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The Plymouth-Canton school board may change its decision to move the site for the new high school closer to the other two at Beck and Joy. A final vote is expected next Tuesday.

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

After years of a public stance that a new high school will be built on the corner of Joy and Beck roads because that's what voters were promised in the 1997 bond vote, the current Plymouth-Canton school board is poised to change its position. Plans are to build the new school closer to the two existing high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The net result of a presentation by six educators and administrators to the board Tuesday may have swayed what support remained for building the new school on the western edge of the complex owned by the school district.

'The high school administration and staff are always working toward the ideal educational program. The physical plant should not become a hindrance in our quest," Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin said in reading the recommendation to the board. "Because the location is permanent, it is imperative that the site provides the maximum range of utilization. Therefore, we believe that the third facility must be accessible within

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Overview: A look at the two existing high schools at Joy and Beck from Canton Center.



Revving up: Plymouth Township farmer Jay Richards turns the key to the ignition on his

It's a regular Animal House

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

More than 100 animals depend on Jay Richards

The long-time Plymouth Township farmer has a menagerie that delights young and old. There's chickens, roosters, peacocks, turkeys, geese, pygmy goats, a pig named Bacon, a pregnant pig, a mother cat with kittens, an angora rabbit and Ginger, a gentle dog that is part pit bull.

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hearts of as many people as they can during the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly Township. / E1

Theater: The Actors' Company presents "The Emperor's New Clothes," a delightful musical for the whole family, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia./E2

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Carriage trade: Milliondollar homes are more than just shelter./F1

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touring cart as he prepares to show a guest around his eight-acre farm field.



Pumpkin patch: Jay Richards checks out his pumpkins while his dog, "Ginger," looks for ground hogs.



Tons of goats: Several of the African pygmy goats are part of the menagerie of animals on Jay Richards' farm.

but I always know when one is missing. said Richards. His distinctive garb features a characteristic straw hat with the price tag still attached, a la the late Minnie Pearl. A cellular phone is hooked in his belt

Richards hopes to add two miniature sheep to his eight-acre homestead that provides fertile soil for "you pick" pumpkins, field corn, squash, eggplant, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers and onions.

Like many small businessmen, he has trouble getting help or having help show up. His nephew helps out some and so does a neighbor. When the vines are ripe, picking must be prompt, he said.

Richards displayed the difference between female and male pumpkin blossoms to a visitor raised in Detroit. "The males I leave on, because they aren't going to be a pumpkin anyway," Richards said. "The females I leave about two to a plant."

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Central Dispatch: City, township finalize pact

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BY TONY BRUSCATO AND SUE BUCK STAFF WRITERS tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

Residents concerned about police response time and the future of their city's police department packed the Plymouth city commission chambers Monday night, asking their elected officials to delay signing a contract with Plymouth Township that would merge police dispatch services.

"City residents have grave reservations about going forward with this," said Ted Johnson to the commissioners. "If we go ahead with this (joint dispatch), I think it will be inevitable there will be joint police services in the future. Residents are concerned we're going to lose the uniqueness of the City of Plymouth."

Despite similar pleas, commissioners voted to sign a 10-year deal forming the Plymouth Community Communications Center, which will be run by the township. The pact can be evaluated and terminated during each year of the agreement with a 90-day notice to the township.

On Tuesday, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees quietly and unanimously passed the same intergovernCity and township officials voted to sign a 10-year deal forming the Plymouth **Community Communications** Center, which will be run by the township.

mental agreement for centralized dispatch. There were no citizens in the audience to offer public comment.

Many of the approximately 50 city residents who attended Monday's session admitted they knew very little about the merger plan, even after a June 29 meeting of township trustees and city commissioners produced the agreement to merge police dispatch. Most said they were urged to attend the session by a flyer distributed by the police dispatchers union which claimed the city government has decided, for you, to take away police services."

Cost savings

Commissioners claim the joint measure will save the city \$100,000 annually in wages and benefits, plus renovations and equipment costs of somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million. However, residents wanted the

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Fire service: Length of contract disputed

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Plymouth city and township officials agreed to extend the joint fire services contract, however, the length of the pact is at issue.

City commissioners voted Monday to extend the contract with Plymouth Township that provides joint fire services for the two communities. The new agreement, which extends the pact for an additional five years, includes a number of adjustments in the contract. including the hiring of three additional firefighters.

The township board on Tuesday indicated that they would like the term of the fire services contract to be no less than seven years.

The motion approved by the township board is subject to Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy reaching an agreement with the city on the terms of each contract, including the 10-year pact for centralized dispatch. These terms shall be the same for each agreement and will be for no less than seven vears.

The original intent was 10 years for both contracts.

meeting "with significant discussion"

The new agreement extends the fire services pact for an additional five years in the city. The township board wants a seven year agreement.

between the two municipalities was held in June

"They had one understanding coming out of our joint meeting and we had a different understanding relative to the length of time for the fire agreement ... Keen McCarthy said. "It doesn't make sense to do one without the other in terms of length of time if the fire (contract) expires before the communications (contract.) We would like to revisit that issue.

City commissioners had once been opposed to hiring additional firefighters. However, they agreed to the staff increase as part of negotiations in June which also produced agreements on the joint police dispatch issue and funding for the CSX underpass on Sheldon Road.

Other changes to the agreement include the addition of a mediation pro-Keen McCarthy said that a joint cess, language which relates to the



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the 10 minute passing period."

Many benefits

The committee summarized that to provide a high quality secondary education the east site (closest to the two high schools) would maintain a strong core curriculum; be more cost effective than the west site (on Beck Road), where students would have to be bused on campus; would maintain optimal teaching conditions; and would continue safety and consistency in discipline.

The committee stressed that in just about all areas, having the new high school built on the far reaches of the property would most likely eliminate course offerings, require some duplicate classes, create schedule conflicts, and force teachers to lose out on cooperative planning and sharing time because of distance.

New figures for busing students from the current high schools to a west site location indicate it would cost the district \$80,000 for two buses to transport students, and increase the current 10-minute passing time between classes.

The board is expected to vote on which site it wants to build the new high school at its Aug.

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Board reaction

"I've been ready to vote east for three years," said Trustee Roland Johnson, who at times during the battle over location remained a lone soldier in supporting a site close to the present high schools. "I've had three kids go through the schools and I'm happy with it."

"I think construction costs of either site will be about the same, but service and curriculum are important, so the east site is the one for me," said newly-elected board member Steve Guile.

"I support east because we have to vote the big picture of cost and the impact of students," said board vice-president Elizabeth Givens. "I want to look down the road and see what else we can use those acres (west site) for."

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The other four board members, who have continually stressed a west site school, refused to tip their hands as to how they'll vote Tuesday. However, the curriculum and cost factors are giving them something to think about.

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"I still think there's a lot of misinformation out there," said Trustee Darwin Watts. "I'm not going to say how I'll vote at this time, but there are some things that supported my views that I already came to the table with."

"Last spring we didn't have all the information ... and we only knew of one location (to build)," said Susan Davis, board president. "There are a lot of other factors involved, like future use of the land and cost for transportation. Now we have all the facts we didn't have last spring."

When asked directly if she now supported an east site, Davis said "I need to think about it a bit more, but it could be a possibility."

Trustee Judy Mardigian has always been adamant that she helped sell the \$79.8 million bond issue to voters on the premise the school would be built at the corner of Joy and Beck roads. But she does concede there are some good reasons to move the school.

"From a curriculum standpoint it looks like it's easier to deliver, assuming east is a 10-minute walk (from the existing facilities)," admitted Mardigian. "If we decide on an east location, what are we going to do to make

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it a more personalized setting for students? I'm not quite ready to vote east on Tuesday. There are still a lot of unanswered questions.'

"I want to get all the information in before I make a final decision, like finding out if it the east site can be reached in the 10 minute passing period. Other factors, including site studies. financial and curriculum implications, need to be taken into account," said board member Mark Slavens, an attorney. "However, I still think there are legal and ethical implications with this decision. I want to do what's best for the children of this community."

Voters promised

While most who attended the session were educators in favor of the east site, there were those who still favor a west side location, as presented during the bond vote.

"Whenever I asked where the new school would be, the only answer I ever got was Joy and Beck," Paul Schrauben told board members. "There's a sign at Joy and Beck. I voted for Jov and Beck. If I had been told the east site was the choice, my vote would have been no."

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Restoration work is now showing

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The Penn Theatre is getting a facelift, but it won't look much different from what movie-goers have seen since 1941 at the downtown Plymouth business

The owner of the Penn expects the \$100,000 restoration work on the marble facade to be completed within the next 30 days. Meanwhile, it's business as usual under the scaffolding, said Ron Cook, who with his wife, Paula, operates the 500-seat theater.

Grenwell & Cashero, a wellknown Detroit restoration company, is removing the marble facade block by block. Each panel will be refinished and remounted under the Penn's marquee.

"It had been weathered and the water was getting behind it," said Cook. "Basically they're taking them down and putting them back up.

Early in the spring one of the marble panels crashed to the ground causing the restoration pro-

E Grenwell & Cashero, a well-known Detroit restoration company. is removing the marble facade block by block. Each panel will be refin**ished** and remounted under the Penn's marquee.

ject to begin somewhat sooner than anticipated.

Cook bought the theater in June of last year and in December announced he was attempting to get a liquor license for beer and wine sales.

Plans are to offer live comedy theater in addition to children's matinees to help make financial ends meet. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak has agreed to provide the entertainment during weekend nights.

With movie ticket sales at \$2.50 each, the theater has been making

most of its profits from concession sales and barely scraping by

About six weeks ago, Cook was ready to take over the Class C liquor license belonging once to boxing great Joe Louis. However, Louis' business partner, Sonny Wilson of Sonny's Bar & Grill, died before the license could be transferred. The matter is now tied up in Wilson's estate, Cook said.

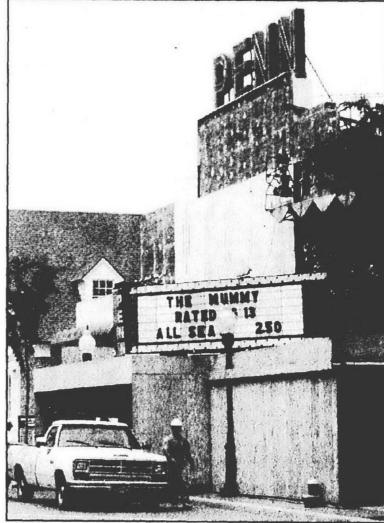
"We hope to have it in the next 90-120 days," he said.

Cook added, "There's been temporary delays. We'll manage and get back on track."

Cook, a subdivision developer and Plymouth resident, bought the theater last year from Earl and Bonny Smith, who owned it since 1982. The Smith's daughter, Laura, had managed it. Laura is also the wife of Chip Falcusan, owner of the Box Bar.

The Penn is the last of the onescreen theaters operating in the metro Detroit area. An interior

remodeling is planned for the fall.



Under construction: A \$100,000 restoration project is under way at the Penn Theater. The marble facade is being removed. refinished and remounted under the theater's marquee by Grenwell & Cashero, a well-known Detroit restoration company. It is expected to be completed within the next 30 days. Meanwhile, it's business as usual under the scaffolding, said owner Ron Cook.

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P-C Schools adopt policy to name future buildings

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

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has made public its policy regarding the naming of new facilities and the renaming of existing ones.

Judy Evola, director of community relations for the district, denied the move is a reaction to the outcry that resulted when the board withdrew its support for naming the new high school after a deceased area resident.

"That's what some think," she said, but the district has had the policy all along - it just had never been spelled out for the public before.

According to the policy, which was recently updated, the naming or renaming of buildings or areas within a building or site "shall be for current or former, living or deceased employees, board members, community members and/or students" living within or outside the district whose "contributions in effort, interest or devotion or by their exemplary life and attainment have furthered the ideas of better education" in the district's schools

Further, the policy states:

High schools are named for the townships and communities encompassed in the 54-square-mile district.

Elementary schools are named for "past or present significant educational contributors" to the district, including employees, board members and community members who have made significant contributions to the education of district students.

Middle schools are named for "geographic directions and/or educational

directions/philosophies":

High schools are named for

the townships and communities encompassed in the 54-squaremile district: and the district name reflects

the major communities the organization serves.

"The district superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the communication pro-

cess that engages the internal and external communities of the District" in the effort of choosing a name

All recommendations/nominations in such cases will be reviewed and discussed by the board in open meetings "over a period of two months."

One of the new updates to the policy specifies that "in no case will the board act immediately on a request or petition to name or rename a facility or portions thereof.

"The board may consider changing the name of a facility only if the proposed name has special significance to the district and the current name has become obsolete or inappropri-

Another change is that the public and district staff will join the board of education in the "inclusive process of communication" involved in such actions

Also, the board will act on the recommendations after a twomonth involvement, the policy states.

Legal aid clinic organizes at area volunteer center

Foundation announced the organization of the Plymouth Legal vice is a challenge I look forward Aid Clinic.

Each Thursday evening begin- in front of me I have agreed to ber of the Plymouth City Com-

opportunity to provide this ser- Shrewsbury said.

The Plymouth Community volunteering his time. "The trative help to make it possible."

Shrewsbury, a practicing to. With the challenge squarely attorney, also serves as a a mem-

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ning Sept. 30 residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will have an opportunity to bring legal questions to the Legal Aid Clinic between the hours of 6-9 p.m. Appointments will be scheduled by The Volunteer Center and attorneys will be on site to answer questions.

Dennis Shrewsbury is serving as director of the clinic. He is serve as volunteer director of the clinic. In this capacity I have agreed to help provide volunteer attorney staffing and to raise the funds necessary to cover administrative expenses

"This is a program people have talked about for a long time. I am pleased that the Harold Bergquist Volunteer Center has donated the space and adminis-

mission. To make an appointment call the Harold Bergquist Volunteer Center at 453-2920.

The Legal Aid Clinic joins the growing list of organizations taking advantage of The Volunteer Center. Programs now include Habitat for Humanity as well as the Tonquish Economic Club and others.

Kindermusik offers storytime during back-to-school shopping

Parents and children are invited to experience an interactive 20-30 minute program of storytelling, music and movement while shopping for back-to-school clothing at local resale shops.

Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times

Teddy Bears are highlighted in "Story Time with Miss Karen" at Bearly Worn, located at 249 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 28. Call (734) 416-9417 to register.

"On the Farm Story Time with Miss Karen" will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Tiggywinkles. Tiggywinkles is located at 30993 Five Mile Road (east of Merriman) in the Livonia Plaza Shopping Center in Livonia. Call (734) 458-5313 to register.

Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music, has over 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all

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Dancers can audition for spot with the P-C Ballet Company

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers on Sunday, Aug. 29, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, in Plymouth.

Two audition classes will be held 1-2 p.m. for children ages 9-12 and 2:30-4 p.m. for children ages 13 and older. Bring pointe shoes

All girls must wear black leotard and pink tights. Hair should be up (bun, French braid). No ponytails. Boys must wear appropriate dance attire with ballet shoes. All dancers

The Plymouth-Canton **Ballet Company, along** with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will present three performances of the Nutcracker.

are required to submit a resume and photo. There will be a \$5 audition fee

Male dancers are needed with scholarships available The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, along with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will present three performances of the Nutcracker, Dec. 11; two performances, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2, an afternoon performance at 3 p.m.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company is a nonprofit organization dedicated to:Advancing the art of dance in Metro Detroit; featuring local dancers in ballet performances; and rehearsing and conducting in a ballet company atmosphere.

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Dispatch: It pays to hang on every word

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

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Gonzalo "Gonzo" Duque, a Plymouth Township dispatcher for 11 years, hangs on every word. He's paid to be a good listener.

Duque, 35, a Westland resident, who has the most seniority of the township's six dispatchers, works his shift alone.

He's a communication lifeline between the caller seeking assistance and the cops on the street.

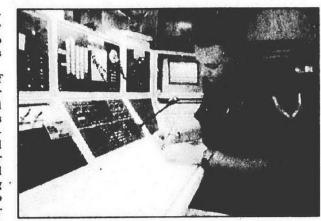
"Everything can happen at once," Duque said. "You can't really predict what will happen when. It is stressful. You don't want to do this alone.'

He looks forward to the expected merger of dispatch

communications between Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth. Plans call for two dispatchers to be assigned as police service aides per shift. Township Police Chief

Lawrence Carey projects faster response time and additional patrol officers on the road this way. Two dispatcher police service aides would be assigned per shift. While one dispatcher handles calls, the other could do routine operations replacing the need for police officers to process the arrested man or woman, Carey said. These aides could manage jail operations, assist customers at the front counter, release impounded vehicles, and make a record of minor accidents or crimes.

One person couldn't both



answer calls and have other duties in the station, Duque said. "You couldn't do this alone," Duque said. "We would need to juggle."

Besides holding the communi-

Calling 911: Gonzalo "Gonzo" Duque has been a Plymouth Township dispatcher for 11

years.

ty's safety in his hands, Duque knows the strain of double shifts. He has worked 16 hours straight when his relief has called in sick or couldn't come in, he said.

Speaking personally, Duque has become hardened through the years toward what he describes as a few police officers' "attitudes of superiority" towards both citizens and dispatchers alike.

He acknowledges that he doesn't carry a badge or a gun. Nor has he been on the dangerous front line of street response. "I'd like to see (officers) do more community policing, getting out into the community and meeting residents," Duque said.

Duque has received letters of commendation for his work. He was the dispatcher on call in June when a 4-month-old baby was injured after the car he was traveling in westbound on M-14 crossed the median near Beck into eastbound traffic.

That precipitated an influx of calls, he said.

"Sometimes, you just need to talk people though," Duque said. "Some people don't know east and west. They don't know landmark points."

Duque's personal goal is a communication position in the media. "I didn't grow up wanting to be a dispatcher," Duque said.

Duque has a telecommunications degree from Eastern Michigan University. He has looked for a job in radio and television broadcasting for the last five years.

Duque and his wife, Yanira, have a daughter, 3 months old, named Nicole.

Dispatch from page A1

ed by voters, not the commissioners

"The fire department has left us, now the police department. The cost is not as important to us as feeling safe," Sherry Holderby told commissioners. "I don't care what the costs are, I want it here.

"I don't understand why this wasn't put to a public vote." added Art Anderson. "Little by little we're shifting away from a

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proposed agreement to be decid- small town atmosphere with a certain aura about it.'

Commissioner Colleen Pobur tried to alleviate fears of residents who believe combining police dispatch is the first step in combining police forces.

"We never contemplated merging police departments. There were some very high level conversations about the possibility of examining it, but we never went further than that," explained Pobur. "Our most

important priority is the health and welfare of our residents."

"We did an investigation and I'm very pleased this will increase the level of service to the residents of Plymouth,' added Commissioner Ron Loiselle. "It will also help our budget by reducing costs."

Many residents remained skeptical when city officials couldn't give an exact amount of cost savings by moving dispatch to the township. Commissioner

Dennis Shrewsbury asked his colleagues to delay action on the contract for a month to get answers for residents. However, his motion went down to defeat.

Dispatch concerns

City dispatchers voiced their concerns about the lack of communication about the status of their jobs.

"I'm upset because we don't know what's going on," said dispatcher Joe Kelley. "It's ironic

this is a communication center, and there's no communication between the people up front (the administration) and us. The citizens aren't the only ones in the dark.'

"If this is such a good idea, why doesn't the township want the dispatch in the city?" questioned dispatcher Theresa Antieau. "The township got the fire department, now the dispatchers. Why are they getting everything?



Move ahead

After nearly 2 1/2 hours of debate with residents, commissioners voted 4-1 to go ahead with the contract, with Pobur adding an amendment that calls for the city's dispatchers to be hired into the new system within 60-days of approval by both communities. Voting in favor of the motion were commissioners Pobur, Loiselle, John Vos and Stella Greene. Shrewsbury, who is in favor of a joint dispatch, voted against the measure because of the timing. Mayor Joe Koch doesn't have to vote unless there is a tie, but clearly stated he is in favor of the move. Commissioner Dave McDonald was absent

Michelle Chumney, dispatchers union president, said her group is satisfied with the way the meeting went.

"We're pleased so many people were supportive of the police department," said Chumney. "We aren't entirely opposed to the merger. We're ready and willing to go to the next step and hope it goes smoothly.

Within 60 days

Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey believes the new dispatch center can be implemented within 60 days.

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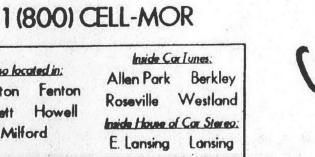
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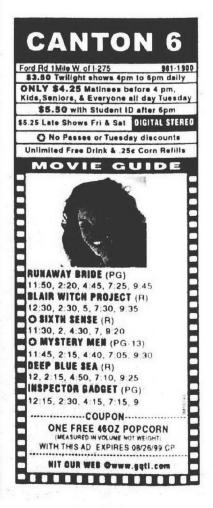
'We have a lot of the plans worked out. We just have to get it done," said Carey. "These are experienced dispatchers, so we shouldn't have any problems making the necessary changes."

Despite concerns about job security, Carey said dispatch employees in both communities will have jobs.

"That was the promise that was made," he said. "Whether they be full-time or part-time employees, they will have the same opportunities here. If they want to remain dispatchers, they will have jobs as dispatchers."

Carey said he is opening a new job classification, entitled Police Service Aid. He noted the township is proposing to the union a 5 percent pay raise for dispatchers who want to take on extra duties, such as booking violators and administrative paperwork.

Six Plymouth Township dispatchers and eight City of Plymouth dispatchers - four fulltime and four part-time - will be affected.



MichCon stresses 'customer responsibility' on billing

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Claiming MichCon wants to "encourage greater personal accountability among consumers," the gas utility company is seeking permission from the Public Service Commission to cut the time customers have to pay their bills and increase the fees required for reconnect after service has been shut off.

"The idea of fostering greater personal responsibility is not new to Michigan having gained widespread support over the last few years as a major theme of Michigan Gov. John Engler's welfare reform strategies,' according the paperwork filed with the PSC by MichCon Vice President Howard Dow.

Michigan's Attorney General Edison and Consumers Energy Jennifer Granholm calls that an insult. She argues the company is just trying to increase fees to its consumers, and she has filed an objection to the proposed change in the Billing Practice Rules.

If the change were to be approved, it would apply to all utilities in Michigan that supply gas and electric service. Detroit

have joined in to support the request, according to Chris DeWitt, a spokesman for Granholm's office.

Although the proposal is actually two years old, little publicity has been given to it. A public hearing earlier this year received no public comment and a call for written input brought no objections. The time period for submitting written comments to the PSC actually closed on Aug. 10.

Amy Messano, a spokeswoman for MichCon, said the public notification process is strictly up to the PSC, but notification of this proposal followed standard procedures.

Despite the attorney general's objection, MichCon will proceed with the request, which the PSC can now consider. Messano said she expects the PSC to rule by the end of the year. The starting date for the change, if approved, would be set by the PSC

The intent is to get a small group of customers "who have been gaming the system" to pay bills on time. Messano said. Some customers know that MichCon does not cut off service for two or three months, she said. In combination with a 21day billing cycle and a current five-day grace period, they put off paying their gas bills for long periods of time. She estimates MichCon lost \$12 million last year as a result.

"Most other businesses have 17-day billing cycles. Some utilities in other states have 10-day billing cycles," Messano explained. "We just want to mod-Messano ernize our billing system and get on a level playing field with other businesses ... If you have \$26 left when you are paying bills, and another business has a 17-day bill, who is going to get paid first. It's not us.

She said the change will have no impact on the utility's programs to help low income customers and those who have trouble paying their bills.

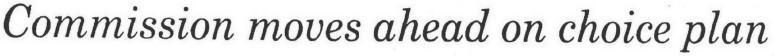
"This is for those who can afford to pay but don't," Messano said.

Granholm argues the change will create customer confusion and will hit low income customers hardest.

She argues the proposed increases in deposits for new customers could "double the size of required deposits" and "create a significant barrier to universal access to gas and electric services essential to quality living."

Specifically, the changes would cut the billing due dates for utility payments from 21 days to 17. The grace period for late payments would be cut from five days to one.

Deposits for new customers would increase from twice the monthly average bill to three times the peak monthly bill. If the customer has been disconnected once in the last three years, the deposit required for reconnection would also increase to three times the peak monthly



Utility customers may be turing orders issued in 1998, on allowed to choose alternative electric power suppliers beginning Sept. 20.

The Michigan Public Services Commission has requested that Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy notify it by Sept. 1 if they choose to "voluntarily implement" the customer choice program previously ordered by the commission.

The state's two largest electric utilities have already indicated they will comply with the program which will allow electricity suppliers to compete for customers

The commission set the deadline Tuesday and issued an order determining that it has the authority to proceed to implement its electric restruc-

a voluntary basis.

On June 29, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the commission "lacks the authority" to order the utilities to allow other power companies to compete and to mandate that the companies offer an experimental "retail wheeling" service.

The Michigan Supreme Court concluded that the decision to provide a new service lies within the province of the utility's management, not the commission's. After that ruling, Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy indicated they would proceed anyway with the state's plan to allow other companies to sell power in Michigan.

Tuesday's order provides Detroit Edison and Consumers

Energy with two options. If either company chooses to voluntarily implement the customer choice program, the utility's CEO must file a statement by Sept. 1 to that effect, including an affirmation that its board of directors has approved the implementation.

Once customers have begun taking open access service, this service is no longer a new service under the Michigan Supreme Court decision and the commission can regulate the rates, terms and conditions of service. If either company chooses not to implement the customer choice program, then the decision of whether to require the companies to do so will rest with the Michigan Legislature.

sumers Energy provide electric

service to about 2 million and 1.6 million customers, respectively.

Gov. John Engler said he will continue to support commission orders to begin "the creation of a competitive market.

"The next step is to codify those orders into law so that new facilities can be built to power the state's growing economy," Engler said.

Consumers Energy is the utility unit of CMS Energy Corp. CMS intends to voluntarily implement those orders "which provide a sensible and balanced approach to deregulation, including the full recovery of stranded costs," according to a press release issued by the com-

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On the farm: Farmer Jay Richards collects old farm equipment that align his front yard along Canton Center Road north of Joy.

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He uses no sprays or dust on wants to set aside enough money his garden.

Richards, who never married, has lived on Canton Center Road for 31 years. He lived previously with his parents at their Joy and Haggerty farm. "Never found anybody," explained bachelor Richards. "I probably never spent more than 20-25 days away from my parents my whole life.

Well-groomed houses have slowly lined Richards' property periphery causing some to both remark at his steadfastness and loyalty to the land and others to wonder if eventually Richards will be pushed out.

"They can't push, they aren't big enough," Richards replied. They keep offering me money to buy it. I tell them they don't have enough money."

He'd like to legally arrange a guarantee to ensure that his property will never be sold. He

for continued care of his beloved barnyard pets after he is gone.

Through the years, Richards, 73, said that he has perfected his farming techniques and is doing things a lot easier now. A retired head janitor for Ply-

mouth-Canton Community Schools, he traverses his rows of crops in a golf cart to cut down on walking. One renegade goat who broke away from the herd decided to rest in the cart.

"If I just have animals here, I don't have to talk to people so much," Richards said. He prefers talking one- on-one to people or to small groups. Teachers often bring their classes. Richards recalled how uncomfortable he is talking to big groups.

"One time I looked out and there were 200 kids out front," Richards said. "One teacher wanted me to give a speech. I'm shy. I know how to do it, want to

do it, but just can't do it."

Richard's two- and four-legged friends are a draw from miles around. John Perez, of Brighton, comes to shop in the area regularly. "I come down about every six weeks," Perez said. "The grandkids like to see the animals."

Richard's devotion to his animals is displayed at all hours of the day and night. As one small goat bounded with his herd, Richards told the story about how his mother struggled to birth him because his head was turned.

At 10:30 p.m. one night, Richards went on a maternity run, taking the mama goat to Ann Cavender, a veterinarian with Salem Veterinary Services on Six Mile Road in Salem.

"She's the only one around who takes goats, cows, pigs," Richards said.

His pregnant pig took two

years to breed. The gestation period is "three months, three weeks, and three days," he said. Richards plans to keep at least one piglet that he will "teach tricks and get him to ride in a golf cart. You can, if you start them young enough."

The joy of keeping creatures great and small means escalating costs.

Richards picks up produce for his animals from local markets. "They pretty much all like watermelon and sweet corn," he said

He spends about \$1,200 for feed annually. Shop owners often offer day-old bread.

Richards values his role as Mother Nature's steward.

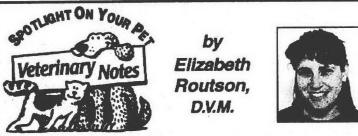
"I feel that any kid who wasn't raised on a farm has been cheated," Richards said.

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unpredictability of health insurance costs, a budget review every three months, and new budget projections for the next 10 years. The Plymouth Community Fire Department was formed in November 1994 with an original

10-year agreement. Township officials were seeking an additional 10 years to the original pact. However, city commissioners agreed to an additional five years, extending the pact through 2009.



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Sale raises funds for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity and the Plymouth Community Foundation have announced a cooperative venture with All Weather Seal, a Brighton window manufacturer. Nearly 400 windows have been donated to the Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity for sale to the general public. Prices will range from \$35 for the smallest windows to \$100 for picture windows

"We are pleased that All Weather Seal, a strong supporter of Habitat for Humanity, is willing to provide us with first-rate windows and that we can pass them along to our supportive friends. These windows were all made to order with first-class materials and customers either canceled the orders or did not pick them up. We are now able to benefit," said Ray Muller, a Plymouth resident

and executive director of Habitat.

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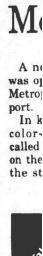
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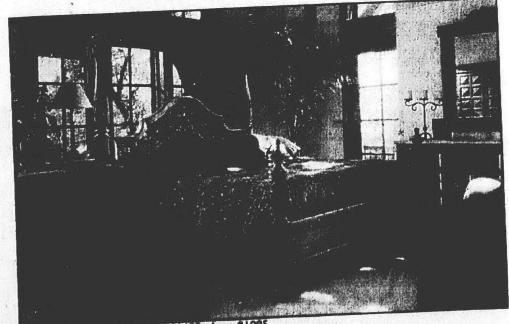


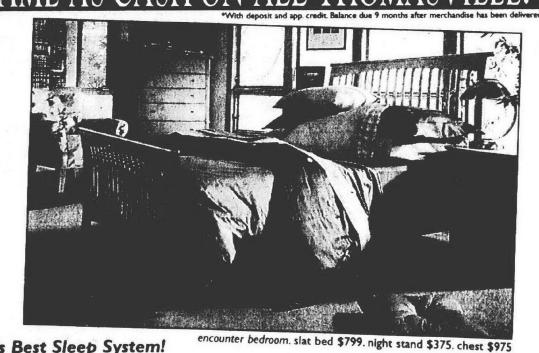
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House leader says he learned basics in the Army

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"Please ..." state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, retorted, his voice dripping with disdain.

He was talking about his status as a reservist in the U.S. Army. Having joined at age 17, with the approval of his parents, Raczkowski went to basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Benning, Ga., between his junior and senior years at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

Today, he's a company commander with the rank of captain. He is paratrooper and pathfinder qualified. He goes to training one weekend a month and for one 18day exercise each year.

So, the question was whether that gave him a sense of kinship with Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, a fellow reservist as well as a fellow state lawmaker.

... He's a Navy man," Raczkowski said.

Apparently, some rivalries run deeper than party affiliation.

Raczkowski, "Rocky" to friends and constituents because they have trouble pronouncing his last name, "Ratch-koff-sky," takes obvious pride in his military involvement. His office in Lansing sports a number of army-oriented toys, including a stuffed bear wearing camouflage and a mechanical infantry soldier, which crawls and shoots a machine gun. But he's serious about it.

"The military is boot camp for the body," he explains. "People ask me why I went to law school if I don't intend to be a lawyer. Law school is boot camp for the mind."

The army has also taught him leadership skills, skills he said



Military look: State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, decorates his office with army type toys, a reminder of his service in the Army Reserve.

he is now using in his role as a state legislator. In his second term, he has already risen to the post of House majority floor leader. That puts him second in command in the House Republican caucus, he said, and his job is to manage the schedule as proposals come to the floor for a vote. Essentially, he's in the center of all the activity, offering up each item up for action to the chair during sessions of the House of Representatives.

Raczkowski says he doesn't like to talk much about his political ambitions, it puts people off, but he does admit he's interested in running for House speaker in the year 2000. He hasn't made a decision, he said. And he won't until January. Rep. Pan Godchaux, R-Birmingham, has

already announced her interest in that post.

"I enjoy politics," is his only response to questions about his plans.

Current House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, is often criticized for his leadership style, as being too dictatorial. He's been accused of pushing the GOP agenda too quickly at the expense of hearing out the minority view.

Raczkowski won't comment on Perricone's style, or on the criticisms, but he does say his leadership style would be different. He said he believes there is time to hear out all views.

"You don't think of the military teaching you compassion for those you lead, but it does. You have to have their respect," he

explained.

Raczkowski is still quite young to be in such a leadership role in state government at 30. Born to immigrants, Raczkowski speaks, reads and writes Polish, although he grew up in Farmington Hills.

"They (mom and dad) achieved the American dream ... They came here with nothing, just the shirts on their backs, and a willingness to work hard. They taught me that," he said.

And that is how he approached campaigning in his first attempt at state office at age 24. He lost to Jan Dolan, but came back as the underdog the next time around and won the seat at age

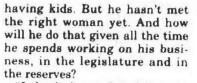
"Nobody gave me a chance of winning, this young little snot from Farmington Hills. And when we won, it gave me the opportunity to prove to them that young people should not be underestimated. They are a great wealth, if we challenge them. If you don't challenge them, you lose a whole generation. If you challenge them and expect more out of them, you will get more out of them."

Still, his "first love," he said, is his business

"I started that in 1993 with \$500 in my pocket and going to an auction in Ohio where I bought one printing press," he said. "An A.B. Dick press, we still have it. It sits off in the corner. It's going fairly well. We are growing it (the business) slowly.

Raczkowski recently moved the business from Eastpointe to Madison Heights. Called Mainline Communications, it specializes in printing, marketing and advertising, producing everything from business cards to annual reports. The business now has about 3,000 square feet of space and three employees. He's still actively involved in the operation of the business.

Raczkowski has other ambitions. He's quite open about his hopes of starting a family and



"I don't know," is his only answer.

Of course, with term limits in effect, he has only a term and a half left to serve. That will force him up or out, he said.

Raczkowski campaigned for term limits and he still strongly supports them. He believes they've changed the way the legislature operates. There is less pressure on members to vote with the party line. Vote trading. which Raczkowski said is distinctly different than compromising, is something he considers unethical. The result is that there is less party discipline and

members have only a few years to push for their agendas. That means they act more often according to their conscience.

Even though he has limited time left in the House, Raczkowski explained his desire to shy away from conversations about future political ambitions. "It makes you a target," and he . said he already tries to be open , to residents of his district. Since, he is in a statewide leadership post, he also tries to be receptive to residents seeking to express a view from all across the state.

"I've made myself extremely accessible," he said. "My phone number is listed and I take calls at home. And for that there is a price. The price is that when I mow my lawn, people stop by to talk. And it takes me about four hours to cut my lawn."

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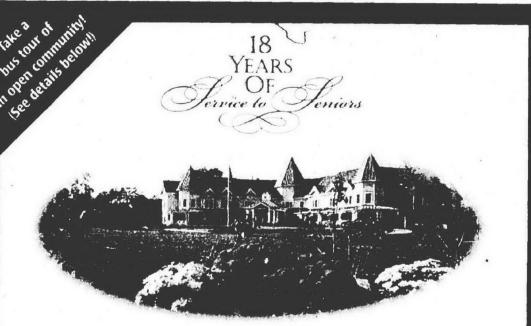
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Group issues 'wake up call' on local governments

BY MIKE MALOTT SOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Citizens Research Council of Michigan, the oldest independent public policy research group in the state, has issued a "wake up call" to local government.

There are too many local units of government, too many school districts, and too many special purpose units of government, like intermediate school districts and community colleges. That makes them inefficient. They overlap and are left to fight over limited resources. The taxation and financial structure for local government, as a result, is highly complex and confusing, even for those who are familiar with how it works.

"Local officials are going to have get past the fight to protect their turf," said Eric Lupher, senior research analyst for the CRC and author of the report. "This will probably require action from the state, if we really want it to happen. But left to their own devices, local governments probably will not move toward regionalization."

That's probably not what the Michigan Municipal League expected to hear when it called for the report during a Symposium on the Future of Local Government in Michigan back in June. It asked for five papers from a variety of researchers, including CRC, across the state on the challenges facing local government in the coming century.

What the CRC produced was a of government, ranking it 14th report called "A Bird's Eye View of Michigan Local Government at the end of Twentieth Century.

Local government was primarily designed in the last century and has been highly resistant to change, the report states.

"Despite the advances in communications and transportation, the geographic area of most local governments in Michigan continues to reflect the distances horses could travel in a day," the report concludes.

Michigan has a large number of local units and "the structures of many local units, particularly townships and counties, reflect the 19th century emphasis on a diffused executive function."

Michigan has 2,884 local units

among the 50 states. Michigan ranks seventh among the states in terms of general purpose local units, including 83 counties, 1,241 townships, 273 cities and 262 villages.

"Special-purpose local units include 564 school districts, 54 intermediate school districts, 28 community college districts, 14 planning and development regions, and 263 special districts and special authorities," the report concludes.

The report notes that a number of reforms have been proposed in recent years which would simplify local government, eliminating the village form of government, eliminating the distinction between cities and townships, providing more services on

a countywide basis, eliminating intermediate school districts and further consolidating school districts to reduce their numbers.

"The number of school districts has experienced a 92 percent decline since the turn of the century," the report stated. "It is argued that further reductions would lead to greater economies and efficiencies. Since Proposal A, school districts are much less dependent on property taxes. Consolidation would allow districts to reduce administrative costs to concentrate more dollars on classroom needs.

Additional improvements could be made if, "The number of local governments competing for limited resources could be reduced and small local governments could consolidate with

other units to expand the base of local resources," the report concludes.

It also suggests that adopting government structures "led by an executive" would be more efficient. Elimination of overlap in the power granted to various forms of local government is also recommended.

For its part, the Municipal League has yet to respond to the report. And phone calls to the organization this week were not returned.

Strong advocates of home rule, the Municipal League typically argues that the ability of local governments to set their own policy is often what gives communities their local flavor.

County sponsors one-day teachers institute on youth violence

A one-day institute will be conducted for teachers and administrators on youth violence and intervention methods from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Annex, Room 3, 33500 Van Born Road, in Wayne.

Instructed by Eastern Michigan University's Comprehensive Education Assistance Center, this class will explore the planning process and response guidelines for teachers and school administrators when confronted with violent acts by youths.

The class will explore bomb procedures, weapons discharge, acts of domestic terrorism including weapons of mass destruction. hostage situations and response capabilities should the affected school require law

enforcement tactical intervention.

The program will be built around an incident command structure that interfaces with law enforcement and fire response personnel.

The class will be taught by Skip Lawver, an assistant professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Technology, and William Dangler, a retired

Ypsilanti Township fire chief.

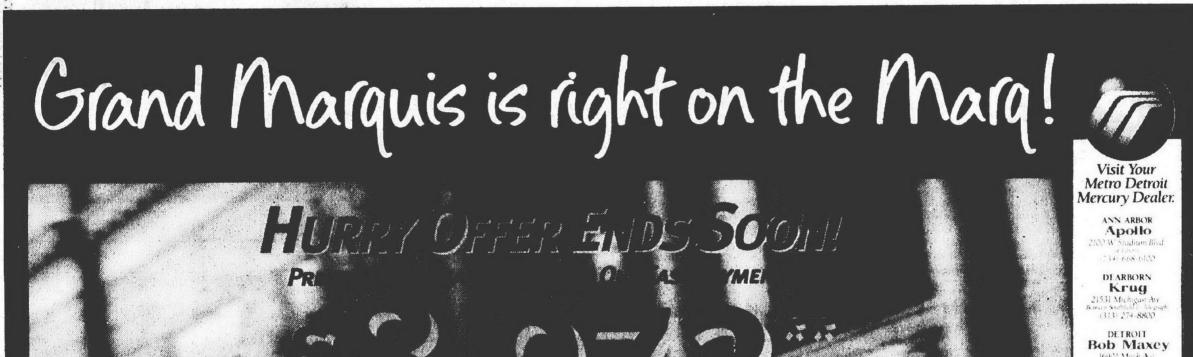
Lawver is the program coordinator for EMU's Public Safety Administration Program, directs tactical training program for law enforcement at EMU and teaches Special Weapons and Tactics classes and hostage rescue courses for law enforcement.

Lawyer also teaches courses on foreign and domestic terrorism, arson investigation, haz-

ardous materials and incident command. He is also working with various law enforcement agencies as they prepare response plans for school systems across the state. Lawver is also the project administrator for Youth-At-Risk, a grant funded program.

Dangler teaches courses in the Public Safety Administration Program, including emergency preparedness planning, incident command, foreign and domestic terrorism and issues in emergency preparedness. Dangler is also a response person for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is currently training across the country on terrorism issues.

For more information or to register by phone, call (734) 487-0370.



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Judge urges cooperation on Rouge cleanup

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

A federal judge is prodding the Environmental Protection Agency to allow local communities a chance to correct sewage surges into the Rouge River and encouraged state and federal officials to align the local communities' plans with soon-to-be-released federal requirements for the second phase of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

U.S. District Judge John Feikens told EPA officials Monday he hoped that requirements in Phase II — which addresses the problems of stormwater runoff — would not vary from what local communities outlined or negotiated in their voluntary stormwater permit applications to the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Feikens didn't want one program approved by the communi-



Just ducky: These fowl have found a home on the Rouge near Nankin Mills.

ties and one by the EPA. "I think it's genius to have a regional voluntary project, and it should be that," Feikens said. "The EPA shouldn't interfere with that."

Feikens conducts court hearings once every other month as he is presiding over a lawsuit filed by the EPA against Rouge River communities. DEQ, EPA and environmental officials from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties discuss the cleanup of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project and the progress of a voluntary stormwater permit program. Permit applicants (communities, counties and agencies) must identify illicit discharges and illicit connections in a plan, and minimize infiltration of seepage from sanitary sewers and septic systems into the applicant's stormwater drainage system.

The DEQ has received voluntary stormwater permit applications from about 40 Rouge River communities.

Feikens wanted to ensure the voluntary general permits will satisfy the requirements of federal law, telling the EPA, "You wouldn't want any communities here to think we are playing by two sets of rules."

Sanitary sewer overflows are not permitted or included in the state's stormwater permits, because they are illegal.

Gary Prichard, counsel for EPA's Region 5, which includes Michigan, said the EPA won't change the law, but was open to adding any SSO corrective action plans into the permit. "We'd have no problem placing those in the permit to address the SSOs."

EPA officials said that agency would respond by the end of November on whether the "voluntary" stormwater permits already approved by the DEQ for 28 communities would meet EPA guidelines.

"We're optimistic we will respond in the affirmative that Michigan can use the voluntary permit application," said Peter Swenson, environmental engi-



Leafy view: Not far from the traffic on Stark Road is this nature view.

neer with the EPA's Region 5.

But Swenson also added that the permits were "lacking" in two areas of guidelines governing new commercial developments or new housing developments.

Jim Murray, Wayne County's director of environment, said he was pleased that the EPA was optimistic that it would approve the permit language, but he was greatly concerned with EPA wanting development provisions. "Any land development that

would have a change in hydrology would have to be addressed," Murray said. Communities were dependent on a watershed plan and should be "rewarded" on their watershed approach, Murray added.

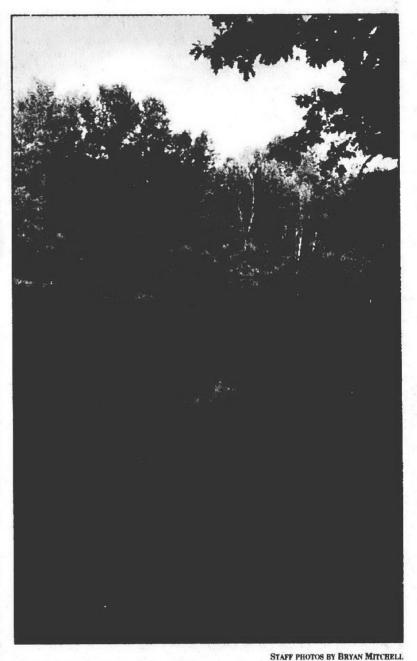
Roy Schrameck, district director of the DEQ's surface water quality division, said there is no other voluntary permit program in Michigan or the United States.

State officials are also wrestling with the EPA's policy on sanitary sewer overflows. One state environmental official hinted that under extreme conditions and certain circumstances, there may be a need to allow infrequent SSOs. Discharges of raw sewage are illegal under Michigan law. Separate sanitary sewage is required to be treated, as a minimum, to meet criteria of the federal Clean Water Act, which the MDEQ is "generally supportive," said William McCracken, chief of permits section for the DEQ's surface water quality division, in a letter to U.S. Reps. John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Joseph Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township.

McCracken read his letter in court.

McCracken said the SSOs can appear where a community is not treating its sewage, but it is a more complex issue in communities where sanitary sewers were built decades ago. Those were designed for flow from footing drains, located outside of homes to clear water from the home's foundation, and groundwater infiltration.

"There are times during huge rainstorms when even welldesigned, modern sewer systems will fill up with stormwater and flood basements with sewage unless SSOs are allowed to occur," McCracken stated in his



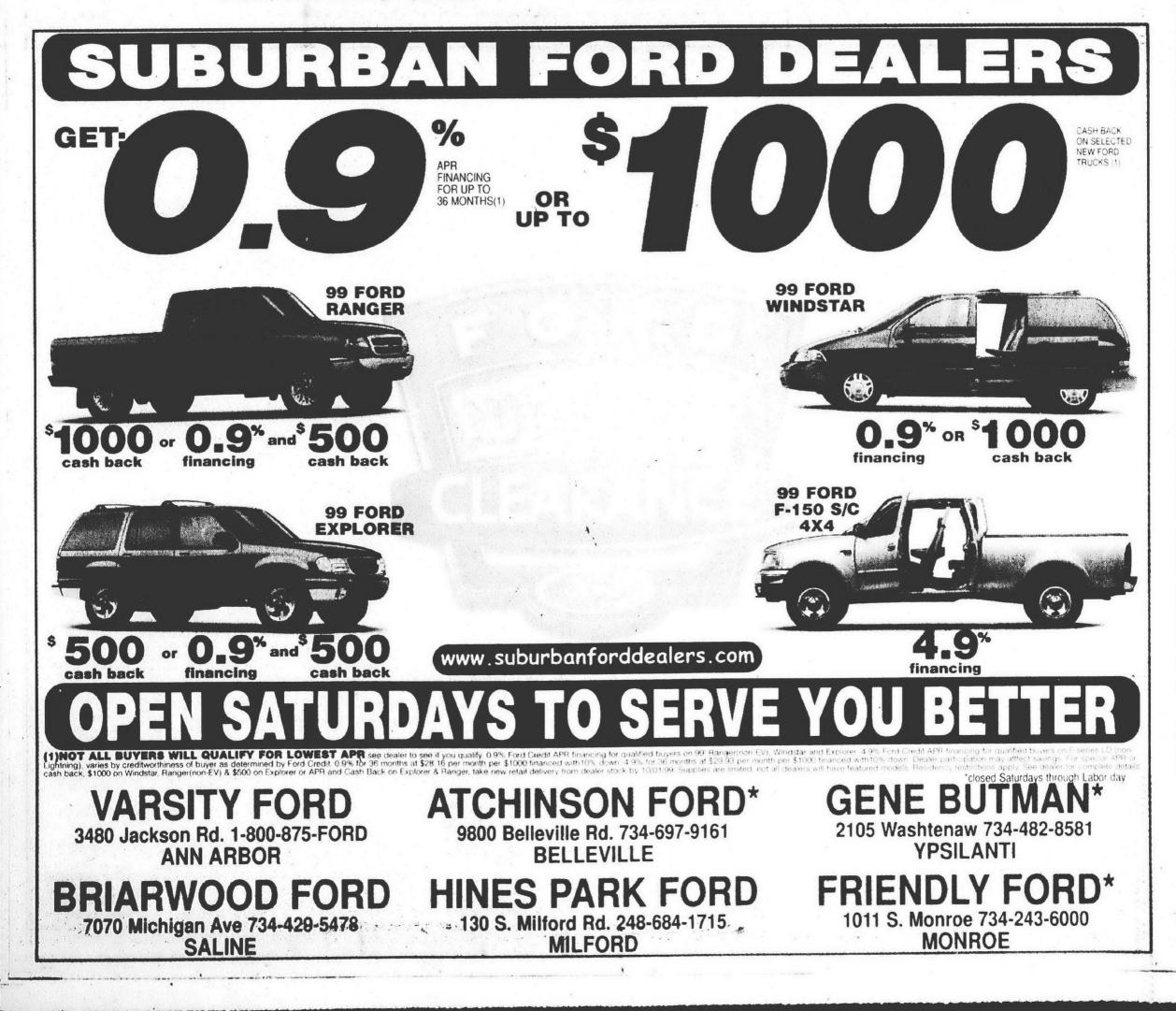
Down by the riverside: This scenic view of the Rouge in near Nankin Mills in Westland.

letter. "Jurisdictions responsible for these 'wet-sanitary' sewers should take action to reduce footing drain inputs and groundwater infiltration to the maximum extent possible.

"However, there may be a need hearing for Oct. 14.

to allow certain very infrequent SSOs under extreme storm conditions, provided that designated uses of the receiving water are protected."

Feikens scheduled the next hearing for Oct. 14.



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Merchants still feel chill of winter storm

BY RENER SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

It is both the best and worst of times at the Golden Gate Shopping Center. It's all a matter of perspective.

A January snowstorm that collapsed the roof over the southern half of the center forced almost a dozen business to close or relocate. For most businesses that stayed, traffic has been slow, real slow. .

The center is on Lilley just south of Joy Road across from Mettetal Airport.

"Thirty percent of business has been down since the collapse,' said Gary Patel, manager of Dis-count Beverage. "The main draw was Bob's of Canton.'

Bob's, a large meat and produce market and the center's anchor store, has since relocated to Westland on the northeast corner of Warren and Merriman. Flora Rossi, the owner of

Golden Gate Cleaners, sat

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435 Publish: August 19 and September 2, 1999

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals for PROPERTY PURCHASE, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION FOR AN INDOOR ICE ARENA FACILITY. Proposals must be received in the Canton Township Clerk's Office by no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 1, 1999. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Purchase/Development-Ice Arena Recreation Facility." Specifications are available from the Finance and Budget Department.

Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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

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

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

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (99-2)

Consider Canton Township-initiated amendment to the following articles:

Article 2, General Provisions Section 2.16. Exceptions, by amending subparagraph C, Exceptions to Height Standards, regarding the application of exceptions to height standards for architectural features.

Article 5, Landscaping, Screening, and Walls

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conditioned store. She shrugged her shoulders and gestured toward the near empty parking lot. "Nobody's here."

John Brendel often helps his son, Ted Brendel, owner of Craftsman Shoe Repair. The store has been there for many years, but still much of its business comes from foot traffic.

"After Bob's left, and the big places closed, business has really cut down," he said. "Most people think the whole place is closed. Sometimes they call to see if we're still open."

Brendel paused and then said: "And Ted does such good work. Everybody likes him."

George Krikorian, owner of George's Tailoring, one of the businesses that lost its roof, was fortunate enough to move into a

behind the counter in her unair- center.

"It's been seven months already, seven months," he said. "Here, it's very bad. You don't have any traffic. I leave here at two or three o'clock every day. I don't have any customers. I'm broke. Will you give me some

money?" However, better times are coming for Golden Gate Shopping Center, said Nick Tufenkjian, the center's owner. ping "We're going to make it back to what it was, a complete family

service center." Tufenkjian was at the center consulting with his contractors the day a reporter visited. Most of the structural work on the roof should be completed by Friday, said his carpenter, Gene Brown.

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Brown, who lives in Plymouth, said the repair project was storage unit farther down the delayed two and a half months

due to an order of faulty trusses that didn't meet Canton's building code for snow load.

Construction crews installed 8,000 square feet before they realized the trusses were not strong enough. Twenty thousand square feet needed to be replaced.

Tufenkjian said the delay cost him \$150,000. "But if he didn't take the trusses out immediately, we would be stuck with a bigger problem."

Brown said the roof collapse resulted when the original trusses, constructed of a chemically treated fire-retardant lumber, dried out and became brittle. The chemical, which was commonly used 15 years ago, "eats up moisture," he added.

Tufenkjian provided a preview of new businesses, most of which are still being negotiated. He

said another bakery, jewelry store and hair salon are likely tenants, and he hopes the former Basket Kreations location becomes a family restaurant.

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He also offered a teaser to teens: The long-empty Pogo's, a sports bar and grill, might become a "very classy, wholesome teen nightclub."

The Canton Coney Island is coming back, and sure bet for a new business is Acclaim Limousine Services. Three white, stretch limos already are parked behind the mall.

Tufenkjian plans to have a grand opening as center fills with new businesses in September

Meanwhile, those tenants who remained are simply waiting for customers. It's been lonely.

"It's kind of like a ghost town," said John Brendel.

MILITARY NEWS

Eric D. Smith graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky.

Camp Challenge is designed to give college sophomores, juniors and selected freshmen who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program. Cadets received training

in fundamental military skills, basic rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, small arms tactics, and communications.

Smith is a student at Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee, Ill. He is the son of Everett R. and Cindy M. Smith of Plymouth. He is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth District Library will accept bids until 2:00 p.m. EDT Monday, September 13, 1999 for the following:

Microsoft Windows NT Server with Software and Peripherals Specifications, proposal forms and other Contract Documents are attached, or may be obtained at the Plymouth District Library during regular business hours. The Plymouth District Library reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or part, and to waive any irregularities. Bids may be mailed or delivered to: Barbara Kraft/Library Secretary Plymouth District Library

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in a sealed envelope plainly marked: SEALED BID: MICROSOFT WINDOWS NT SERVER WITH SOFTWARE AND PERIPHERALS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:00 P.M. for discussion on pending litigation and purchase of property. All ayes present. ROLL CALL Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Abbott Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to return to an open session at 7:00 P.M. All ayes present. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as presented. All aves present. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of July 20, 1999. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of July 27, 1999. All ayes present. as presented. Motion carried. Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Aves: Absent: Kirchgatter. Abstain: Burdziak PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes present. Expenditure Recap \$ 709,606.86 101 General Fund 73,340.58 206 Fire Fund 207 223,859.87 **Police Fund Community Center Fund** 208 51.207.32 Golf Course Fund 28,498.19 211 219 16,795.03 Street Lighting Fund 230 21,502.18 Cable TV Fund E-911 Emergency Funds 261 1,975.49 Special Investigative Fund 267 980.00 1,120.00 Federal Grants Funds 274 289 2,724.52 State Projects Fund 9,711.84 296 **Retiree Benefits** 592 476,638.70 Water & Sewer Fund 702 21,395.43 **Construction Escrow** \$1,678,618.46 **Total-All Funds** CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Final Plat for Central Park Subdivision No. 1. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Center Fund for program income and expenditures: Increase Revenues: #208-000-652-0000 \$38.052 **Program Fees** Increase Appropriation: #208-757-742-1000 \$2,800 **Program Supplies - Aquatics** #208-757-742-3000 2,500 Program Supplies - Fitness Program Supplies - General Programming #208-757-742-4000 <u>32.752</u> \$38,052 Total All ayes present Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for Senior Citizen Program income and expenditures: Increase Revenues: #101-000-652-0000 \$11,550 Senior Program Income #101-000-652-1000 8.450 Senior Program Trips \$20,000 Total Increase Anoropriations \$800 **Operating Supplies** #101-672-740-0000 #101-672-742-0000 10,750 **Program Supplies** 8.450 #101-652-830-0000 **Charter Bus Expenditure** \$20,000 Total This budget amendment increases the Senior Citizen budget from \$178,147 to \$198,145 and the General Fund budget from \$18,315,584 to \$18,335, 584. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the continued use of Bank I, Comerica, Community Bank of Dearborn, National City, Great' Lakes National Bank, Huntington Bank, Great Lakes National Bank, Key Bank, MBIA-CLASS, Michigan National Bank, Old Kent, Paine-Webber, Republic Bank and Standard Federal Bank and add D & N Bank and First of Michigan Bank as depositories for one year. All ayes present. GENERAL CALENDAR

follows Charter Mills (General Fund) 1.1100 Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.9400 5.0000 **Police Protection Special Assessment** 9.0500 Total

All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that a Public He he held

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will hold a sale of surplus and confiscated property on Saturday, August 21, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the garage at City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. All items are being sold as is. CAROL STONE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., September 7, 1999 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATION: Two (2) single-family detached homes

Each project must be bid separately. A bond is required for any separate bid of \$25.000 or more.

Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of Hud. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Section 5.03, Specific Landscaping Requirements for Zoning Districts, by amending subparagraph C.1, Requirements for Multiple Family Districts, General Site Landscaping by adding a requirement for one (1) ornamental tree per dwelling unit.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment (99-2) is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

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.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

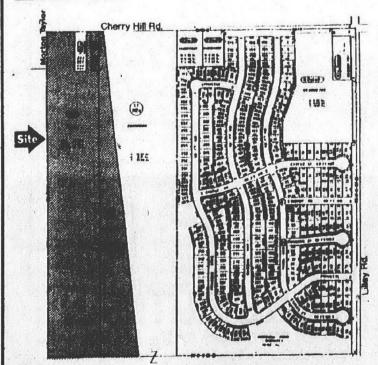
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MORGAN CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FINAL PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 090 99 0006 002, 090 99 0007 000, AND 090 99 0009 000. Property is located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill Road and Morton Taylor Road Right-of-Way. Second Public Hearing.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, that the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 1999 be set as

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on September 14, 1999 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2000 budgets.

All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Rahaim Shopping Center EDP #129-99-0001-7000. All ayes present

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Home Depot, EDP #129-99-0001-7000. All ayes present.

Motion by Shefferly, supported by Bennett, to reconsider the Special Land Use request for the Cherry Hill Pointe Assisted Living Facility All ayes present

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for Cherry Hill Pointe Assisted Living Facility. EDP #051-99-0031-000 and 052-99-0017-000. All ayes present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the purchase of nine (9) Dell computers, five (5) 19" monitors, (4) 17" monitors, nine (9) keyboards, and nine (9) mouse controls, at a cost of \$16,453, and one (1) HP laptop computer at \$3,500, for a total cost of \$19,953, from EDS. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County and MDOT for the paving of Morton Taylor Road, from Warren south to Ford Road. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize checks to be cut to Wayne County upon being billed, up to \$150,000.00 for sidewalk and up to \$10,000.00 for water main and hydrant relocations for the Morton Taylor Road Paving Project. All aves present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve an increase in the Independence Park construction contract with DeAngelis Landscape, Inc. by \$57,130 for development of practice soccer fields. Further, to approve the following budget amendments to provide additional funding for this contract:

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Increase Revenues:		
Transfer for Public Impr Fund	#246-000-676-2450	\$ 7,130
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Impr-Parks & Recreation	#246-750-970-0000	\$ 7.130
This budget amendment increases th	e Community Improv	ement Fund
budget from \$4,594,745 to \$4,601,875.		
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#245-000-699-0000	\$ 7,130
Increase Appropriations:		
Transfers to Community Impr Fund	#245-265-965-2460	\$ 7,130
This budget amendment increases the	Public Improvement	Fund budget
from \$2,280,930 to \$2,288,060.	~	0
All ayes present.		
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Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the transfer of \$57,130 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund to provide funding for this project. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the contract for professional landscape services for the Griffin Park renovation project to Grisson/Metz Associates in the amount of \$12,000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid to Grand Blanc Printing for the printing of four special Leisure Services Guides in the amount of \$30,096, including printing costs and ancillary costs associated with this project. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for installation of a modular play system in Griffin Park including a poured-in-place rubber surface to Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$107,118 with a contingency fund of \$10,000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the installation of a modular play system in Flodin Park including a poured-in-place rubber surface to Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$59,500 with a contingency fund of \$6,000. All ayes present.

OTHER

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. All ayes present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on August 10, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on August 24, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor Publish: August 19, 1999

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Services for Doris May Chatterley, 68, of Plymouth were Aug. 14 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating.

She was born Jan. 8, 1931, in Everett, Mass. She died Aug. 10 in Leelanau County, Mich. She did research for the Atomic Energy Commission for four years before becoming a mother and homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1967 from Chicago, Ill. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She was a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Family Services of Plymouth, Friends of the Plymouth Library and Detroit Institute of Arts. She was a patron at the Detroit Zoo.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Daniel Chatterley of Plymouth; five children, Mark Chatterley, Lauren McMillan, Scott Chatterley, Bruce Chatterley, Brian Chatterley; one sister, Eleanor Herman; eight grandchildren, Lucan Chatterley, Teagan Chatterley, Kyle McMillan, Cody McMillan, Madison McMillan, Niall McMillan, Collin Chatterley, Griffin Chatterley.

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

RICHARD W. WHITTAKER

Services for Richard W. Whittaker, 73, of Plymouth were Aug. 12 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Rob White presiding. Burial was in Lapham Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born May 29, 1926, in Salem Township. He died Aug. 10 in Livonia. He was a road builder. He was the former coowner of Whittaker & Gooding Sand & Gravel. He served in the Army in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen A. and Iva A. Whittaker. Survivors include his wife, M. Phyllis Whittaker of Plymouth; two sons, Richard L. Whittaker of South Lyon, Terry L. (Babe) Whittaker of Canton; one daughter, Sandra M. (David) Maw of Whitmore Lake; two brothers, Orlyn D. (Irene) Whittaker of South Lyon, Robert (Beth) Whittaker of Cedar Springs, Mich.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

MARTHA EVA HARMS

Services Martha Eva Harms, 92, of Plymouth (formerly of Wayne) were Aug. 11 at First Baptist Church of Wayne. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

She was born July 12, 1907, in Birmingham. She died Aug. 7 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; three sons, John Harms, Donald Harms, Norman Harms; and three brothers, William White, Charles White, and Elmer White. Survivors include her two daughters, Elaine (John) Hayes, Arlene (Stephen) Lowe; one son, Jerry Harms of Canton; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home. **RICHARD E. MARKS**

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Services for Richard E. Marks, 80, of Dexter (formerly of Plymouth) were Aug. 10 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Calvery Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

He was born April 1, 1919, in Toledo, Ohio. He died Aug. 6 in Dexter. He was a buyer for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and an active member of the Stu Rockafeller Ham Radio Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Mimi) A. Marks of Dexter; four daughters, Susan (Doug Stelsing) Marks of Salt Lake City, Utah, Patricia (Luis) Mendoza of San Diego, Calif., Sarah Marks of Raleigh, N.C., Charity (Dr. Timothy) Madion of Traverse City; three sons, Thomas Marks of Seattle, Wash., William (Terri) Marks of Dexter, James "Buck" (Daine Jurkus) Marks of Boston, Mass.; one brother, Emil (Penny) Marks of Toledo, Ohio.; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48233 or to Manna Meals Soup Kitchen, 2640 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, MI 48216.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

SAM CURMI

Services for Sam Curmi, 88, of Plymouth were Aug. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Burial was in at Hedwig cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born May 24, 1911, in Aormi, Malta. He died Aug. 10 in Plymouth. He immigrated to the Plymouth area in 1940. He retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1972. He enjoyed raising canaries and other animals and growing fruits and vegetables in his garden. He also was a frequent observer at the Plymouth District Court. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy; two children, Rose (Manuel) Calleja of Windsor, Charles (Patricia) Curmi of Plymouth; and six grandchildren: Melissa, Jason, Kimberly, Tricia, Daniel, Alicia.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Development Fund, or as Mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by the Scharder-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth:

MARVIN "JIM" WOOD, JR.

Services for Marvin "Jim" Wood Jr., 35, of Salem Township (formerly of Plymouth) were Aug. 14 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Hall of the Church of Nazarene and Elton Korpola officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 25, 1963, in Garden City. He died Aug. 10 in Ypsilanti. He started as a teenager at the Plymouth Glass and worked until it closed and then worked at American Glass. His current position was with Al Pearson and Son as a service technician. He was a member of the Michigan Glass and Glazing Industry. Wood's favorite pastime, besides his family, was working on his hot rod. He enjoyed the outdoors, but especially liked working with people and enjoyed talking to people about his family.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy Kay Wood of Salem Township (formerly of Plymouth); one son, James Patrick; one daughter, Colleen Marie; parents, Marvin and Donna of Plymouth; one sister, Lenore Ramsey of Whitmore Lake; one brother, Steven H. Wood of Plymouth; four nephews, Matthew, Danny, Justin, Joshua; grandmother Lenore Elliott of Tennessee; grandfather Marvin H. of Big Travers Bay; and mother and father-in-law, Patricia and Al Pearson Jr. of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Jimmy and Colleen Wood.

PAULINE BERNADETTE CABRERA

Services for Pauline Bernadette Cabrera, 68, of Canton were Aug. 10 at Divine Child Catholic Church, Dearborn, with the Rev. Herman W. Kucyk officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Detroit. She died Aug. 6 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a hair stylist for 50 years.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Cabrera; fours sons, Ricardo Cabrera, Mark J. Cabrera, Steven D. Cabrera, Anthony M. Cabrera; one daughter, Christina A. Cabrera; one brother, Anthony Salemi; two sisters, Catherine Garrasi, Ann M. Salemi; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home-Canton Chapel.

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SHIRLEY ANN PIEKNIK

Services for Shirley Ann Pieknik, 68, of Canton were Aug. 10 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

She was born April 16, 1931, in Detroit. She died Aug. 6 in Canton. She was a homemaker. Survivors include, her husband, Louis Pieknik; two sons, David Pieknik, Larry Pieknik; two daughters, Karen Wohletz, Judy Schwartz; three sisters, Dolores Powierski, Christine Loeach, Sharon Kochan; and seven grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

CORNELIUS "BUD" BRENKERT

Services for Cornelius "Bud" Brenkert, 77, of Plymouth were Aug. 10 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Robert Boardman of the Navigators officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich.

He was born July 25, 1922, in Detroit. He died Aug. 6 in Superior Township. He was a labor relations supervisor for General Motors. He served in the Marines and in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Brenkert of Plymouth; three daughters, Barbara Ann (Dan) McCarthy of Birmingham, Susan Elizabeth (Jim) Holmes of Ann Arbor, Joan Catherine (Bruce) Carroll of Farmington; and seven grandchildren, Courtney, Patrick, Ryan, Matthew, Chandler, Catie, and Christian.



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Central dispatch A merger benefits everyone

N ot that anyone would yell "fire" in a crowded building just to see the response time of our Plymouth Community Fire Department. But, bets are the response time would be slightly quicker for township residents than city residents. Why?

City residents who call 911 are reaching a city police dispatcher who must pick up another line to the township for service. The township dispatches the community fire department. It's not a long delay, maybe several seconds, but it's still a delay.

A centralized police and fire dispatch for the city and township makes sense. It not only will shorten response time, but it will save each municipality \$100,000 annually by combining the service. The savings also includes costs associated with adding new radio equipment to police cruisers.

City police officers will still be patrolling city streets while township officers will be patrolling township streets. Police officers from both departments frequently back each other up, so why not be on the same frequency? It makes sense.

Union leaders from the city's Public Safety Dispatchers Union and the city's Police Officers Union caused an unnecessary hysteria. last week when they circulated a flier to residents' doors claiming the proposed merger would cut police services. In our opinion it only will enhance it.

Residents will benefit by having quicker police and fire service. Financially, it also makes sense. Each police department's budget A centralized police and fire dispatch for the city and township makes sense. It not only will shorten response time, but it will save each municipality \$100,000 annually by combining the service.

will have an additional \$100,000 to improve police service on the streets in its respective community.

Dispatchers will benefit as well. Salaries and benefit packages will increase for township dispatchers, who currently earn about \$2,000 less per year than city dispatchers. Advancement opportunities also will be available for dispatchers under the command of Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. Carey plans to offer a 5 percent pay premium for dispatchers willing to take on extra duties to book prisoners and conduct administrative work. No one will lose their job, Carey said.

Change is tough. We can understand the fear that accompanies a job merger, and maybe, city and township leaders should have opened the doors of communication over the past several months as an agreement was being negotiated.

The fire department merger has proven successful and we believe a centralized dispatch operation will, too. We also don't believe this is a first step to a full-fledged police department merger. A Plymouth Community Communications Center just makes sense.

Live safely with area trains

e've all seen it. There we sit at a railroad crossing, the red lights flashing and the traffic arms down to stop cars and trucks. Then, there's that one car or truck. It slips around the arm and quickly crosses the tracks.

The driver has saved five minutes, but

The reason is that trains just can't stop quickly. It takes an average freight train traveling at 50 miles an hour nearly a mile to stop, according to a spokesperson for CSX railroad. At a slow 25 .

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Sewer work: Construction workers from Sunset Excavation in Livonia install a sanitary sewer transmission main at the corner of Schoolcraft and Haggerty in Plymouth Township. The excavation crew and large equipment have caused traffic delays and detours for area residents. Completion of the work at the location is expected early next week.

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 e-mailed to volander@oe.homecomm.net

Judge's actions questioned

, like many other concerned parents and taxpayers, must comment on the actions of the City of Plymouth Police Department and Judge Ron Lowe regarding Matt Sikes.

It seems to me that if the police department erred in the writing of this ticket our elected official, Judge Lowe, should have taken it upon himself to put an end to this ridiculous interpretation of an ordinance, which seems never to have been enforced in the past.

I have tried to contact Judge Lowe on several occasions and he is never in his office, partrivial act, or that such an act could be considered disturbing the peace.

I urged the young man to fight the charge. He did. He paid a lawyer \$150 out of his own money and asked for a jury trial. He was judged by a jury of peers – a group of high school sophomores – some of whom had done baby sitting for the then prosecuting attorney, Ron Lowe.

Mr. Lowe's main argument was that a group of teens out at Northland Mall had recently been involved in some kind of ruckus, and if we let this goal post climbing criminal get away with such offenses, well, there was no telling what was next. Such a specious argument might be convincing to a bunch of baby-sitting sophomores, but I'd hope it would take something more to convince an adult. The defense attorney's logical arguments making it very clear that climbing a goal post did not constitute a disturbance of the peace fell on deaf ears. Goal posts were torn down a few weeks later during the Rose Bowl games out in California, and to my knowledge, no one was arrested. But this kid was found guilty by a jury of peers.

because he or she was in such a hurry, the driver has put the rest us in danger of dying.

The reason is that trains just can't stop quickly. It takes an average freight train traveling at 50 miles an hour nearly a mile to stop, according to a spokesperson for CSX railroad. At a slow 25 miles an hour, it takes about a half mile.

When a freight train hits a car, it's not a pretty sight. The train is often derailed, which means box cars go off the tracks and tip over. That puts everybody nearby in danger, not just the driver who challenged the train.

It doesn't much matter what kind of car or truck a person is driving. An average freight train hitting a car is equivalent to hitting a pop can in the road with your car.

Plymouth Township, with its abundance of railroad tracks, has had its share of vehicle/ train collisions.

In less than a year, two Redford teenagers have been hit by trains. One youth lost his legs when he fell off his bicycle while playing tag with a box car and was run over by the train. Then, on July 20, an 18-year-old Redford girl died as she was attempting to cross the tracks.

The train's horn was blowing and a companion was yelling at her not to try crossing.

The teen disregarded both, tried to walk, but tripped and fell in front of the engine.

Both were horrible accidents. But the truth is neither teen should have even been near the railroad tracks. It's private property, and they

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were trespassing.

Railroad lines are different these days. Once upon a time there were scheduled passenger and freight trains. People living near tracks knew when trains would pass.

That's no longer true. Trains serve the auto industry in western Wayne County. With juston-time parts delivery to auto plants, trains run at all times of day and night. There's no schedule.

Also, just because a train has been sitting on a set of tracks for a few days doesn't mean it can't start moving at any time.

Trains move both ways, which means stepping across the tracks behind a string of box cars is the same as crossing the tracks in front of an engine.

Railroads are important to our economic health. They move heavy cargos cheaply and help provide well-paid manufacturing jobs.

Railroads keep more truck traffic off the roads. Each boxcar represents one more semitruck that would be sitting next to us.

Those added trucks would not only clog crowded roads but would also produce more air pollution.

Trains are vital to our area. We just need to learn how to live safely with them.

COMMUNITY VOICE **QUESTION:** The summer is quickly ending. What will you for your last summer activity? 'Travel to Copper 'Go up north to 'I'm visiting my 'Go to Vegas and win some Harbor. Oscoda.' niece and her baby in Plymoney.' We asked this mouth.' Carol McKee Tom Carr question at Plymouth Carol Mook Canton Kellogg Park in Virginia Plymouth Plymouth. Township. Boca Raton, Florida

ticularly after 2 p.m. I have been told on numerous occasions he is on vacation, in judge school or working with children in our school district. When is he judging? Didn't we elect this man to dispense justice and be fair to all? If this man who tries to portray Abe Lincoln, had done his job fairly and accurately when Matt was before him, it could have been put to rest. Wasn't Ron Lowe a teenager at one time? Did he ever walk around Plymouth or linger at a street corner to greet his fellow schoolmates? Where is the justice?

It also seems to me with a full-time judge, a magistrate and several judges helping from other courts, then why do we need a second full-time judge? Now is the time for all of us to assess the ability of this man to perform his elected responsibilities. Time and time again, this man is in the news. Wake up voters, election time is near!

> Ken and Mary Goates Canton

Teen treatment is same

Matt Sikes' lawyer better think twice before taking the case to teen court to be tried by a jury of peers. ("Teen returns to court to challenge \$210 ticket" Plymouth Observer, Aug. 8.)

I've seen where this can lead. Many, many years ago a student of mine, a senior at the old Plymouth High School, was arrested for climbing the goal post after a football game. Though a "crime" possibly more dangerous than sitting on the sidewalk, I was furious that a youngster could be arrested for such a I was proud of the kid who was willing to fight against spurious charges and very disappointed in what passed for justice in Plymouth. Apparently things haven't changed much.

Barbara Masters Plymouth

Thanks Sam

would like to applaud your recent article on Saundra (Sam) Florek of Schoolcraft College. I have worked with Sam on several Plymouth chamber events and she is a very effective and efficient volunteer whose style and grace make her a pure pleasure to have on your team. Her leaving is a great loss to all the communities she has touched, but time does march on for all of us. Sam, thank you for all that you have done for our Plymouth community. We wish you well in your retirement and all your future endeavors.

> Bill Pratt, President Plymouth Chamber of Commerce



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POINTS OF VIEW

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A Observer July 4 story ("Audit shows taxpayers picking up tab for Willow Run") created unwarranted wake turbu-

write to correct the record.

I am a Wayne County resident and have been in business in Wayne County since 1983. I took a strong interest in the story as a pilot who has landed and departed from Willow Run and utilized their services on numerous occasions. The article appeared lopsided and biased against Willow Run. It was based upon a

dubious uncertified "audit" that covers the period of Dec. 1, 1996, through Nov. 30, 1997 (which included a six week GM strike).

The "audit" says that the "fieldwork" was not concluded until "March 1999." This means that your story and the "audit" upon which it is based pertains to obsolete information that misled your readership as to what is currently happening at Willow Run. Your story was not about current events.

I know from experience that Willow Run is a well-run and essential commercial airport. It is truly a valuable asset of Southeastern Michigan. Last year it was the third busiest airport in Michigan (not the fourth busiest as you reported), with 252,000 landings and takeoffs (or "operations"), not 151,000, as reported. Furthermore, Willow Run is the number one airport in Michigan for automotive cargo. Its location is superb, being located on the NAFTA route with convenient expressway and rail access, and being near the ports of Toledo and Detroit.

Neither Willow Run Airport, nor Detroit Metropolitan Airport, receive any Wayne County general tax fund dollars. Willow Run's funding is derived from landing fees, fuel flowage fees, leases and federal and state grants. Cargo operations alone finance approximately 90 percent of Willow Run's operations and maintenance expenses.

To report that Willow Run has operated in the red since 1994 is not a true picture of its financial condition. Willow Run's cash flow from operations was in the black five out of the last six years, with the only exception being 1997. The article also wrongfully failed to disclose that the auditor charged over \$720,000 in depreciation against revenues for both Fiscal Year 1996 and FY 1997.

Three facts caused Willow Run's temporary cash shortfall in 1997. First, two of the airport's long term tenants had gotten behind in their lease payments, but now are nearly current. Second, a catastrophic electrical equipment failure caused the airport to incur \$360,000 in unanticipated expenses. Third, the GM strike caused a substantial reduction in landing and fuel flowage fees.

Wayne County's Department of Airports decided to loan money to Willow Run in order to make up the temporary shortfall. This was not a situation where the taxpayers "propped up" the airport, but rather its big sister, Metro Airport, lent a helping hand fully expecting Willow Run to repay the loan, with interest. To date, Willow Run has already repaid 90 percent of this loan to Metro Airport. It will be fully repaid by the end of 1999.

Willow Run's future is extremely bright. In 1994 Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara persuaded the federal government to provide 24hour U.S. Customs Service at Willow Run. That achievement resulted in a 93 percent increase in international operations over the past three years.

Jeffery D. Meek is an attorney who lives and has his practice in Livonia. He is also a licensed pilot and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Law-abiding teens aren't evil, they are just young

y original thought was to do something funny about the situation in Plymouth. It is humorous.

Couple of kids sitting on the sidewalk get ticketed by a local police officer. Judge imposes a ludicrously heavy fine and many hours of community service on one of the kids. Police chief gets his back up against the wall and starts talking about "pre-emptive actions" before the town turns into another Woodstock. Some residents rally to the support of the kids. Others chime in that it's about time the police started cracking down on these impudent little snots.

It's a comedy, a summer movie starring all your teen faves as the kids and Robert Duvall as the police chief ("I love the smell of napalm in the morning").

I was thinking about the lyrics to "Gee, Officer Krupke" ("It's not like I was spittin'/ can you really go to jail for sittin") and Arlo Guthrie's famous battle with Officer Obie for "litterin" in "Alice's Restaurant," ("It bein' the biggest crime in the history of ...").

I was reading an article in the New York Times in which a mall has, in the words of Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins, made a pre-emptive strike by flooding the air with classical music. Everyone knows that teenagers can't stand classical music. Plymouth could set up speakers and play Wagner operas. If that's too expensive, maybe while Sgt. Steven Hundersmarck is out looking for illegal teen behavior he could carry a boombox blasting Beethoven or Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme. The teens would scatter like cockroaches from a demolition site.

I was thinking about all this but decided that this is too serious and more than a bit unfair to the authorities, who have a difficult job to do. They have to protect property, they have to protect the "small-town" environment, they have to keep the young

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HUGH GALLAGHER

people from being a danger to each other and the rest of the community Ten years ago, the city was plagued by cruising teenagers who drove through the small town center and created havoc.

But a few things seem fairly clear by now. The young man who received the stiff fine was used as an "example." This is an unfair application of the law. The police officer can't even state for certain that this particular young man, Matt Sikes, was one of those previously warned. The case should be and should have been thrown out. Neither the police nor the judge should be singling out someone to use as a warning for others. That's not how the law works, and they should know better.

But the more serious problem is Plymouth's relationship with its teenagers and with teenagers from the surrounding area who use the downtown. Teenagers can be obnoxious, loud, vulgar. When they do things that are clearly dangerous and offensive, they should be warned, ticketed or arrested, but under the same criteria as adults and with the same measure of respect. When their behavior is merely objectionable, they should be talked to in a firm but polite manner.

The teens are part of the community. They are not aliens, though sometimes they appear to be.

Kids hang out. That's what they do That's how they (we, once upon a time) learn how to socialize, how to give and take. Even with all the "youth programs" in the world, teenagers are still going to hang out on the corner, in the park, in front of the coffee house.

Sometimes they do stupid things and have to face the consequences. But they should not have to face consequences for hanging out on a warm summer's evening. They shouldn't be ostracized because of their age or their clothes or even their demeanor unless they become abusive to others. They don't deserve to be to rests of

They don't deserve to be targets of "pre-emptive" strikes.

Instead of presuming that teenagers are evil, take some time to talk to them and, while you're at it, take a deep breath and let them be. Until they do something truly wrong, leave the kids alone.

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Utilities just want to help us become better people



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dad. He was a great guy, wasn't he? You knew he always had your best interests at heart, but his lessons could sometimes be harsh when he was trying to teach you one of those important lessons about life, like taking

personal responsibility for yourself. "As long as you're living in my house

Well, now you're all grown up. You have a house of your own. Who is going to teach all those important lessons that you so need to learn? Why, your friends down at the local utility-company, of course. They're concerned about you. And right now they believe you need another lesson in responsibility.

"As long as you're hooked up to my utility .

MichCon has filed a proposal with the state Public Service Commission to cut the time allowed for payment of bills from the current 21 days to 17. Also part of the request is a proposal to shorten the grace period for a 2-percent late fee from five days to one. Further, it would increase the deposits required to reconnect once a customer's service has been turned off. And it would also require larger deposits for new customers.

MichCon is claiming it is doing it to get customers to show a little more "personal account ability."

The ruling of the PSC would apply to other state utilities that deliver gas and electricity. such as Detroit Edison and Consumers Power, so they're all supporting the change.

The proposal was actually filed with the Public Service Commission two years ago, but it was never publicized. The PSC held just one hearing on the issue, and no further hearings are scheduled. Now Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm is making an issue of it. She filed recently to oppose the proposal before the PSC.

Granholm thinks the whole thing is just a ploy by the utilities to get more of money out of their customers.

That's just not the case, our friends at the utility companies assure us. Oh no. Rather, they want to teach Michigan residents to stop abusing the system. The utilities believe the incentives for on-time payment – such as the fact they'll turn off your power if you don't pay on acting responsibly. They believe bills coming due in 21 days versus the 17 days most other companies allow means you'll pay others first.

And MichCon wants a "level playing field" with those other businesses.

It is a bit ludicrous to hear a monopoly talk about wanting a level playing field. The key point is that if you or I don't like the practices of some other company, we can take our business elsewhere.

But apparently, from the utilities' perspective, you are abusing the system if you don't pay your utility bills first. From their perspective, that makes you irresponsible.

You didn't know that, did you? You just thought you were doing a thing most of us call "money management." In part, that's looking at the bills that have come in, comparing them to the money we have available, and deciding which get paid first. You thought you were being smart because that keeps you from writing checks before there is money to cover them.

Nope, that's abusing the system. Apparently, MichCon believes your utility bill should be your highest priority. You should make sure you have enough cash on hand to pay that bill as soon as your utility company demands it. Food, clothing, shelter, it turns out, should all be secondary to paying the utility bills.

As you well know, utility companies have every reason to claim for themselves the right to be the final determiners of what is responsible behavior and what is not. Lord knows, they are extremely responsible organizations.

It's not their fault that the power goes off every time the weather produces something stronger than a gentle breeze.

And lord knows, it's certainly not the gas company's fault if a contractor digging around at a construction site hits a pipeline. The gas company can't be expected to work a little closer with those construction contractors to make sure they don't, say, burn down your entire neighborhood.

Well, this may not be very responsible of me, but I, for one, am hoping the PSC will decide to give the utilities a little fatherly lesson or two of their own in "accountability."

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State issues Rouge stormwater permits

By the end of the month, the state Department of Environmental Quality will have issued 31 certificates of coverage for stormwater permits to communities, counties and agencies in the Rouge River watershed.

The voluntary stormwater permits are the first of this kind in the United States, in which communities are working in subwatershed groups with state environmental officials to outline strategies to resolve stormwater problems and improve the river's quality.

That list included the Wayne County municipalities of Allen Park, Canton Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Wayne, Westland.

In Oakland County, municipalities that received certification were Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Lathrup Village, Pontiac, Southfield, Walled Lake, West

Bloomfield Township and Wixom.

In Washtenaw County, Salem Township, Superior Township and the Washtenaw Drain Commission also obtained state approval. Beverly Hills, Livonia and Novi will be issued certificates this month

The DEQ is negotiating with the following communities, county and agencies: Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Melvindale, Southfield Township, Van Buren Township, Ypsilanti Township, Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Birmingham, Detroit, Highland Park, Novi Township, Oak Park, River Rouge, Rochester Hills and Troy did not apply. Birmingham has proposed a stormwater enhancement program, while Detroit, Highland Park, Oak Park and River Rouge were considered combined sewer overflow areas and did not need to apply.

I-275 ramp to I-696 closes on Sunday

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

Starting Sunday, the exit ramp from northbound I-275 to eastbound I-696 will be closed for reconstruction and traffic detoured onto eastbound M-5.

From northbound I-275. motorists looking to exit to eastbound I-696 will be directed onto the eastbound M-5/Grand River exit and follow two lanes onto that portion of M-5 now known as the Keith Deacon Memorial Highway in Farmington Hills.

Motorists will drive about 2.5 miles east. That will take them past the Grand River exit, then they will turn around on a temporary ramp, then proceed on westbound M-5 another 2.5 miles to the eastbound I-696 exit.

The detour totals about five miles, according to Robin Pannecouk, MDOT spokesperson.It will resemble a detour similar to the westbound I-696/southbound 1-275 traffic onto the Haggerty Connector earlier this year.

"They will detour onto M-5, past Grand River and 10 Mile and continue on M-5, then make a U-turn and come back up," Pannecouk said.

Pannecouk said many signs will direct motorists. While on northbound I-275, motorists should move to the right lane.

The northbound I-275 ramp to westbound I-696 is tentatively scheduled to re-open in late

September.

Construction crews also continued work this weekend on the Eight Mile Road entrance and exit ramps. Motorists are advised to use Seven Mile or Six Mile interchanges as alternate routes. Once Eight Mile ramps are completed, crews will move to Seven Mile for construction there

The entire I-275 construction project is expected to be completed in November.

Sandburg Library hosts Madonna literary series

Faculty members from Madonna University, Livonia, will present a series of book discussions titled "Literary Outsiders: Contemporary Voices," which offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness. Each session will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Livonia Public Library beginning in September.

Funding for the program is made possible through a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, Dr. Richard Sax, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and professor of communication arts, will lead a discussion on "Love Medicine" by Louise Erdich.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, Dr. James Reilly, professor, communications arts, will conduct a presentation on "The Things They Carried," by Tim O'Brien.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, Dr. Kevin Eyster, chair and assistant professor, communication arts will direct a discussion of 'The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morri-

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, Dr. Kathleen O'Dowd, professor, communication arts, will head a discussion on "The Beans of Egypt, Maine," by Carolyn Chute.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, Dr. Mary Minock, associate professor, communication arts, will lead a discussion on "Family Dancing."

All sessions are free and refreshments will be served. The books are available at the Carl Sandburg Library and other libraries in The Library Network.

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JACK GLADDEN

How quickly adults forget

Why can't they be like we were ... Perfect in every way? What's the matter with kids today?

ye Bye Birdie" fans will rec-" Bognize those more-than-slightly-tongue-in-cheek lyrics from that rock 'n' roll musical of the early '60s. The lament, of course, goes back to the beginning of mankind. Or, at least, to the second generation.

When Cain slew Abel, Adam probably shook his head and wondered, 'What's the matter with kids today? So much violence."

Now anyone who has ever been the parent of a teenager knows that having such a creature around can sometimes be an unnerving experience. Often it can be quite maddening.

Yet, just how different are kids today? Were we, the adults, really "perfect in every way" when we were their age? Or, as we become more curmudgeonly in our middle years, are we losing both our patience and our memory

Case in point: A colleague of mine noted that while residents and officials in Plymouth decry the practice of teenagers "cruising" in that western Wayne County community, another group of people is practically deifying the very same activity with the Woodward Dream Cruise.

The Dream Cruisers, of course, date back to the '50s and '60s when driveins were the hangouts and drag racing down two-lane streets was a common (and illegal) practice. But that was then and this is now. That was us and this is them.

One of my favorite songs is "Okie from Muskogee." It's a favorite because of the lines that go:

COOL FOR SCHOOL

Kids favor brand names for back-to-school duds

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

arrying a stack of designer jeans and shirts at Mervyn's California, Scott Osinski, 11, believes that clothes definitely make a difference in social status at school. The sixth grader from Belleville

was shopping at the Westland store recently when he explained his logic.

"If kids wear geeky sweatshirts that their moms buy, they usually don't get any friends," Osinski said. His mom said she allows Scott and

his twin brother, Sean, to pick out most of their own clothes. Another Mervyn's shopper, Brit-

tany Ivan, 12, agreed with Osinski. "Kids pay attention to clothes," said

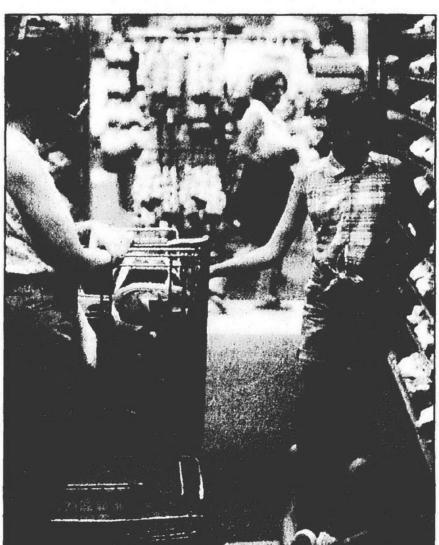
the Belleville resident. "People judge you by your clothes."

For the first time this year Brittany and her brother Josh won't be wearing school uniforms. Uniforms provided an easier routine every morning, because there wasn't any choice involved, but they were also more expensive.

And since there were dress down days at their previous school, their mother Brenda explained, her kids had to have the costly uniforms, as well as the other clothes.

Brittany said she was bored by the repetition of wearing the same thing everyday and was looking forward to what she could wear this school year.

"I got tired of the uniforms," she explained. During an informal survey of area





Which ones?: Checking for school clothes at the Meijer store in Canton, Heather Quinlan (photo above), 10, confers with her mother Nancy about a pair a jeans. Over in the shoes section, Angela Sunyog (photo at left), 9, tries on shoes under the watchful eyes of her mother Lynn, brother Joshua, 5, and sister Jessica, 11 1/2.

We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee

We don't take our trips on LSD And white lightnin's still the biggest thrill of all

Never mind that "white lightnin' was just as illegal as marijuana. It was the drug of choice of the good ole boys. Marijuana was the drug of the long-haired hippies. Besides, white lightnin' was then and marijuana was now.

Then and now

Any time some "enterprising" writer comes up with a story about archaic laws that are still on the books somewhere, one of them is certain to be a law against "spitting on the sidewalk." That was then. Now Plymouth police apparently have decided that "sitting on the sidewalk" is equally abhorrent.

That was the case when a 15-yearold teenager was ticketed, fined \$210 and sentenced to 32 hours of community service for sitting on a downtown sidewalk. Technically, he was charged with "obstructing" the sidewalk. Some cynics tend to believe he was ticketed for being a teenager in Plymouth.

That colleague who brought up the Dream Cruise also made another point about modern society: "They've made it illegal to be a teenager."

Now and then

Before we get too despairing of "today's" teenagers, think back.

"West Side Story," that classic tale of rivalry and violence among teenage gangs, was brought to the screen in 1961, and before that it was a Broadway musical.

"Rebel Without a Cause," the James Dean classic promoted as "a challenging drama of today's teenage violence," was released in 1955.

"Reefer Madness," that hokey melodrama about teenage marijuana addiction, was first released in 1936 under the title "Tell Your Children."

"Confessions of an English Opium Eater," telling the story of how opium could destroy your life, was published in 1821.

And, oh yes, "West Side Story" was loosely based on - you guessed it -"Romeo and Juliet," that ultimate Shakespearean romance that centered around the rivalry (and violence) of teenage gangs

Yeah, teenagers can be pains in the behind. They can be obnoxious. Infuriating. Frustrating and maddening. But the truth is they always have

been And we used to be them.

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shoppers combing the racks of garments, mostly jeans, days before the school bells will ring in the new millennium school year, most mothers either guided their children away from designer clothes or begrudgingly paid the inflated prices.

Looking for logos

Standing outside the dressing room at Mervyn's, Sharon McGuire of Garden City was waiting for her daughter and son to emerge with their most recent picks. She was looking for anything with the Nike and Adidas

logos. "My 10-year-old (son), I can steer away from the name brands, but my 14-year-old (daughter) has gone to the dark side." McGuire said followed with a laugh. "I couldn't steer her away

In Mervyn's children's department, Julie Dumtie, 5, was shopping with her mother, Sara, and brother, Michael, 7. Although she was wearing a hot green dress, Julie said she prefers pants for school.

Michael was a fashion statement in a B.U.M. T-shirt and Pipes shorts. In fact, the second grader prefers Pipes pants, too.

Lyn Taylor of Canton, who was shopping with her children, Jessica and Angela, at Meijer in Westland said tries to avoid designer clothes. But, every now and then something

slips in. Jessica, a sixth grader, was in the

> market for flared and carpenter jeans. Angela, a fourth grader, wanted Nike shoes. Their five-year-old brother, Joshua, will wear whatever mom buys

> Down the aisle from the Taylors, Eric Sopko, a second grader at Hulsing Elementary in Canton, was shopping with his mother. Karen and younger sister, Rachel. He wears only solid or stripes shirts, without designs. He also prefers long shorts and Nike shoes.

> "It's inappropriate to have shirts with dinosaurs and stuff," he added. His sister, Rachel, likes anything

with Barbie on it. Undaunted by the task ahead,

Karen Sopko was ready to forge on. "We've just begun," she said. "We're

going to hit Kohl's and Target, too."

Robin Maslyk was disappointed with the styles offered in young girls' dresses for her daughter Lauren, 8. The styles were much too mature for a young girl, she added.

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"She's not going to wear anything that's here," Robin Maslyk said. "My girl loves to wear dresses and I don't think these dresses are appropriate for this age bracket.

"We're not into the fads and for the most part, not the things that will come and go. We're into the traditional

Her brother, Todd, is going into kindergarten and will wear what mom decides ... Case closed.

Maslyk wasn't ready to give up either.

"We stop and browse everywhere. because there's always that one piece that you find," she said.

Kelli Clevenger, a 10-year-old from

Wayne, likes baggy shorts, flare pants and B.U.M. Equipment shirts. Her eight-year-old sister, Sara added khakis to Kelli's list.

Robby Stone, 7, also of Wayne has simple tastes: "I like my glow in the dark shirt with a dinosaur on the front.

He also prefers baggy shorts and break-away jeans, pants with snaps from waist to shoe, for easy changes that are especially popular among athletes

The bad news, he said, is that his mom doesn't like either fashion style.

Heather Quinlen, a 10-year-old fifth grader at Tonda Elementary School in Canton likes anything with Tweetie Bird on it. Last we k, she was checking the Tweetie Bird jeans. She already has Tweetie Bird shortalls and T-shirts

Please see CLOTHING, B2

Angel Care cares for parents who grieve



BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

The needlework of strangers has touched Mary Piontek profoundly. Among her most precious possessions is a small handmade quilt and a blanket, the work of strangers made to comfort those who grieve.

The quilt, no bigger than a foot square, and blanket are for her son Andrew who was stillborn at 26 weeks on March 17.

"He was presented to me in his own special blanket," Piontek said. "It meant so much to me that someone would take the time to make a quilt for someone who died.

The blanket as well as making the cap and gown for her son's burial have inspired the Redford resident to form Angel Care, an organization committed to comforting grieving families

Angel Care volunteers make, collect and distribute handmade blankets and burial gowns to St. Mary, Henry Ford, Providence and Huron Valley hospitals.

"They might not take the pain away, but a family can look at it and know someone else cares," she said

Please see ANGEL CARE, B2

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Clothing from page B1

Several miles away at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, 15-year-old **Dave MacFarland of Livonia** said he likes American Eagle. The Stevenson High School student made a point of noting that he doesn't buy the ever popular and sometimes expensive, Tommy Hilfiger clothes, because the colors are too bright.

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His friend, Rob Grisius, 15, said his school wardrobe will mostly consist of khakis and jeans

Lindsay Vierk, 13, came to Laurel Park Place from Grosse Ile with her mom. Her fall wardrobe will consist mostly of jeans, vests and T-shirts. She likes Hydraulic and Roxy, "because they fit me real well."

"And they're not as expensive," her mom whispered.

On the other hand, Cindy Nehmeh of Livonia, said her 13year-old son, Adam, will only look at Tommy Hilfiger clothes.

"That's the only thing he wants," she said. "That and Michael Jordan with the shoes."

Standing nearby, Adam was wearing a Tommy Hilfiger tank top and Tommy long shorts. The olothes in the bag he was holding all had Tommy Hilfiger logos.

A few feet away, Stefano Giamarco, a 13-year-old Northville middle school student, was shop-

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What do you think?: Alina LaFleche (left), 24, of Livonia helps younger sister Gina, 16, with her back-to-school selections at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

ping with his mom and twin brother, Nicholas. The boys have an easy way of weeding out some of the people they know they

don't want to be around. If they're wearing the extremely baggy pants that drag below their shoes, it's a good indication the kids are into grunge, they agreed.

"Those people I don't go near," Stefano added.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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. For more information, 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. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1427.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of

charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its eighth annual fall craft show10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

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

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603. 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 for a 10-by-8foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

Angel Care from page B1

Piontek, who started out by making several gowns for Huron Valley Hospital, has a half dozen volunteers who make everything from angel gowns for burial to caps, gowns, bonnets and booties in sizes for "teenie tiny micropreemies to full-term babies."

The volunteers come from far and near. Her neighbor has been making full-sized clothing, while a woman in Pennsylvania who was touched by the idea has been crocheting gowns and blankets.

"Some volunteers have been touched by infant death, some by the idea," Piontek said. "One woman who called said she didn't want to sound naive, but she didn't realize babies died.'

The volunteers are making gowns that fit babies as small as 12 inches long and weighing only ounces to a full-term 8-pound infant. Caps fit infant heads as small as the size of a large walnut.

"I tell my volunteers that these are something money can't buy,' Piontek said. "From my own personal experience, especially with a teenie tiny baby, you can't go to the store and buy clothes."

Some of the Angel Care patterns Piontek has found on the Internet, and some are actual doll patterns. While Piontek points out that doll clothes don't fit well, she admits using her daughter's dolls that are about preemie size to gauge if the gowns will fit.

Each gown and blanket comes with a tag, attached by a fancy diaper pin, that contains the angel story. The cards are meant to be a keepsake for the grieving family.

"I try to make everything keepable," said Piontek. "If the family chooses to bury their child in the gown or wrapped in the blanket, they can keep the card to create a memory.'

Piontek got the angel story from her good friend and source of encouragement, Ruth Ann Thill, founder of Afghans for Angels. Like some of her patterns, Piontek found Thill on the Internet.

Afghans for Angels has two chapters in north central Iowa which make and distribute baby blankets to local hospitals to give to parents who have suffered the loss of their infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

"She's my good friend: I e-mail

How to help

In addition to volunteers, Angel Care is in need of gowns, booties, caps, bonets, blankets and fancy

diaper pins. Clothing is movied in all sizes, and blankets can be in any form. The organisation also disper pins, fabrie, yarn, trims and patterns.

Patterns are available by sending a stamped, selfaddressed envelope to Angel Care, 15911 Kinloch, Redford 48239.

For more information, call Angel Care at (313) 534-6496 or by e-mail at damary@voyager.net or www.mihometown.com/oe/ angelcare.

St. Mary Hospital "luckily" hasn't had to use any of the Angel Care gowns and blankets to date, but Janet Sabo, nurse manager of the maternity center. is "sure they will be appreciated by the grieving families.

Different volunteers have provided the center with items, such as caps and knit hats at Christmas time, but nothing at the level of Angel Care.

'I'm very impressed with Mary; she more than anyone else understands the needs of grieving families," said Sabo. "I applaud her for taking her own grief and making it into something quite positive."

The answer was a "we need this woman" when Susan Klotz, nursing manager for labor and delivery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, received Piontek's letter about Angel Care.

The staff has always tried to have something, whether it was gowns provided by a few church groups or hospital T-shirts and blankets, for the families, but certainly not as nice as what Mary brings in," Klotz said.

"It's nice to know we have a supply," she added. "It's like a treat for the nurses when Mary brings in the gowns. They tend to get personal when things don't go well, and this way they can pick out a special outfit for the family."

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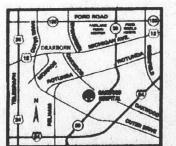


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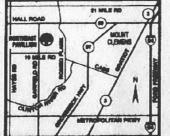
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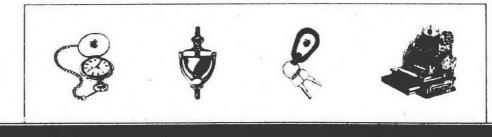
Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when application is received). For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

her every day," said Piontek. "She's helped me with ideas and encouragement. She gave me the angel story that appears on the Angel Care tags. It says it all."

The hospitals have responded positively. Officials at Huron Valley thought her inquiry to do the gowns was "wonderful," while the chaplains at Providence have called asking for the patterns so they can help. Henry Ford requested more full-term

Piontek hopes to get non-profit status for Angel Care and eventually have chapters in other states. An Angel Care brochure has generated an average of two calls a day about volunteering.

"I think people are finding out about Angel Care and think it's a neat idea. This is a lifelong thing with me, even if it ends up with me just crocheting stuff," said Piontek who learned to crochet from her grandmother.



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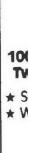


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Arnold and Rita Kalis of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an anniversary Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church and reception brunch.

The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 27, 1949, at St. Casmir Church in Detroit. She is the former Rita Nowrocke.

The Kalises have six children

Drury

Charles and Margaret Drury of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 9 at a barbecue with family and friends.

The couple, who moved to Redford 48 years ago, exchanged vows July 9, 1949 in Detroit. She is the former Margaret Sirola and worked as a keypunch oper-ator for IBM before raising her family.

Children include Robert of Hatteras, N.C.; Maureen, of Auburn, Calif .; Mary Beth of Howell, Pamela of Highland and the late Richard, who died in 1997. They also have six grandchildren.

Boehnlein

Albert and Dolores Boehnlein of Garden City are celebrating their 50th anniversary on Aug. 21, at a reception at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City following a Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

The couple married on Aug. 20, 1949, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Dolores Kruse.

They have 11 children -Juliana (Seth Olinka), William, Thomas, the late Joseph Boehnlein, Mary, Margaret (Paul Slicker), Robert (Debbie), Dorothy, Therese, Frances and David and four grandchildren - Paul II (Slicker), Jacob (Olinka), Charlotte and Sarah



- Mary Ann, Dolores, Harry, Barbara, John and the late Lucille - and eight grandchildren.

A retired truck driver, he is interested in fishing. A retired custodian, she is interested in crochet. They also are active in the Westland Senior Citizens and their children and grandchildren.



He is retired from the wholesale floral business.



Active in the community, they are planning a cruise to Alaska as their 50-year "honeymoon."

4-H holds special equestrian event

Twenty-five children and adult riders along with 40 volunteers turned out during the recent Oakland County Fair for the annual 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program.

The event was held at Spring Oaks in Davisburg. The volunteers helped lead horses and spot riders who riders competed for ribbons in such events as trail, horse shoe relay, western horsemanship and hunt seat equitation.

Harmony Acres of Northville, owned by George and Nancy Harm, provided three Arabian horses - Tarifa, Diamond and Love Idol - and volunteers for the event.

The Harmony Acres horses are well-known to the handicap riders and have made numerous appearance in local and state parades, including the recent Westland Summer Festival parade. Nancy, a psychology at Schoolcraft College, also teaches training the parade horse in the college's equine program.

The riders included Jared Hymen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hymen of West Bloomfield, on Tarifa, Elana Kaminen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kaminen of Oak Park, on Diamond, and Joe Lutksy of Ferndale on Idol.

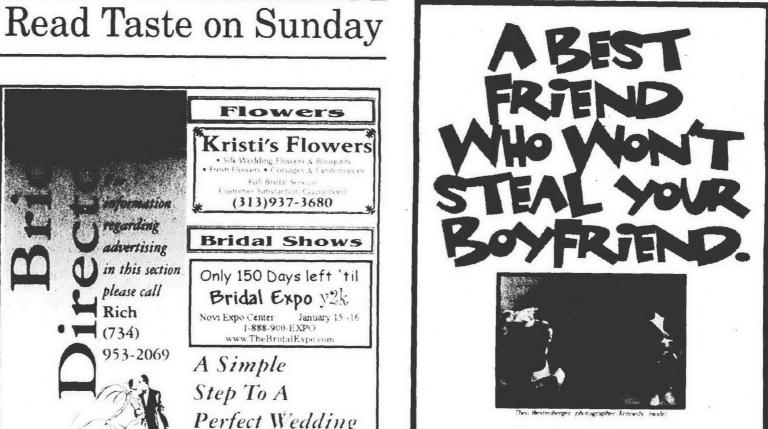
Jared, with the help of Dee Hodges of Northville and Melissa James of Novi, collected a trophy in intermediate hunt seat. Laura Roberts of Northville led Diamond and Maureen Richardson, also of Northville, led Idol. Assisting them was Cheryl McGee of Livonia.

People interested in riding or volunteering in the 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program, can call the Oakland County 4-H Office at (248) 858-0892





My ribbon: Joe Lutksy (top photo) shows off the ribbon he won with the help of his horse Idol and volunteers Maureen Richardson (center) and Cheryl McGee. The warm weather was reason enough for a refreshing drink of lemonade for rider Elana Kaminen and her mount, Diamond, which got help with the cup from volunteer Laura Roberts (center) and program organizer Judy Bolis of Holly.





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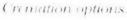
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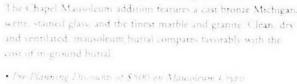
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TENNIS TOURNAMENT Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting a U.S.T.A. sanctioned youth tennis tournament for ages 12-18 years old, on Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22 at the Fish Hatchery Tennis Courts. Entry fee is \$35 for residents; \$38 for school district; and \$42 for non-residents. Applications are available at the Northville Parks & Recreation Office, 303 W. Main, Northville. For more information, call Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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 Canton 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

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

There will be a CPR seminar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft. This seminar will be conducted by the Plymouth Township Fire Department. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

SKATIN STATION II

Skatin Station II is holding a "Girls Skate Free" night from 7:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. All ages are welcome.

ART AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring its 28th Annual Artists and Craftsmen Show from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 and from noon to,6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The donation is \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors and students and children under 12 are

FARMER'S MARKET

free

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors Plymouth's Farm-Bolivia Mission is holding ers Market. 7:30 a.m. to their first annual golf out-12:30 p.m. Saturdays ing at noon, Sunday, Sept. through Oct. 23, with the 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 N. exception of Sept. 11. The Territorial Road, Plymouth market features fresh pro-(located on North Territoriduce, dairy and cheese al, 1 1/4 mile from Gotfredproducts, baked goods, son). Cost is \$90, which flowers and plants, fresh includes scrambles, a herbs, dried flowers, crafts \$5,000 putt for dough, and and seasonal items. Coffee a BBQ dinner. Proceeds and lemonade will be availhelp the needy children of able. The outdoor market is Bolivia. A mission to bring held under the Gathering, medical supplies, toys and across from Kellogg Park clothing to those in need. next to the Penn Theatre in For more information, or downtown Plymouth. Call for registration call Keeley (734) 453-1540.

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST FLEA MARKET Maybury Farm will host

The Livonia Historical Society and Commission sponsoring a Flea Mar

provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost is \$5 per family. RSVP with Diane Ratkovich at Catholic Social Services, (734) 971-9781 ext. 320.

Porgy and Bess: Attorney John Stewart and Central Middle

mouth Community Band during the vocal portions of Gersh-

School Choral Director Patrice Patterson perform with the Ply-

INLINE HOCKEY

win's "Porgy and Bess" recently in Kellogg Park.

Fall Inline Hockey classes are now available for boys and girls, ages 5-17 years old. until Sept. 24 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland. Cost is \$125, which practices, a jersey, and a party. For more informa-Kielman at (248) 245-0377. tion, call (734) 326-2801.

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at (734) 261-3738. KINDERMUSIK Village Music in Ply-

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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.

Registration is in progress for fall Kindermusik programs at the Southeast Michigan Arts onservatory in nton

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

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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.

ME & MY SHADOW PROGRAM

each team is to present the New Morning School has Badge of Courage award or openings for the fall 1999 Certificate to a chosen "Me & My Shadow" prorecipient at their workgram. This is an introducplace, church or school. tory preschool class for 2, 3 Each team will include a and 4 year olds and their speaker, someone to preparents. Classes meet sent the award, a photograweekly on Saturday mornpher and a spokesperson. ings and Monday evenings. If you are interested or Music, art, fingerplay, would like to get more story time and snacks are information, call Cathy centered on a weekly Kocian at (313) 833-2685. theme. A variety of activi-YOUTH COMPETITION ties and play equipment The Plymouth Symphony will be available. There is Orchestra proudly also special one-on-one announces a partnership time for the parent and with Evola Music of Canchild plus the opportunity ton as the host location of for children to take their this seasons "Youth Artist first steps toward socializ-Competition." In addition ing with other children. to the orchestral instru-Both parent and child will ments, piano contestants benefit, as our class offers will also be permitted. time for parents to discuss Auditions will be held in ideas and answers to devel December and the winners opmental questions. New will perform in the youth Morning is certified by the concerts in February of Michigan Department of 2000. For an application Education. For more inforand information, call the mation, contact the school symphony office at (734) it (734) 420-3331. Morning school is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road. REGISTRATION Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years of age. Garfield Co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135. Suburban Children's Coop Nursery has openings now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469. n 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 available. New Morning is licensed by the Michigan Department of Social Services and certified by

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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 organi-. zation, 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.

CPR SEMINAR

its annual "Honey Harvest" from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 11-12, each day at the Farm Demonstration Building. There will be continuous demonstrations of honey extraction as the beekeeper harvests the bee's golden crop. Ask the beekeeper about his work, and view the beekeeping tools and equipment on display. Honey will be available for purchase. 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 addi-

to benefit Livonia's Historical site, Greenmead, located between Eight Mile and Newburgh Roads. Admission is \$1, children 12 and under free. Food and refreshments will be available. Village open for tours from 1-4 p.m. For more information or for space rental, call (248) 477-7375. **APT KICKOFF** Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County with Adoptive Parents Together (APT) is sponsoring their

fist annual picnic from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, tional charge for Garden Sept. 18 at Ford Lake. Day activities. For more There will be games, art, information, call the park storytelling and more. office at (248) 349-8390. Main dish and drinks are APPRAISAL CLINIC

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Canton Historical Society presents DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Cherry Hill School located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Appraisals will be given by appointment only. Limited to three hand carried items. Cost is \$7 for a verbal appraisal and \$10 for a written appraisal. All proceeds go to benefit the Canton Historical Society. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, call Marie Gentz at (734) 453-5297.

GOLF OUTING

MEETING ket fundraiser from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12,

Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting, Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Plymouth District Library to continue efforts to establish a new parish in the area of M-14 and Napier, as part of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information, call (734) 458-7655.

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

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The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community

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451-2112. FOSTER CARE

Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily care to children that have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes, and beds are always welcome and extremely helpful to our children and their foster parents. Foster parents can be married or single and receive financial assistance from the State of Michigan. A foster parent orientation will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2. For more information, or to reserve your space, call (313) 794-5653 ext. 244.

SUPPORT GROUPS **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

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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 (313) 459-4224.

MADONNA DEAN'S LIST

The following Plymouth residents were named to Madonna University's dean's list: Alyssa H. Axsom, Brian S. Baraszu, Becky L. Brooks, Jodi L Buikema, Deirdre E. Bush, Amy M. Chapman, Elizabeth N. Cosenza, Jennifer M. Davis, Rozann M. DeFrain, Rose Marie Deehan, Sandra J. Desjarlais, Diane M. Donner-

meyer, Dionne C. Douglas, Carolyn L. Fediuk, Kristi N. Fiorenzi, Phillip A. Galofaro, Dennis R. Greenwald, Tracy L. Haley, Hunter S. Hinchcliff, Jennifer O. Hiorns, Aaron C. Hoge, Elizabeth C. Innes, Richard J.Kahn, Kenneth V. Kerfoot, Marybeth Kocsis, Emily S. Lawler, Angela M. Litwin, Vicki A. Loop, Maureen M. McAuliffe, Sandra G. McGrew, Kimberly G. McKnight, Kashala J. Munga, Heather L. Myers, Wendi L Nichols, Karen L. O'Daniel, Julie Ramsay, Michael J. Ricciuti, Amy E. Seifried, Kathleen D. Shipley, Alison Storm, Lori K. Suh, Ryan W. Thomason, Jennifer L. Waggoner, Leslie G. Wiemer, Denise

M. Williams, and Lisa R. Wilson. MADONNA GRADS

The following Plymouth residents graduated from Madonna University this spring: Christopher W. Hymes, James E. Larson, Susan C. Mortimer, Angela Valdick, Alyssa H. Axsom, Rose Marie Deehan, Tracy L. Haley, Aaron C. Hoge, Richard J. Kahn, Maybeth Kocsis, Diane L. Moen, Julie Ramsay, and Jennifer L. Waggoner.

NOTRE DAME DEAN'S LIST

Geoffrey John Rahie of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre

Dame. Rahie is a 1997 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

ALMA DEAN'S LIST

Christopher Machnacki of Canton and Andrew Oleszkowicz of Plymouth were both named to Alma College's dean's list for the winter term. Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 during a term are named to the dean's list.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DEAN'S LIST

Leslie A. Gischia of Canton was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Northern Michigan University. She is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Morano-Pianga

Dale and Robert Yessian of Canton and John and Joan Morano of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leanne Morano, to Jason Anthony Pianga, the son of Diang and Tony Pianga of Westland

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is currently studying veterinary technology.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and is employed by Draw-Tite as a robot technician.

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A September wedding is planned at Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

Christy-Jacunski

Donna and Bob Clark of Wyandotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Beth, to Jonathan Jacunski, the son of Steve and Charlotte Jacunski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. She is employed by Guardian Life Insurance Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Ingersoll-Rand.

A May wedding is planned at Victorian Wedding Chapel in

Roberts-Dahlberg

Sherry Roberts of Centralia, Ill., and Doug Roberts, also of Centralia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesli Nicole, to David Michael Dahlberg, the son of David and Judy Dahlberg of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Centralia High School and a 1996 graduate of Illinois State University. Licensed as a cosmetologist in California, she is employed as a stylist at Festoon Saloon in Berkeley, Calif.

Her fiance' is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High school, a 1991 graduate of Northwestern University and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. He is employed as director of marketing at Siebel Systems in San Arbor is planned.





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Bencik-Boudreau

William and Diane Bencik of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, to Jason Boudreau, the son of Judith Boudreau and James Boudreau.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a 1997 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine. She has completed a one-year internship at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and is in her second year of a pediatric residency at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Lincoln High School in Stockton, Calif., a 1993 graduate of the University of California-Davis and a 1997 graduate of

Micallef-Sata

Mario and Lily Micallef of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Rose, to Scott Thomas Sata, the son of Carol Jean and Thomas James Sata, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Compuware Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed by General Products Corp.

An October wedding is planned at St. Colette's Catholic Church in Livonia

Hubner-Waters

Sarah M. Hubner of Westland announces the engagement of her mother, Catherine Ann, to George Robert Waters.

The bride-to-be is employed at DTI-ATT in Livonia.

Her fiancé is employed at the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Livonia.

A September wedding is planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church is Westland.



Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. He is completing a three-year surgical residency in podiatry at Botsford Hospital.

planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.



Mushna-Myers

Cliff and Connie Mushna of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen, to John Myers, the son of Linda Myers of Woodhaven and Ron Myers of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Michigan State University. She is employed at Masco Corp. in Taylor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed at EDS in Troy

A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Loretto

Moore-Raymor

Larry and Nancy Moore of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki, to Bud Raymor, the son of Jerry and Mary Raymor of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a Realtor with Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke in Plymouth. Her fiancé ia a 1991 graduate

of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. He is employed as a paralegal with A.L. Bemish P.C. in Plymouth. A September 2000 wedding is

planned at the Dearborn Inn in

Chupac-Nader

Nicholas and Barbara Chupac of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Barbara, to John Paul Nader, the son of Anthony and Louise Nader of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of John Glenn High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. She is employed at Qwest Communications in Illinois.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of South Lake High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He works at Sun Microsystems in



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An October wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church



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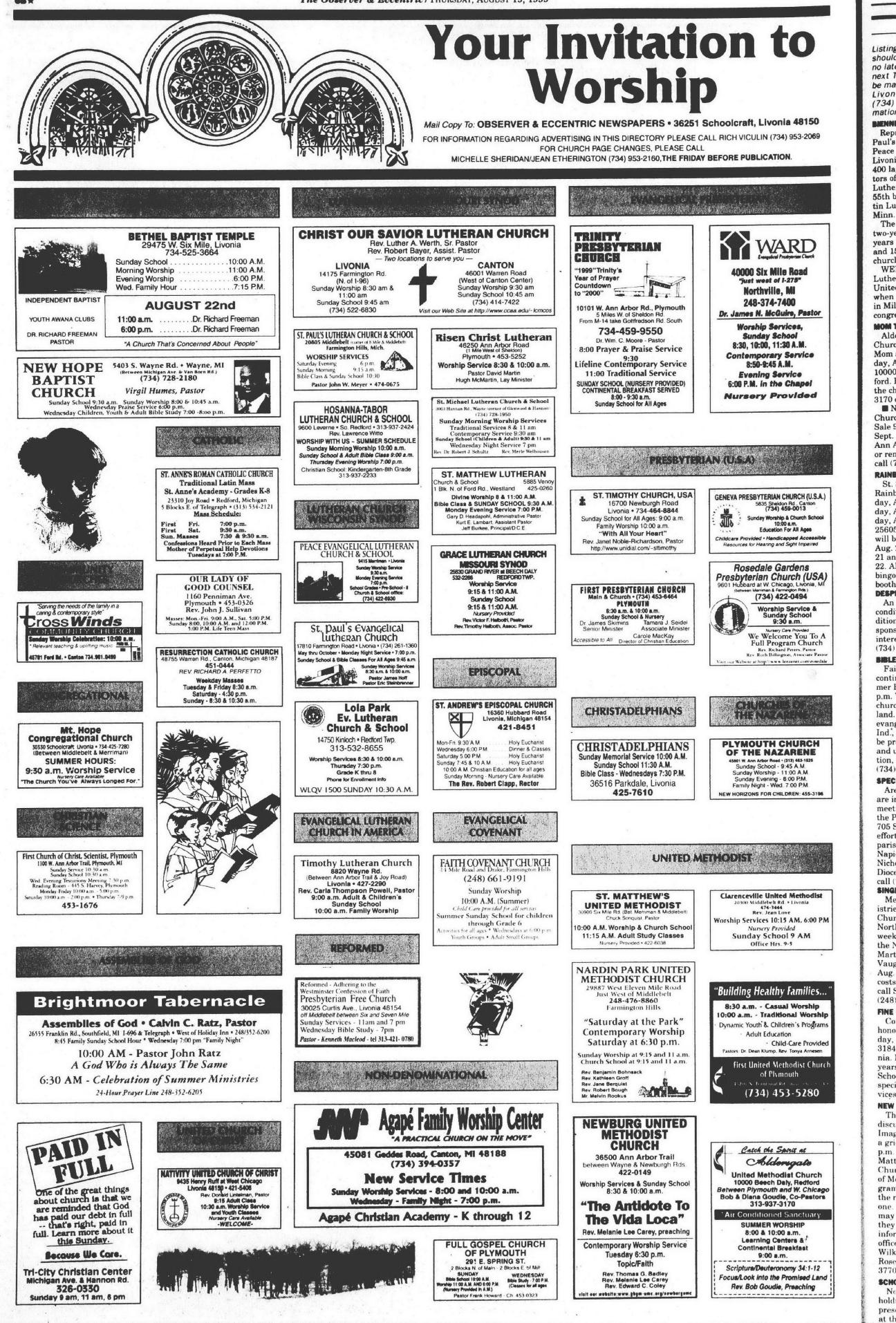
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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Representatives from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church, both in Livonia, were among more than 400 laymen, teachers and pastors of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod who attend the 55th biennial convention at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Minn.

The convention kicked off a two-year celebration of 2000 years since the coming of Christ and 150 years of WELS as a church body.

WELS is the third largest Lutheran church body in the United States. Begun in 1859 when three German pastors met in Milwaukee, Wis., it has 1,239 congregations in North America. MOM TO MOM SALE

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. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-3170 or Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

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. DESPERATE NEED

An automobile in good running condition and a window air conditioner are needed for a churchsponsored refugee family. People interested in donating can call (734) 455-2116.

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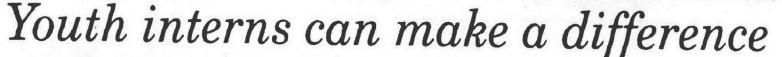
Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Wilbur Hurt, an evangelist from Indianapolis, Ind., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.

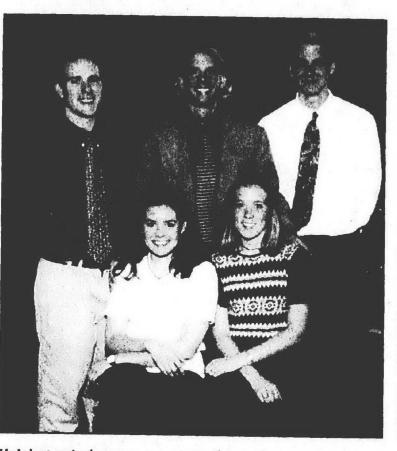
Road. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3-4year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. For more information, call (248) 348-9031

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, is accepting enrollment for preschool-eighth grade. The school offers full day kindergarten, small class sizes, structured environment and beforeand after-school care. For more information, call (248) 474-2488.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia, is accepting enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten program for children who will be age 4 on or before Dec. 1 meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The preschool program for children age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For tuition fees or more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Registration is being accepted for kindergarten classes offered by the Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.





Helping out: Among young people serving summer internships at Trinity Presbyterian Church are Julie Cieslak (front row, from left) Shannon Allen, Joel Kilpatrick (back row, from left), Philip Woods and Roger Kiska.

Few people haven't heard about the destructive choices teenagers have made in Colorado, Georgia and Kentucky. But many teenagers around the world invest some of their summer vacation helping others and making a positive impact in the world community.

Teenagers from trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth have traveled to Appalachia, Mexico, Haiti and Russia to make a difference in the lives of others.

This summer, 10 students were in Salt Lick, Ky., to build a house for a needy family and conduct a vacation Bible school for area children. Twenty other students went to Reynosa, Mexico, to build two houses. One student is serving in Russia, teaching English as a second language, while another went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to help put plumbing in a Missions clubhouse.

An active summer youth ministry requires adult involvement, so every summer Trinity's youth director hires interns to help with summer activities.

This year is no different, with Shannon Allen and Roger Kiska working with senior high school students and Julie Cieslak and Joel Kilpatrick working with junior high schoolers.

Allen is a senior at the Univer-

sity of Michigan, where she is majoring in linguistics. A native of Livonia, she spent last year studying in France and has ministered with Campus Crusade for Christ. She is considering the mission field as a vocation. Kiska is from Winnipeg, Mani-

toba, Canada. He received a degree in the history of Christian thought from the University of Manitoba and recently graduated from Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in Christian thought. He hopes to continue studies in Christian apologetics and health law.

Cieslak grew up a Trinity Presbyterian. A sophomore at Hillsdale College, she is studying history and business and is considering the possibility of attending graduate school. This is her first year working as an intern.

Kilpatrick also grew up at Trinity. He is pursuing an associate's degree in science and plans to continue studies in nursing and science. He worked with the junior high department past two years and would like to go into missionary service.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township. For more information about its programs or internships, call (734) 459-9550.



SPECIAL MEETING

Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Plymouth Public Library. 705 S. Main St., to continue efforts to establish a new parish in the area of M-14 and Napier Road as part of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information, call (734) 458-7655.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville, will offer 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 series costs \$40. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

FINE HONORED

Congregation Beit Kodesh will honor Nate Fine at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Fine has retired after 32 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. There will be a special kiddish following services.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Phil Seymour will discuss "Dreams, Visions and, Images" when New Beginnings 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

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool to eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile





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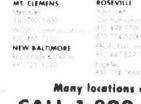
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CLASS REUNIONS

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Class of 1989 Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington. (248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON Class of 1978 Nov. 27 at the Best Western

Hotel in Farmington Hills. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunionworks. com

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1979 Sept. 25 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.

(734) 981-8637

GARDEN CITY WEST Class of 1968

A reunion is planned for September. (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170 Class of 1979 Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunionworks. com HENRY FORD TRADE Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion. (248) 618-9865 JOHN GLENN Class of 1979

Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214 Class of 1989 Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 366-9493, press #2

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1969 A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636 Class of 1959 Sept. 24 golf outing at Brae Burn Golf Course in Livonia, Sept. 25 dinner at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West. (734) 455-2594 or (810) 227-5622 LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1979

Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farmington.

(734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254 or at NOWANDTHEN. COM/ **REUNION** or ALUMNI.NET

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Class of 1984 Nov. 26 at the Livonia Elks Club (734) 421-0852

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Class of 1979 Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel. (248) 344-4457, (734) 416-5013 or JHeyNow@aol.com Class of 1984 Nov. 5 at The Excalibur in Southfield. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub. com Class of 1969 Oct. 2 in Livonia. Classes of 1968 and 1970 invited. (800) 770-1231 or at ww.classmates.com Class of 1989 Nov. 26 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per person, due by Oct. 1. (734) 261-9295, (734) 454-175mail at kks@pollardlaw.com or sharlene@staffcos.com

MERCY

Class of 1949 noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Marriott Inn in Livonia (248) 349-8589. Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion for June 2000. (248) 851-7620 Class of 1989 Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford. (313) 621-8350 Class of 1979 Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 344-8767 Class of 1994 A reunion is being planned. (248) 476-3270 Class of 1959 12:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in South Lyon.

(248) 344-8767 **NORTH FARMINGTON**

Class of 1969 Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites in Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press #2 Class of 1979 Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. (248) 737-4419 Class of 1978 Nov. 27 at Big Daddy's in West Bloomfield (248) 366-9394, press #4 PLYMOUTH SALEM

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REDFORD UNION

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Class of 1954 Sept. 18 at Toppers in Dearborn. Sybilla Roy, 29839 Greenland, Livonia 48154

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Class of 1979 Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616 **All-Class Reunion** Sept. 10 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Dinner reservations can be made for 5-7 p.m. (734) 522-5424 or SMRALUM-NI@AMERITECH.NET Class of 1969 Nov. 27 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. (734) 453-5423 or by e-mail at mcoulter@gr-lakes.com

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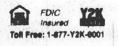
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Crossfire finish 2nd

The Canton Crossfire, an under-14 boys soccer team, finished second in the Gold Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival last weekend.

The Crossfire opened their tournament run with an 8-0 blanking of the Centerville (Ohio) Fire, but they lost their second match to the Medina (Ohio) Rangers 5-3. The Canton team rebounded with a 4-0 triumph over Pacesetter Cup from Sylvania, Ohio, a win that qualified the Crossfire for the finals. They lost 3-0 to the Michigan Wolves in the title match.

Members of the Crossfire are: Jake deVries, Brandon Dugan, Steve Gizicki, Zak Gressmen, Kevin Justus, Kevin Kwiatkowski, Ross Maltby, Mike Nagy, Michael Newton and Matt Tomasso of Canton; Phil Callega and Roger Sacks of Livonia; Peter Bierznyski and Adam Warner of Plymouth; Brandon Noble of Westland; Quinn Branson of Chelsea; and Mike Wilkinson of Ypsilanti. The team is coached by Jim deVries and Rob Newton; Jeff Maltby is the team manager.

Cruiser wins gold

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim team sent 18 swimmers to the 1999 Long Course State Meet last weekend at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and they propelled the Cruisers to a 13th-place finish in the 45-team field.

Best individually among the Cruisers was Nick Dixon, competing in the boys 11-12 year-old division. Dixon finished second in the overall point totals, capturing the gold medal by placing first in the 100-meter backstroke and second in the 50 back, 200 freestyle and 400 free. He was also third in the 200 individual medley. Dixon finished with a top-eight placing in 11 of his 12 events, posting personal-best times in all of them.

Ben Działo, a 13-year-old swimming in the 13-14 division, also enjoyed a strong meet with a second in the 200 butterfly and a fourth in the 100 fly, and a fifth in the 50 free, a sixth in the 100 free, and a seventh in the 200 free and 800 free. Dzialo also had personal best times in all his races. Amy Mertens, swimming in the 13-14 girls division, placed fifth in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events with personal bests in both. Robert Cyrek, Greg Calabrese, Alex Marinica and Dixon placed fifth in the 200 medley and 200 free relays, and Cyrek placed seventh in both the 11-12 boys 50 back and 50 free. Dzialo and Divon will both compete at the Central Zone meet in Indianapolis this weekend. Top swimmers from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and North Dakota will compete. All told, the Cruisers collected 27 medals and 42 personal-best times in 45 events at the state meet. The Central Zone meet will mark the end of the summer session. Registration for the fall session will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Plymouth Salem HS pool. Fall practices begin Monday, Sept. 13.

Rocks will still contend



Senior leader: Mark Doughty, one of three seniors returning for Plymouth Salem, was a consistent scorer for the Rocks last season, playing at the WLAA, regional and state tournaments.

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

To be sure, some of the names have changed. And, if the current members of Plymouth Salem's golf team have their way, some of the results from last season will be altered, too. But most of the 1998 campaign

they'd like to repeat. And why not?

Salem won its first-ever state regional championship when they finished first in the Temperance Bedford region last October. The Rocks also proved best at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, winning that title as well

A restructured state regional tournament, with both Salem and Plymouth Canton reassigned from the very tough Brighton region to Temperance Bedford, made the state tournament a more reachable goal. Now the object is not just to qualify for state, but to make it pas the tournament's first day.

But: First things first. And first and foremost, the Rocks must replace some impressive talents if they hope to even match last season's results.

It can't help a team's chances to lose players the caliber of Adam Wilson and Erik Krueger; Krueger finished fifth individually at the state tournament with back-to-back rounds of 76, he was first in the WLAA Tournament with a 75, and he tied for medalist honors at the state regional with a 77

And although the finish to Wilson's career wasn't as spectacular, he was the model of consistency. Wilson was second to Krueger at the WLAA Tournament with a 76, and he had rounds of 79 at the regional and 80 at the state tournament. Wilson plans to walk-on at Michigan State, while Krueger will do the same at highly-regarded Brevard Community College in Boca Raton, Fla.

The good news for Salem is, everyone else is back.

"We're losing those two guys and that's it," noted Salem coach Rick Baker, Adam's father. "The returning guys are real good.

The Rocks will still have impressive depth and a lineup good enough to battle for the WLAA championship. Four

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SOCCER PREVIEW Despite new lineup, SC will flourish

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

If a coach brings back six players from his previous soccer season - and that team was 18-4 it would seem there would be good reason for optimism.

But if those six guys are all on one team, scrimmaging a team of all newcomers, and the veterans are losing 1-0 at halftime, the optimism would diminish substantially. Right?

Of course - unless you're Schoolcraft College men's coach-Van Dimitriou.

That's because it isn't a matter of the veterans slipping. It's that the recruits are darn good.

The Ocelots coming back from last season's squad, which lost in the NJCAA Inter-Regional Tournament, are not guaranteed of anything. "Not one of them has a starting position made," said Dimitriou.

Returning for SC are keeper Eric Anderson (from Brighton), midfielders Dave Lotarski (Dearborn) and Naum Popovski (Livonia Stevenson), stoppers Mike Slack (Livonia Churchill) and Joel Wizinsky (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), and utility player Matt Shaw.

All, according to Dimitriou, are capable of helping guide the Ocelots back to the NJCAA Tournament, which they qualified for in 1997. SC has recorded back-toback 18-win seasons.

Making a run at a national title will require something more, however, and Dimitriou believes he might have the proper mix - if he can sort through the 20-plus players he has trying out.

Starting in the back, Anderson is being challenged by Plymouth Canton graduate Doug Koontz, whom Dimitriou thought "has the edge" in early workouts. Ben Davis, who started in goal at Canton the season before Koontz came in, may also be part of the equation. On defense, Dimitriou likes Paul Ansara (Novi) and Aaron MacDonald (Plymouth Salem) at marking back, with Sergio Mainella (Stevenson) or Tom Stark at sweeper. Mainella could also play at midfield or forward. Flack and Wizinsky are both good choices at stopper. At outside midfield, there's Johnny Demergis (Canton) and Dan Wielechowski (Salem); Nick Skotanis (Northville) is a possible attacking midfielder, with Casey Bantle (Ann Arbor Pioneer) at defensive midfield.

Canton cross country

The new coach for Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team is Bill Boyd, replacing Mike Spitz. Boyd has announced that the Canton cross country team will be meeting for practice at 10 a.m. weekdays in front of Canton's Phase III gym.

Anyone interested in joining the team may attend. For more information, call Canton athletic administrator Sue Heinzmann at 416-2925.

Indians tryouts

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The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have tryouts for its various teams Aug. 28-29 at Massey Field. located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads. Experienced ballplayers interested in playing in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation should call the proper age-group coach.

•12-and-under: Noon Aug. 28; call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695.

•13-and-under: 3 p.m. Aug. 28; call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

•11-and-under: 4 p.m. Aug., 29: call Mark. Glover at (248) 349-3392

•14-and-under: Call Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104 for time and date

•15-and-under: Call Don McNeish at (248) 348-2055 for time and date -18-and-under: Call Jeff Vancamp at (734)

522-0184 for time and date

Chiefs could reign again

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

Two years ago, Plymouth Canton provided the biggest surprise of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys golf season. The Chiefs, never a before a major contender in the conference, surprised a whole lot of people by capturing the league championship.

But times have changed since then. Canton won't surprise anyone anymore

The Chiefs couldn't repeat their success of 1997 last season - at least not in terms of titles. But that was due more to the rest of the WLAA catching up to Canton than the Chiefs slipping back.

They tied Walled Lake Central for

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second the Vikings won the tiebreaker, a better sixth-player score --at the WLAA Tournament, played at Hudson Mills. At the same course a year earlier. Canton won the conference tournament by seven strokes with a 409:

placed third.

"We had a decent season," said Chiefs' coach Tom Alles. Indeed they did, qualifying for the state tournament for the first time ever by finishing second at the Temperance Bedford regional.

The object now is obvious: Keep building. Stay among the WLAA's title contenders, recapture a state tournament berth by finishing among the top three at the regional, then make some noise at state.

The Chiefs have the tools to do all of the above

"We're kind of a senior team this year," Alles said. "We'll rely heavily on our seniors.

For good reason. All three experienced Canton's WLAA championship season of two years ago as members of the varsity, and all three were contrib-

Then there's Gary Bell (Derry,

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Group visits home of Tae Kwon Do

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Over the years Tae Kwon Do Grand Master Ron Rose has hosted several Korean instructors, but the Canton Township resident decided it was time to return the favor and make his first trip ever to Seoul, South Korea.

Rose has been involved with the martial arts discipline for nearly 30 years and has been an instructor for 21 years

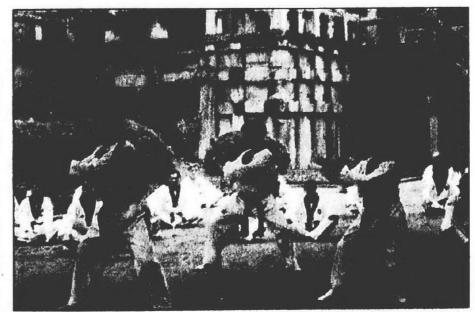
Pardon the pun, but Rose certainly blossomed and gained a new insight during his 10-day stay.

He recently headed a contingent of 63 Michiganders, including 33 from his Kick's Tae Kwon Do studio, located at the corner of Sims and Wayne roads in Wayne, to Korea.

Also making the trip was his wife Chris, and two of his four sons, Paul, 24, and Eric, 14. (The couple's two other sons. Marc. 12, a second degree black belt, and Michael, 8, a first degree, did not make the trip.)

And judging from their week-long stay, the Rose family enhanced their knowledge in a sport which has over 1 million practitioners from over 150 different countries

We were able to experience of beauty, heritage and culture of Korea, but



Family affair: Canton Township residents (from left) Ron, Paul and Chris Rose trained with some of the top Tae Kwon Do instructors in the world on their trip to Seoul, South Korea.

the same time receive intense training five days of intense physical training. from some of the top instructors." Ronald Rose said. "We learned the roots of Tae Kwon Do. There were over covering competition rules 50 high-ranking Black Belts. It was

classroom lectures on theories and techniques, along with Grand Masters

Tae Kwon Do has received more and

more international exposure during the past 10 years.

It has been an Olympic exhibition sport since 1988 when Seoul hosted the Summer Games. But in the year 2000, it will become a medal sport for the first time with four different men's and women's weight divisions up for grabs in Sydney, Australia.

Rose is currently the president of the Korean Tae Kwon Do Association of America, the country's largest organization in the sport.

"My life is Tae Kwon Do and I've been enriched by the experience," said Rose. "I grew up in Detroit where there were a lot of gangs and I actually got started taking a class in Taylor, and I fell in love with it.

At the university level in South Korea, students can major in the art of Taé Kwon Do. It's like majoring in any other academic subject

Rose and his group were able to gain insight into unifying the fundamental forms of Tae Kwon Do movement, as well as learn advanced kicking level technique. Testing was done for fifth degree Black Belt status.

We had students from Hong Kong, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Lebanon and Norway - it was very interesting.



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Fair warning: If you're weak of heart, be

The Twisters, a semi-pro team associated

with the Lakeshore Football League (which

is part of the American Football Association),

ran their record to 4-0 — but not without

wary of any Wayne County Twisters football

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"Ben was an excellent tour-nament player," said Alles. "He was at his best when we were playing 18 holes."

Justin Allen was "a consistent contributor" throughout his junior and senior years, serving as team co-captain last year. He was the third/fourth scorer among the Chiefs.

Leading the returnees is Jon Johnson, a senior who rates as perhaps the best returning golfer in the WLAA, together with North Farmington's Derek Spicer. Johnson was an all-conference performer.

He was second to Salem's Erik Krueger at the WLAA Tournament last year, shooting a 76 (as did Salem's Adam Wilson). Johnson shot an 81 at the regional and an 82 at the state tournament; he averaged 40.4 in nine-hole dual meets and 80.0 for 18-hole tournaments his junior season.

"I think Jon will be one of the premier golfers in the conference," predicted Alles. "He's very consistent, very strong and very athletic. He works very hard at improving his game.'

The best news for Canton, however, is that it needn't rely on just Johnson. Derek Lineberry and Matt Rosol are also returning for their senior seasons.

Lineberry shot an 81 at the regional and an 82 at the WLAA Tournament, while Rosol carded an 86 at the WLAA Tournament and an 89

Phone with Nick Lariy nier wheee 98 shaping the rest of the team with today's John Sandmann Best Hall Tournament

There were several candidates for the remaining slots. One sophomore who had impressed Alles was Rob Plenskofski. "He has emerged as the most promising of the sophemores, said Alles. "He's had two good (practice) rounds so far."

With such a cast, it seems Canton's goals are within reach. But can the Chiefs chal-lenge for the WLAA title?

That won't be easy. Central, the overall league champion last season, returns their entire starting lineup. "Central is absolutely loaded," said Alles. "They not only have all their starters back, but they have some newcomers who could play as well."

Salem has lost two of the league's best golfers in Krueger and Wilson, but everyone else returns, making the Rocks a top threat. And although Westland John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson lost top talents, both still figure to field imposing. lineups,

According to Alles, Canton will need two things to remain in the conference title pursuit: "No. 1 is how well our senior leadership can guides us through our matches, and No. 2 is who can break out of our "But I think we do have

seniors we can rely on." Improvement will be the key. As Canton's totals from 1997 to 1998 indicated, a team won't be able to rest upon its laurels.

some last-second heroics. overtime, 20-14. Their third-straight win came against the Black Swamp Patriots Aug. 7 in McComb, Ohio. Trailing by a touchdown with only seconds remaining, Twister quarterback Rob

Elswick tossed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Brandon (from Wayne HS) to pull out a 20-19 triumph.

Certainly that invigorated the Twisters,

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Twisters pull off a pair of comeback wins

but last Saturday's game against the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury at the Academy of Detroit in Inkster proved to be even more dramatic, with the Twisters prevailing in

Another Elswick-to-Brandon TD pass, this one covering 45 yards late in the second quarter, and the subsequent extra-point conversion by Chuck Petitpas (Livonia) put the Twisters up 7-6.

It remained that way until, with less than three minutes left in the game, the Fury scored and added a two-point conversion to go up 14-7. But the Twisters answered, with Elswick finding Leonard Morawa with a 22yard TD pass with 55 seconds to go. Petitpas added the game-tying conversion.

A 54-yard field-goal attempt by Petitpas as regulation expired, set up by a Fury fumble. fell short, resulting in OT.

Unfortunately for the Fury, the extra session began as regulation ended - with a fumble, this one recovered by Aaron Brothers. The Twisters answered with a sevenplay touchdown drive, with Lamar Spaulding (Westland) powering his way into the end zone for the game-winning score.

Taormina finishes 2nd in Triathlon of Champions

BY BRAD EMONS

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SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.hom ecomm.net

Things are looking up for Livonia triathlete Sheila Taormina.

The 1996 Olympic gold medalist in swimming (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay) pocketed \$2,000 with a second-place finish in Sunday's 13th National City Triathlon of Champions event in downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

Barb Lindquist, 30, of Victor, Wyo., also a former swimmer (from Stanford) and friend of Taormina, covered the Olympic

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seniors with considerable experience return, and a couple of juniors join them.

Tops on the list are three seniors: Matt Leon, Ryan Nimmerguth and Mark Doughty, each of whom contributed significantly to Salem's success in '98. Leon shot a 79 at the regional and an 84 at the WLAA Tournament, Nimmerguth had an 81 at the WLAAs and an 88 at the regional, and Doughty finished with an 82 at the WLAAs and an 83 at the regional.

Those three, plus junior Mike Thackaberry - who was Salem's sixth golfer most of last season as a sophomore and shot an 86 at the WLAAs - provide the core of the Rocks' team.

James McCaffrey, also a senior who played enough last season to letter, should make an impact this season. So should juniors Brian Gullen and Jay Smith, who also lettered as sophomores.

distance course in 1 hour, 58

triathlete, won \$10,000 to bring

her season earnings to \$23,850.

Lindquist, the top-rated U.S.

Taormina's time was 2:00:05.8,

while Becky Gibbs of Minneton-

ka, Minn. finished third in

Lindquist and Taormina,

roommates over the weekend,

came out of the mile swim in

Lake Erie neck-and-neck tied for

first place, but Lindquist, 30,

was stronger in the 23.7-mile

non-drafting bike ride despite

stopping momentarily a lap

minutes and 3.9 seconds.

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short.

Two newcomers to watch are sophomores Ryan Williams and Bobby Jones.

"I felt last year we were a very good tournament team," said Wilson. "And when it comes right down to it, what really counts are tournaments. They're what set you up for state."

Not much should change this season for the Rocks. Still, there are things they would like to change.

Despite their strong finish,

Taormina's 10-kilometer run, however, was an impressive 38 minutes

"That 10K was the best run of my life," said the former University of Georgia Bulldog and Stevenson High Spartan. "I felt strong on the run, but my endurance on the bike right now is weak."

Taormina missed nearly two months of training during the spring with a virus.

Taormina, 30, raced in Austin, Tex. and finished second in early May, but did not compete again until Aug. 8 when she placed eighth in the North American

Triathlon Championships in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"I'm in pretty good aerobic shape right now, but I'm not really in racing shape just yet," Taormina said.

Ranked 131 in the world in points, Taormina will head nexts week to Lausanne, Switzerland to compete in an International Triathlon Union (ITU) race.

The 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials will be held in two stages next spring with eight triathletes competing in Sydney, Australia, and another 15 qualifiers vying in Dallas, Tex.

mouth Canton, to name a few but it will still be plenty tough in the conference.

Central returns nearly all of its starters and Canton has plenty more to call upon, as does Glenn and a couple of the Farmington schools. Still, as Wilson said, "I do feel (confident), because of the experienced kids we have coming back."

If they take last year's results to the next level, who knows how far Salem can go?

The Rocks and Canton both open their season's today with the John Sandmann Best-Ball Tournament at Hilltop Golf Course. They play at the 36-hole East Lansing Classic Monday at Forest Akers.

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Lake Central for the overall WLAA championship (which combines dual-meet results with the final tournament), and they weren't overly impressive at the state tournament. "I like our chances," said Wilson. "We've got a lot of good

experience back from both the regional and state tournaments. I thought Nimmerguth, Leon and Doughty got a bit rattled at state. If we can get to that level again, we'll all be the better for

Such a trip won't be easy. Several WLAA opponents have lost major talents as well - Steve Polanski at Livonia Stevenson, Chris Tompkins and Justin Fendelet at John Glenn, and Ben Tucker and Justin Allen at Ply-

But that's hardly the extent of they couldn't overtake Walled

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PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 27

Borgess vs. East Catholic

at Garden City Jr. High, 4 p.m.

Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Cooley at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Willow Run, 7 nm

Dearborn at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.

P.H. Northern at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Novi at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

Roseville at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

Oxford at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

said Rose, who also serves as an

international referee. "We had

interpreters with us most of the

time, but most Koreans speak

some English, which also hap-

pens to be the official language

The tour was more than a

sight-seeing excursion of tem-

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Training started at 6 a.m. and we didn't go to bed until 11:30 p.m.," said Chris Rose, a Senior Master. "One morning we trained on the Sea of Japan. It's called 'Land of the morning calm.'

Before breakfast, the group did a gruelling morning run up a mountain as part of their train-They also trained under the

1988 South Korean Olympic team coach, as well Master Myungsam Chong, an '88 Olympic gold medalist and Head Master of the World Tae Kwon Do Academy, and two-time women's world champion Shin Ja Lim

"She (Lim) is only about 5 feet, 3 inches, around 118 pounds, but

St. Agatha vs. Port Sanilac at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m. Redford CC vs. A A Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Wednesday, Aug. 25 St. Alphonsus at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Friday, Aug. 27 John Glenn vs. Thurston, TBA Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 Stevenson at Troy, 11 a.m. N. Farmington at Milford, 12:30 p.m. W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 12:30 p.m. Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 1 p.m. (Balconi Tournament at CEP)

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Portage Central at Salem, 10 a.m. Troy Athens at Canton, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 28

Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (III.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.m. Madonna Alumni game at Whitman Field, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.), TBA WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 28 Schoolcraft at Alma College, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28 Schoolcraft at Kellogg Tourney, TBA Madonna at Mesa St. (Colo.) TBA

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"Some want to come here and

Black belt students and mas-

ters will be in action Saturday

through Monday, Sept. 4-6 in a

Kick-A-Thon for "Jerry's Kids" at

the Southland Center Mall,

located on Eureka Road, just

tent goal-keeping," Dimitriou

said. "The other thing is whether

we can score timely goals. Who

can put in goals at the right

Those are questions that may

take time to answer. The Ocelots

will begin their quest next week-

end (Aug. 28-29) at the College

of DuPage (III.) Tournament.

times for us?"

BULLDOG SWIMMERS 1ST

The Bulldog Aquatic Club, based out of Schoolcraft Community College, came away with three titles at the Michigan State Swim Meet held recently at the University of Michigan.

Angela Simetkosky (Livonia) captured the 1,500-meter freestyle for Girls 15-18, while Alandra Greenlee (Northville) won the 200 freestyle for 10-andunder.

The foursome of Amy Black (Northville), Andrea Hurn (Livonia), Jenny Carr (Novi) and Erin Schubert took first in the 400 medley relay for Girls 13-14.

Among the other state qualifiers included Elizabeth Hurn, Livonia; Jenny Crabill, Canton; Ariel Greenlee, Ava Ohlgren, Scott Whitbeck and David Whitbeck, all of Northville.

The BAC also sent 11 swimmers to the six-state Zone meet in Indianapolis, Ind., lifting Team Michigan to eight medals.

The Bulldog Aquatic Club will stage an open house for interested competitive swimmers (ages 7-18) from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 7-10, at

The Livonia Meteors, an under-12 girls soccer team, finished runner-up to the Bay Village Storm in the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival last weekend in Maumee, Ohio.

Calvin and assisted by Brent Taylor, defaeted the Michigan Rowdies of Trenton (13-0) and the NOSO Hurricanes of North Olmsted, Ohio (3-0), and tied the

Storm (1-1) in a crossover match. The Storm then defeated the Meteors in the title matchup, 2-1. in double overtime.

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Members of the Meteors include: Christen Biskelonis, Angie Bond, Ashely Calvin, Kate Kelly, Allyson King, Mary Mattarella, Mary Peszek, Jamie Radley, Michele Roffey, Anna Ross, Aleah Ryder, Paige Taylor, Lauren Trosell, Casey Van-Swearingen and Sara Jo Wilson. Jeff Bobo is the team trainer,

while Mike Trosell is the team manger.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

•Tryouts for the 15-16 year-old Michigan Lake Area Rams, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12 at the Madonna University baseball field.

For more information, call Rick Arbogast at (313) 291-8969. Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Federation Baseball Club 12and-under teams will be Sunday, Aug. 22 and 29 at Municipal Park in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667 or Jeff Dolkowski at (313) 274-6951.

•Tryouts for the Westland Federation Wildcats, a 12-andunder Little Caesars travel baseball team, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29 at Rotary Park in Westland.

For more information, call Shawn Dunford at (734) 595-3496 or Don McCloud at (734) 261-1619.

•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-and-

under) 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-andunder), Bob Olson at (734) 464-7930 (12-year-olds) or Bill Rabe at (248) 474-2739.

•Tryouts for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras travel baseball teams will be Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29. Players should plan to attend both days. Tryouts for the 13-, 12 and 10-

year-old teams will take place at Pioneer Park (Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads).

The 13-year-olds will have tryouts 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Mel Borock, manager), 12-year-olds from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alan Borsen, manager) and 10year-olds 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Marc Berlin, manager).

Tryouts for the 15-, 14 and 16year-old teams will take place at Founders Park, fields Nos. 7 and 8 (Eight Mile Road, two miles east of I-275).

The 15-year-olds will have tryouts 9-11 a.m. (Dan Petry, manager), 14-year-olds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Chuck Pinkston, manager) and 16-year-olds 2-4 p.m. (Tony Agosta, manager).

Ages are determined as of Aug. 31, 2000. Players are asked to arrive a half hour early to sign in. All players need to bring bats, mitts, helmets and cleats. For more information call (248) 788-0691.

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Ireland), Tony Maldonado (Stevenson) and Joey Brincat, who are all strong possibilities at any of the midfield spots.

Mike Jones scored 24 goals as a senior at Fenton; he's one potential forward. Andrew Meyers was a versatile player at Dearborn; others to watch are Rob Barnes and Kevin Brown (Brighton).

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smooth," said Paul Rose, who is classified as a Master instructor. "It was just amazing watching her.' Eating Korean food was anoth-

she's so fast, so powerful and so

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er test of character, but Chris Rose said the Michigan students adjusted well.

We ate on the floor sitting up with our legs crossed, using chopsticks," she said. "It's a lot of rice, vegetables, noodles, soup, with some meat and fish. Some of it is spicy, but you get used to

Added Ron: "Actually the students felt healthier, I know I did. Some of our students lost weight.'

Although the Kick's group stayed at a nice resort, getting adjusted to sleeping on the floor with roll-up mats was another challenge.

"I have a bit of a bad back, but after a couple of nights on the floor it (the back) actually started feeling a lot better," Paul Rose said.

The group also visited the world headquarters of Tae Kwon Do. the Kukkiwon, known as the Madison Square Garden of South Korea.

rebuilding year. "Of the six guys

back, none of them was a real

force last year," he admitted. "So

But that doesn't mean this

season's team won't match last

year's. "We were 18-4 last year,"

the SC coach said. "I think we're

capable of that. Obviously, our

It won't be an easy objective to

goal is to make it to nationals."

it is a rebuilding year."

"You just feel so different

east of Telegraph in Taylor. The Tae Kwon Do Association of America national championships will be Saturday, Oct. 9 at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

when you walk in a place like that, it was a bit overwhelming,' said Ron, who teaches selfdefense techniques in Tae Kwon Do to law enforcement officers. "We had police escorts when we traveled and we were treated so

"Korea is a beautiful country

The Meteors, coached by Doug

work," Ron said. "Really there is no difference between the black With a renewed enthusiasm. Rose has two events planned in

and we made a lot of friends. They were very warm and the Schoolcraft College pool. friendly. We developed close ties LIVONIA METEORS RUNNER-UP Grand Master Hae Man Park, who lives in Seoul, visits Rose





'Golf Chi' Application of an ancient art could improve your golf game

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So you'd like to improve your golf game. What golfer wouldn't? Ron Austin believes he has developed a program to help you do just that.

Austin's brainchild is called Golf Chi, which combines the ancient art of Tai Chi with the game of golf to produce a better player with enhanced mechanics and mental focus.

"I think I've nailed it on this one," said Austin, 42, who was raised in Garden City and lives in the Oakland County village of Franklin.

Austin has never been more than a recreational golfer, but he's certainly no stranger to physical-fitness training and avant-garde techniques.

His scrapbook is filled with newspaper and magazine stories and photos about his various athletić endeavors.

The former ironman triathlete, military serviceman and YMCA fitness director is best known for creating the innovative concept of Retro Training (running backward)

As with Golf Chi, that was the product of necessity. Austin started retro training to maintain cardiovascular fitness after suffering a hamstring injury.

"I could run a mile backward in seven minutes," he said. "I'm a bit of a maverick when it comes to human locomotion."

Tendinitis in his elbows due to weight training started Austin thinking about how he could otherwise stay in shape the year round for golf.

"Now, this is my new passion," Austin said. "I've always been involved in fitness; now I'm into

the mental aspects.

This happens to be my cup of tee, working the creativity with fitness. Working with golf seems to put it all together.'

Golf Chi is for anyone who wants to be a better golfer and is willing to put the time and effort into the program, according to Austin.

There are no age limits on this," he said. "It's for anyone looking for a straighter ball. If you want to be longer off the tee and have a softer feeling on the green, this is for you. This program will benefit you if you're open-minded."

Golf Chi incorporates balance, proper breathing, rhythm and coordination for the purpose of teaching golfers how to release stored muscle energy that will lead to longer, straighter tee shots.

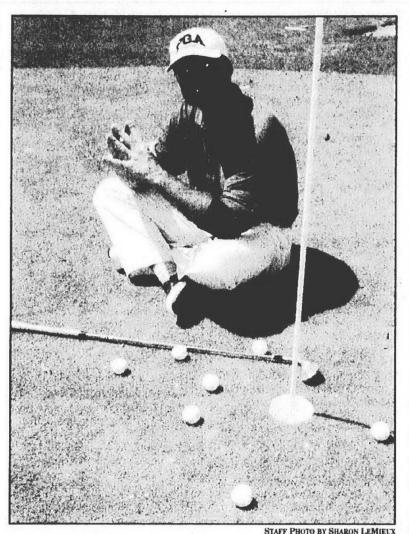
The program consists of nonweight bearing exercises designed to help participants increase strength and flexibility that will translate into a more efficient golf swing.

"When you hit the ball, everything you have is put into the shot," Austin said. "You've seen martial arts guys break bricks? It's the same thing. You put that energy into your golf swing."

Austin said he has seen vast improvement in his own golf game by employing his own program.

"I've been golfing on and off for a lot of years and was considered a hack," he said. "I'm no longer a hack. I'm finding I have more talent than I ever did for the game of golf.

"My club speed was 90 miles per hour. Now it's 120 and climbing, and I'm in the fairway straight and 300 yards. The skill



Golf Chi guru: Since he started using the methods of Golf Chi, Ron Austin says he has seen great improvement in his own game.

level is climbing out the roof. "I'm no Tiger Woods and

nobody trained me, but I've unlocked something between the ears.'

Some members of the Redford Catholic Central High School

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golf team used the Golf Chi program last spring.

"It was interesting; it was different," CC sophomore Matt Fix of Dearborn Heights said. "It helped the rhythm of my swing and my concentration. I shot a

couple strokes lower on average." time."

Besides improving mental focus, Golf Chi also will help with the emotional and oftentimes frustrating aspects of playing golf, according to Austin.

"If you get on the course and start overthinking, that can be disastrous," he said. "The thinking process and the program are done before you get to the course. The mental side of the game of golf is still being opened up.

"It's helps maintain an even keel on the course. It keeps you focused, so your emotions don't run off with you, which can be devastating in the game of golf. It teaches you to get back on the horse."

Austin emphasizes participants will get out what they put in to it, and the program won't magically transform a non-golfer into a great player.

"It's a program that optimizes; it doesn't change (your game)," he said. "It takes what you have and takes it to a higher level.

"It's a discipline, like all things, that you have to work at. You have to stay positive. I have a feeling the majority of us don't push the envelope. You have to want it."

Developing Golf Chi has virtually become full-time work for Austin, who works part-time at a hardware store.

He has been working on the program for two years while taking classes at Oakland Community College with a goal of earning a degree in journalism.

"My wife (Sheila) believes very much in my dream, and she keeps us focused as we go down the road," Austin said. "There's no way I could do this without my wife, because it takes a lot of

Austin, who in his own words was not inclined toward formal education when he was younger, is largely self-taught and said he's had a re-awakening in

for advanced learning. That complements his vast experience in the physical aspects of fitness and has helped in developing Golf Chi from an academic standpoint.

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"I have a hunger for a new vocabulary," he said. "I read, read, read! Instead of watching life go by, I've come alive. Now I have a hunger to learn. I'm consuming books on the techniques of golf.

"It's been an ongoing process, talking with people who know more than me in these fields and putting together the program."

Austin doesn't have a video of his program available yet since he's still in the process of perfecting it, he said.

"I said I wouldn't produce anything until it's exactly perfected," Austin said, "That sounds old-fashioned, but if I put something out there with my name on it I want to make sure it works. I'm not going to sell junk."

Austin is available to personally teach the program to groups, however. He plans to do that (twice a week for 45 minutes per session) this fall through the Daimler-Chrysler Wellness Center.

Eventually, he hopes to sell his program to members of the PGA and LPGA. His fee is \$80 for eight weeks. If you'd like to have Austin teach his program to your group, you can call him at (248) 626-7774



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Royal Oak Archers will host a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 28, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Similar shoots will be held Sept. 5 and Sept. 12. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

OCSC 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.

HOLIDAY 3D SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4-6, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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BROADHEAD PRACTICE

Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 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 located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior **Olympic Archery Development** Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Early September Canada Goose Season Hunting Guide for special restrictions. GROUSE

Grouse season opens Sept. 15 RASSIT

Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, on Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

WAYNE WATERPOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING

Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultralight backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering three hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313)532-0285 to register and for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register

and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES HERITAGE DAYS

Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association and Gander Mountain will host the fourth annual Heritage Days, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Huron Pointe clubhouse and grounds in

New Haven. Activities include trap & skeet shooting, 3D archery, novelty shoots and guest speakers covering topics such as huntig the Metroparks, and gun rights. Call (810) 598-8018 or (8100 948-0259 for more information.

FALL HUNTING CLASSIC

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in' Auburn Hills is holding a Fall Hunting Classic Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 26-29. The event includes seminars, a 3D pop-up tournament,, vendor booths, prizes, whitetail rack scoring, a live deer display, special sales and more. Call (248) 209-4200 or visit the web site at www.outdoor-world.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-hour stroll through the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Participants are asked to meet at the west end of the K-Mart parking lot at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Road in Orchard Lake. Call Lee Becker at (810) 294-7789 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 (248) 656-0556 for more information

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat

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SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

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.

SATURDAY NIGHT STEAK-OUT

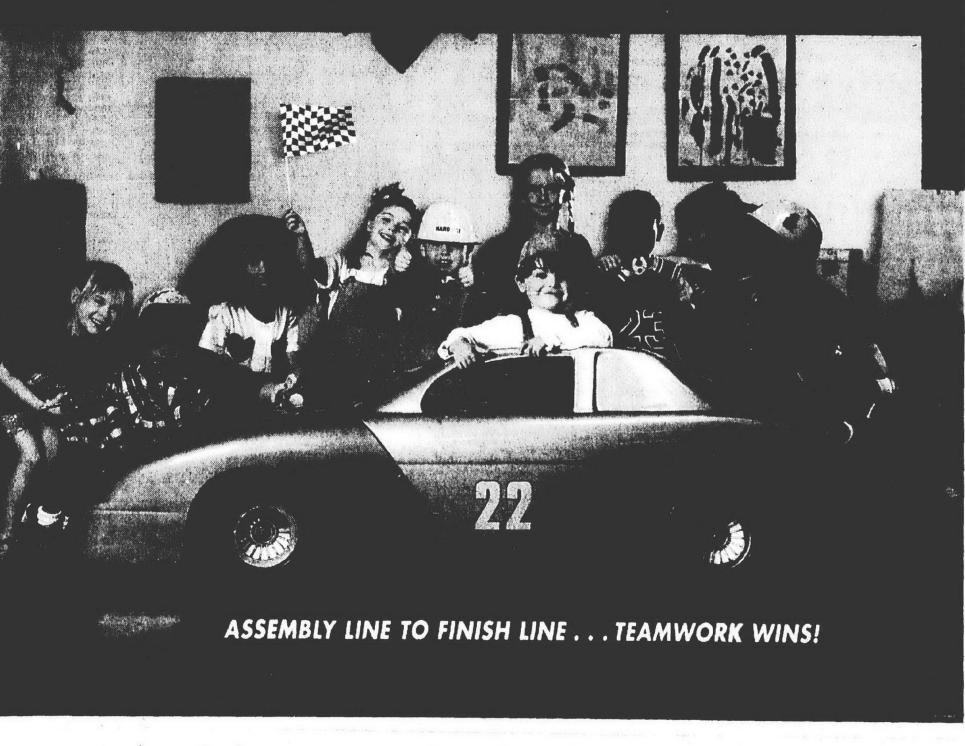
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Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is

required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

NATURE CLUB

Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 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. 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 Maybury. **MICHIGAN BIRDS OF PREY**

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SCARECROW WORKSHOP

A short presentation on scarecrow lore followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

seen throughout the park during

BIRD HIKE

Observe and identify bird species

this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

GEOLOGY

Jr. Girl Scouts can complete all the requirements for their geology badge during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Indian Springs.

STORIES IN THE SAND

Cjildren ages four to seven can enjoy a story and a fun beach activity during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Stoiny Creek.

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.

ASTRONOMY

See the moon and stars like never before during this program, which begins at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20-21 and is hosted by the Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs.

INSECT WEEKEND

Explore a pond on Saturday and a field on Sunday during this two-day program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21-22, at Hudson Mills.



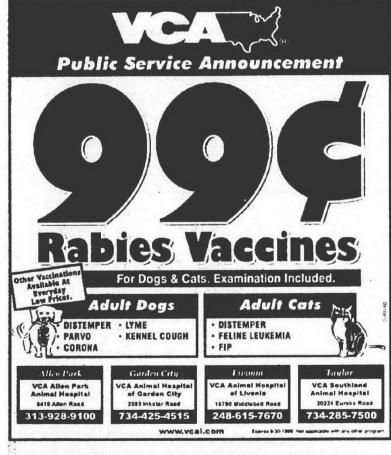


TENSION HEADACHE?

The Michigan Head-Pain & Neurological Institute is conducting a research study evaluating a potential treatment for tension type headache. Participants must be at least 18 years old and suffer 4-10 headaches per month. Study-related medical care and compensation for time and travel are provided. Please call our Research Staff for more information.

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THE WEEKEND



"Illuminata" a comedy / love story about a New York City repertory company and its ambitious, restless playwright, opens today, exclusively at the Maple Art Theatre, 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 855-9090.





The Actors' Company presents "The Emperor's New Clothes" 2 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 children, call (248) 988-7032.





FESTIVAL'

What: 20th Annual Michigan Renaissance Festival When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends & Labor Day, through Sunday, Sept. 26 Where: 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly Town-

ship. Directions: 1-75

Northbound Traffic – . Take Exit 106, stay in left lane of exit, travel two blocks, then turn left onto Dixie Highway southbound. Travel two miles south. Festival is on the right.

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Tickets: \$13.95 adults, \$11.75 seniors age 60 and older, \$5.95 children (5-12), children age 4 and younger, free. Advance tickets \$12.50 adult, \$5 children (5-12). For information, call (800) 601-4848, or (248) 634-5552.

Theme Schedule

- August 21 & 22: "Renaissance Romance," pas-
- sionate pastimes August 28 & 29: "High Seas Adventure," swashbucklers Invade Hoffygrove
- Sept. 4, 5 & 6: "Wonders of the World," an explo

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"Sweet Endings," a

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Kenaissance Festival WHERE ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

bout a half-an-hour before the King and Queen of Scotland are expected to arrive at the gates of Hollygrove, nearly 200 actors gather around one of the main stages on the site of the 15-acre Renaissance-age village.

"Your job is to reach out and touch the hearts of as many people as you can," said Lu Harding-Capots, creative director of the festival, now in its 20th year.

"This is your playtime," said Harding-Capots, as she twisted her shoulders, stretched her legs and encouraged the interactive theater company to breath deeply and envision a world far from the grounds of Holly Township and present-day, high-tech reality.

"Welcome our guests into your play space."

This gregarious group of thespians hardly needs encouragement. Their reality is obviously descended from the historic land of pleasure and merrymaking of four centuries ago. Just try to pry



any of the actors from their roles as peasants, nobility and jesters. Nothing doing. For the nearly

30,000 people expected each weekend of the festival, the conjured world of Hollygrove is the

closest thing to living history. The festival enters its second of a seven-weekend schedule of the-

a seven-weekend schedule of thematic events, including this weekend's celebration of the romantic pursuits of the Renaissance era, long before there was discount

Valerie Schendel of Clarkston (left) assists Tammie Graves as she prepares to assume the persona of the Baroness Lady Anne of Hartland. Below, a peasant boy, Brandon Viliarolo of Commerce, (left), presents a bouquet of flowers to Lady Anne.

Into role:



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Merrymaker puts on a noble act

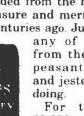
BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

Wearing a crown of baby's breath and a slightly nervous expression, Tammie Graves came to the Renaissance Festival as both a guest and participant.

Graves is a graphic artist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, whose bouts of "hamming it up" are well known to her colleagues, but perhaps less recognized by the public.

To those from the historic land of merrymaking, she is kin.

What Graves of Hartland lacks in acting experience, she makes up for in sheer desire to one day stand upon the stage and recite William Shakespeare's words. Shortly after stepping through the Hollygrove gates, Graves expected that her wish to be among the cast who brings the Renaissance to life would land her a role among the peasants.



The Allman Brothers perform with special guest Lucinda Williams and others during a Southern rock festival, 7 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$34.50 pavilion, \$17.75 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com



Hot Tix: Take a trip down memory lane during the Woodward Dream Cruise Saturday, Aug. 21. Festivities take place in downtown Birmingham and other communities along Woodward Avenue. For up-to-date event information, call 1-888-4WDC-1963 or visit the Web site www.dreamcruise.org. Events include the Motor City CruiseFest, Michigan State Fair Grounds, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 offers entertainment and classic car displays. Admission is \$3 adults, children 12 and under admitted free, parking \$5. Call (248) 204-6060 for more information.

dining, video stores and Hallmark cards.

At Hollygrove, it's common to see visitors walking the grounds tearing away at a drumstick the size of a Brontosaurus bone, sipping a glass of mead, or giving a thumbs up or thumbs down to jousting competitors.

"There are no wallflowers here," said Patricia Taylor, festival marketing director. For that matter, there are no walls.

"At some museums, it's 'look, but don't touch," she said. "Here, you're an essential part of what's going on."

Since its inception in 1979 as one of the first Renaissance Festivals in the country, the celebration at Hollygrove has been among the top in the nation, according to Taylor, who claimed the Michigan festival is rated alongside those in Shakopee, Minn., and outside of Dallas-Fort





Royal attention: During his visit of Hollygrove, the King of Scotland was enamored with Lady Anne.



"I had pictured myself as a wench," said Graves, who prepared for her part in Holly-

grove by watching "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Robin Hood" and memorizing a list of Elizabethan phrases.

Little did Graves know that she had the look of nobility.

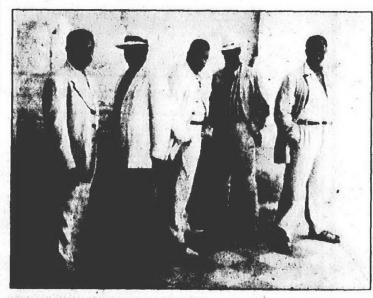
Whisked away to a secondstory wardrobe room at the edge of the Renaissance village, Graves slipped into a whoop skirt and a royal blue, velvet dress embroidered in gold and sequins.

In moments, Graves' dream of

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Michigan State Fair offers 'something for everyone'



SUMMER TRADITION

Featured performers: The Temptations are just one of the many popular groups performing at this year's fair. BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Brad Coombs can barely spare a second to talk about his involvement as entertainment director of the Michigan State Fair.

But when he does, his voice rings with pride. He compares choosing the line-up to putting the pieces of a puzzle together. Taking into consideration which days need to be scheduled, which performers are tour-

ing during that time and available to play, and what will ultimately fit into the budget, he's managed to organize a diverse musical line-up for the third year in a row.

"The State Fair is the second largest (in attendance) paid event in the state of Michigan behind the

North American International Auto Show," said Coombs. That means he's serving an audience that includes every "age, race and economic sphere to the region." Metro Detroiters are joined by crowds of people from across the state — reaching as far south as

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Michigan State Fair

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 through Monday, Sept. 6. The midway is open until midnight on weekends, and 11 p.m. weeknights.

Where: The Michigan State Fairgrounds, are on the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue.

Admission: \$9 adults, \$2 Children under age 11; Children under 2 free. Parking \$5. More family entertainment: Visitors to the fair can show their ticket stubs at Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village for \$2 off adult and \$1 off children's admission. Visitors to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village can use either of those ticket stubs to receive a discount of \$2 off an adult ticket to the Michigan State Fair.

For more information: Call the Michigan State Fairgrounds (313) 369-8250 or visit the Web site www.mda.state.mi.us/statefair

See entertainment line up inside

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Fair from page E1

Toledo and as far east as Canada

"We try to provide something for everyone," said Coombs.

In an area where musical acts are drawn to so many venues. like The Palace, Pine Knob Music Theatre and the Fox Theatre, it's not an easy job. Coombs said music venues around the rest of the country "pale in comparison" to those in the metro area.

"It's frustrating and fun," he said. "I think we've got a good line-up."

John Hertel, general manager of the Michigan State Fair, which opens Tuesday, agreed.

We are in a unique place in the United States," said Hertel. "Most State Fairs do not compete with Pine Knob, Joe Louis Arena, The Palace, Meadow Brook. We're particularly proud fair organizers intend to keep

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sion, fair-goers can sit in the first

1,500 seats at The Band Shell

Labor Day concert. Tickets will

be required to see Journey per-

form on Monday, Sept. 6. General

admission tickets are \$10 plus

the price of admission and Gold

Circle seats are \$16 plus the cost

of admission. While Hertel said

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The only exception is the

providing free concerts, they The line-up includes an eclecmust cover the ever-increasing costs associated with those tic collection of music, from rock to Motown to country. The Tempshows. tations, Billy Ray Cyrus, Def "I'm not sure where you'll be able to see Journey anywhere Leppard and 98 Degrees are just

else for \$10," he said. "It's still an a few of the highlights for this excellent value." Hertel said an effort was made But music isn't the only draw to keep the cost of these shows to for visitors to this summer's

> State Fair. "The 1999 Michigan State Fair has matured in a new and different way," said Hertel. "We are as clean as Disney here. Secondly, we are the safest fair in America. No fair in America can compare in terms of safety."

> Hertel spoke with confidence and pride about this year's event as he addressed members of the press during a conference Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the fairgrounds. Quiet and vacant, the grounds showed only a hint of the energy brewing in preparation for the State Fair.

"Everything here must be quality, from the livestock to the exhibits to all of the sponsors," said Hertel. "It's like going to

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would have been the embodiment of a married woman who commanded respect from nassersby.

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deadline, she was recognized as the Baroness Lady Anne from Hartland.

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Pointe and Pine Knob all in one

Each day, certain attractions

are sure to capture the attention

of visitors to the fairgrounds.

The Stove, built in 1893 for the

World's Columbian Exposition in

Chicago, will surely be noticed.

Reaching 25-feet high, 20-feet

wide and 30-feet long, the stove

serves as a reminder that Michi-

gan was once the stove capital of

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of

Michigan and Michigan State

University are bringing back the

Miracle of Life Birthing Exhibit,

giving visitors an up-close look

as cows, ewes and sows give

birth. This year's exhibit

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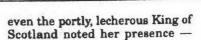
found on the Wade Shows Mid-

way, including Giant White

Valkyre (Valerie Schendel of Clarkston) at her side, Graves walked the grounds of Hollygrove.

Her presence was duly noted. A young peasant boy (Brandon Viliarolo of Commerce) greeted her with a bouquet of flowers.

Noblemen bowed in respect. And



Entertainers will perform at

free entry into The Band Shell.

The line-up:

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 Mark

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 Def

The Children's Theater will

offer the story of "The Emperor's

New Clothes," by Henry K. Mar-

tin Productions. The show will be

performed twice daily on week-

days and three times daily on

weekends in the Community

Farner of Grand Funk Railroad

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Water Flume.

"I was impressed at the authenticity and sense of history that everyone knew," said Graves.

Eleven years after Graves attended her first Renaissance year and long after that."

Festival from page E1

Worth. Last year, a strong man's competition was added to appeal to sports fans. This year a murder mystery and celebration of Irish culture were added. In the future, Taylor expects that the festival will be open during the week to draw students and kids at summer camps.

With the resurgence of interest in the works of William Shakespeare, Taylor believes more people are interested in the life and times of the Renaissance. They don't have to look far.

Beneath the costume and Eliz-

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> Arts Auditorium. Call (313) 369-8250 for more information. As always, the fair will feature daily parades at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., livestock shows and races, cow milking demonstrations and horse shows for all visitors to see.

Festival, she finally got an insider's look at the community of actors that breathes life into Hollygrove. "Even though I was scared. I took a risk," she said. "And that's a lesson in itself. After an hour, I knew that I wanted to do this today, next

living facsimile, Tom Aston.

"Everything we do is intended to

make the guests to Hollygrove

Aston, who coordinates the

performing arts programs at

Oakland University, began as a

consultant to the festival in the

late 1970s. He joined the cast in

the early 1980s, long before the

bard from Stratford enjoyed a

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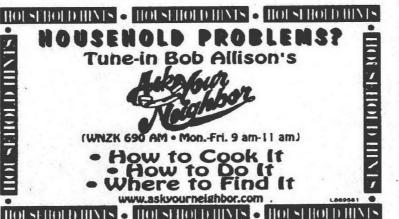
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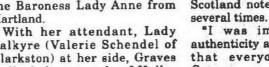
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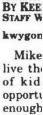
of portraying the life of a peasant were dashed. The hat atop her head, and the attendant who laced up her bodice from behind were clear signs that she was no ordinary wench.

In Renaissance times, Graves

Of course, a title was in order.







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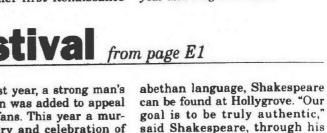
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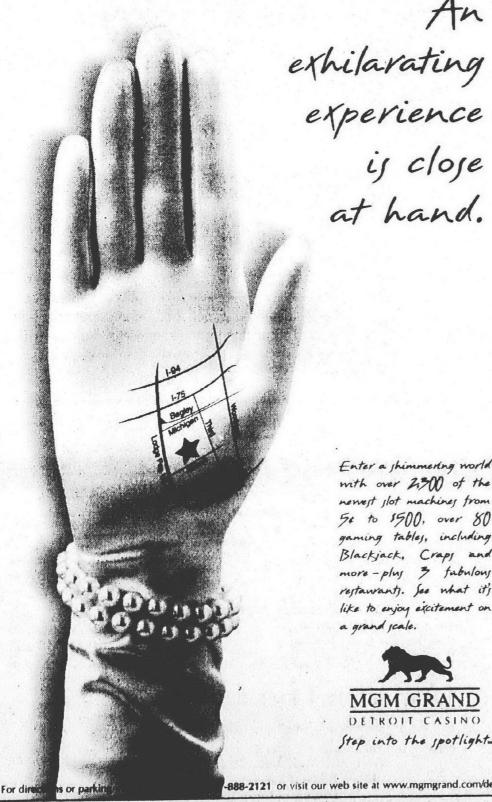
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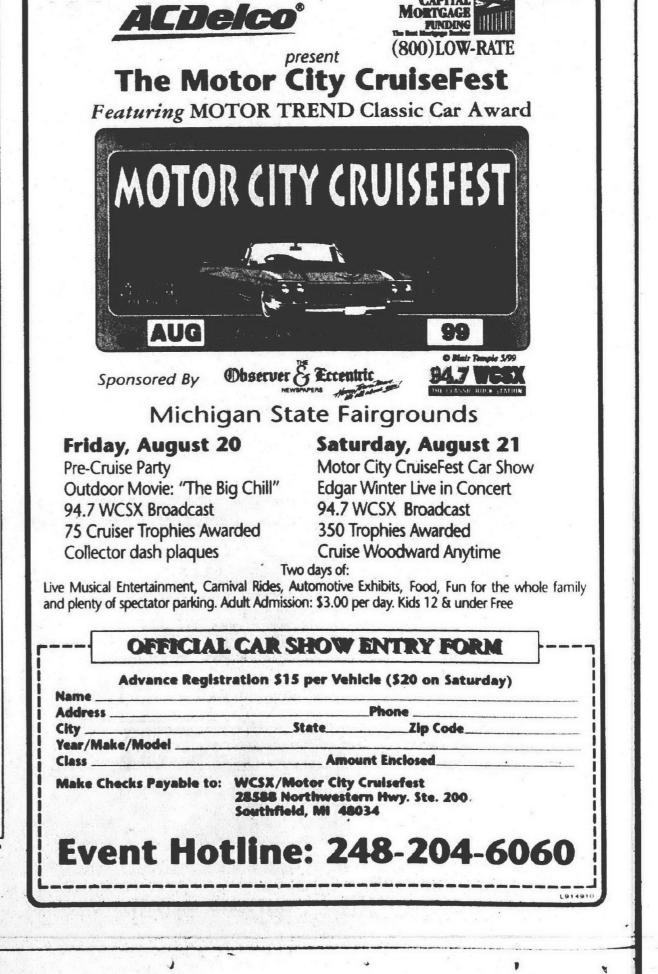
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Actors' Company presents 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

The Actors' Company presents "The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of 1-275, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 children and seniors. Call (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating is limited. BY KEELY WYGONIK

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STAFF WRITER

Mike Gravame grew up seeing live theater. Knowing that a lot of kids don't have the same opportunity makes him sad, sad enough to do something about it. On Saturday, Gravame will have kids in stitches when his character, Mr. Stitch, helps the Emperor get new clothes in a delightful musical production presented by The Actors' Company at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

"It's fast-paced, upbeat," said Gravame about The Prince Street Players LTD Production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," based on the classic tale by Hans Christian Andersen. The production, adapted by Jim Eiler, features lyrics by Eiler, with music by Eiler and Jeanne Bargy.

"The music is repeated a lot. Kids will walk out humming the tunes." As a child, Gravame saw the show performed by The Prince Street Players at the Detroit Institute of Arts. In 1985 he formed The Actors' Company, which is presenting this show.

"I've always wanted to produce and direct," he said explaining how the company got started. "It's just something you're born with, I think. I like acting, but directing is what I really want to do."

In 1989 he started taking his shows on the road, touring northern Michigan opera houses. His company is special,

because they do both adult and children's shows. "Discover the magic of live theater," is his wish for both adult and children's audiences.

"Kids today are bombarded by the media," he said. "Many have never seen a live theater production. They don't get to meet the actors after seeing a Disney cartoon. With live theater they do. We meet and greet kids after the show."

Gravame especially enjoys children's theater because he believes it gives kids a chance to be kids and escape into a fairytale.

The costumes and set are bright yellow, pink, and teal. "All the characters are outrageous,"

said Gravame. "They're bigger than life. It's the kind of show I grew up seeing."

Stephanie Nichols portrays the Empress, and was Lady Winefred in the Prince Street Players production of the show.

"To me it's a story that works," she said. "It teaches a lesson to adults and children. There are a lot of adults who go along with the crowd and don't say anything that hurts their status."

In the show she tap dances, and blasts away on the trumpet, "dreadfully."

"It's so much fun to see faces and have the kids want to meet you afterward," said Nichols

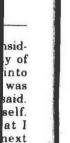
explaining why she enjoys children's theater so much. "Theater is in our hearts and we want to cultivate a new audience."

Presenting a show is work, but Gravame says he's having a blast doing it.

"If you're not having fun, you're not doing your job right," he said. "Kid's are honest. They'll know."

The Actors' Company will take their show on the road after appearing at Trinity House Theatre. If you're interested in having them perform for your group or event, call the number listed above.

Positive signs point to cultural awakening in Detroit



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After all, the concert was a once-in-a-lifetime event in a lame duck stadium. The windfall for the

But will they be back?

Attention-grabbing

Detroit events such as The

Three Tenors concert and

the opening of the MGM

Grand Detroit Casino

undoubtedly lured many

new or estranged visitors

to the city this summer.

Michigan Opera Theatre and the boost in Detroit's reputation as a cultural center gave us something major to celebrate. Great for a Chamber of Commerce highlight reel, but the long-term benefits for area cultural institutions are difficult to assess.

Casinos generate such strong opinions that you can burn up a day just by raising the issue. Even time may not bring a consensus of whether gaming is an enduring source of revenue and excitement or a contributor to economic and moral blight.

I like to believe that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural awakening, but as a shameless booster and host of a weekly TV series about the local arts scene, the positive signs I see nearly every day may not accurately reflect what's going on. So, on a beautiful mid-August afternoon, I let my mind drift as I drove down Woodward Avenue from Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS studios. As I passed the New Center train station, I imagined I was a first-time visitor to Detroit.

That's right. I'm Norm from Chicago. Yep, just here to check out the casino and maybe get a peek at the new ballpark. Then, I'll grab a brat and a beer and be on my way.

What else do you have to show me in the ten minute drive to Comerica Park, Detroit?

Well, just past the Center for Creative Studies on your left, there's the cultural center. That's the Detroit Institute of Arts, and behind it is the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The Detroit Historical Museum and the Detroit Science Center are right here, too. Hmmm. Not much traffic today. Orchestra Hall? Oh, it's the home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Pick a lane, buddy. I didn't know there was a Second City here, too. The Fox Theatre? Looks like quite a place. Hey, there's the ballpark. Right next to the Detroit Opera House. Maybe I'll circle around. I see on the Music Hall marquee that the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival is coming up. What's this? The Gem Theatre.

All right, there is a lot of action outside

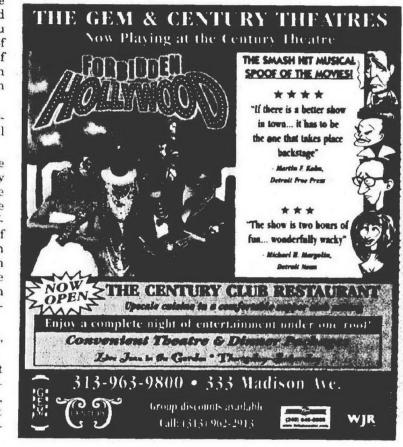
the casino. But I also saw a lot of vacant, neglected lots. And you tell me this huge hole used to be a department store? And you broke the train in the air when you blew it up? It does give me a nice view of that big mural of Barry Sanders. Maybe if his team opened holes this big to run through he wouldn't have retired from football.

Norm's rating? Detroit, you're not perfect, but you're trying. Keep it up, and I'll be back.

The drive is over, and it's good to be myself again. But I wonder how many people in the Detroit area would have their eyes opened by traveling the same course as Norm, the imaginary out-oftowner. Admittedly, there's plenty of "holes," but you can see an exciting plan taking shape. Most major metropolitan areas offer cultural attractions like the ones Norm discovered. But Detroit can stand out by being more affordable, convenient, and friendly.

Keep your promise to come back, Norm, and I just may buy you that brat and beer.

After a couple weeks off due to Detroit Public TV's summer pledge drive, BACK-STAGE PASS returns to the air 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, with legendary Detroit soul artists The Dramatics and new acoustic rock from The Luddites.







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All are welcome—admission is free

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• Located at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 East Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills (approximately two miles north of M-59 and just east of Rochester Road)

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Flag Raising Ceremony-----8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony-----7:00 p.m. Flag Raising Ceremony-----8:00 a.m. Wreath Laving Ceremony--6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 29

Sunrise Interdenominational Worship Service and Flag Raising Ceremony	8:00 a.m.
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CAPITOL THEATRE

"A Chorus Line," presented by the Capitol Repertory Players, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. \$18, \$16 seniors/students (AA section), \$15, \$13 seniors/students (A section). (519) 253-7729

GEM AND CENTURY THEATRES

"Forbidden Hollywood," the smash hit musical spoof of the movies continues through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

"Office Hours" by Mercury Theatre Co. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 19-29, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

OPERA

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA OF MICHIGAN

Puccini's "La Boheme," Fridays, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$15, includes afterglow reception. (313) 582-0997

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"When You Coming Back, Red Ryder?," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$8, \$6. (313) 317-6594

COMMUNITY THEATER

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ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt through Aug. 29, 8 p.m.

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Take a cruise: The Woodward Dream Cruise 9 a.m. to 9 p.m Saturday, Aug. 21 offers fun for everyone. Festivities take place in downtown Birmingham and other communities along Woodward Avenue. For up-to-date event information, call 1-888-4WDC-1963 or visit the Web site www.dreamcruise.org. The Motor City CruiseFest on the Michigan State Fair Grounds, corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 offers entertainment and classic car displays. Motor City CruiseFest admission is \$3 adults, children 12 and under admitted free, parking \$5. Call (248) 204-6060 for more information.

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

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-

Association Berkley, music by the Dixie Ramblers.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK The Blackman/Arnold Quartet, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit BENEFITS Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward FANCLUB FOUNDATION FOR THE and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (jazz) DEARBORN RECREATION Presents Caliente Uno: A Big Night in

forming art songs by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Britten and others, and piano pieces by Chopin, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, proceeds to the Ysleta Mission of San Pablo in El Paso, Texas. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

POPS/SWING

TONY BENNETT 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 and \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to

midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

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DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100 LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

MARQUIS 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, Northvillle. For performances on weekends beginning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

And the producers of Runaway Bride and Only in America: The Don King Story are looking for a handsome 17-22 year old African-American male who can hip hop or street dance to star in a new teenage, romantic love story, bring current photo, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Talent Shop, 30100 Telegraph Road, Suite 116, north of 12 Mile, enter through east lobby, Bingham Farms. (313) 366-4942

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Holds open auditions Sunday, Aug. 29, 1-2 p.m. for ages 9-12, and 2:30-4 p.m. for ages 13 and older (bring pointe shoes), bring photo and resume, male dancers are needed with scholarships available, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 397-8828. For performances of "The Nutcracker" with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 11-12. PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House. (734) 615-

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YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

PAUL ABLER 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (guitar/piano/bass/drums)

JAZZ

MARCUS BELGRAVE 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Gem &

Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano) **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

GEM JAZZ TRIO

6 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 19 and 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 BILL HEID TRIO

9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310 HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

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JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 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.

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"Shadow Play," through Aug. 29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, . Ann Arbor. \$9. (734) 975-0417

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MAROUIS THEATRE

"Rumplestiltskin," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 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

VIETNAM

Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment, featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Famie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6-7:45 p.m. Tickets \$75 VIP reception on mezzanine level, call (248) 681-0248; \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances by Stewart Francke, the Detroit Concert Choir, The Burton International School, and Flemming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veteran's Association, Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the Integnational Children's Alliance Network.

CANINE PSYCHIC

Madame Vivian, noted psychic specializing the cosmic connection between dogs and human friends is a guest during the Yappy Hour 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, complementary cosmic consuitations, personal paw and paim readings; grand reopening noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 for a \$5 donation to the Michigan Animal Adoption Network have a family Polaroid taken, at Three Dog Bakery, 223 East Maple, Birmingham. (248) 723-1582 DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

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OL' TIME CAMP MEETING

6 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Aug. 22-24, dinner begins each evening followed by a time of teaching by pastors, gospel and contemporary music, and hymn singing, reservations required for Sunday's chicken barbecue, bring a dish for Monday-Tuesday potlucks, and table settings for all dinners, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 453-5280 **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; "A Marx Brothers Festival" with "At the Circus" and "Go West" starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo, with guest organists Scott Foppiano and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 27, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 27, at the theater. \$3.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

SUMMER EVENING SERIES

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 vehicle 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 for merly 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

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21,

music by the Sun Messengers (8-piece rythym and blues review), at Morton's Birmingham Sunoco, 35001 Woodward, corner of Maple. (248) 642-3740; drive-up worship service 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Cana

Little Havana Latin Dance Party, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Latin dance lessons) Friday, Aug. 27, music by La Sensacional, at 30 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$35. (248) 584-4150 "REVVIN'"

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Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa,

Ford Motor Co. hosts a nostalgic celebration of hot rods, rock-n-roll. 7 p.m. Friday, 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

AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL

5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 21-22, 150 African and African-American vendors in Marketplace display their crafts and wares, 18 kitchens serving ethnic cuisine, reggae artists from the Spirit of Unity Tour featuring Steel Pulse, Donald Byrd, also mask making, drumming workshops, African counting games, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. See the exhibitions "The Third Root: Africans in Mexico" and "The Pasteboard Bandit" (9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, then take a shuttle bus for 50 cents (noon to 6 p.m.) to the festival. (313) 494-5800 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 21-22, Renaissance Romance, 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

YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL Living history encampment, arts and crafts, Budweiser Clydesdales, jazz and blues stage, games, street rods, Riverboat Millionaires' Party, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22, Ypsilanti. (734) 327-2051 or http://community.mlive.com/cc/heritagefestival

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS

ick & Erk, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 20, 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. 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's

Bobby Lewis and the Crackeriac Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Dearborn. (313) 943-2360

GAZEBO CONCERTS

Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022 (big band)

(248) 952-5533 "IN THE PARK"

Steve King & The Dittlies, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Shain Park, Birmingham.

"MUSIC IN THE PARK" Noon Wednesday, Aug. 25, Marc

Thomas & Max the Moose, 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"

Eric Johnson and One Flight Up 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19; Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY Performs with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, selections from the "Barber of Seville," "La Boheme" and "The Marriage of Figaro" as well as all time favorites "I Could've Danced All Night" and "If I Loved You," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Belle Creek Park, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. "SUMMER IN THE CITY" Janet Marie & M'Archibald with the

Aroogah Brother Band, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug 20, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward.

www.imaginationtheatre.com WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY Detroit Breakdown with Todd Marken,

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, 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 (variety)

WEST VILLAGE MERCHANTS/DEARBORN RECREATION

Detroit Blues Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, in Muirhead Plaza at Bryant Library, Dearborn. (313) 943-3095

CLASSI-CAL

SUMMER SONG RECITAL Featuring soprano Carolyn Bertrand, tenor Rupert de Salis, planist Donald Bryant and Keith Dwyer, clarinet per-

ORCHESTRA

Holds open auditions for musicians Monday, Sept. 7, positions available in all string sections, substitute musicians are needed for all instruments. (313) 640-1773/(734) 451-2112 P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE

Holding registration for the upcoming dance year 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at St. Michael's, Redford. (313) 563-1761

ROSDEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for five men and four women of various ages for "Three Murders and it's Only Monday," a mystery comedy by Pat Cook, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 23-24, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 255-3809 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Open auditions for 30 roles for males

and females for Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, no children's roles available, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

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 STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Auditions for three men and three women for "As Bees in Honey Drown," a comedic confection by Douglas Carter Beane, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. registration) Monday, Aug. 30 and Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4832. For performances Oct. 22-24 and 28-31.

TRILLIUM PLAYERS

Looking for a director for "The Fantastics," must submit resume and fee information no later than Sept. 12, c/o 1165 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For performances the weekend of Jan. 28 at the Trillium Theater, formerly the Wyandotte Theater.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under five-feet) 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.

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 T.H.I.Q.U.E.

9:30 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 20 and 27, at the Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

BUDSON

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish. 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

Thea 433-

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN ALLSTARS

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums/percussion)

JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

WORLD MUSIC

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae) JO NAB

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THIRD COAST REGGAE

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FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JO SERRAPARE

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. at The Ark. 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 member/student/senior. (734) 761.1800 JENNIFER & HAZEL WRIGLEY AND

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POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

CROSSING BORDERS

A YMCA Celebration of Urban Spoken Word & Music featuring Ron Allen & VisionEar, Spoke with Kim Webb, Renee Tambeau, John Demko and others, the Faruq Z. Bey Poetry Trio, M.L. Liebler & the Magic Poetry Band, and the 1999 National Detroit Slam Team, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yeman at Brombech, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 873-RAFT

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, minimal walkthroughs, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor \$8. (734) 665-8863 **COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS**

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 (open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free), all dances taught, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241 **MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE** 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia

Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livoria. \$4 member, \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298 WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Andre Fernandez and Greg Phelps. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 19-21 (\$10) Mike Bonner and Larry Weaver, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28 (\$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

Joel Zimmer Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 18-22, Derek Richards (also Mark Sweetman) Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 25-29, at the club, 269 F. Fourth St. Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6) 9:30 p.m. Fridays and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" 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 river side 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 celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days believe 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 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-

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

http://www.961melt.com (grunge) THE BLUE MOON BOYS

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (247) 735-4011 (swing)

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 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi (248) 349-9110 (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) SUZY BOGGUSS

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 761-1800 (country)

BROOKS AND DUNN

With Trace Adkins, The Warren Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 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) **JAMES BROWN**

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515

(soul) BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21 Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900 (blues)

TONY BENNETT 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, Pine

Knob Music Theatre, I-75 nd Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$35, \$28.50 and lawn \$15 (248) 377-0100 (adult contempo-

rary) 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)

NATALIE COLE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$27.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (R&B) CRUISIN' SONGS FROM THE

MOTOR CITY

Official CD release party will kick off 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Hunter House in Downtown Detroit's Harmonie Park Entertainment District, 1427

3030 THE GRUESOMES

With Soot and Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Blind Pig. 208 S. First

St., Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555 HARRINGTON BROTHERS

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 3030 (hard-pop)

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THE REEFERMEN

QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE WITH

Shelterbelow St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E.

Congress, Detroit. \$9. All ages. (248)

10 p.m., Wednesday Aug. 25, Fifth

Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248)

With Wilco, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug.

http://www.palacenet.com (alterna-

With Everlast and Macy Gray, 7:30

Theatre. Tickets on sale now. All ages.

Avenue, 215. W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak.

p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, State

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7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox and

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, postponed

until Sunday, Sept. 12, State Theatre.

2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Sold

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out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or

The Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 16-17

shows scheduled for The Palace of

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Auburn Hills have been rescheduled for

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\$67.50 and \$37.50. Refunds are avail

able at the point of purchase through

9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Cavern Club,

cover. 21 and over. (734) 332-9900

With Tara Lynn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Aug. 20-21. Clio Area Amphitheater.

reserved, \$23 bleachers. (810) 687

With Sky Pilots, Friday, Aug. 20. Blind

Pig. 208 S. First Street. Ann Arbor. \$5

301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$28

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BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

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644-4800 (blues) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington,

Ann Arbor (724) 213-1393 (blues) AL JARREAU

With Dave Koz and Chris Botti, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$50, \$37.50, \$30. (313) 983-6611

JEFFERSON STARSHIP TEN YEARS AFTER TOUR

With Dave Mason, 7 p.m., Friday, Aug.

Township. Tickets on sale \$24.50

27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence

pavilion/ \$12.50 lawn KANOVBLISS With Spat, 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys at 624 Brush St., Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and

over (313) 962-7067 (glam-pop) SHEILA LANDIS 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Ypsilanti

Heritage Festival, Ypsilanti. (248) 651-9477 (jazz) 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) LIQUID #9

With Mind Circus and Friction, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4 cover. 21

and over. (734) 996-8555 MANIC STREET PREACHERS

July 24 show has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets for the original date will be honored at the door

KATHY MATTEA

With The Wilkinsons, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country) MAXWELL

8 p.m. Thursday Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$75. \$50. \$40. (313) 983-6611

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) SEAN MCCOURT

With Dan McCourt, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, The Ark, 26 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. No Cover, bring a can for food drive. (734) 761-1451

DON MCLEAN/JIM MESSINA 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival,

Rochester/ \$24.50, \$12.50, (248)

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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ZIGGY MARLEY & THE MELODY MAKERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale now \$12.50 in advance, \$15 day of show. 21 and over. Buy tickets at Royal Oak Music Theatre, Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S Township. \$35 pavilion, \$25 lawn. All

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.arborbrew ing.com

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.intuit-solar.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

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

p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's.

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

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8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35, \$27.50. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

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 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

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'Dick' has explaining to do, but doesn't strike out

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

An informal poll of contemporary teenagers produced this finding: the Watergate affair was "something about Nixon and a bunch of other guys." So didn't someone, sometime during the making of "Dick,"" the Watergate "what if" satire, wonder "what if" no one gets it?

Satire fails when the satire object is too obscure. That's Comedy Rule Number Two. Comedy Rule Number One is, of course, "If you have to explain the jokes, forget it." "Dick" does a lot of satirizing but also a lot of explaining to its young demographics, and thus has two quick strikes against it. And yet, it doesn't

quite strike out.

For those of us who followed the saga from the June 1972 "third-rate burglary" until "Tricky Dick" boarded that helicopter one last time in August 1974, "Dick" offers some fun, if not funny, theories. Who was "Deep Throat?" How did the 181/2-minute tape gap happen? Where did Nixon get that oftimitated two-handed peace gesture?

The film's protagonists are two stupid teenagers. Don't blame us for the label; they admit it them-selves. Arlene (Michelle Williams of TV's "Dawson's Creek") lives in the Watergate Apartments with her mother (Teri Garr, who looks around 150). Arlene is dorky and stupid. Her best

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the current "Drop Dead Gorgeous") is cute and stupid.

While downstairs mailing a letter (to Arlene's heartthrob Bobby Sherman), the girls run into a seedy man with a walkietalkie. He is G. Gordon Liddy (Harry Shearer), and the breakin is about to come apart. Soon after, on a school tour of the White House, they take a wrong turn and run into Liddy and Halderman and Erlichman and Dean and Kissinger and a roomful of shredding machines.

Enter the president, and that's where the movie really does perk up. Dan Hedaya takes off and puts on every Nixon quirk. The jowls, the sweat, the paranoia are all there once more. He han-

friend Betsy (Kirsten Dunst of dles the girls himself ("I've got a way with young people; they trust me") by making them his official dog walkers and then "secret youth advisors."

> Arlene and Betsy's misadventures soon descend from satire to cloak and dagger, which is where "Dick" descends as well. They get involved with Washington Post reporters Woodward and Bernstein, played by "Saturday Night Live's" Will Ferrell and comedian Bruce McCulloch. The filmmakers' choice to make the team a journalistic Laurel and Hardy is way out of sync with the otherwise-clever premise of adding a new element (the girls) to fill in the blanks of an historically accurate story that's ridiculous enough on its own.

> Williams and Dunst are talented teens who have already shown other colors on their acting palettes; being typecast as dumb blondes shouldn't be a problem.

> Hedaya steals the film, growling "All I asked for was a simple burglary." He looks like he's having the time of his life, and we'd have given a lot to have been on the set when the director yelled "cut."

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Blue Rose extends boundaries

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

A lot of things can change in seven years.

Just ask members of the Detroit-based band Blue Rose. Formed in 1992, the band has down-sized considerably. Coming into form as a foursome, the group dropped three female vocalists and a keyboard and saxophone player from its lineup. With their debut album "Rock Me Low" coming up on one year since its release, the band is ready to get back in the studio and record a follow-up.

The members of Blue Rose -vocalist Kim Lange, guitarist Corey Storm, bassist Jon Martin, and drummer Jay Crosby --

solution."

laughed and said there are "less people to slap around."

the band having joined four years ago, said he was interested in joining Blue Rose because the other musicians were "very professional.

nights a week, which is "just about right" if you ask Storm. He said their live schedule depends upon what else is going on with the band

"We plan to do some more recording," he said. "We probably would scale back our live performances."

enough new material for another

Lange put it simply when she

Crosby, the newest addition to

Blue Rose plays two to three

Lange said they have written

really like any other blues vocalists," said Lange. Storm described her voice as

KERRY HAYES AND MARNI GROSSMAN

"smooth and silky." "She's more of a soprano,

whereas most blues singers are altos and have a raspier voice,' he added. "It makes us more unique, more identifiable.' Keeping an eye on the future,

Blue Rose is focusing more on distribution and the mass marketing of their music. They're also working on a Web site.

In the meantime, the band is searching for a keyboard player who will help "round out" their sound, said Storm.

"We'd like to have more diversity," he added.

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here are fewer people to with, fewer personalities," Storm, an Oak Park resi-"It's easier to work things and come to an agreeable compact disc. It's just a matter of getting back into the studio. Our sound has changed a little bit," she said explaining that the new material is similar to the songs on the first album. "It's hard to compare our sound."

Storm agreed and attributed that difficulty to the variety of styles of music they play. "We can go from traditional blues, straight ahead blues, to rock...to funk, to pop alternative," he said. "We don't want to try to target a specific style of music. We're not really into following trends. We just try to write good songs.'

Writing songs is a collaborative effort for the band. But what sets the musicians apart from other blues-based local bands? The band members, of course.

"Corey has a very distinctive guitar style and my voice isn't out a Blue Rose show is guaranteed a "high energy performance," according to Storm.

"We're not the type of band that's just going to stand there and play," he said. "We all feel performance should be something a little more special. We want to offer something to look at as well as listen to.'

Crosby said the band hopes to tour out-of-state in the future. He's not too picky about where Blue Rose plays, he said, "on a national level, any big venue will

Blue Rose will perform a free, all ages show from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Call (248) 354-9540 for more information.



'Every Note A Pearl' on Starlight Drifters release



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Ann Arborbased quartet, The Starlight Drifters, has much the same appeal. In a whirlwind conversation outside the Magic Bag Friday, I spoke to the local rock-abilly boys - Bill Alton, Chris Casello, Rudy Varner and Marc Grav - as they celebrated the release of their new album, "Every Note a Pearl."

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high into the air.

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Between their fast-talking, light-hearted comments, amazing ability to finish each other's sentences, and friendly interruptions from fans on their way into the club, the band shared some insight into another world, one of cowboy boots and Western crooning, steel guitars and heart-felt lyrics.

Together since 1997, the band has added drums to its line-up, which rounds out its signature sound, and allows them to play more styles of music, said singer Bill Alton, a Livonia resident. Hesitant to categorize the band's sound, Alton said he doesn't "want anybody to know what we are."

So I won't tell you that "what they are" is a talented group of guys who refuse to tie themselves — and their music — into

By far the best one style or popular trend. part of swing

In just the few years that The dancing - and I Starlight Drifters have been suppose I speak together, guitarist and song-writon behalf of er Chris Casello noted that the women when I music scene has changed considsay this - is erably. being spun around in dizzy

"When we started there was a really strong rock-a-billy scene," he said. "The rock-a-billy scene and the swing scene have kind of meshed."

Mirroring that change, "Every Note a Pearl" shows off more of the Western swing side of a band that started out sounding much more rock-a-billy on its first album "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters."

Whatever you call it, the band members are proud of the new album, christening it "a labor of love."

"It was very tedious at times, but the work we put into it was well worth it," said Alton: "Chris did the engineering and producing. (We) wrote all the songs together. I'm extremely proud of

Casello admitted "Every Note" is "his baby." Working several nights a week, the album took about five months to complete.

"We were very meticulous about what we wanted on it and what we didn't," said Casello.

Revealing influences as diverse as the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Elvis Presley, the songs appeal to a wide variety of listeners. Dale Alton, the group's manager, politely interrupted to pass a photograph around to be autographed. A 5-year-old fan couldn't wait a second longer. It was just another example of the



universal dimension inherent in The Starlight Drifters music.

"I think we do reach a wider spectrum," said Alton.

Casello completes his thought y adding that the audience includes anyone "from little kids to senior citizens."

Dale Alton, who also happens to be Bill's father, shared his own opinion on the subject.

'Older people can remember this music and younger kids can relate to it," he said.

Above all The Starlight Drifters offer a sound that's unmistakably American.

"If you don't like it, you're a communist," said Casello, laugh-

Check them out: The Starlight

Drifters swing into action 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Cavern Club, 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5 cover, 21 and over. Call (734) 332-9900 for information.

Drifters established a strong following, most of which came dressed in hoop skirts, slick suits, and fedora hats. While fancy attire is not required, it suits the mood and era the band evokes in their style and sound.

"They're very professional people," said Dale Alton. "I call them entertainers, not a band."

Where will The Starlight Drifters go from here? Alton said he hopes the band

stays true to the roots of their music.

I'm sure they will.

Check out The Starlight Drifters when they swing into action 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

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Heavily weighted down in emotional texture, the album offers 12 tracks that are not suited to the average listener. The parental advisory - likely added due to the strong sexual references in songs like "32 Lines" and "The Darkest Childe" — isn't the only deterrent. Some songs are highly insightful and reflective. But others borderline on the deeply depressing, like "No Connection," in which Hawkins sings "I'm feeling the strings of your rejection/Kneeling in the wrong direction/Sealing my heart to your neglection/ Revealing no

connection." While listeners might easily

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relate to the weighty subject matter, little reprieve is derived from a brighter song, such as "Mmm My Best Friend." The first single off of the album, "Lose Your Way" is featured on the Dawson's Creek soundtrack.

Though "timbre" might be best reserve for a rainy afternoon of introspection, it does offer a couple musical gems.

"Strange Thing" showcases Hawkins' melodic voice in her own gentle songbird manner. In 'Bare the Weight of Me" Hawkins sounds as if she's stretched across a piano in a smoky lounge pleading for attention, for love. Spiced with soft hints of percussion and a violin for added romance, this track is a worthy example of Hawkins' work and diversified abilities. It's unfortunate there isn't another like it in the dozen.

All songs were written, produced and performed by Hawkins, and the album is now available in record stores. - Stephanie Casola

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Matt Prentice has hand in 'Unique' deli at casino

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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For the past three months Matt Prentice has been totally focused on Deli Unique, a New York style deli inside the new MotorCity Casino in Detroit.

He's not running the restaurant, but it's his baby. Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, licensed the name "Deli Unique" to the casino, and will serve as its consultant on design, menu selection, restaurant operation, hiring and training staff.

"I'm excited to be part of this," said Prentice during a press conference on Aug. 10 at casino headquarters in downtown Detroit. "They asked us to create something different, fun, entertaining, bigger than life. It will be a cafeteria-style deli, and barkers will entertain guests waiting in line. It will be very New Yorkish."

Theatrical types, comedians, and even housewives who enjoy the thought of getting paid to pick on people are auditioning today and tomorrow for one of seven full-time barker positions at the restaurant. Each barker will earn \$10 an hour to start with a built-in salary increase after six months. If you're interested in auditioning, call Dave Mitchell (248) 646-0370, Ext. 213.

Chuck Ajlouny, managing partner of URC's Plaza Deli in Southfield, is Deli Unique's barker prototype, and will be training the barkers. Born and raised in Detroit, he developed his "bark" while living in Brooklyn, New York.

"I take orders, talk to you, I insult you, call your sandwiches. It spices things up," said Ajlouny. We have fun at lunch time, it keeps it lively. You have to be quick-witted, smart, and have a strong voice. We tried to get Pavoratti, but he wasn't available."

During the press conference he gave reporters a taste of his bark. "Are you guys ready or what," he asked. "Everyone gather round, I got a restaurant to run."

The 20 different sandwiches with names like "It's No Gam-

ble," "Jackpot," and "Lox of Luck," range from 5 ounces to 20 ounces. Pay a \$1 more to double the meat for deli size sandwich.

Big Eight "a deli fresser," is an "obnoxiously large sandwich" --20 ounces of meat, including corned beef, pastrami, brisket, turkey and salami, served on an onion roll with 3 ounces Swiss cheese, 4 ounces coleslaw and Russian dressing. Hearty soups and main dish salads will also be served. Desserts, created especially are "larger than life." Imagine a five layer chocolate mousse cake.

"The deli will have over 200 seats, and be designed to feed a lot of people fast. It will offer the best quality sandwiches served on hot, out of the oven bread," said Prentice.

MotorCity Casino approached Prentice with the restaurant concept. "We think it's a tremendous opportunity for our company," he said. "It will help our reputation not only locally, but nationally."

"The name association lends credibility to whatever we have to offer," said Lane W. Maxcy,

director of food and beverage for the casino. "Matt Prentice has built a rep-

utation for world-class food service and has a fantastic local track record," said Jack Barthwell, director of public relations for the casino.

Scheduled to open sometime this fall, the temporary MotorCity Casino will cover approximately 12 acres around the former Wonder Bread Bakery at Grand River and the Lodge Freeway. The casino, owned by Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C. (a joint venture of Detroit-based Atwater Casino Group and Las Vegas-based Mandalay Resort Group) will have two live entertainment venues, two main floors of gaming, a third floor non-smoking gaming area, and fourth floor high-limit area.

Deli Unique, along with a fine dining restaurant, buffet and Middle Eastern restaurant will be in the former Continental Bakery building attached to the main gaming building by two skywalks.

new Deli Unique will be like, Plaza Deli, 29145 Northwestern Southfield, (248) 356-2310.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Number one barker: Chuck Ajlouny, managing partner of URC's Plaza Deli in Southfield, presents the Plaza Special, corned beef, cole slaw, Swiss cheese and Russian dressing on rye. Ajlouny keeps people laughing at lunch, and will train barkers at the MotorCity Casino.

If you want a taste of what the visit Ajlouny during lunch at Highway, corner of 12 Mile Road.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591.7279 or e-mail kwygonik@ oe. homecomm.net

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

Schoolcraft College — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to

pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

Bella Ciao - 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Call (734) 995-2107 for information, or www.belaciao. com on the Web.

L.A. Subs — The next time you're hungry for a sub, visit the newly opened L.A. Subs, 36147 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-4240. Menu also includes Buffalo wings, Shrimp in a basket, and pepperoni rolls. They're open 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday.

■ Too Chez, 2715 Sheraton Drive, Novi (248)348-5555 will offer customers ordering lunch or dinner all bottles of wine served during the meal at 25 percent discount Monday through Thursday from now through Nov. 15.

By-the-glass wines are not included in the promotion. For wine lovers, this is an opportunity to learn more about pairing wine with food. Executive Chef Greg Upshur and Maitre d'/Dining room Manager Achille Bianchi say they are at the ready to make food recommendations matching discounted wines selected by diners.

Titanic Dinner at Duet 3663 Woodward Ave. at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Detroit, (313) 831-3838, Thursday, Sept. 9, \$125 per person plus tax and gratuity is a complete entertainment package, including a before-the-show feast featuring authentic recipes prepared on the infamous ship, tickets to see the stage version of "Titanic" at the Fisher Theater plus transportation to and from the Fisher. A wine package specially selected by URC Wine Director and Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be available at additional cost. Recipes for the four-course feast are from the "Last Dinner on The Titanic" cookbook by Rich Archbold and Dana McCauley and bearing the signature flair of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. Due to ticketing, reservations must be secured with a credit card.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, here fresh juice, cappuccino and Page. Panini Cafe and Grill -42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton. (734) 981-7000. Open 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,

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