the first grade, I was the only student whose feet touched the floor (when sitting at a desk)," Turgyan said. "I had the biggest feet.'

Her height prompted classmates to

Clothes shopping is a challenge for Tip Toppers. Their longer-than-average arms, legs, fingers and feet send them to specialty stores, catalogs and

Please see TALL, B2

Frustration leads to start of Tip Toppers Club

The first official tall club in the United States was formed in 1938 in Los Angeles by artist Kae Sumner Einfeldt

At 6-foot-2, she had become frustrated with banging her legs on desks and with the SEEING difficulties of crouching to paint the dwarfs from "Snow White and the Seven EYE-TO-Dwarfs" for Disney Studios.

She died in her sleep in 1996 at age 80. She started the movement by writing

and illustrating a Los Angeles Times column about the problems of being tall. Under the pseudonym "Kae Krysler," she invited other tall readers to contact her.

On May 1, 1938, she opened her home to eight others and the California Tip Toppers Club was formed. Within nine years, 15 clubs, under the collective name American Affiliation of Tall

Clubs, had sprouted up all over the United States and the first "queen," Miss Tip Topper 1947, was crowned.

One of the club's biggest success stories was in persuading Mattress Inc., a California bedding manufacturer, to pro-

duce a king-sized bed. A Los Angeles newspaper ad pronounced: "Here it is, Tip Toppers. You asked for it! The King-sized Mattress!

Other extended length mattress sizes followed,

and some hospitals also began offering extra long beds for tall patients, according to the TCI home page. By 1974, the collective club name became "Tall Clubs International" and its queen "Miss Tall International."

A recent TCI convention held in Green Tree, Pa. drew Sandy Allen, listed as the world's tallest woman at 7-foot-7 3/4 in the Guinness Book of World Records.

A New York Times article reported she had to exit an airplane via a catering lit after being scooted out on her back. She uses a wheelchair

Please see CLUB, B2

Young Variety chapter has fun raising funds.

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER ssteinmueller@oe.homecomm.net

Kelli Sonquist was a student in Philadelphia when a friend took her on a boat cruise planned by Young Variety

The 25-year-old Livonia resident enjoyed her participation so much that she decided to start a similar group when she returned to Michigan.

Sonquist, who works as a graphics designer in Bloomfield Hills, said she was particularly moved by programs that included the children with special needs that the charity serves.

"It was pretty special," she recalls of one trip to an amusement park. "There was one boy in a wheelchair who came up to me and held my hand and wouldn't let go."

Sonquist is now president of the fledgling Young Variety program of the metro Detroit chapter of Variety - The Children's Charity.

Young Variety is a group of professionals, ages 21 and older, within Variety - The Children's Charity, an international group that helps children with special needs to better their lives.

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Young Variety members help raise money for children with disabilities through social events while lending support to Variety's existing programs by volunteering their time and ser-

Something positive

The chapter met for the first time in January at the home of Sandi Pape, who is Young Variety adviser and Variety board member. Pape said she is thrilled by the formation of the new group.

"I know young people who are just out of college are looking for ways to do something positive and get involved,' said Pape

Meetings are at.7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Bad Frog

Brewery in the 555 Building on Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. For more information, call Sonquist at (248) 334-0835, Ext. 149.

The group's social events will be more casual than the black-tie affairs held by the parent group, Sonquist said.

"People in my age group, their budget is not a \$200 event." said Sonquist. Happy-hour socials, volleyball games at the beach and group trips to Tigers games will be on the schedule.

The chapter is planning an "informal social gathering" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Bad Frog, with food and a live band. The charge will be \$10 to cover the cost of the event. The gathering will be an opportunity to meet informally and get to know those involved in Young Variety, she said.

Sonquist hopes the social will help draw more participants. Currently



Please see VARIETY, B2 . Kelli Songuist



Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing nd fater than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft. Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 5957279 or by e-mail at smasomecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 952 2131.

STABLIZABETH

Sc-Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is **Koking** for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads.Call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. Call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227. ST. DAMIAN

Cafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and creats show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall. 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

ST. AIDAN

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 16th annual craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1427.

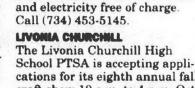
ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963. DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the Delta

POTLIGHT ON YOUR

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

cations for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

LIVONIA STEVENSON The Livonia Stevenson High

School Booster Club is accepting applications for its 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 costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. Call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications for its Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity cost an additional \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH

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. Call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when application is received). Call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

ST. VALENTINE

by

Elizabeth

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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. Call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

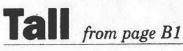
Variety from page B1

Young Variety has a core group of 16 people.

"We are looking for members and volunteers, anyone who is interested in coming to the meetings, or the social part of it," she said. "That's basically what we need to do ... build up our group.'

Reviving the group

A local Young Variety group used to be active, but as the members got older, it dissolved, Pape said. That group had been established in 1932. Coincidentally, Pape had been looking into ways to resurrect the group when Sonquist called the local Variety office to inquire about



itself," she added.

Clothes shopping is a chal-lenge for Tip Toppers. Their longer-than-average arms, legs, fingers and feet send them to specialty stores, catalogs and tailors - often out of state.

Tall Clubs International members, including the Tip Toppers, have lobbied to get tailors and custom shoe makers to lower their prices. They haven't had much luck, said Lyn Smith of Dearborn, who is 5-foot-11.

"You're always paying extra for length," Smith said.

Retailers such as J.C. Penney cater to both tall men and women with specialty catalogs. Other clothing manufacturers have risen to the tall fashions challenge by offering "tall" and "long" women's jeans sizes.

Tip Toppers say it's become easier over the years to find clothes that fit. They remember places where they find clothes and shoes that fit and will return - even if it means driving to Bay City or Sharon, Pa., near Pittsburgh

The Tall Clubs International home page (www. tall. org) allows users to click on "links" to see a long list of extended-size clothing and shoe manufacturers. The site also allows them to

forming one. Pape said she had started

thinking about reviving the group after attending an international convention of Variety. where the average age seemed to be 60. "I thought 'what happens

when everyone retires and does not have the energy to do the work'," she said. "You have to keep bringing youth in and involving them in the organization.'

When Sonquist called, "she was just perfect" to lead the new group, Pape said.

Among those attending the first meeting at Pape's house

access their sites directly.

members say.

standpoint."

and softball.

required to be tall.

Acceptance improving

Not only has shopping gotten

easier, but it's gotten easier to be

tall. Tall children and teens

any longer," said Frank Wright

of Monroe, who is 6-foot-3. "It's a

lot more acceptable from a social

He credits the change to pro-

fessional basketball's increased

popularity and with fashion

models, who are unofficially

The height questions are a

reality for many Tip Toppers.

Questions like "Do you play bas-

in-law, Fred and Heather Pape of Utica and niece Jennifer Knight. The youngest member there was Pape's one-month-old granddaughter.

Pape has also helped start another group within Variety -"Singles Variety," geared to those in the over-40 age group.

It's rewarding to be a volunteer with a group like Variety, Songuist said.

"I believe children with disabilities are some of the most spiritual people in the world," she said. "The group draws people with good energy.

There is a \$25 annual mem-

ented family," she said, adding

that her tall brothers were also

Other tall people dislike the

question, whether they are ath-

Frank Wright

who is 6-foot-3

were Pape's son and daughter- bership fee, with all proceeds going directly to Variety - The Children's Charity.

Variety - The Children's Charity has 50 chapters and more than 15,000 members. Locally, 1,000 volunteers support the efforts of Variety.

Money raised in the metro Detroit area supports a host of local children's programs, including the Variety Myoelectric Center at the Rehabilitation Institute, Variety Cardiology Center at Children's Hospital, SCAMP, and The Orchard's Inner City Baseball League.

tion is the official charity of TCI. It can be reached by calling (800) '8-MARFAN

According to Bender, club mate Sue Tranchida, a Mt. Clemens resident who was 6foot-1, died of complications of Marfan in March.

Clothes shopping, Marfan syndrome and name-calling aside, Tip Toppers say they wouldn't trade their height for anything. "You can reach all the top shelves," Turgyan said.

Sue Braun of Plymouth said the height advantage helps in crowded locations. "I like getting a bird's eye

view," she said. Some said their height has

helped their careers. Bender said being tall helped when she was a nurse and had to move elderly patients off their beds. She now works for a Livonia auto parts manufacturer.

"Height can be an advantage in the interview process," she said, adding that taller people are sometimes viewed as being more capable.

But it helps to have the inner strength to back up the inches, Smith said.

"You can go into interviews with an air of confidence," she said. "We make real lasting first impressions," Smith said.

and suffers from poor circulation and atrophied leg muscles.

A pituitary tumor removed age 21 caused her phenomenal growth. She is 44 years old and

cally for tall children and teens.

For more information about tall clubs or membership information, contact Tall Clubs International at (800) 521-2512 or the

Club from page B1

ketball" offend some tall people, but don't faze others. If someone asked Smith if she played basketball, she would tell them she death. was a tri-sport athlete in high school - basketball, volleyball

"I came from a very sports-ori-

aren't getting teased as much as "(People) make an assumption that because a person is tall they used to be, Tip Toppers they're on a sports team," said "There's no shame in being tall Wright, who played basketball in

I 'There's no shame in being tall any longer. It's a

athletic.

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lot more acceptable from a social standpoint.'

high school. There is a dark side to being tall. It's Marfan syndrome, an inheritable disorder of connective tissue. Main symptoms include height, a long, thin face, slight build, disproportionately long limbs and loose joints as well as spine curvature.

The disorder also affects the eyes, making the lens dislocated or off-center and the cardiovascular system. The related heart problems can lead to aneurysms, heart failure and eventually

There is no cure, no matter how early the disease is detected. An estimated one person out of 10,000 is afflicted.

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For up to 15 days after birth, a puppy's eyes normally remained fused along the eyelid margins. The failure of one or both eyelids to open after this time is called ankyloblepharon. The condition can lead to a bacterial infection beneath the closed or partially closed eyelids. With an infection, pus forms and accumulates under the eyelids, and the puppy's eyelid surface will bulge. Immediate treatment is important to prevent the cornea from scarring or ulcering. In more serious cases, the cornea could tear, resulting in vision loss. To treat ankyloblepharon at home, apply hot compresses and try to separate the eyelids very gently with your fingertips. Call a veterinarian if this treatment fails, since surgery may be necessary.

If you have acquired a new puppy, please contact **PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC** to learn more about caring for your pet. Bring your canine friend here for a complete health check-up and preventative care, such as inoculations, neutering and spaying. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week for your convenience.

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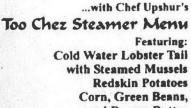
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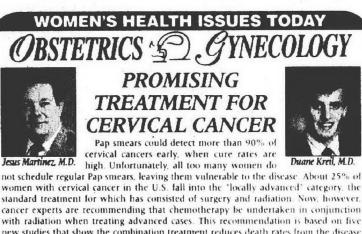
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Thursday, September 9, 1999, at 201 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for

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

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Denise Tomé and Omer Marion were married May 17 at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Orlando Bruni and the late Rudy Tome. The groom is the son of Lee Holland and Don Cerutti.

The bride and groom are employed at the New York New York Hotel in Las Vegas.

The bride asked Loretta Bruni to serve as matron of honor. The groom asked Michael Koniski to serve as best man

A reception was held at Ferraro's Restaurant. They are

Schilk-Miloser

Tim and Linda Schilk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Marc Alan Miller, the son of Jody Jolliffe of Holly and Daniel Miloser of Port Huron.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Meadowbrook Insurance Group.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a social studies teacher at Belleville High School.

A September wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Berkowitz-Pelczar

David Berkowitz of Kingwood, Texas, announces the engagement of his daughter, Lynne, to Chris Pelczar, the son of Ted and Shirley Cuda of Livonia and Ed and Marilyn Pelczar of Ray, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Kingwood High School in Kingwood and a 1997 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. She is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina as a staff weather officer.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. He is a



making their home in Las Vegas.

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Fort Bragg, N.C., as a special

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Her fiance is employed as a

Steinhilb-Juris

Walter and Karen Steinhilb of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Leigh, to Stephen Joseph Juris, the son of Raymond and Janice Juris of West Haven, Conn.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. She is a graduate student, studying biological chemistry at the University of Michigan

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Boston College with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. He also is a graduate student, studying biological chemistry at the U-M.



A September wedding is

planned at St. Matthew Luther-

an Church in Westland.

Baron-Najjar An August wedding is planned

at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington for Kimberly Ann Baron of West Bloomfield and Sean William Najjar, also of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Elliot and Christine Baron, is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as an office manager and claims representative for LandAmerica Financial Group Inc.

Her fiance, the son of Shirley and John Najjar of Farmington Hills, is a 1989 graduate of School in Redford. He is co- ton.

Richmond-Stewart

Don and Mary Ellen Richmond of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Ann, to John Stephen Stewart, the son of Dick and Jan Stewart of Trov

the master's program for fine arts at Wayne State University. She will graduate in December 2000

Michigan State University with bachelor's in turf/grass management. He is employed as an operations managers at Turf Partners

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic

VanDerHaven-Santia

Candy VanDerHaven of Northville announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jennifer, to Richard Santia. the son of Marina Santia of Troy. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University.

She is a sales coordinator at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is the director of purchasing for Palmer Paint Products.

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

Announcement forms available

Do you have an announcement to make? The Observer has forms

available to announce your child's birth, engagement and wedding and yours or a relative's, wedding anniversary. The forms are available at our offices at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, or 794 S. Main St., Plymouth.

For more information about announcements, call Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-2700.

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Johnston-Tomé Diane Tomé and Steven John-

ston were married March 27 at Mother Mercy Chapel in Farmington Hills. The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Orlando Bruni and

the late Rudy Tomé. The groom is the son of Rosa Anderson and Douglas Johnston. The bride asked Denise Tomé

to be her maid of honor with Sylvia Johnston, Jessica Tomé and Janet McCrie were bridesmaids.

The groom asked James Johnston to serve as best man with Joseph Madaffer, Gregory Tomé and Derek Attard as grooms-

A dinner reception was held at Club Venetian. The couple hon-

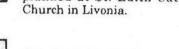
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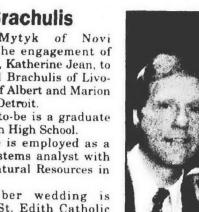
her daughter, Katherine Jean, to Michael Paul Brachulis of Livonia, the son of Albert and Marion Brachulis of Detroit.

of Farmington High School.

computer systems analyst with American Natural Resources in

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



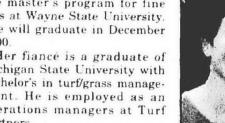




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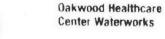
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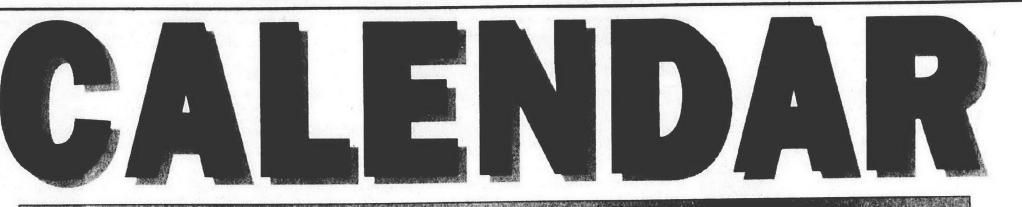
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WEEKEND FAMILY FISHING

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Maybury State Park will again host Family Fishing in August. Bring the entire family and join us at the pond 7-9 p.m., Saturday; Aug. 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.

Maybury Farm will host it's third annual Kid's Garden Day 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21. Join us at the farm for a variety of fun activities, stories and crafts in and around the gardens. Learn about plants and planting, and which animals might be the farmer's garden helpers. Activity stations will be located throughout

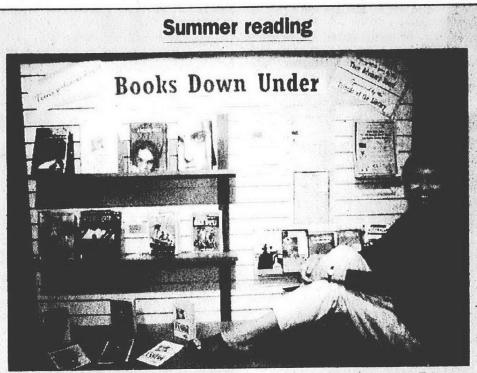
the farm. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park, but there is no additional charge for Garden Day activities. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

BIRDS OF PREY

Maybury State Park will host a program entitled "Michigan Birds of Prey" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Members of Bird Rescue of Huron Valley, a licensed bird rehabilitation organization, will conduct a presentation with live birds of prey. Learn about the habits and habitats of these graceful and majestic birds, and meet some of them close up. This program will be held 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 details at (248) 349-8390.

FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors Plymouth's Farm-Dearborn Station, Dearers Market. 7:30 a.m. to



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Australian-themed titles: Youth Librarian Eva Davis sits in the display case on the lower level of the Plymouth District Library showcasing Australian-themed reading titles for the "Books Down Under" young adult summer reading program. A pizza party and grand prize drawing will be held Saturday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. See the librarian for details. A tie-dye program will also be held from 2:30 - 4 p.m. Saturday. The celebration is limited to those teens who are signed up for the Books Down Under Summer Reading Program, and have completed at least one Dingo Bingo form. Register in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk, and pick up your ticket.

scramble begins at 10 a.m.

Carts, refreshments on the

tons will host its next dinner social at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13. at Steak and Ale, 40347 E. Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275, Plymouth. Adults ages 45 and over wishing further information regard ing this national organization's activities, write to:

course, full dinner after golf, prizes galore, Toyota Camry hole-in-one contest and Pro Air tickets hole-inone contest. Price is \$100 per person (\$35 is tax deductible). For more information or to register, call Project Compassion at Dearborn-Livonia Single-(800) 626-9622. tons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort NACW

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further information contact Jennifer Varajon at (734) 397-5110.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting a U.S.T.A. Sanctioned youth tennis tournament for ages 12-18 years old, on Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22 at the Fish Hatchery Tennis Courts. Entry fee is \$35 for residents; \$38 for school district; and \$42 for non-residents. Applica-

mouth's Old Village offers professional instruction in Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program for newborns to age 7. 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.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

New Morning School has vacancies for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Openings are available in the Primary/Kindergarten program and the Middle school, grades six through eight. New Morning is the only pre-K through eighth grade school operating as a parent cooperative in the State of Michigan. New Morning is recognized for its individualized educational approach that fosters independent learning, nurtures self-esteem and teaches positive interpersonal skills. Classes begin Aug. 31. Before and after school day care is avail-able. New Morning is licensed by the Michigan Department of Social Services and certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more information and a tour of the facilities, contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

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.





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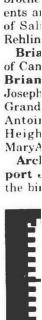
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The "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice sponsors a family-oriented weekend camp. Camp Monarch is a bereavement camp designed for young people and their caregivers who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp begins at 6:30 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.



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 information at (248) 349-8390.

CEDAR POINT

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to Cedar Point for Canton residents, Saturday, Aug. 21. Cost is \$29 per person, which includes admission to Cedar Point and bus transportation. Bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leaves Cedar Point at 8 p.m. Space is limited. Register in person, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Can ton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Registration ends Aug. 20, or when all tickets are sold. Canton residents can register until Aug. 16, then anyone can register. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

KID'S GARDEN DAY

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 Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

AROUND TOWN 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, autographed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. Call (734) 397-5110.

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Single-

born, MI 48123

Artifacts Art Clubs will present Summer Multimedia Exhibit through Aug. 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. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

GOLF OUTING

brates 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

ART SHOW

Project Compassion cele-

Chapter of National Association of Career Women (NACW) will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For reservations or for more

information, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

DANCIN' FEET

Dancin' Feet registration will take place from 5-7 p.m., Aug. 19 at Summit on the Park Community Center. Head instructor Cheryl Reitz will be available for questions at 4 p.m. This is a one time registration. If you wish to participate you must attend. For

tions are available at the Northville Parks & Recreation Office, 303 W. Main, Northville. For more information, call Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

CRAFTERS

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 26th "Festival of Fashion '99" beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3738.

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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

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.

CAMPUS NOTES

Items for Campus Notes are welcome from the Plymouth community. Items should be addressed in writing to: Campus Notes, c/o Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or faxed to (734) 459-4224.

DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth Ann Lemkuhl of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at the University of Dayton for the winter semester of the 1998-99 academic year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Lemkuhl of Plymouth.

Daniel Edward Hodge of Plymouth; Michael Ervin Roberson of Canton and Alison J. Albee of Canton have all been named to the dean's list at Purdue University. To earn honors, students must have at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average on a four point scale.

Jill A. Everett of Canton has been named to the dean's list at Miami University.

Matthew S. Hood of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list at Bates College. He is a member of the Bates baseball team. Hood spent the fall semester of his junior year in Rome, Italy. He is the son of Stephen and Sharon Hood of Plymouth. He is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Country Day School.

PHI BETA KAPPA

Jason A. Danely of Canton was one of more

than 100 juniors and seniors who were inducted | into membership in Western Michigan University's Theta of Michigan chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at a spring initiation ceremony

Samir Shah, Robert Taila, Justin Allen Vidovic of Canton and Britta Anderson of Plymouth were all invited for membership in Wayne State University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

SCIENCE PROGRAM

Joseph Skalski of Plymouth has been accepted to Northwestern University's Integrated Science Program as a freshman for the 1999-2000 academic year. The Integrated Science Program is a selective curriculum of natural sciences and mathematics presented predominantly in small classes at an accelerated pace. The goal of the program is to provide students who are interested in careers in science and mathematics with a broad, quantitative background in these areas. Skalski is the son of Mark and Christine Skalski of Plymouth.

GRADUATES

Kimberly A. Digasbarro, Kristie L. Hoffman, Traci A. Kunec and Pratiksha P. Shah of Canton and Damon O. Collier, Donald A, Klemmer, Kristen J. McFall, and Jill R. Walton of Plymouth all graduated from Grand Valley State University

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Everyday words and expressions connect us to our past

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participate in a first-rate rummage sale, clean your windows with a squeegee, go to the doctor VIRGINIA and get a clean PARKER bill of health,

attend a posh event and stay to the bitter end. How do all these activities connect you to the past?

Answer: They all involve everyday words and expressions that come to us by way of a seafaring vernacular that is hundreds of years old.

Our term "jury-rig," referring to a stopgap fix, is borrowed from the term sailors used for

Here's a riddle temporary repairs. They improvised, for example, a jury-rud-This week you der, a jury-mast, or - the term may do several

that has stuck. – a jury-rig. "First rate," meaning excellent, derives from the British Royal Navy's practice of ranking their wooden ships according to the length and weight of ordnance on board. Ships that mounted the largest number of heavy guns were first-rate ships of the line.

"Rummage" referred to cargo. Unclaimed or damaged goods, or those that had not been paid for, were sold at "rummage sales" in warehouses along the docks. One might also "rummage" through the goods to find what they wanted to buy.

Sailors used a squeegee - a board attached to a long handle - to scoop water off the deck. Not much has changed in design, except that we traded a board for metal and attached a strip of rubber.

Port authorities issued a document, called a "clean bill of health," if a ship was free of contagious diseases. A "foul bill of health" was issued if there were any infections on board, but that phrase didn't find a place in everyday speech as a "clean bill of health" has.

There is more than one explanation for the word "posh." One is that it dates back to steamships that sailed from England to India and the Orient.

According to this legend, the best staterooms were on the cooler side of the ship as it traveled - port outbound and starboard homebound - creating the acronym, "POSH."

The bitter-end was not, as we might think, a painful conclusion. A sailing ship had a bitt-an oak post to which a mooring line

inboard end of the line was called the "bitter-end."

Part of language

Many old seafaring terms have become part of our daily language. "Son of a gun" is another of these, but I've heard both sailors and soldiers claim this expression. An interpreter at Fort Michilimackinac said it referred to the progeny of soldiers because, historically, births in local populations followed wherever men-at-arms went.

Naval historians say it goes back to the Royal Navy's former custom of allowing wives and women of ill repute on board ships in port or even at sea. Makeshift compartments for women giving birth were improvised by stretching canvas between two cannons.

If you've heard any scuttlebutt

(rope) was attached. Thus, the around the water cooler lately, you should know that sailors did much the same thing. They gathered around a scuttle - a cask for water or other beverages - to exchange gossip and rumors.

Speaking of beverages, a "bootlegger" was a smuggler, a term that did not originate with Prohibition. Sailors were known before that to hide goods in their sea boots to sneak them ashore.

We never stop to analyze expressions like these. They creep in an out of our daily conversations, taking on different shades of meaning. For some, the origins are lost in the mists of time until someone says, "That doesn't make sense. Wherever did it come from?" We may only guess at the derivation and wonder how close we've come

Evolutionary process

Language continues to evolve

Terry and Jessica May of

as we coin new expressions to reflect day-to-day life. "Prairiedogging," for example, refers to people popping their heads above office cubicles to check out what's going on. And, of course, we all know what "channel-surfing" is. This particular use of a remote control to flip through TV stations is a habit that tests the limits of many a marriage!

A hundred years from now, I dare say, fewer people will work in office cubbyholes. Instead, they'll communicate from home, or the field, on networked, computerized systems. And people won't have TV channels. They'll probably select programs on demand via voice commands.

However, while traditional offices and channels may disappear, the terms "prairie-dogging" and "channel surfing" may hang on. The first may come to mean anyone who jumps up quickly. The latter could one day mean an indecisive or antsy person.

"Wherever did they come from?" an inquisitive person will ask

Perhaps it will take some historian writing a column about the distant past to explain the subtle ways you and I have contoured our language.

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

Tim and Jill Gorman Jr. of Redford announce the birth of Alec James Jan. 25. He joins a brother, Joshua Allen. Grandparents are Joyce Trombly of Novi, Richard Trombly of Munising and Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bill LaBelle of Westland and Bernie Gootee of Plymouth.

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Mark and Colleen Rehling of Garden City announce the birth of Morgan Kelly March 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Matthias, 4. Grandparents are Lloyd and Pat Spalding of Saline and Frank and Fran Rehling of Garden City.

Brian and Jacquelyn Victor of Canton announce the birth of Brian Michael Feb. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland. Grandparents are Nicholas and Antoinette Palise of Dearborn Heights and Robert and MaryAnn Victor of Canton.

Archie and Patricia Davenport Jr. of Westland announce the birth of Kaila Marie March

29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. She joins a brother, Justin Miller, 4. Grandparents are Joseph and Ora Miller and Archie and Sharon Davenport Sr., all of Wayne.

Mike and Debbie Stevenson of Canton announce the birth of Michael Paul March 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sisters Julie Michelle, 3 1/2 and Jessica Lynn, 2. Grandparents are Paul and Lynn DeJohn of Plymouth and Tom and Esther Stevenson of Salisbury, Md., formerly of Canton.

David and Kimberly Tranchida of Garden City announce the birth of Joyce Jean March 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. She joins two brothers, Mark, 9, and Austin, 7. Grandparents are Frank and Karal Tilley of Westland and Joe and Shirley Tranchida of Livonia.

Vicki Meyers of Westland announces the birth of Andrew Vincent March 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City

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Rob and Cindy Wight of Garden City announce the birth of Allissa Lynn March 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jerry and Theresa Keene of Harrison and Dan and Diane Wight of Garden City.

John and Lynnette Jankowski of Canton Township announce the birth of Lauren Michelle March 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Julia, 4. Grandparents are Angela Jankowski of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. William Roo of Sault Ste. Marie.

Jeff and Kim Mussen of Livonia, formerly of Garden City, announce the birth of Joshua Kurt Dec. 7 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Grandparents are Bruce and Sandie Benz of Livonia and Herb and Nancy Mussen of Palm Harbor, Fla.

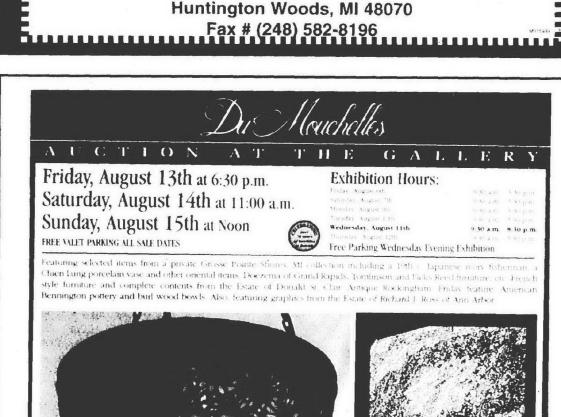
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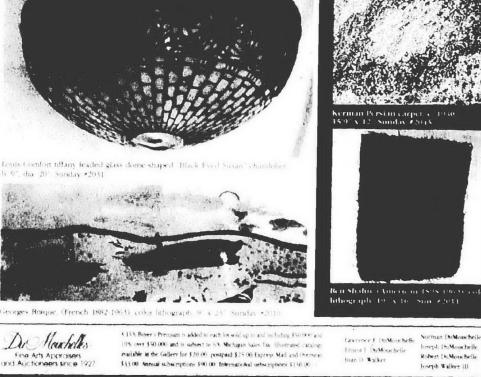
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Laura Combs and Salah grandmother is Josephine Sowa Abogilal of Westland announce of Jonesville. the birth of Nicholas Faris Abogilal Combs Nov. 13 at St. Canton Township announce the birth of Alyssa Marie March 24 Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rex at the Birthing Center of Garden and Linda Combs of Van Buren City Hospital. Grandparents are Township. Great-grandparents Linda May-Long and Terry May are James and Virginia Saylors and Bonnie and Larry Livof Westland, and great, greatingston.

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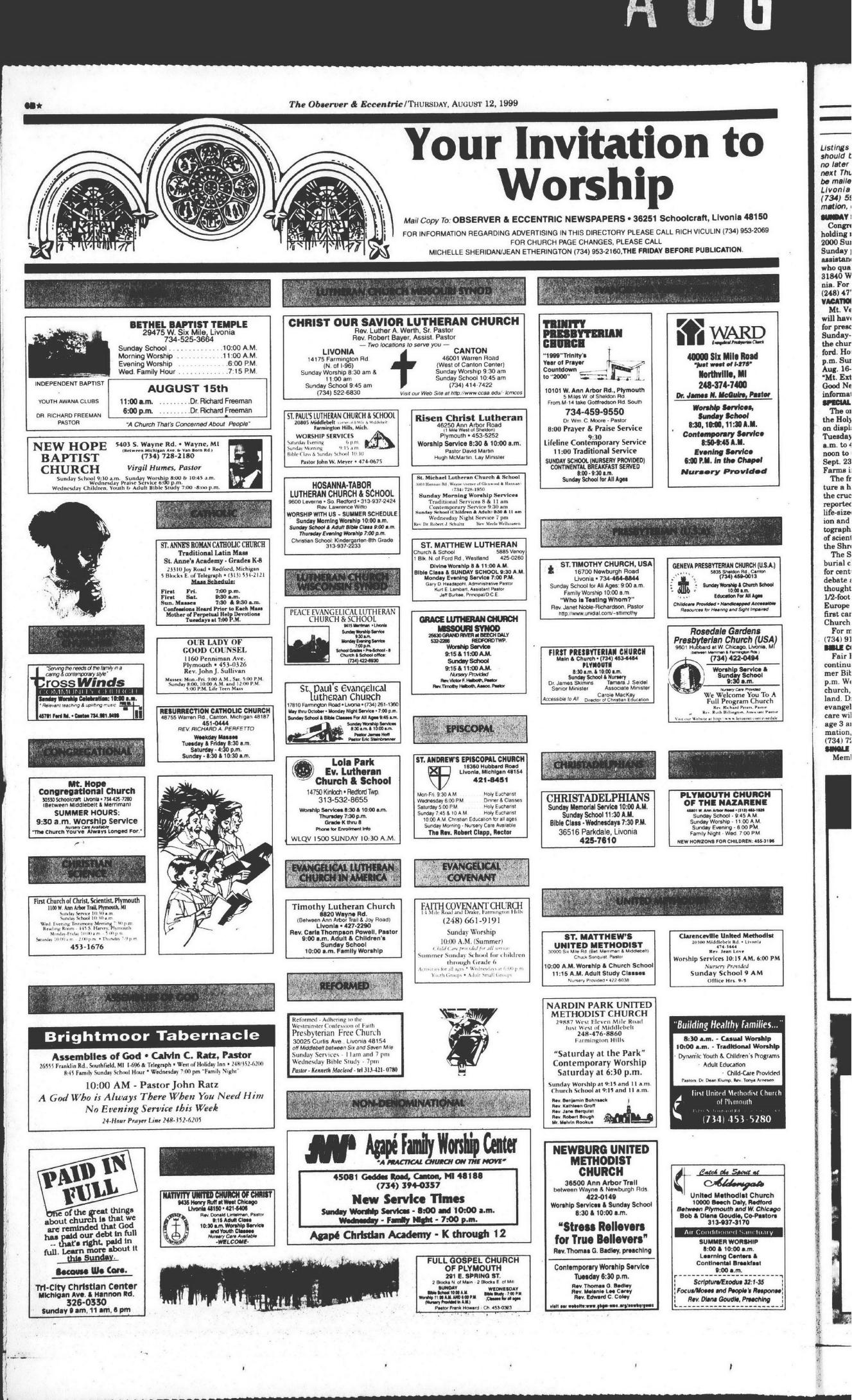
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congregation Beit Kodesh is holding registration for the 1999-2000 Sunday School year and Sunday preschool class. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. Beit Kodesh is at 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will have a vacation Bible school for preschoolers through adults Sunday-Friday, Aug. 15-20, at the church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Hours will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 16-20. The theme will be "Mt. Extreme, the Ultimate Good News Challenge." For more information, call (313) 537-7480. SPECIAL EXHIBIT

The only life-sized replica of the Holy Shroud of Turin will be on display 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, Aug 17-Sept. 23, in Lobby B of Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

The free exhibit will also feature a historical interpretation of the crucifixion of Christ as reported in the Gospel of John, a life-sized replica of the Crucifixion and more than 100 photographs, charts and the results of scientific and forensic study of the Shroud.

The Shroud, believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, has for centuries been the source of debate and controversy. It is thought that the 14 1/2-foot by 3 1/2-foot linen was brought to Europe during the Crusades and first came to the Catholic Church in 1353.

For more information, call (734) 913-0831.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. Dr. John N. Hamblin, evangelist, will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.

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Catholic dioceses eye computer link

The Michigan Catholic Conference will use today's technology during the early years of the Third Millennium to further the mission of the church, founded by Christ nearly 2,000 years ago.

Within five years, we will link every one of the more than 1,000 Catholic parishes, schools, social services agencies, hospitals and other institutions throughout Michigan to a statewide computer network that will make it possible to deliver accurate, timely communications with each of them instantaneously," said Sister Monica Kostielney, MCC president and CEO.

Founded in 1963, the MCC is the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Michigan.

"Michigan's seven Catholic dioceses are now linked by computer, and many parishes, schools, and other institutions within each diocese have Internet capabilities," she said. "We hope to have everyone on line by 2003."

Nancy Kranich, manager of administra-

istries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have a divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 19-Sept. 30, at the church and the fiveweek 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.

The group will meet for T.G.I.F. 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Box Bar & Grille, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trafl, and for the Concert in the Park (blues night) 7-9 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. It also will gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Ground Round Restaurant, 17050 S. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, then attend a movie at the AMC Movie Theater at Laurel Park Place. Participants are responsible for the cost of dinner and the movie.

For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Say YES to Lasik in Michigan

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will sponsor a Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-3170

tive services, and Ken Caron, wide area institutions throughout Michigan's 83 network manager, will implement plans for the statewide information network.

Kranich will be responsible for developing major new applications, including an interactive Web site and data base, and will oversee computer operations at MCC's Lansing offices.

Kranich was a programmer analyst and operations manager for several manufacturing, medical, insurance, banking and retail firms in Grand Rapids and Lansing before joining the MCC staff in 1989.

A business administration major at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Kranich also has an associate degree from Grand Rapids Community College and has taught data processing and programming at Lansing Community College.

Caron, until recently director of information at Lansing's largest law firm, will administer the MCC Areopagus Network activities. The network will connect more than 1,000 Catholic churches and other

or Bruce at (313) 561-5145. n Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Shop or rent a table. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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) 561-1977

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have an "Open Mike Comedy Show" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at St. Kenneth Parish Hall, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. There is no charge.

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. FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will host a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call Kathi Burger at (810) 977-1674 or the church office at (313) 534-4907 between 9 a.m. and noon.

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MCC's computer network is named after the rocky hillside in Athens where St. Paul stood in the year 55 and revealed the Resurrection to the Greek high court. The Areopagus was a place for hearing voices and sharing ideas, and St. Paul used its open forum to fulfill his calling as an apostle.

Prior to his employment with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, Caron was a computer network administrator and personal computer specialist with the Alro Group in Jackson and a paramedic firefighter with the Delta Township Fire Department. He also served as the fire department's computer administrator.

Caron attended Cleveland Institute of Electronics and Lansing Community College. He has been a Windsor Township (Eaton County) trustee for more than 10 vears.

> a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 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) 462-3770.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 24-26 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth

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Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

RUNNAGE SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

PRAYER SERVICE

"When I Call for Help," an interfaith prayer service in response to domestic violence, will be held 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The service will feature healing prayer, and there will be fellowship and social, informational tables with professionals and materials available. Prayer teams also will be available after the service. Limited child care will be provided. For more information, call (734) 464-1436. TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is forming new beginner Tai Chi classes at Three locations, starting Monday, Sept. 13. All classes will meet 7-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and St. Paul United Methodist Church. 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 7-8 p.m. Monday and Thursday at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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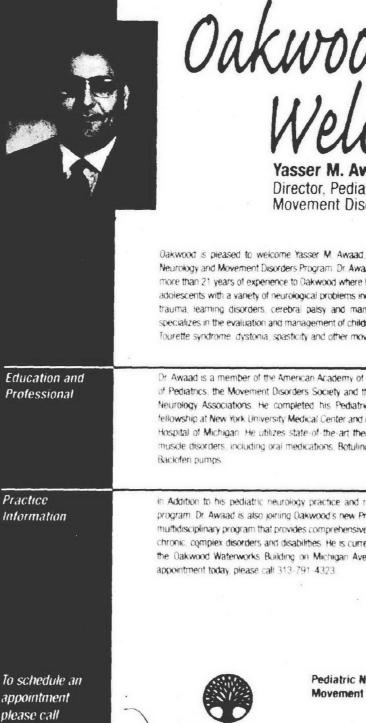
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Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations. He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal

in Addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders. program. Dr. Awaad is also joining Dakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Oakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.

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Ibursday, August 12, 1999

OBSERVER SPORTS **SCENE**

Eight on top

The Michigan High School Baseball Showcase, held last Wednesday through Saturday in Grosse Pointe, was well-attended by the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Eight players from this area were part of the 150 who were in attendance. They were Nick Eigher, Steve Gordon, Adam Kolb, Jason Lukasik, Steve Stiles, Chris Trott and Ian Winter from Plymouth Salem HS, and Jon Johnson from Plymouth Canton HS

Players participated in three days of skill competition and games in front of college and pro scouts. Johnson, Kolb, Stiles and Winter guided their team to the tournament final before losing, 10-8. Winter, a catcher, earned game MVP honors after tossing out a runner trying to steal second and picking off another at first. Johnson and Gordon turned in solid pitching performances, Lukasik displayed a strong hitting talent, and Eicher was impressive all-around.

Lightning ends well

The Plymouth Lightning '81, a girls under-19 premier soccer squad, concluded its competitive soccer season by finishing second at the Cherryland Invitational July 30-Aug. 1 in Traverse City. The Lightning posted shutout wins over the Traverse City All-Stars, the Fraser Cougars and the Capital Area Red Star before losing to the Macomb Shelby FC in the final.

Most of the Lightning '81 players have graduated and many will continue playing soccer in college. Team members are: Kelly Connell (Schoolcraft College), Emily Kaatz (Western Michigan University), Kristin Kopenski (Eastern Michigan University), Emily Neilendam (Madonna University), Vicki Palis (University of Michigan), Kristina Seniuch (SC) and Sarah Ware (WMU), all from Canton; Sarah Debien (WMU), Danelle Filips (U-M), Theresia Radtke (Kalamazoo College), Cheron Rice (EMU) and Andrea Weinman (WMU) of Plymouth; Nicole Angelocci (Michigan State) and Kristin Shea (Alma College) of Novi: Jessica Roberts (Alma) of Trenton; and guest players Amy Dorogi and Jessica Palis, both Canton HS players who are members of the Canton Flames under-18 team. The Lightning is coached by Glenn Kaatz and John Debien.

It's a short tournament trip for DCI

It was a short, but not very sweet, stay at the

Two and out

That's the line on Decision Consultants, Inc. at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The strong upper bracket of the 16team double-elimination draw for teams 20-and-under was not kind to the Livonia squad.

After making a strong run last season with a 4-2 record in the nationals, Brooklyn remained alive in the loser's

AAABA Tournament for Decision Consultants. Inc. The Collegiate Division champions in the Adray Metro Baseball Association managed a meager 10 hits in losing their first two games.

DCI, representing the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, dropped its opening two games of the 1999 tourney including a 7-2 loss Monday to New Orleans (NORD Boosters) and a 3-0 defeat Tuesday to Brooklyn, N.Y.

DCI had a total of just 10 hits in the two games.

In Tuesday's game at Franklin Field,

bracket behind the pitching of Richard Scalamandre. The right-hander worked 81/3 innings, allowing four hits, three walks and two hit-batsmen while striking out eight.

Adam Pace came on to get the final two outs and gain the save.

Livonia DCI squandered an opportunity in the third inning, failing to score with the bases loaded and one out.

DCI let one offensive opportunity slip away early in the game.

Chris McCustion and Troy Bergman each singled.

Matt Pike then was hit by a Kaplan pitch to load the bases. But cleanup hitter Eric Hardin, who struck out four

times, fanned and Rick Court's drive down the right field line was snared by Brooklyn's Michael Wilson.

In the ninth, DCI threatened again, but a base running mistake sealed Livonia's fate.

Dan Watchowski walked and Dan Hyott singled to put runners on first and second for DCI.

Zack Cornwell, a Farmington Hills Harrison product now playing for Central Michigan University, then fouled out and Greg Anglin was fanned on three pitches by Pace.

McQuistion then singled, but Watchowski was held up at third by

Baseball for

the fun of it?

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Developing his game Canton icer becoming one of nation's best

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

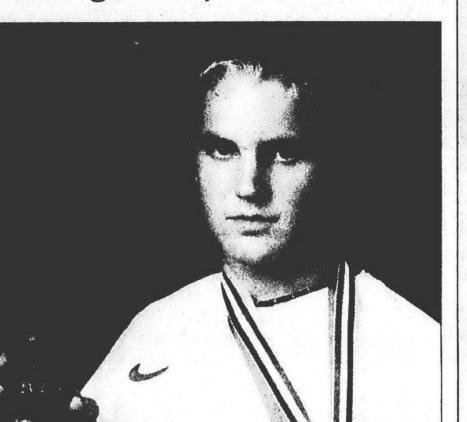
Since school let out in mid-June, James Wisniewski has spent more time on ice than with his almost-one-yearold sister, Brianna.

That's what can happen when you're one of the nation's best hockey players. Particularly if your game plan is to stay that way.

Wisniewski had one week off to spend at his home in Canton between two major tournaments. From July 18-25, he was part of Team Michigan, which competed at the 12-team USA Hockey Select 15 Festival at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

As such, Wisniewski roomed in the dorms at the University of Michigan with the best under-15 year-old players in the country. Team Michigan, one of four states with its own team (the rest were regional), made it to the finals before losing to the Team Pacific (from California, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington and Oregon) squad.

That's when he had that week at home before leaving for Nymburk in the Czech Republic for the International Ice Hockey Federation Development Camp. Wisniewski, a defenseman, was one of six players from the United States to participate in this full-funded program for under-16 year-olds; 50 countries were represented, with 102 players divided into six teams. "For a month and a half," Wisniewski said, "I haven't really been home."



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And we had our very own home field.

You do too? Well - I'll bet they didn't have dugouts like ours, constructed out of the finest scraps of wood available at nearby housing projects.

You did? And they were made of metal? Well . . . uh . . . uh . . . uh . . . Well, metal gets a lot hotter in the summertime

than wood. So there. Anyway. We played every day. And sometimes there were 12 of us. We traveled, too. Played road games at such exotic locations as Vernon. Or Stellemar. Or even Embassy. Where are those places? What do you mean? Okay, so they aren't exactly foreign cities. Or even towns. All right, all right they're streets. But I'm telling you, those Vernon Vigilantes or whatever they called them --selves - were pretty awesome. I'll tell you somethin' else. I'll bet we practiced as much as you " did. We practiced as much as we played, or pretty close to it.



Unbeatable

The Canton Devil Rays, an 11-yearold boys baseball team in the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, rolled to a 14-0 regular-season record and added three more wins in the playoffs to finish their season 17-0. For the season, the Devil Rays outscored their opponents 206-109.

Team members are Matt Kenison, Joe Maltese, Jeff Jendrusik, Tarik Khasawneh, Andy Barylski, Joe McCreary, David Jablonski, Patrick Goulet, John Powers, Brett Porter, Andy Larson and Brien Phillips. The team is managed by Joe Maltese and coached by Alan Porter and Tony Jablonski.

Hole-in-one

Frank Sanders of Canton, playing with a group of senior retirees at Indian Springs Metropark, got something he always wanted on Tuesday — a hole-in-one.

Sanders, who is 69, used a six iron to get his ace on the 123-yard 16th hole.

Salem hoop tryouts

Plymouth Salem's girls basketball team will have tryouts for the upcoming season on Monday, Aug. 16 at the Salem gymnasium. Incoming freshmen will try out from 9-10:30 a.m.; sophomores, juniors and seniors will have their tryouts from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Physicals are required prior to trying out. For further information, contact Salem coach Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

He has been getting an education, however. And his trip to the Czech Republic certainly supplied one.

"I was dumbstruck," he said of the international style of play. "The hockey over there is 10 times more difficult than in North America. It's not as physical. There's more skill, more skating.

The international ice surfaces are much bigger than North American hockey rinks, which puts more of a premium on skating skills. And, as Wisniewski noted, "If you can skate, you can always learn to hit."

And hitting was not emphasized. "I was getting penalties for just hitting guys," Wisniewski said. Which was a costly mistake, he noted. "Every penalty was a penalty shot.'

That explains, at least in part, the reason for the scores his Team Yellow ran up: 13-4, 15-5, 6-5, 7-2 and 4-0. All were wins, giving the Yellows the gold medal.

As for Wisniewski, well, he did his part, scoring three goals and assisting on eight others. And he learned a lot, both athletically and culturally.

"It was my first time overseas," he said. "You get to see who you're competing against. And I was surprised how many of those guys can speak English. There were guys who could speak three or four languages."

Each day in his week-long trip included a practice and a game, meet-



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Award-winner: Canton's James Wisniewski hockey game is developing, world-wide. The team he played for was unbeaten on a trip to the Czech Republic; another was second at a national tourney.

ings and some other sports activity. His team was coached by Jiri Latal of the Czech Republic, a national team player who also played for the Philadelphia Flyers from 1990-92.

Wisniewski, who started skating when he was five and playing hockey at age eight, was one of two U.S. players on Team Yellow (the other was Patrick Eaves of Minnesota, whose father is an assistant coach with the Pittsburgh Penguins). Other countries represented on his team were Sweden, Belorussia, Japan, Romania, Scotland, Finland, Russia, Denmark, Germany, Czech Republic, South Africa, Mexico, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Switzerland.

Compared to the style he's used to playing, Wisniewski - who stands 5-10 1/2 and weighs nearly 180 - suddenly felt like a hitter, a fighter. But he did learn what he had to do better.

"I have to play the puck more and separate the player from the puck only when I have to," he noted. "I want to increase my speed and work on the skating part of my game. Speed and quickness - that's my main concern.

As for international players to watch, or stars of the future (the next Sergei Federov?), Wisniewski said, "The players that surprised me were from Finland. They impressed me a lot, they had a lot of speed."

And, at the other end of the spectrum: "The biggest disappointment to me was the Russians. I just don't see the resemblance (to former Russian stars) any more."

Come fall, Wisniewski - a sopho-

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Canadian wins Highland

Kurt Pauli of Farmington Hills finished, as he predicted, in fourth place in the athletics competition Saturday at the annual Highland Games celebrating Scottish heritage and culture

The 150th anniversary event at Greenmead in Livonia included the best Highland Games athletes in the world.

Five-time Canadian champ Harry MacDonald was the overall winner. Petur Gundmonsson of Iceland was second and three-time world champion Ryan Vierra of California third. Warren Trask of Ontario and Frank Stasa of Carleton tied for fifth.

Pauli, 27, who won the Detroit-area Games the previous four years, was second in the 16-pound Scottish hammer, third in the 56-pound weight for height and fifth in the



caber toss, 28-pound weight for distance and stone put.

"(Fourth place) was right about where I expected to be, Pauli said. "Three of the top guys in the world were ahead of me. If I had thrown real well, I might've had third place."

Pauli, who was first in the hammer toss until MacDonald uncorked a better throw, had a best effort of 133 feet. He threw the 56-pound weight over a 16-foot high bar; he threw the stone put 37 feet, six inches and the 28-pound weight 72 feet, three inches.

Pauli competes this weekend in Fergus, Ontario, and then travels to Iceland for an Aug. 21 competition.

What's that? What do you mean you don't practice?

Not ever?

Well, that's a bit different. I understand, though. I mean, with a 70-game schedule, who has time to practice, to learn anything like the basics on how to play the game? Or what you need to do to + improve?

Wait a minute, wait a minute. Now I get it. We're not talking about the same thing here, are we? This isn't a 12-and-under boys baseball team, is it?

I knew it. I mean, that explains everything. You had me fooled there for a minute.

Imagine that. A team of 12year-old kids traveling to places like Chicago, Omaha, Indianapolis, St. Louis. Absurd.

And what was that you were going to play in? The World Series?

Yeah, right. And I'm the top candidate to replace Barry Sanders.

A bunch of 12-year-olds playing in big weekend-long tournaments like that, without any practices. I should have known better than to fall for that one.

Whoa -- wait one minute. You're backtracking again. So you do practice? Sometimes for as much as 20 minutes before playing a game?

Geez. I bet you get a lot of reps in at your position.

That last remark was a lesson in sarcasm, kid.

So - you got a coach? We did. My older brother. At least I think he was our coach. He was always telling us what to do, anyway. Especially when we were building that field of ours in an empty lot.

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A family affair For the Berrymans, baseball is more than just a past-time

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@cc.homecon necomm.net

When a player on the Michigan Lake Area Rams collegiate baseball team calls for "Coach Berryman" near the dugout before a game, a couple people might answer.

Both may have a cigarette in their hands but there's one glaring difference.

'One's a woman.

Rick Berryman is undoubtedly the figure head and final decision-maker for the Rams and Redford Union, but his wife, June Berryman, isn't there just to keep score.

The two, married almost 16 years, are inseparable on the baseball diamond, whether it's a high school game that RU is playing or an Adray Metro Baseball Association game played by the Rams.

They were also in the lead car in' a caravan heading to the National Amateur Baseball Federation Regional, held last week in Baltimore. Md.

The Berrymans, who live in Canton, met when both were teachers in the Redford Union school district. Each advanced to the administrative level as June is now the principal at Stuckey Elementary and Rick is the assistant principal at Hilbert

who is almost as well known as

make it because of a school com-

Tonya fills in when June can't

"She's not as thorough but I

Her step-father chimed in, say-

ing "Tonya knows the game bet-

A baseball game is truly a

family outing for the Berrymans.

Their pet dog, Bailey, is a regu-

lar at most games and is making

She likely won't be allowed

"We have to leave her in a

field access, so the Berrymans

room with a crate," June said.

We have to go to motels that

Rick said he didn't know of

June's passion for baseball when

have 20 years experience on

June around the dugout.

Junior High.

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her." June said.

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started dating, but "it was very much a bonus," he said. "She was a fan far before I met her.' That must mean' she knew all

about Rick's pitching exploits at They don't have children RU in the late 1960s before he together but do have children went on to star at Eastern from a previous marriage. Michigan University. Rick has a son, Brian, 22, who

Not quite.

used to play for his father and "I didn't have any idea," she step-mother and is now a pitcher admits. "But I was a baseball in the San Diego Padres organienthusiast. I used to go to 25 zation, and a daughter, Lisa, 24. games a year at Tiger Stadium." June has a daughter, Tonya, 27,

Rick wasn't insulted by her lack of knowledge about his past. So when he tells people he won her over by being charming and handsome they might actually believe him.

June grew up in Detroit and graduated from Henry Ford ligh School before attending EMU about the same time as Rick. She played field hockey and swam competitively but didn't play any softball or baseball.

The coaching combination began when Brian Berryman was playing in the North Redford Central Little League in the late 1980s.

By the time Brian reached the Connie Mack Division circuit (18-under) June was making history, becoming the first woman coach at the World Series which Concealed Security achieved in 1995 in Farmington, N.M.

"They had the TV crews and

her and the players," Rick said. Rick and Lou Pirronello, the Concealed Security manager, are glad they listened to June when it came time to drafting a player

for the post-season and she suggested Kris Gundrum. The player from the west side of the state responded with one of the team's better post-season

"She won the debate," Rick said. "We kicked around two or three names and she just liked his stats and what he can do. He went on to be a star at Western Michigan and is now playing in the minor leagues.

As for the suggestion that June might have picked Gundrum for his looks, Rick laughs and says: "She wouldn't pick anyone because they're cute. She

Said Pirronello: "At first when I met her, I thought 'She's a woman in baseball, what could she possibly know?' First you notice the efficiency of the scorebook, then, as the game progresses, there's little comments from her like, 'This guy ran the last time, this guy is all pull, this guy is late. There's guys on first and third, watch the fake throw. She's aware of everything and the kids love her.'

Pironello also remembers her being the unofficial nickname originator.

"She'd give someone a name

and it stuck," said Pironello, recalling a player for his nickname, Iron Man, more than his given name. "I can't even think of his name right now but I know him as Iron Man, the name she gave him for all the innings he pitched.

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The player was Terry Bigham. June is always the only woman at an RU hitters and pitchers clinic who is there to give instruction and not just to pick up or drop off one of the students.

"She knows hitting, the correct stance," Rick added. "I have a collection of baseball clinic tapes which I study and she's watched them all. She knows baseball situations, is involved in strategies, making lineups.

"She doesn't just keep the book. She keeps the pitch count, knows what pitchers throw. How many throw the first pitch for strikes... We don't always agree. Sometimes she's right and sometimes I'm right."

And sometimes, they're both wrong. But isn't that the beauty (and frustration) of baseball?

June calls baseball the "hardest, easy game there is, except for maybe golf."

She and Rick play golf together and she's won a round or two. Her first victory against her husband came on one of Michigan's toughest courses, the Bear in **Traverse** City

A win on the baseball diamond is much more satisfying for both, however.

"One we do for kids and one is for ourselves," she said. "I guess it's baseball because it's for the kids. I can't even tell you how many wonderful kids we've had. I've never experienced difficulty with any of the players, even at the onset.

Rick agreed: "We've always had nice kids, nice parents. It's the kids with 'But' at the end of their name we try to avoid. The kid who can 'Do this and do that, but...' And 'but' usually describes a problem. We eliminate that player from our list."

than a scorebook-keeper for her husband, Rick. She knows the game of baseball.

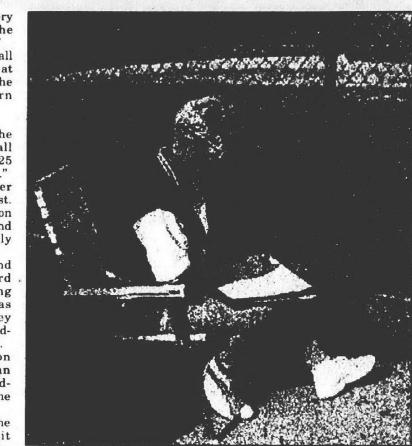
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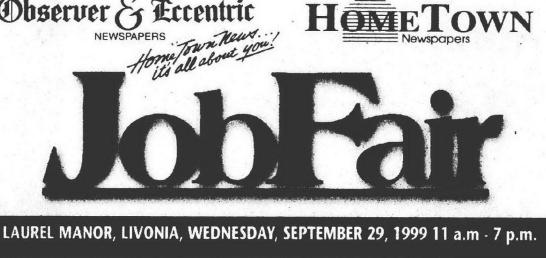
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Brian Williams, a 6-foot-1 guard from Wayne Memorial who earned first-team All-Observer boys basketball honors during the 1997-98 season after averaging 18 points per game, has transferred to Schoolcraft Community College, according to coach Carlos Briggs.

Williams spent last season at Kalamazoo Valley CC with former Wayne teammate LaVelle Guess

Williams will join SC recruits Dwight Windom (Dearborn Heights Robichaud), Mike Williams (Detroit City), Rob Brown (Central Michigan/Oak Park) and Tony Jancevski (Plymouth Salem).

Run Like Wind 10K

The first-ever Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer race will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park (located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail).

The pre-registration fee (received by Aug. 25) is \$15 (includes T-shirt). Late registration is \$18. Fees (without Tshirt) are \$6 (pre-registration) and \$8 (late).

Trophies will be awarded to age-group winners, along with the top male and female (open and masters). Medals will go to the second- and third-place finishers

Proceeds will go to the Michigan Running Foundation, a non-

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Baseball tryouts

•The Mudcats, a 13-and-under travel baseball team sponsored by the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, will have tryouts for next year's team at 4 p.m. Aug. 29 at McClumpha Park, located on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck. The Mudcats play in the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association (WABA). For more information, call Bryan Boyd at (734) 420-0549.

•Experienced players are urged to tryout for a Livonia Travel youth competitive baseball team in the Little Caesars League from 1-3 p.m. (10-andunder) and 3-5 p.m. (12-yearolds) Sunday, Aug. 22 and 29 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (field No. 8). For more information, call Bill Leins at (734) 261-4712 (10-and-under), Bob Olson at (734) 464-7930 (12-year-olds) or Bill Rabe at (248) 474-2739.

S'craft hoop camp

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs encourages Observerland-area players to participate in a camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 16-19 at the school's gym.

The camp will emphasize skill

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drills and team play for grades 8-12.

The cost is \$100. Registration is at 8 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5254.

Recreation news

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring several adult leagues this fall that are open to Plymouth and Canton residents.

•An adult women's basketball league will run on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 28 through Dec. 7. Entry fee is \$380 per team for the 11-game schedule, with an additional \$15 per non-resident. Referee fees are extra. Fro more information, call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

•An adult men's basketball league will run Sundays beginning Sept. 19 through Dec. 19. Entry fee for the 10-game schedule is \$355 per team, plus refer-ee fees and an additional \$15 for each non-resident player. Call Northville's Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

•An adult volleyball league will start its 12-game season Sept. 20 and continue until Dec. 15. There will be a women's and co-ed competitive league playing on Mondays, and a co-ed intermediate league on Wednesdays. Cost is \$195 per team, with referee fees extra and an additional \$15 for every non-resident player. Call Northville's Parks and Rec office at (248) 349-0203 for further information.

•A women's morning volleyball league will also be offered by Northville's Parks and Rec office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Participants are required to know the basic skills of passing, setting, hitting and serving. There will be individual registrations. For more information, call Northville's Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

•Drop-in volleyball in the morning for seniors will be available starting Sept. 8. Cost is \$1 each session, which will run from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call Northville's Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

SoccerZone signup

SoccerZone is accepting walkin and mail-in registrations for its first sessions of indoor soccer and inline hockey starting Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Soccer registration continues through Oct. 13. The session begins Oct. 21 and runs through Dec. 17. The team fee is \$750; the fee for individuals in need of a team is \$70.

Hockey registration continues through Sept. 26. The session begins Oct. 10 and runs through Dec. 11. The team fee is \$795 for

youths and \$825 for adults. For individuals the fee is \$75

for players who have played at SoccerZone previously and \$90

for those who have not.

For more information call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500. SoccerZone is located at 41550 Grand River, Novi

Race benefits blind

Race applications are now available for the 22nd Annual Birmingham Lions 10,000-Meter Run for the Blind. The race, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, in downtown Birmingham, will start at 9 a.m. at the corner of Merrill and Pierce.

The current entry fee is \$15 and includes a race T-shirt, awards, and beverages and food after the race. Registration is \$16 after Sept. 11 and \$20 on race day. Prior to Sept. 18, runners must register at Total Runner (29207 Northwestern Highway) in Southfield.

Race applications are also available at the Birmingham YMCA, The Varsity Shop, Oakland Athletic Club, CMI, and The Birmingham Community House

In addition to the 10K, there will be a 5K and a one-mile walk. All money raised through this event benefits the training of leader dogs and their future life partners. For information, call Total Runner at (248) 354-1177.

Hockey registration

Registration is now under way

for recreational adult hockey leagues, which will play from September through March at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth, the Inkster Ice Arena and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Leagues include the Rockets (over 21), the Golden Blades (over 50) and the Golden Eagles (over 48). To register, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

Falcon 5K

The Falcon 5K, a five-kilometer run to be held in Dearborn, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21.

Pre-race entry fee is \$14 (before Aug. 13); day-of-the-race entry fee is \$17 (7-8:30 a.m.). Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each age division: 14and-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. All pre-registered 5K runners will receive a T-shirt; a limited number of T-shirts may be purchased the day of the race.

There will also be a one-mile (free) fun run, starting at 8:45 a.m. The Falcon 5K will follow at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the run will benefit the Divine Child Alumni Association. Checks should be made payable to DCAA Falcon 5K and mailed to: Falcon 5K. 25001 Herbert Weier Dr., Dearborn, MI, 48128.

For information, call Ron Debono at (734) 464-7145 or Dennis Vogel at (248) 888-9029.



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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 two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313)532-0285 to register and for more information.

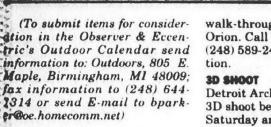
FLY FISHING SCHOOL

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-

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.

field offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more

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Royal Oak Archers will host a 8D tournament beginning at 9 .m. Sunday, August 15, on its

walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more informa-

Detroit Archers will hold a state 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21-22, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host its annual

Bowhunter Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is



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Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain-range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR Bear season opens Sept. 10. GOOSE

A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula. Check

Guide for special restrictions. GROUSE

Grouse season opens Sept. 15 RABBIT

Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

B.A.S.S. TOP 150

The first stop on the 1999-2000

B.A.S.S. Top 150 circuit will be Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 25-28 on Lake St. Clair. Daily weigh-ins will take place at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens

TOP BASS

The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is the series championship, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15, on Wixom Lake. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, on Orchard Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

METRO BASS 'N GALS

Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair. Call Mary Ashteneau at (313) 981-3367 to register and for more information.

CLASSES/

CLINICS 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

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

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information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

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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

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 at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 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 Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more 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 tion

The Huron Valley Steelheaders month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at

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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.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information

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 information.

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

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, Aug. 28, at Independence Oaks.

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.

NATURE FOLKLORE

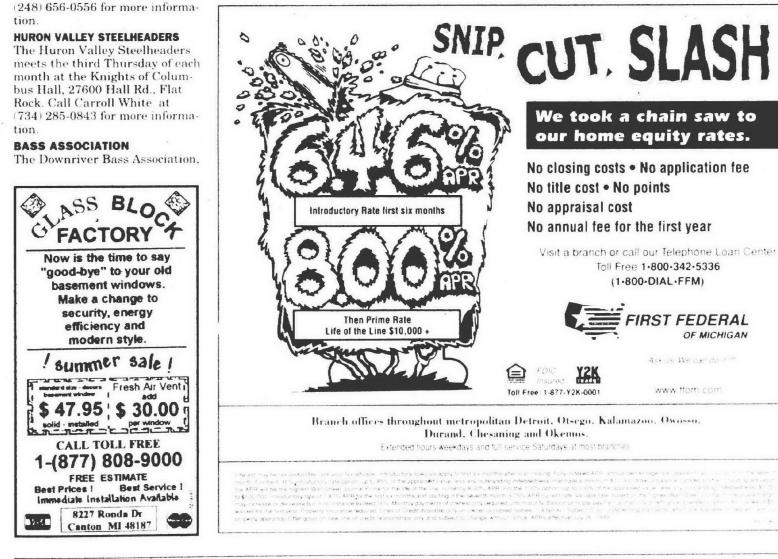
Take a look at nature from a different angle and learn about legends and folklore during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Maybury.

FAMILY FISHING

Bring the entire family for an evening of fishing fun during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Maybury

BIRD HIKE

Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Maybury. A similar program begins at 8 a.m. Saturday,



Sept. 11. FEATHERED FRIENDS

Children and their families will take a closer look at how and where birds live through activities and a guided hike during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at May-

BATS OF MICHIGAN

Learn all about bats during this slide presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

KIDS GARDEN DAY

Learn about gardening, weather, helpful insects and animals during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at

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.

CHICKEN LITTLE'S NIGHT OUT

Learn about summer constellations and view the Perseid Meteor Shower during this campfire program, which begins at 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 12-13, at Stony Creek.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOR FAMILIES

Families can share a relaxing evening together surrounded by the sights and sounds of summer during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Stony Creek

SUMMER SOJOURN

Discover what's happening along the nature trails during this guided hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at Kensington.

HURON RIVER CLEAN UP

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Huron River from Proud Lake through the Kensington Metropark during the 12th annual Huron River Clean Up, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Kensington. The rain date is Saturday, Aug. 28. Call (248) 685-7129 for more information.

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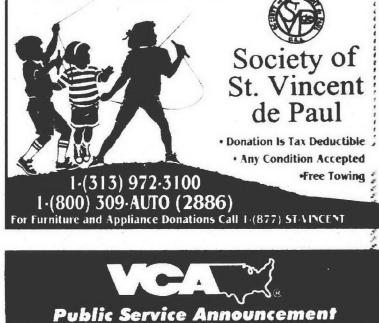


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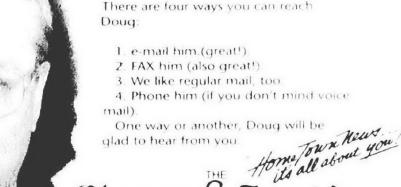
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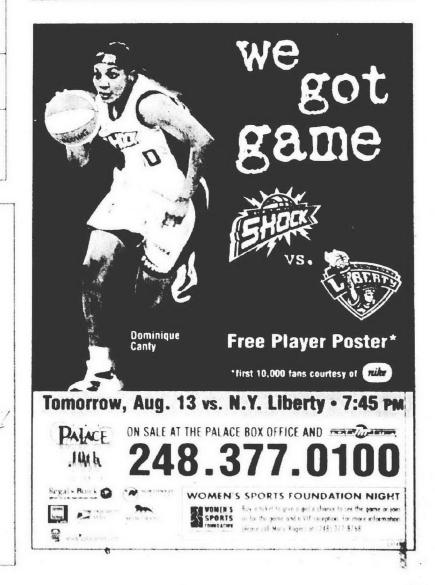
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Golden Fox Classic

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The Golden Fox Classic will be played Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

There will be a continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m. shotgun start, lunch, silent auction, dinner and other attractions including a special appearance by former Detroit Red Wing Mickey Redmond.

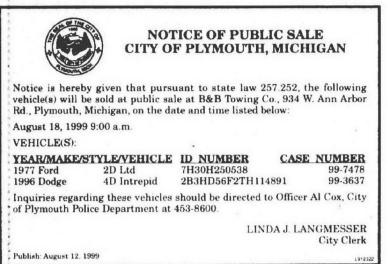
There is a limit of 144 golfers. The cost is \$150 for a single

golfer and \$50 for a person who wants to attend the dinner only. The event is co-sponsored by Plymouth United Way of Michigan and Community Opportunity Center, a Livonia-based, nonprofit organization that provides

housing options for persons with

developmental disabilities.

734-422-1020 or Plymouth United Way at 734-453-6879.Check out the COC Web site at mihometown/ oe/ coc or e-mail



WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS** 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 26, 1999

Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen Agenda - adopted as amended.

Minutes of regular meeting of June 28, 1999 - approved. Minutes of study session of June 30, 1999 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,239,798.41 - approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for June, 1999 - received and filed. Operations Manager's Report for July, 1999 - received and filed.

3rd Quarter FY 98/99 Revenue/Expenditure Report - received and filed Request To Advertise For Proposals; Document Imaging - approved. Request To Advertise For Bids; Local Area Network Server - approved Award to Contract; Portable Manlift - contract awarded to National Ladder & Scaffold of Canton, Michigan.

Award of Contract; Phase 3(A) Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection contract awarded to National Industrial Maintenance, Inc., of Dearborn, Michigan.

1997/98 YCUA Treatment Rate Lookback Calculations Report - received and filed.

Emergency Repairs to Middle Rouge Screw Pumps - approved. OMI Service Contract Renewal - approved incorporating attorney's comments.

Salary Survey Recommendations for 1999/2000 - received and filed. Closed Session - Discussion regarding land acquisition. The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

> THOMAS J. YACK Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

COC at COMOPCTR@rc.net

Mallon golf outing

The ninth annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing will be held Monday, Aug. 30 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

This event is open to the pub-To sign up call the COC at lic and tee sponsorships are Office at (248) 476-8922.

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more at Plymouth Canton - will resume his hockey career with the Compuware Ambassadors in the Junior A North American Hockey League as an under-age player. He's hoping eventually to get a college scholarship and/or a shot at playing in the NHL.

"That's been my goal, ever since I was little," he said. "To win that Stanley Cup ring."

available. Activities will include

afternoon tee times, refresh-

ments and an evening dinner

reception with Meg Mallon. Indi-

vidual tickets are available for

For reservations and sponsor-

ship information, contact the

Mercy High School Development

the evening reception.

It seems he's following the right road, even if it is one that will take him on a circuitous route, from the smallest towns in Michigan to the largest cities of Europe.

THOMAS J. YACK

Chairman

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** STUDY SESSION SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1999

Study Session was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen. The topic of discussion was WTUA's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1999/2000

The Study Session was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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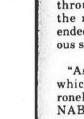
WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CLOSED MEETING SYNOPSIS** MONDAY, JULY 26, 1999

Closed Meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen. The topic of discussion was land acquisition. The Closed Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK Chairman

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third base coach Mike George and Hyott continued onto the

bag from first, causing a run-

down at third. Hyott was tagged out on a play that was officially scored 8-5-2.

"We scored two runs in 18 innings and it's tough to win when you do that," George told the Johnstown (Pa.) Tribune-Democrat. "We had our chances early.

"We had the bases loaded and one-out and did not score in the third. The base running error with two on and two-out in the ninth was my fault."

Losing pitcher Jason Popham turned in a worthy performance, scattering seven hits and one walk over eight innings. He struck out four.

The game took just 2 hours and 2 minutes.

Brooklyn jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the third on Joseph Curro's solo homer. J.T. Martin followed with another solo shot

played a ball in right field off the bat of Justin Pagan for a threebase error. Eric Donelan followed with an RBI sacrifice fly. In Monday's 7-2 loss to New

Brooklyn scored its third run

in the eighth when Anglin mis-

in the fourth.

Orleans at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, lefthanded pitcher Josh Kaplan hurled a complete game five-hitter.

The Delgado Junior College product is headed to Southeastern Louisiana, an NCAA Division I school.

Right-hander Tim Miller, the Livonia Franklin High grad who went 8-2 this spring for Wayne State University, lasted four innings in taking the loss.

McCustion scored on a wild pitch to give DCI a 1-0 lead, but the Livonia squad wound up leaving 12 runners on base.

Pike went 3-for-5 in the loss.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of Property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front ootage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements on Ridge Road between Ann Arbor and Powell Roads and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 3,600 feet of existing gravel road along Ridge Road from Ann Arbor Road to Powell Road to be paved with bituminous concrete, consistent with Ridge Road north of Powell Road and Powell Road between Ridge and Beck. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage consists of parcels with tax I.D. numbers 045-99-0001-701, 045-99-0001-702, 045-99-0001-703, 045-99-0002-000 (A1b), 045-99-0005-001 (B1), 045-99-0005-704, 045-99-0005-705, 045-99-0005-003 (B3), 045-99-0008-000 (D1b), 045-99-0009-702 (D3b,E1b,Q2b) located in the northeast ¼ of Section 31, and 048-99-0009-000 (Q1a1a,BB1a), 048-99-0010-000 (Q1a1b,BB1b), 048-99-0011-000 (Q1a2,BB2), 048-99-0012-000 (Q1b), 048-99-0014-000 (S1a), 048-99-0015-000 (S1b,S2) located in the southeast ¼ of Section 31. The district also includes Lot 277 through Lot 295, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 3 as recorded in Liber 101 Page 29 to 32, Lot 306 through Lot 318, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 4 as recorded in Liber 102 Page 1 to 3, and Lots 1 through 33, inclusive, of Pine Ridge Estates Subdivision as recorded in Liber 104 Pate 44 to 47, of T.IS., R.8E., of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Nucleit on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing the said Special Assessment Roll, and hearing objections thereto. Said Roll may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and the said state of the township Clerk during regular may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the Special Assessment Roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

As owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, projections of costs and Special Assessment District have been filed with the township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The projected costs of such construction is in the amount of \$644, 636.00. The Special Assessment District shall be responsible for 20% of the construction total (\$128,927.20); plus Township administrative costs.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property subject to the statutory limitation of 10%

MARILYN MASSENGILL Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (734) 453-3840

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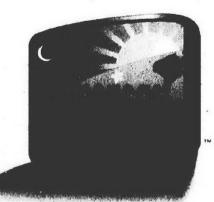
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Concealed Security solid at World Series

Concealed Security's 12-under travel baseball team had a 5-3 record at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Omaha, Neb., finishing among the final eight.

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Concealed was trying for two consecutive World Series titles, winning the National Amateur **Baseball** Federation crown last month.

Concealed lost its first game, 4-2, to the defending CABA 11under champion San Diego before winning its next four games and taking second place in its division in round-robin play.

That put Concealed in the double-elimination action where it finished with a 1-2 record. The results left Concealed with a 71-16 final record under coach Lou Pirronello, who was proud of the effort.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) batted a team-high .467 and also had some solid starts on the mound. Pickup Brian Rowland pitched solidly and also batted 462. Alan Hagedon (Westland) had a .375 average and pickup Steve Karchefske batted .350.

Concealed enjoyed a 4-1 record in round-robin play and won its first game in the double-elimination round. It had the lead through the middle innings of the next two games, but both ended in losses to finish a glorious season.

"As a whole, we were 71-16, which is not too shabby," Pirronello said. "After winning the NABF our expectations were very high and our goal was to win this whole thing. We knew darn well we'd have to be lucky besides good. We got great pitching like we hoped we would and Rowland came through as a plus."

Following is a recap of each game, from the start:



What? You've got four coaches? Gosh, I bet that does help make the most of those 20minute practices.

So one coach handles the infielders, another handles the outfielders, one works with the pitchers and catchers, and another concentrates on the hitting. Something like that?

What do you mean, not even close? What's that - "One takes care of bus transportation, one does the hotel accommodation. another handles the restaurant reservation, and the head guy accepts the trophy presentation. Nice setup.

Round Robin play

San Diego 4, Concealed 2, Thursday, July 29: Chris Rusin (Canton) pitched a gem, striking out 12 and throwing a four-hitter. but Concealed stranded 11 runners and couldn't muster more runs than San Diego.

Concealed outhit San Diego 10-4. led by Shay, Jeff Richard and Scott Szpryka with two hits each.

Concealed 10, Iowa 0, Saturday, July 31: Rowland threw a two-hitter and struck out 15, not once allowing the count to reach three balls

Shay had two hits and Mark Pirronello (Livonia) was 2-for-3 with two RBI

Concealed 3, Mexico 2, Saturday, July 31: Concealed scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and win.

Karchefske led off with a walk and runners were on first and second after Hagedon legged out a bunt. Pirronello laid down a sacrifice bunt and the throw to third was wild, allowing the winning run to score with no outs.

Eric Drieselman (Garden City) ran his record to 12-1, tossing a three-hitter.

Concealed 9, Nebraska 2, Sunday, Aug. 1: Richard scattered

five hits, allowed no runs and 1 before Miami rallied with six struck out two in remaining undefeated in seven decisions.

Shay hit a grand slam to put Concealed ahead to stay in the fourth. He finished 3-for-4 with five RBL

Karchefske and Shay.

Double Elimination

outs. Rowland earned the save.

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a pair of runs in the seventh.

bunt by Pirronello.

run triple.

unanswered runs. Rusin was the hard-luck losing pitcher, lasting through 4 2/3 innings.

Errors hurt Concealed's cause. Szpryka led Concealed with two

Colorado 8, Concealed 5, Wednesday, Aug. 4: Concealed led 4-0 at one point but a seven-

Rowland, batting leadoff, went 4-for-4 to lead Concealed. Shay was the losing pitcher, most of run fifth inning helped Colorado the runs being unearned.

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So that's the answer they tell you to give to that question: They know how to win.

Well, that's the important thing, isn't it?

Yeah, that's right, kid - more sarcasm.

If it's any consolation, my brother wasn't much on coaching the fundamentals either. But we did have a lot of fun.

What do you mean, 'What's that?' Don't you ever play baseball for fun?

How old are you anyway? That was stupid of me to think you're only 12 - cripe, you must be close to six-feet tall. What do you weigh, 150? 160?



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Shakespeare in the park a family event

West Bloomfield Parks and Recru ation Commission will present Midsummer Night's Dream" per formed by Repercussion Theatre 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Drake Sports Park, on Drake Road, south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Tickets \$2.50 in advance and can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Commission building, 4640 Walnut Lake Road. Tickets \$3 on the day of the event. Free admission for children under age 5. Call (248) 738-2500 for more information.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

When Judy Share-Vine saw an opportunity to present Shakespeare in a way the entire family could enjoy, she jumped at the chance.

As the superintendent for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission, Share-Vine was instrumental in bringing the Shakespeare-In-The-Park presentation, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to Drake Sports Park Sunday. William Shakespeare's classic comedy touches on themes of unrequited love and mistaken identies. She said she's sure it will be "interesting to people of all ages.

"This is the very first year we've tried anything like this," said Share-Vine. "We have

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mance. We think it'll be a great opportunity for everybody to experience this kind of theater." The perfor-mance will be presented by Repercussion Theater, an outdoor touring the-

first time with a comedic perfor-

ater group from Montreal, Canada.

"It is for people of all ages and varying tastes," said Share-Vine. "There's a kind of shadow that falls over classic theater like this show. Some people think 'it's not for me This approach is really going to reach out and give a hand to people who love it, and people who are willing to try it." She said she would love to see Shakespeare-In-The-Park become an annual event, but the department will take it one step at a time. This year, volunteers are assisting with setting up the show and taking tickets Sue Sobeck, assistant to the township supervisor, is one such volunteer. As a member of the Friends of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Sobeck said she is happy to help out with the event. She appreciates seeing Shakespearean productions "Years ago I saw an outside performance in Toronto," she said. "It was a glorious thing. At the time they were doing 'Romeo and Juliet out in the open. Sobeck said the Shakespeare-In-The-Park show will make "A Midsummer Night ; Dream" accessible to children. Sh · said the lessons in the stories are timeless, eternal, and just as relevant in the world today. Big Daddy's Parthenon, 6199 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloom-





Barry Manilow performs 8 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$50 pavilion, \$10 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

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"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn' are on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 for more information.

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STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

udging by the soft, melodic tone of Sinead Lohan's voice over the telephone, she's completely at peace. There was no hint of urgency or anxiety, even though the Irish singersongwriter was just days away from embarking on a trip to the

states to join Lilith Fair. Lohan is just one of 18 artists performing at Pine Knob Music Theatre during Lilith Fair Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Lohan, who plays 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, is no stranger to the tour. She joined in on the acoustic stage for a few dates last summer. 'I'm really glad I'll have my band with me," said Lohan during a telephone interview from her home in Cork County, Ireland on Aug. 2. "It should be good." Though the slot on this summer's Lilith Fair marks Lohan's fourth U.S. tour, this engagement will prove different from past travels across the country. A new mother, Lohan will be accompanied by her 4-month-old son Zack. She was just beginning to pack up and prepare when we talked. Preparations at Pine Knob are also running smoothly, according to staff. Jeff Corey, spokesman for the venue said this is the third summer Pine Knob Music Theatre has hosted Lilith Fair. "It seems it has always been popular from the beginning," said Corey. "Overall, the festivals we have hosted at Pine Knob have done very well." Before her involvement in the project, Lohan said she hadn't heard about Lilith Fair. When she found out the tour consisted of all female acts, it was initially cause for some concern. "I don't feel like I represent women...I represent human beings,"

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made her crowd a little more diverse and, it seems, you have seen more men in the crowd each year.

SINEAD LOHAN

INTERSCOPE RECORDS

Jennifer Knapp, a Christian rock songstress and Kansas native, is one performer who will be new to the festival this year. Just back from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where she helped build a hospital, Knapp said she was ready to hit the stage at Lilith Fair. She got involved with the festival by showing an interest in performing on the tour.

"It was just one of those quirky things," said Knapp who will be performing on the Second Stage at 6 p.m., after Lohan. "It's an honor to be playing on the same stage with the women that inspired me musically."

SRO Productions presents "Belles," featuring Tamara Gries, 2 p.m. at "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, \$7 seniors / children, call (248) 827-0701.



Hot Tix: Revel in oldworld entertainment at the Michigan Renaissance Festival opening Saturday in the Renaissance village of Hollygrove off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106 on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. The fair runs weekends through Sunday, Sept. 26. Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information.

SARAH MCLACHEAN

ARISTA RECORDS

WHAT: Lilith Fair 1999, A Celebration of Women in Music

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

WHEN: Doors open 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Music on the Main Stage begins at 4:30 p.m. each day

TICKETS: Still available for both shows \$79 and \$54 pavilion, \$34 lawn. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

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she said of her music. Once she found out the tour is a celebration of women in music, she said she was more than happy to be a part of it.

Well run event

"It's a well run, well organized event," added Lohan.

Corey agreed and commented on the way the festival has changed over the past three summers.

"Sarah (McLachlan) seems to have diversified the line-up a little more each year, bringing in a variety of musical genres," he said. "This has

Those performers include Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant and Indigo Girls. Knapp also admitted she's never had the opportunity to attend Lilith Fair, but this year she'll be a part of it.

"The biggest challenge will be communicating who I am as an individual, and my connection to God," said Knapp of her role on the tour. "The music really stands for itself."

She said she's honored to be part of the festival.

Accommodating fans

To accommodate fans of Knapp and the rest of the Lilith Fair performers, space is a major consideration every year. The grounds at Pine Knob have to support three separate stages.

"We have hosted a number of different festivals throughout the years so, as a venue, we are very adaptive to what the various types of these events," said Corey. "They have three different stages set up throughout the venue, the main pavilion stage and two smaller ones elsewhere on the grounds, along with various vendors booths and special interest group areas. We've handled it before and we

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MOVIES

Actress reflects on 'Detroit Rock City'

Editor's note: Lin Shaye stars in "Detroit Rock City," a coming-of-age film that centers around four teenagers who embark on a wild adventure to attend a sold-out Kiss concert in Detroit. The film opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. See film review on Page E6. Stephanie Angelyn Casola interviewed Shaye by phone from her home in Los Angeles, Calif.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

O&E: How did you get involved in "Detroit Rock City?"

Lin Shayo: "I auditioned. I'd heard about the story and I'm from Detroit. Knowing the Kiss song, it piqued my imagination and interest. The one thing I didn't know, Barry Levine and Tim Sullivan (producers of the film), they wanted me from the get-go."

O&E: Movie-goers may instantly recognize you as "Magda" from "There's Something About Mary." In this film you play another memorable character. What did you like most about your character, Mrs. Bruce?

Shaye: "I think I like most that she takes this journey and that she comes through it she really has to let go of her son.

"I had a wonderful time. We rounded her out. She had her realization as well. That became my favorite part of the character...I love the look of the character, the wardrobe too.

O&E: Tell me the truth, do you secretly listen to Kiss' music? What do you think of the band?

Shaye: "Yes, but what happened, I was not really a fan of their music. I was a fan of the theatrics. I love the whole Kabuki thing

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Rock-solld roots: Sam Huntington (left) and Lin Shaye in a scene from "Detroit Rock City.

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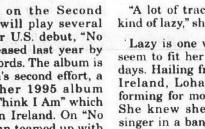
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will accommodate them again this summer."

Performing on the Second Stage, Lohan will play several songs from her U.S. debut, "No Mermaid," released last year by Interscope Records. The album is actually Lohan's second effort, a follow-up to her 1995 album "Who Do You Think I Am" which was released in Ireland. On "No Mermaid" Lohan teamed up with producer Malcolm Burn (known for his work with Peter Gabriel and Shawn Colvin) to record 12 enotionally-stirring tracks at Chouet Street Studio in New Orleans.

I think he did a great job," she said. "He's someone I wanted to work with." After mixing Burn's signature sound with her songs, Lohan said she's happy with the end result. She said the hot sum-



mer days she spent recording shine through in the music.

"A lot of tracks are laid back, kind of lazy," she added.

Lazy is one word that doesn't seem to fit her vocabulary these days. Hailing from County Cork. Ireland, Lohan has been performing for more than 10 years. She knew she wanted to be a singer in a band by the time she finished school at age 17. Enrolling in a music course, she was given the opportunity to showcase her own songs for the first time.

"I got the bug and I kept playing," she said. Lohan named Van Morrison, Tom Waits, Michael Jackson, and even that other Sinead - O'Connor that is - as some of her favorite musicians. But she feels so many sounds



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Like the other acts at this 'I suppose everything you lis- year's event, Lohan's songs are sure to linger in the minds of ever was popular at the time," this year's Lilith Fair attendees.

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they do, that primordial blood movie was shot in Toronto? thing that you don't really know what to do with. I didn't really listen to the music until this movie. I've really gotten into the music. It's still got a beat to it. It's got a form. It's not total chaos.

"Gene Simmons is just the best. All four of the guys are wonderful, giving and kind."

O&E: Tell me about living in the Detroit area?

Shaye: "I was born on Fairfield Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads. I lived there until I went to college. (Having recently visited the house, she recalled fond memories) I dream about that house all the time. (Visiting) it was the biggest blurring of reality and dream I've ever had. The smells were still the same.

"My dad still lives in Farmington Hills, He's a painter. Max Shaye. He's wonderful. I have very, very loving feelings of living in Detroit."

O&E: Having a personal connection to Detroit, do you feel it was correctly represented in the film, even though much of the

Shave: "I thought the whole thing was in Michigan. (Filming in Toronto proved to be a cheaper alternative, so it was mostly shot in Cleveland and Toronto) They did the exteriors in Detroit. We did see Cobo Hall and the Fox Theatre. There were various landmarks.

"I feel (the movie) is representative of the Midwest in the 70s. Ohio and Detroit had the same feel. It's too bad, I thought it was going to be. I don't see my dad all that often. It would've been fun." O&E: Is there anything you

would like to add?

Shaye: "I enjoyed working with the director, Adam Rifkin. I hope people will see into it - aside from the fact that it's an incredibly entertaining piece of filmmaking - (I hope) that people will take away from it a kind of a sweetness. When that actor...opens his hand (to collect their concert tickets) at the door, it really makes me cry. We all

want that hand to open, for us all to be able to go forward."

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field, is contributing to the program by hosting a cast and crew dinner for theater group members

"We've been very actively involved in quite a few community affairs," said Artie Ehrlich, restaurant general manager. "We think it's very important."

Ehrlich is expecting 40 people to attend. A surprise to him, Repercussion Theatre offered to perform some vignettes of the show during dinner to entertain the staff and other diners. It's all part of the family-oriented event. Ehrlich said Shakespeare-In-The-Park will attract more families than individuals.

READER FEEDBACK

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Your opinion is important to us. We want to hear from you.

Here is what readers had to say about the new MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

Sara Tolbert of Southfield thought it was - "super, fantastic!

"The buffet was better than any other buffet I have gone to in the area," she wrote. "The casino gives you the opportunity to have somewhere to go after midnight. Living in the Detroit area most people complain there is nothing to do after 11 p.m.

The only disappointment is the fact that the ATM machine has a \$100 minimum. I am not a big gambler and there was no way I would have taken \$100 out at the casino. I would prefer increments of \$20, and if I wanted to take \$100 or less I would. Several people in the line for the ATM machine stepped out for this same reason."

Garey L. Ware of Livonia got his first experience of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino on Monday, Aug. 2. "While I was



"It's a good plan," he said of the event. "It offers quality time with the family."

Everyone is welcome to attend Shakespeare-In-The-Park. Program goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on since the park does not supply them.

impressed by the interior, I was not impressed by their food," he wrote. "At approximately eleven o'clock I decided to go have some breakfast after winning at slots. To be blunt, the food was terrible. The eggs were caked up with added water. The sausages and ham were dry due to the overhead heat lights, which were used to keep the food warm. All of the food was cold. After paying over \$15, I was very upset. Also, went to get a bagel, only to decide against it finding the bagel hard as a brick. Needless to say, I ended up eating for breakfast, black-eyed peas, greens, macaroni and cheese, and pork chops."

Except for the food, Ware wrote, "for the most part, the casino did meet my expectations.

Tell us what you think about "Detroit Rock City" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie the aters. You can fax your comments to me at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, (734) 591-7279 or ea i 111

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No Knife cuts out of California, heads for Detroit

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Mitch Wilson is trying hard not to laugh.

He's calling from a telephone in a noisy cafe hallway somewhere in Austin Texas, but someone else has caught his attention.

"There's this kid - wearing all camouflage - standing right in front of me, yo-yoing," said Wilson, vocalist for the San Diegobased quartet No Knife. "He's like 'check me out, I'm around the world."

For a band whose name was derived from a line the 1978 film, "The Deer Hunter," which depicted the Vietnam War, the camouflage kid was all too appropriate distraction. While Wilson neglected to elaborate on the exact line in the script which spawned the moniker, he said they were striving for a name that wouldn't conjure up pictures in people's mind's. No Knife's music alone would do that.

The band is touring the country in support of their third album, "Fire in the City of Automatons," released on May

Playing music was something Wilson always knew he wanted to do. He joined his first band at. age 15 as a singer. Every time he tried to pick up a guitar his bandmates would tell him to put it back down. Two years later he grabbed a guitar and never put it down again. By 1993, he had written several songs and needed the right vehicle in which to perform them. That vehicle became No Knife. After two lineup changes, three albums, and almost-constant touring, No Knife established a strong chemistry among its members: singer/guitarist Wilson, guitarist Ryan Ferguson, bassist Brian Desjean and drummer Chris Prescott.

The result of that union can be heard in the band's latest sonic exploration, a collection of 12 songs rich in texture and poetic language.

Cutting edge: No Knife (left to right) is Brian Desjean, Ryan Ferguson, Mitch Wilson and Chris Prescott. The band, hailing from San Diego, will perform at the Magic Stick in Detroit on Thursday, Aug. 19. more collaborative effort," com- and record a new set of material. pared to previous albums "Drunk on the Moon" and "Hit "It worked out better we were Man Dreams." Rather than writ-

ing an entire song and sharing it with the other members of the band, the songs were written collectively. With the addition of Chris Prescott, Wilson said the band's sound changed. stone.

"The difference in drumming styles is amazing," he said. "Chris has more of a Jazz influence. It's less bombastic. Now we're trying to layer and create space and notes and arrangements.

No Knife worked with Australian producer Greg Wales to create "Fire in the City of Automatons." Fresh off of tour, the band found out that Wales' visa was about to expire. Without wasting a moment, the band Wilson said the album was "a and Wales jumped in to write

under the gun," said Wilson, who describes some of the songs as experimental, happy accidents. Wales encouraged the band to stay open to the possibilities, to have an idea, but not set it in

"We could be a little more experimental," added Wilson. "As a result I think it breathes a little more. It's got a better energy to it. He's a blast to work with."

Some of the songs Wilson likes most on the new album are those that came together quickly, and, somewhat on their own.

"Mission Control" didn't have lyrics until about 30 minutes before it was recorded, Wilson said. "Under the Moon,' was that way too, all of a sudden."

Wilson said the lyrics to 'Under the Moon" just "came into his head and didn't leave. The song paints its picture with words and music: "Under the moon/facing the water we drank wine/late night, fireside./ Under the moon facing the water we swan dive/late night, high tide."

LISA JOHNSON

"My favorite songs are written in five to ten minutes," said Wilson. "A lot of the themes, even though they're not always conscious, seem to be not falling in with the whole group mentality." Other songs have a personal edge to them, dealing with life on tour.

No Knife will stop in Michigan next Thursday for a show at The Magic Stick. The band last played at the club with Jimmy

"It was awesome, free bowling,

they fed us," he said.

No Knife will perform 8 p.m.

Eat World on June 10. Wilson Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Magic remembers it fondly. Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$7 at the door. All ages are welcome. Call (313) for information



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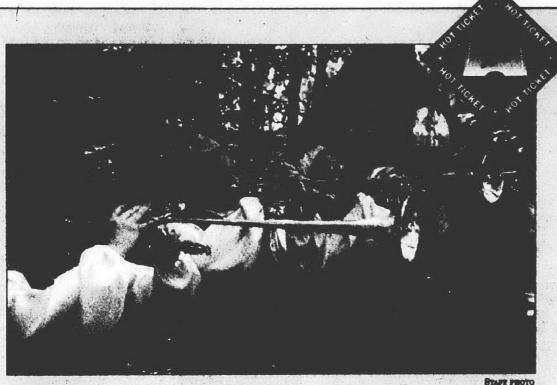
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"When You Coming Back, Red Ryder?," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Aug. 12-14 and 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22, in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$8, \$6. (313) 317-6594

COMMUNITY THEATER

ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Aug. 12-29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, gala performance 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5-6:30 p.m.), at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9. (734) 975-0417 JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8



Opening weekend: Trumpets herald the start of the Michigan Renaissance Festival, weekends through Sunday, Sept. 26. Visit the 15-acre Renaissance village of Hollygrove off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. Village gates open 10 a.m., close 7 p.m. Admission at the gate \$13.95 adults; \$5.95, children ages 5-12; children age four and younger admitted free; seniors age 60 and older, with ID, \$11.75 at the gate. Advance adult tickets \$12.50, children \$5, available at Farmer Jack stores. Season passes \$59.95 adults, \$24.95 children ages 5-12, available at the box office or in advance. Call (248) 634-5552 or (800) 601-4848 for more information. The festival offers entertainment, crafts, food, games and rides. This weekend, Legends & Lore — Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, features an International Strongman Competition.

at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 15 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe. \$5. (313) 822-0954 or http://www.pewabic.com **BIRD HIKE**

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Maybury State Park, meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, south of Eight Mile, Northville. Free with state park motor vehiclke permit. (248) .349-8390

CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Noon to midnight Friday-Sunday. Aug. 13-15 (parade 11 a.m. Saturday from Woodward and Mack Ave), international performing artists, ethnic gallery, food, dance, children's activities, crafts, music, in Hart Plaza, roll; 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, and the rooftop of the Chester St. parking garage, Chester St. and Maple, Birmingham. \$150 for charity preview to benfit the Children's Charities Coalition. (248) 433-8600

FAMILY EVENTS

BROWNSTOWN SUMMER FESTIVAL Featuring the Marvelettes and Platters, Friday, Aug. 13, and Shangri-Las and The Drifters, Saturday, Aug. 14, Thorn Park, Telegraph and King roads, Brownstown Township. Free. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE Dearborn Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in Crowley Park. Free. (313) 943-2360 FRIDAY NIGHT FUN Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main, Plymouth. (jazz)

GAZEBO CONCERTS The Couriers, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022 (big band)

"IN THE PARK"

Alexander Zonjic and the Barbara Agar Student Flute Choir, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Shain Park, Birmingham. Wednesdays, 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 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 MAROUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical comedy "Halloween Soup," 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. For performances on weekends beginning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET The ballet company of Bloomfield Hills holds auditions for the 1999-2000 season at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. All classically trained dancers ages 10 and older are invited to attend. Dancers are required to bring one teacher recommendation from their current dance school and a registration fee of \$15. (248) 334-1300

SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK Volunteers needed for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation's presentation of Midsummer Night's Dream, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, in Drake Sports Park, Drake Road, south of Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 738-2500

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

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 Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$30. All ages. (248) 433-1515 "JAZZ ON THE RIVER"

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Featuring Gordon Camp Group (2 p.m.), Jango (3:30 p.m.), Tim Bowman (5 p.m.), Eric Marienthal (6:30 p.m.), and Bob James (8 p.m.), Saturday, Aug. 7; and Paul Ventimiglia (2 p.m.), Norma Jean Bell (3:30 p.m.), Brian Hughes (5 p.m.), Alexander Zonjic and Friends (6:30 p.m.), Ramsey Lewis (8 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 8, Elizabeth Park, Trenton (734) 261-1990 SHEILA LANDIS TRIO

Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Agu. 15, at the Brighton Art Fair. MAINSTREAM

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558

FRANK MORGAN QUARTET 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30

a.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 13-14, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 for all three sets. (734) 662-8310 MARK MOULTRUP TRIO

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(248) 645-2150 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; and at the Shelby Twp. Park Art fair, 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. (810) 731-0300

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350 RANDY VOLIN

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

10.20

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

BUDSON

p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the University of Michigan Quad Auditorium, off East University between Hill and Willard, Ann Arbor: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Building, off Evergreen, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave., and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK.

OPUS MIME

*Shadow Play," Aug. 13-29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, gala performance 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5-6:30 p.m.), at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$9. (734) 975-0417

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Belles," through Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Historic Park "The Burgh," northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

DINNER THEATER

DAVE & BUSTER'S

Mystery Dinner Theater production of "A Friendly Game of Death," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 14, at northeast corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumplestiltskin," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 10-13 and 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART TILE FAIR

Pewabic Pottery's Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15,

Detroit. (313) 255-2226 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

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Funny Lady," with guest organist Jennifer M. Candea, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 20, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 21, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or

http://theatreorgans.com/mi/re dford

SUMMER EVENING SERIES

Nature Folklore, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, and Bats of Michigan, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury Farm Demonstration Building, in Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile, west of Beck Road, Northville Twp. Free with state park motor vehiclke permit. (248) 349-8390

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 WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL

BUSKERS FESTIVAL

Features comedian Nick Nickalous, tap dancing by Movin' Melvin Brown, magic of Gazzo, glass harmonica playing, magical flying rodents, and chain saw juggler, 6-11 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 18-20, and noon to 11p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 21-22, at the Civic Terrace on the Riverfront across the street from Casino Windsor. (519) 971-5009

BENEFITS

"REVVIN'"

Ford Motor Co. hosts a nostalgic celebration of hot rods, rock-n-

FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, off I-75. Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Hwy., between Pontiac and Flint. \$13.95 (\$12.50 advance), \$11.75 seniors age 60 and up with ID, \$5.95 ages 5-12 (\$5 advance). (800) 601-4848/(248) 634-5552

MR. WIZARD'S WORKSHOP SCIENCE SHOW

1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

"WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS - WETLANDS"

The Michigan United Conservation Club show, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$2.50. (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or http://www.co.oak-Iand.mi.us

FREE SUMMER Concerts

CLOCK CONCERTS

Novi Concert-Band, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 13, 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. 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**

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Al Hill and the Love Butlers perform R & B, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Black Beauty & Thornetta Davis, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (blues) **DEARBORN SUMMER MUSIC** Noon Wednesday, Aug. 18. Guy Louis's Chatauqua Express, 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"

Steve King & the Dittlies 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12; Eric Johnson and One Flight Up 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Ron Coden, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward, www.imaginationtheatre.com

WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Bob Duran, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 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 (Dixieland)

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA

With special guests the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50, \$50 and \$75. (248) 433-1515 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

AUDITIONS /OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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

FARUQ Z. BEY The saxophonist performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, in deSalle Auditorium at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10, \$8 art museum members/students. (248) 645-3361 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) **BESS BONNIER**

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, "Suite William" CD release celebration concert at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

FIELDS/HOULE/ROEBKE 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net (acoustic guitar/clarinet/double bass)

BILL HEID QUARTET 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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)

AL JARREAU

With Dave Koz and Chris Botti, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox

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

WORLD MUSIC

"AFRICA FETE '99" With Afro-pop stars Baaba Maal, Oliver Mtukudzi and Kulajan featuring Taj Mahal and Malian kora player Toumani Diabate, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$25 (box seats \$40) (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.co

PAUL CEBAR AND THE MILWAUKEEANS

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1800 (world-beat rhythms)

CHERISH THE LADIES

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800 (traditional Irish music)

DONAL LUNNY'S COOLFIN

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800 (innovative Irish music) GRATITUDE STEEL BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The

Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

9 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 13 and 20. The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAMES COTTON

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at The Ark. 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 761-1800

RAY WYLIE HUBBARD

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$12,50, (734) 761-1800 REV. BILLY WIRTZ

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7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$12,50, (734) 761-1800

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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

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Steve McGrew and Kerry White, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14 (\$15): Andre Fernandez and Greg Phelps, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 19-21 (\$10), 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 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Hood Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 12-15; "Road Warrior" night Monday, Aug. 16 and U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 (\$5); Joel Zimmer Wednesday-Sunday, Aug.

18-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society." 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO

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

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" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, 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 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590 **HENRY FORD**

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"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 celebrat ing 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 through August, on the campus of

\$35 pavillion/\$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BIF NAKED

6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (grunge)

BLUE ROSE 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (blues) BLUE SUITE FEAT

With Alberta Adams, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BROOKS AND DUNN

With Trace Adkins, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Deryl Dodd is no longer on the bill. \$29.50 pavilion \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

CHER

With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Tha Palace, Auburn Hills, Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666 CHISEL BROS. FEAT

With Chef Cris, 9 p.m. Friday,

Aug 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

DELTA 88

8 p.m. Aug. 14, Espresso Royale Caffe, Ann Arbor, No cover charge. (734) 622-2770 (country)

DRIFTWEED

With the Neptunes, 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, located upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (pop rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Give and Big Sam, 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13. Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-1991 (rock)

GEORGE DUKE

With Rachelle Ferrell, Kenny Latimore, 6:30 p.m. Thursday August 12. State Theatre.

GROOVE COLLECTIVE With Jazzodity, 8 p.m. Thursday,

Aug. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-1991 (funky jazz)

GUTTERMOUTH 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, postponed from June 15. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (punk) **INSANE CLOWN POSSE**

With Krayzie Bone, Inspectah Deck, Mindless Self Indulgence and Biohazard, 7 p.m. Friday. Aug. 13, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$15 and \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606 (rap/rock) LENNY KRAVITZ

With Smashmouth and Freestylers, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashahaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 (rock) LARVAL

With The Colonel and The Griffin

Shepherd, Friday, Aug. 13, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. LEN

The Sunday, Aug. 15 show scheduled for Saint Andrews Hall has been postponed.

KIM LENZ AND THE JAGUARS 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Mill Street Lounge, lower level at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron. Pontiac. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248) 333-2362 (rockabilly) LIL' ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS

10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave, Royal Oak. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

"LILITH FAIR '99"

With Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Liz Phair, Jennifer Knapp, Sinead Lohan, 3 p.m. Saturday. Aug. 14. and Sarah McLachlan. Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Martina McBride, Susan Tedeschi, Morley and Wild Strawberries, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$79 and \$54 pavilion, \$34 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (vari-

BARRY MANILOW

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8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$50 pavilion, \$10

Smithereens, Flock of Seagulls, Sister Seed, time to be announced, Saturday Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road. Independence Township. Tickets \$19.96 pavilion/\$15.96 lawn on sale 10 a.m. Saturday Aug. 7 at all Ticketmaster outlets (248) 645-6666 or

www.ticketmaster.com (rock) THE PRIME MINISTERS

With The Sights, The Neptunes, Brilliant, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave, Ferndale. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-1991 (hard-pop)

THE REEFERMEN

10 p.m. Tuesdays in August, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave, Royal Oak. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 **KENNY ROGERS** With Anne Murray, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theater, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion. \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

(country) THE ROOTS

With Everlast and Macy Gray, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, State Theatre. Tickets on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rap/hip-hop) SAX APPEAL

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues). **RICK SPRINGFIELD**

With Blessid Union of Souls, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$21 reserved, \$17 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country)

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

The Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 16-17 shows scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills have been rescheduled for Sept. 8-9. Tickets for the Aug. 16 show will be honored Sept. 8 and tickets for the Aug. 17 show will be honored Aug. A limited number of tickets are still available for the Sept. 9 show, \$67.50 and \$37.50. Refunds are available at the point of purchase through Aug. 17. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com THE STATLER BROTHERS With Tara Lynn, 8 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Aug. 20-21. Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$28 reserved. \$23 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country)

BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.intuitsolar.com or http://www.blindpigmusic.com

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

GOLD DOLLAR

Hiphop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club. 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or

http://www.golddollar.com THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free: "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays: Alternative dance Tuesdays: gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or. http://www.thegrooveroom.com

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960 MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

"Good Sounds." with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older, Free: "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe. 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl \$6. 18 and older: "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball. 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl Free. 18 and older: "The Bird's Nest." punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older: "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick, Free, 21 and older 313) 833-9700

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 planetarium 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, 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

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

PRESERVATION WAYNE

Annual Detroit Historic Theatre District Tour features the Century Theatre, tours leave every half hour beginning at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. tour is already sold out), from the lobby of the State Theatre. Detroit. \$25, \$20 members. (313) 577-3559

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) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor (734) 332-9900 (blues)

JOHNNY AWESOME BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Zim's Irish Tavern, 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467 (roots/rock)

BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 for \$38,50 and \$29,50. Eight ticket per person limit. Call Licketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

JEFF BECK

With Johnny Lang. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale

Detroit. Tickets \$35, \$25, \$20. (313) 961-5451

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18. Harmonie Park, 1435 Randolph. Detroit. (313) 961-0707 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (724) 213-1393 (blues)

EKOOSTIC HOOKAH

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$12. 19 and over. (734) 996-8555 ELIZA

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, 21 and over (248) 543-4300

FACTOR 9

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14, 19-20, Token Lounge. 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$3 cover after 10 p.m. 21 and over (734) 513-5030 (rock)

FIGHTING PINHEADS

10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20. 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, locat ed upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (garage rock)

MICHAEL FRANKS

With Norman Brown, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Fox Theatre. 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$37.50 and \$30 on sale Saturday, Aug. 7. (248) 433-1515

GENIUS/GZA

9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages welcome. (313) 961-MELT or http://961melt.com (hip-hop) GOO GOO DOLLS

With Sugar Ray and Fastball, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence. Township: \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (alternative rock)

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MAXWELL

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 26-27. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Tickets on sale \$75. \$50 and \$40. Charge by phone (248) 433-1515

JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free. 21 and over (734) 721-8609 (blues)

JOEY MCINTYRE

6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, post poned until Sept. 15. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

ME'SHELL NDEGEOCELLO

8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. (734) 996-8555

MUDPUPPY FEATURING PAUL RANDOLPH

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 735 4011

NO KNIFE

With Piebald, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$7 in advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666. (rock/punk)

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With Silk the Shocker, Mystikal C-Murder, MIA X, Frend, Mercedes, Ghetto, Commission Mac. Magic and Mr. Servion, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Cobo Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit (313) 567 7444 (rap) **OPEN SPACES**

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With Damien Jurado and Dave Fischoff, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 996-8555

WHOREMOANS

With Discokids, Broca's Area. Grey Electric, 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, located upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962 7067 (punk)

BARRY WHITE

With Earth. Wind and Fire show scheduled for Friday, Aug. 13 has been canceled due to illness. Refunds are available at the point of purchase. For more infor mation, call (313) 983-6616.

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S

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The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY

Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

MOTOR LOUNGE

"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older: "Community Presents" with resident DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, \$3, 18 and older: "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older: "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ST. ANDREW'S / THE SHELTER

"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter \$6 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE

"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club. 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Coverticharge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB

"Cruise Night" with hot rods. Harleys and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays: Latin/House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays, intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays; and beginner swing lessons, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club. 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road). Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE

"Viva La Noche Latina!" with dance lessons from 9.10 p.m. followed by dance night. Fridays, at : the club, 29 S. Saginaw St. Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

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'Detroit Rock City' travels to roots of 70s rock n' roll

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER sola@oe.ho

Like the song for which it was named, the New Line Cinema release "Detroit Rock City" captures the youthful energy and disregard for authority expected of any rock and roll comedy.

Directed by Adam Rifkin and produced by Gene Simmons, the film transports viewers back to a time colored by lava lamps, Madd Magazine and Farrah Fawcet posters - a time when, for many, Kiss defined rock and roll. "Detroit Rock City" opens in area theaters on Friday.

Made by and for Kiss fans, "Detroit Rock City" is a throwback to the band's heyday. It celebrates Kiss - costumed in

their trademark makeup and Something About Mary." Shaye leather suits - by following a group of four teenage boys who idolize the legendary band. On one day in 1978, Hawk (Edward Furlong), Lex (Giuseppe Andrews), Jam (Sam Huntington), and Trip (James DeBello),

have but one goal - get from Cleveland to Detroit to see Kiss perform live at Cobo Hall. They will stop at nothing to get there. Opening with a shot of a woman humming "We've Only Just Begun" by The Carpenters, the film immediately draws lines between genres of music. The character - Mrs. Bruce - is portrayed by Lin Shaye, an actress known for her role as Magda, the snoopy, ultra-suntanned neighbor in "There's

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is a Detroit native.

Her character, "Mrs. Bruce." mistakenly places Kiss' "Love Gun" album on her record player and relaxes back into her recliner just as the music explodes from the speakers, sending her reeling in anger. Her son, Jam, will suffer the consequences.

Exploring the generation gap, the rivalry between rock and disco, teenage rebellion and the eternal quest for freedom, "Detroit Rock City" is a comingof-age comedy. Accompanying countless Kiss tunes, the film is filled with enough classic rock songs to inspire a sing-a-long. Viewers are treated the sounds of the Ramones, Thin Lizzy, Van Halen, AC/DC and Detroit's own

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Ted Nugent.

Without hesitation, the film pokes fun at false perceptions about the band. Carl Dupre's script contains references to the length of Gene Simmon's tongue, and comments about "the devil's music" in a comical manner. Blatantly obvious song references permeate the film - from characters obviously named for popular Kiss songs ("Beth" and "Christine 16"), to scenes punctuated with just the right music. One fight scene appropriately plays out to Black Sabbath's 'Iron Man.'

While the film was set in Detroit, it was filmed in Toronto. The original "rock city" is marred by references to crime, many of which are sure to evoke laughter. In one scene, Mrs. Bruce chastises her son for buying tickets to the Kiss concert and attempting to sneak off to

"Now you wanna see the Devil in the flesh ... You wanna reach out and touch pure evil, and in Detroit, no less," she said.

Like the colorful pages of a comic book, the look of the film is bright and flashy. With quick camera movements, split screens, and scenes that send sober heads spinning, "Detroit Rock City" brings back the campy atmosphere associated with such films as the Ramone's "Rock and Roll High School," while adding the sparkle of 70s style, reminiscent of a "Brady Bunch" marathon. The film uses predictable tactics to carry its story: from authoritarian hall monitors, to stolen cars, and a pack of angry guard dogs. 'Detroit Rock City" establishes



itself as a film about teenage angst set appropriately to rock and roll.

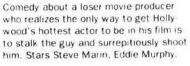
Diehard Kiss fans be warned; don't expect to see too much of the band members in the plot of the film. Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss appear as themselves in backstage scenes and in performance, but are mostly confined to the climax and end of the film. "I think there will be a lot of kids, as well as adults who will relate to the pilgrimage these

teens are on," said Gene Sim-

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"BOWFINGER"



Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 20 "MICKEY BLUE EYES"

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has always been about the fans." "Detroit Rock City" offers a light-hearted cinematic romp through the minds of young rock fans. While Kiss followers are sure to enjoy the film, those who can't cope with a campy-yet-predictable plot should stay away from this one.

to thwart the Mob. but quickly finds himself laundering money and masoverading 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 Wilson

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curled up on the couch on a Saturday afternoon, unable to pull myself away from the television because VH1 was running a "Behind the Music" marathon, or revisiting teen idols on "Before They Were Stars." I tell myself "I'll turn it off right after Leif Garrett." I can't help it, I hang on every powerfully-narrated word about anyone famous, anyone memorable at all.

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Call it addiction of such programming 1 must I'm completely

not be alone. The cable channel A&E has spawned several versions of their show "Biography." There are versions aimed at children, those that cover international interests, "Biography Extra" that focuses on cultural trends. The Web site (www. biography.com) boasts more than 20,000 personalities. What drives this quest for an intimate look into the lives of celebrities?

While becoming acclimated to my new position, this very question has bounced around my brain for some time. Perhaps it's the sense of nostalgia that music creates for listeners.

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Music can define our memories and with one single note transport our wandering minds to a moment in the past. Steve

CD REVIEW

Miller's "The Joker" will always take me back to a high school party where a group of my friends played it continuously, singing and dancing in an uncontrollable manner until the sun came up. That was my first real look at the sunrise.

Live's album "Throwing Copper" was my first musical pur-chase in college, made the day I moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State University. I can't hear "Selling the Drama" without picturing that tiny dorm room and re-living the tingling sensation that comes with one's first taste of freedom.

Nostalgia plays a part in New Line Cinema's new film "Detroit Rock City," which hits theaters Friday. Kiss fans will find it to be a musical romp into the late 70s. couldn't help but hum along to a few of the songs in the film, and I could name almost all of them immediately. From the bell bottoms to the Farrah Fawcett feathered hair, the film plays on that notion of re-living the past.

A curious quest for knowledge

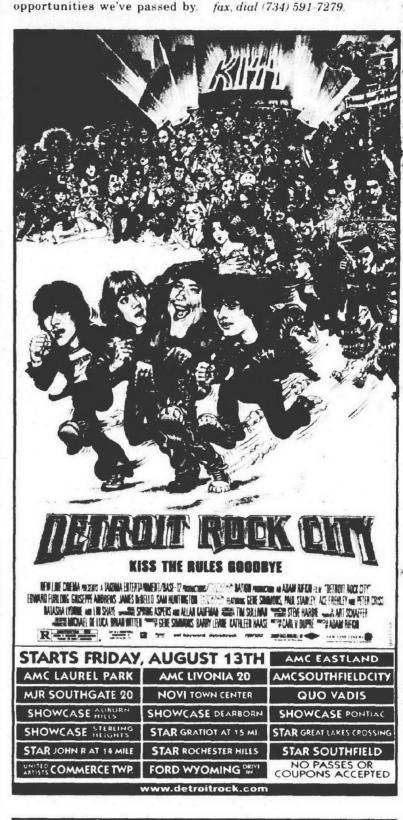
Using a different style, shows like "Behind the Music" and "Before They Were Stars" provide a personal look into the lives of those musicians, actors, and public personalities we admire. They tell that "All American" story, where someone overcomes hardship to triumph in the spotlight and sometimes fall back into the shadows. These are the stories that allow us to connect to people we've never met, but feel like we know so well. In turn, we reflect on our own past.

Working in the field of journalism, I've come to realize that each

person has a story to tell. In college I would sometimes gaze out of my apartment window and marvel at the life that went on all around me - the loud neighbors spilling drinks from the balcony above, friends tossing a football in the street, students poring over textbooks. We are all shaped by our experiences, our interests, the choices we've made and

But for a chosen few, those stories, unfold under the watchful eye of the media. And those stories are set to music.

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Luscious Jackson delivers its just-desserts

"Electric Honey" - Luscious Jackson

Grand Royal Records

It's time to experiment.

Drop Luscious Jackson's latest effort into the CD player, and see if it's sticks there like, well, "Electric Honey."

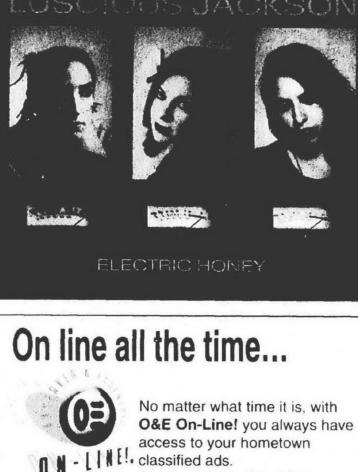
From the first track, "Nervous Breakthrough," the band delivers a sticky sweet succession of tunes to treat the ears. The latest single to hit radio waves, "Ladyfingers," echoes in the brain tempting listeners to replay it time and again. With lyrics like "If you need me to be sweet/then I can give you what you need/'cause I know you never came first baby," it's the sort of repetitious, addictive song that draws listeners in with a pounding beat.

The same could be said of other tracks, especially "Sexy Hypnotist" and "Devotion." Each has a hook that displays the sheer feminine strength that's come to be associated

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with Luscious Jackson's music. As suggested by the photographs inside the CD which show Kate, Jill and Gaby at a much younger stage in life - "Electric Honey" takes on a transformation and shows a growth in the band's music. while retaining that definitive style.

Like a spacy mixture of electric pop rock and hip-hop. "Electric Honey" is a danceable dessert to treasure. Bring it out at parties and treat your friends.



So, if you haven't had time during the day to look for that

new car or dream home, boot up and check us out at midnight, or 2 a.m. or ... well, you get the idea. Our address is

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Panini Cafe and Grill offers lots of dining options

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Comfortable and casual Panini Cafe and Grill really is "your healthy choice." Open since May 24, the restaurant, formerly a deli, specializes in Middle Eastern cuisine.

You'll find some Americanstyle dishes on the menu, such as Pasta Chicken Parmesan and Battered Fried Fish, and sandwiches too including Grilled Chicken Melt, Ground Round, and N.Y. Grilled Rueben.

"We wanted to be loyal to the deli customers and kept some of the sandwiches," explained owner Adib Yassine who runs the restaurants with help from his wife. Silvana and a dedicated crew. "We took some of the old ideas and gave them a new concept."

An example is the Smoked Turkey Lavash sandwich thinly sliced turkey breast served with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and herb mayonnaise, roll up in lavash bread.

"My mother was a good cook, and taught me a lot of her recipes," said Adib, 34, a product design engineer at Ford Motor Company who always wanted to open his own restaurant. "Engineering is great, but it's kind of an isolated world. I enjoy cooking and entertaining."

Adib applied engineering principles to this job, "quality is job one." He and his staff work to make sure the food is consistently good. "We set standards for freshness, cleanliness and presentation," he said. "We do process checks, and implement changes if necessary."

Panini Cafe and Grill

Where: 42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton, (734) 981-7000. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine with some American dishes, sandwiches, salads, fresh juice, cappuccino and espresso. Vegetarian friendly. Kid's menu for children age 10 and under.

Cost: Lunch \$4.95 to \$9.95; dinner entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95. Combination platter for two, \$16.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted

Reservations: Accepted Carryout: Available Catering: Catering menu, 24 hours advance notice for catered items, minimum eight people per order. Gift certificates: Available

The work is hard, seven days a week, but rewarding. He and Silvana met on vacation in Mexico. She's from southern Brazil, he's from southern Lebanon.

Seats: 50, all non-smoking

"I knew he had his dream. I like to work here," she said. "I enjoy interacting with people."

Panini aims to please. "All of the food is made fresh in the morning with fresh ingredients," said Silvana.

Customers have lots of options. If you're in a hurry, check out the daily specials in the former deli case. There are a couple every day, that are ready when you don't have time to wait. "It's a complete meal to go," said Adib.

Or, if you've got a couple of minutes to wait, order something from the carryout menu.

Of course, you could always dine in, the setting is relaxing, and the service friendly.

Start with an appetizer you'll find the familiar hummus, baba ghannouj, falafel, and barbecue chicken wings, grilled Eggplant Parmesan, and Mozzarella sticks.

Salad selections include tabbouli, Greek, and Raspberry-Almond - char-grilled chicken breast served over mixed greens with tomato and toasted almond; tossed with raspberry vinaigrette.

Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All entrees are served with house salad or soup of the day.

"Grilled Chicken Tawook (skewers of marinated chicken) is our most popular dish," said Adib. Garden Vegetable Gallabah - seasonal vegetables sauteed with garlic, and fresh tomato, served over rice, is another appetizing selection.

Sandwiches are served with choice of soup, salad or fries. You're sure to find something to enjoy from Panini Vegetable Lavash or Panini Falafel to Turkey & Swiss on Rye and Panini Club.

Entrees are also served with house salad or soup of the day. Try the shish kabob, de-boned chicken breast, or char-grilled lamb chops. If you just can't make up your mind, select Panini Vegetarian Platter — an assortment of falafel, vegetarian grape leaves, hummus, and baba ghannnouj, or Panini Combo Platter - skewers of chicken and beef kabob served with choice of rice, hummus or fries.

Kids 10 and under can pick from grilled chicken strips, chicken with marinara sauce, half turkey sandwich, or mozfries and a small pop.

At your service: Chef Ramzi Habal (left to right), Silvana Yassine, Adib Yassine,

and Houssam Kazem welcome customers to Panini Cafe and Grill.

round out Panini's menu.

pie, and other sweet treats.

menu," said Adib. "We're very flexible. Whatever your budget

zarella cheese sticks, served with

Fresh juice, smoothies, in a variety of flavors, freshly brewed coffee, cappuccino and espresso,

"I designed the catering

For dessert choose from ice cream with fruit topping, apple

is, we can work around it."

The catering menu includes a sandwich tray with choice of soup or salad; meat and cheese tray; vegetarian tray; hot entree choices such as chicken or beef kabob served with choice of salad and appetizer; and lunch boxsandwich with choice of salad, dessert and beverage.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

You can also order a fresh vegetable tray and large salads.





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