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Board settles on school site

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In a decision which has divided the school board and split the community, Plymouth-Canton trustees voted 4-3 Tuesday night to build a new high school at Joy and Beck, away from the present two high schools, despite an administration recommendation to build the new facility closer to the current high schools.

And as if that weren't enough to sever relations among board members, about an hour after the vote, long after most of the 80 people who crowded the meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center left disappointed and angry, administration officials flatly stated the school district doesn't have enough money to operate the new facility.

After listening quietly to 37 people address the board, two-thirds of whom pleaded for a vote in favor of the East

site, Susan Davis, Judy Mardigian, Mark Slavens and Darwin Watts voted to keep a promise to voters in March 1997, that the new school be constructed away from the current complex, signaling changes to the way curriculum is delivered at the high school level.

"I believe we need to consider this high school as an alternative high school," said Davis to the gathering. "I believe the park, as we know it today, has been successful for many students. But I also know there are many stu-

dents who aren't successful in this environment. My vision is that we help a group of young people become successful in a different way than at the park."

"I feel I have a moral obligation to what I told the voters," said Mardigian. "I want to be in a position in the future to go back to the voters again. I also believe there's a trend toward smaller high schools ... to offer a smaller learning environment for our students."

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Township aims ordinance at utilities

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Plymouth Township is expected to charge utility companies if they don't respond in a reasonable time frame to situations like downed wires and accident sites involving hazardous spills.

The proposed revision would allow the township to recover its expenses of responding to downed Detroit Edison lines, ruptured gas or water lines, or other utility line failures after a reasonable period of time if the utility doesn't repair the line.

The township board last week approved the first reading of an amendment to a revised emergency services ordinance that would allow for cost recovery.

Public safety crews assigned to details until a utility company arrives cost money and can't be assigned for other duties during that time period, township officials said.

"As we have discussed before, we spend a tremendous amount of tax dollars whenever there is a severe storm and we have utilities like Detroit Edison lines come down," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The board can determine what it considers a reasonable amount of time,

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Plymouth resident takes on 'Bret'

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Wherever disaster strikes, Plymouth resident Dick Merrill is likely to be there.

So was the case this week when Hurricane Bret sauntered close to the Texas coast, with torrential rains turning streets and highways into rivers, low-lying areas into lakes.

Merrill, a retired Michigan Bell worker, is one of the first American Red Cross volunteers to be called into service after earthquakes, floods, tornados and hurricanes because of his

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Meals on Wheels



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL KURSCHEMANN

Thankful: Helen Hastings, 83, sits at her kitchen table before eating her Meals on Wheels hot meal that was delivered by Carl Adler.

Godsend

Volunteers deliver more than food

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Helen Hastings of Plymouth gives Carl Adler a hug as she greets him into her home. It's just before 11 a.m., and the 83-year-old Hastings knows the knock at the door is Carl with food in his hands.

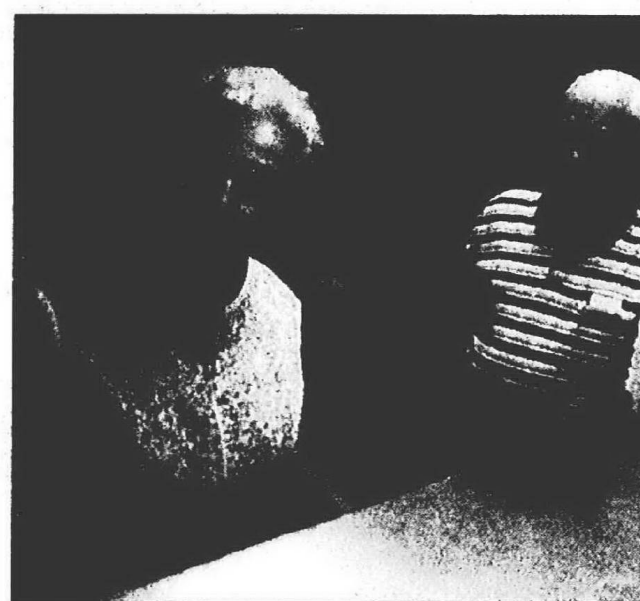
On this day it's barbecue ribettes, scalloped potatoes with peas and carrots. There's also bread and butter, milk and a banana.

"I've had a stroke and cancer, so it's hard to prepare bigger meals," she said. "I can get breakfast and lunch, but it's too difficult to make a good dinner."

That's where Carl and the Meals on Wheels program comes in, delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors 60 and older who live alone.

"I wanted to help fulfill a need, and it's become really neat meeting a lot of nice people," said Adler, of Plymouth Township, who's been delivering meals for 12 years. "They greet me at the door with a big smile, and many times a hug. I get just as much out of it as they do."

Adler, 76, knows he's performing a much needed service to those he serves every day.



On the job: Carl Adler listens as Plymouth Meals on Wheels coordinator Betty Hesselgrave explains the program at Tonquish Creek Manor seniors residence.

"There are some people whose only contact each day is us, especially if their family lives out of town," said Adler. "And, for most of them, it's the only real meal of the day they get."

Hastings is one of nearly 70 Plymouth area seniors who have their food delivered daily as part of the Meals on Wheels program, affiliated

with the Wayne County Offices of Nutrition Services. Another 25-50 people participate each day by eating their meals at the Tonquish Creek Manor.

Betty Hesselgrave, 72, has been running the program in Plymouth for the past 25 years.

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Gallagher named managing editor

Hugh Gallagher is the new managing editor for the Observer Newspapers. He replaces Susan Rosiek, who was appointed publisher of the Observer Newspapers in June.

As managing editor, Gallagher will coordinate newsroom operations in three offices (Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth) and supervise the seven community editors in Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Gallagher has more than 25 years of newspaper experience. At the Observer, he has been an assistant managing editor for 13 years, supervising copy desk activities for nine years and the feature sections for the last four years. Those feature sections include Taste, Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, At Home and Real Estate.

Rosiek said Gallagher's "passion for community journalism, his keen intellect along with his many years of newspa-

per experience and strong work ethic will serve him well in the months and years to come."

"Hugh has been part of the Observer Group management team for several years as an assistant managing editor. His promotion to managing editor — the top spot in the editorial department — is well-deserved."

"Be sure to read Hugh's personal column in today's (insert name of local town here) Observer on Page x-A. His deep respect for readers and community journalism is told in his own words."

Gallagher has been with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for 17 years.

"I'm happy to be moving into such a challenging and exciting position," Gallagher said. "I believe The Observer Newspapers are among the best community papers in the country and I look forward to working with a talented staff in con-

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Fire equipment donated by local car dealership

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A \$1,000 donation from Dick Scott Dodge located in the City of Plymouth will be used to purchase three sked boards for the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

One board will be purchased for each of the department's three fire stations at Ann Arbor Road, Beck Road and Wilcox. The department serves both Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The board is a rigid stretcher that can keep the spine straight. It can be used in water rescue when the person is still in the water, protecting the spine.

"We were looking for areas where we could contribute to the community," said Jason Scott, Dick's son. "This is the first time

that we have donated any money to something like this."

About eight firefighters attended Tuesday's township board meeting.

"A back stretcher is very cumbersome and physical for us to carry on our rig, said Bill Conroy, a firefighter at the Ann Arbor Road station.

The sked board can roll up into a bag.

"We have over 25 ponds in the Plymouth Township area, some with a depth of 18 feet," Groth said. "In my time here, I've seen five drownings."

Two men drowned in Phoenix Lake at Five Mile and Schoolcraft after drinking heavily, Groth said.

Tower Automotive provided \$2,000 18 months ago to start purchasing water rescue equipment that wasn't in the budget,

Growth said. The equipment can also be used for ice water rescue.

To demonstrate the usefulness of sked boards, Conroy showed Plymouth Township trustees a board borrowed from the Northville Township Fire Department using a life-size dummy used for practice purposes. "You can see that the person is totally encapsulated in the stretcher," Conroy said.

Sked boards can also be used in confined spaces, to help people out of ditches, and for high-angle rescues, where rescue workers can lower the person down with straps, Groth said.

A sked board could have been used in an April 1 construction site accident near Ridge and Powell, Groth said. One man was saved. A second worker was killed. The men were putting in sewer leads for Pulte Homes.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Delivery: Carl Adler delivers a meal to Plymouth resident Helen Hastings, 83.

Kindermusik event planned

Kindermusik Story Times will be at the Plymouth Coffee Bean at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and at the Science Emporium in Livonia at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Parents and their children are invited to experience two interactive 20-30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement. Favorite children's books, simple instru-

ments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times.

"On the Move" is the theme of Story Time with Miss Karen at Plymouth Coffee Bean, located at 884 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0178 to register.

Call (734) 427-6125 to register for the "Creepy Crawlies Story Time" with Miss Karen at

The Science Emporium, located at 30951 Five Mile Road (east of Merriman) in the Livonia Plaza Shopping Center in Livonia.

Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music, has over 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages. Evola offers Kindermusik VillageTM for newborns to 1 1/2 years, Kindermusik Our Time for children 1 1/2 - 3 years of age and Growing With Kindermusik for 3 1/2 - 5 year olds. Registration for fall classes are now being taken at Evola Music located at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Call (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

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"Some seniors sit home and end up eating snack foods all day long," she said. "This program allows them to eat better and have a better frame of mind because they see someone every day. Many of them would end up in nursing homes if it wasn't for the meals program."

In order to make it happen, people like Adler donate a couple of hours during the midday to deliver meals to seniors. In fact, Hesselgrave said she could start a fifth meals route, but she just doesn't have enough volunteers.

"Right now we're short of drivers," said Hesselgrave. "I've been lucky that the drivers we have are taking on extra deliveries. But we could use a lot more volunteers."

Adler is confident that anyone who gets involved will enjoy the satisfaction of helping the community's elderly.

"There's one lady that greets me and hugs me


before I can even get the food out of my arms," said Adler. "We talk for a bit. It's comforting to them."

And it can be a blessing for seniors, knowing there's someone to keep watch over them.

"I remember being bodied through a window to help a senior who locked himself out of his house," Adler recalls. "One time, when a woman didn't answer the door, we found her with a broken hip, unable to get off the floor. We watch out for them."

And seniors like Hastings appreciate it. "I enjoy the meals and the attitudes of those who deliver them, they've all been so nice," she said. "I would encourage anyone who needs help like this to take advantage of the program."

Volunteers who can help deliver Meals on Wheels in the Plymouth area between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. can call Betty Hesselgrave at (734) 453-9703. Seniors who want to receive food from Meals on Wheels can call (734) 727-7357.


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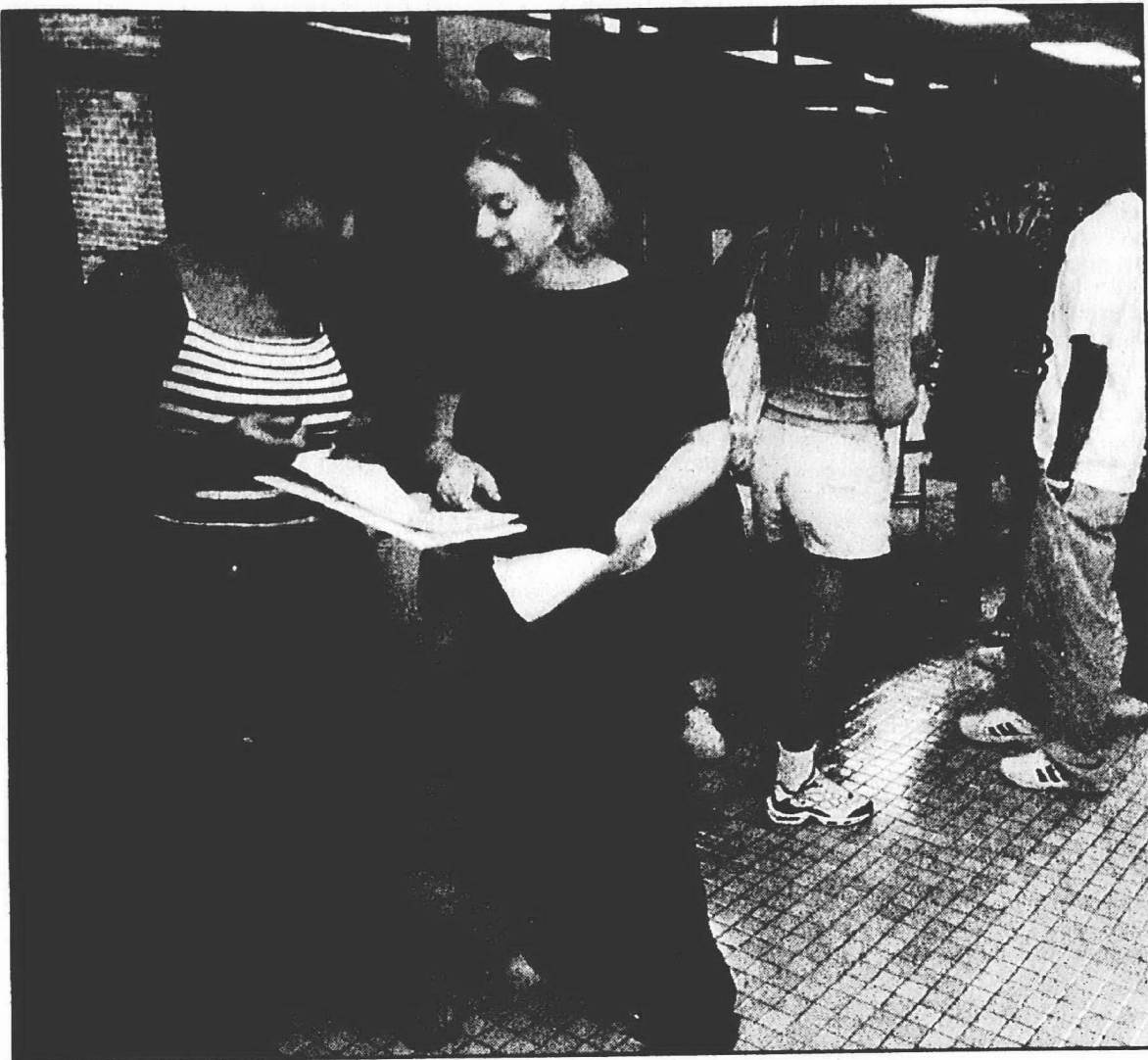
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Getting Ready: Leah Inman and Katie Dysaczyk of Canton, both 17, compare classes as they wait in line for registration at Plymouth Canton High School Tuesday. Classes begin Aug. 31 for the Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

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Fresh Start

Students prepare for school

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Students and teachers alike spent much of this week getting prepared for the first day of school.

High school students received their schedules, picked up ID's, purchased parking passes and had pictures taken in advance of classes, which begin Tuesday.

"It will be fun being at the head of the class," said Jacqueline Compton, 17, of Canton, about her senior year. "I plan on being active with band and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). I've got a 3.5 grade point average and hope to keep it so I can get into the National Honor Society."

After registering for school, the next step for Jacqueline and her mom, Denise, was to go wardrobe shopping.

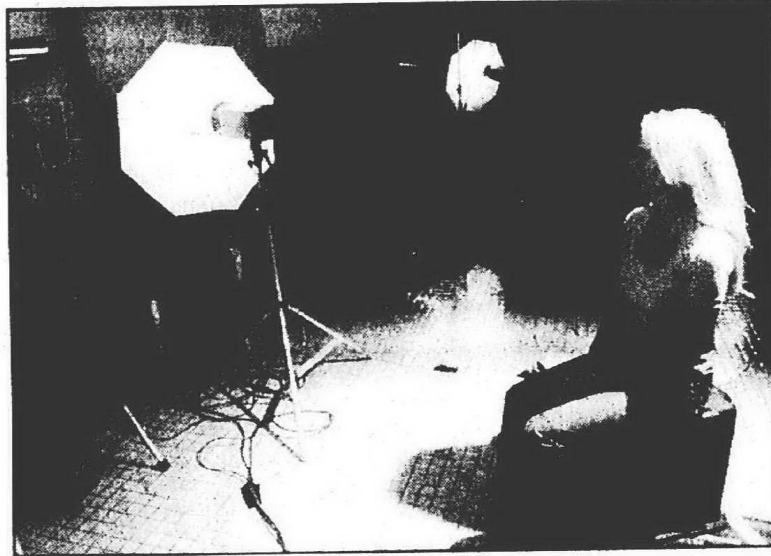
"It will probably cost about \$500 just for the clothes," said Denise Compton. "Between the clothes, parking pass (\$60), senior pictures and supplies it will add up to about \$800."

Jesha Thakker, 16, of Canton, is also a member of the class of 2000 getting ready for her final year at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I'm a bit scared, just thinking this is my last year, that my high school career is almost over," said Jesha. "It's been the best. The campus is so big, which means there's always something to do and new people to meet."

"I need to get good grades this year, so I'm not going to blow off my senior year like a lot of kids do," said Tracy Stover, 17, of Canton, who sports a 3.2 grade point average.

While students are getting prepared, new teachers hired by the district received their orientation this week.



Smile: Tiffany Bigelow of Plymouth, 16, poses for an ID card photo during registration Tuesday.

It consisted of a tour of the district and tips from administrators on teaching curriculum and classroom management.

"When you're a new teacher, there's a lot to learn at a quick pace," noted Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "The interview process in Plymouth-Canton is one of the hardest in the state. When you get a job here, you've earned it."

"We want to give the teachers the basic tools necessary to support them in the classroom," added Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, curriculum coordinator for math and science. "We focus on the curriculum and using best practice in their classroom, as well as strategies to become an effective teacher."

The Plymouth-Canton school district will be hiring approximately 70 new teachers, according to Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee

relations and personnel. Of that group, 18 new full-time positions have been added since last year because of the increase in enrollment.

"We're looking at the new teachers to make important contributions right away, giving us new blood and new ideas," said Ken Walcott, interim superintendent, an educator for more than 30 years.

There was a lot of anticipation among the new recruits, with less than a week to go before classes start.

"I wanted to get into teaching because of the rewards, seeing the kids' faces when they learn something new and how excited they get," said Molly Menard, 28, formerly of Plymouth, who will be teaching physical education at Central Middle School after changing careers. "I'm really glad I'm able to teach in this district. I enjoyed growing up here, and my teachers. It's a great opportunity."

The trip to Texas is the 62nd disaster that Merrill has served as a volunteer for the Red Cross.

"Every situation is different, and they're hard to forget. It's amazing to see some of the destruction created by Mother Nature. And it's difficult to see the toll it takes on families."

Before going to Texas, Merrill had spent five months in Puerto Rico and St. Croix, which was rocked by Hurricane Georges. He was stationed there from September to December, came home for a couple of months, then shipped out for another two-month stint.

"I enjoy helping those in need. I have the time to give, and it's worth it."

'Every situation is different, and they're hard to forget. It's amazing to see some of the destruction caused by Mother Nature.'

Dick Merrill
—Red Cross volunteer

Merrill. "The bad part is the flooding. With the flooding there's a lot of clean-up work. You're stuck with what you get. With a hurricane there's nothing left and you start all over by rebuilding."

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said Timothy Cronin, township attorney. An elapse of one hour was mentioned during the meeting.

Reasonable costs include the salary or wages, including overtime pay, for police department, fire department and emergency medical service personnel for time spent responding to managing, correcting, treating and clean-up of an emergency response and all persons or property thereby. Such costs shall also include the cost of equipment and supplies lost or expended by the police department or fire department in responding to the emergency.

Under the plan, the township finance director or whomever he designates will determine the total expense of an emergency response. The finance director may consult with other township personnel involved in an emergency response to determine the expense.

The township will have the right to bring an action in the appropriate court to collect the expenses of an emergency response.

McCarthy said in a previous interview that the ordinance revision is in response to the July 2, 1997, fire that destroyed

the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice that serves the municipalities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. Public safety departments on mutual aid could only stand by and watch while the courthouse burned waiting for Detroit Edison to arrive. An energized power line fell on the courthouse making removal Edison's jurisdiction, McCarthy said.

Edison was called at 6 p.m. but didn't show up until after 10 p.m. when the courthouse was already on fire.

"Edison is saying that Plymouth Township did not fight it properly," McCarthy said. "They said that it was a big storm, they had lots of wires down, and they worked as fast as they could. For years, Edison has said 'Don't touch our lines.'"

Plymouth Township researched other municipalities with similar ordinances.

The City of Burton was one of the first in Michigan to enact such an ordinance April 22, 1997, at the suggestion of Fire Chief Doug Halstead who deems it successful. "We don't always agree on the bill," he said. But he said it's a matter of logistics and he needs to be able to dis-

perse his crews as necessary throughout the area during a storm. On the other hand, he can't leave a downed wire unattended risking the safety of a child who may touch it. Burton bills for employee time and equipment usage.

Consumers Energy, an electricity and gas utility, is typically the utility billed, Halstead said.

He estimates that more than \$20,000 has been recovered. The money goes into the general fund. The communities of Atlas and Mount Morris are also interested. A consortium of interested fire chiefs in the metropolitan Detroit area is also studying cost recovery ordinances, Halstead said.

More locally, the insurance company representing 35th District Court filed two suits, including one against Detroit Edison, to recover money paid to the court to cover the fire that destroyed the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice on July 2, 1997. They are unresolved.

The suits were an effort to reclaim nearly \$3.4 million already paid out by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association to 35th District Court.

Edison thinks ordinance unfair

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Jim Connelly, regional relations representative for Detroit Edison, called Plymouth Township's proposed cost recovery ordinance amendment "discriminatory" and "double-dipping."

The utility pays "full property taxes with no tax abatements," he said.

The township board passed the first reading of the ordinance revision Aug. 17. Next month it is expected to pass the second reading, and following publication, the ordinance will take effect.

"I don't know what their objective is," Connelly said Tuesday. "Everybody is trying to reduce costs. We're one of the biggest taxpayers in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Our taxes are \$750,000. We pay more than our fair share."

The issue is protecting the general public, Connelly said. "We don't look at this monetarily. We

don't put a cost value on it. I would hope that they also charge others. We have never billed anybody."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy takes issue with the fact that Detroit Edison is not assuming full responsibility for its slowness in responding to the 35th District Court fire in 1997. Tort reform has allowed the utility to declare itself not at fault, she said. It is trying to shift the blame onto Plymouth Township, she said.

Both Fire Chief Larry Groth and Keen McCarthy said that the ordinance doesn't single out Detroit Edison as the only utility to be charged. However, records indicate that other utilities respond much faster, they said.

Groth said that he needs to look at the entire community when manpower and equipment are deployed. The night of the court fire, the township also had 41 other downed wires, Groth said.

With every regular downed wire with no added circumstances, the department assigns two men, he said.

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Vote from page A1

"A vote for the West location is not a vote against the current operation of the school," added Watts. "I conclude we promised a Joy and Beck location, and I believe I don't have the authority to change the vote of the voters."

"If we go back on that word, I believe someone will bring another lawsuit that will hold this up for another two years. Ethically, I don't think we can go back to the voters if we make those changes," said Slavens. "There are national surveys which say smaller schools are the wave of the future, and we need to look to the future for our children."

Despite the rationalization, those who walked away were visibly upset.

"By one lousy vote, this board killed the best thing it has going," said Jim Burnstein of Plymouth, whose wife teaches at the high school. "When the community finds out they're spending hundreds of thousands of dollars more, it will be outraged. I will continue to fight this. It's a horrible mistake."

"When they run out of money, those four board members will regret this for the rest of their lives," added Dean Swartzwelder of Plymouth Township, a former board president. "They'll have to cut programs and their phones will be ringing off the hook."

Administration officials, who held a cabinet meeting Wednesday morning, left the board meeting wondering how they were going to produce what the board has now

'I don't think this district can afford the site where it is now. I don't know how you're going to operate it.'

Ken Walcott
—Interim Superintendent

promised. Figures presented by Patrick O'Donnell, assistant superintendent for instruction, before the vote indicated it will cost \$536,434 to operate the West site, as compared to \$124,076 for the East site. There are concerns that transportation costs to bus students around the complex, now estimated at \$80,000, could actually triple.

"I don't think this district can afford the site where it is now. I don't know how you're going to operate it," said Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott. "By diverting dollars (from the present program), I don't know how you're going to offer programs to kids in this community. To keep the current school running and design a whole new school without draining the budget, I don't know how we're going to do it."

The three board members who voted against the West site — Elizabeth Givens, Steve Guile and Roland Thomas — stressed operating costs, curriculum delivery, staffing and transportation costs as major reasons

for wanting at East site location for the new high school.

"Now the decision has to be made on what kind of facility to design to fit the budget, because we can't afford to operate a separate facility without spending hundreds of thousands of extra dollars," said Guile. "There's talk of violating the public trust. If we don't build a high school like it's described on the ballot language, are we going to be up for another lawsuit?"

"The numbers clearly show we can't operate the programs the way we have. We've got to tell the public what we're going to cut to accommodate this," said Thomas. "I'll listen to alternatives, but I'm fresh out of ideas."

"I don't believe I'm breaking public trust by supporting the East site," said Givens. "Many voters don't believe a specific location was guaranteed."

The doomsday financial predictions and fears of alienating staff and administration aren't scaring those who voted in favor of a separate high school.

"I feel very confident we will find a way to make this work," said Mardigian. "We know what we need to do."

Meanwhile, in the halls where angry teachers, administrators and citizens gathered after the vote voicing their dismay, there was talk of a possible recall of school board members who voted for the West site.

Hydrant program

Starting Sept. 1, the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works will start its fire hydrant winterization program. You may notice a temporary discoloration of your water. This should ONLY be for a short period of time. Any prolonged problems should be reported to the DPW by calling 453-8131.

Auditions

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding auditions for "It's A Wonderful Life," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday,

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Sept. 14 at Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital. The theater is on 7 Mile, 1/2 mile west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads.

Auditions will be cold readings and script

cuts will be available at that time. There are roles for 12 men, 10 women and six children. Some roles may be combined. There will also be casting for an a cappella chorus who will sing Christmas carols. This is not a requirement to be cast. To audition for the singing chorus, please prepare a short Christmas carol. There will be no accompaniment.

Show dates are Nov. 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 and Dec. 3 and 4. For more information, call Kristin Curle, director at (248) 344-1723 or the PTG phone line at (248) 349-7110 or visit PTG's web site at www.causeway.com/ptg/.

Police warn of man posing as an officer

A Westland woman refused to cooperate with a man who said that he was a police officer, according to Plymouth Township police.

Her suspicions were raised when the man, who stopped her at 3 a.m. Tuesday, approached her wearing plainclothes with the name "Van" across the left breast of his polo shirt. The incident occurred on southbound Haggerty south of the railroad tracks.

He asked to see her driver's license, police reports said. She asked to see his identification as a police officer, said Jamie Senkbeil, township police public information officer.

"She asked him where was his badge and gun," Senkbeil said. "He told her that he left them in the car. He walked away."

The woman said that the lights on the dark-colored car he was driving seemed higher than usual for a police car, Senkbeil said. There was a blue rotating light on the inside dash, she said.

The woman drove to the township police department to file a report, she said.

Police describe the man as being in his mid-30s, thin build, with balding sandy brown hair, Senkbeil said.

COP CALLS

Suspicious person

Township police want to talk to the man who gestured to two children playing hockey on Albert Street to approach his car about 3 p.m. Sunday.

One boy was seven years old, the other was a teen, Senkbeil said. Neither boy complied but instead went to a residence.

Both youths said the man was in his late teens to early 20s, with closely-cut, buzzed brown hair, no facial hair and wore sunglasses. The teen said the man drove a Jeep Cherokee.

Anyone with information can call 911 anytime on these two cases or Senkbeil at 354-3243.

Fake money

Plymouth police have called in the Secret Service to investigate two counterfeit bills passed to the same businessowner within a two-week period.

Lt. Wayne Carroll said a \$10 bill was discovered by the owner of the near-downtown business Aug. 12 and a \$20 bill last Tuesday.

Carroll said it's been a long time since counterfeit bills were passed through Plymouth.

Gallagher from page A1

tinuing and expanding on that rich tradition."

Gallagher joins an Observer Group management team comprised of Peg Knoespel, retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director and Larry Geiger, circulation manager.

He previously was employed at the Lorain Journal in Lorain, Ohio, The Albuquerque Journal in Albuquerque, N.M., and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Gallagher, 51, and his wife,

Jebbie, a librarian with the Ann Arbor District Library and the Michigan Electronic Library, live in Ann Arbor. They have two adult sons, Sean and James.

Hugh Gallagher can be reached by telephone at (734) 953-2149, by email at hgalagher@oe.homecomm.net by fax at (734) 591-7279 or mail at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

Good Council student wins science award

Tom Lindquist of Plymouth was among 10 students who won first place awards in the junior division of the Metropolitan Detroit Science Fair recently held at Cobo Center in Detroit. Lindquist attends Our Lady of

Good Counsel Elementary School.

More than 54 southeastern Michigan public school students participated in the science competition with projects focused on energy and the environment.

"The caliber of the science projects was outstanding," said Gary Moss, who heads up Detroit Edison education and community services department. For the 15th year Detroit Edison has been a sponsor.

The competition is held annually. Projects focus on topics such as hydraulics, wind power and magnetism. Thousands of children participate each year from public and private schools.



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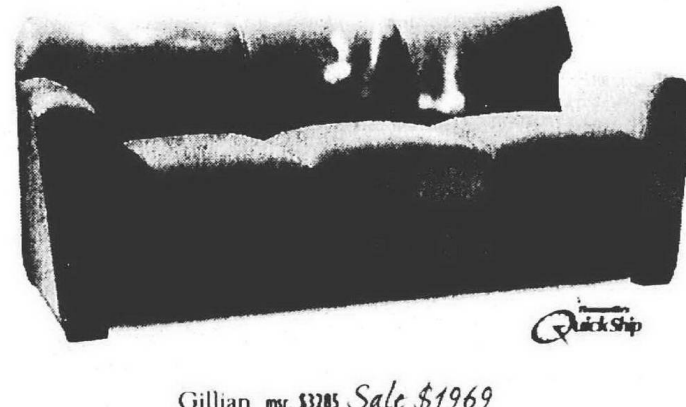
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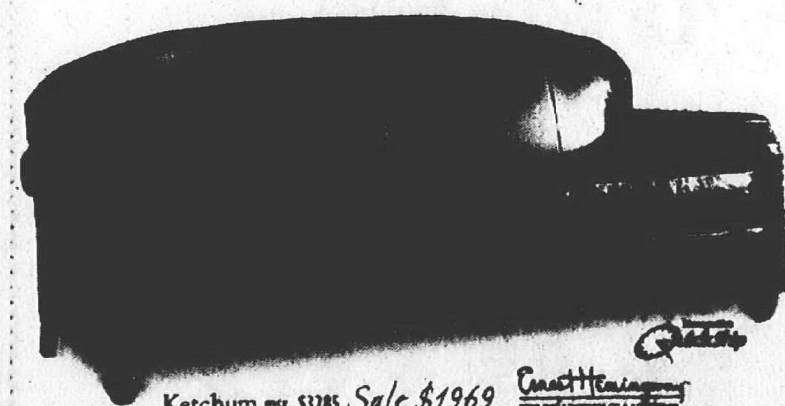
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Parks officials seek memories of Ford Village workers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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About 60 years ago, six small factories lined the middle branch of the Rouge River in western Wayne County, making everything from valves to drill bits.

One of those Ford Motor Co. Village Industries developed at Nankin Mills, in what is now Westland, and employed anywhere from 12 to 50 employees, growing to 70 to 90 employees during wartime production. It housed a screw machine shop, then after 1937, a stencil and engraving facility.

Wayne County parks officials are looking for people who once worked for Henry Ford at Nankin Mills and five other small factories along the Rouge River in the 1930s.

The workers would now be in their 80s.

"We want them to share their memories about what it was like to work there," said Carol Clements, the county manager heading up the project, headquartered at Nankin Mills, Westland.

They would be videotaped, and the completed tape would be available to visitors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland in early 2000.

"We want people who can fill in some of the gaps of knowledge," said Denise Johnson, president of Friends of Nankin Mills. That also would include those who knew Ford or who lived in the nearby area at that time.

Lifestyles blended

Raised on a farm, Henry Ford believed city life, which included his own factories, was destroying the rural lifestyle of the times.

Ford's Village Industries concept was his way of blending rural and factory life. Ford bought six mills along the Rouge and turned them into parts shops for his company, six of 20 shops known as the Village Industries.

Ford even relocated machinery from his Highland Park and Rouge plants. Employees at these factories were able to work for Ford and then return to their

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farms during farming periods.

In 1918, he bought the Nankin Mills flour mill and it opened as a parts shop in 1921. The workers at Nankin Mills made stencils of the famous Ford-signature logo. Other shops made such items as engine valves and generator parts.

The plants switched production to make parts for bombers and other aircraft. Never a profit-making project, most of the Village Industries were eliminat-

ed by 1947 when Ford's grandson, Henry Ford II, took over the auto company after his grandfather's death.

"When Henry Ford died, it all died," Clements said. By 1947, most of them were closed due to the auto company's economic cutbacks.

Artifacts sought

Wayne County Parks are especially interested in locating any artifacts from Ford's Nankin Plant through donation or loan to display in the museum. "We have a photo showing the kind of

stencil work that was done here," says Clements. "It was very precise work."

Village Industries workers are invited to attend a wine-and-cheese reception, sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Nankin Mills to share their stories and experiences. Others interested in attending the reception can obtain tickets after Sept. 6 at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will be donated by Friends of Nankin Mills toward

new exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

The shops, numbers of employees and parts created at the Village Industries included:

■ Northville — 380 peacetime, 700 wartime, made valves, car tractors and cars.

■ Nankin Mills — 12-50 peacetime, 70-90 wartime, screw machine shop, then stencil and engraving after 1937.

■ Phoenix — 150 peacetime, 200 wartime, all-female crew making generator parts.

■ Plymouth — 35 peacetime, 60 wartime, taps for threads.

■ Waterford — 20 peacetime, 130 wartime, Johansson precision gauge blocks.

■ Newburgh — 30 peacetime, 64 wartime, drill bits, twist drills.

To contact Wayne County about the search for Village Industries workers, contact Carol Clements at (734) 261-1990.

For information or tickets for on the wine-and-cheese reception, contact Clements or Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard's office at (313) 224-0902.

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I-275 closings will continue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Motorists wanting to access or exit I-275 will need to deal with the continued intermittent closings of entrance and exit ramps to and from northbound I-275 over the next several days.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has decided to revise its reconstruction strategy in which contractors closed entrance and exit ramps one interchange at a time for Six, Seven and Eight Mile interchanges.

Contractors instead will be closing one ramp this week from Six Mile and another ramp to I-275 from Seven Mile.

The scheduled closings depend on weather through the end of the week. On Tuesday, forecasters predicted rain throughout the rest of the week, so ramp openings may be delayed.

Here is a summary of what motorists can expect:

■ On Wednesday (yesterday), contractors were expected to close the ramp from Six Mile Road onto northbound I-275 to conduct preparations for paving in September. A temporary bituminous surface will be installed on the ramp. That ramp may be re-opened as early as Friday.

■ Also, the ramp from northbound I-275 to Seven Mile will be closed for the same time period for the same construction prep work.

■ Once those ramps are re-opened, the ramp from northbound I-275 to Eight Mile will be closed, along with the ramp from Seven Mile onto northbound I-275.

The latter two ramps will be cleared of old pavement, the surface graded, then new concrete poured. Those closures will last about four days, as the concrete will need about two days to cure, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

If construction crews tackle the work in a timely fashion, this ramp work should be completed by the middle of next week.

Zap Zone offers fun for kids of all ages

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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Zap-zap, you're dead. Laser tag has quietly become a staple of family entertainment in Canton. Zap Zone, located at Ford and Lilley, opened five years ago as one of the first laser tag facilities in the country, according to its owner, Gaz Ismail.

"Back then, there wasn't anything like it around

here. People would literally come from miles around to check us out," Ismail said.

Word of mouth has enabled the small company to spawn three other centers in Ann Arbor, Farmington and Taylor.

"It's a great indoor activity, kids really want to hang out here," Ismail said.

Store manager Keith Figurski said the Canton branch has sold 900 memberships.

"A good percentage of our business comes from repeat customers and birthday parties, kids who are too old for Chuck E. Cheese's but still want a party," Figurski said.

The high-tech game of seek and destroy has gained market share in the family entertainment industry, especially in Michigan.

According to Figurski, Michigan has 43 laser tag centers, more than any other state.

Ismail, originally from Canada, started a laser tag company in Windsor in the early '90s. He sold his stock in the business to move state-side with a dream



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Zap: Erica Stengle of Plymouth, 17, an employee at the Zap Zone on Ford Road, demonstrates the laser gun used in the laser tag game.

of starting a laser tag empire.

Canton and its favorable demographics was Ismail's first choice.

"It's an excellent area. It's been growing a long time and has a very young population," Ismail said.

No two Zap Zones are alike. Maze layouts and even the lasers themselves differ from store to store.

What remains the same is the game's draw.

Val Sams, who commutes to Canton for work, makes a pit stop three to four times a week before going home.

"I play five or six games a day," Sams beamed.

The '90s version of cowboys and Indians directly competes with other, more traditional family activities like pizza parlors and miniature golf.

Laser tag is more expensive than miniature golf.

The 20-minute games cost \$6 per person, although additional games are discounted. Specials are also available for members, parents and groups.

Laser tag has evolved into a number of different type games but most of them go like this:

A group of 6-20 people is divided into two teams. Each player is armed with a laser gun attached to a vest with blinking receptor targets.

The players are released into a multi-level, 5,000 square-foot maze, complete with strategically placed mirrors and windows.

Players get points for shooting their enemies and their opponent's "base," a box hanging from the ceiling with a blinking sensor unit.

After the game each vest is zapped by an information collection device. The gadget feeds the results into a computer which, in turn, spits out detailed tally sheets for each player.

A winner is announced and the often sweaty combatants line up for the next game.



Laser beams: Nearly a dozen campers from the Plymouth Community YMCA shoot their laser guns toward the photographer while demonstrating the laser tag experience at Zap Zone.

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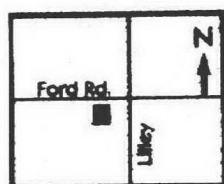
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Ferman named MOA president

Dr. Gregory B. Ferman, who practices optometry in Plymouth and resides in Canton, has been installed as president of the Michigan Optometric Association. The installation came during the association's 103rd Annual Convention & Summer Educational Seminar at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant.

Ferman, a 1977 graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, was installed by his father, Dr. William C. Ferman, now retired, who served as president of the association in 1983-84. Previously, the new president served as association president elect, vice president, secretary-treasurer and trustee of the 950 member association.

In addition to his service on the board, Ferman has also served as the Michigan professional liaison for Vision Service Plan (VSP), a national prepaid vision care organization. He is a previous winner of the Michigan Optometric Association Keyperson Award.

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Dems set caucus for early March

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Democrats here will vote in caucus on March 11 next year for their choice of which presidential candidate to send up against the GOP contender in November of 2000.

That will make Michigan the first industrial state in the Midwest to cast votes for the party's nominee.

The Democratic National Committee approved recently a request by the state committee to move up the caucus date, Michigan party chairman Mark Brewer said Thursday, Aug. 19. Until approval was granted, the caucuses were scheduled for late March.

Democrats had feared voters would lose interest in Michigan's primary balloting if it was not

rescheduled. State lawmakers voted earlier this year to move up the date of the Republican presidential primary. The GOP will hold its vote Feb. 22.

Originally, Dems had asked for permission to move the caucus date to Feb. 12, but the national committee turned them down.

"We hold our caucuses on Saturday," Brewer explained. "So this is the first Saturday within the window that the DNC will allow ... It still makes Michigan the first state in the Midwest, other than Iowa, to vote. So our vote will not be overlooked."

Caucus voting is different than the typical primary election, where voters can fill out a ballot at any time while the polls are open. Brewer explained that in the caucus vote, party members will be directed to a location within their county or congres-

sional district where the meeting will occur. At 11 a.m. that Saturday, party officials will ask all members present to vote by raising their hands. The votes will be counted and tallied with the results of other party caucus locations.

Seniors, the disabled and those who have religious objections to voting in the caucus setting will be able to cast their ballots early by mail and have them counted with the rest of the caucus.

Michigan Democrats have moved to the caucus system to avoid "crossover" voting by Republicans designed to "cause mischief" rather than pick the best candidate, Brewer explained.

"We believe that, clearly, to vote in the Democratic primary you should be a Democrat and to vote in the Republican primary you should be a Republican," he

said.

Currently, presidential primary elections are "open," meaning voters can cast ballots for any party's nominee. Republicans have opted to participate in the open primary. Democrats last participated in the presidential primary in 1992, when voters were required to declare a party preference before entering the polls. But the elimination of that requirement also led the Democrats to drop out and hold their own caucuses.

It also means that the Republican primary is paid for by state government funds, while the Democratic party's caucus has to be paid for by the party itself. Brewer said the cost of operating the caucuses varies from election to election, so he is still working up the estimates of the cost of next year's vote.

County backs anti-tobacco campaign

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners are urging state lawmakers to use \$100 million in tobacco settlement funds for the prevention and reduction of tobacco use in Michigan.

Commissioners approved a resolution Aug. 19 introduced by Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, to use \$100 million out of \$320 million received annually by the state for the tobacco use prevention for the improved health of Michigan residents.

A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers.

Beard wants the money used to educate youngsters about the dangers of tobacco use.

"We need to try to stop kids from smoking early on," Beard said. "And the younger they start, the harder it is to quit."

In her resolution and in materials distributed to commissioners, Beard cited statistics that one in every five deaths in Michigan is caused by tobacco use and the percentage of people who smoke in Michigan is above the national average. Michigan has the 10th highest rate of smoking in the United States.

"Smoking and tobacco prevention and education has been continually proven as the most reliable way to decrease the number of citizens in Michigan who use

tobacco," Beard stated in her resolution.

Michigan allocated about \$5.5 million annually toward prevention, which Beard believes is \$95 million less than adequate levels of funding.

Several state organizations and individuals have pledged support for the dedication of \$75 million annually of the settlement money to reduce and prevent tobacco use through public education, community-based pro-

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COMPULSIVE GAMBLING

New casinos may bring major problems to Southeast Michigan

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
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Compulsive gambling is already a significant problem in Michigan and the opening of three new casinos in downtown Detroit will undoubtedly lead more residents of southeast Michigan to addiction.

But how many more victims will be claimed by problem gambling and how well prepared the state is to help them are questions with no easy answers.

Few are willing to give an estimate of the number of players who will become compulsive. Even Michigan's Department of Community Health, in charge of setting up treatment and prevention programs for the state, has yet to work up projections. But there is agreement among experts that the numbers are likely to be large.

Consider that the National Gambling Impact Study Commission this spring concluded that the prevalence of compulsive gambling in the general population doubles within a 50-mile radius of a casino.

"Currently there are enough problem gamblers (in Michigan) to populate a city the size of Flint and enough pathological gamblers to populate an additional city the size of Kalamazoo," a study conducted by The Evaluation Center of Western Michigan University for the state lottery bureau concluded back in 1997. The study found that 3 percent of the state's population had an ongoing gambling affliction at that time.

Comparing those numbers to a current estimated population of 4.73 million in southeast Michigan's seven-county region, the conclusion is that casinos could lead to an additional 140,000 cases



of compulsive gambling here.

Although large, such an estimate elicited general agreement from those familiar with problem gambling — Warren Biller, executive director of the Michigan Council on Problem Gambling; Carla Spight, head of gambling treatment programs at the Neighborhood Service Organization, the firm contracted by Michigan to manage its treatment network; and Lori Rugles, clinical director of Trimeridian Inc. of Indianapolis, who has been training therapists in the techniques of treating problem gamblers.

The fact there is already a casino in the area, Casino Windsor just across the river, "may skew those numbers a bit," according to Jim McBryde, who heads up Michigan's compulsive gambling programs for the Department of Community Health. In other words, many of those who are susceptible might already be hooked, resulting in smaller growth in the number of compulsive gamblers.

High risk area

Biller however cited additional research findings that indicate the existing problem may be even more serious. One study of prevalence which examined compulsive gambling in Michigan, New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Louisiana and 13 other states (Nevada and New Jersey were not included) found that the highest incidence of compulsive gambling among all those states occurred in Wayne County, he said. That study concluded that 8.1 percent of adults living there would experience a gambling problem at some time in their lives.

Tracking the numbers of new compulsive gambling cases is a high priority for the Department of Community Health, according to McBryde. His department will be monitoring the number of calls made to the state's gambling helpline, a referral service for treatment and support groups. Presently, the helpline receives

about 1,700 calls per month.

The state has also contracted with The Evaluation Center at Western to update its 1997 study. Project Director Arlen Gullickson said he will conduct a second survey this fall, which will serve as the baseline against which future updates can be compared. He anticipates regular updates will be conducted.

McBryde, Spight and Rugles all contend much work has already been done in Michigan to prepare for the anticipated upsurge in compulsive gambling cases.

State unprepared

But Biller says he's not sure it's enough. For one, he said, the state's new network will provide treatment only to the most seriously addicted, known as "pathological gamblers." Left untreated, the less serious "problem gamblers" will probably progress eventually to the pathological stage, he contended.

Problem gamblers seeking treatment will have to use their own insurance or pay for it out of pocket. Few insurance companies cover treatment for compulsive gambling currently. Studies have noted compulsive gamblers often lose their jobs as a result of their addiction, losing benefits along with it. And many gamblers let insurance coverage lapse due to financial difficulty.

Pathological gamblers who are treated in Michigan's "payer of last resort" system, Biller further argued, will receive a maximum of 12 sessions with a counselor each year. But most pathological gamblers have a "chronic, hardcore and long-term" problem. Twelve sessions per year may do little for them, he said.

Biller should know. He is a recovering compulsive gambler who has spent the last 28 years in treatment and support groups, like Gamblers Anonymous, to "stay clear of the action." He is also credited with being the driving force behind much of the state's work to put a treat-

ment network together.

Seeking help

Spight however counters that few gamblers will be turned away. To identify compulsive gamblers, the state will use the South Oaks Gambling Screen, a set of 20 questions about the gambler's behavior. (Examples: Have you ever hidden betting slips, lottery tickets, gambling money, I.O.U.s or other signs of betting or gambling from your spouse, children or other important people in your life? Have you ever borrowed from someone and not paid them back as a result of your gambling? Have you ever lost time from work or school due to betting or gambling?) A score of three indicates a gambling problem. A score of five indicates the person is a "probable pathological gambler."

According to Spight, most gamblers who seek treatment score between 11 and 18 on the SOGS scale. So most will easily qualify for state treatment.

While Spight admitted 12 sessions may not be enough for a chronic, hardcore gambler, she said those treatment sessions will be "pooled." If one gambler does not use all 12, others seeking treatment will be able to draw on them, she said.

This treatment network is being created under laws passed by the state Legislature in 1997 after voters approved issuing licenses to three casinos in Detroit on the November 1996 ballot. Along with putting the Michigan Gaming Control Board in charge of oversight, those laws also called for a \$25 million state services fee to be split evenly and paid by the three new gaming houses. Two million dollars of the amount was set aside for the Department of Community Health for compulsive gambling prevention and treatment programs. And McBryde pointed out that the law allows the state to simply assess more on the casinos if the Gaming Control Board agrees more money is needed to address the growth in problem gambling.

At present, one casino is in operation; the MGM Grand opened in temporary facilities downtown in July. Two more applications for licenses are under review and those casinos will likely win approval to open their doors later this year or early next year.

Although Community Health had not received any of the \$2 million until

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Help is available for gambling addicts

Denial is a large part of the affliction, so most compulsive gamblers don't seek treatment. That makes it all the more difficult on family members, whose lives are directly impacted by the gambler's behavior.

Even if the gambler never enters therapy, help is available through the state for the family, according to Clara Spight, in charge of gambling treatment programs at the Neighborhood Service Organization, which has 30 offices spread across southeast Michigan.

Four to six sessions with a counselor will be made available to family members, she said. Mainly educational in nature, sessions will instruct family members on how to cope with the gambler's behavior, how to avoid enabling the addiction and, perhaps most importantly, how to insulate the family from financial ruin.

Gamblers or family members can contact the state's new treatment network through the Michigan Compulsive Gaming Help Line at (800) 276-7117. The help line office is open 24 hours a day. Calls are toll free.

Callers will be asked a series of questions from the South Oaks Gambling Screen, to determine the severity of the compulsion, and from a "financial needs assessments." Those who qualify will be eligible for counseling free of charge.

Help is also available at:

- Gam-Anon, for family members and friends of compulsive gamblers, at (718) 352-1671.
- Gamblers Anonymous, a support group for recovering addicted gamblers. The group's Michigan Hotline number is (313) 535-3086.
- The National Council on Problem Gambling, a non-profit health agency which disseminates information about problem gambling, at (800) 522-4700.
- Trimeridian, Inc. which provides diagnostic, treatment, prevention and education resources, for individuals, families and employers at (877) 664-2625.

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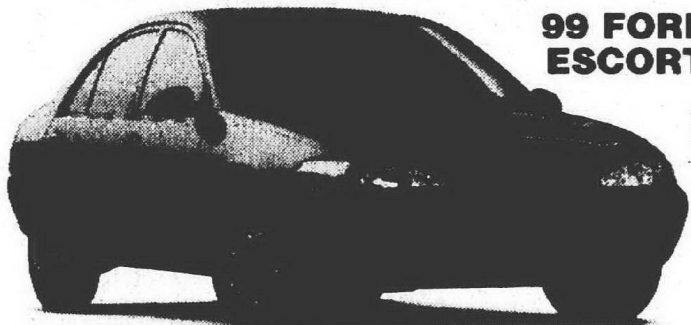
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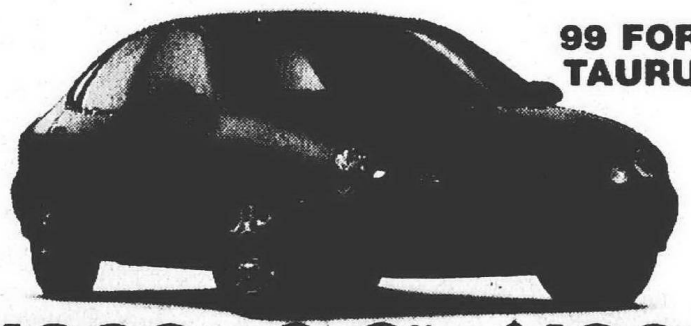
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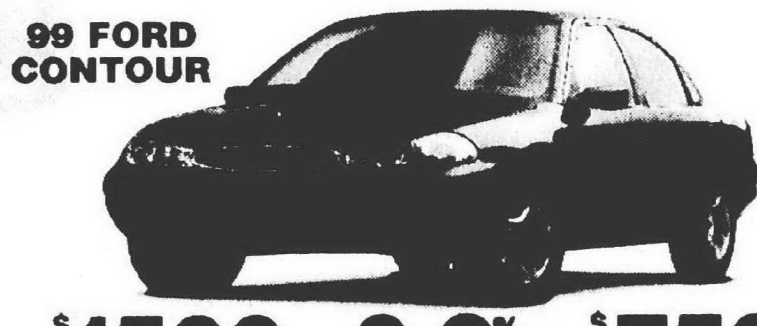
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SCHOOL SPACE CAMP REPORTS

Miller students go full throttle in California

BY KATIE THOMAS, LAUREN VALA
LINDSAY VOGELSBERG,
VIKRAM RAGHUNATHAN
AND KELLY NICHOLSON
MILLER STUDENT CORRESPONDENTS

The time is 3:30 a.m. Some 121 fifth-graders trudged groggily out of their warm beds. T minus 2 hours and 30 minutes until they would be on a plane headed towards sunny California and an awaited week of SPACE CAMP!

Yummy, blueberry muffins and bagels. The croissants were also good.

On the plane we saw a number of landmarks, such as Lake Michigan, Lake Tahoe, the San Francisco Bay; and the best was the beautiful Rocky Mountains. After five hours of flying we landed at our destination. We loaded onto a bus and were shipped to Space Camp.

At noon California time, we ate a lunch that consisted of deli sandwiches, fruit, cookies and a beverage. Following lunch, we went to Shuttle Orientation where the parts of the shuttles were explained.

As 5 p.m. orbited by, we ate a scrumptious dinner. When 6 p.m. approached, one by one we boarded the one-sixth gravity simulator where the feeling of weightlessness is simulated.

Towards 7 p.m., we filed back to our habitat where we went to bed knowing there was a full day ahead of us beginning at 7 a.m.

On the second day of Space Camp (after waking up groggily, brushing our teeth, waiting in a long line to shower), all 121 kids from Miller School in Canton embarked on their first full day of Space Camp.

After breakfast, we boarded charter buses that took us to the Lockheed Martin Museum. At Lockheed Martin, we saw a movie about how people may colonize the moon and parts of a satellite.

When we returned to camp, some of us went on simulators such as the anti-gravity simulator where you feel as if you're in an environment without gravity.

After lunch, we, the Miller fifth-graders, went outside for a group picture. This was followed by an anti-friction simulator and a trip to Ames

Research Center. We saw the famous rocket, Titan I, which was going to be launched but wasn't because of "technical difficulties."

After the walk back to Space Camp, the fifth-graders either went to the pool or did "Space Olympics," where we did different races, such as somersault or jumping jack races. We went to our habitats after dinner and were awake until lights out at 10 p.m.

Today, we had mission training and the whole team was very nervous. But as we did a simulator, they calmed down. Some teams gave up their free time to study for Space Bowl.

After a great lunch, we practiced our scripts to help us with our mission. We then constructed and decorated rockets that we would launch off the next day.

After a hard day of work, we were able to relax in the swimming pool. We could jump off the diving board or play basketball in the pool. After about two hours of swimming, we trudged back to our habitat and fell asleep.

It's Thursday already! Our last full day. We

went on the MAT (Multi Axis Trainer). You are strapped into the seat and there are two bars around you.

You spin around fast and get dizzy. Mrs. Flynn stopped by and also went on. She screamed but had a fun time. We went to a museum and did more simulators.

After lunch we did our mission. A lot of people were nervous but we did terrific. Then we went to Moffett Field and launched our rockets. When your team was called the first six people launched their rockets and stayed to see if the parachute came out and landed correctly.

After dinner, we will present our Mars Colony after working hard on it all week. Then comes Space Bowl. Everybody has been studying really hard and is prepared to compete against other teams.

We will graduate about 8 p.m. and then get ready for bed. We have had a great time here and I wish to come back. We loved all the simulators and missions we have done. We're glad we have had an opportunity to come to Space Camp.

Bentley students design, paint squares for space quilts

BY NANCY WEYCKER
BENTLEY STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tuesday, Aug. 10

This morning I piloted our Space Shuttle and we conducted our actual mission. I now have a new respect and understanding for the important jobs our astronauts have. They are much more difficult than most people realize.

Our space counselor said the teachers did a good job on their

shuttle mission - we tried to do our best.

After breakfast, we all went to the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, Calif. We had lunch at a little Italian place around the corner. The students ate bag lunches at the museum.

We saw the Imax Space Movie and everyone liked it. The museum was very interesting and it had lots of hands-on exhibits for children of all ages. The teachers enjoyed it too.

Then the students completed their activities and missions while the teachers went to NASA's Visitors Info and Curriculum Centers. We found many wonderful science materials to take back with us to our schools to use with our next group of students.

Later in the evening we helped Bentley students design and paint quilt squares for some Space Quilts. We are making these for our anonymous donors to thank them for their kindness and generosity. This is an experience we will never forget.

Wednesday, Aug. 11
Teacher's day off

Thursday, Aug. 12

This day at Space Camp began with a rocket launch. Students launched their own rockets that they built themselves. They were graded on creativity, a successful launch (many went high and soared above us) and how well the parachute opened for landing.

This afternoon the teachers trained like astronauts do before a mission. The students worked on their Mars missions and

colonies and also studied for a Space Jeopardy game. I rode the multi-axis trainer that spins you around and around in all directions. Mrs. Cindy Holand and I rode the "Six Chair," which is called that because when you're on it you feel like you're walking on the moon in one-sixth gravity.

I forgot to mention that this morning the teachers took a tour of the Moffett Field Historical Museum and Moffett Field's Hanger One. NASA is now custodian of this Navy Base.

This evening we helped students pack and get ready for a 2 1/2 hour bus trip to a military base in Atwater. Aviation Challenge, here we come! But first, there is Space Camp Graduation!

Friday, Aug. 13

Or should I say lucky Friday. It has been lucky for those of us graduating from Space Camp. The camp was alive with excitement and anticipation. We were all both happy and sad at the same time. We were happy that we were here and that we learned a lot and made new friends. But we were also sad that this was our last day at Space Camp in California. The teachers and students are all looking forward to going to Aviation Challenge for two days before flying home to Michigan, but we can't help feeling that this has been the best part of our trip.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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WAYNE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, Charter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

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Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on September 9, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the County shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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Attention James M. Ford
415 Clifford Street
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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 17, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack

Members Absent: Shefferly

Staff Present: Machnik, Wrublewski

Also Present: Tim Faas, Joe Heffernan

ITEM 1 DISCUSSION OF THE WTUA BUSINESS PLAN

Tim Faas, Operations Manager WTUA, presented an updated business plan. WTUA member communities, Northville, Plymouth and Canton Township, have capacity issues that need to be addressed within the next five years. WTUA, RVS and YCUA are entities involved in the sewer capacity issues. WTUA projected that by the year 2030, a 5-million gallon per day (mgd) shortfall in capacity in Canton with member communities needed 29 mgd by that year. The principles of the business plan are 1) to protect and further enhance the Rouge River watershed 2) to have a reasonable degree of certainty about the long term cost of wastewater disposal and 3) to provide wastewater services for both the existing and future needs of the member communities.

Discussions occurred regarding a plan to build of a water treatment plant in order to get out of the DWSJ plant. Costs, controls and capacity projections were analyzed. If the WTUA communities were to consider building their own plant there would be a larger control over operation, rates, new technology related to odors and handling of bio-solids with pound environmental principles. A proposed phasing plan would spread capitalization cost over a forty-year period to the Canton Community. The WTUA Board will look to the Boards of the member communities for support of the plan before proceeding with grant application and a detailed business plan.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Yack suggested that the Board of Trustees consider a policy whereby street lights could be placed at major subdivision and main road entrances at the expense of the Township. Discussion indicated that a review of the present standards in the Zoning Ordinance needed to be understood by the Board in order to make a good decision. It is generally thought that the Special Assessment option was working.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Yack at 8:45 P.M..

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on August 17, 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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 2, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-09 1010 S. Harvey Non-use Variance Requested
Fence Height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Patrick Stevens

Z-99-10 600 Ann St. Non-use Variance Requested
Sideyard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Matthew & Rachelle Brown

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS
TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment Levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 1999.

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 1999

TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

PLACE: Canton Township Administration Building
Board Meeting Room
1150 S. Canton Center Road

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The Fiscal Year 2000 estimated Fire and Police budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$2,790,115	Salaries & O/T	\$4,904,957
Fringe Benefits	1,415,617	Fringe Benefits	2,208,570
Capital Outlay	492,165	Capital Outlay	458,425
Operations	582,170	Operations	1,435,300
Bond Debt Service	223,678	Bond Debt Service	74,576
Total	\$5,503,745	Total	\$9,081,828

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	1998	P.A.5 Limit	1999	Increase (Decrease) over 1998
Fire Millage	2.9400	N/A	2.9400	0.0000
Police Millage	5.0000	N/A	5.0000	0.0000
Charter Millage	1.1100	1.0841	1.1100	0.0000
Total	9.0500		9.0500	0.0000

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal year 2000 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-99-02

AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-99-02 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART 1, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND FOR THE POLICING OF HANDLING OF ACCIDENT SCENES INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

Chapter 9, Part 1, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9

PART 1

ADMINISTRATION

COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

SECTION 9.010: DEFINITIONS

Definitions. This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material, Utility Line Failure, Illegal Fire, False Alarm, Bomb Threat, Threat of Harm to Oneself or Others, Structure Demolition, Emergency Response, Expresses of an Emergency Response.

SECTION 9.020: COST REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION AND PROCEDURE

A. This subsection provides that the Township may recover all expenses of an emergency response.

B. This subsection provides for a determination of the expense.

C. This subsection provides that the Township can bring a collection action.

SECTION 9.030: LIABILITY

This section relieves Township personnel of liability.

SECTION 2: VIOLATION AND PENALTY

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3: SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 5: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6: PUBLICATION

This Section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-99-02 considered for first reading at the August 17, 1999, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 1999. The ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number (734) 354-3224.

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Gamblers can't rely on old excuses

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"Because there is no chemical intoxication involved, there's no ingestion of substances, the gambler can't blame his behavior on being under the influence. As a result, there is a great deal more shame involved," Lori Rugles, Clinical Director of Trimeridian Inc., explained.

"They do horrendous things to people they really care about. These are not anti-social personalities. These are people who care deeply about their family, their friends, their co-workers.

"And they do terrible things financially and emotionally to these people to protect their gambling money, to be able to continue their gambling, to deceive their family about the condition of their finances."

Lying, manipulation, stealing and cheating are all a part of the disorder.

"They can't say, well, I did that under the influence. It was just me in here ... To continue doing these things, they have to develop incredible psychological defenses and denial about the impact of what they are doing and the consequences. So when they come in for treatment, there are levels and levels and levels you have to break through."

Gamblers are the toughest of addicted patients to treat, according to Rugles, who has been training Michigan therapists in how to treat addicted gamblers. Although alcoholics and drug users certainly have their forms of denial, once sober, those defenses are "peeled away much more quickly," she said.

Treatment for gamblers is structured much the same as it is for substances abusers. There may be in-patient treatment for some period of time. One-on-one counseling is often used. And follow up with a support group like Gamblers Anonymous is important. Treatment follows the 12-step process used for the chemically addicted.

But Rugles says there are big differences, too. Treatment of gamblers has to concentrate on finances, teaching the gambler and the family to budget, instituting accountability in the handling of the money, or, better yet, getting the family finances out of the hands of the gambler altogether.

Still, it's the dishonesty that leaves even experienced therapists sometimes shaking their

heads.

"I have trained people who have had years and years of addictions experience. When I'm doing the lecture, they are nodding and smiling. The response is, 'I've treated drug addicts. I know what you're talking about.' But when they start working with the gamblers, they come in looking a little shell shocked. They say, 'This is different. They are the most difficult patients I've ever worked with.'"

The deceptiveness is more deeply rooted and more habitual.

"They have to do this just to keep the gambling going," she said. "They lie not just to other people but to themselves just to keep their sanity while they are doing all these incredible things and running up incredible debts."

Women in professions most susceptible

Women in professional occupations make up the portion of the population most susceptible to gambling addiction in Detroit casinos, according to Warren Biller, executive director of the Michigan Council on Problem Gambling.

Numerous studies indicate that while compulsive gambling cuts across all socioeconomic and gender boundaries, men, minorities and those in the lower income categories become problem gamblers at disproportionately higher rates.

Among those groups, those who are susceptible are probably already hooked, he suggested. Michigan already has a variety of gambling opportunities available for them, such as horse tracks, the lottery and casinos out-state and nearby in Canada.

Female professionals are less likely to be traveling to existing gambling venues, Biller explained.

"They may decide to go to the Detroit casinos with friends or coworkers to check it out and see what all the hullabaloo is about," he said. "Once there, they may end up getting bit by the bug."

Another susceptible portion of the population may never set foot inside a Detroit casino — youths.

The increasing social acceptability of gambling in Michigan leads youngsters to wager with their peers. They often see or hear of their parents gambling. Some parents may involve their children in betting activities, such as picking the winning teams in an office pool, as a way

to interact with their children, Biller explained.

"We find that kids up to age 9 don't have much of a concept of what gambling and risk and chance are all about," he said, "but by the time they are 12 years old, there is a significant portion of them that is already addicted to gambling."

Children's games may contribute to the problem as they grow up.

"Kids at that age crave excitement. And as part of their cul-

ture, with all these video games and hand held computers, they are taught that if you are good enough you can beat the system, you can win. They perceive gambling as, if you are good enough you can win, and you can get a reward in the form of money," Biller said.

"They don't realize they are two different things entirely. Video games are set up so that if you are good enough, you can win. Gaming (casino gambling) is set up so that nobody wins.

Over a period of time, everybody must lose," he said.

His concern about youthful gamblers has been echoed in numerous studies, several of which have indicated problem gambling among youngsters is growing at twice the rate of adults.

"We will face in the next decade or so," the Harvard Medical School Center for Addiction Studies has predicted, "more problems with youth gambling than we'll face with drug use."

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Gambling

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received any of the \$2 million until MGM's license was approved this summer, the department was hard at work, McBryde said, taking over the state's compulsive gambling helpline from the state lottery bureau, establishing a website, and launching a public service announcement advertising campaign to raise public awareness.

According to Spight, some 55 workers have received a minimum of 30 hours of training in "gambling specific" treatment to staff the state's helpline.

According to Rugles, only about 1 percent of those 140,000 new compulsive gamblers will seek treatment in the beginning. Eventually, the number will rise. "Still, that's a hefty number," she said.

To give them all an hour of one-on-one counseling each week, an equivalent of 35 new full-time therapists would be needed, Biller agreed.

To date, according to Spight, some 50 Michigan therapists have received training in how to counsel gamblers, although most will divide their time between gamblers and patients with other addictions.

"We are rapidly reaching the point of saturation," Spight said. The largest need for additional therapists, she said, is on the west side of the state at present.

Still, Biller has his reservations. "We'll see if this is like the old Russian system where workers pretend to work and the government pretends to pay them. Are they just going through the motions or are they really committed to helping gamblers with their problems?" he asked.

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Attractive, educated, easygoing SWFP, 30, 5'6", brown/brn, enjoys movies, dining, going out, traveling. Seeking for an honest, educated SWFP, 30s, who is ready to enjoy life. #5378

GREEN-EYED

48, 5'11", 120lbs, attractive, slim, WF, enjoys bldg, bldg, golf, walking, movies, travel, romance, romance, the water, more. Frantically honest, stable, seeks attractive WM, 5'10", 45-55, no young dependents. #5359

LET'S TALK

DWF, 42, 5'4", brown/blue, full of life, seeks DWM, who enjoys travel, movies, dancing, outdoors, and the company of an honest, loyal person. #5413

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PHD

Cultured and fit, 5'8", golden-skinned, enthusiastic, makes a mean apple pie, has theater addiction and dance fever. Seeks male counterpart, 38-51, for fun, romance and companionship. #5368

COMPANIONSHIP FIRST

Petite SWFP, middle-aged, enjoys golfing, traveling, dining out, theater. Seeking attractive, sincere white gentleman, must be financially secure. #5386

THE BARE TRUTH

Attractive, educated SWFP, 38, 5'3", hard-working, mother, enjoys going to the movies, theater, dining out. Seeking honest, financially secure DWM, 30-40, for friendship first, possible LTR. #5382

SPECIAL LADY

DWPF, 32, comfortable in jeans or formal, seeks caring male, 47-57, N/S, for LTR or dating. #5463

THE ONE FOR YOU

Caring, sweet, fun SWFP, 31, 5'7", medium build, blonde/blue, Catholic, N/S, never married, no dependents. Seeking caring, romantic, honest SWFP, 28-38, with similar interests. #5727

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK

If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more. Seeking SM, 35-43, who appreciates children, for wild times and quiet evenings. #5210

PRETTY, WITTY, CHARMING

Very attractive, romantic, bright, affectionate SWFP, 33, slender, 5'8", honey-brown, brown, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, witty, honest, intelligent, fit, romantic SWFP, 35-45, N/S, for LTR. #5171

REGISTERED NURSE

seeks DM, 38-48, doctor, for share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/green, great figure, great smile. For possible LTR. #4825

NO PLAYERS

Outgoing, independent, adventurous, attractive DWF, 31, H/W, proportionate, brown/brown, dark complexion, enjoys camping, NASCAR, jet skiing, concerts, outdoor activities. Seeking SWFP, 28-40, similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #5207

BROWN-EYED BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, attractive SWFP, 35, who loves to laugh, seeking chivalrous, spontaneous, commitment-minded, humorous SWFP, 35-50, for dating, movies, tennis, golf, and lazy Sundays. #5177

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Attractive SWFP, 38, 5'8", thin, brown/brown, intelligent, independent, good sense of humor, loves being outdoors, swimming, reading, gardening, concerts, museums, plays, festivals. Seeking attractive, tall, intelligent SWFP, 34-40, similar interests. #5140

WHERE ARE ALL THE PRINCES?

I'm so tired of kissing frogs! Romantic, outgoing, easygoing, fun, cute DWF, 25, mom, likes movies, dancing, walks, road trips, concerts. Seeking SWFP, 25-30, N/S, dating, friendship. Frogs need not apply. #5252

SINCERE & HONEST

Romantic female, 28, 5'7", 145lbs, loves outdoors, boating, camping, travel. Seeking SWFP for relationship, no game. #4862

UNTRADITIONAL FEMALE...

seeks traditional male SWFP, 36, 6', enjoys simple pleasures in life, values family and friends. Seeking secure male, 35-45, close in height, N/Drugs, no heavy drinkers, same interests. #5854

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE

Petite DWF, 34, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. #4816

READY TO RELAX

Successful, talented, workaholic, 29, 5'6", 118lbs, elegant and attractive (many say I have the perfect figure). Looking for more balance and adventure with a charming, intelligent, fun-loving guy. #4897

HERE I AM

SBF, 25, 5'4", full-figured, seeks honest, caring, sincere, SM, 25+, for companionship, fun times and possible LTR. Only serious need to respond, race open. #4815

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

Caring, loving, full-figured woman, 35, never married, seeks sincere, fun-loving male, 25-40, must love movies, sports, dining out, travel. Sense of humor. #4807

SPECIAL FRIEND

SWFP, 35, seeks SWFP, 35-55, N/S, N/D, who enjoys swimming, movies, dining out, travel, gardening, much more, for friendship, possible LTR. #4809

POET SEEKS SAME

SWFP, 31, 5'6", 220lbs, bright, red/brown, glasses, loves children. Seeking honest, trusting man. #4771

EXOTIC AND EDUCATED

Educated SWFP, 25, seeks professional, degreed, financially secure male, 25-35, for travel, shopping, dining, boating and travel. #4780

SUMMER LOVE

Full-figured SWFP, 36, single parent, seeks well-rounded SM, 32-40, to spend summer together and hopefully build a lasting relationship. You won't be disappointed. #4683

PATIENT

Shapely, SWFP, 30s, 5'3", loves romance and spontaneity. Seeking SWFP, who believes in God and knows how to romance a lady. #4620

SOULMATES

Adventurous, SWFP, 35, 5'7", brown/brown, seeks honest down-to-earth, N/S, SWFP, 30-38, for movies, dancing, golfing, traveling, hopefully leading to LTR. #4528

GIVE ME A CALL

SBF, 30, 5'4", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 38-48, with similar interests, for dating, jet, concerts, plays, comedy clubs. #4381

BIG & BEAUTIFUL

SWFP, 36, brunet/green, enjoys the outdoors, camping, taking walks, and sharing quality time with someone special. Seeks WM, 34-44, for a possible LTR. Only serious need apply. #4664

ITALIAN GOURMET

Outgoing, friendly DWFP, 43, 5', medium build, blue eyes, N/S, people person, enjoys cooking, entertaining, boating, movies, walks. Wishing for same, good friendship and conversation. #5353

SOUTHERN BELLE

Petite, honest, sincere SWFP, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys traveling, walking, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45. #4537

PET LOVER A MUST!

I've got two dogs named U.B. and Daria, and they're dying to meet YOU a nice-looking, rugged SWFP, 30-40, who appreciates camping, fishing, boating, DWF, 43, 5'7", natural blonde/blue. #5080

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Honest, fun-loving woman, 60, 5'11", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys variety of activities. Seeking sincere, honest, monogamous gentleman, 55-65, N/S, for fun and friendship. #5692

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LET'S STAND TOGETHER

Pratly health care professional, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWFP, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys being dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally financially secure SWFP, 45+, friendship, possible LTR. #3928

SUMMER OF FUN

SWFP, 25, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys movies, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. #4723

GEMINI GIRL

SWFP, 45, tall, blonde, attractive, seeks friendly, nice-looking man with good qualities. Must be honest, responsible, open to earth, outgoing, and happy. #5270

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE

Slender DWF, 43, 5'6", blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fit, outgoing SWFP, 34-48, 5'10", with good sense of humor. Possible LTR. #5208

VIVACIOUS BLONDE

Serious SWFP, 39, 5'2", attractive, two outgoing, loves cuddling, summer, likes kids. Seeking LTR with SWFP, 32-43, who is active, fit, and fun. #5139

GOLF PUT

Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, not, likes traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, seeks Seeking affectionate, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure, dancing, vacations. #5087

CAST YOUR FATE TO THE WIND

Attractive, classy DWFP, 5'6", medium build, blonde/green, N/S, N/D, loves sports, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeking humorous, intelligent, degreed, financially secure male, 25-35, for travel, shopping, dining, boating and travel. #4780

ECLECTIC INTERESTS

Petite, slender, well-educated SWFP, 46, blonde/blue, N/S, N/D, no children, enjoys golf, intelligent humor, life, eclectic interests in music, art, entertainment. Seeking handsome, successful, fit, playful SWFP, tall, N/S, LTR. #5135

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Fit, fun-loving SWFP, 40s, 5'4", ash blonde, blonde/blue, N/S, N/D, no children, enjoys golf, intelligent humor, life, eclectic interests in music, art, entertainment. Seeking handsome, successful, fit, playful SWFP, tall, N/S, LTR. #5135

IT'S DIFFICULT...

To meet the right compatibility, I'm outgoing, friendly, youthful, good-looking, slim, 30-year-old lady, believes that chemistry is necessary. Do you like to laugh, talk, sports, outdoor activities? Opportunity knocks? #4987

HOPES & DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

DWF, 38, 5'2", 165lbs, blonde, sparkling blue, smoker. Seeking a man who enjoys the outdoors, nature, waterfalls, stoms, campfires, travel, festivals, concerts, and more. #4955

SEEKING

Italiana, petite, vivacious, European blonde with sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWFP, 50-55, for possible LTR. #4912

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND

SWFP, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWFP, 45-58, young-looking, outgoing, like myself, a little bit humorous as well as serious. #4896

CLASSTY, ACTIVE, LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive lady, seeks a man who is outgoing, special gentleman, 55+, N/S, for companionship and more. #4899

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NEW RECRUIT

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EXCEPTIONAL MAN

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NEW RECRUIT

Outgoing DWF, 52, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, dinners,

OBITUARIES

BEVERLY J. MILLER

Services for Beverly J. Miller, 69, of Lady Lake, Fla. (formerly of Plymouth) were Aug. 25 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

She was born Jan. 6, 1930 in Lawrence, Kan. She died Aug. 19 in Lady Lake. She was a homemaker and former teacher. She taught in Kansas and at St. Clements in Dearborn. She moved to Florida in 1993. She came to the Plymouth community in 1972 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Lady Lake. She was chairwoman of the Wayne County Right to Life in the 1970s.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry of Lady Lake, Fla.; one daughter, Marcy (Perry) Kuipers of Plymouth; two sons, Jerry A. Miller Jr. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Timothy S. Miller of Dexter; and two grandchildren, Nathan and Clark.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lake and Sumter, Inc., 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell

Funeral Home, Plymouth.

MARGARET LUELLA ROBINSON

Services for Margaret Luella Robinson, 84, of Silverdale, Wash. were Aug. 28 in the Church of Christ of Plymouth with Daniel Robinson officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.

She was born Jan. 2, 1915 in Novi. She died Aug. 22 in Silverdale, Wash. She was a homemaker who enjoyed decorating cakes for weddings and birthdays. She worked in the Willow Run Bomber Plant and baby-sat. She worked for Ralph Lorenz at the AAA office in downtown Plymouth. She graduated in 1934 from Plymouth High School. She returned to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Novi. She has been a lifelong member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth. She was baptized in 1948 at the Plymouth Church. She was very thoughtful and caring. Her life was her family. She enjoyed cross stitching, gardening and canning. She loved to cook, bake and sew. She especially enjoyed family gatherings and always remembered birthdays and anniversaries.

Survivors include her husband, Commander Henry

Gubert; two sons, James (Jean) Robinson of Everett, Mich., Dan (Cheryl) Robinson of Southgate; one daughter, Suzanne Potter of Bremerton, Wash.; six grandchildren, Gabriel, Daniel, Maggie, Charley Potter, Tim and Andy Robinson; and one great grandchild, Lucas Potter.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth 48170.

LOUISE G. RINDLE

Services for Louise G. Rindle, 85, of Northville (formerly of Plymouth) were Aug. 23 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell.

She was born Feb. 3, 1914 in Ensley Township. She died Aug. 20 in Livonia. She was a operator/supervisor for Michigan Bell. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She lived in Plymouth for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Regina Matz. Survivors include her two daughters, Joan E. Sauve of Northville; Sharon L. (Lawrence) Waldsmith of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Chili cookoffs coming to town

Do you love a great bowl of red? Do you think you have a great chili or salsa recipe? Do your friends always want you to make chili? Or do you just like to eat chili and salsa?

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Plymouth is host to two chili cookoff this fall, and additional chili cooks and chili lovers are needed.

The Michigan State Chili Championship and Salsa Competition occurs Saturday, Sept. 11, during the Fall Festival. This event will support all of the community service groups in and around Ply-

mouth. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, held along with a Harley-Davidson motorcycle ride-in bike show, occurs Sunday, Oct. 3. This cookoff supports local children's charities and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

The winner from each cookoff advances to the world championship chili cookoff in Nevada to have their chance at the grand prize of \$25,000.

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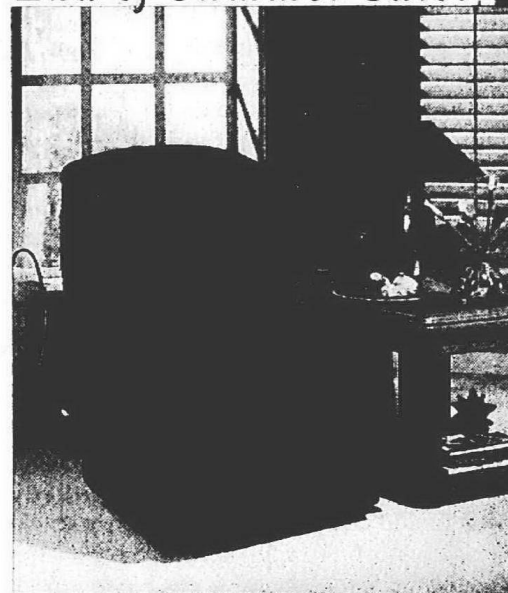
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Doing the right thing School board vote hits mark

A sharply divided Plymouth-Canton Board of Education could have taken the easy way out Tuesday. Instead, the board did the right thing and voted 4-3 to build the new high school on the western portion of district land near Joy and Beck roads — in effect creating a separate identity for the school, apart from the PCEP campus.

Trustees Judy Davis, Mark Slavens, Judy Mardigian and Darwin Watts deserve credit for sticking with the original plan and sticking by district voters who gave the go-ahead for the school by approving a \$79.8 million bond issue more than two years ago.

Too bad we can't say the same for short-sighted school administrators and the three trustees — Steve Guile, Roland Thomas and Elizabeth Givens — who supported an East site. While that may have been the more practical, cost-effective and easiest-to-implement decision, it represented a clear violation of the public trust.

The Observer believes the alternate East site was in the best interests of Plymouth-Canton teachers but not necessarily students; showed little long-term vision; and, perhaps most importantly, broke an ethical compact with parents that previous administrations had spent years nurturing.

The district isn't legally bound to build the high school on the west side of the site, facing Beck. But the promise of a new school apart from the campus was implicit in the 1997 bond campaign. Before that vote, school officials trotted out survey after survey showing residents' desire for a smaller, more manageable high school. A sign promoting the West site — which still stands — was a prominent visual reminder to district residents.

Some high school staff, who, it's fair to note, voiced concerns over the original site before the bond vote, have apparently used the two-year legal challenge over the ballot proposal as a wedge for these issues. Many have restated their positions in recent weeks.

Tuesday's vote came after a six-member committee made up of district teachers and administrators recommended the east site. The report said the east site would allow for a strong high school curriculum, maintain optimum teaching conditions and consistency on safety and discipline matters. It would also eliminate the cost of busing students between the campus and the new school, a trip of about one mile the way the roads are currently configured.

It wouldn't be a stretch, though, to call the committee's report self-serving. We don't doubt the East site would be less of a disruption for teachers and somewhat easier on the district budget. We question the wide-ranging estimates given for the cost of operating a school on the West site. Why have projected busing costs suddenly ballooned from \$20,000 to at least \$80,000? Is the projected additional annual operating cost for a West site of \$536,000 — some \$400,000 more than for an East site, accurate and where are those figures coming from?

And we wonder why parent involvement — courted so voraciously before the bond vote — was strangely absent from the committee.

A high school "campus," with students moving back and forth between buildings, may have worked in the 1970s. The Observer believes that's the wrong approach in today's educational climate. Plymouth-Canton educators should be pushing for ways to make high school a more intimate learning experience, something the majority of the board seems to understand. If that means abandoning the status quo and reaching out for innovative solutions, so be it.

Yes, money matters. Especially when its taxpayer dollars we're talking about. But so, too, does credibility. Sadly, some Plymouth-Canton administrators and three members of the school board used up most of theirs with Tuesday's vote.

Vouchers not a solution

A group called Kids First! Yes! is backing a ballot proposal for November, 2000, which would remove the Michigan Constitution's ban on indirect aid to private schools.

The group proposes allowing about \$3,100 to each student in districts where the dropout rate exceeds 33 percent (clearly aimed at Detroit).

On the face of it, this seems like an admirable attempt to allow parents more choice in their children's education, particularly in those public school districts that are failing to provide quality education.

But the proposal is getting some close and apparently negative scrutiny from Gov. John Engler, long a proponent of programs that allow more parental choice, including the publicly funded charter schools. Engler has let it be known that he has never supported vouchers and would be examining the proposal carefully before deciding on whether to support it.

Some argue that Engler's lack of support for the proposal is more political than philosophical. They argue that a "voucher" proposal on the Presidential ballot would draw out a larger Democratic vote, especially in the traditionally Democrat Detroit and its near suburbs.

The thinking is that a growing number of Detroit voters, disgusted by the condition of the city's schools and Catholic voters in the older suburbs who want to send their children to parochial schools, would turn out to support the voucher proposal, while also casting a vote for Al Gore or whoever the Democrats nominate for president.

In addition there is a strong anti-voucher group within the Democratic party who also might be drawn out to a lackluster presidential race just to vote against a voucher program.

Neither of these scenarios help the chances of Engler's man, George W. Bush, in the always unpredictable Michigan balloting.

That's interesting political gamesmanship and certainly the kind of thinking that has made the governor such a successful campaigner. But there are legitimate reasons for him to continue his opposition to vouchers and for those who traditionally vote Democrat to consider what vouchers might mean for the future of public education.

We need to spend our money and invest our public efforts into making the public schools in all of our communities the best that they can be. We support any efforts by Gov. Engler in that direction and urge him to continue his opposition to voucher systems.

These newspapers continue to oppose vouchers for private schools. One of the greatest strengths of this country is the public school system, as beleaguered as it is. We believe that a voucher system would take desperately needed money from the public schools. It would also allow public money to pay for schools that aren't subject to public scrutiny in terms of test scores and budgets.

In addition, the idea of "choice" is distorted. Public schools must accept all students. These private or parochial schools are actually the ones given the choice of which students to accept and which to reject. And, when it comes to the students who are the most costly to educate — whether it's handicapped children, those with multiple impairments, or even those who are in high school — guess what the choice will be?

Yes, the voucher system will provide a stipend that would help middle class parents send their children to private schools, but it will not provide enough money to help poor parents. Over time, the result would be that money would be drained from those public schools that are often the only option for many parents.

In addition, we believe, any public money used to support church-centered school instruction programs is a violation of the First Amendment's prohibition against the establishment of a religion.

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ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

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Ticket brings back memories

Reading about the Matt Sikes incident rekindled my own anger over a similar incident that I went through about 11 years ago. I was a 21-year-old living on my own in Plymouth Hills Apartments on Mill Street, who set out one evening with a girlfriend to go dancing at a club in downtown Detroit.

Just as I reached the intersection of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road, I realized I had left something at my apartment that I needed to go back and get. So instead of turning left on Ann Arbor Road toward the expressway, I turned right toward Main Street so I could cut back to my apartment using the side streets. That was a big mistake. You see, it was one of those nights where the "overly-hyper towards teens" police decided to block off two lanes of traffic on Main Street (one north, one south). They had also blocked off the entrance to most of the side streets — and, of course, the one I wanted to take to get home. So I decided to turn left into Dairy-Go-Round (it was closed), turn around, and take Main back to Ann Arbor Road.

How criminally unthinkable an act! No sooner had I entered the Dairy-Go-Round parking lot than a police car came in the other entrance and blocked me in. The officer pointed out the "No Trespassing" signs posted in the parking lot. I explained my situation — to no avail. My girlfriend and I were both given \$210 tickets. Unbelievable. I fought the ticket in court and finally settled on a \$50 fine with no community service — but that took many court appearances that caused me to miss both work and school.

Since moving to Plymouth in 1986 at the age of 18, I have been pulled over for such ridiculous reasons such as "revving up and dropping back" while driving my new stick-shift Mustang! Now at the ripe old age of 32 and a 10-year tax paying homeowner, it sickens me to hear of teens still being mistreated by the police. If the kids are just hanging out, not doing anything obviously wrong — then leave them alone! If they're littering or yelling obscenities, then ticket them! And do the same thing to adults!

I have to also point out that now that I'm an "adult" member of the Plymouth commu-

ty, I can really see the difference in the way that police treat teens and adults. If an adult speeds down Main Street during the day that's OK. But God forbid a kid sits on a curb at night! It sickens me that this lop-sided injustice by the police has continued for so many years. Instead of fighting with the teens, the community and the police department need to have a positive attitude about the situation. After all, some businesses, like the Coffee Bean and Repeat the Beat, are actually doing well because of the heavy teen traffic in town.

My suggestion for a first step is to place a few parents or responsible young adults, in coordination and cooperation with the police department, into the teen traffic areas to help patrol the areas in a non-threatening way. After all, those teens being mistreated by the police today will soon grow up to be honest, hard-working adults whose taxes pay the salaries and votes determine the careers of those same police!

Lisa Molk-Brashear
Plymouth

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POINTS OF VIEW

Legislator earns high marks for attendance

There were just a few items from the editor's wastebasket that were worth reviving before rushing out the door Friday for a week long vacation to no where in particular. (April's Switzerland adventure is still being paid off.)

For immediate release from the office of state Rep. Gerry Law, "Law earns perfect attendance honors." The three-term lawmaker seems to have taken lessons from Our Lady of Good Counsel's eighth grade graduate, Matthew Schmidt, who also had a perfect attendance record. The only difference is Matt waited eight years to receive his accolades. Gerry did it in a much shorter time period.

"During the first six months of busy schedules, committee meetings

and long sessions state Rep. Gerald H. Law didn't miss any session days, earning 100 percent attendance honors," the press release said. (It doesn't mention anything about last year's attendance record in which he had the dubious honor of missing more sessions than anyone else in the House.)

The press release continues: "I take my responsibilities as a lawmaker very seriously," said Law, R-Plymouth. "The Legislature's success depends on every member's participation."

And just when I thought the Andy Griffith/Mayberry theme song was no longer whistling through my head...

The letters and phone calls continue to pour in over the ongoing debacle



VALERIE OLANDER

of a teen being ticketed for sitting on the sidewalk and fined \$210 in various charges by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe. One tidbit never made ink that merits a mention:

When a court clerk was handed the ticket of "obstructing the sidewalk" it was keyed into the computer system

as a charge that was punishable by "2 points." Judge Ron Lowe admitted that he'd never seen such a charge before and apparently neither did the clerk who thought the 15-year-old - now 16-year-old - Matt Sykes was a motorist charged with a traffic violation.

City Commission candidate Sean FitzGerald has told us one of his goals if elected is to consider revising the city charter which pre-dates the state Constitution. Maybe a few ordinances could be revised as well so that the city doesn't violate the "people's right to peacefully assemble."

Rumor has it there's also a law on the books that claims you can't herd cattle down the middle of the street. We can only hope Fred Hill doesn't

add Guernsey's to next year's Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade.

And finally, "Pet photographer marks 10 year anniversary," was another press release buried on my desk enmassed in some government-gobbly-gook-type papers.

That would be 70 years for some four-legged customers of Jill Andra Young Photography at 825 Penniman. Congratulations on a successful business!

Valerie Olander is editor of the Plymouth Observer. She also has obeyed the speed limit on Main Street since claiming in an editorial that a police officer "reached into the bowels of city ordinances" to ticket four teens for sitting on the sidewalk.

Boost mental health care to prevent more Columbines

GUEST COLUMNIST



VIRGIL BERNERO

always, unfortunately, the honest answer is "yes." No community in America is immune to the pervasive culture of violence that surrounds and enraptures too many of our young people.

If anything good can come out of such a terrible incident, it is the recommitment by all of us to making our schools and communities safe for our young people and preventing such

in the wake of the tragedy at Littleton's Columbine High School, students, parents and community leaders from around the country are asking, "Could it happen here?"

And almost

tragedies in the future. We may even re-examine our society's fascination and glorification of violence in popular media.

But the bulk of proposals spilling out from Washington and state capitols across the country so far address issues like dress codes, security guards and metal detectors. The majority of proposals are well intended, if ineffectual. Elements of many of the ideas could indeed prove helpful. But even a community police officer in the school is only as effective as the follow-up services available (there was a security guard on duty at Columbine High School).

Our young people today are under pressure. And so are our school systems. We ask our public schools to do much more than teach, and they try to deliver. Every educator knows that the problems of society do not stop at the school house door; they often bubble up to the surface in school, and may explode. It is time for policymakers

to face this reality and provide our schools the resources to deal effectively with vulnerable and at-risk children.

Educators can point out children most obviously in need of special attention - counseling or specialized educational or mental health treatment. But rarely is the mechanism in place to assure proper care and follow up for that student. Many educators are overwhelmed by the increasingly severe behavior and other problems children bring with them to school. They simply cannot address all the needs of today's diverse and sometimes troubled student body.

In the last 10 years, the state of Michigan has closed six of seven psychiatric treatment facilities for youngsters, leaving only Hawthorn Center in Northville, which is usually filled to its 112-bed capacity. Many children who would have received help at these hospitals can fill the gap. Private facilities generally release children as

soon as insurance coverage ends, usually one week or less, regardless of the need for continued care.

We are criminalizing children in need of mental health care just as we have the adult mental health system. Children who formerly received mental health treatment at the hands of trained professionals are now warehoused with little to no treatment in places like Oakland County's Children's Village or far worse facilities designed for criminals: What is happening is neither humane nor cost-effective. It is outrageous and unacceptable.

The tragedy at Columbine drives home the point that we must have greater collaboration and coordination - frankly a new, higher level of service from our community mental health agencies than ever before. It is not enough to provide service only to young people who are suicidal or homicidal at this moment. Local mental health agencies and state govern-

ment must step up to their obligations and not leave educators holding the ball. We ignore the needs of our children at our peril and theirs.

Most communities in Michigan and across the country have been fortunate to avoid a major tragedy thus far. The time is now to put in place a system of care that can assure assessment, counseling and effective treatment for every child in need. The school is the ideal setting around which to build such a system of care. If we continue to bury our collective head in the sand and deny needed mental health treatment we will needlessly imprison more and more youngsters and suffer more Columbines.

Virgil Bernero is executive director of the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders, a statewide United Way advocacy organization.

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HUGH GALLAGHER

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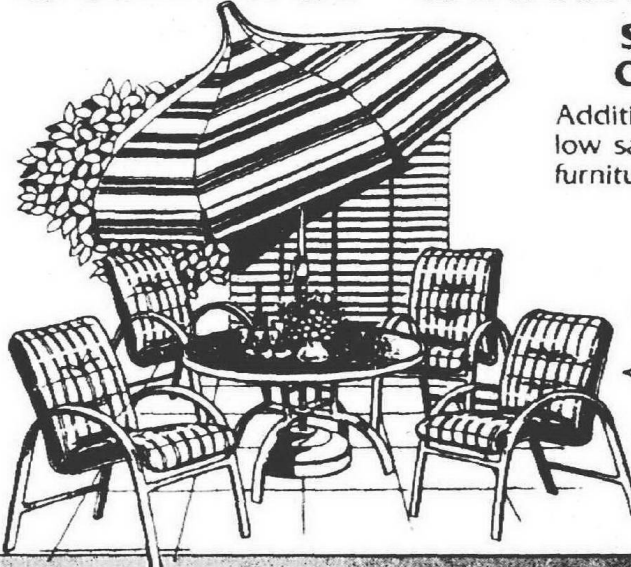
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Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of The Observer Newspapers.

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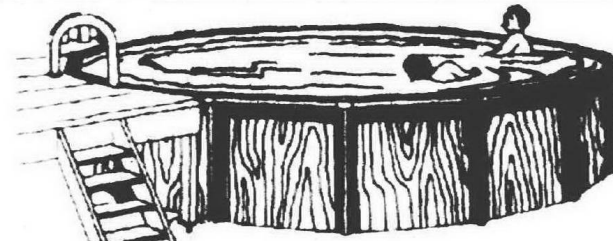
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Commission OKs contract to cap Middlebelt Hill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners approved a \$1.1 million contract Thursday with DeAngelis Land- scape of Woodhaven to cover Middlebelt Hill in Westland with a 12-inch clay cap.

The cap is needed because the hill, located between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, is contaminated from garbage and other municipal waste used to create the hill more than 40 years ago. County officials will cap the hill so it can be used for sledding in the winter and picnicking during the summer.

The hill will be recontoured by removing the fill and placing it on the steep, west slope. Most of the hill - that is the eastern, western and southern slopes of the hill - will receive 12 inches

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of clay, 12 inches of fill and 6 inches of topsoil. A warming shelter and picnic tables will be constructed. A drainage ditch and a retaining wall will be installed along Hines Drive.

Garbage used to create the hill also contaminated the hill with lead, and to a lesser degree, arsenic and other heavy metals, discovered during sampling in 1991. The hill contained one sample of lead as high as 4,000 parts per million, which is 10 times the permissible level of the state's residential direct contact standard, or 400 parts per million.

The state Department of Environmental Quality had reviewed a remedial action plan from NTH Consultants of Farmington

Hills proposed last fall.

Before approving the plan, DEQ officials wanted to ensure that groundwater - or aquifer - under the hill had not been affected by municipal refuse used to create the hill or extend the hill's western slope in the 1980s. The DEQ wanted more soil tests to check that the fill does not extend to the Barnes Drain just west of the hill along the Rouge River.

Earlier this year, Steve Kitler, project manager for the DEQ on the Middlebelt Hill project, said six samples "didn't detect any volatile organic compounds."

DeAngelis will subcontract with Bankston Construction of Detroit for \$360,000 for trucking and aggregate materials and Pfeiffers of Detroit for wood construction and electrical work for \$119,000.

Madonna plans golf fund-raiser

Madonna University in Livonia invites you to tee up for 18 on Friday, Sept. 17, at its fourth annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing.

Golfers will enjoy a day full of activities and show their support for college students as proceeds

go to the Madonna University Scholarship Fund and other projects.

The event will be held at the Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile Road. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start (scramble format) at 1 p.m. Special fea-

tures will be Greg Norman One-on-One video welcome gift, hole-in-one car giveaways and a closest-to-the-pin award.

For information, call Madonna University's Advancement Office at (734) 432-5421.

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Hill closed: Signs at Middlebelt Hill in Hines Park discourage visitors on the hill, which is contaminated by garbage and other municipal waste. Contractors are expected to cap the hill later this year so it can be used again for sledding.

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** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
M/W 5:55 P.M. Kickbox/Low-Combo Sept. 13 A. Schumaker
M/W 7:00 P.M. Sculpt/Tone Sept. 13 Staff

14 - PLYMOUTH

JoAnne's Dance Extension (Ply. Trade Ctr., 9282 General Dr., Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)
1 day per wk/\$48 2 days/\$62 Unlimited/\$78 10 weeks
M/W/F 9:30 A.M. **Rotation Sept. 13 C. VanHoet
*Mon. Kickbox & Sculpt, Wed. Kickbox & Step, Fri. Interval
*T/TH 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 14 K. Rudolph
*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child/\$4.00 per family.
Must pre-register -1-800-285-6968
Babysitting may be cancelled if not enough participants.
**Classes will include Aerobic Circuit, Aerobic-Kickbox Combo, Kickbox-Step Combo
SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation
Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer-734-455-6620)
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M/W 6:00 P.M. Aerobic Interval/Circuit Sept. 13 S. King
Sat 8:00 A.M. Aerobic Interval/Circuit Sept. 18 S. King

15 - LIVONIA

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)
1 day per wk/\$48 2 days/\$62 Unlimited/\$78 10 weeks
*M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 P. Peitz
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone Sept. 14 K. Godin
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16 - SOUTHFIELD

SPONSORED BY: City of Southfield
(Register through Southfield Parks & Rec. - 248-354-9603)
1 day per week/\$50 2 days/\$65 Unlimited/\$80 10 weeks
\$10.00 non resident fee will be charged
Brace-Lederle Comm. Ed. Bldg. (18575 W. 9 Mile Rd., bet. Southfield & Evergreen)
M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 S. Reynolds
M/W 7:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 L. Blackmon
T/TH 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 14 A. Kebede
T/TH 7:00 P.M. STEP Sept. 14 Staff
Student must provide own STEP

17 - FARMINGTON

Farmington Gymnastics Center (1/2 Mile N. of Nine Mile, W. of Halstead, on Freepark Dr., off Industrial Dr.)
1 day per wk/\$50 2 days/\$65 Unlimited/\$80 10 weeks
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step. 3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th/Check with instructor
M/W 8:20 A.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 S. Kambouris
*M/W/F 9:35 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 P. Goodman
M/W 6:15 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 Staff

Farmington Gymnastics Center, Cont.

M/W 7:30 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:35 A.M. STEP Sept. 14 P. Kerwan
T/TH 6:15 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 14 K. Trachtenberg
7:30 P.M. Step/Sculpt Sept. 14 K. Trachtenberg
Sat 8:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 18 Staff
Sat 9:35 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 18 M. Navarro Bloom
*Babysitting \$2.00 per child

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center

Farmington Hills Activities Center (28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C-248-473-1816)
1 day per wk/\$50 2 days/\$65 Unlimited/\$80 10 weeks
3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th/Check with instructor
*M/W 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 L. Morris
M/W 6:30 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:25 A.M. **Rotation Sept. 14 J. Stec
T/TH 7:00 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 14 Staff
Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 18 K. Trachtenberg
*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child

**Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner. Check with instructor.

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Community Ed.

(Register through Farmington Comm. Ed. 248-489-3333)
1 day per wk/\$50 2 days/\$65 Unlimited/\$80 10 weeks
Farmington Community School (30415 Shawwassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)
*M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 27 Staff
*Babysitting available \$2.00/Child-must be walking-no infants
East Middle School (on Middlebelt Rd. bet. 10 & 11 Mile Rds.)
M/W 6:30 P.M. Kickbox/Sculpt Sept. 27 Staff

18 - NOVI

Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)
All Novi students must register/pay through Novi Pks. & Rec. office (248-347-0400). Please bring a mat or towel to class.
Resident fee
1 day per wk/\$46 2 days/\$61 Unlimited/\$76 10 weeks
Non-resident fee
1 day per wk/\$50 2 days/\$65 Unlimited/\$80 10 weeks
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step. No Classes Saturday, October 30th - all makeups week of November 22

*M/W 9:00 A.M. Kickbox/Low-Combo Sept. 13 R. Rice
*M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP Circuit Sept. 13 L. Whitfield
M/W 6:15 P.M. Kickbox/Hi-Low Sept. 13 Staff
M/W 7:25 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:00 A.M. Fat Burner Sept. 17 M. Bloom
Sat 8:00 A.M. Kickbox/Hi-Low Sept. 18 L. Burke
Sat 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 18 S. Flanagan
*Babysitting \$2 for 1st child, \$1 ea. addnl. child

Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)

(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 248-449-1206)
Session 1
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$50 Unlimited/\$64 8 weeks
MTWTH 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 T. Snurka
Session 2
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$50 Unlimited/\$64 8 weeks
MTWTH 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Nov. 8 T. Snurka
NO CLASSES Nov. 10, 11, 24 or 25 Dec. 22 thru 30

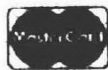
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Thursday, August 26, 1999

COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Do parents really matter?

Stuart and Emily thought they were good parents. They taught their two children the Golden Rule along with values of generosity, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility and more. There was good news and bad news at the end of their parenting years as they looked at their two "products."

Son Peter became a lawyer and a fine altruistic citizen, but their daughter turned out to be a rather delinquent adult who stole from others to get drug money, lied regularly and had a mean-spirited attitude.

Crestfallen, Stuart and Emily couldn't understand what they had done wrong.

In her new book, "The Nurture Assumption," Judith Harris poses the question, "If you encourage good habits in your child, will that ensure that your child will grow up with the same good habits you have?"

Harris thinks not. She theorizes that children are more influenced by their peers than by their parents.

Harris would suggest that these parents were not responsible for the way their daughter turned out because the girl's peers had more power over her than they did.

Well, as you would guess, this columnist has an opinion about Harris's theory, based on the counseling I have done with hundreds of pre-adolescents and teens. Parents often

bring in their kids because they are worried about their behavior.

I have noticed that there is one determining factor as to why some kids don't get into serious trouble. The difference between the ones who come out the other side of counseling with a stronger relationship with their parents versus the ones who take the low road (drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex, violence, insubordination), is that the first group doesn't want to disappoint their parents.

Peers may influence their dress, hair, slang, makeup and the like, but I believe that parents influence the children's morals and character. When the children in my practice feel as though their parents respect them and will provide consistent boundaries and limits for them, they are much more likely to also respect their parents' values and not step so far out on a limb to do what they want.

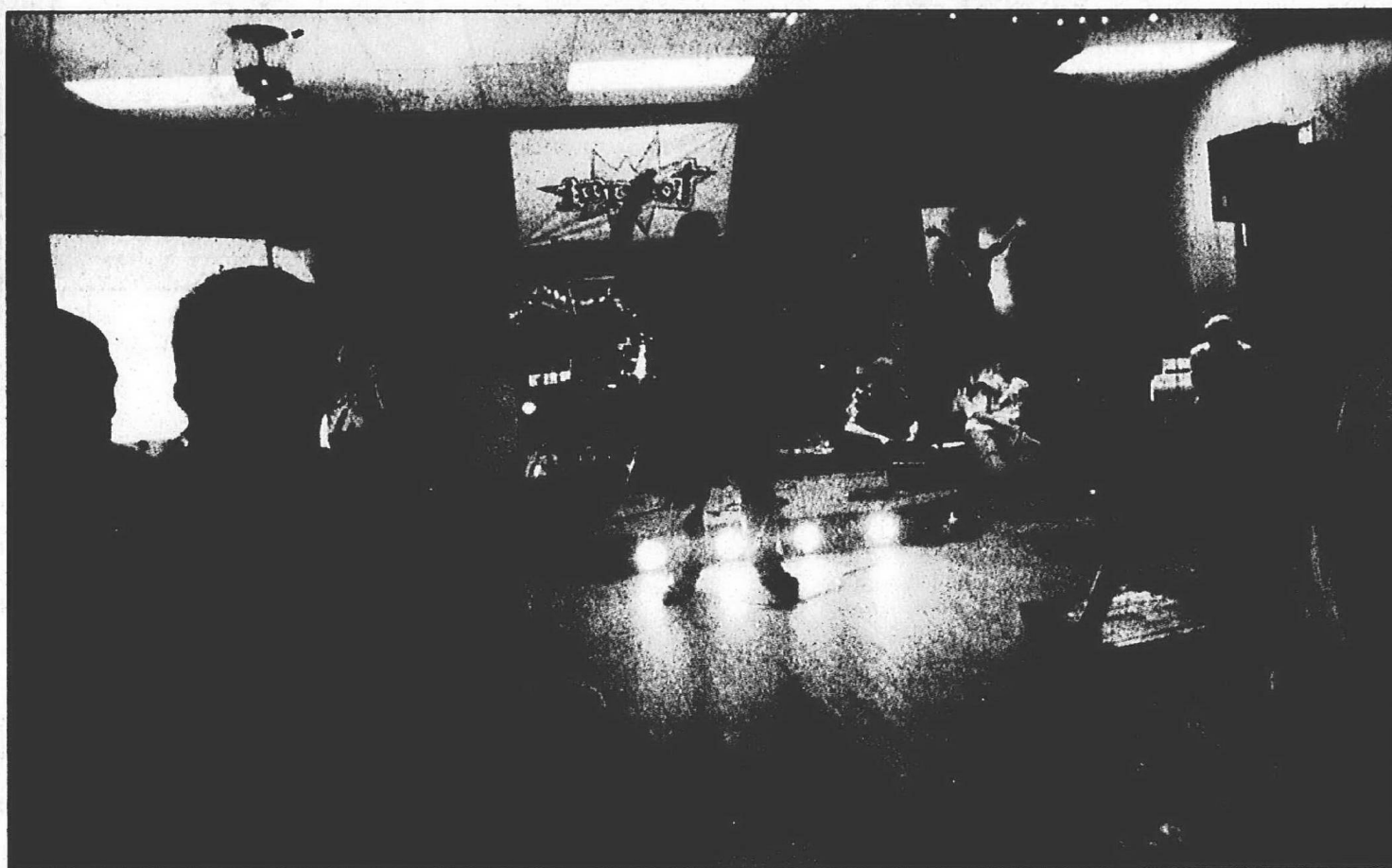
My neighbors have exquisite flowers. Their impatiens bubble over the edge of their gardens, gently curving around the bushes. My flowers, on the other hand, look as though they were planted yesterday. You don't have to be brilliant to know that mine lacked water and fertilizer.

I admit it. I didn't take care of them consistently week after week and I am now paying the price. As I stood there looking at this pathetic flower garden this morning, I realized that the "parenting gig" is very much like the flowers.

Yes, Judith Harris, your theory is thought provoking, but I believe that parents cannot be let off the hook that easily. There may be an occasional child who seems to be a "bad seed," but for the most part, nurturing those little creatures will pay off in spades. My small informal survey of clients has made me a believer.

Jacqueline Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downaj@mail.resc.net

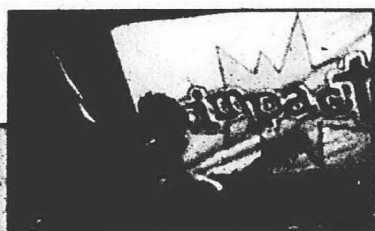
A place to drop in and hang out



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURCKEMANN

Sharing the Word: Pastor Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, preaches to the teens gathered during an evening service last week.

Student union has Impact



Paletta performs with the church band, "Rescue Squad."

About Impact

What: Impact Student Union
Where: 273 S. Union St., Plymouth.

When: While Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union, hopes to open Impact to the public on a few weekend nights each month, the scheduled hours are currently set for youth group meetings.

Junior High Only (JHO) will meet at Impact 6:30 p.m. Sundays evenings beginning in October.

The Loft, a ministry for 18- to 25-year-olds, will begin meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Impact.

High schoolers involved in Impact Youth Group - the youth group for which the organization is named - will move back into the United Assembly of God Church, at 46500 North Territorial Road, and meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 31.

Cost: Free, but donations - used furniture, including couches, coffee tables and lamps, additional pool tables, games or even food - will be accepted. Items may be sent to the church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.

Information: (734) 453-0300.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Joshua Paletta thought of his youth group as a second home when he was growing up.

As director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, he wants others to experience that sense of comfort and support.

"My youth group was very important to me," he said. "It was my home."

Paletta said he wants to provide that same, safe environment for young people in the Plymouth area that meant so much to him when he was growing up.

"We're not trying to replace their family," he said. "We're trying to assist them."

Impact Student Union opened its doors on Union Street last May to reach out to the community. It also serves as an expansion for the youth ministries associated with United Assembly of God in Plymouth Township.

The church supports the organization financially; however, Impact also receives funding from donations made by the youth leaders and members of youth groups who meet there.

"I like the idea of being out in the community," he said. "It's very visual to be here, to be available."

Trip sparks idea

A trip Paletta took to Tulsa, Okla., sparked an idea for a type of community center, one that would attract the attention of young people from their early teens to mid 20s. He visited a similar place, Clarkston Christian Association in Independence Township.

Paletta, who has lived in Plymouth for four years, said there was a need

for such an organization in the area. While youth groups within the church have high attendance, Paletta decided to go "where the kids hang out." Downtown Plymouth was just that place.

Earlier this month, four teens were ticketed for allegedly obstructing a Penniman Street sidewalk in downtown Plymouth. By operating a youth center in the downtown area, Paletta hopes to provide a place for teens to go, an option other than hanging out along the city's streets.

While Impact has a religious affiliation, all programs and events are open to the public.

"I want to bring a service to the community that doesn't already

exist," said Paletta. "One of the great needs is that there is nothing for kids to do, nowhere to hang out."

With space in the upstairs meeting hall for bands to perform, and couches downstairs for lounging and meeting with friends, Impact offers an informal setting and comfortable atmosphere.

Fills community need

Amanda Trent, 18, said it does fill a need within the community. She keeps coming because of the relationship she's built with others.

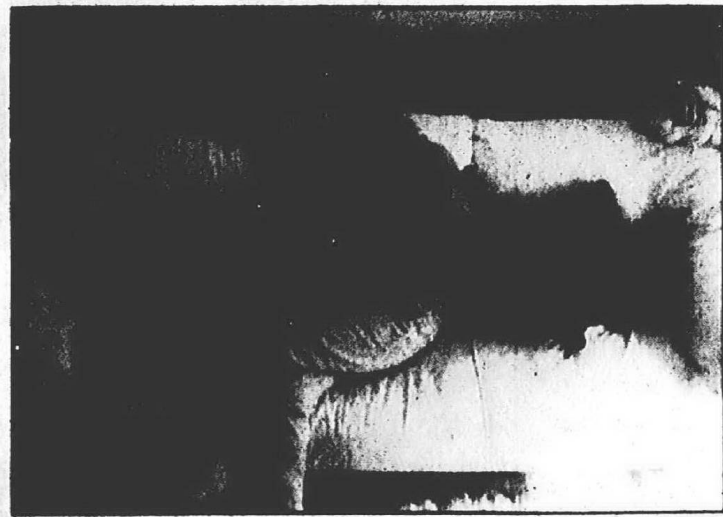
"It's just sort of comforting to be with a bunch of teenagers who love

Please see IMPACT, B2



Dropping by: Joshua Paletta (from left) laughs with youth group members Jennifer Schwan and Lori Cairo, both 15 and from Canton, outside the center on Union Street prior to the service.

Service has answer to no time for errands



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

No problem: Judy Basile thinks the secret to the success of her business, "I Can Do That!", a service of services, may well be her maturity. She's more like a Mom than the teenager across the street.

BY SUE MASON
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Kay Dubois wanted to throw a party for her son Adam and 86 classmates who were graduating from fifth grade.

She had done all of the shopping and had all of the prep work done, when it dawned on her that there was no time between the graduation ceremony and the 1 p.m. start of the party to do the set up at the park.

"I didn't realize what was involved with the graduation," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm one of those people who, I can do that and I can do that, but then I thought, how can I do that?"

Judi Johnson had a kitchen in need of specialized cleaning. The cabinets needed to be cleaned inside and out. The walls, the countertop, even the floor needed a deep cleaning.

But arthritis prevented the Livonia resident from doing it herself. She needed help. "With my arthritis, I'm limited in what I can do," said Johnson. "I needed specialized cleaning and it was something that I couldn't do or Merry

Maids really doesn't do."

Four simple words provided an answer to Dubois' dilemma and Johnson's need ... "I Can Do That!"

It's an expression that rolls effortlessly off Judy Basile's tongue and it's the phrase she chose to describe her service of services, "I Can Do That!"

"Over the last several months, when I think about things, I say, 'I can do that,'" said Basile. "I didn't realize how many times I say that."

Specializes in time

In a letter Basile is sending to western Wayne County communities - Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills have already been introduced to "I Can Do That!" - she says she specializes in time by doing all of those time-consuming jobs people don't have the time to do themselves.

Need to be reminded of special occasions? Have gifts purchased, wrapped and delivered? Want someone to do your shopping, reorganize your closets, drop off and pick up your dry cleaning, plan a party or wedding or arrange day

Please see DO THAT, B2

WRC sponsors divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor.

The speaker's session takes place the fourth Tuesday. The

sessions address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

On Sept. 14, Ellen Craine-Rosker, board member and chairwoman of the Michigan Council of Family and Divorce Mediators, will discuss the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce or post-divorce matters.

On Oct. 26, a lawyer from the law firm of Woll and Woll will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm specializes in women's and children's

cases.

On Nov. 9, Stacey Block will discuss the intense emotions triggered by the holidays and special occasions and offer skills for coping with and resolving them.

Beginning Oct. 18 and running through May 15, the center will offer "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the resource center. A lawyer from Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law.

The center also will sponsor "Money Matters in Divorce," an

opportunity to ask certified financial planner and consultant Jacqueline B. Gold about the financial concerns relative to divorce, 5-7 p.m. the first Monday of the month, Oct. 4-May 1.

The three programs are free. Clients for "Ask an Attorney" and "Money Matters in Divorce" will be served on a first come-first served basis, with sign-in beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smaison@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

SACRED HEART
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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

ST. AIDAN
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 16th annual craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

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

Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon, 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 show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is \$1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

PRCUA SYRENA
The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will hold its holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Table rentals are \$23 and \$25. Call (313) 271-0201 or (313) 563-1761.

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, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. Call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

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, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss. Simon and Jude Church will have its arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There also will be a free raffle every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Call (734) 421-0591 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. VALENTINE
Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. Call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school, 31000 Joy, Livonia. Space is still available for the juried show, which will feature more than 180 crafters. The fee is \$50 for a 10-foot-wide space and \$10 per table. Call Julie Culp at (734) 522-5287.

Do That

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trips for out-of-town guests?

"I Can Do That!" can do it.

The idea has been "rolling around" in Basile's head for two years. Encouraged by friends and her boyfriend, she set up the framework for her business before quitting her sales job at Mobile Ed Productions in Redford.

"A lot of people are single, divorced or two-career families and run out of time to do things," she said. "Some people try to do things during their lunch hour, others hate doing things on Saturday. That's their rest time and they hate having to do those nasty chores then."

"It's like I have 30 minutes for a haircut, period."

Since starting her business, Basile has handled Dubois's party, cleaned Johnson's kitchen, did specialized grocery shopping for a single man whose parents were visiting from England and took them on some day trips.

She's helping a bride plan her wedding and just got a call from someone needing transportation to and from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I really, really like it," she said. "In every job I've had, I've dealt with people. I enjoy working with people and meeting different people."

Calls are trickling in and Basile thinks it's "neat" because people ask her if she "can do this or do that." She generally responds with her pat "I can do that" reply. Her literature points out that "If it's not illegal, immoral or unethical, 'I Can Do That!' can do that."

Her first job

Basile laughs about her first "I Can Do That!" job. The call came the day after she quit working. It was her cousin.

"I feel funny about asking family to do favors, but I was in a panic," said Dubois. "I called Judy close to midnight and I told her I wanted to be her first customer. I put her to work and I didn't feel guilty. I had a wonderful time and a wonderful party."

"My cousin couldn't be in two places at one time, so I ran the pool party for 80 some fifth graders," Basile said. "It was one of those days where it was close to 100 degrees. That night I went to bed at 8 o'clock."

Like Dubois, Basile was no stranger to Johnson. Friends who had kept in touch over the years, she asked Basile for a brochure after hearing about her new business. And when she heard that she did specialized

cleaning, she asked for a price for cleaning her kitchen.

"She did a great job; she found things I hadn't seen for years," said Johnson. "I had some Ann Page tins from the old A&P. You know, spices aren't that good after 20 years."

"I scrubbed the floor with a Brill-O pad to get off the old wax and then waxed my way out her back door," said Basile who quoted Johnson a flat rate for the work instead of her \$20 per hour fee. "I cleaned out her cupboard and reorganized her Tupperware cupboard. It was a challenge."

Both Dubois and Johnson agree that "I Can Do That!" is a great idea and a service they'll use again.

"There's so many people who want things done and who can't do it or don't have the time to do it," said Johnson. "It's mighty nice to come home to a really nice, clean kitchen."

"This experience makes me

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want to do more entertaining," said Dubois. "I'd spent a lot of time in prep work for that party. Next time, I tell her what the theme is and let her go do it. 'I'd recommend her to anybody.'"

Impact

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God as much as I do," said Trent, one of about 75 young people who attended a recent youth service at Impact. "And it's cool to socialize with people."

Transforming a house which once held the YMCA, Paletta is making his dream a reality. With free video games (violence-free, of course), billiards and live music, Impact Student Union is beginning to establish its roots.

Impact Youth Group, the min-

istry for high school students - for which the center is named - focuses on giving youth a deeper understanding of their relationship with God, Paletta said.

Beginning in October, the Junior High Only (JHO) youth ministry will meet Sunday evenings at Impact for more activity-oriented sessions.

The Loft, a college ministry for ages 18 to 25, will meet Wednesday evenings. The format is a

coffeehouse setting and includes poetry readings and a forum for religious discussion.

But activities are not confined to the Impact house. Paletta schedules canoe trips, games of laser tag and paint ball, and visits to Cedar Point for interested youth. Anyone can join.

"One of the main goals is to reach out into the community," he said.

Paletta hopes to have extended hours for Impact Student Union in the future. He said it will be open with special activities planned on a few weekend nights each month.

Bree March, 19, is one of the youth leaders involved with Impact who has high hopes for the organization's success.

"It's very cool," said March. "There are so many kids who walk by ... I want to see it open on the weekends. I want to hear kids

say 'I'm going to the Student Union.'"

"Parents will know it's a safe place for students to come."

Aaron Morgan, an 18-year-old Plymouth resident, said he would like to see more sports-related events organized through Impact in the future.

"I think one way really to connect to teenagers is through sports," he said, suggesting a community-wide softball or flag-football league.

March said by being in a separate location from the church, Impact is bound to draw more attention.

"I think coming up to the church for teenagers is kind of intimidating," she said. "Here there are things they like."

Jill Manos, 15 of Garden City, said she hangs out at Impact because her friends are there. "It's our own place," she said.

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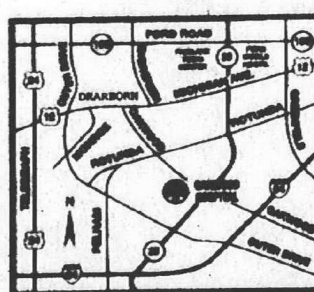
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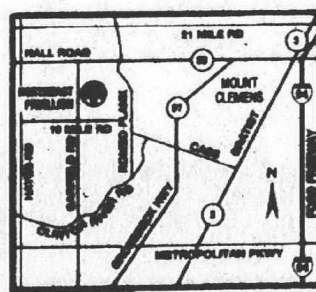


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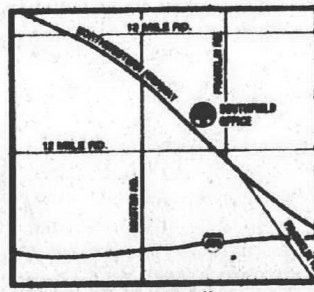
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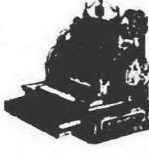
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Soave-Armstrong

Christopher Daniel Soave and Linda Lee Armstrong were married July 10 at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lansing by the Rev. Norman F. Burger Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mary V. Armstrong of Niles. The groom is the son of Margaret A. Soave of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Clarks School of Electrology.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University.

The couple received guests at a reception at Station 885 in Plymouth. They are planning a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas in



June. They are making their home in Canton.

Schilk-Miloser

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

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

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

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



Olszewski-Scanlon

Barbara Olszewski of Livonia and Donald Olszewski announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn, to Charles J. Scanlon, the son of Jim and Maureen Scanlon of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an administrative assistant for Ford Motor Credit Co.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in business management. He is employed as a material flow analyst at Corrigan Air & Sea Cargo Lines.

A February wedding is planned at Dearborn Evangelical



Covenant Church.

Nunley-Bertovick

Jimmy and Edith Nunley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Fay, to Justin Lee Bertovick, the son of Daniel and Sandra Bertovick of Livonia and Dave and Rose Rouse of Redford.

The bride-to-be is majoring in education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Marjo Plastic Inc. in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is majoring in mechanical engineering at Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at Osco Inc. in Rochester Hills.

An October wedding is



planned at the Redford Baptist Church.

Donabedian-Pelegrino

George and Lydia Donabedian of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Joe Pelegrino, the son of Wayne and Mary Jo Pelegrino of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be attended St. Agatha High School in Redford and Michigan State University.

Her fiancé attended Wayne State University. He is employed at Century 21 Realty.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Loschiavo-Lyon

James and Barbara Loschiavo of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Noel Lyon, the son of Thomas Lyon of Houston, Texas, and Linda Lyon of Kennebunk, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree and a 1996 graduate of Cleveland State University with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at St. John Macomb Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Midland High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a mar-



keting representative by the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

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

Nixon-Attwood

Warren and Virginia Nixon of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Scott of Austin, Texas, to Linda Nixon of Austin, Texas, formerly of Walpole, Mass.

He is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University.

A late August wedding is planned in Austin.



Rozek-Smith

John and Joyce Rozek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Christopher Smith, the son of Dale and Kathy Smith of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Madonna University. She works as a publications coordinator at Home Building Workshops in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fowlerville High School and attended Washtenaw Community College. He works as a collection agent at CMCS of Brighton.



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WEEKEND

MUSICAL
■ The musical "Rumplestiltskin," will be featured with the Marquis Theatre Children, live, on stage at the Marquis Theatre, through Sept. 26. "Rumplestiltskin" is the well loved tale of that wily, cackling old mischievous gnome who magically turns straw into gold for a very high price. Performance dates and times are: Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., Aug. 28, Sept. 11, 18 and 25; Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26. Tickets to all general performances are \$6. Please no children under the age of three.

For information on birthday celebrations, group rates and available school performances, call (248) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street, Northville.

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

STORY TIMES
■ Parents and their children are invited to experience an interactive 20-30 minute program of storytelling, music and movement. 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 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at 249 South Main in downtown Plymouth and On the Farm Story Time with Miss Karen at Tigglywinkles at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Tigglywinkles at 30990 Five Mile Road (east of Merriman) in the Livonia Plaza Shopping Center, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 416-9417.

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. 11 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 free.

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

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST

■ Maybury Farm will host its annual "Honey Harvest" 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 additional charge for Garden Day activities. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

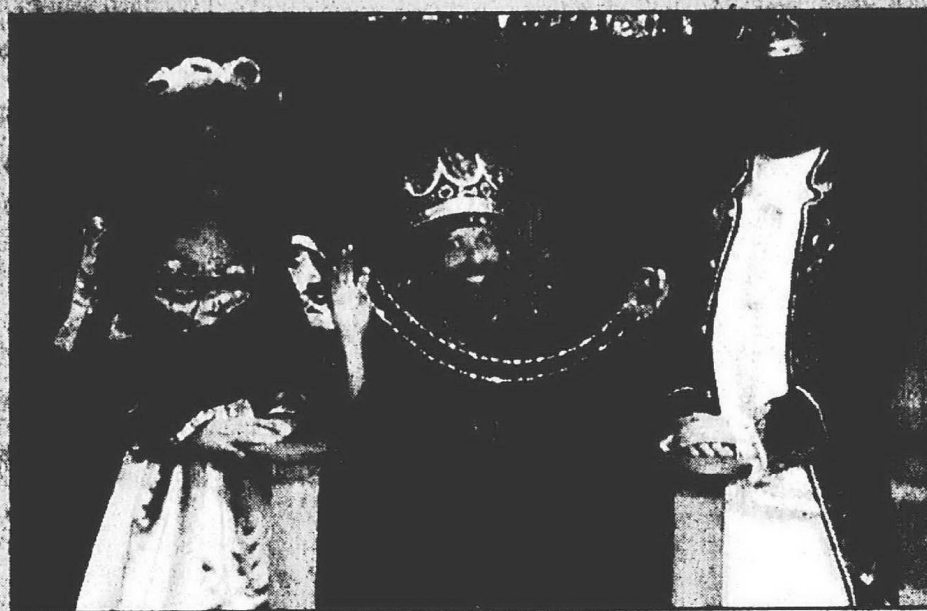
APPRAISAL CLINIC
■ Canton Historical Society presents DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Cherry Hill School located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Appraisals will be given by appointment only. Limited to three hand-carried items. Cost 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.

BEANIE BABY SHOW
■ The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns during the City of Plymouth's "Fall Festival", Sunday Sept. 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. Show hours are 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., admission is \$5, kids 4-12 years, \$2. For information, call (734) 455-2110.

GOLF OUTING
■ The Airline Ambassadors Bolivia Mission is holding its first annual golf outing at noon, Sunday, Sept. 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth (located on North Territorial, 1 1/4 mile from Gotfredson). Cost is \$90, which includes scrambles, a \$5,000 putt for dough, and a BBQ dinner. Proceeds help the needy children of Bolivia. A mission to bring medical supplies, toys and clothing to those in need. For more information, or for registration call Keeley Kielman at (248) 245-0877.

FLEA MARKET
■ The Livonia Historical Society and Commission are sponsoring a Flea Market fundraiser from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, to benefit Livonia's Historical site, Greenmead, 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.

Rumplestiltskin



Play: The musical "Rumplestiltskin," will be featured at the Marquis Theater, through Sept. 26. Laurie Kuhlman, Irene Hublick and Richard Dziviloan are part of the production.

ADOPTION EDUCATION
■ There will be a Adoption Education Meeting from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Hands Across the Water located 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B. The Topic is "Medical Concerns with International Adoption." Dr. Jerri Jenista, a nationally known author, lecturer, and adoptive parent, will discuss medical issues families should be aware of when adopting internationally. Cost is \$5 per person. Call to register for more information at (734) 913-0831.

APT KICKOFF
■ Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County with Adoptive Parents Together (APT) is sponsoring its first annual picnic from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ford Lake. There will be games, art, storytelling and more. Main dish and drinks are provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost is \$5 per family. RSVP with Diane Ratkovich at Catholic Social Services, (734) 971-9781 ext. 320.

PATIENT DAY
■ Plymouth Dental Associates, P.C. is pleased to announce "Patient Appreciation Day" from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. There will be games and prizes, drawings for the children, face painting, barbecue and Steve and the Ditties Band.

SALEM HOCKEY
■ Fall Inline Hockey classes

es 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 includes eight games, eight practices, a jersey, and a party. For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

AROUND TOWN

MEETING
■ Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting, Thursday, Aug. 26 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.

CHORUS AUDITIONS
■ The Plymouth Community Chorus has set rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert. Open auditions for new members will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. Auditions by appointment will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Basses and tenors are especially needed, but there are openings for sopranos and altos as well. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 455-4080.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
■ The Canton Historical Society will host a "Civil War Fashion Show" featuring live models wearing gowns of the era. Pamela Yockey, a teacher and collector of vintage clothing will be the speaker. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Parking is at the rear of the museum.

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

KINDERMUSIK
■ Village Music in Plymouth'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 Conservatory in Canton. This internationally recognized program supports all areas of child development and teaches social skills while introducing your child to music. Classes are available for infants through seven years. The semester begins the week of Sept. 7 and concludes the week of Dec. 19. For more information, contact the Conservatory at (734) 453-7590 ext. 703 to request enrollment materials.

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

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

CRAFTERS NEEDED
■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet 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
■ New Morning School has openings for the fall 1999 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory preschool class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Classes meet weekly on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. Music, art, fingerplay, story time and snacks are centered on a weekly theme. A variety of activities and play equipment will be available. There is also special one-on-one time for the parent and child plus the opportunity for children to take their first steps toward socializing with other children. Both parent and child will benefit, as our class offers time for parents to discuss ideas and answers to developmental questions. New Morning is certified by the Michigan Department of Education. For more information, contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New 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 Co-op 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.

■ 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 Michigan Department of Education. For more information and a tour of the facilities, contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

VOLUNTEERS
■ The American Red Cross announces the rejuvenation of the HEROMobile program. The plan is to build public awareness of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter by honoring local heroes who have unselfishly responded to emergencies, which in turn may have saved a human life. The Red Cross is looking for volunteers who would like to assist with this project. No experience necessary; training will be provided. The objective of each team is to present the Badge of Courage award or Certificate to a chosen recipient at their workplace, church or school. Each team will include a speaker, someone to present the award, a photographer and a spokesperson. If you are interested or would like to get more information, call Cathy Kocian at (313) 833-2685.

YOUTH COMPETITION
■ The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra proudly announces a partnership with Evola Music of Canton as the host location of this season's "Youth Artist Competition." In addition to the orchestral instruments, piano contestants will also be permitted. Auditions will be held in December and the winners will perform in the youth concerts in February of 2000. For an application and information, call the symphony office at (734) 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.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Amber Leigh Auten of Plymouth is studying mass media issues and methods in England, Scotland and Wales as part of her Michigan State University study abroad experience. Auten is an advertising major and plans to graduate in December. She is active in the American Advertising Federation. She is the daughter of Norm

and Sue Auten and is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Adam Covington of Midland is studying a wide range of topics during his Michigan State University summer study abroad experience. He is studying such topics as music, history, English and the arts in the American thought and language studies in London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland. Covington is the son of William and Debra Covington and is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. At MSU he is majoring in hospitality business and plans to graduate in May 2002.

ADMITTED

Andrew Copenhaver of Canton was admitted into Manchester College for the 1999-2000 academic school year. He is the son of Gary and Becky Copenhaver of Canton.

WINGSPREAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Nicole Hrycyk, a Plymouth-Canton High School graduate, was selected to participate in the Wingspread Scholars Program sponsored by the Johnson Foundation, Inc. of Racine, Wis. During the academic year, Wingspread Scholars spend several days in Racine, Wis., observing proceedings of select Wingspread conferences, chosen to

complement their own educational objectives. Wingspread Scholars are selected on the basis of academic performance, motivation and social concern. Hrycyk is the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton.

GRADUATE

Peter A. Anderson, a Plymouth resident graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. He was among 377 students to earn his bachelor's degree. He is the son of Craig and Mary Anderson of Plymouth.

In step: Dancers collect regional, national honors

Dancers at Susie's Dance Pointe in Westland have plenty to celebrate after successfully competing in recent regional and national events.

They attended the Showstopper national dance competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in July, which attracted 6,000 dancers from across the United States and Canada.

The studio has 34 entries which received gold medals and top 10 awards at the nationals. Among them was an all boys group which won Best Male Group in tap dance.

A team of boy and girl dancers from the studio also was one of the highest ranked groups among the seniors group and line competition in tap dance.

The largest contingent was the 41-member swing dance group that earned best production honors.

The dancers, from Westland, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Novi, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Dearborn Heights and

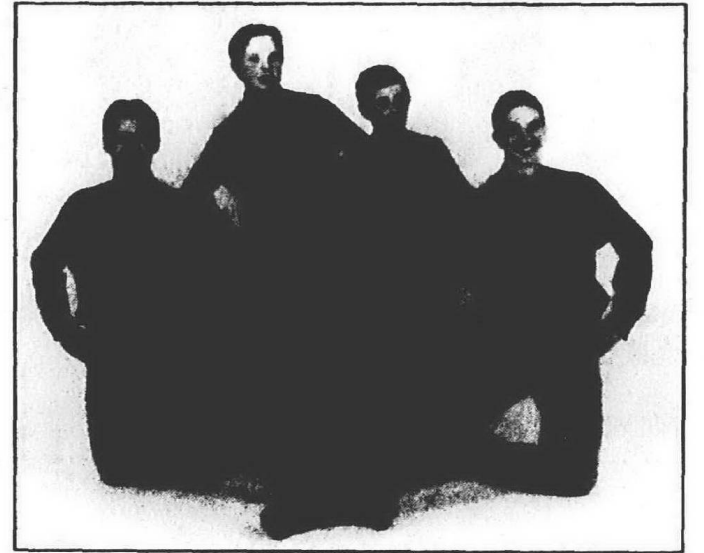


Belleville, study tap, jazz and ballet at the studio at 902 S.

Wayne Road, Westland.

For information or to register

for fall classes, call the studio at (734) 721-3400.



Good show: Performing "Jumpin' Jack" at nationals were Courtney Stone (photo at left, back row, from left), Stacey Harrison, Lisa Hay, Teresa Soleau, David Reeves, Sydney North (front row, from left), Nicole Burling, Sarah Roeder and Trista Phenix. Ranked as Best Male Group for their performance of "As Long as We're Dancin'" were David Reeves (top photo, from left), Justin Steckle, Jordan Steckle and Lance Formolo.

NEW VOICES

Steven and Sherry Glazier of Belleville announce the birth of **Alexandria Joy** Oct. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rex and Linda Combs of Van Buren Township and Barb Hailer of Dickson, Tenn. Great-grandparents are James and Virginia Saylor of Westland, and great-great-grandmother is Josephine Sowa of Jonesville.

Bob and Diane Rousseau of Westland announce the birth of **Jennifer Devon** Dec. 17. She joins sister Amanda, 4 1/2. Grandparents are John and Kathleen Moriarty and Fred and Jeanette Rousseau, all of Redford. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Rousseau and Grace and Charles Clemons of Clare.

Charles and Therese Nagi of Livonia announce the arrival of **William Ivan**, born Feb. 8 in Moscow, Russia. He joins a sister Katie, 5. Grandparents are

Charles and Frances Nagi of Garden City and Jeannette Donohue of Birmingham.

Peter and Michelle van Well of Redford announce the birth of **Dimitri Enny** Dec. 31 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins brother Tyler, 5, and sister Gabrielle, 2. Grandparents are Sandy and Gerald Smith of Fowler.

George Smith and Amanda Myers of Westland announce the birth of **Autumn Marie Smith** April 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carla J. Fry, Howard Fry and Beverly Kirkpatrick. Great-grandparents are Yvonne Myers and James R. Smith.

Tim and Heather Parker of Novi announce the birth of **Harrison Tyler and Keegan Ross** March 20 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Larry and Barbara Gardner of

Redford and Sam and Connie Parker of Westland. Great-grandparents are Marion and Pauline Gardner of Redford, Floyd and Helen Parker of Wayne and John and Josephine Munger of Westland.

Joseph and Andrea Craigie of Garden City announce the birth of **Olivia Anne** April 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.

Christopher and Charlotte Teslak of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Paul Christopher** April 7 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Edward C. Ingles of Saginaw and the late Joyce Ingles, John F. Teslak Jr. of Livonia and Eunice Teslak of Lincoln Park.

Nelson and Michelle Cosgrove of Canton announce the

birth of their son, **Owen Robert** Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins a brother, Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Robert and Joanne Richter and Nelson and Bonnie Cosgrove, all of West Seneca, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Marie Cosgrove of Hamburg, N.Y., and Beryl MacDonald of Buffalo, N.Y.

Jeffery Lee Hixson and Terri L. Pack of Detroit announce the birth of **Skylar Patton P. Hixson** March 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Tiffney Pack, 6, Catty Strother, 3, and Justin, Michael and Shawn Hixson, ages 8, 12 and 9 respectively. Grandparents are Pamela Young of Westland, Larry and Peggy Novak of Gaylord and Robbie Hixson of Taylor.

Gilda's Club to hold annual Block Party

A good way to celebrate the spirit of Detroit is to bring a friend, bring the office or bring your family to the Gilda's Club Metro Detroit sixth annual Family Walk and Block Party Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event will begin at Cobo Center in Detroit. There will be a 5K walking tour of downtown Detroit will start at 10 a.m., and the 1-mile indoor fun walk at 10:10 a.m. The block party will start at 10:30 a.m. Registration for the noncompetitive walk will be 8:30-9:45 a.m. in Macomb Hall of Cobo Center.

Last year, more than 3,000 participants of all ages raised more than \$200,000 for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit while taking a scenic stroll through the city.

They were escorted by marching bands, the Detroit Mounted Police and Detroit Fire Department clowns.

Registration is \$18, if postmarked before Sept. 1, and \$22 thereafter. Children under age are free. Entry forms are available at D.O.C., Harmony House or by calling Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800. Families and individuals can also register at the Cobo Center on Sept. 26.

Gilda's Club is a free, non-profit social and emotional support community for men, women and children with all types of cancer, their families and friends. It is named in honor of comedian and former Detroit Gilda Radner.

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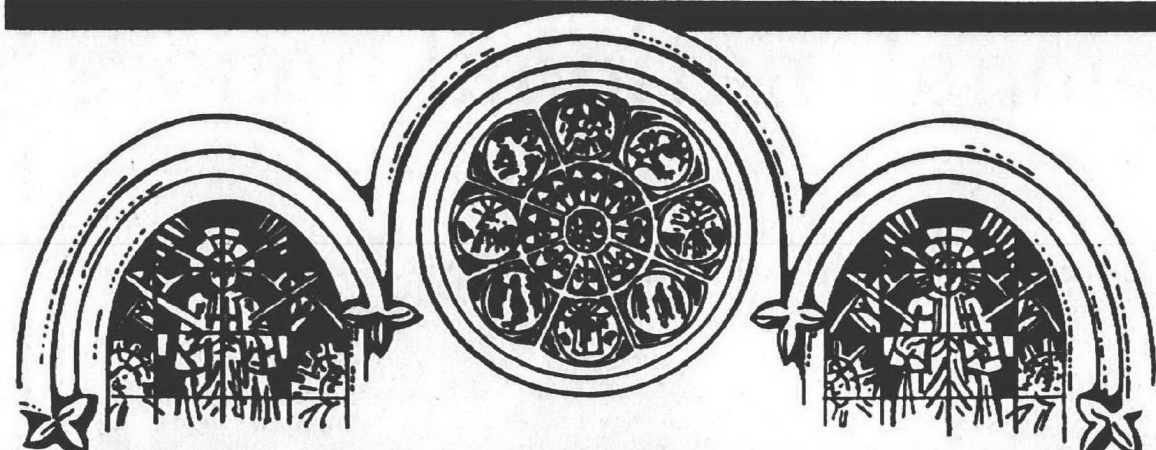
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Faith Lutheran welcomes Rev. Carr

The members of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia are looking forward to the installation of the Rev. Robert D. Carr as pastor.

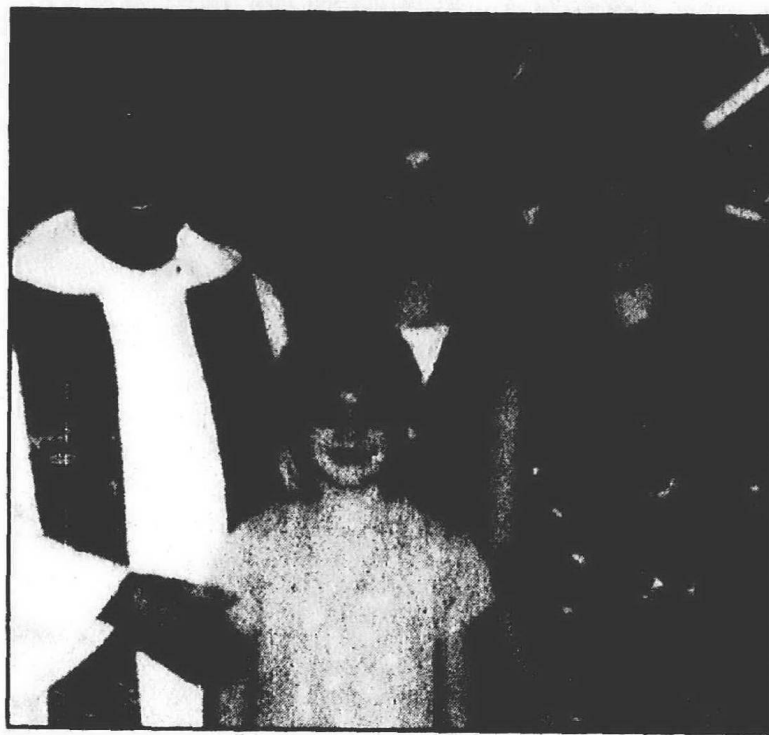
The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be preside at the 10:45 a.m. worship service and at a rite of installation Sunday, Sept. 19, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Carr, who served as associate pastor and cantor (pastoral musician) at the University Lutheran Church and Campus Center in Gainesville, Fla., began his work at Faith Lutheran on July 12.

A minister for 21 years, he is a graduate of Concordia Senior College in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and has a master of divinity degree from Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, Mo.

A gifted preacher who is not afraid of "tackling the thorny issues" in his preaching, he brings an extensive experience and knowledge in the area of church music. He is an accomplished organist, choral director and composer.

Carr also brings an extensive



New minister: Joining the Rev. Robert Carr (from left) at Faith Lutheran Church are his wife Alexis and daughters Aimee and Amanda.

background in ecumenical work the ELCA. He was a participant to Faith Lutheran, a parish of in the Lutheran-Anglican-

Roman Catholic Dialogue, sponsored jointly by the Florida-Bahamas Synod (Lutheran), the Diocese of Florida (Anglican) and the Diocese of St. Augustine (Roman Catholic).

He also was involved in the planning for the LARC Dialogue's annual Pre-Lenten Ecumenical Day of Prayer.

Of the challenges before him as pastor of Faith Lutheran, Carr said he "is aware that Faith Church has an identity born of its rich history under the leadership" of his predecessors.

Two significant traits of that identity are that members, as an outgrowth of their gathering around the Word and Sacrament, have lived a credible witness in Christian service to their respective communities.

"Together, as pastor and people of the parish, we can fashion vital ministries for the 21st century built on the firm foundations which have been placed," he said.

Married, Carr and his wife Alexis have two children, Aimee, 10, and Amanda, 8.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

COUPON BOOKS

The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C, Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books now through Oct. 15. For more information, or to place an order, call (734) 729-2368.

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.

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.

TANZANIA BOUND

Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and 12 representatives of Lutherans in southeast Michigan will stop at Transfiguration Church on Pardee in Taylor at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, for a Service of Godspeed before leaving for an official visit to the Mbulu Diocese of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Representatives will tour the Mbulu diocese and meet with leaders, church members and community representatives, sharing in worship and the work of partners there. Among the partnered congregations are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia with Daudi Lutheran Church.

The Women of ELCA has raised \$40,000 to give to the women of Mbulu for the purchase of a Land Rover to assist in their ministries among the people. The bishop will also present Bishop Yoram Girgis of Mbulu with \$25,000 to assist with the extreme plight of people in the area caused by years of extended drought.

A banner of neckties will be presented, featuring the names of the congregations in southeast

Michigan linked to congregations in Mbulu.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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, 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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Congregation Bet Chevrim of Western Wayne County is hosting its Back to School Ice Cream Social and Family Picnic 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Hot dogs will be served, and there will be outdoor games for all. Participants should bring their own

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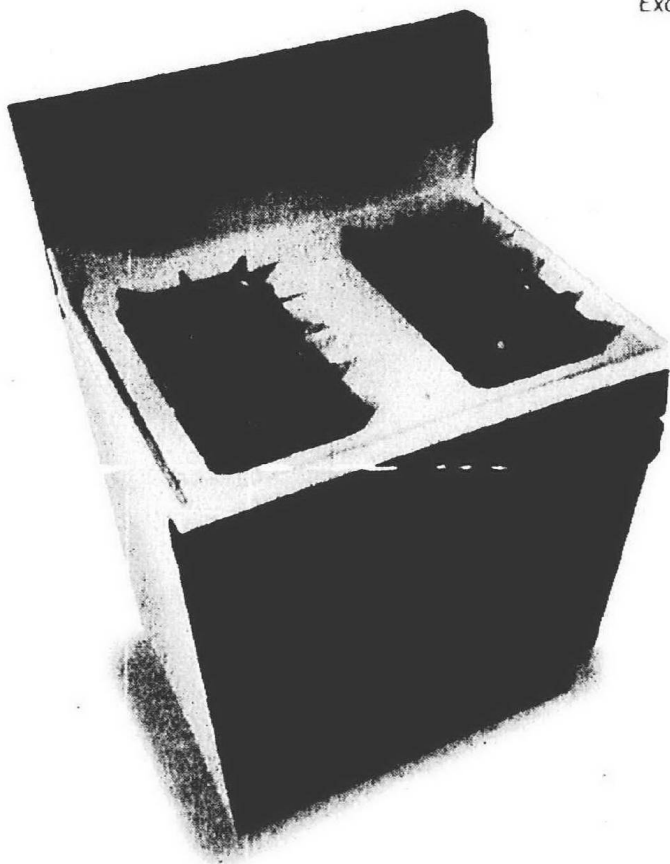
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beverages. Information about the congregation, the religious school, youth group and 5 and under play group will be available. For further information, call the CBC Hotline at (734) 480-8880.

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.

BIBLE CLASS

Currently representing 16 denominations and 61 congregations, the community Bible class will resume weekly classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Pre-class study groups will meet at 9:30 a.m.

The class takes participants through the Bible, chapter by chapter, in eight years. Pam Dodge will begin her fourth year, leading the study. She has been on staff at Ward for 14

years and currently is director of single young adults.

Dodge is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is a doctoral degree candidate in biblical studies at the University of Michigan.

To arrange for child care or for more information, call Bonny Romberg at (248) 349-7258.

SUCCESS SEMINAR

Men, have you been thinking that there's got to be more to life than this? Are you under pressure? Do you often have the lingering feeling that something just isn't right?

The Success that Matters seminar might be what you're looking for. The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Road, Northville.

The seminar costs \$30 and includes a continental breakfast at 7 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

YOUTH RALLY

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 33031 Cheery Hill Road, between Wayne and Venoy roads. Jimmy Mitchell will be the featured guest speaker. Mitchell is youth pastor at the Sophia Baptist Church in Beckley, W. Va.,

where he is a police officer.

ADULT DANCE

St. Theodore Parish will have a pre-Family Fun Day Dance 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and includes beer, setups and snacks. Food will be available at a nominal cost. Music will be by the Sunrise Band, featuring "Elvis the King" live impersonation floor show. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

SPECIAL EVENING

Evangelist David Ring of Franklin, Tenn., will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Born with cerebral palsy, Ring provides a powerful testimony of how the love of Jesus Christ transformed him from a victim to a visitor. Empowered by Jesus Christ, he has overcome extreme physical and emotional obstacles to become a messenger of the Gospel.

For more information, call Calvary Baptist at (734) 455-0022.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is starting beginner Tai Chi classes at three locations, starting Monday, Sept. 13.

Classes will meet 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health.

For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Jeff Smith will teach Tai Chi classes 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 20, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia.

Smith, who has been practicing Tai Chi since age 15, will teach a Yang form of Tai Chi. The class costs \$20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session.

For more information or to sign up, call parish nurse Ida Reifsnnyder at (734) 421-5406.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for \$18 from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152.

St. Paul's concert stars Ken Medema

Blind since birth, Ken Medema has been writing songs and performing them for more than 30 years.

One of the most talented Christian singers/songwriters, the Michigan native will perform Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the church, 27475 Five Mile. Tickets - \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 5-12 - are available in the church office.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470.

Medema began composing material for his work as a music therapist in a psychiatric hospital. He now has a full-time performance schedule that takes him throughout North America, Australia, Africa and Europe.

His songs are like stories, some humorous and others touching, and he uses musical styles ranging from classical to blues to sacred. Improvisation is one of the many talents Medema shares with his audiences. Using just a few randomly picked notes and words, he is able to create a new song and sing it on stage.

Many of his songs are about disenfranchised segments of American society, people who are outcasts or alienated. Other songs deal with injustice.

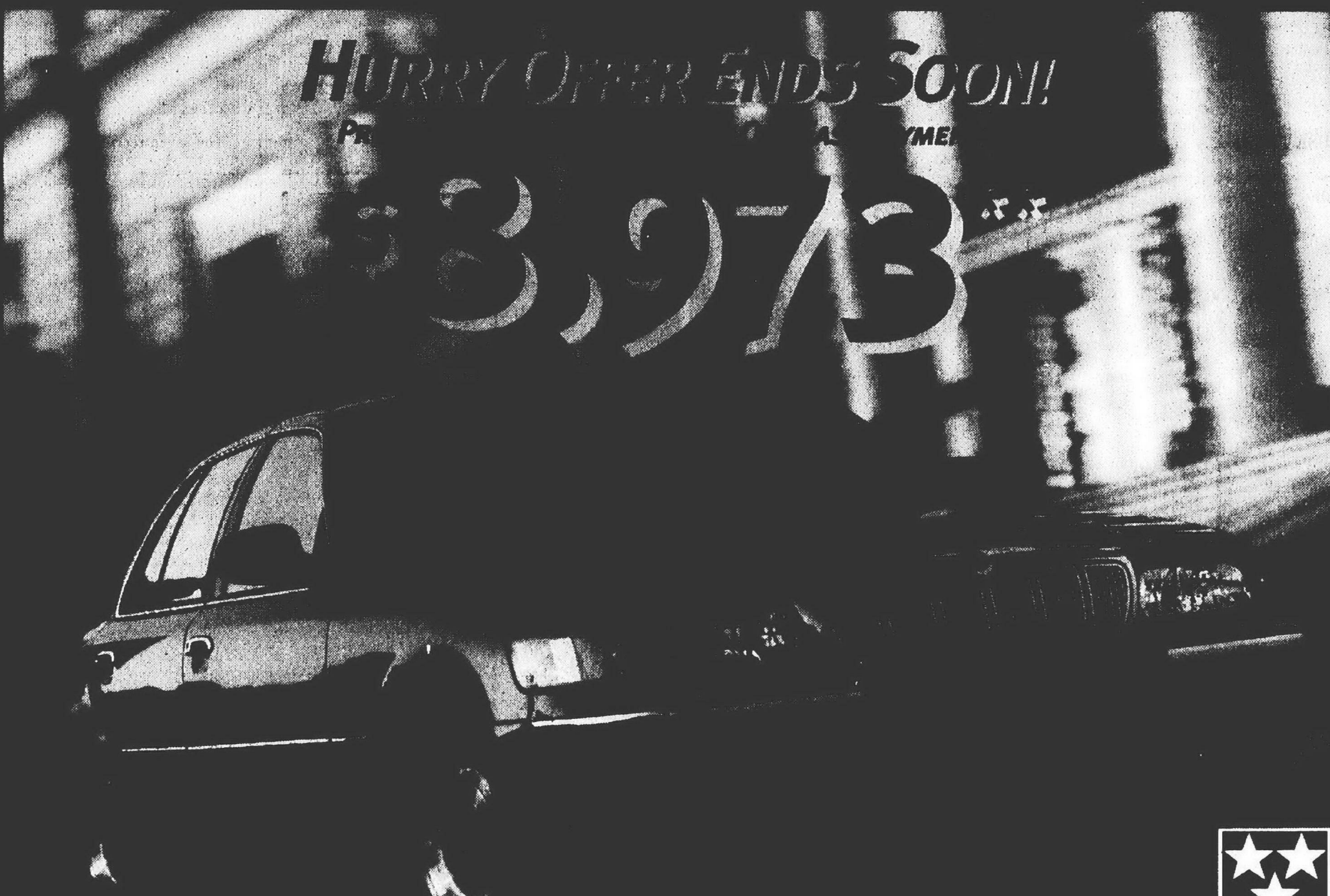


Ken Medema

Medema's disability has given him a sensitivity to people who have, in one way or another, been oppressed. His songs have led his audiences into the streets of San Francisco to address the needs of the homeless and to Tennessee to discuss mining.

Medema said he feels a pressing need to tell the truth. "If the time comes to write a song about (those things), I don't want to not write that song just because I'll lose concert gigs," said Medema.

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NAHL expands

The North American Hockey League, in which the Compuware Ambassadors proved dominant last season, will be restructured this season with the addition of an 11th team.

The newest member of the league are the Rochester (N.Y.) Junior Americans. They will join Compuware and the Cleveland Barons, Grand Rapids BearCats, Soo Kewadin Casino Indians and the U.S. National Under-18 team to form the East Division.

The West Division of the NAHL will consist of the Chicago Freeze, Danville Wings, St. Louis Sting, Springfield Junior Blues and Texas Tornado.

The league opens its 24th season on Sept. 10. Each team will play a 56-game schedule. This marks a return to the divisional format of play, which was abandoned after the 1993-94 season.

Also, the NAHL will host several in-season junior tournaments, with two of them at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. On Oct. 8-11, the Compuware Fall Classic will feature several NAHL squads in its 20-team field. Last year, the St. Louis Sting emerged as tournament champs.

The USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament — formerly known as the King of the Hill Tournament — will be at Compuware Arena Nov. 29-Dec. 1. The all-star team format will feature the best of the NAHL going against top players from other American junior circuits.

Buckeyes optimistic

Ohio State's volleyball team is preparing to open its 1999 season, and the outlook is promising. And why not? The Buckeyes finished last season with a 17-14 record and were ranked 24th in the USA Today/AVCA Coaches' Poll.

Returning from that team are all six starters and 10 of 11 letterwinners. Included in that group is senior Shellye Sills, a 6-foot middle blocker from Plymouth Salem. Entering her third year at OSU — Sills began collegiate career at the University of Toledo — she ranks as the school's career leader in blocks per game with a 1.26 average.

OSU opens its season Wednesday at Dayton. The Buckeyes begin their Big Ten schedule at Michigan Sept. 24, followed by a trip to Michigan State Sept. 25.

Indians sparkle

Adversity pounded at the Michigan Indians 11-year-old baseball squad at the AAU National Championships for Baseball, held earlier this month in Orlando. And they survived it.

The Indians made the trip with just 10 players after three of their team members resigned three weeks prior to nationals. After winning their first tournament game 13-1 behind the no-hit pitching of Shawn Little of Canton, the Indians found themselves engaged in a dogfight in their second game, against the Orlando Diamond Dawgs.

Leading 5-2 in the top of the fifth with Dawgs on first and third and two out, a short fly was lifted into right-center field. Outfielders Nick Sarkissian and Brian Kirkendall converged on the ball, with Sarkissian making a shoestring catch just before the two collided.

Both players were injured and unable to continue in the tournament, leaving the Indians with eight players. They lost to the Dawgs 6-5, then — playing with just two outfielders — dropped consecutive games to Southern California, North Virginia and Georgia.

But the Indians didn't quit. They bounced back with wins over North Carolina, by a 5-1 score, and Minnesota, by a 16-0 margin, to finish the tournament with a 3-4 record.

Other team members are Sean Baker from Canton; Kyle Gendron and Greg Marrone from Plymouth; Eddie Duggan and Steve Merlo from Livonia; Nathan Sarkissian from South Lyon; and Shawn Dunford from Westland. The team's coaches are Jim Gendron, Nick Marrone and Dave Sarkissian.

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



Defensive captain: Adam Davis, a starter for Canton last season, returns for his senior season as a marking back and as a team captain.

Rocks reload for another rough season

BY C.J. RISAK
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Two years ago, the Plymouth Salem soccer team was king.

The Rocks were on their way, as the state's best team, to the Division I state finals for the second time in three years. They were unbeaten through the season and the state tournament, and stayed that way until they reached the final. That's where Troy Athens upset them, 2-1.

Although not quite as strong last season, Salem was still very tough. But an equally tough Plymouth Canton squad eliminated the Rocks from state title contention in the district final by another 2-1 count.

Combine all this history with the state championship Salem did win in 1995 — and the four trips the Rocks have made to the state final in the last decade — and there's no reason not to be optimistic about their chances when the conversation turns toward the upcoming season.

Hey, Ed McCarthy is.

"I'm still optimistic," the Salem coach pro-

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New sweeper: Keith Schenkel, a talented junior who saw some varsity playing time last year, will start as sweeper this season for Salem.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Young Chiefs must step up for a title run

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Any team that loses 12 seniors to graduation, including one of the state's best players, should have a lot to worry about. It's only natural, and — in the realm of high school sports — it seems fair.

Plymouth Canton has never been one to play by those standards.

Yes, the Chiefs have lost a lot from last season's Division I semifinalist, a team that finished 16-6-1. But no, they won't be in a rebuilding stage.

In fact, even with the loss of 27 goal-scorer Scott Wright, it's quite possible that Canton could surpass last season's totals.

"I think we'll be very strong defensively," said Canton coach Don Smith. "And as the season goes on, we'll get better offensively."

If there are weak links on this season's squad, it's a bit of inexperience and a lack of proven scoring punch. The leading returning goal-scorer is junior Evan Malone, who had four goals last season. Malone and senior co-captain Jon Johnson, a three-goal scorer who started in the midfield in '98, will be counted on to supply the offense this season.

Indeed, Wright was relied upon almost too much for goals last year. The second-leading scorer for the Chiefs was Pete Andreolli, who came off the bench to net nine goals.

But this year will be a more typical Canton team in offensive terms, according to Smith. "I never had a single player do the scoring until last year," he said.

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Rebuilt and ready Outlook is optimistic for Lady Ocelots

BY C.J. RISAK
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Seven players return for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, giving the Lady Ocelots a foundation to build upon.

And coach Bill Tolstedt has been busy filling any cracks that might appear in his current structure.

Early returns seem to indicate he's done his job well. SC finished 13-4-1 last season, ranked 12th in the NJCAA. Gone from that team are most of the goal-scorers: Annie Hagenah, Julie Majewski (from Plymouth Canton), Lisa Tolstedt and Dawn Koontz (Plymouth Canton), to name a few.

That shortage of proven scorers, and a lack of depth in goal, were immediate concerns for the SC coach — at least when he started his recruiting. They aren't any longer.

"I no longer have a concern at that position," Tolstedt said when asked about his keepers. The reason: Joining returnee Shannon Brooks (Ann Arbor

Huron) are Kerrie LaPorte, a Livonia Churchill graduate, and Wendy Jacobs (South Lyon).

That depth is bolstered by what Tolstedt called "a veteran returning defensive unit." Back from last season's squad are marking backs Alyson Botke and Nikki Vradenburg, both from Walled Lake Western, and Tracy McIntyre (Woodhaven), who started at stopper last year but will move to sweeper this season.

Emily Alford (Clarenceville/Redford Blue Stars) is expected to replace McIntyre at stopper. Regina Bander (Farmington Harrison), returnee Shannon Konarski (Milford) and Mary Moore (Taylor Truman) provide solid depth on defense.

Indeed, Konarski's and Bander's true value is their versatility. They can fill in just about anywhere on the field.

The other positions don't have as many experienced players, but they

lack nothing in talent.

"We have young players at midfield and forward," Tolstedt said. "If they mature quickly enough... They need some time together in order to make this work."

The only returning starter at midfield is Meghan Jannuzzi (Royal Oak Shrine). She'll be joined there by Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton), Sandy Burdzyak (Dearborn Divine Child), Sarah Gregory (Divine Child/Plymouth) and Karina Lundquist (Perrin).

"We're three weeks ahead of where we were last year," said Tolstedt. "If we can get our team chemistry to come around like last year, we'll be very strong."

He added that he was "expecting Jannuzzi and Connell to really pick us up at the (midfield) position."

The forward line features even less experience, but Tolstedt isn't too concerned — not with players like Kristina Senich (Plymouth Salem),

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SC seeking a reversal

BY C.J. RISAK
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Six players from Schoolcraft College's 1998 volleyball team, including three of the best, are gone. But when you're talking about a team that posted a 12-27 overall record, that news isn't exactly all bad.

Still, replacing Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill), who is now playing at Lincoln Memorial University (Harrogate, Tenn.); Donna Logsdon, who's at University of Michigan-Dearborn; and Melissa Plave won't be easy. But SC coach Tom Teeters believes he has all the proper pieces; putting them in their proper places will be the key in turning that record around.

"We don't have an easy schedule," Teeters explained, "and I don't plan on changing it. What we want to do is improve our record and our standing in the league."

Simple enough goals. Realizing them may not be so simple.

Teeters does have the tools for this

reconstruction job, starting with an expanded coaching staff. Alisha Love, who played for Teeters and coached at Livonia Clarenceville, joins longtime assistant Dale Hartzell. Also on the staff is Jim Maloof.

Three players who filled key positions on last season's team return: Danielle Wensing, Jennifer Laidlaw and Cindy Maloof. Wensing, who was the Lady Ocelots' primary setter, will move to outside hitter and back-row setter.

Laidlaw, who shared the setting duties with Wensing last season, will do more of it this year. Maloof remains a middle blocker and primary passer.

The seven recruits signed by Teeters make this team promising. It starts with Amanda Yaklin (Walled Lake Central), a 5-foot-5 setter/defensive specialist who is a "great hustler, and she has a great serve." Her play for the Vikings last winter was a major factor in their two victories over Plymouth Salem, a team Teeters also coaches.

Rebekah Thornton (Livonia Ladywood) is a 5-8 left-hander who is capable of "doing a bit of everything — setting, passing, hitting and middle block." Teeters plans on using her as a primary passer and right-side hitter.

Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill), who stands 6-foot, adds size up front, something the Ocelots lacked last season. A middle hitter, Teeters said Ruprecht "always played hard" and she "runs good quicks in the middle."

Kristina Chavez (Farmington Harrison) didn't play her final year in high school, but did play for Teeters' SOVA squad. A left-side attacker, primary passer and setter, the 5-4 Chavez has great arm speed which should help make her an effective back-row hitter.

The 5-10 Nicole Boyd (Livonia Franklin) joins Ruprecht and Maloof in strengthening SC's blocking. "She could start for us on the left side, but she could also play in the middle and on the right, too," Teeters said. "She can play anywhere on the front row."

Toni Forynski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) is in her second year at SC but her first playing volleyball. She serves as the junior varsity coach at Crestwood, where she played under varsity coach John Groves. A 5-9 middle blocker/right-side hitter, Forynski has great athletic ability.

Allison Luczak (Southfield Franklin Road Christian) lacks overall playing experience but has shown considerable improvement. At 5-9, she'll be utilized as a right-side hitter and in blocking.

Defense at the net isn't the only concern for Teeters. "We have to improve our ball control, particularly passing and setting," he said. "Those first two touches are keys for us."

"I think our attack has a lot of potential, but you have to get them the ball. If you can pass, you can pound."

Better serving is also on the agenda. "That will be a major factor for us," said Teeters.

The defense "will be better than last year," he predicted. "We have more speed and can cover more ground."

But will SC be better? Teeters tagged St. Clair County CC as the favorite to win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, the Lady Skippers were second last year and have several top-drawer recruits. Henry Ford CC and Oakland CC also figure to be impressive.

But don't count SC out of the hunt. A Teeters-coached team has never posted two poor records in consecutive seasons.

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It's football time!

Salem hosts Northern, Canton visits Ypsi

BY BRAD EMONS
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Wait a minute. Don't tell me it's football season already, a week before Labor Day weekend?

In case you're counting, the expanded playoffs now make it a 14-week season, so if you're Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Harrison, the two-time defending state champions in their respective Classes (AA and A), you make plans for five rounds of playoffs instead of four.

Say what? Now all the six-win teams get into the big dance, or is it a mad scramble?

I say play an eight-game regular season and let everybody in for one last shot.

Good thing the weather has been cooperating so far with the reduced training camp schedule.

But what if temperatures soar back into the 90s?

You could see a lot of yellow hankies flying Friday night with teams only given three weeks to prepare.

But one thing remains constant, the prediction race will not change.

Yours truly finished strong last year, correctly picking 27 of the final 28 games to beat the downtrodden Irishman, better known as Dan O'Meara (no relation to the golfer Mark; that's for sure).

The final totals for 1998, if you had forgotten — Emons, 103-27; O'Meara, 100-30.

What's in store for Week No. 1 of 1999?

Let's give it a go and roll the dice (not at the new MGM, please).

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

E. Catholic (2-7) at Bishop Borgess (5-4), 4 p.m.: Football returns to Appleton Street (in the shadows of Detroit Diesel) as the speedy Spartans look to improve on last year's mark. Borgess drilled Detroit East Catholic

GRID PICKS

40-12 a year ago. **PICKS:** Borgess wins the opener.

Liv. Churchill (2-7) vs. Redford Union (9-1), 7 p.m. at Kraft Field: The Panthers were bigger, faster and stronger than nine of their 10 opponents a year ago, reaching the playoffs for the first time ever. Several key players were lost, but senior Mike Macek (6-1, 214), who rushed for 1,389 yards, and new quarterback Dave Brown could give Churchill more headaches. The Chargers will put 31 seniors on the field, led by lineman Mike Gaura (6-3, 326) and QB John Bennett. **PICKS:** Macek gives RU the edge.

Lincoln Park (4-5) at Liv. Franklin (1-8), 7 p.m.: The Railsplitters downed the Patriots 19-0 in last year's opener, but this could be a more even matchup. Franklin quarterback Joe Ruggieri can put zip on the ball, the key question is whether he'll get enough protection. **PICKS:** Lincoln Park squeezes out a win.

Det. Cooley (4-5) at Westland Glenn (8-2), 7 p.m.: Cooley coach Tom Moss is touting running back Joseph Temple (700 yards) and quarterback-defensive back Leslie Davis. Playoff-tested Glenn returns a strong nucleus despite the loss of all-time leading rusher Reggie Spearman with the likes of new tailback Eric Jones, along with Ben Harris, Jake Tharp and Dave Lewandowski. Glenn beat the Cardinals a year ago, 24-6. **PICKS:** Glenn roars out of the gate.

Wayne (4-5) at Romulus (10-1), 7 p.m.: The Zebras started out hot in 1998, winning four of their first five before dropping their final four. It will be a young Wayne team for sure. So it's good that Romulus, a Class A regional finalist a year ago, graduated All-State running back Freddie Russell. **PICKS:** Romulus grounds the Zebras.

D.H. Crestwood (0-9) at Garden City (2-7), 7 p.m.: The Cougars clobbered winless Crestwood in last year's season opener, 38-8. This year's Cougar squad will rely heavily on quarterback Rob Hudson, who will give GC a more diversified attack. The primary runner is tailback Josh Fee. **PICKS:** The Cougars start out 1999 feeling good.

Red. Thurston (5-4) at Willow Run (2-7), 7 p.m.: The Eagles do not have Scott Genord (Indiana) to carry the load and they don't have a home field this season either. The Class B Flyers have only 18 players, but they have a good one in tailback Josh Allison (6-1, 185). The Eagles counter with fullback/inside linebacker Brian Reid. **PICKS:** Flip a coin; it's Thurston again.

Dearborn (9-2) at Liv. Stevenson (5-4): Stevenson took the opening drive and marched down the field and scored, only to lose 19-7. There's no more C.J. Kreger and Colin Wilkinson to contend with, so the Spartans, returning a slew of talented skill players, should be on a more level playing field this time around. Dearborn's top returnee is lineman Scott Golem. **PICKS:** Stevenson looks very formidable.

Ply. Canton (3-6) at Ypsilanti (6-3): Ypsi, coached by Dan Brown, moves up to the Mega-Red this season after being in the Mega-White. Canton, which severed its ties with perennial playoff foe Monroe in the season opener, is coming off a 26-25 win in the 1998 season finale over rival Plymouth Salem. Can the momentum continue for second-year coach Tim Baechler? **PICKS:** Canton has the edge.

Pt. Huron Northern (5-4) at Ply. Salem (4-5): No more Belleville on the season card for Rocks coach Tom Moshimer, who was a big proponent of the newly expanded playoff system. Port Huron Northern won its last five games of 1998 after losing its first four. Defensive end Duke Campbell came back to catch up with the defense. **PICKS:** Despite heavy construction zones, the trip is well worth it for Northern.

Novi (5-4) at Farmington (6-3): New lights, high expectations and a quality opponent are staring in the face of the host Falcons, who are expected to challenge for the Lakes Division title in the WLA. Novi won't be a pushover. The Wildcats have a talented split end in 6-2, 195-pound Pat Muston, who averaged 21 yards per catch, along with quarterback Mitch Maier. Novi won last year's matchup, 38-7, but had to give back the win after using an ineligible player. **PICKS:** Farmington doesn't disappoint the home fans.

Roseville (1-8) at N. Farmington (1-8): The Raiders will also go under the home lights for the first time. Their only victory was a forfeit win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's (actually a 42-0 loss at the Pontiac Silverdome). Roseville is led by 6-1, 175-pound quarterback/free safety Kevin McClelland, along with linebackers Eric Fox and Steve Gatto. They will also install a new 4-3 defense against the Raiders, who will use a variation of the Wing-T. **PICKS:** Roseville is slightly better.

Oxford (9-3) at F.H. Harrison (13-0): The Hawks were the superior team last year, beating Oxford twice — 48-0 in the season opener and 48-7 in the state semifinals. Oxford is led by one of the top linemen in the state, 6-4, 261-pound two-way tackle Eric Ghiacuc, who is high on the lists of Michigan and Michigan State. He was also a runner-up in the Division II state wrestling tournament as a heavyweight. Brian Nelson is the only returning starter for the Hawks, but watch out for speedy running back Kevin Woods who gained half of his 907 yards in the state playoffs. **PICKS:** Harrison still has Oxford's number.

Harper Woods (8-2) at Clarenceville (7-3): This is a big game in the Metro Conference. Both made the playoffs a year ago. Harper Woods has gone four straight times, but lost to Unionville-Sebewaing in the first round last year, 50-0, in Class C. Clarenceville will miss all-time leading rusher Walter Ragland, but new coach Greg Hudkins has a pair of gems in Scott Wion and Tim Shaw. Harper Woods beat Clarenceville in last year's matchup, 35-6. **PICKS:** Harper Woods establishes itself.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Wyan. Mt. Carmel (3-6) at Luth. Westland (0-9): Mount Carmel did not fare well in the Catholic League's D Section, while Lutheran Westland went winless in 1998. Coach Gary Kamin has a thin roster, but returnees Josh Moldenhauer, Charlie Hoefft and Andy Moldenhauer give the Warriors some offensive punch. **PICKS:** Mount Carmel spoils the Warriors' opener.

St. Agatha (7-3) vs. Carsonville-Port Sanilac (0-7): The Aggies reached the playoffs a year ago only to lose to Peck, 28-14. Dan Boulter, a 6-3, 180-pound sophomore, will be the key whether he's at quarterback or running back. Port Sanilac, trying to revamp its program, scored only three touchdowns all of 1998. **PICKS:** The Aggies are off and running.

Redford CC (12-0) vs. A.A. Pioneer (6-3), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: No more Rogowski, Lusky, Brzezinski, so what's a coach like Tom Mach to do? Don't worry, the Shamrocks have 69 varsity players and some veterans to build another strong nucleus around including Mike Morris, John Kava, Matt Loidas, Steve Dominguez and Jeremiah Hicks. Pioneer, which returns 15 starters, won its last six games of 1998 and should be a playoff contender. Running back Steve Shipman (6-1, 195) could be one of Washtenaw County's best. **PICKS:** CC shows the Lions how to perform at the Silverdome.

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Shamrocks seeking a reversal in fortune for the 1999 season

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Redford Catholic Central senior Pat Griffin is an underrating soccer player, even though he's barely tall enough to get on all the rides at Cedar Point.

Griffin is the Shamrocks' top returnee, a midfielder who has started on the CC varsity since his freshman year.

Griffin scored seven goals a year ago and with the graduation of first-team All-Observer choice Kevin Graft and Andrew Kogut in the midfield, his leadership will be key. The Shamrocks also lost defender Gavin Walsh to graduation.

"Pat's just got talent, vision, speed, quickness, and he's really upped his game," said CC fourth-year coach Dana Orsucci, awed by the size of Griffin's heart. "I'm only 6-foot-7 and he doesn't come anywhere near (as tall) as me. He's going to be kind of the quarterback of the team."

The Shamrocks finished the 1998 season at 7-9-1 overall, the first losing campaign under Orsucci. The season ended with a double overtime loss to Livonia Churchill in the Division I district.

Orsucci said the leadership on this year's team stands out as much as the talent.

"A lot of good players are willing to fill in roles, step up and play positions they might not play on their club team," Orsucci said. "We have a lot of seniors and juniors on the team and we approach it with a very business like attitude. So far, they're working hard and the attitudes are good."

Orsucci expects the Catholic League Central Division, which features perennial state power Warren DeLaSalle, along with formidable teams Birmingham Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit, to be strong again.

"We're just looking to bounce back from a pretty mediocre season we had last year," Orsucci said. "We learned a lot from last year and hopefully we can correct the mistakes. DeLaSalle, every year, is a top five team and Rice flirts with

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the top 10 every year, and then there's U-D. You play all three teams twice, they are just wars with them every time. We'll take it day-by-day, game-by-game, and hope we stay healthy."

Griffin should have a big target to push the ball to this year in senior Ken Toporek, who has moved to forward from marking back.

"He's about 6-1 and built like a rock," Orsucci said. "He has unbelievable speed and can cause some damage to the opposing defense."

Junior Chris Azanger is another candidate to play forward. Azanger played as a freshman in the CC program before moving with his family to Europe last year and then returning.

Senior Josh Brooks will split time at midfield and forward and senior midfielder Sean Lanigan will be an asset on 50-50 balls.

"He's in charge of winning all the balls in the air and on the ground," Orsucci said.

Senior Chris Podolak has good speed on the outside as a midfielder, Orsucci said.

"He's a natural left-footer with good vision," Orsucci said.

The defense will be anchored by returning starters Nick Show and Jason Waterstradt, both seniors. Waterstradt doesn't mind the non-glamorous duties.

"You give him a job and he does it," Orsucci said.

Junior Pat Hayes played most of last year on the junior varsity before being called up to the varsity late in the year. Junior Brian Hagan also will push for time as a defender.

Junior Eric Sullivan returns as the Shamrocks' starting goalkeeper. He's backed up by sophomore Ryan Koet.

"Eric trained extremely hard in the off-season, he's as fit as can be and feeling confident," Orsucci said.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, first season.
Last year's overall record: 11-6-3.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday at home vs. Novi.

Notable losses to graduation: George Kithas (first-team All-Area forward); Mark Sicilia (first-team All-Area midfielder); Ken Kozlow, Steve Kleczynski, Mike Koivunen, Scott Smith and Rob Sharp.

Leading returnees: Tim Kaminski, Sr. C-MF; Shaun Murray, Sr. F; Paul Karolak, Sr. F-MF; Eric Scott, Jr. Def-MF; Aaron Vik, Sr. F; Brian Druchniak, Sr. GK; Alan DeLoye, Sr. Def; Lonik Abdullai, Jr. MF; Dave Campbell, Sr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Brian Emrick, Jr. Def.; Ricky Strain, Sr. Def.; Justin Parzuchowski, Sr. Def.; Jamie Shooks, Jr. MF.

Friedrichs' '99 outlook: "At the start of the season, one of the hardest schedules I've seen. Start to play as a team. We're going to try to keep it simple. Schedule help benefit us in the long haul. Play as hard as we possibly can and play it simple."

"We lost 40 goals that we don't have from last year. We plenty of people who can put the ball in the net. Depends who wants to step up."

"We have two goalkeepers. Senior Brian Druchniak is the starter. He looks good and is working extremely hard. Dan Jetke, a sophomore, is a backup right now. He will push Brian."

"This season going to be a learning experience. I'm a first-year coach. A new program. My main concern is to get better throughout the year. Get 11 players out there to work as hard as they can, and get shots to give them a boost."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dave Hebestreit, fifth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-11-2.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Season opener: 2 p.m. Friday vs. Birmingham Seaholm in Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day Invitational.

Notable losses to graduation: Bill Fischer (first-team All-Area defender); Fernando Cazares, Dave Moldovan, Cory Harris, Cliff Bracey.

Leading returnees: Ross Bohler, Sr. MF (All-Western Division); Ryan Kracht, Sr. Def.; Bryan Nakonezny, Jr. MF; Mike Vega, Jr. MF; Ken Douglass, Jr. Def.; Jeremy Bruckner, Jr. GK; Dan Cochran, Jr. GK; John Nettles, Soph. Def.; Andy Siefert, Soph. MF.

Promising newcomers: Mark Ashman, Jr. F; Brad Guzman, Jr. F; Jake Horgan, Soph. F; Mart Austin, Soph. F; Jeremy Horgan, Jr. MF; Dan Gill, Jr. Def.; Chris Klotz, Soph. Def.

Hebestreit's '99 outlook: "I'm looking forward to the season. We may lack some goal scoring, but we have a great set of midfielders in Vega, Bohler, Siefert and Horgan. Kracht could move up and play a defensive midfielder."

"Our goal is to play a 3-5-2 and beat the other teams in the midfield. We'll play ball control at midfield and build out of the back. There won't be any kickball."

"Vega and Kracht are our captains."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Lars Richters, second season.

LAST YEAR'S OVERALL RECORD: 17-2

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 11:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy.

Titles won last year: Western Lakes champions, Division I district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Sergio Mainella (first-team All-Area midfielder); Joe Suchara (first-team All-Area goalkeeper); Jon Mathis (second-team All-Area defender); Adam Coulter, Tony Maldonado, Jeremy Hornak.

Leading returnees: Tom Eller, Sr. F (first-team All-Area); Jeff Budd, Sr. Def.; Mike White, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Tommaso Mainella, Sr. MF; Joe Zawacki, Sr. GK; Nick Ziobron, Sr. F; Nick Soper, Sr. MF (broke leg in WLAA championship game).

Promising newcomers: Matt Koontz, Jr. Def.; Ryan Driest, Soph. F; T.J. Djokic, Soph. MF.

Richters' '99 outlook: "Zawacki wouldn't trade him for anybody. He's the Midwest Olympic Development Player for the '82 year. Last year he just got caught playing behind another good goalie in Suchara."

"Mainella is underrated. Season I'm very excited about. I think we have a good team on paper, but as you know in high school soccer that doesn't mean anything. We have a good senior class and I hope they can show good leadership and determination to have a good year."

"Last year you don't remember the wins and that we were ranked No. 1, but Canton (regional) game (2-1 loss), foremost in minds. We have to stay humble and go about our business."

"Eller is starting his fourth year on the varsity. Budd has been starter since end of his freshman year."

"Anytime you have a new season, you need new people jump to next level. We have to be unselfish and stay focused on what we're going to do."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fifth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-8-3.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Friday vs. Redford Thurston at Bell Creek Park.

Notable losses to graduation: John Sterling (second-team All-Area forward); Justin Ballard, Kevin Derwich.

Leading returnees: Jeff Ruppel, Sr. C-MF; Derek Gismond, Jr. MF; Corey Dahn, Jr. Sweeper MF; Jeff Shelby, Sr. F; Matt Trussler.

Sr. F; Nick Shorlian, Sr. F; Nick Bork, Sr. F; GK.

Promising newcomers: Casey Dahn, Jr. Def.

Poniatowski's '99 outlook: "We'll play a couple of goalkeepers Friday to see how we look. Bork will play somewhere. He's really fast and good with the shot, but he also has great hands."

"Shelby was our number two goal scorer, so I think he'll do job for us. He's stronger and faster."

"My biggest concern is getting people in right positions. We're moving people around a little bit. People won't be locked into positions this year. Maybe we'll be better on counter attack."

"We don't have a lot of depth, so we have to keep down injuries. Last year we had 14 guys who had injuries."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Rich Block, ninth season.
Last year's overall record: 13-4-2.

Titles won last year: Division IV district champions.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at home vs. Southfield Christian.

Losses to graduation: Mike Randall (first-team Division IV All-State); Ryan Ollinger (C-MF, running track at Michigan State); Clint Gowen (C-MF); Adam Voigt (MF); Brian Rose (D).

Leading returnees: Andrew Giesman, Sr. GK (first team All-State, Division IV); Jason Davis, Sr. S; Ryan Noel, Sr. MB; Brian Woehlke, Jr. Stopper; Ernie Sackler, Jr. MF; John DeVries, Soph. MF; Justin Combs, Soph. MF; Brad Nulair, Jr. MF; Derek Bias, Jr. F; Jeff Broge, Soph. F.

Promising newcomer: Steve Richert, Jr. FB.
Block's '99 outlook: "Last year was a breakthrough season for us in a way, because we ended up second in our conference."

"Our only two losses were to Lutheran North, 1-0 both times. We would like to continue to do well in our conference."

"A key for us will be regrouping after losing five seniors. We believe we have the talent to be just as competitive as we were last year."

"We're going to need some games. We have some people at new positions that they have played in the past. So we need some time together."

"One thing we would like to improve is the ability to control time and space a little bit. If we can do that, we should be able to build on what we did last year."

"We open with Southfield Christian, to whom we lost, 1-0, a year ago."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Jay Kempf, first season.
Last year's overall record: No team last season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Association.

Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Southgate Aquinas.

Leading returnees: Jeremy Husby, Alan Kleinke, Rene Arnel, Gretchen Grosinske, Sean Staley.

Kempf's '99 outlook: "We have five seniors, a junior and one sophomore. We've got some real good senior leadership, so I think they're going to bring the (six) freshmen along quite well."

"Last year we just didn't have enough people to have a team. And we didn't have any one to coach. But our freshman class has gone from 10 to 27, so we have a larger student body."

"We're able to do it again. Two years ago we had a team, so our seniors are the only ones who have any high school experience."

"We're getting in shape right now. We're learning as we go. It's an entirely new experience for me, too. I've coached grade school basketball, but that's about it."

"I can't tell you what to expect. I have no idea."

"But I'm real happy with the way the team is working together. It's a good atmosphere; there's a good worth ethic. They seem to be able to communicate well. That should serve us well."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Dana Orsucci, fourth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-9-1.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Season opener: 1 p.m. Saturday at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Graft (first-team All-Area midfielder); Gavin Walsh and Andrew Kogut.

Leading returnees: Pat Griffin, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Eric Sullivan, Jr. GK; Ken Toporek, Sr. F; Sean Lanigan, Sr. MF; Chris Podolak, Sr. MF; Nick Shaw, Sr. Def.; Jason Waterstradt, Sr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Koet, Soph. GK; Pat Hayes, Jr. MF; Brian Hagan, Jr. Def.; Chris Azanger, Jr. F.

Orsucci's '99 outlook: "We're just looking to bounce back from pretty mediocre season we had last year 7-9-1 record last year."

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Holmes, Volpe help Daly to a strong finish

Daly Restaurant of Livonia, a perennial area powerhouse in women's fastpitch softball, recently returned from Springfield, Mo., where they finished fourth in the ASA Class A Nationals with a 6-2 record.

Four Daly players earned ASA Women's All-America honors.

Third baseman Dawn Thompson, a four-year player at Central Michigan University, earned first-team honors, while former University of Michigan pitcher Kelly Holmes (Plymouth Canton) and U-M freshman and All-Big Ten catcher Stephanie Volpe

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(Plymouth Salem) were named to the second team along with first baseman Julie Liljeberg (Western Michigan).

Daly lost its first game in the double-elimination tournament to Minnesota in a rain-delayed game, 4-2, but battled back to win six straight before losing to state nemesis K.A.M. of Portage, 2-0.

Facing elimination in the second round, Daly fell behind 3-0

to the Vipers of Wyncote, Pa. (Bucknell University) before rallying for a 4-3 triumph in the bottom of the seventh.

Kelly Thayer led off the inning with a bunt single. Chrissy Garza (Southgate Anderson) then laid down a sacrifice bunt. When Thayer made a large turn at second, she drew a wild throw and scored the winning run with a close play at the plate.

After an early innings scare, Holmes pitched a one-hit shutout the rest of the way as Daly averted going 0-2 for the first time ever in its 33-year history of going to the nationals. (Daly's lowest finish ever at the Nationals was 24th at Phoenix,

Ariz. in 1990.)

Daly made it two straight with a 13-2 win over the New Jersey Divas as Tracy Carr, former Michigan third baseman, and Liljeberg each collected three hits.

Thompson also connected for an inside-the-park homer on a diamond that was using 250-foot fences.

Concordia College pitcher Carrie Knight (Lincoln Park) tossed a three-hitter as Daly downed Capital Credit Union of Wisconsin.

Holmes followed with a four-hit, 3-0 shutout of Great Lakes Regional powerhouse Green and Gold Concrete of Green Bay,

Wis. (last year's fourth-place finisher).

With Tina Kinney (CMU) on the mound, Daly outcame the hard-hitting Patriot Yuengling A's of Pottsville, Pa., 6-4. Karman Lappo (Michigan) unleashed a key two-run double to give Daly a 6-4 advantage, but the A's cut it to two on Lorie Erie's sixth-inning two-run homer.

Florida Sun Sox of Winter Haven became Daly's next victim as Holmes, an All-Big hurler who led Michigan to the 1997 College World Series, tossed another shutout, 4-0.

Daly scored two runs in the third on consecutive hits by

Monday Lebron (Yale University), Thayer (Walled Lake Central) and Garza (Michigan). Thompson contributed a two-run triple.

The Southern California League, led tournament MVP Tarrah Beyster, a first baseman, and shortstop Christa Saindon, the batting champion with a .525 average, won the tournament for the second straight year with a 6-0 record.

Daly, coached by Bob Thompson, played a limited summer schedule this year, going 15-6 in three tournaments (including the nationals).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 27

East Catholic at Borgess, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Det. 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 p.m.
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

Mt. Carmel at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.
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.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 27

Thurston vs. John Glenn at Bell Creek Park, 5:30 p.m.
Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Country Day vs. Edsel Ford, 10 a.m.
Farmington vs. Groves, noon.
Seaholm vs. Franklin, 2 p.m.
Northville vs. Mt. Clemens, 4 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.
(Balscon Tournament at CEP)
Portage Central vs. Canton, 10 a.m.
Troy Athens vs. Salem, 10 a.m.
Consolation game, 1 p.m.
Championship final, 2:30 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Losers bracket, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Winners bracket, noon & 1:30 p.m.
7th & 5th place, 3 & 4:30 p.m.
Consolation final, 6 p.m.
Championship final, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 28

Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (Ill.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.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

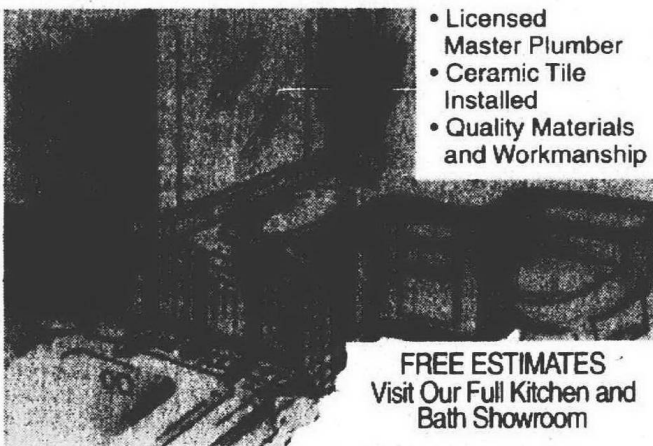
Schoolcraft at Kellogg Tourney, TBA.
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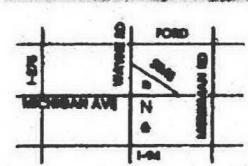
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Twisters' streak ends with loss to the Steelmen

The Wayne County Twisters fell Saturday to the host Lorain (Ohio) Steelmen, 10-0, in a Northern Division matchup in the Lake Shore Football League.

The loss drops to the Twisters to 4-1 on the season.

Through three quarters it was a scoreless deadlock as the

FOOTBALL

Twisters' defense held the Steelmen in check with three quarterback sacks, two interceptions and forcing five punts. The Steelmen ran just 33 plays during the

first 52 minutes, but scored with eight minutes remaining on a 56-yard TD pass as defensive back Ron Andrews (Ypsilanti) lost his footing during his coverage.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Twisters' Billy Starr fumbled at his own 27 on a play that the

Wayne County coaching staff protested. The Steelmen then iced it with a 47-yard field goal.

The Twisters, who lead the Northern Division, host the Lima (Ohio) Thunder at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Academy of Detroit (old Inkster Cherry Hill High School).

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T.N.U.S.A. members will assist hunters in preparing equipment for the upcoming archery season from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Livonia Archery Range. Reservations are required and there is a nominal fee. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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.

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.

GOOSE

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.

RABBIT

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 Lodbell 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

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.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering a hunter education class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Sheldon Senior Citizen Center. Class fee is \$10 and advanced registration is required. Class size is limited. Call (734) 466-2410 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 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

FLY FISHING SEMINAR

Gander Mountain will host a "Meet the Pro" seminar with guest speaker Craig Harris, president of C.A. Harris Company, maker of the Solitude reel, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at its Utica store. Call (810) 247-9900 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 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 (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS

Pretty DWCM, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

FINISHING GRADUATE SCHOOL. Very outgoing, family-oriented SWCF, 26, 5'7", who enjoys sports, the beach, and movies, would like to meet a sincere, confident SWM, 26-33, for friendship first and possible relationship. Ad# 2232

BORN-AGAIN

This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

A RARE FIND

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

VIVACIOUS

Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

A RARE FIND

Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

DEDICATED

She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad# 1980

HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

JUST ONE CALL

Picnic with this educated, churchgoing SBF, 35, who enjoys walks in the park, movies, and spending time with her son. If you're a sociable, humorous SBM, pack your basket and give her a call. Ad# 1234

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Upbeat, Catholic DWP mom, 47, 5'9", is seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-50, who likes children, for friendship first. Her interests include camping, water sports, hiking, the theater and much more. Ad# 6666

HEAVEN SENT

This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

SHARE MY FAITH

This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

STILL SEARCHING

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad# 4444

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

UPLIFTING

Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, 5'4", who enjoys long walks, dancing and more, would like to meet a SWM, 46-56, with similar interests. Ad# 5614

SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

IS IT FATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad# 1212

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD

This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad# 4488

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

FRESH START

Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

NEW TO THE AREA

Sweet DWCF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1531

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad# 1203

UNTIL NOW

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2451

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Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad# 2041

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

ALWAYS & FOREVER

This friendly, attractive SBCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., who enjoys a variety of interests, is looking for a fun-loving SCF, 25-37, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 8787

PUTS GOD FIRST

This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad# 6667

IT'S FATE

Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

SEARCHING

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad# 6900



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POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

IRRESTIBLE

Kind DBF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad# 2468

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with bluish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad# 6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWCM mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad# 1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad# 4734

DOWN-TO-EARTH

He's a friendly DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who is seeking a SWF, 35-47, to enjoy bowling, golfing, and much more together. Ad# 6569

WANT TO HEAR MORE? CALL

Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad# 4523

A REAL TRUE HEART

This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1514

HEAVEN SENT

Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad# 4324

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS

Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad# 5150

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad# 6211

HAVE YOU SEEN...

My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2727

ONLY THE BEST

Educated WWM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad# 9876

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HONESTY COUNTS

Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sports, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4123

CALL ME SOON

This friendly DWCM, 52, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and bowling, would like to share companionship and good times with a SWF, who can appreciate a wonderful guy who knows how to treat a lady. Ad# 8267

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580

FAITH & DEVOTION

Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad# 1111

HONESTY COUNTS

Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad# 4141

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

JUST YOU AND I

Considerate SWCM, 36, 6'3", who enjoys working out, has his heart set on finding that one special lady, a sweet, sincere SWCF, 28-38, to share interests, friendship and a possible LTR. Ad# 2739

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theater and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad# 1414

HE COULD BE THE ONE

Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad# 2015

HOPES & DREAMS

Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad# 2222

PATIENTLY WAITING

He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 36, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad# 7000

INSIGHTFUL

This friendly, intelligent SWM, 65, 5'10", 185lbs., who enjoys a variety of interests, is looking to meet a SWF, 55-62, with similar qualities. Ad# 1933

GET IN STEP

If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad# 4163

ONE OF A KIND

Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecues, candlelit dinners, cedar point and camping, seeks LTR with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad# 5858

WILD DOWNHILL SKIER

Handsome SWPCM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

DESTINY

Outgoing, self-employed SWM, 38, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys hockey, working out and the outdoors, is seeking an open-minded SWF, 28-38, who is willing to try new things. Ad# 1999

OPEN ARMS

Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 19-43. Children welcome. Ad# 3884

CONFIDENT

Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1201

SETTLE DOWN

Personable SWJPM, 52, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWJF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad# 4567

HEART-TO-HEART

Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad# 4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

ARE YOU MY LADY?

DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

NEW IN TOWN

Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DW dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

NEVER-MARRIED

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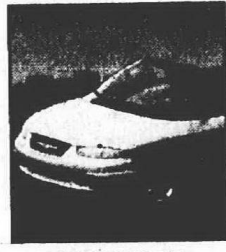
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Peter, Paul & Mary perform 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$32.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn, call (248) 645-6666.

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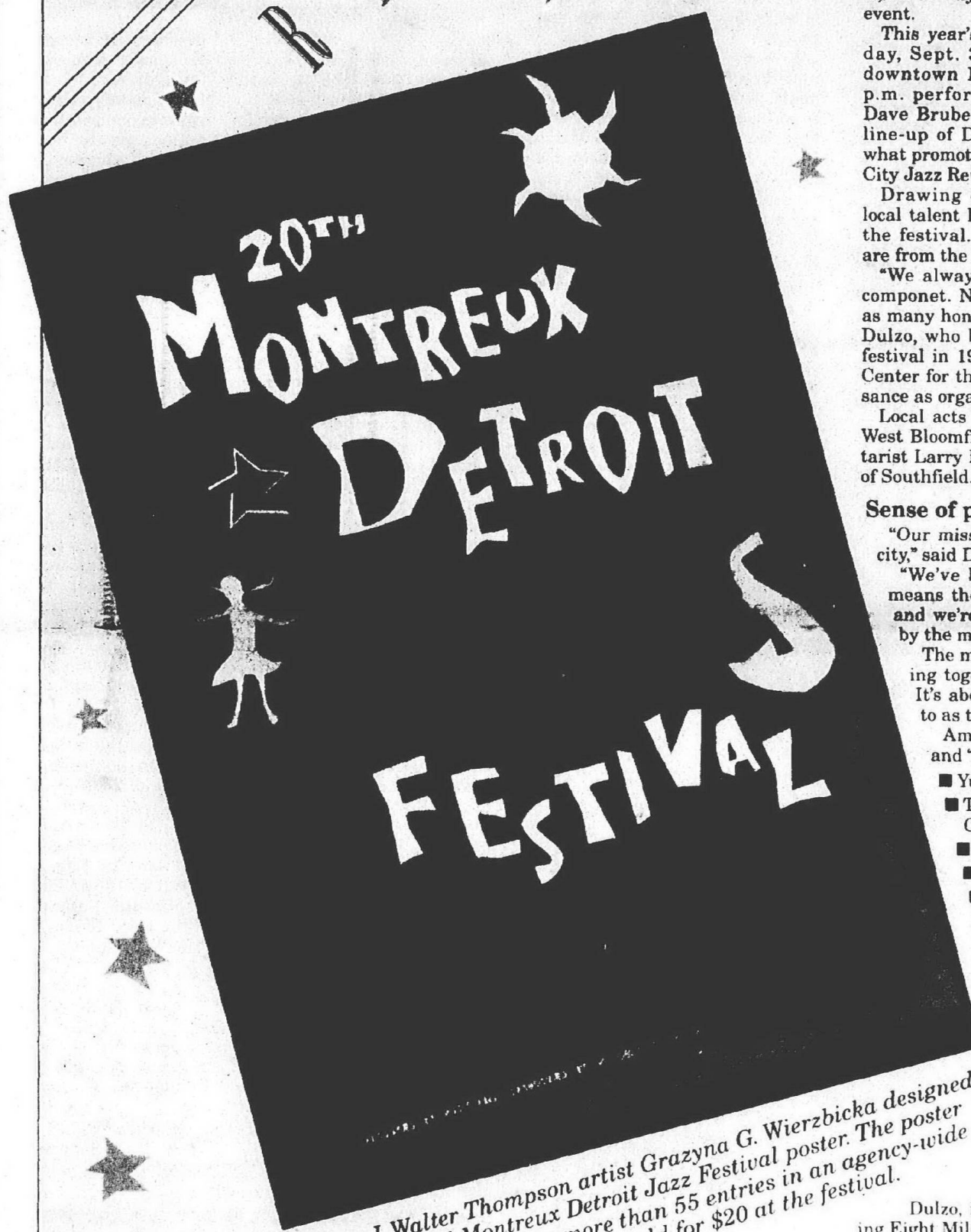
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Hot Tix: Little Eva brings her "loco-motion" to the St. Mary's Preparatory campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads in Orchard Lake for a "Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 26-29. Festival opens 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon Saturday-Sunday. Little Eva and Dickey Lee begin performing 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 683-0530.

MOTOR CITY JAZZ REUNION



Poster: J. Walter Thompson artist Grazyna G. Wierzbicka designed this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival poster. The poster design was selected from more than 55 entries in an agency-wide competition. The poster will be sold for \$20 at the festival.

Montreux celebrates two decades of musical diversity

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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At the inaugural Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival in 1979 — a transitory time from disco to punk and new wave — the concern among organizers wasn't just whether there was widespread appeal for jazz, but if people would cross Eight Mile Road, and find their way to the Detroit riverfront.

The millions who have attended Montreux over the years and listened to legendary jazz artists such as Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie among others probably realized that boundaries are self-imposed.

Now in its 20th year, Montreux has contributed to rehabilitating the image of downtown Detroit as much as any other annual cultural event.

This year's festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6 at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit features an 8 p.m. performance on Sept. 6 by Dave Brubeck, and an impressive line-up of Detroit jazz alumni in what promoters are calling a "Motor City Jazz Reunion."

Drawing on international and local talent has been a hallmark of the festival. More than 40 groups are from the immediate area.

"We always have a strong, local component. No other festival books as many home-grown acts," said Jim Dulzo, who became director of the festival in 1994 when Musical Hall Center for the Performing Arts took over from Detroit Renaissance as organizer of Montreux.

Local acts include the fusion music of Original Moon from West Bloomfield, singer Sheila Landis of Rochester Hills, guitarist Larry Nozero of Novi, and Ed Nuccilli and his Big Band of Southfield.

Sense of place

"Our mission was to create a great cultural event for the city," said Dulzo.

"We've been around for a generation," he said. "That means there are now people who are bringing their kids, and we're increasing the number of people being reached by the music and the message."

The message, according to Dulzo, is not only about coming together across racial, ethnic and class boundaries. It's about celebrating the uniqueness of what he refers to as the "Detroit attitude."

Among the notable performers with Detroit roots and "attitude" are:

- Yusef Lateef & Eternal Wind
- The Elvin Jones (who played drums for John Coltrane) Jazz Machine
- The Charles McPherson Quartet
- The Tommy Flanagan Trio
- The Bob James Quartet with Alexander Zonjic
- The Kenny Garrett Quartet.

A special tribute to Marcus Belgrave will also feature Garret, Geri Allen and Bob Hurst.

Perhaps more than any other musical style, jazz creates a sense of place and mood. In a town whereby home-grown music is usually associated with either the legendary Motown sound or rock, a question begs to be asked: "Is there a particular Detroit sound?"

"It's not necessarily a sound, but an attitude," said Dulzo.

"Detroit musicians play hard, that's their reputation."

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Montreux, said Dulzo, is that people no longer think twice about crossing Eight Mile Road and heading to the riverfront.

"We've found a way to bring the community together and celebrate our musical legacy."

See festival entertainment schedule highlights inside.

FESTIVAL

Arts, Beats, Eats draws new local talent

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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For Skeeto Valdez, playing the Arts, Beats and Eats festival in downtown Pontiac will be a special sort of homecoming.

While his band, King Konga, is based in southern Mississippi, Valdez was born and raised in Detroit. He has been living in Redford for about four years and commutes to King Konga shows across the country.

"This is my stomping grounds," he said. "I'd like to play this area a little more."

Valdez joined King Konga just over one year ago. Band members found him through an Internet search after he won a drum contest in the Detroit area. For those who will get their first taste of King Konga at the festival, Valdez describes its sound as world music. A musician who has

WHAT: Arts, Beats & Eats — A celebration of art, music and humanity
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5;
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Downtown Pontiac
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been playing drums for nearly 20 years, he joined the band because it offered him an opportunity to cover broad musical ground. The band has been compared to a variety of musical acts, from Dave Matthews Band to Hootie and the Blowfish.

Arts, Beats and Eats may be the first festival King Konga will play in the metro area, but it certainly isn't the largest. The band was recently asked to perform at Woodstock. Still recuperating from the energy and overall experience, Valdez said he's

ready to hit the stage again 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 on the Pepsi Stage.

Playing festivals differs from regular shows, he said, because the sense of intimacy at a club gig is lost. "At a festival you have a lot more space," he said. "You have to try to project the musical vibe out to reach people. We try to touch them with what we do."

Another band likely to reach out through their music at Arts, Beats and Eats — Knee Deep Shag — will perform 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 on the Pepsi Stage. Drummer Jeff Moehle, whose family lives in Troy, said the band's presence was personally requested at this year's festival. Taking time between recording another CD — which is due in November — and performing regularly, Knee Deep Shag agreed.



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Rick Matle and Sheila Landis

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"We got involved with the festival through our association with the Detroit Music Awards," he said. "After winning 'Outstanding Urban Artist' this year we've received more attention from the Detroit area, which we're very happy about. I think that got the attention of the festival organizer who then set it up with our booking agent."

Moehle said the band does make considerations when performing in a festival environment.

"Generally, playing a festival means playing a shorter set," he said. "When we do this we tend to add more up-tempo tunes to help get the crowd into what we're doing...We might even throw a cover song into the set so that new people will have something they recognize."

Chances are Detroit-area club-hoppers will recognize more than just a cover song. Knee Deep Shag performs regularly at the Magic Bag in Ferndale and The Alley in Rochester. This is the band's first experience with Arts, Beats and Eats.

"We were not involved last year although I heard a lot about it," said Moehle. "We were very glad when we were asked to do it this year."

A Pontiac native, Moehle said the festival is just one example of the change that's occurred in the city over the past eight years.

"I used to work at Church's Lumber right downtown when I was in high school and that area was not nearly as nice as it is now," he said. "When I came back to play shows in Pontiac after moving to Kalamazoo I was floored by the drastic 180 (degree change). Now they have art museums, coffee houses, nice

restaurants, even Nick's looks great. I think this festival is a great opportunity to keep the city moving in a positive direction."

Sheila Landis has also noticed the boom in downtown Pontiac. A jazz vocalist and Rochester Hills resident, she's performed at several spots in the area, including Bo's Brewery, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, and Gargoyles Coffeehouse. At 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Landis will be performing on the Heineken Stage as part of a trio at Arts, Beats and Eats. She couldn't be more excited.

"I love festivals," she said. "They are really exciting. All eyes are on you. You can really do your best. There's a wonderful vibe in the air."

Contributing to that vibe Landis, along with her guitarist Rick Matle and drummer Jason "Bo Bo" Gittinger, will appeal to a festival crowd filled with people of all ages. She described the music as a combination of genres; from samba to swing, from blues to improvisational jazz set to poetry.

"There's more variety in one set," said Landis. "We'll turn amazing corners. It keeps us all interested. It keeps the audience on their toes...We really like keeping a wide repertoire."

Like the other entertainers on the extensive line-up this year, Landis is hoping for favorable weather and crowds of people. She said she'd like to see similar festivals in other cities.

"It brings people together and it's good for the arts," said Landis. "I'm hoping a lot of people come out and support the festival. We're certainly glad to be part of it."

Entertainers enjoy interacting with kids

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Marc Thomas has released three children's albums, but when kids see him around town, they instantly remember him as "that moose guy."

Known best for his live ventriloquist performances starring "Max the Moose," Thomas is one of the performers who will provide family-style entertainment on the Kids' Stage at Arts, Beats and Eats in Pontiac.

"The key thing is the puppet, Max the Moose," said Thomas, a Farmington resident. "That's how people know me. I play guitar and sing. It's a really interactive kids show."

Thomas will have little ones joining him on stage, playing instruments and participating from their seats during the festival. He welcomes everyone to sing along, and laugh along, with Max. Thomas, who performed last summer at the first-ever Arts, Beats and Eats festival, said he was amazed at how organized it was. He's ready for more fun this year.

Another performer returning to the festival stage, Donna Novack, said she hopes the event is as good this year as it was last year.

Novack, a Ypsilanti resident and member of the duo Harpbeat, promised an interactive experience for youngsters. Harpbeat, which also features Maria Flurry, uses percussion and a harp to create music from around the world to teach audiences about foreign cultures. The show in Pontiac will differ from programs Harpbeat does in area



You know the Moose: Marc Thomas, who's known for his act which includes Max the Moose, will be performing Friday — Monday, Sept. 3—6 on the Kids' Stage for Arts, Beats and Eats. Check www.arts-beatseats.com or call (248) 975-8850 for specific times.

schools.

"In a festival environment, you need to do more of a concert," said Novack. "Sometimes you don't have the same audience for the entire show."

Paula Kreuter, owner of Performing Artists Management in Troy, is responsible for organizing entertainers like Novack and Thomas and all of the acts at Arts, Beats and Eats. She

describes the performers as "gentle spirits," who are all dedicated to children.

"What we're doing, we're making the time shorter but the options greater," she said. "Last year, shows were 45 minutes...We've made the shows 30 minutes so (families) can catch music, magic and juggling."

All the performers are from Michigan, said Kreuter. She said

children and parents will recognize these acts from last year, as well as from programs held within elementary schools around Oakland County.

Kreuter is hoping to surpass last year's phenomenal turnout. The children's tent, located at the Saginaw Street parking lot, will hold 200 people at a time. She describes the shows as "family entertainment for all ages."

ARTS, EATS & BEATS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Arts, Eats & Beats Entertainment Schedule On the Kmart Stage Friday, Sept. 3

5 p.m. Twisting Tarantulas
6:30 p.m. Hemigod
7 p.m. Citizen King
8 p.m. To Be Announced
9:45 p.m. The Verve Pipe
Saturday, Sept. 4
6 p.m. The Average White

Band Rhythm & Blues/Jazz

8 p.m. Atlantic Starr
9:45 p.m. Jeffrey Osborne
Sunday, Sept. 5
5 p.m. Stewart Francke
6 p.m. Eddie Money
8 p.m. SpRIng
9 p.m. Beth Hart
9:45 p.m. Edwan McCain
Monday, Sept. 6
3 p.m. LeeAnn Womack

4:45 p.m. Steve Earl

6 p.m. Deanna Carter
On the Pepsi Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
12 p.m. Alison Lewis Band
1 p.m. Ruby Moon
2 p.m. Quasar Wut-Wut
3 p.m. Rooster
4 p.m. Woodward Players
5 p.m. Eliza
6 p.m. Knee Deep Shag

7 p.m. Teddy Richards

8 p.m. Robb Roy
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. Wally Pleasant
1 p.m. Ghetto Billies
2 p.m. Roxanne
3 p.m. Park
4 p.m. Austin
5 p.m. Kung Fu Diesel
6 p.m. Reeferman
7 p.m. King Konga
8 p.m. Howling Diablos
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Jan Krist
1 p.m. Danny Cox
2 p.m. Civilians
3 p.m. Give
4 p.m. Dung Beatles
5 p.m. Surfin Pluto
6 p.m. Vudu Hippies
7 p.m. Psyfunk
8 p.m. Rev. Right Time & the 1st Cuzins of Funk
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. 60 Second Crush
1 p.m. Nailing Betty
2 p.m. Callin Marvin
3 p.m. Michael King Band
4 p.m. Jill Jack
5 p.m. Broken Toys
6 p.m. GRR

On the Heineken Stage Friday, Sept. 3

1 p.m. Robert Jones
2 p.m. Warren Commission
3 p.m. Groove With It
4 p.m. Last Call
5 p.m. Sean Blackman and John Arnold
6 p.m. David Myles

7 p.m. Jazzhead

8 p.m. Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. The G.A.N.G. Choir
1 p.m. Charles Anthony & Friends
2 p.m. Ricky Lentz
3 p.m. Quincy Stewart Quartet
4 p.m. Sheila Landis Trio
5 p.m. Bluecat featuring Nikki James
6 p.m. Lisa Cunningham & 7th Heaven
8 p.m. Kimmie Horne
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Daniel Carthane
1 p.m. Rev. Marc Falconberry
2 p.m. Buster's Blues Band
3 p.m. Bonne Temps Roule
4 p.m. Johnnie Bassist & The Blues Insurgents
5 p.m. Thornetta Davis
6 p.m. Alberta Adams
7 p.m. The Edge
8 p.m. Alexander Zonjic
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. Jo Serrapere & Her Hot Tail Section
1 p.m. Kogs Kats
2 p.m. Woody Washington
3 p.m. Janice Keegin
4 p.m. Kristen Sayer Band
5 p.m. Charles & Gwen Scales
6 p.m. Straight Ahead
On the Dodge Americana Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
12 p.m. Tangerine Trousers
1 p.m. MacAoidh

2 p.m. International Dance

3 p.m. 47 Uma
4 p.m. Krystyn Smyth & Blackstone
5 p.m. Teen Angels
6 p.m. The Articles
7 p.m. Blue Moon Boys
8 p.m. Orchestra Fuago
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. VisionEar
1 p.m. Diamond Back
2 p.m. Dance
3 p.m. Just for Kicks Dancers
4 p.m. Wild Woody's
5 p.m. Stephen Grant Wood
6 p.m. Superdot
7 p.m. Felix and the Buzzcats
8 p.m. O.C. Roberts
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Dame Maria Del Carmen
1 p.m. Jeff and the Atlantics featuring Gino Washington
2 p.m. Dance Group
3 p.m. Michael Carluccio
4 p.m. Tony Phillips
5 p.m. Johnny Rodriguez
6 p.m. Forbes Brothers
7 p.m. Immunity
8 p.m. Young Country
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. Jellies Pierced Tattoo
1 p.m. Ridge Runners
2 p.m. Dance Group
3 p.m. Pete "Big Dog" Feters
4 p.m. Tree Town Singers and Dancers
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5 p.m. - Randy Scott
6:45 p.m. - Bob James Quartet w/s/g Alexander Zonjic
9 p.m. - CBS/62 Celebrates Detroit: Bob James, Alexander Zonjic, Johnny Trudell, Robert Penn, Vanessa Johnson and Deborah Chenault
DTE Energy Stage
Noon - Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All Stars
Hudson's/Teligent Staged
2:45 p.m. - West Bloomfield High School Jazz Ensemble
8 p.m. - Jeff Haas Trio & Friends w/s/g Marcus Belgrave
Saturday, Sept. 4
Damon's presents Hart Boppin' Blues Day
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage

1 p.m. - Johnny Trudell & Friends
2:45 p.m. - Charles McPherson Quartet
4:30 p.m. - Bird of Paradise Orchestra Salutes Duke Ellington
8 p.m. - Kenny Garrett Quartet
9:45 p.m. - Roomful of Blues
DTE Energy Stage

Noon - Al Hill & The Love Butlers
1:45 p.m. - Thornetta Davis & Black Beauty
3:30 p.m. - Roomful of Blues
7:15 p.m. - Alberta Adams, Johnny Bassett & The Blues Insurgents
9:15 p.m. - Tommy Flanagan Trio

Hudson's/Teligent Stage
8 p.m. - Original Moon
Pepsi Jam Academy
2:45 p.m. - Focus:Hope presents Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation
3:45 p.m. - Meet the Artist: Tommy Flanagan
Sunday, Sept. 5
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage

2:45 p.m. - Marcus Belgrave Tribute w/ Geri Allen, Kenny Garrett & Bob Hurst
6:15 p.m. - Straight Ahead
8 p.m. - Larry Nozero
DTE Energy Stage
Noon - Paul VornHagen Quintet
5:15 p.m. - A CQJ Revival
7:15 p.m. - Los Angeles' Eternal Wind
9:15 p.m. - Rosecoe Mitchell & The Sound Ensemble
Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage
2:45 p.m. - Lake Orion Henry Ford II Jazz Ensemble
Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic: Jack Pierson

8:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. - Imperial Swing Orchestra
Monday, Sept. 6
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage

4:15 p.m. - Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle
8 p.m. - An Evening with Dave Brubeck
9:45 p.m. - Yusef Lateef & Eternal Wind
DTE Energy Stage
Noon - Sheila Landis & Brazilian Love Affair
1:45 p.m. - Bill Heid Trio
3:30 p.m. - Joey DeFrancesco Trio & Houston Person
5:15 p.m. - Robert Tye Trio Plus
7:15 p.m. - Lyman Woodard Organization Reunion
9:15 p.m. - Joey DeFrancesco Trio & Houston Person
Hudson's/Teligent Stage
Noon - Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band
8:15 p.m. - Liquid Soul
Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic: Ernie Rodgers
2:45 p.m. - Focus:HOPE presents Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation
3:45 p.m. - Meet the Artist: Yusef Lateef
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Homegrown jazz legends return to play at festival

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It's not just your imagination. You really do have a greater number of significant summer music events in the Detroit area to enjoy than ever before.

As you pluck the best from the late summer harvest of festivals, don't forget about the first and best of the jazz crop.

It has been twenty years since The Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival began its Labor Day week-

end tradition of featuring accomplished artists from the full spectrum of the genre.

While there are now five or six noteworthy jazz festivals to look forward to each season, the Montreux Festival was unique two decades ago. Festival Director Jim Dulzo believes there were several factors that contributed to its early success.

"The sheer size of the event was sure to attract attention. From the beginning, there were so many quality artists in the program that appealed to the core jazz listener. The public radio broadcasts of the performances also helped to raise the profile of the event."

This year's festival at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit, Thursday-Monday, Sept. 2-6, features an unprecedented gathering of some of Detroit's greatest "jazz alumni," who have become international stars.

"There's an incredible buzz among local jazz fans about the return of Yusef Lateef, the extraordinary reed player who has not performed in his hometown Detroit in over twenty years," says Dulzo.

With over one hundred performances planned on the festival's five stages, you'll want to do some planning to catch your favorites. It sounds like Ron Pangborn, music producer for

Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, is planning to go on a five-day jazz bender.

"I'm especially eager to see Elvin Jones, the original drummer for the John Coltrane Quartet. Not only is he a phenomenal performer, but he remains one of the most innovative drummers ever," says Pangborn.

"A couple of months ago, BACKSTAGE PASS did a segment on the legendary musicians of the Cass Corridor, which included the band CJQ. A reunion of the group is one of the highlights, and I'm also looking forward to the tribute to Marcus Belgrave on Sunday, Sept. 5."

Detroit's homegrown jazz legends get the salute during a special Montreux Festival edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 on Detroit Public TV. The program visits with Harold McKinney at his weekly SereNgeti Ballroom workshop for aspiring jazz artists, and offers the reflections of Alberta Adams, whose Montreux appearance is another highlight of her more than 50 years as Detroit's "Queen of the Blues."

The innovative Jeff Haas Trio performs with guest trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, and a rare local stop by the legendary Donald Byrd includes a Detroit trib-

ute piece. Byrd's homecoming concert at last weekend's African World Festival was his first local public performance in about twenty years.

During its long run, it's clear that the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival has been more than just a good time with great music. It has become a chapter of the city's music lore.

I have an opportunity to be a part of it by introducing the acid jazz band Liquid Soul on closing night, Monday, Sept. 6. The way I look at it, why should guys like Pangborn have all the fun? See you there.

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Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served outdoors (weather permitting) around the reflecting pool behind the Greek stage where St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook members will be available to answer your questions and share information on the history of the theater, and plans for the upcoming season.

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook is an independent, non-profit community theater.

Their season kicks off Friday, Oct. 29 with "The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein. The show continues Oct. 30-31, Nov. 3-6.

A to-be-announced children's theater production will be presented Nov. 19-21.

■ Larry Shue's "The Foreigner" will be presented Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 27-29 followed by "Foxfire" by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn, March 17-19, March 23-25.

■ The season wraps up with the musical "Damn Yankees" to be presented June 2-3, June 8-10 in the outdoor Greek theater.

Call (248) 644-0527 for information about season tickets or the open house.

■ Is holding an open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at their playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois in Troy.

Children and adults interested in theater are welcome to come and tour the theater. Refreshments will be served. For your entertainment, Ridgedale players will present musical highlights from "Nunsense," opening Friday, Sept. 10.

Call (248) 988-7049 for more information and a season brochure.

Here's the schedule:

■ "Nunsense" by Dan Goggin — Sept. 10 (sold-out), Sept. 11, 17-19 and 24-26.

■ "Jest a Second!" comedy by James Sherman — Nov. 5-6, 12-14 and 19-21.

■ "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin — Jan. 14-15, 21-23, and 28-30.

■ "Oklahoma!" by Rogers and Hammerstein — March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26.

■ Moon over the Brewery" by Bruce Graham — May 5-7, May 12-13, and May 19-21.

Ridgedale is holding auditions for "Jest a Second!" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the playhouse. Call (248) 398-2725 for more information.

Plymouth Theatre Guild

Is holding auditions 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14 for "It's a Wonderful Life," opening Friday, Nov. 19 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 1/2 mile west of I-275 at 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville.

Auditions will be held at the Water Tower Theatre from 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14 until they're finished. Call director Kristin Curle, (248) 344-1723 or the PTG phone line (248) 349-7110 for more information.

Visit PTG online at www.causeway.com/ptg

Schoolcraft College

Is holding open auditions for its fall theater production of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday and

Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. There are 30 roles for males and females. Auditions open to the public, no experience necessary. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

Village Players of Birmingham

The Village Players of Birmingham kick off their season with "Back to Bachrach & David," a collection of hits by composer Burt Bachrach and lyricist Hal David, Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1 & 2 at the theater, 752 Chestnut, on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple. Tickets are \$14/play; season - 5 shows for \$55, 3 shows for \$36.

Call (248) 644-2075 for more information.

The season continues with:

■ "The Man Who Came to Dinner" — A classic comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Nov. 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

■ "Oliver!" — The classic musical adapted from Dickens' novel set in 19th-century London, Jan. 21-23, 28-30, Feb. 4 & 5.

■ "Sherlock Holmes" — March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 & April 1.

■ "Forever Plaid" — May 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

Farmington Players

The Farmington Players 1999-2000 season begins Nov. 5 with "The Women" by Clare Booth. The show continues Nov. 6-7, 12-14, 18-21, and 26-27.

Here's the rest of the schedule:

■ "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, Feb. 4-6, Feb. 11-13, 18-20, and 24-26

■ "Kiss Me Kate," Music by Cole Porter, May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 25-27

The theater is at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road on the north side of 12 mile Road. Shows start 8 p.m. except 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. For ticket information, call (248) 553-2955 or online at www.wvnet.net/~ecarlson/play-ers.txt.html

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Friday, August 27
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CAPITOL THEATRE

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QEM AND CENTURY THEATRES

"Forbidden Hollywood," 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, through Aug. 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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OU THEATRE

"Dutchman," a powerful civil rights-era one-act play by Amiri Baraka, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28, please be advised of strong content, in the Varner Studio Theatre, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. \$5 donation. (248) 370-2030

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY

Presents the Prince-Street Players LTD Production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of I-275, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia. \$10, \$7 children/seniors. (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating is limited.

ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9. (734) 975-0417

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK.

OPUS MINE

"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

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumpelstiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 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

BIRD HIKE

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Maybury State Park, meet at the Concession Building in the main parking area on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

BOOK SIGNING/DISCUSSION

Author Janeanne Narrin discusses her book, "One Degree Beyond: A Reiki Journey into Energy Medicine: Your 21-Day Step by Step Guide to Relax, Open and Celebrate," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-6804

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

KENSINGTON METROPARK

"Creature Comforts," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, join an interpreter for a 1 1/2 hour walk to seek out the haunts of local residents, "Deer Through the Seasons," noon Sunday, Sept. 5, explore the life history of these animals then join in a short hike, and "Sensory Safari," 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, indulge your senses as you travel the trails (wear old clothes), in the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Pre-registration required, (248) 685-0603/(800) 477-3178. Metropark vehicle entry permit is required: annual \$15, \$8 seniors, or daily \$3 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays.



Fabulous festival: A sock hop, rock and roll bands, hot rods, classic cars and motorcycles, and Little Eva's "loco-motion," are some of the highlights of the "Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 26-29 at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake at Commerce roads in Orchard Lake. Little Eva, whose recording of "The Loco-motion" skyrocketed her to stardom will perform with Dickey Lee (pictured) 4 p.m. Sunday. The marathon sock hop begins 11 p.m. Friday, with cash prizes awarded to the last three surviving couples. There is no entry fee. The Fantastics entertain 7-11:30 p.m. on Saturday, varsity jacket and school sweater day. Festival opens 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; noon Saturday-Sunday. Carnival rides and refreshments are other attractions. Call (248) 683-0530 for information.

which are free entry days.

REDFORD THEATRE

"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, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$3.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

VIETNAM WALL EXPERIENCE

8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 Hamlin Rd. at Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (810) 997-7797

WALDFEST

Bavarian summer festival of food, music, dance, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Austrian Park, 56200 Hayes, Macomb Twp. \$3, children under 16 free. (248) 647-4390

X-TRAVA CON

Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

BENEFITS

FANCLUB FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Presents Caliente Uno: A Big Night in 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) 844-4150

"GOLF FOR THE ARTS"

Golf outing 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course, 800 Golf Drive. \$75. (248) 858-8990

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 International Children's Alliance Network.

FAMILY EVENTS

KINDERMUSIC STORY TIMES

An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusic educator at Evola Music in Canton, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Bearly Worn, 249 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 416-9417; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Tiggywinkles, 30993 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. (734) 458-5313

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29, High Seas Adventure, 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

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS

Family Fun Night, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 27, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

CONCERTS ON THE COURT

Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

DEARBORN RECREATION

Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Dearborn. (313) 943-2360

"IN THE PARK"

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Shain Park, Birmingham.

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"

Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Marc Thomas & Max the Moose, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. Free. www.imaginationtheatre.com

CLASSICAL

GOETHE-INSTITUT ANN ARBOR

Goethe Songs by Women Composers, introductory lecture by Ann Willison Lemke, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at the Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8600 or http://www.goethe.de/annarbor

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100

FIRST THEATER GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM

Auditions for "Brigadoon," 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple,

between Southfield and Cranbrook roads. For performances Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY

Auditions dancers for its 1999-2000 season, open to dancers age eight and older with a minimum of three years ballet instruction, all dancers should wear proper attire, those auditioning for the senior company should also bring pointe shoes, there is a non-refundable audition fee, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 464-7310

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, Northville. For performances on weekends beginning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13 through college for "Anne of Green Gables," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$125 participation fee once cast. For performances Oct. 22-24. (248) 347-0400

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY

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 COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, basses and tenors especially needed, but there are openings for sopranos and altos as well, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Evola music, 7170 N. Haggerty Rd., Canton. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 455-0080. For performances of its annual Christmas concert.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY 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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 14, in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 349-8175

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians, rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER

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

SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for males and females youth and adults, and male quartet for "Music Man," 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the Corner Playhouse, 12671 Dix, at Edison, Southgate. For performances Nov. 12-13 and 19-20. (313) 277-1982

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.

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations Sept. 9 to Oct. 15 for students ages 4-16, classes take place Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-2079

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

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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)

GEM JAZZ TRIO

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RAY KAMALAY AND HIS RED HOT PEPPERS

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (jazz/ragtime)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

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9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 223-1700

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8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish,

700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

NEW AGE

JOHN TESH

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn. \$1 from each ticket purchased will be donated to charity. Children ages 17 and younger get \$5 off \$26 tickets. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

WORLD MUSIC

GIPIY KINGS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$17.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

THIRD COAST REGGAE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

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Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, 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: The Science of Fun" 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 before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$6 seniors age 62 and over, \$4 children ages 5-12, luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept.

25, at the museum on Van Hoesen Farm, 1005 Van Hoesen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

ACME JAM

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. (734) 996-8555

ALABAMA

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

DAVID ALEXANDER/DEBBIE KELLACHOW

7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, 39405 Plymouth Road, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Plymouth. (734) 254-0400

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

MARCIA BALL

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-7775 (blues/boogie-woogie piano)

BARENAKED LADIES

7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$33.50 pavilion, \$25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

JEFF BECK

With Johnny Lang, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale \$35 pavilion/\$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BIG SUGAR

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030 (blues/rock)

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; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Rochester Mills Brewery, downtown Rochester (swing)

BLUE ROSE

5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. (248) 349-9110 and Friday, Aug. 27, Boathouse Billiards, 7720 N. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4100. (blues)

BOUNCING SOULS

With H2O, U.S. Bombs, Straight Face and Union 13, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

ROBERTA BRADLEY AND GYPSY

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922

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. Sept. 3-5, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900 (blues)

DEANA CARTER

6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater for the 1999 Arts, Beats and Eats Festival in Pontiac. (country)

RAY CHARLES

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

CHER

With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, The 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

KENNY CHESNEY

7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

MARK CHESNUTT

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale \$12.50 and \$25.50. (248) 370-0100 (country)

NATALIE COLE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$27.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (R&B)

CRANBERRIES

With Collective Soul, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop/rock)

BILLY RAY CYRUS

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com

DEATHGIRL.COM

With DJ Clark Warner, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale \$6. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

With The Dopes and The Big Creek, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. 21 and over. \$4 cover. (734) 996-8555

ELIZA

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 541-3030

FAMILY VALUES TOUR

Featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method. Time to be determined, Wednesday, Sept. 22, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale now \$35 reserved and general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOUR

With Peter Tosh's Fully Fullwood Band, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030 (reggae)

GINUWINE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (urban)

GIPSY KINGS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 (world music)

GOVERNMENT HONEY

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28, Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$3 cover after 10 p.m. 21 and over (734) 513-5030 (rock)

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. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SCOTT HENDERSON, GARY WILLIS AND TRIBAL TECH

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale \$15. (248) 544-3030

KRISTEN HERSH

9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. 21 and over (734) 996-8555

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31, Bailey's Pub, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton. (834) 844-1137; Noon, Ford Montreux Jazz Festival, Pyramid Stage, Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 963-7622; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

IMMUNITY

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. Free. All ages. (reggae)

INNERCOURSE

With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ISLEY BROTHERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (R&B)

JEFFERSON STARSHIP TEN YEARS AFTER TOUR

With Dave Mason, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$24.50 pavilion/ \$12.50 lawn

JOYDROP

6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND

With War, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. (70's funk)

KING KONGA

10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over (248) 735-4011

(world music)

LENNY KRAVITZ

With Smash Mouth and Freestylers, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 (rock)

JAN KRIST

With Harbinger's Mile, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Khedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 399-3946 (folk)

THE LEGENDARY WAILERS BAND

9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3, Majestic, Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. (313) 833-9700

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

LUCIANO

With Mike General and Dean Fraser, 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Majestic, Detroit. \$15 in advance. (313) 833-9700 (roots/reggae)

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.

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

RICKY MARTIN

Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

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

MAZINGA CD RELEASE PARTY

With El Topo and Smirk, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

CHRIS MCCALL

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. No cover charge. (734) 662-2770 (adult contemporary)

JOEY MCINTYRE

6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, postponed until Sept. 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

MEN AT WORK

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

MOBY

With Boom Boom Satellites, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 333-2362 (techno)

MOE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$13. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

MOGWAI

With Granger, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 in advance. (313) 833-9700

MONKEY SHINE

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, Boulders, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

MOXY FRUVOUS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale \$12. (248) 544-3030

THE MUFFS

6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (indie rock)

NAUGHTY BY NATURE

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, LaBoon Teen Night Club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets on sale \$19.99 at Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (trap)

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0

'The Sixth Sense:' A horror movie with a heart

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Sixth Sense" defies labeling. If you don't like horror movies, if you don't like thrillers, if you don't like the supernatural — don't worry, but do go. It's none of the above and all of the above. This is a horror movie with a heart, a film so sensitive and smart you'll want to stand by the box office and stop people from seeing anything else.

You'll also want to go right back in and see it a second time yourself, for reasons we can only hint at.

Bruce Willis is prominent Philadelphia child psychologist Malcolm Crowe. He and his wife

(Olivia Williams) are surprised one evening by an intruder, Vincent Grey (Donnie Wahlberg in a brief but loud appearance). Vincent had been treated unsuccessfully by Crowe years earlier. Now an adult, he is still terrified by "something" and has returned to exact revenge by putting one bullet in the doctor's belly and another in his own ear. As this sets up events to come, we're not spilling any beans here.

Fading out and in to the following fall, we find that Dr. Crowe is weighted down with guilt to the point of professional impotence. His salvation may come in the form of eight-year-old Cole Sear who, like Vincent,

also lives with an unspoken dread. Cole is a pitiful youngster. His peers ostracize him, his teacher calls him a "freak" and his hardworking divorced mother is running out of patience.

Cole can't or won't communicate his "secret" to anyone. The secret: He sees dead people. Not ghosts, but corporeal beings who died violently and wander South Philly trapped between here and beyond, unaware, in fact, that they are dead.

"I don't wanna be scared anymore," Cole tells his doctor. "Please make them leave." Crowe can't make them leave, but perhaps he can make Cole understand and use his gift. The time

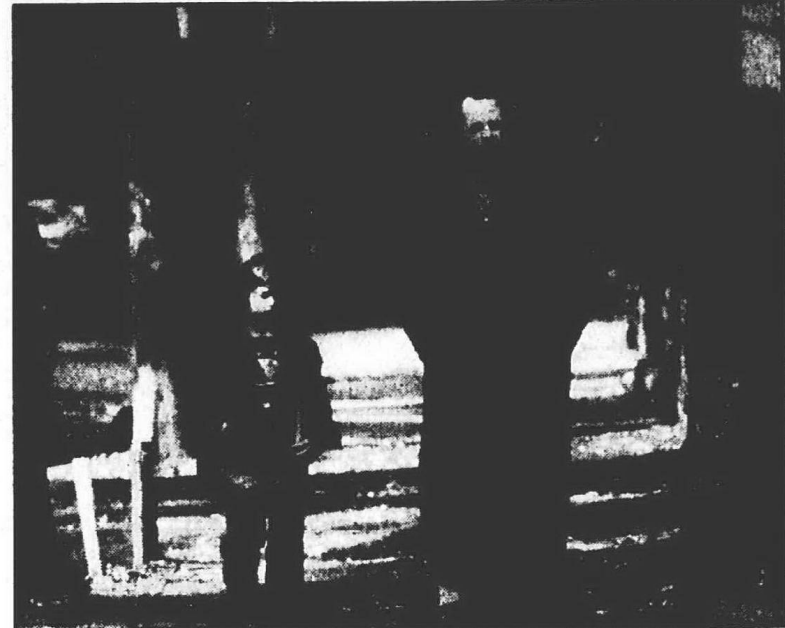
he spends in this quest will jeopardize Crowe's marriage and more.

"The Sixth Sense" sounds like a lot of movies you've either seen or avoided, depending on your taste, like "The Exorcist," "Poltergeist," and "Carrie." Again, we emphasize that while things do go bump in the night, this film is not about monsters. It's about friendship. The friendship between the boy and his doctor, between the boy and his mom, between the boy and — yes — the ghosts.

We should add out of fairness that this isn't cutesy "Beetlejuice" or smart-alecky "Ghostbusters" either. You will jump out of your seat more than once. And you will bite your lip to avoid spilling the wonderfully logical but totally startling ending...as we are doing now.

We can, though, talk freely and gleefully about 11-year-old Haley Joel Osment. You may have seen him as the dying boy on "Ally McBeal" or as Forrest Gump, Jr. He is a wondrous revelation as Cole. It's been written that his audition reduced writer-director M. Night Shyamalan to tears, and having seen the final product, we can't just write that off as studio hype.

As his mom, Australian Toni Collette is every mom who has tried to knock down the wall between herself and her child



Drama: Bruce Willis (right) stars as child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe, an emotionally shattered man haunted by his past and the misdiagnosis of a child suffering from visual hallucinations. When he meets Cole (Haley Joel Osment, left) a young man with similar symptoms, client and therapist are awakened to something astonishing in "The Sixth Sense."

while straining to understand why it exists at all.

And what about Bruce? Well, he whispers a lot. But at the same time, he conveys the kind of genuine empathy and warmth not seen since the dad in "Leave

It to Beaver." Despite his rep as an asteroid-bashing superhero, we're hard-pressed to imagine anyone else in this tender role.

Jon Katz is a free-lance writer who lives in Rochester.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 27

"A DOG OF FLANDERS"
Powerful and touching family film about a young boy's passionate pursuit of a dream. Based on the timeless children's book. Stars Jack Warden, Jon Voight and Cheryl Ladd.

"AUTUMN TALE"
Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Romantic comedy about a middle-aged woman whose best friend and son's girlfriend are determined to find her a companion.

"ASTRONAUT'S WIFE"
Thriller centers on a woman whose husband retires after a freak accident in space that has left him altered. These changes spark a spiraling chain of chilling events leading up to the birth of their twins. Stars Jon Depp.

"THE 13TH WARRIOR"
Thrilling adventure about an important emissary who is abducted by a band of warriors and forced to join their quest to battle mysterious creatures legendary for consuming every living thing in their path. Stars Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif.

"DUDLEY DO-RIGHT"
Family comedy based on the classic cartoon character about a dedicated young Mountie who must save the local citizens, reunite with his ladylove and restore peace in the valley without messing it up. Stars Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker.

"THE MUSE"
Comedy about a screenwriter willing to

gamble his career, his relationship with his wife, and his sanity on the Muse's ability to give him inspiration for his comeback script. Stars Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone, Jeff Bridges, Andie MacDowell.

Special event, Wednesday, Sept. 1

"TOP HAT"
Showcase Cinema's Silver Screen Classics Program will present the 1935 classic film 1 p.m. at Showcase Cinema's Westland, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 729-1060. Enjoy this classic film, popcorn and a soft drink for \$1.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Sept. 1

"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE"
Story about a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school crashing into a parked police car. Stars Alec Baldwin.

"CHILL FACTOR"
Two men accidentally come into possession of a volatile and highly explosive substance that will cause widespread havoc if it is allowed to become warmer than 50 degrees. They are also being chased by several groups who would like to have the substance for their own purposes. Stars Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 3

"BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE"
Lively romp of love and lust with some very surprising results. Stars Wendy Crewson.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 10

"WHITE BOYS"
A funny, honest and searing look at

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NP AMERICAN PIE (R)

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STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I can still hear the jingling sound that my first set of car keys made as my mother slipped them into my delicate hands the day I turned 16.

Despite the virtual blizzard brewing outside, I couldn't wait to hop into the driver's seat, pile my closest friends inside and just take off to places unknown — Freedom at its purist.

But times have changed since my parents and even my older sisters started to drive. The stories I heard about my sister Michelle cruising around town in her jet-black classic '66 Ford Mustang convertible sounded so far from my own reality. The tame suburbs of Rochester Hills weren't much of a place for cruising during my teenage years, but for so many other metro Detroiters cruising defined a time in their lives.

Songs for the road

In Detroit — where the automobile is something sacred — what would cruising be without Highway One, without classic convertibles, and without the radio cranked to 10?

A group of local musicians recognized that connection and created "Cruisin' Songs From the Motor City," a compilation of 14 classics that may induce the

'It's unbelievable and it all sounds like Detroit,' said Brian Pastoria. He considers Detroit to be a 'melting pot of a lot of different music: R & B, blues, gospel, rock and pop' all with a blue collar energy and a constant groove. Most of the artists were people he knew who not only showed interest in the project, but those who would 'deliver great songs.'

temptation to speed. The compact disc, available at all Harmony House locations, was produced by Mark and Brian Pastoria of Harmonie Park Creative Group in Detroit. It was released last week during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"I didn't believe they didn't have a sort of soundtrack for the Dream Cruise," said Brian Pastoria. So he and his brother created one. Choosing from an A-list of tunes, which all relate to cars, local artists recorded their own versions of hits like The Beatles' "Drive My Car," and Alice Cooper's "Under My Wheels." The songs cover diverse musical ground, from rock to blues to swing, and even hip-hop.

The Detroit Vibe

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One of them, Liz Larin found out about the project shortly after returning from Los Angeles. After cutting two records with a major label, Larin returned to the Detroit area and was "wowed by all the talent" she came across in the area. Larin took Tracy Chapman's always fabulous hit "Fast Car" to new levels by transforming it into her own techno version.

"Everyone came and worked for free," said Larin. "Everyone was into playing on it for fun."

Chris McCall happened to be working on her own CD in the studio when the opportunity arose to work on the compilation.

"Brian suggested I do 'Mercedes Benz,'" McCall explained. "I love 'Mercedes Benz' and I love Janis Joplin but I didn't want to do it. It's a signature song. It's usually a good idea to avoid them."

After she was talked into it, McCall brought family members into the studio to sing the song's chorus. She admits that now, she's quite happy with the result.

"It was great to have this excuse to work with all these talented people," she said. Like Larin, McCall agreed that "it's a nice time to be hanging out in Detroit."

More to come

The project began in May and it took about six weeks to complete the CD. Larin called it "genuine" work by some of the best local artists.

Leonard Moon, of Bon Temps Roule, said the CD is something you could have in your car all year that will let you "drift back to summer" every time you play it. He envisions several versions of "Cruisin' Songs" in years to come.

Pastoria sees this project as expanding. He said "Cruisin' Songs II" is a possibility in the future.

"It's really indicative of the kind of talent we have here," he said.

Pop "Cruisin' Songs" into your CD player, drop the rag top down, rev the engine and hit the streets. Experience freedom at



its purist one more time.

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CD REVIEW

Fall 'Under' the spell of Marilyn Mack

"Under" — Marilyn Mack Group
Dirty Cow Records

Give it a chance, relax, and let yourself fall "Under" the dreamy spell of Marilyn Mack Group's debut album.

Marilyn Mack's chiming voice reveals undertones reaching the caliber of Sarah MacLachlan and Paula Cole, while the band meshes seamlessly to produce an honest songwriting style that probes the curiosities and questions we all face in life and love.

Marilyn Mack Group is Livonia native Marilyn Mack on lead vocals and percussion, Scott Peterson on acoustic and electric guitars, Philip Daher on electric guitars, Michael Fredericks on bass, Mark Konwinski on drums. Also contributing on the debut CD are Michael Kepos, also a Livonia resident, on drums, Tim Lemke on saxophone, Scott Dawson on guitar and Bob Miller, who arranged strings and percussion on "Under."

Crunching guitar riffs fade into muted tones while Mack adds her pleading vocals in songs like "Tell Me Why" and "Wishful Thinking." Catchier tunes like "Simpler Times," allow

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Marilyn Mack Group to ponder the frustration of modern life: "Everything's so complicated / This broken world with too much hate / Families cryin', children dyin' / The money's comin' in too late."

Emotionally-charged music coupled with true talent forms the backbone of this Ypsilanti-based group's sound. With "Under," Marilyn Mack Band reels listeners into its own world — a world of contemplation and hope, a world that questions our every move and treasures simple delights. The title track offers a dark, melodic retreat into the group's own musical realm, while



"Ease My Mind" is as soft, bitter-sweet and beautiful as an unexpected summer storm.

Naming influences as diverse as XTC, Tragically Hip and Van Morrison, Marilyn Mack Group developed its own sultry style of

pop rock. As if that's not enough to pique interest, buy it for the sole reason of supporting quality local rock.

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Ultimate Lebanese flavors inspire Phoenicia

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Since 1982, Phoenicia's owner Sameer Eid has delighted diners with his Lebanese cuisine, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean dishes. Such success does not come without daily dedication.

Eid is up at 5 a.m. six days each week. Like the best European chefs he's off to personally select cuts of lamb and other meat at Wolverine Packing Company in Detroit's Eastern Market. Frequently aided by his brother Walid, Sameer is not only head toque in his own kitchen, but Maitre d' greeting diners like they were members of his private club.

How did Sameer begin his restaurateur career? "In 1970 by mistake," he explained. "I was in the custom drapery business, but liked to eat at a Lebanese restaurant in Highland Park. The owner was from my mother's hometown in Lebanon. She wanted to close the restaurant and move out of the area. She suggested that I buy it. I did for \$5,700."

Since 1982 and relocation to Birmingham, Sameer has created a number of new dishes to blend Lebanese-style with American tastes. Salmon in Grape Leaves is one example. For this dish, fresh salmon fillet is topped with slices of fresh lime, fresh coriander and a slice of beefsteak tomato, then wrapped in grape leaves and broiled. Others

examples are Sautéed Shrimp, Swordfish Kabob, Frog Legs, Scallops, a Mixed Grill (swordfish, scallops and shrimp marinated and char-broiled) and Whitefish Fillet, baked over a bed of fresh peppers, onions, beefsteak tomatoes and spinach, then seasoned with herbs and olive oil.

At lunch, the non-traditional Pasta with Pesto Sauce is very popular.

"And believe it or not, we're known for our baby back ribs," Sameer noted. "They are the Monday night special." Phoenicia's version marinates the whole slab, seasons it then takes it to the broiler. Twice during the broiling, slabs are removed and re-introduced to the marinade and returned to the broiler. They are moist, but served "dry," the best way to enjoy them. A sauce is offered on the side.

Phoenicia's extensive dinner appetizer list appeals as a superb grazing menu, ideal for a large group to order several selections and share. Number one, most popular is homemade Sausages. Veal, lamb and ground Spanish pine nuts are stuffed in natural casing, seasoned and sautéed then served with pomegranate sauce. Finger-size, these sausages are not only unique, but bursting with flavor.

Other popular appetizer selections are Hommus, Baba Gan-nouge, Artichoke Hearts, and

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Where: 588 South Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-3122.
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Phoenicia Uncorked
Sameer Eid recommends the following wines with specialty dishes:

Lamb Chops: 1991 Chateau Musar, Lebanon (a Bordeaux varietal blend).

Sausages: 1995 Clos du Val Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley or 1996 Trefethen Eschol, Napa Valley.

Vegetarian dishes such as Grape Leaves or Mjadara: 1997 Rosemount Chardonnay from Australia.

homemade Lebanese Cheese. Also a big favorite and one of Sameer's "suited to American taste" creations is Portabello Mushrooms, sautéed with fresh basil, garlic and olive oil served over a bed of fresh spinach.

Among char-broiled offerings are the traditional Lebanese prime Lamb Chops, trimmed of fat; Shish Kabob, very lean, tender lamb served with vegetables; and Shish Kafta, ground lamb with onions, parsley and seasonings.

Because prime lamb is king at Phoenicia, you have Sameer's

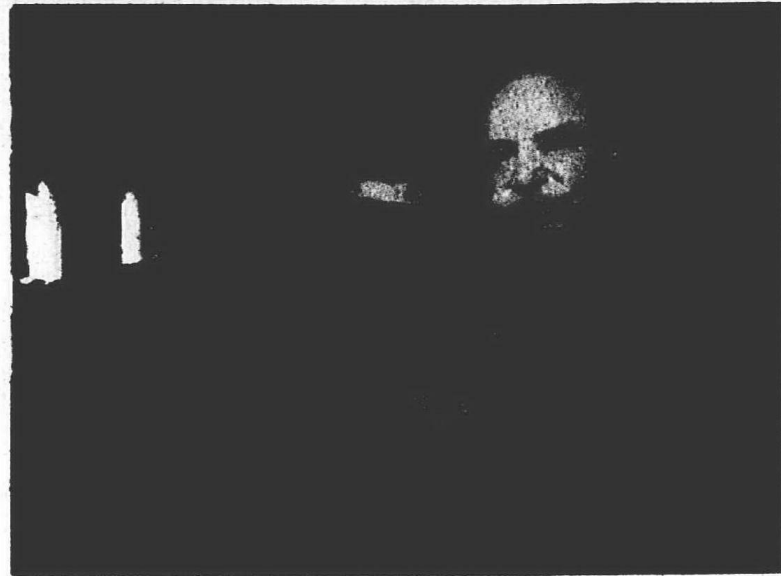
assurance that Kibby Neye, is freshly ground and very safe to eat as an uncooked delicacy.

But if you always eat meat cooked, Baked Kibby is an alternative.

The menu lists seven items under "For the Vegetarian." Grape Leaves stuffed with rice, vegetables and herbs, cooked in olive oil and lemon sauce, are as delicious as the ground lamb version.

A selection of desserts are available, but the rice pudding is quite special.

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Delighting diners: Sameer Eid in the dining room of Phoenicia. Sameer is not only head toque in his own kitchen, but Maitre d'. He greets diners like they were members of his private club.

Birmingham architect Joe Savin to give Phoenicia an interior facelift. Near the end of this year, the restaurant will close for two weeks and open before the holiday season with a fresh look.

Keep reading the DINING page and we'll keep you informed.

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