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The Observer values your opinions and encourages readers to e-mail, fax or mail us your thoughts on local issues for publication as a guest opinion, letter, or as a columnist on the Op-Edit page.

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I welcome your comments and your suggestions.

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Sincerely,
Susan Rosiek

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Publisher

IN THE PAPER TODAY

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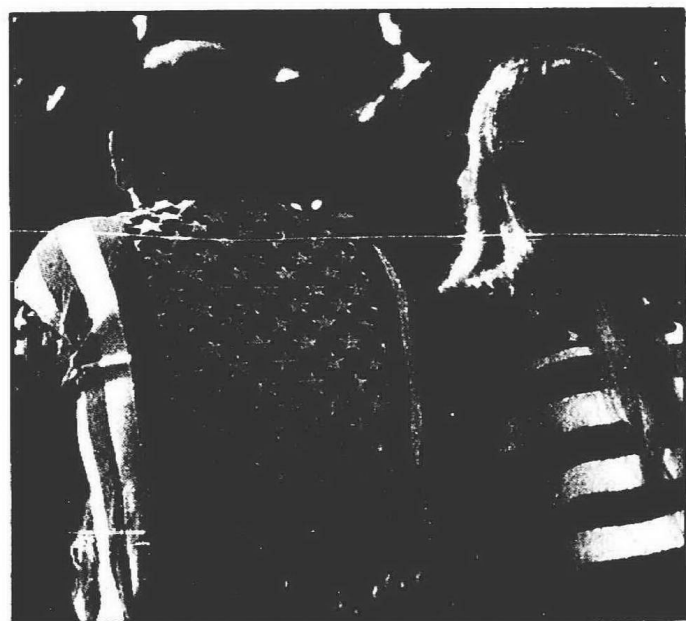


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Fabulous Fourth



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN



Holiday crooner: Mark Randisi (above) performs his "Sounds of Sinatra" on a float as he croons and cruises down Main Street in Tuesday's Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade. Left, an unidentified couple watch the parade near its finale in front of Gabriela's on Main Street. For the story and a lot more photos, please turn to Page B7.

Plymouth loses an icon

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Scores of people paid their respects to long-time Plymouth resident Johnston "Jack" Wilcox today during services at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home for the 83-year-old man known to many as the "icon of the city."

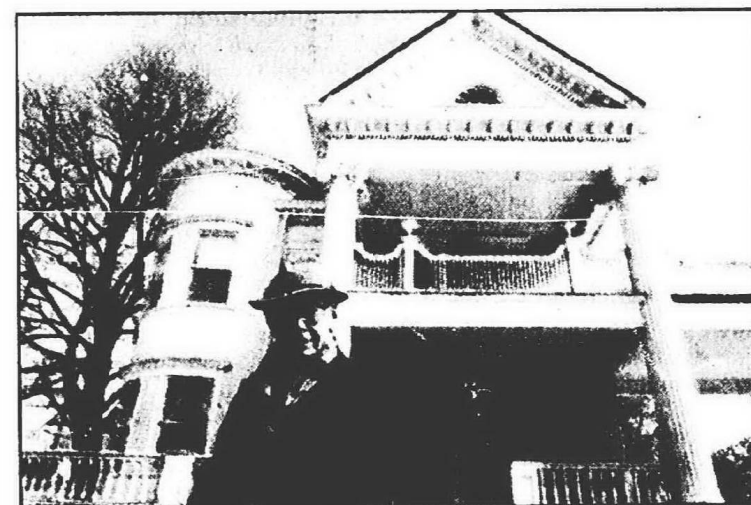
Friends remember Jack, A4

Wilcox, who took a keen interest in municipal affairs and lived in the heart of the city, died Friday, June 30, from congenital heart failure after contracting pneumonia, according to longtime friend Allen Odell.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Wilcox, who has been called a friend, mentor, and Mr. Plymouth by some, was probably best known for becoming a city commission watchdog in 1955. He attended just about every meeting of the commission until most recently when he became too ill to attend.

One of the highlights of his prominent life in Plymouth came April 18 when he was inducted to the Plymouth Hall of Fame. Last year he was given the city's first Citizen of the Year award.

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Gone, but not forgotten: Jack Wilcox stands in front of his home at the corner of Union and Ann Arbor Trail in this February 28, 1999, file photo.

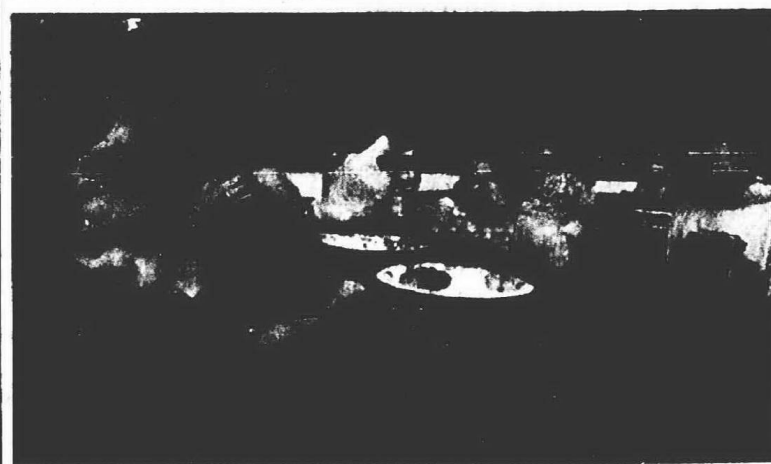
DAY TRIPPING

METROPARK SYSTEM
PROVIDES
RECREATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES
CLOSE TO HOME

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Henry Curtis and Harlow Whittemore had an idea. The two men, in looking at the recreational needs of Washtenaw County, realized that those same needs existed among other counties in southeastern Michigan.

Based on their research, the two men - Curtis was the former director of New York City playgrounds and Whittemore the chair of the University of Michigan Department of Landscape Design - proposed a regional park system, stretching from Lake Erie on the south and Lake St. Clair on the north.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Al fresco dining: The Stuck family from Monroe enjoys having lunch at Lower Huron Metro Park, Ryan, 1 (left to right), Nicole, 10, Charles, Ginger and Jack, 11.



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Surf's up: Sebastian Stankiewicz of Farmington Hills, 5, (from left) Luke Torvani, 5 and Boris Warszawski, 10, dig in the sand on the east beach at Kensington Lake.

More than 60 years later, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority has 13 parks in Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb counties, providing recreational opportunities for more than 4 million people.

"The Metroparks were the idea and dream of some long-range thinking people, who envisioned a great need for recreational opportunities around lakes and impoundments," said Frank Sudek, HCMA director.

"The system of parks we have today were acquired and are pristine today because of them."

"It was people trying to preserve open space, so we didn't lose it. It was the same issue raised today that was raised 60 years ago."

"Those men were truly visionary," said William Kreger, who has represented Wayne County on the Board of Commissioners for 39 years. "There was nothing there when we opened up Stony Creek (in 1964). It was all farm land. Now, they're building \$450,000-\$470,000 homes right next to the park."

Thanks to Public Act 147 of 1939 and overwhelming approval of a referendum by voters in the five counties a year later, the HCMA came



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Back to basics: Cattails in the marsh areas at Lake Erie Metropark.

into being. HCMA makes use of the more than \$23 million generated by an up to .25-mill property tax levy and more than \$11 million from vehicle entry and boat launching permits, marina charges and fees for such special facilities as golf, tennis, swimming pool to purchase, develop, improve and maintain the parks.

According to Kreger and Sudek, those things are what have made the parks a success.

Please see TRIPPING, C6

Newcomer challenges incumbent supervisor

Mann seeks to 'restore pride' to township

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Steve Mann, a Plymouth Township police officer for 10 years, thinks pride is lacking in Plymouth Township. He also thinks he's the guy to rectify the situation.



To do so, he confidently entered the political arena for the first time, throwing his name into the ring for township supervisor against two-time incumbent Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Mann cites experience with strong personalities on the road under adverse conditions.

"It's a slightly political position being a police officer now and then," Mann said. "I'm interested in the community. There's no doubt in my mind that I can do it. If I get this position, the main priority will be the people. One of my main issues is to make Plymouth Township a place to be proud of again."

Mann, 32, counts few achievements by McCarthy. "The dispatcher merger went pretty poorly," Mann said. "There were different wages, different contracts, it was a nightmare. Several dispatchers quit."

Mann resigned his union presidency, a position he'd held for seven years, to spend more time on his campaign and so there would be no conflict-of-interest allegations. The police contract is headed for arbitration. Mann negotiated two contracts.

Here's a sampling of his views: ■ Mann claims the township had a better relationship with the city before Keen McCarthy took office.

■ Town hall isn't user-friendly and is almost an eyesore. "Kathleen sat back for the last seven years and watched all the property get eaten up. Where is she going to find property for a new township hall and at what price?



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

On the ballot: Plymouth Township police Officer Steve Mann is the challenger in the township supervisor's race.

Now it becomes a larger scale project than if you had properly planned the thing. Don Massey had all that property on Ann Arbor Road. Maybe that could have been used."

■ Televised township board meetings. "Replay board meetings so that residents can come home and see them at their leisure. Government needs an open door."

■ Where's the website and e-mail? "We're a few years behind the times. We could get board meeting minutes, traffic laws and ordinances."

■ Why did the clerical employees unionize to an AFSCME unit? "You have a group of people who can't work with Kathleen."

■ Mann believes residents should have early, honest notice of the impact of planned developments like the Sunshine Honda property that was recently rezoned and the Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park planned unit development planned for Five Mile Road and Haggerty.

"I would question the ingress and egress plans for this PUD development," he said. "I wonder if an exit could be provided out to Schoolcraft Road. This would allow for direct access to the expressways and alleviate much of the traffic on Haggerty."

■ There's little township recreation. Mann suggests youth instruction at the township golf course. He questions the time and money spent build-

ing a sled hill at Plymouth Township Recreational Park. "We need baseball, soccer, football and some type of community recreation like a pool. It can be done without tax increases. We can get in an agreement with the school district and use those facilities."

■ Merit review board. "Without an independent process, the board is essentially setting their own pay and benefits. This gives an impression of bias, at the minimum, especially during times when raises amount to 8 percent."

Mann plans to spend about \$10,000 on his campaign. He's been endorsed by the Plymouth Community Fire Fighters, Police Officer's Association of Michigan, Plymouth Township Police Officer's Association, Plymouth Township Sergeants Association, City of Plymouth Police Officers Association, City of Plymouth Police Sergeants Association and the Plymouth Township AFSCME local unit.

Mann has done computer work and security police work at Kmart loss prevention. He worked as both a City of Plymouth and Canton Township dispatcher.

Mann put himself through the Washtenaw Police academy and graduated in July 1989. He has an associate's degree from Schoolcraft College.

Mann and his wife of 13 years (and high school sweetheart) Lisa, have one son, Brian, 7.

Keen McCarthy plans to run on her record

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy is running on her experience and record as she seeks a third term.

"I am deliberate," said Keen McCarthy, a Plymouth Township resident for more than 20 years. "I see a major part of the supervisor's job to keep the community on a steady course. We have several projects in the works I want to see completed like Miller Family Park."

"We recently had meetings with residents and kids to pick out what will go in there. We want to complete a plan to develop infrastructure on property in the Lakepointe area to develop soccer fields. Local sports groups do a good job running organizations but we need fields."

Setting up a recreation department and programs isn't government's role, said Keen McCarthy, 48. "I was startled to hear the statistic that 73 percent of the people in the Plymouth Canton school district don't have children in the schools. My basic philosophy is that users should pay."

About \$500,000 was spent to make improvements at Plymouth Township Recreational Park. "We used some community block grant funding to make our pavilions handicapped accessible," Keen McCarthy said. Grant funding was used for the fishing dock and path system. The township also reconfigured the sled hill to make it safer. Grant funding accounted for less than 50 percent, she said.

Keen McCarthy cites her highest achievement as leading the group of 48 municipalities in the Rouge Valley in working with the county and the state to devise a voluntary permit for stormwater management to be in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act.

"The state has never taken that approach before," she said. "It has always been 'We order you to do this. We order you to do that.' It's been so successful that the EPA took the requirements of the voluntary permit and made them part of their



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

national requirements."

Keen McCarthy is also anxious for the township to separate from the Detroit sewer system. "It will cost money to stay in," she said. An agreement with WTUA and YUCA will give more control of what sewage costs will be in the future, she said.

"I see some challenges ahead because we are getting close to full development," she said. "We're done with the big subdivisions. We are getting the five-acre land splits now." Still the township could improve communication about development projects, she said.

"Combined dispatch is a good thing for the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. You always have some start-up glitches," Keen McCarthy said. "Those are working themselves out."

Under her tenure the township accomplished joint zoning with the City of Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road to create the Ann Arbor Road Corridor district. "That's the first ever to have joint zoning with another municipality. The idea is to have the same zoning on both sides and to treat it as an entry to your community and enforce it the same way."

She continues to be proud of the merger of the fire depart-

ment Feb. 4, 1995. "It has improved response time," she said. "It has improved the quality of response. It will be saving the residents \$6 million."

Keen McCarthy would like to have a new township hall if taxpayers don't have to pay more taxes.

"We're on Ann Arbor Road, (but) does the township need to be on Ann Arbor Road?" she asked. "Years ago the plan was to build the DPW on Port Street and then eventually build a township hall out there."

Township board meetings were taped (for cable) for about 18 months in 1992 and 1993. Keen McCarthy is looking for ways to do it again.

Keen McCarthy has experience in hospital administration, and medical technology.

She holds a master of health services administration degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology from Madonna University. She was a 1997 Taubman Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Keen McCarthy will go door to door and spend more than \$1,000 during her campaign. "I've had a campaign account the whole time I've been in office," she said. "Because I don't like holding fund-raisers, I have spent lots and lots of my own money."

Schools: 'We're in good financial shape'

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"We're in good financial shape right now, better than in the past."

That's the assessment of Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services, after the board of education passed the 2000-01 proposed budget at its June 27 meeting.

"With the increase in the state foundation allowance going up \$300 per student, and our projection of 111 new students in the fall, we're definitely in good shape," added Brand. "It's certainly a much better position than a declining enrollment district."

Brand said the district is expecting a revenue increase during the budget year of \$5.4 million, a 4.9 percent boost. Of that amount, \$5.3 million comes in the form of state funding.

The proposed budget calls for total revenues exceeding \$117 million. Total expenditures are \$115 million, and that includes an increase in new programs costing more than \$1.5 million.

Some of those new programs include:

■ \$146,420 to fund district aides for medication distribution, lunchroom supervision and media center assistance.

■ \$117,058 to increase the number of special education staff.

■ \$100,000 to hire a principal for the third high school.

■ \$63,338 to train elementary and middle school teachers on the use of new computers and their effective integration into the curriculum.

■ \$40,000 to add or replace middle school and high school music instruments.

■ \$20,000 to help the Marching Band with increased costs.

At the end of the next fiscal year June 30, 2001, the district is anticipating a fund balance of \$20.6 million, which includes more than \$5.4 million from the so-called Durant settlement with the state. The district is saving the Durant settlement revenue for a rainy day, meaning the

available fund balance is expected to be \$15.2 million. That's 13 percent of expenditures.

"Many districts are putting away 10-20 percent, so I think ours is very adequate," said Brand. "I think I would be uncomfortable in putting more away. We want to be safe in case of a decrease in the state appropriation. However, we don't want to be sitting on taxpayer money."

Brand said as a result of increased construction in the communities which the district serves, there will be a reduction of the debt millage rate. The owner of a \$200,000 home will save \$25 in taxes for the year.

Arts Council hosts exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsors an art exhibit, "The Way I See Things," by Northville artist Lee Bartlett, through Aug. 2 at the PCAC Main Gallery.

After graduating Cass Tech High School, Bartlett entered Meininger Art School. After two-and-a-half years of commercial art training, he got an apprenticeship at New Center Art Studio in the Fisher Building.

The PCAC exhibit features more than 30 watercolors, gouache and acrylics ranging in price from \$125 to \$675. For information on exhibit hours, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4ART.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET

by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

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P.S. Various kinds of ticks, including the deer tick, black-legged tick, and Western black-legged tick, can spread Lyme disease.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Potter-mania

Interest in the upcoming release of the fourth book in the popular "Harry Potter" series has been so intense, Plymouth's Little Book Shoppe on the Park has scheduled a special "midnight madness" party.

The shop will host the party July 7 at 11:15 p.m., giving Potter fans a chance to buy the new book at 12:01 a.m. As the July 8 release date approaches, Little Book Shoppe on the Park has had more than 100 customers already reserve a copy.

"This is the largest advance order we've ever had," said Barb Lewis, one of the booksellers at the store.

The publisher of the Harry Potter books, Scholastic Books of New York, has set strict guidelines as to when bookstores are allowed to begin selling the new book.

"Before Scholastic would allow us to request an initial order, we had to sign an agreement not to tell it until July 8," said Betty Bryl, the inventory specialist at Little Book Shoppe.

The party will feature refreshments, prize drawings and a magician. For more information, call the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, (734) 455-5220.

Seeking artists, crafters

The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, is seeking artists and crafters. It's a juried show; no manufactured goods are allowed. Show officials are particularly interested in catables, calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography, wood shelves or anything "unusual."

For more information, call Dianne at (248) 553-0913.

Read the Plymouth Observer

Plymouth-Canton Schools 2000-01 Proposed Budget Summary of Revenues & Expenses

Beginning balance	\$18,722
Total Revenues	\$117,248
Expenditures	
Continuation Program	\$113,740
New Programs	\$1,557
Total Expenditures	\$115,297
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,951
Ending Fund Balance (June 30)	\$20,673
Less Durant settlement	(\$5,451)
Available Fund Balance	\$15,222
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Gone camping: Joey Starr of Plymouth, 6½, gets some help from counselor April Luehmann of Ann Arbor with his balancing project.

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It's a gas!

Or a liquid or solid, as All Saints students discover at science camp

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Science isn't boring. That's the message elementary-age students received this week at a science camp held at All Saints school in Canton. Through activities and hands-on based learning, campers were exposed to basic scientific concepts.

"We don't do any book work," said Mary Starr, a University of Michigan-Dearborn education professor who directed the camp. "This is all hands-on. We're also focusing on writing and reading. There's no chance for the kids to get bored."

The camps were made up of All Saints' students. Children from the township, Plymouth and other surrounding communities attend the Catholic school.

Brandon Nalezty, a 9-year-old Novi resident, had mixed feelings about the camp initially.

"I didn't really know what I'd do," he said. "I looked over the form and I thought it would be fun."

Science camp started June 19 for 30 students.

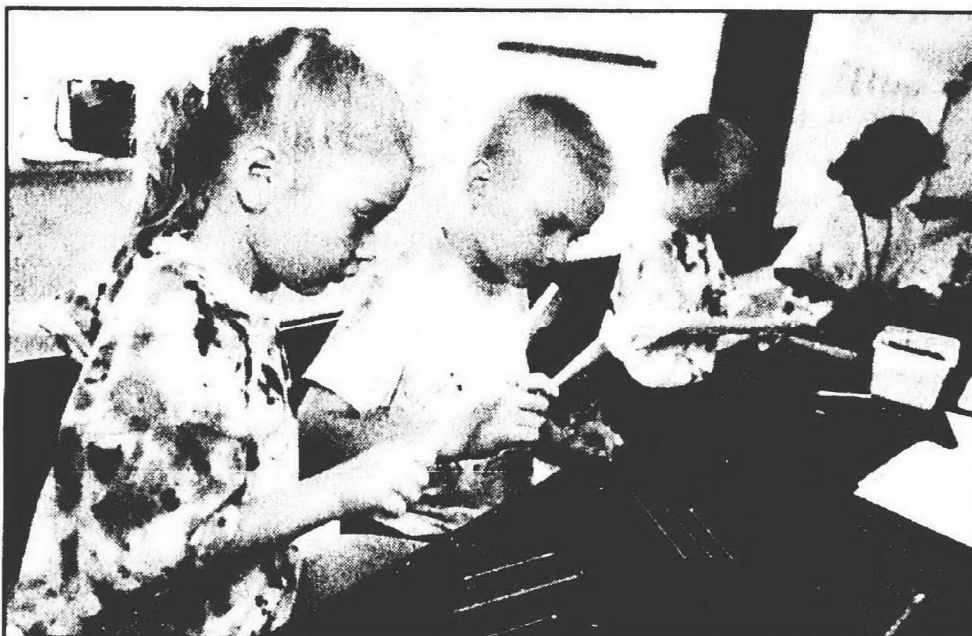
Starr planned large and small group activities for the camp, which ran three hours each day. She used a hot air balloon to demonstrate density for one of the large group activities.

Starr heated air with propane to raise the tissue balloons. While several shot high in the air, one balloon barely made it off the ground.

"We want more air," students chanted. Students got to choose two topics out of four for small group work.

"Changes" focused on how some materials can transform from liquid to gas or liquid to solid. Evaporation, condensation and separation were among the areas covered.

One experiment highlighted chemical reactions. Students placed a small amount of baking soda in a cup filled with vinegar



Scientific lessons: Lauren Fahlman of Canton, 5, and Artef Vincenti of Novi, 8, use nails of various sizes to learn about sound pitch.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

and then put a lid on top. The result was, well, explosive.

"That was cool," said one student. "It broke my lid. Can we do that again?"

Other topics focused on sound, measurement and balance. Anna Vincenti enjoyed her week learning about sound.

"When you're using a tuning fork," the 11-year Novi resident said, "you can see the vibrations."

Children were not the only ones learning at the camp.

A pair of student-teachers from U-M Dearborn helped conduct the classes. Garden City resident Lauren French said her students really liked the hands-on approach.

"They're very excited to learn," she commented. "This is how I want to teach."

Natalie Comeau said she was getting a lot out of the camp.

"It's a wonderful experience for me," the Dearborn resident said. "I'm very interested in science."

It was the first science camp at All Saints. Starr, who has a child at the school, said other parents urged her to put the two-week event together. Response has been excellent, she added.

"I had parents tell me they wished it was this easy to get their child up for school all year," Starr said.

Plymouth resident Nick Vanderlaan, 8, said he liked the camp.

"It has been pretty good," he said Monday during his measurement small-group session. "It's interesting to find out how long things are."



Flying high: Students and counselors watch a mini hot air balloon as it sails high above the school.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Blood drive set for July 10

While you're jotting down picnics, parades and vacations in your summer calendar, make a date to donate blood on July 10.

Hospitals in the area often experience critical blood shortages during this busy season, especially around the July 4 holiday. To meet the needs of local patients, St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth is teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a summer blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 10.

All local residents are invited to participate.

Donating blood takes less than an hour, yet statistics show that only 5 percent of eligible people take the time to donate. The most common reason for not donating? "No one asked me."

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SCHOTTAK

Icon, mentor, friend City says goodbye to Jack Wilcox

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During his 83 years, Jack Wilcox made it a point to meet people and befriend many.

Following a distinguished Navy career and returning to his hometown of Plymouth, Wilcox made it his business to give a helping hand, especially to newcomers in town. His historical perspective and knowledge of the city were something he would pass down to those who wanted to listen.

"He was the first person to support me in my first try for the city commission in 1993," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "He certainly was a legend in the community. His wisdom and perspective will be greatly missed."

Former mayor and downtown businessman Dave Pugh appointed Wilcox to the city commission to fill an unexpired term in September 1985.

"I felt honored that I was able to do that, especially since Jack attended every one of our meetings," said Pugh. "He was like an eighth commissioner. I developed a friendship with Jack when we



PHOTO COURTESY ALLEN O'DELL

Fond farewell: Friends paid their respects to the late Jack Wilcox at his funeral Thursday.

moved here in the '70s. He took me under his wing and became a good friend and mentor. He is a true Plymouth icon."

Margaret Dunning, 90, of Plymouth used to be best friends with Jack's older sisters, and remembers Jack as "the little brother."

"The girls would get to playing and we would tell him we didn't want him with playing with us," said Dunning with a smile. "But, he was always a pleasant guy."

spent 10 years covering Plymouth city politics for the Observer, remembers Wilcox at just about every meeting of the commission.

"I think he only missed a handful of meetings during that time, if that many," said Brown. "He was genuinely interested in what was going on in his town, and sometimes would stand and offer his opinion on matters. Jack had a respect for people, no matter who you were."

One of Jack's best friends, Allen Odell, lived for awhile in one of the apartments in the so-called Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth.

"Jack was a great inventor. He could take a piece of wire and an old clock motor and make something out of it," said Odell.

Odell also remembers the less-serious side of Wilcox.

"At the house during Halloween he would rig up the third step so when someone stepped on it a tape of a ferocious barking dog would start. He called the dog Alpo," said Odell of Jack's lighter side. "He and I used to sit and talk and discuss each other's problems. Most of all, he was a good friend."

JACK WILCOX AT A GLANCE

Here's a capsule look at some of the things Jack Wilcox did in and for the City of Plymouth:

■ Plymouth Theater Guild. Charter member and organizer; president (1958); Board of Directors, producer, actor.

■ Plymouth Historical Society. Life member, Board of Directors, president (1980); wrote revised by-laws.

■ Plymouth Community Counsel on Aging. Signed articles of incorporation, Board of Directors.

■ Manager, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 1957-58.

Awards

■ "The Jack Wilcox Award" for Citizen of the Year. Wilcox was the first to receive the award, which was subsequently named for him.

■ The Jack Wilcox Award, Alumnus of the Year, from his fraternity, Theta Chi, named after him for his 40 years as an advisor.

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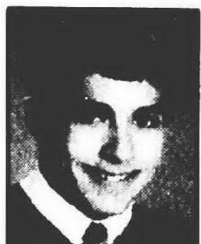
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Plymouth student gets MSU's top scholarship

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

Exemplary grades, outstanding test scores, plenty of extra-curricular activities and a pleasant personality landed Timothy Bodnar a considerable amount of cash to attend Michigan State University.



Timothy Bodnar

The 2000 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate was one of 12 Michigan State University students awarded Alumni Distinguished Scholarships, worth \$45,000 over nine semesters. That's almost a full ride to the East Lansing-based university, which costs about \$12,000 a year for in-state tuition, fees, books, room and board.

"This is the most prestigious scholarship MSU offers," said Kristin Anderson, university spokeswoman.

Bodnar, the son of Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar, plans to study mechanical engineering in addition to history and foreign languages. His high school activities included Quiz Bowl, tennis and theater. He graduated with a 4.028 grade-point average.

Plymouth-Salem doesn't declare a valedictorian, but Bodnar was No. 1 out of 520 students.

"Tim was highly regarded here by teachers, students and the administration," said Rick Wilson, Plymouth-Salem guidance counselor. "He's just an outstanding young man. He's very academically oriented. He probably seeks deeper meaning in his studies than most students. He

definitely goes the extra mile."

At MSU, Alumni Distinguished Scholars participate in Honors College programs in addition to academic work in their majors.

"We don't hand out this amount of money without considerable attention and consideration," said Jim Cotter, MSU's senior associate director of admissions and scholarships. "For all intents and purposes, this is what we call free rides. It's a tremendous tribute to Tim. He's certainly an outstanding student, but that alone doesn't get you the award."

Award winners are selected by a committee of faculty and

administrators, based on high school programs and achievements, standardized test scores, interviews and results of two-day examinations the students took in February. About 1,000 high school seniors applied for the scholarship.

"I chose to go to MSU because I really like the program of activities in the James Madison College," Bodnar said.

MSU's president embraces such high-caliber students.

"The MSU community is extremely pleased to welcome these extraordinary students to our campus," said Peter McPherson. "This group of scholars joins a distinguished society of MSU

students and alumni who have utilized the benefits of this award, venturing forth into stellar careers around the globe."

Former scholarship recipients have become Rhodes Scholars, inventors, politicians and doctors.

"It's really a group of heavy academic hitters," Cotter said. "They tend to be folks who have an impact through involvement in their academic departments, the Honors College and research."

"This scholarship is a very competitive, tedious process. When you're named one of the top scholars, you've certainly made a mark."

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Wilcox

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and subsequently had the award named after him.

Wilcox was a retired U.S. Navy captain who came back to Plymouth, the city he grew up in. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School, where he was senior class president in 1935, and graduated from the University of Michigan four years later.

Among his civic contributions was an appointment to the Plymouth city commission to fill an unexpired term in 1985. At various times he was also a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, the Plymouth Theatre Guild, the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth Economic Development Corporation, the Dunning-Hough Library Board of Directors, the Riverside Cemetery Board and the Plymouth Historic District Commission.

Wilcox was also the manager of

the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce in 1957-58. He also hosted "Profiles in Plymouth" on local cable television.

The Plymouth native was among the contingent of local citizens who made an official visit to the sister city of Plymouth, England, nearly 20 years ago. He was also among the first to visit China when direct travel became possible, visiting the Great Wall and the Forbidden City.

But, while he liked to travel, it was Plymouth where Wilcox spent most of his time and put most of his efforts and energy. It wasn't surprising to see him walking in Kellogg Park during most of the city's festivals, considering he lived across the street from the events. All he ever asked of the city was that the events end early enough so his tenants could get to sleep without the loud noise from the park.

He favored helping the youth gain access to downtown, often backing efforts by youth groups to organize concerts in Kellogg Park and offering his property to them for fun and games.

Wilcox lived in the home on Penniman Avenue since the early 1900s when his family bought the property built by Philip Markham, inventor and owner of the Daisy Rifle Company.

Wilcox is survived by his sister, Julia Sanderson, a former Plymouth resident who now resides in Stockbridge, Mass.; nieces Harriet Kurtz of Avon, N.Y. and Katherine Zwick of London, England; nephews John Sanderson of Stockbridge, Mass., George Thompson of Atlanta, Ga. and Roger Thompson of Princeton, N.J.

He is also survived by several great nieces and great nephews.

Local candidates to appear at public forums

The Plymouth Observer and the League of Women Voters are teaming up to bring township and state-wide candidates to the voters.

The Observer and the League are sponsoring candidates' forums on consecutive Wednesdays that will feature candidates for township trustee, supervisor, clerk and treasurer, as well as those running for the 20th District state House seat.

All forums begin at 7 p.m., and will be held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Here's the schedule:

■ **July 12 — Plymouth Township Trustee.** At press time, six candidates had accepted: incumbents Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith and challengers James Karell, Abe Munfakh, Jerry Trumpka and Clayton "Pete" Stacey. Also invited: incumbent Chuck Curmi and newcomers Charlene Helen Berry and John Morrison.

■ **July 19 — Supervisor, treasurer and clerk forums** will be divided into three times: **Supervisor, 7 p.m.** Incumbent Kathleen Keen McCarthy and challenger Steve Mann have accepted.

Clerk, 7:35 p.m. Incumbent Marilyn Massengill and challenger Maurice Breen have accepted.

Treasurer, 8:10 p.m. Challenger Richard Reaume has accepted. Also invited: incumbent Ron Edwards and challenger Gerald Law.

■ **July 26, 20th District state house.** Challengers John Stewart, Dave McDonald and Matt Cowles have accepted. Teresa Folino and David Gray have also been invited.

For more information, call the Observer, (734) 459-2700.

Read CJ Rlsak in the Plymouth Observer

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JUNE 27, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Machnik, Director Minghine

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to add a closed session for discussion of pending litigation following this meeting. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of June 13, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the study session of the Charter Township of Canton of June 20, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Long, 41275 Michigan Avenue, Lot #1214 said that since a new park was added behind Sherwood that appears to be situated on a higher ground level, the residents of Sherwood have had a flooding problem.

Director Machnik stated that mobile home parks are heavily regulated by the Mobile Home Commission Director Machnik said that he would like to call the Mobile Home Commission on the behalf of the Sherwood Village residents to try to expedite this matter to a solution.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdick to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of June 27, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 493,008.86	Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 4,439.00
Fire Fund	206	\$ 31,194.71	Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 43,312.43
Police Fund	207	\$ 40,338.24	Downtown Dev Authority	294	\$ 10,828.58
Summit Operating	208	\$ 66,221.36	Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 2.42
Golf Fund	211	\$ 53,635.91	Building Auth Debt Fund	369	\$ 400.00
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 949.85	CAP PROJ - Road Paving	403	\$ 17,668.78
TWP (Comm.) Improve.	246	\$ 10,526.50	Bldg ALTH Construction	469	\$ 394,955.23
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 720.01	Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 814,000.50
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 620.91	Total - All Funds		\$1,982,853.29

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to hear comments on the Level 3 Communications, LLC, telecommunications application for a permit for access to public easements, and right-of-ways to provide services in Canton Township in accordance with the telecommunications Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to hear comments on the Level 3 Communications, LLC, telecommunications application for a permit for access to public easements, and right-of-ways to provide telecommunications services in Canton Township in accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to adopt the attached resolution #1 granting to Level 3 Communications, LLC a five (5) year permit of access to public easements and right-of-ways subject to the conditions stated therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. to hear comments on the BRE Communications, LLC, d/b/a McLeod USA, Incorporated telecommunications application for a permit for access to public easements and right-of-ways to provide telecommunications services in Canton Township in accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. to hear comments on the BRE Communications, LLC, d/b/a McLeod USA, Incorporated telecommunications application for a permit for access to public easements and right-of-ways to provide telecommunications services in Canton Township in accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the attached resolution #1 granting to BRE Communications, LLC, d/b/a McLeod USA, Incorporated a five (5) year permit of access to public easements and right-of-ways subject to the conditions stated therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to open the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. to review plans under a Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award to purchase a target system and targeting equipment for the new Public Safety Department gun range. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. to review plans under a Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award to purchase a target system and targeting equipment for the new Public Safety Department gun range. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program award contract which includes \$31,283.00 in federal funds plus a required local match of \$3,476.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to set the public hearing on the Assessment Roll for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-06-66

Gorman Street Water Main

Special Assessment District (Resolution Number 4)

Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan
A regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 27th day of June, 2000, in the Township Hall in said Township at 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

Absent Members: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by member Burdick:

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted April 11, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton determined to acquire and construct the improvements more particularly hereinafter described (Exhibit A) and assess the cost thereof to the property benefited by said improvements, all in accordance with Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has prepared and reported to the Township Board a special assessment roll assessing the cost of said improvements to the property benefited thereby, with the Supervisor's certificate attached thereto;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that:

1. Said special assessment roll shall be filed with the office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours on regular working days.
2. The Township Board shall meet at a regular board meeting, at 7 p.m. on July 25, 2000, at the Township Hall in the Township to review said special assessment roll and hear any objection thereto.
3. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of the assessment roll to be published twice in the Canton Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, prior to the date of the hearing, and shall cause notice of such hearing, which first such publication shall be at least ten (10) days before the hearing, to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district (Exhibit B), as shown on the last Township tax assessment record of the Township, at least ten (10) full days before

the date of said hearing. Said notice as published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PERSONS IN INTEREST IN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PARCEL	ACREAGE	PARCEL	ACREAGE
036-01-0004-001	1.59	036-01-0007-002	3.54
036-01-0004-002	3.21	036-01-0008-000	4.80
036-01-0005-000	4.80	036-01-0009-003	1.32
036-01-0006-000	4.90	036-01-0009-004	1.08
036-01-0007-001	1.20	036-01-0009-002	2.40

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvement to the above property benefited therefrom:

Construction of approximately 1,200 lineal feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main from Ford Road south along Gorman Street. Project also includes fire hydrants, gate valves, connection to existing water main along Ford Road, testing activation, and restoration of all disturbed areas.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, at 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 25th of July 2000, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the clerk by Tuesday, 5 p.m. on July 25, 2000 and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing. Township Clerk

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are repealed.

Ayes: Members Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Nays: Members None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular board meeting held on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to set the public hearing and adopt the Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 1991-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-06-67

Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 1991-1

(Resolution No. 2)

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, held in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in said Township on June 27, 2000 at seven o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member Burdick:

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of road paving and drainage improvements more particularly described; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board, has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer plans showing the improvement and location thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the improvements;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that:

1. The plans showing the improvement and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.

2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the following public improvement:

Paving and drainage improvements along Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue to Van Born Road including intersection improvements at Van Born Road.

3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in the notice set forth in paragraph 6 of this resolution.

4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at seven o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the petition for the improvement and to the special assessment district therefor.

5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the current assessment rolls of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.

6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS MICHIGAN AVENUE TO VAN BORN ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1991-1 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue to Van Born Road:

SIDWELL #	71-143-01-0078-000	71-143-01-0079-000	71-143-01-0080-000	71-143-01-0081-000	71-143-01-0082-000	71-143-01-0083-000	71-143-01-0084-000	71-143-01-0085-000	71-143-01-0086-000	71-143-01-0087-000	71-143-01-0088-000	71-143-01-0089-000	71-143-01-0090-000	71-143-01-0091-000	71-143-01-0092-000	71-143-01-0093-000	71-143-01-0094-000	71-143-01-0095-000	71-143-01-0096-000	71-143-01-0097-000	71-143-01-0098-000	71-143-01-0099-000	71-143-01-0100-000
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to paving and drainage improvements to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefor by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and,

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing

the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 25th day of July, 2000 at seven o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 2000.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1991-1 PERCENT SIGNATURE CALCULATION

Sidwell #	Taxpayer	Front Footage	% Total	Signed	Percent Signed
71-143-01-0078-000	Pride Development LLC	240.00	2.43	Yes	2.43
71-143-01-0078-000	Eleanor Wiles	135.00	1.37	No	
71-143-01-0073-000	George MacBlaine	255.00	2.56	Yes	2.56
71-143-01-0063-000	Lisa Walker	184.00	1.86	Yes	1.86
71-143-01-0065-000	Richard Skelly	154.00	1.56	No	
71-143-01-0100-000	Eleanor Wiles	77.00	.78	No	
71-143-99-0001-001	MI Acres, LLC	214.81	2.18	Yes	2.18
71-143-99-0001-002	J. Kutscheid & P. Calley	113.83	1.15	Yes	1.15
71-143-99-0003-000	William A. Salter	235.00	2.38	No	
71-143-99-0005-000	William Luke	135.00	1.37	No	
71-143-99-0007-000	Patricia A. Ray	135.00	1.37	No	
71-143-99-0009-000	Albert Laforte	170.00	1.72	No	
71-143-99-0011-000	Warren Troy	170.00	1.72	No	
71-143-99-0013-000	Homeowner	170.00	1.72	No	
71-143-99-0009-000	Estate of Warren S. Wise	356.12	3.61	No	
71-143-99-0011-000	Mary Tester	357.60	3.62	No	
71-143-99-0013-000	Lotz Road LLC	230.60	2.33	No	
71-143-99-0019-000	Draw Title, Inc.	1,483.06	15.02	No	
71-141-99-0027-706	Rivett Group LLC	275.00	2.78	No	
71-141-99-0027-707	Roger Ajluni	1,015.81	10.29	Yes	10.29
71-141-99-0034-000	Marvin F. Poir & Company	1,330.00	13.47	Yes	13.47
71-141-99-0001-000	Marvin F. Poir & Company	944.44	9.56	Yes	9.56
71-141-99-0002-000	Marvin F. Poir & Company	223.86	2.27	Yes	2.27
71-141-99-0003-000	Marvin F. Poir & Company	1,270.00	12.86	Yes	12.86
	TOTALS	9,875.13	100.00%		58.65%

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Center Fund for program income and expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues

Program Fees (Income)

#208-000-652-000 \$44,600

Increase Appropriations

Program Supplies - General Programming

#208-757-742-4000 \$44,600

This budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund budget from \$2,849,480.00 to \$2,894,080.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the minutes of the Election Commission dated June 20, 2000 and further to attach them to the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees of June 27, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ELECTION COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS JUNE 20, 2000

A regular meeting of the Election Commission of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 20, 2000

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for July:

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursdays, July 13 and July 27, 7:30 p.m.** — Writers of all ages are invited to join others to share their work in a friendly group setting. Contact Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

■ **Your Poetry Group, Sunday, July 9, 1:30 p.m.** — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

■ **Astronomy Discussion Group, Monday, July 17, 7 p.m.** — Intended for ages six and older, participants in this group share ideas and questions on space. Contact Mike Best, (734) 459-2378.

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.** — Group members will exchange book titles they have read during the year, fiction or non-fiction, old or new. Bring ideas for the group to consider and select for the coming year. Contact Darlene Uersel at the library, (734) 453-0750.

■ **"Connecting to the Internet," Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m.** — Richard Truxall, an independent computer trainer and consultant, will update his earlier presentation on the options and issues to consider before connecting to the Internet from a home computer. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Brown Bag Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, July 26, 11:30 a.m.** — Copies of this month's selected title, "The Wild Swans; three daughters of China," by Jung Chang, are available at the check-out desk. Bring a lunch, if you like; beverages are provided by the library. For more information, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk or call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Teen events

■ **Tie-dyeing Craft, Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m.** — Bring your own cotton item to tie-dye. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Teen Book Discussion Group, Monday, July 17, 3:30 p.m.** — The group will discuss "Swallowing Stones" by Joyce McDonald and also select titles for the next three bi-monthly meetings. Refreshments will be provided. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Teen Advisory Board, Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.** — Teens 12 to 18 are invited to share ideas for summer activities at the library for teens. Refreshments will be provided. No registra-

tion is necessary.

■ **"Hula Hoops & Hackey Sacks"** — Teens who are entering grades seven through 12 this fall may participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program to win a prize every time you read a book, listen to a CD, or read a magazine. Weekly prizes also will be awarded, as well as a grand prize. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

■ **Volunteers needed** — Teen volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one tutoring for Plymouth residents who are unfamiliar with computers, particularly Windows 95/98 and the Library's new catalog, PAC for Windows. Contact Eva Davis, (734) 453-0750, ext. 230, or at eva@tin.lib.mi.us.

Youth events

■ **"Score Big with Books" Summer Reading Program** — Read to Me for non-readers through age 5 and Summer Reading Program for readers ages 6 to 12 continue through the end of July. Drop-in family storytimes for children ages 2 to 5 and their families will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 11, July 18 and July 25. Weekly programs for school-aged children are planned for 2 p.m. on Thursdays: July 6, "Library Quidditch," celebrating the release of the new Harry Potter book by playing a library version of Harry's favorite game; July 13, Tae Kwon Do exhibition, demonstrating the expertise of students from the American and Korean Tae Kwon Do School from the Plymouth Community Center; July 20, Detroit Rocker Day, giving the chance to meet one of Detroit's professional indoor soccer team members; and July 27, two movies, "Miss Nelson has a Field Day" and "Runaway Ralph."

■ **Lap Sit Storytime, Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.** — A 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies six to 24 months old and their caregivers only, lapsed storytime is limited to 12 children per session. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Home Daycare Storytime, Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m.** — This drop-in storytime is for children aged 2 to 5 attending home daycare. No registration is necessary.

Library board

■ **Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.** — The Plymouth District Library Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the library. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library, (734) 453-0750, if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.



Sue Buck —

Bringing you everything you need to know before the Aug. 8 election primaries, only in the Plymouth Observer

'Mayorthon' makes way through local area supporting organ, tissue donation

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER
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Canton resident Rosemary Grobke said nothing makes a person more of a supporter of organ and tissue donation than having to wait precariously for a donor organ to save a family member's life.

Grobke's son, Kevin, 20, was put on a national organ recipient list in 1996. At age 3, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins T-cell lymphoma. One of the medications he took for dealing with the effects of chemotherapy made his heart become enlarged and caused it to begin failing.

Because he was deteriorating so rapidly, he was only on the recipient list for 20 days — but the transplant operation took place in the nick of time, his mother said.

"He got his heart on a Thursday," she said. "On Wednesday, (doctors) moved him into intensive care."

She was told that without a donor heart, Kevin would die within two days. A short time later, she was told a donor heart was located in the Grand Rapids area. A 17-year-old boy was the donor.

On Aug. 22 every year, Grobke said she throws a "heart party" for her son — to celebrate the date he received the donor heart.

Since receiving the heart, Kevin graduated from Salem High, received his culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft and participated in the Transplant

Games in Orlando, featuring competitive athletics among transplant recipients.

The First Family Pledge Millennium Mayorthon, part of a coast-to-coast effort to raise awareness about organ donation, is scheduled to make its way through a portion of Canton today with township Supervisor Tom Yack walking from the U.S. Post Office on Canton Center north of Cherry Hill to the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, at Canton Center and Summit Parkway.

"It seemed to me that this was a very worthwhile and noble endeavor that would give people a second chance at life," Yack said.

The Mayorthon's opening stretch was in San Francisco on April 16. Mayors in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio have all participated.

By the Mayorthon's end Sept. 2 in Washington, it will have crossed 21 states and nearly 6,000 miles.

Organ transplants provide new life for more than 20,000 men, women and children each year.

The Mayorthon visited Ann Arbor, Canton, Westland, Garden City and Dearborn Heights during the Michigan stretch.

The Millennium Mayorthon is a coast-to-coast relay to encourage families to donate organs and tissues. More than 70,000 men, women and children are currently on a waiting list for donated organs and tissues.

"Many people believe that if they sign a donor's card or have a note on their driver's license, that's enough to ensure that their wishes are honored," said Nancy Ascher, M.D., president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. "But it's not. The family always makes the final decision. We hope the Mayorthon will encourage families to talk to each other, make the decision as a family to become donors and sign the First Family Pledge as a testament to their decision."

The Mayorthon was created by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and is co-sponsored by the American Red Cross. For more information, call (800) 848-8836 or visit www.mayorthon.com on the Internet.

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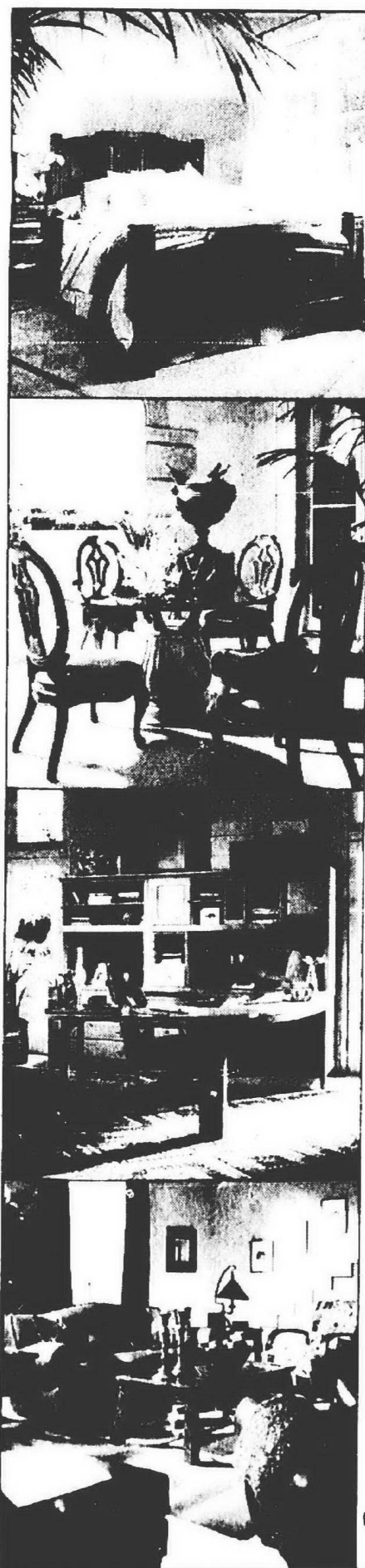
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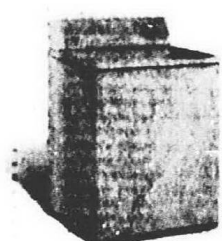
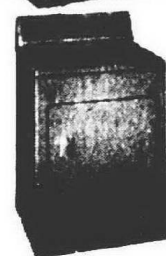
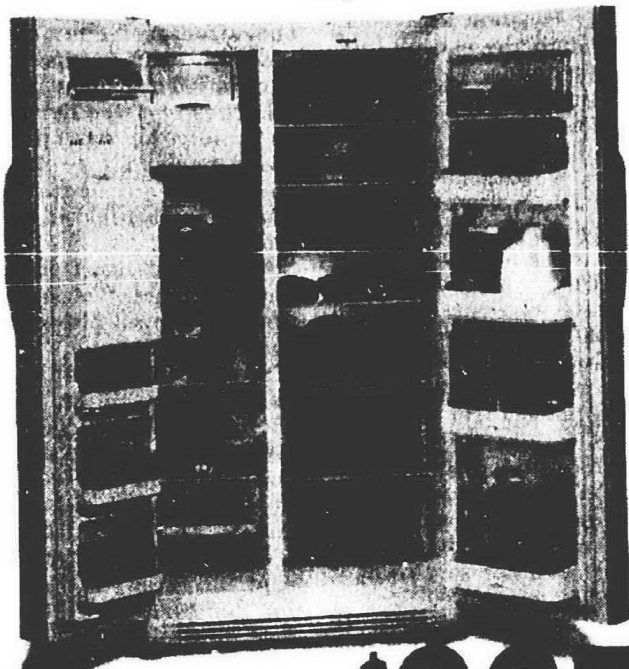
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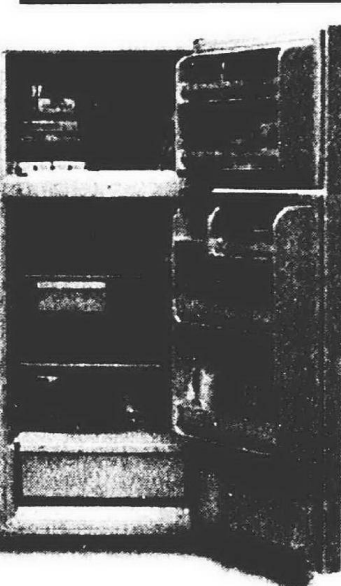
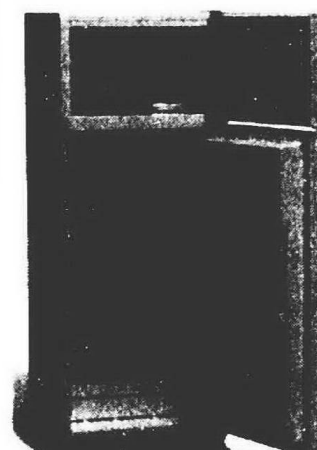
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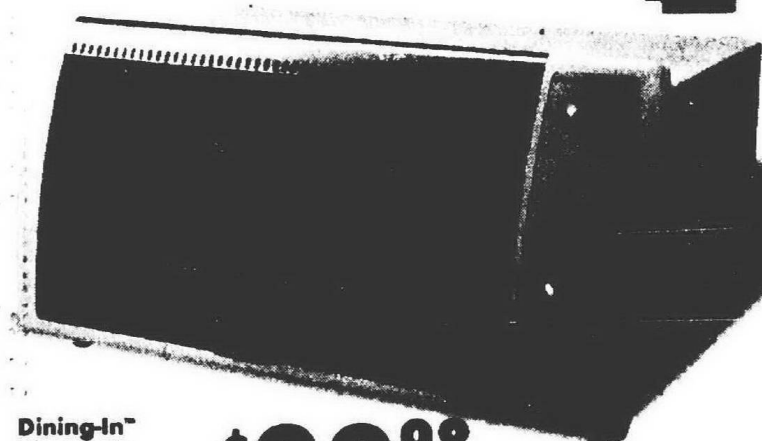
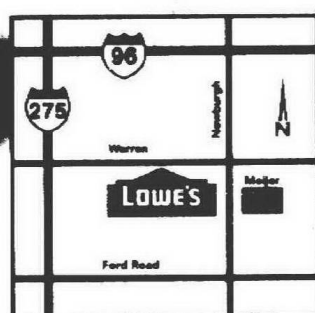
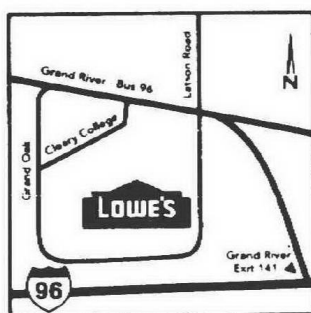
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ELLEN HERSCHER

Today's teen is much like parents were

Crossing over from pre-teen to the wondrous age of 13 was a monumental event in my life — right up there with vowing to be a good wife and giving birth.

"Teen" is a magical word that makes kids feel suddenly adult and affirms that the cradle of humanity is finally theirs to rock. Becoming a teenager meant that I was entering the coveted world of mystery, romance and parties of which I had so often fantasized. In contrast, this new path was littered with many obstacles and fear of the dreaded unknown, augmented by my eminent shyness.

I became a teenager in the 1950s. Except for eclectic fads and fashions, teens are basically the same. Throughout the generations, these free thinkers have developed their own styles, language and music. Many parents view their teenage mavericks as slightly insane and cannot understand their craziness. All that fretting is usually for naught, as most of us have turned out to be responsible citizens who have learned to enjoy a variety of music, even classical and opera. We dress in appropriate attire, attend meetings and lectures, and go to church because we want to, not because we are told to do so.

Admittedly, teen years brought social problems and frustrations that weighed heavily like a knapsack full of bricks; yet, the scale tipped favorably with added freedom, raging hormones, and incessant energy. We thought of ourselves as non-conformists, although fitting in with our peers was paramount. Essentially, we were conforming to non-conformity.

During my school years, teenagers wore sweatshirts wrong side out, bobby socks rolled like doughnuts, black-and-white saddle shoes, circular felt poodle skirts. Denim jeans went from wide rolled cuffs to narrow hems. Boys and girls alike struggled to stuff themselves like sausages into skin tight Levi's. We were announcing to the world our right to individuality and the beginning of our convoluted journey toward adulthood.

Because most parents did not allow makeup, girls applied Mentholatum to their lips so they glowed like dew covered cherries and Vaseline to eyelashes for dazzling allure. Hoping to smooth away conspicuous scarlet zits, we went through tubes of Clearasil, applying it faithfully every night. Boys carried combs in hip pockets to maintain glistening slicked-back ducktails. Being cool, they strolled with an exaggerated gait. Much to their chagrin, the boys' changing voices involuntarily ran the gamut from shrill grating to guttural croaking and anywhere betwixt. We girls found this cute.

First rebuff hurts

The first time I had to invite a boy to a Sadie Hawkins dance, he said he had another date. It had taken a lot of courage on my part to ask him, so I was quite devastated by his rebuff. It was a lesson in compassion. From that experience, I understood the risk of rejection that boys had to withstand. Years later, when a girl invited my teenage son to a dance, he told her he didn't want to go. Consequently, we had a poignant dialogue about rejection, feelings, and friendships. Deciding that staying home was less important than boosting this girl's self-esteem, he called her back. Together, they went to the dance, had a great time and became good friends.

Trying to be older

Until we reach the age of 21, we spend our lives trying to be older than we are, wanting to prove to our parents that we can do anything. Once we have grown up, I don't think our parents really want us there, either. They seem to pick a time in our lives when we were what they liked best, then hold us in limbo inside their minds. Look what happens — we do the same thing with our children.

Why can we not see in them what was in us? As long as teenagers aren't harming themselves or others, why not allow them to be individualists? They want to be special. You know something, they are indeed very special.

For all you teens who think adults are prehistoric, remember that time does not stand still and you will one day be there, too.

Ellen J. Herscher is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Top dog, cop battle crime

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Shilo, a canine officer with the Canton Police Department, isn't so great at catching balls, but he sure knows how to nab criminals.

"He can't fetch anything — it usually hits him in the face," explained his trainer and partner, Officer Todd Koch. The 85-pound, 3-year-old German shepherd has tracked down 15 suspects and played an important role in more than 200 narcotic arrests.

"We'd catch more people if they didn't get into cars," Koch joked.

Shilo, who comes from East Germany and had no training, has lived with Koch since the dog was 18 months old.

"We select them from a group of dogs, and we see which are the most highly driven and high-energy dogs," said Koch, who worked for four years handling bomb-sniffing dogs in the Air Force.

That experience helped Koch shape Shilo into his police partner and back-up in life-and-death situations. Shilo is also his buddy and the pet who lives with him, his wife and two children (a 3-year-old girl and 18-month-old boy). Koch chuckles as he explains how Shilo seems to roll his eyes and sigh as he tolerates the children tugging at him and trying to give commands like their dad. Two years ago Shilo replaced Boss, who retired from the Canton force and also lives with the Koch family.

"If Shilo's sick, I try to call in sick, too," Koch said. "If he's sick at home, I want to stay with him. We have a really close relationship, because he

relies on me to keep him safe and I rely on him to keep me safe. We've gotten a really tight bond. "When we're working, I can read his mind real well," Koch added.

Sprawled contentedly at Koch's feet in the lobby of the Canton public safety department, the dog looks like any pet. But this canine sees a lot more action than chasing a few birds or cats. Shilo has criminals on his mind and all he needs are slight traces of their scents to keep him chasing.

On the beat

Working the night shift, Koch and Shilo get into a squad car and ride the 36 square miles of the township. They're called to help in the most dangerous situations — armed robberies, felonious assaults and narcotic searches.

Shilo is especially valuable in building searches where criminals are hiding. "He's a huge asset," Koch said. "We send a dog ahead of us and he locates the suspect. He goes into that dangerous situation for us."

The man-dog team is also summoned to neighboring communities in a mutual aid arrangement. An average night's work for Koch and Shilo is to inspect three to five cars for drugs.

"We find narcotics just about every night we work," Koch added.

The only time Shilo will bite is if his partner is attacked or if he barks the order. Koch said the only time he would tell Shilo to grab a suspect is in "extremely serious crimes" or if the suspect refuses to stop running after warnings.

"There's only one case in the U.S., that I know of, that a dog has killed a suspect," Koch said. "That's outstanding, when you think about how



Equals: Canton police Officer Todd Koch and his partner Shilo, a 3-year-old German shepherd (above and right), put on demonstrations at the Canton Liberty Fest.



many suspects are killed with batons, choke holds" and other police tactics.

Shilo's only pay is food, a few treats and "a lot of love." His favorite treat is popcorn with his family. A good day for the dog, Koch said, is working. "Tracking bad guys is what he likes to do."

Other days, Koch and Shilo give demonstrations at schools and during the Liberty Fest. Shilo isn't the only dog on the force: He's joined by Mav-

erick, who was trained by Officer Matt Jenkinson. The dogs learned their police skills through conditioning that stresses controlled situations with lots of praise and rewards.

Koch said he hoped that people understand that Shilo and Maverick are social dogs and shouldn't be thought of as "mean or vicious." They're working out there to protect us and you.

FROM THE HEART

Redford student lends a voice to help others

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
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Joe O'Connor gives new meaning to the idea of music from the heart.

At the tender age of 11, this Redford youth uses his love of song and his tender nature to reach out to his friends, family and community.

"The big thing with Joe is his really kind heart," said his father Tom O'Connor, who nominated Joe as an Observer & Eccentric Friday's Child. "He's willing to help other people." That kindness shows in all he does.

DARE-ing

Joe began working with the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in 1999, using music to spread the word about the reality of violence and drug use. His father brought him together with Sgt. Kim Sivyver, a former DARE officer.

"He is just a fine young man," said Sivyver. "He is respectful and he is a product of his family. It is an honor to be associated with them."

Sivyver was approached by his friend Tom O'Connor with the song he and Joe would later sing together. *I DARE You*, was recorded in Canton by RJ Music Productions and reproduced at Wing Street Studio in downtown Plymouth. It includes a full and instrumental version of the song and a public service announcement about DARE. Together, Joe and Sivyver called themselves *The Cop & The Kid*.

"It really took off," said Tom O'Connor, a lifelong Redford resident, of the collaboration. "I'm big into causes. I wrote a MADD song. We were thinking

of doing a bunch of cause songs."

Sivyver calls Joe a friend. "I think it has had a profound impact on him, it's made him more outgoing," said Sivyver. His classmates look at him in a different way. I think it has had an impact on the DARE community. It's used for DARE graduations."

Joe also thinks singing brings more attention to DARE, a cause he sees as a good way to keep kids off drugs.

"Instead of listening to people talk, they have something to entertain 'em," said Joe.

Dedicated

If anyone knows about entertaining, it's Joe O'Connor. His interest in music began early. "It was about five years ago my dad told me and my mom to sign up for piano lessons. She signed me up for guitar instead," he said.

Taking to the instruments almost instantly, Joe keeps progressing. His parents say Joe spends time upstairs

in the music room "jamming every day."

Though he's an entertainer at heart, Joe O'Connor is also known to be a very good friend.

"I know he's big into helping other kids," said Tom O'Connor. "He's not such a superstar student, but if somebody needs a friend (he'll be there)."

His mother, Carrie, agreed: "He's a very good friend to all the kids."

Joe proved it this past March, when his friend and peer at St. Valentine's School in Redford, Joey Pegloski, died of complications from a brain tumor.

Joe raced home from school and penned a song in his honor. Using music to begin the healing process for himself and the friends and family of Joey, Joe was even asked to sing his



Talented: Joe O'Connor (right) sings the DARE song his father wrote with Police Officer of the Year, Kim Sivyver, at the police and fire awards night in Redford.

STAFF PHOTO BY
BRYAN MITCHELL

tribute at the funeral. *Joey's Song* took only a short while to write, but means a lot to him.

"It was from the heart," said his mother, Carrie.

Joe never imagined he would be pursuing music at such an early age.

"I always liked singing," he said. "But I never knew I was going to grow up and take voice lessons. The best part is when I accomplish a song and I feel proud of myself."

He named Kid Rock and the Red Hot Chili Peppers as a few of his favorite bands right now. Friends and acquaintances at school compliment Joe on his singing and boost his self-confidence. One of his songs was even played during a school dance.

Joe has had the opportunity to meet

a few of his idols, like Weird Al Yankovic who once signed the ear of his Star Wars Yoda mask.

A friend of his father's got him Kid Rock's autograph when he spotted the star at Metro Airport. Someday Joe hopes to join the ranks of those stars.

But music isn't Joe's only passion, he recently told his parents he'd like to write a book. They support his endeavors and say they've learned a lot from their son.

What words of wisdom might Joe give to his fellow aspiring musicians? "Never give up, that's probably the main thing," he said. His wish is to sing *I DARE You* at a Detroit Viper's game sometime.

"I'm really focused on music," he said.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ALL SAINTS

Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information, please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

BERKLEY

Class of 1950
Is looking for alumni.
(248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1965

A 35-reunion is planning a millennium reunion for Sept. 30 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley. We need your reservation and alumni addresses. Contact Sharon Reich at (248) 557-3182.

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1960

The June Class of 1960 is planning a 40-year reunion Aug. 19 and 20 with weekend activities including a dinner/dance (Saturday) at the Best Western Executive Hotel in Farmington Hills. Call Fred Hannert (248) 652-9750 or visit www.berkeleyhighreunion1960.homestead.com

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1980

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16. Contact Sandra (248) 647-5307; Tonya (248) 699-2839; Beth (734) 697-0440 or e-mail @belleville1980@hotmail.com

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1970

30 year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 4.

Please contact Colleen Siembor (734) 455-1395.

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1975

A reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Novi Hilton.
Call Lori Myers Tabaka (734) 427-5182 or Carol Toy-Day (734) 524-9790.

BENEDICTINE HIGH

Class of 1970

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21. For information call Diane Reffner (734) 424-4783 or e-mail direff@prodigy.net

BIRMINGHAM HIGH

Class of 1955

A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Class of 1965

Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham.
(248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

MARIAN & BROTHER RICE

Class of 1970

A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1970

We're celebrating our 30th class reunion with a dinner dance to be held at the Italian American Banquet Center on Friday, Aug. 4.

If you are a Bishop Borgess 1970 alumni who has not been contacted call Mary Parson at (810) 629-5257 or Mary Sherry at (248) 348-7104. Space is very limited. Respond now to make this reunion a reality. To find out more information visit the reunion Web site at www.bbs70.com

BISHOP GALLAGHER

Class of 1970

A reunion is planned for Sept. 9 at Bishop Gallagher High School, Harper Woods at 7:30 p.m.
Contact Jim Champine (313) 884-3057.

BRIGITON

Class of 1980

Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.

(248) 360-7004, press #5 or reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Class of 1950

Looking for classmates for 50th reunion. Please call Sally (734) 425-3326 or Ellen (313) 386-2191.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Class of 1960

Bloomfield Hills High School (now Andover High) class of 1960 will host a reunion Aug. 25, 26, and 17.

Contact Jim Wolfe, (248) 339-3225.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Class of 1964-65

A reunion is planned for Sept. 15-16 with the main event being dinner and music at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Other activities include a tailgate party and football game against Avondale.

For information call Edie (248) 935-7555 or e-mail laradangoldman@aol.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Classes of 1935-1955

"Vaughan" Bloomfield Hills High School. A reunion is planned for Aug. 19 including a banquet dinner at the Northfield Hilton Hotel. We need your reservation and alumni address.

Call Rose Ricelli (248) 646-0596.

CASS TECHNICAL

Class of 1964, 1965, 1966

A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 18.
To get on a mailing list call Rita (248) 746-3340.

CASS TECH

Class of 1975

A 25th year reunion themed "A Sterling Affair," is planned for Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at Cobo's Riverview Ballroom. A 3-day Bahamas cruise is also being planned for Nov. 9-12. Deposits are (\$100) per cabin and should

be sent to E. Morton
For information contact
Lawrence Washington (313) 837-1901, Estelita Morgan (248) 559-7832 or write CT 75 - 25 Year Reunion, P.O. Box 8242, Bloomfield, MI 48302-8242.

CASS TECH HIGH

Class of 1950/51

Classes are looking for classmates for a Sept. 16 reunion. Contact M. Deters Singley at (248) 740-3266 to be put on a mailing list.

CHERRY HILL HIGH

Class of 1979

Class is looking for alumni to plan a reunion.
Call (734) 397-4765, Jackie; or (734) 981-1636, Janine.

CLARKSTON

Class of 1960

A reunion is tentatively planned for August.

(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

CLINTONDALE HIGH

Class of 1960

A 40-year reunion dinner/dance is planned for Sept. 30 at Van Dyke Park Hotel. The event will coincide with the high school homecoming on Friday evening. The planning committee is trying to locate all graduates. Members of William Nicke Elementary School, Class of 1965, are also invited.

Please contact Judith Hall

Adams (810) 395-2197.

CLARENCEVILLE

Class of 1975

A 25-reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Farmington. We need help locating many classmates.

Call Bob Scheets (248) 363-5345 or (248) 437-9131 or e-mail bbs1957@aol.com

COOLEY

Class of 1958

A reunion is planned for the weekend of Aug. 18, 19 and 20

Please see REUNIONS, B8



NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2000 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2000 and payable through August 10, 2000 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the Church Street lobby of City Hall or use the DROP BOX located next to the book return behind the Library, City National Bank, Plymouth office will also accept payments for your convenience through August 10, 2000.

TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Clerk

Publish: July 2 and 6, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., July 20, 2000 for the following:

PRINTING OF SUMMIT ON THE PARK MARKETING MATERIALS

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening and be received by the Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m., July 20, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 6, 2000

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage, 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on July 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each unit. Cash Only:

Unit #102 - NARAIN RAISINGHANI of 899 Pond Island Ct., Northville, MI 48167 - approx. 12 pallets of tile.

Unit #588 - DAVID VAN DERWOP of 1913 Jan Circle, Canton, MI 48187 - tool chest, walker, ladder, stereo, lamps, canes, tv stand, bed frame, sofa, tables, chairs, odd household items, boxes, other misc.

Unit #702 - DAVID VAN DERWOP of 1913 Jan Circle, Canton, MI 48187 - TV, corner shelf, clothes, tv stand, closet, phone, file cabinet, dresser, jewelry box, boxes, household items, other misc.

Unit #581 - KATHLEEN SERBICK of 2020 Koper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48310 - fan, tools, stereo, speakers, shovel, fishing equipment, tool box, cooler, toys, boxes, other misc.

Unit #716 - DAVID JAMES of 25715 Sibley Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 - tools, rims & tires, misc car parts, boots, boxes, other misc.

Publish: June 25 and July 6, 2000

Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 26, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 3:16 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as amended.
Minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$601,034.85 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for May 2000 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for June 2000 - received and filed.
Removal of Trees; Brougham Apartments - approved.
Utility Trailer Purchase - approved.
Cost Sharing of Land Option Deposit - Option 1 approved.
MMRMA Insurance Policy Premium - approved.
Contract 4 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection; Change Orders - approved.
Lower Rouge Overflow Structure - approval to issue a bulletin to Ric-Man and establish the budget accordingly.
SCADA System Quotation; Phase 2 - approval to accept the quotation from Aggressive Systems, Inc., of Farmington Hills, MI.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman,
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Publish: July 6, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Bids must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the bidder's name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening and be received no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday July 21, 2000, for the following:

CONSTRUCTION OF CANTON TOWNSHIP VEHICLE SERVICE CENTER HERITAGE PARK DRIVE AT VETERANS WAY

Drawings and specifications are available at Siegal/Tuomala Associates Architects and Planners, Inc., Suite 261 W, 31731 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334, (248) 851-3325, on or after July 6, 2000. There is a non-refundable sum of \$40.00 per set. Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 6, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2000 SUMMER TAXES

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RON EDWARDS, Treasurer,
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: June 29, July 2 and 6, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA July 13, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, July 13, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

1. Harvey and Karen Schmit 2553 River Woods Canton MI 48188 (734-495-0758) are appealing Zoning Ordinance 2.09 A, 3B Rear Yard setback to build a deck.
Parcel #113-01-0014-000 (Building)
2. Clark J. George 232 Robyn Ct. Canton MI 48187 (734-981-0019) is appealing Article 26 Schedule of Regulations and Article 2 Section 2.03 D Accessory structure use setbacks for building of a 2 car garage. Parcel #056-03-0068-000 (Building)
3. Jerry W. Duncan Jr. 43535 Lancelot Drive Canton MI 48188 (734-397-9552) is appealing Pool Ordinance 110 Section 2.1 H Pool Clearance for a bath house.
Parcel #105-07-0082-000 (Building)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

(Approval of June 8, 2000 minutes)

Publish: June 30, 2000

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PERSONS IN
INTEREST IN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PARCEL	ACREAGE
036-01-0004-001	1.59
036-01-0004-002	3.21
036-01-0005-000	4.80
036-01-0006-000	4.90
036-01-0007-001	1.20
036-01-0007-002	3.54
036-01-0008-000	4.80
036-01-0009-003	1.32
036-01-0009-004	1.08
036-01-0009-002	2.40

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvement to the above property benefited therefrom:

Construction of approximately 1,500 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main from Ford Road south along Gorman Street. Project also includes fire hydrants, gate valves, connection to existing water main along Ford Road, testing, activation, and restoration of all disturbed areas.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, at 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 25th day of July 2000, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the clerk by Tuesday, 5 p.m. on July 25, 2000 and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 6 and 20, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

The Charter Township of Canton is requesting proposals for architectural services for the design of an annex to the current administration building located at 1150 S Canton Center. This building will be located to the west of the current administration building and will be between 12,000 and 20,000 square feet over multiple floors. In addition, there may be a second phase to the project which will include aesthetic improvements to the current building.

Each firm must provide the following information:

1. Name, address and brief history of the firm.
2. Examples of relevant designs for similar projects.
3. Names and resumes of the specific individuals that would be assigned to the project, as well as any other consultant services that may be utilized.
4. Include any other useful information that will assist in the selection of a design firm.
5. The firms fee structure.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED. Sealed proposals are due to the Finance Department, 1150 S Canton Center, Canton Michigan 48188; by 10:00 a.m., July 20, 2000. Proposals must be clearly marked "PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DESIGN SERVICES."

Canton reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal in whole or in part, and accept only those proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: July 6, 2000

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE LOTZ ROAD PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS MICHIGAN AVENUE TO VAN BORN ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1999-1 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY
ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road
from Michigan Avenue to Van Born Road:

SIDWELL

71-142-01-0078-000	71-143-99-0009-000	71-142-99-0003-000
71-142-01-0076-000	71-143-99-0011-000	71-144-99-0002-000
71-142-01-0073-000	71-143-99-0013-000	71-142-99-0005-000
71-142-01-0063-000	71-143-99-0019-000	71-144-99-0003-000
71-142-01-0065-000	71-141-99-0027-706	71-142-99-0007-000
71-142-01-0100-000	71-141-99-0027-707	71-142-99-0013-000
71-142-99-0001-001	71-141-99-0034-000	71-142-99-0009-000
71-142-99-0001-002	71-144-99-0001-000	71-142-99-0011-000

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to paving and drainage improvements to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS,

ANNIVERSARIES

Sylvester

Glenn and June (Schmidt) Sylvester celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. The Garden City couple were married in Bowling Green, Ohio. Glenn is a retired operating engineer for the Edward C. Levy Company and June is a homemaker.

The couple's seven children are Craig, Keith, Vicki, Brian, Mark, Diane and Sheryl. The family also includes 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The family celebrated the occasion with a party at the Willow Creek Apartment



Clubhouse in Westland April 30.

Kozma

Joseph and Mary (Truhon) Kozma of Livonia celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed June 14, 1930 and have lived in the area for 43 years.

Joseph Kozma worked for General Motors for 40 years and his wife is a homemaker. The couple have two children, Betty Dixon and the late John Kozma. The family includes 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Joseph enjoys bowling, golfing, and volunteers as an AARP tax



preparer, while Mary spends time gardening, crocheting and cooking.

To celebrate the event, the family organized a special gathering.

Boni

R.C. and Winifred (Hutchinson) Boni will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month.

The Livonia couple wed on July 4, 1950 in Detroit and have lived in the area for 35 years. R.C. was born in Ohio and lived in Italy for six years. Winifred was born in Detroit and has remained in the Detroit area her whole life. In 1976, they founded the Boni-Hutchinson Scale Company.

The couple's two children are Ray Boni and Lynn Henman. The family also includes five grandchildren.

Winifred is active in the Livonia Garden Club and is a past



president. Both R.C. and his wife enjoy gardening and working in their yard.

To celebrate the occasion, a surprise party is planned with family members.

Cocke

John H. and Frances (Hargrove) Cocke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

The Plymouth couple wed on June 23, 1950 in Clarksville, Tenn. and have lived in the area for 34 years. John owned a tool and die shop, Form Flow, Inc., but is now retired. Frances is a homemaker.

The couple's three children are Deborah (Karl) Lewis of Chicago, Larry (Judy) Cocke of Farmington and Karen (Joe) Schiffman of Livonia. The family also includes seven grandchildren.

The Cocke's both golf and spend their winters in Florida.



To celebrate the occasion, the couple will be spending an entire weekend with their family on Mackinac Island in July.

Hein

Timothy and Valerie (Buha) Hein celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in May.

The Wolverine Lake couple wed on May 27, 1960 at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit. Timothy Hein works as the cop coordinator (marketing) and a teacher at Walled Lake Central High School and Valerie works as an art teacher at Garden City High School.

The couple's two children are Dawn (Cash) McGuffin of Whitmore Lake and Kimberly (Bill) Ray of Highland. The family also includes six grandchildren: Tim, Alex and Joshua Woychowski and Kyle, Megan and Katelynn McGuffin.

Both Timothy and Valerie enjoy spending time with their family and keep busy by travel-



ing, reading, golfing and painting.

To celebrate the occasion, Timothy and Valerie took their daughters, son-in-laws and grandchildren on a southern Caribbean cruise.

Hartke

E. Michael and Toni (Ehlers) Hartke celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last month.

The Plymouth couple wed on June 13, 1970 in Richland, Mich. and have lived in the area for 22 years. Michael is the president of X-fer International in Ann Arbor and Toni is the projects director for Head Start at Detroit Public Schools.

The couple's children are Jennifer and Brandon Hartke of Plymouth. The Hartke's are members of the First United Methodist Church.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple will be traveling to the



Olympics in Sydney, Australia and visiting New Zealand and Hawaii.

WEDDINGS

McKinlay-Townsend

Robert and Joan McKinlay of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Holly Anne McKinlay-Abrams, to Scott Entricken Townsend of Royal Oak.

The bride works as a secretary for Josten's photography.

Her husband is the son of Hugh and Darlis Townsend of Springfield, Missouri and the grandson of Carrie Mathews. Scott graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in architectural engineering. He works for Peter Basco Associates.

The couple wed before Rev. Kenneth D. Hubbard on May 20, 2000 at the United Assembly of God in Plymouth. The bride was attended by matron of honor Amy Hughes, bridesmaids Michelle Illes, Joy Wolf, Heidi Townsend, Sara Cochran, junior bridesmaids Paula Illes, Jessica Illes and flower girl Samantha



Illes.

The groom was attended by best man Kevin Townsend, groomsmen John Abrams, Douglas Hughes, Mark Frietchen, David Pitner, ring bearer Tyler Illes and ushers Derek Cochran and Robert Moore.

The couple enjoyed an afternoon tea at United Assembly of God before receiving guests at Ernesto's in Plymouth and took a trip to a family cottage in the Upper Peninsula. The couple will reside in Royal Oak.

Aldinger-Kopacko

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Aldinger of Orlando announce the marriage of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Lawrence Donald Kopacko of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Florida State University and works as an elementary school teacher in the Orange County public schools.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kopacko of Livonia, is a Henry Ford Community College graduate and works for Excel Pattern.

Michelle and Lawrence were married June 17 at Holy Family in Orlando by Father Camillo "Sonny" Avitabile.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Pam Lehman and bridesmaids Nancy Aldinger, Heidi Aldinger, Mari Dietrich and Karen Tokarz.

The groom's best man was



Dave Dietrich and his groomsmen included James Kopacko, Michael Aldinger, Paul Hofelich and Bob Byers.

The couple received guests at the Orange County National Golf Center and honeymooned on the islands of Hawaii. They will make their home in Livonia.

ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS

You can now download our engagement and wedding announcement forms from our Web site at <http://observer-eccentric.com>. Visit our main page and look for the HomeTown Life link. Click on it and you'll

see a link to the announcement forms. Print the form from the screen, fill it out and mail it in with a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like to receive your photograph back. We accept both black/white and

color pictures for publication.

Mail the completed form to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, attn: Kimberly Mortson. Congratulations!

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BOYS.....July 23 to July 27

July 30 to Aug. 3

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Day 9-4:30

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

LOCAL 1776 REUNION

■ The Willow Run Local 1776 reunion will be held from noon until dusk, Saturday, July 15, at Lower Huron Metropark, (Tulip-tree area, 17485 Savage Road, Belleville). Bring your classic car to show at the classic car show. Hot dogs and pop are served 1-6 p.m., or as funds allow. Reunions are funded by proceeds from items sold, raffles and donations. Call Linda Taylor at T&C at (734) 485-8000 or Pauline at (734) 495-0415 to contribute.

TOY SHOW

■ The Plymouth "Collectible Toy Show" returns 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, July 16, during Plymouth's "Art Fair." The toy show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used and collectible toys of all kinds. Adults are \$5 and children under 10 are free. For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

AROUND TOWN

SUMMER ART CAMPS

■ D&M Studios presents a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Kids will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is now open. Camps run through Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are several camps and different hours to choose from. Classes are held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, and the Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information or for registration, call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER CONCERTS

■ The Plymouth Community Band begins its 40th year of outdoor summer concerts at 8 p.m. Thursdays through July 27 at Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. These free outdoor park concerts have become a traditional summer offering in Plymouth. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of easy listening music, guest performers and conductors. The Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, is a volunteer organization bringing a love of music and performing to the community. For more information, call Vickie Krause at (734) 455-9635.

TEEN PROGRAMS

■ Registration is now open for two teen programs being offered by the Young Adult department of the Canton Public Library. Tiedye T-shirts will be made 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 6. All materials will be provided. This is an outdoor event and will be postponed in the event of bad weather. Books & Bites Book Discussion will be held noon-1 p.m., Saturday, July 22. Discuss *Armageddon Summer* by Jane Yolen and Bruce Coville, while munching on pizza. Advance copies of the book and all munchies provided by the library. Young adult programs are designed for teens who are in the sixth grade or higher, or who are 12 or older. To register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999 or e-mail her at stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us.

■ Business Network International will hold its regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 6, for the Plymouth chapter at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will hold its regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, at The Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

■ Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship tourney, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork and movement without the ball. There will be two camps for boys. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 2-7, with the exception of Tuesday, July 4. The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130, and the cost for both the boys and girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call coach Bernie Holowicki at (734) 432-5591 or (734) 261-3346. Madonna University is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

SUMMER STORY TIMES

■ Parents and their children are invited to experience free interactive 20-30 minute programs of story-telling, music and movement during "Story Time with Miss Karen." The first class is at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 10, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music in Canton. For more information, call (734) 454-0178.

ARK AVENUE

■ The Ark is parked 9 a.m.-noon, July 10-14, at 45000 N. Territorial Road, just west of Sheldon Road, for those ages pre-K-fifth grade. Register at First Baptist Church of Plymouth to explore this Vacation Bible School adventure. For more information, call (734) 455-2300.

SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

■ Britannia Soccer USA will host its summer soccer camp in Plymouth July 10-14 at West Middle School. Early registration is recommended. Individual players and teams are encouraged to attend customized coaching programs. Additionally, free coaching seminars will be available for local coaches and parents. To register or for more information, call local coordinator, Pat VanDusen at (734) 426-4927.

GOLF FUND-RAISER

■ The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will hold a golf fund-raiser for the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation on July 11 at Pheasant Run, Canton. The shotgun start outing begins at 8:30 a.m. and is a four-person scramble. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, beverages on the course, lunch at the turn, chances to win great prizes and a banquet with open bar. Banquet-only tickets can be purchased for \$50. Ban-

Music in the air



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Farewell, for now: Alexis Dickinson of Plymouth, 7 (far right), pets Max the Moose goodbye following his performance with Marc Thomas (left) at Kellogg Park. Thomas and Max the Moose will be back for the season finale Aug. 23. The concerts are sponsored Wednesdays at noon in Kellogg Park by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

quet starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Jim Davison or Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262 Station No. 1. RSVP by July 1.

NATIVE WEST

■ Native West will showcase the drawings of Michael Bollerud noon-9 p.m. Friday, July 14; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 16. This special show is held in conjunction with the 20th annual Plymouth Art in the Park. Meet him and watch him draw in person and feel the power of his subjects. For more information, call Native West at (734) 455-8838.

PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review will be sponsoring a free strategy session seminar in July 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at The Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. These are 90-minute seminars discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test and parents are welcome to come to the strategy sessions. Students must call The Princeton Review at 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register for the test and/or strategy session.

SUMMER PROGRAM

■ Geneva Presbyterian Church offers a weekly session of service projects, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays beginning July 12 and running through Aug. 16. The church is located at 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. Children age pre-K (begin kindergarten this fall) through eighth grade completed are welcome. Pre-registration is requested.

but not required. For more information, call (734) 459-0013.

BICYCLE RIDES

■ Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers, will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday Mondays). These low-mileage bike rides (8-11 mph, 8-20 miles) will meet at the Comerica Bank back parking lot on Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon. Initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low-mileage end and be geared toward basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS will lead a bike tour that meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. Wearing helmets is strongly advised but not required. A multi-gear non-racer type bike is preferred but not necessary. For more information, call tour leader, Alan VanKerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

CHILI COOK-OFF

■ If you like spicy food, the hottest ticket in town this summer is the 4th Unscheduled Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Saturday, July 22, at the Wayne County Fair. The fairgrounds are located at I-94 and Belleville Road (exit 190). Take the westbound service drive past the Cracker Barrel Restaurant to Quirk Road and make a right turn. The fairgrounds are 1/4 mile farther. Fair dates are July 18 through July 23. Contest rules and applications are now available. Space is limited. For more information or to request registration forms, call Kay at (734) 697-9376 or Jill at (734) 525-7799.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tues-

day at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

■ Dance classes combined with traditional camping experiences await young dancers ages 8-16 at the Michigan Dance Express Summer Dance Camp. The five-day overnight dance camp is held at from Sunday, July 23, until Thursday, July 27, at Camp Copeneconic in Fenton. Dancers will study a variety of dance subjects including ballet, tap, jazz, swing, modeling and more. Traditional camping activities such as campfires, hiking, swimming and games round out the days activities. For more information, call (734) 397-9755 or (313) 562-1203.

DISCOVERY CAMPS

■ Discovery Science Camps will be held 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 17-21 at Frost School or from July 24-18 at Holmes School. Children will discover through hands-on experiments, creative thinking and explorations the excitement of this camp. Each child will dismantle a telephone and recreate a newly developed, working or non-working prototype and become familiar with scientific methods. On a daily basis, children will visit five centers, each run by a certified teacher. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt. This camp is open to students who are currently in grades 1-5 only. Cost is \$175 per student. Enrollment is limited to 85 students per week on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (734) 523-9277.

■ Summer camp sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council for students K-4, will be held 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4.

Campers will explore sounds and meanings in music in this one-week camp conducted by certified teachers. They'll listen and try playing different instruments, learn how music is counted, how to read basic music, and play games based in music and rhythm. Every student will create his or her own original instrument. Tuition is \$135. Make checks payable to Discovery Camps, P.O. Box 700312, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include child's name, address, phone number and fall grade. Enrollment is limited to 60 students. For other inquiries, e-mail at discoverycamps@mailcity.com.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

DOWN SYNDROME

■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. For more information, call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

■ Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances, such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. For more information, call (734) 416-0315.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and

women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main St.). For information, call (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

M.I.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for members. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

STAMP CLUB

■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site address is www.oeonline.com/~pnj/wssc.html

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

RELIGION CALENDAR

GOOD SHEPHERD VBS

Join us for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road in Redford (corner of Kinloch/Six Mile). Theme will be 2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-together. Program runs every Wednesday in July from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for all ages. Visit the Ark and explore what it means to be a part of God's family. Hear Bible stories, enjoy supper, crafts, recreation and worship. Register today by calling (313) 537-3778.

NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE TIME

Grace Baptist Church (28440 Lyndon) of Livonia is hosting "Neighborhood Bible Time" from 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, July 9 through July 14. This dynamic and exciting summer bible school is for children of all ages, from pre-school through sixth grade. A special teen program for grades seven through twelve will occur each evening. Call (734) 425-6215.

VEGETARIAN POTLUCK

Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will be hosting a vegetarian potluck dinner at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Jerry and Florence Schneble, church members who have done research on the vegetarian philosophies on the founders of the Unity Movement. Please bring a meatless dish to pass. A love offering will be accepted. Call (734) 421-1760.

2000 ARK AVENUE

The Ark is parked at 45000 N. Territorial road just west of Sheldon for a special party for those ages pre-K through fifth grade. You're invited to get on board July 10-14 and take a tour from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Register at First Baptist Church of Plymouth to explore this exciting Vacation Bible School adventure and celebrate God's Great Get-together. Call (734) 455-2300.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN VBS

"2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-Together" vacation bible school is offered at Timothy Lutheran Church, ELCA (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) by the Rev. Carla Thompson-Powell, pastor. VBS will be six consecutive Wednesday evenings July 12, 19, 26; and Aug. 2, 9 and 16. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m.; 6:30-8:30 p.m. programs will be provided for three-year-olds through adults. No charge. Register by July 1. (734) 427-2290.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the

value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekend is July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwwie

MOUNTAIN REMOVERS

Mountain Removers, a course designed to instruct in how to implement spiritual commitments in a way that is powerful and effective that makes a difference in church and community, will be offered by Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile). Courses are July 14-July 16 with the last session July 19. The cost is \$125 for the entire course and participants must be 18 years of age or older. A free introductory lecture will be made by Patrick Ryan, course facilitator, on July 9 at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. Call (734) 421-1760.

BRIDGE OF BLOOD

Grace Baptist Church (28440 Lyndon) of Livonia will present "Bridge of Blood" a missionary docudrama at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 16. This dramatic musical presentation portrays the life and ministry of Jim Elliot and his team of missionaries who gave their lives to reach the Aucas Indians. Child care is provided for all services. Call (734) 425-6215.

VEGGIE TOWN VALUES

Alpha Baptist Church (28051 W. Chicago, Livonia) will hold "Veggie Town Values" Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20. Program is for ages kindergarten through sixth grade (completed). Classes are 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Call (734) 421-6300.

BIBLE PROGRAM

Geneva Presbyterian Church (5835 Sheldon Road) of Canton invites you to join us for weekly bible stories, mission projects, crafts, snacks and games from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays beginning July 12-Aug. 16. Children age pre-kindergarten (begin kindergarten this fall) through eighth grade completed are welcome. Preregistration is requested but not required. Call (734) 459-0013.

GREAT HYMNS

On Sunday, July 16 Unity Church of Livonia will host a "Great hymns of the Church" celebration at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. The entire service

will be dedicated to the performance and congregational singing of the great hymns passed down through the ages. There is no cost. Call (734) 421-1760.

FUNK BIBLE SCHOOL

Explore, experiment, discover! Words used to describe what teachers and students alike will be doing together while searching for God's awesome plan — past, present and future — as religion, morality and science come together from 9 a.m. to noon July 17-21 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth (45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth) hosts its annual Vacation Bible School. Each session will focus on one aspect of "God's Plan for You" - GP4U. Registration deadline is July 1. Call (734) 453-5280.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

On Sunday, July 23 Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will host a "Christmas in July" celebration at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Christmas songs will be sung and special reflections and meditations on the meaning of Christmas will be presented without the hassles encountered in December. The church will also be collecting canned food for the needy. Please bring non-perishable items. Call (734) 421-1760.

WORLD HEALING

A World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, July 24 facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) and Andrew Rogers in the sanctuary. Call (734) 421-1760.

2000 ARK AVENUE

Garden City First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriam Road) will have a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon July 24-28. The theme is "2000 Ark Avenue." The school is for children ages four years old through sixth grade. On July 28 there will be a picnic for the children and the staff from noon to 1 p.m. and a closing program for families and friends at 7 p.m. followed by an ice cream social. Call (734) 421-8628.

ADVENTURES OF NOAH

A Christ-centered preschool camp for moms and tots from 9-11 a.m. July 25-27 for children

six years of age and up. Moms and their little ones will explore together God's promise to use through the story of Noah's Ark. Music, art and fun activities as well as a visit from the Humane Society will be components of the camp. Call Holy Trinity Church (734) 464-0211 - ask for Peggy.

ST. DAMIAN ANNIVERSARY

The 45th anniversary of St. Damian Parish (30055 Joy Road, Westland) will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. A picnic with activities for all ages will immediately follow 11 a.m. Mass. For information call (313) 421-6130.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God," will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Holiday Inn/Fairlane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson an award-winning author of eight books and thousands of magazine articles. Jan will speak Friday on "Intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Jan will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/Empty Space." Following lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Cost before July 15, \$95 for double occupancy; \$85 triple; \$75 quadruple and \$40 for one day only. If you register between July 15 and Aug. 7 add \$10 to fee. Call Suann Dible (734) 522-6830.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifele@yahoo.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifele@yahoo.com

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second

Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, opened a new location at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities — all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

LIFE CARE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Need to talk? Call Life Care Ministries for a Christian perspective. (734) 427-1500. Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 109 p.m. (excluding holidays). Anonymous. Confidential. Free.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2000-2001 Sunday School is being accepted for Congregation Beit Kodesh, Livonia. Call (248) 477-8974.

Library dedicated in honor of Christian Science founder

The Christian Science Board of Directors recently announces plans for a new multi-million dollar library and program center, "The Mary Baker Eddy Library for Betterment of Humanity."

The new library's purpose is "to further health and human progress." It will house the largest, multi-disciplinary collection of an American woman and her life, ideas and achievements.

Upon completion, the library will provide general and academic open access to the collections and over 500,000 pages of unpublished writings and documents of Mary Baker Eddy. Best known as the discoverer of Christian Science, she is also the author of the still best-selling

book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and founder of the daily newspaper, "The Christian Science Monitor."

Scheduled to open in spring 2002, the library will be housed in the newly renovated Christian Science Publishing House on Massachusetts Avenue in the Back Bay area of Boston. A satellite library will be opened in 2003 in Seneca Falls, N.Y. site of the first Woman's rights Convention in 1848.

The facility itself will provide over 23,000 square feet of space to house state-of-the-art exhibits on Eddy's life, her writings about mind/body medicine, journalism and other subjects related to the library's purpose.

New arrivals from page B3

■ Brian and Christine DeHetre of Garden City announce the birth of their son Alex Michael born June 3 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Alex joins sister Hannah.

Grandparents are Robert DeHetre of Westland and Linda Beall of Inkster. Great-grandmother is Lorna Marshall, formerly of Garden City.

DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REVENUE COLLECTION

The Detroit Transportation Corporation (DTC) request bid proposals from qualified companies for Guideway Inspection. Bid proposals are due on or before 4:00 p.m. (EST) Monday, July 31, 2000 at 1420 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48226 Third Floor. No other proposals will be entertained subsequent to the required due date.

The successful Bidder will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. This includes, but not limited to, all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws.

The Detroit Transportation Corporation reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject any of all bids, in whole or in part, on such basis as it deems necessary and in its best interest to do so.

The Detroit Transportation Corporation affirmatively assures that no bidder will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, place of birth, or sexual preference.

A copy of the RFP may be obtained by either writing to the aforementioned address or by calling (313) 224-2160.

ANTHONY ROMERO
Detroit Transportation Corporation
Purchasing Division

Published July 6, 2000

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Sunday School 10:45 am
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Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
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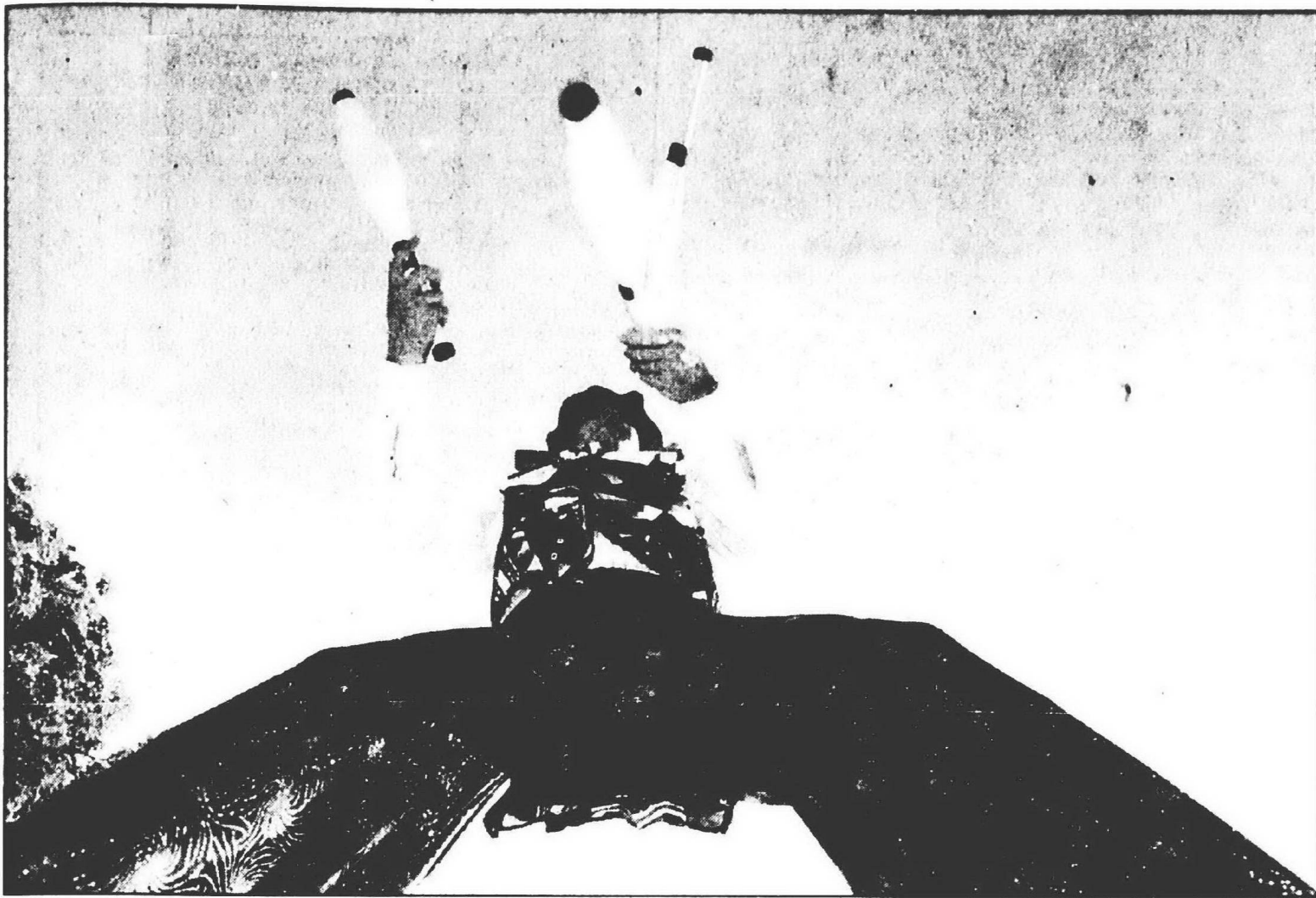
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Between Plymouth and W. Chicago
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Summer Worship
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Nursery at 10:00 a.m.
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July 2
One service at 10:00 a.m.
Trudy Archaebau
Guest Preacher





High Inseam: Rick Carver juggles on stilts as he passes over the photographer on Main Street. Carver was one of the many entries that made this year's parade one of the best so far.

Everyone loves a parade

Spectators turn out in droves for annual rite

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

"It was a perfect day and everything went off without a hitch," said Fred Hill, organizer of the Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade in downtown Plymouth.

No one really knows exactly how many people attended Tuesday's event, but police and Hill believe it could easily have added up to nearly 15,000 spectators.

"The crowd continues to grow for this event. I think people are really getting into the 7:30 a.m. start," added Hill. "And the weather was really on our side."

One thing is for certain:

'The crowd continues to grow for this event. I think people are really getting into the 7:30 a.m. start.'

Fred Hill
—Parade organizer

Everybody loves a parade.

"I liked it all," proclaimed Kristen Selasky, 9, of Plymouth Township. "It was all fun."

Dan Gordon and Carole Good-fellow make it a point to see several parades on the Fourth of July, with Plymouth the first stop.

"We've been coming here the past three years," said Gordon. "It's always good, but we look forward to seeing the (Fred Hill) Briefcase Drill Team."

For some, being in the parade is just as much fun as watching it.

"The crowds cheer from both sides of the street and it really pushes us to be good," said Chris Petersen of Northville, a member of Hill's briefcase brigade for 16 years.

"We've been in the parade for 25 years and it's still fun," said Matt Lee of Plymouth Township, who drove his restored 1929 fire engine. "It's a tribute to the firemen, after all they still make house calls."

Community Federal Credit Union employees guided the clown balloon down Main Street.

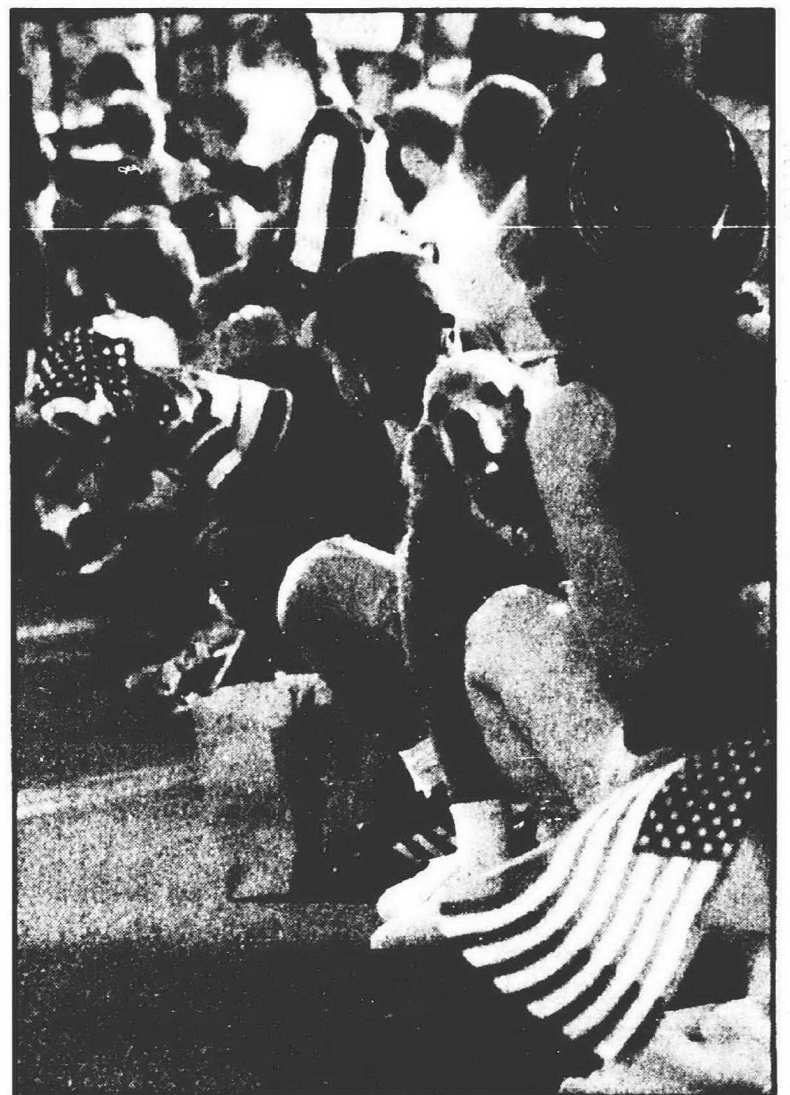
"We almost didn't make it in the parade because it wasn't completely filled with helium," said Amber Hosler. "We had about thirty seconds worth of training with it, and we had him do a belly flop while going under the traffic lights."

Lisa Valentine, 8, of Plymouth Township marched with the YMCA Indian Guides and may have put it best.

"It made us feel like celebrities."



Making music: The First Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps marches in the parade.



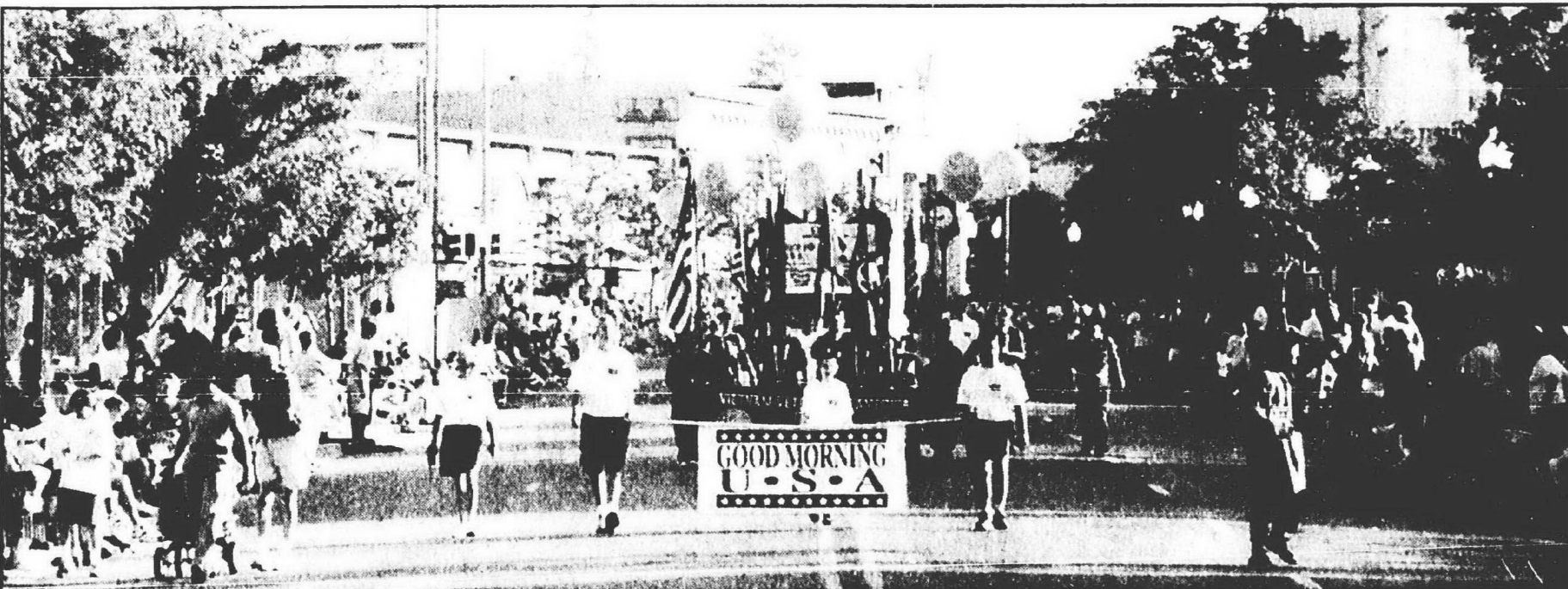
What parade?: Biff, a 12-year-old cocker spaniel owned by Tammy Kwiecinski, is more interested in the photographer as the rest of the spectators on Main Street watch the oncoming parade.



Rockin' on: The Plymouth Salem High School Rockettes perform along Main Street.



Bleacher creature: Andrew Connor, 2, sits in his runner's stroller across from the reviewing stand with his parents Jerry and Joan.



Front of the pack: The Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter leads off the parade behind "Good Morning USA" banner carriers Chris Thomason, 15, (from left) Justin Chizek, 15, and Nacho Lopez, 16.



Hot lips: Geneva Guenther wears ruby red wax lips as she watches the parade in the VIP section.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Reunions from page B2

over the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call Eva Randlett at (248) 851-6929.

(313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

CRESTWOOD

Class of 1970

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 19 at Joy Manor (Joy Road between Inkster & Middlebelt). Event includes cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar, music and dancing. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Susan (Comstock) Johns (313) 277-1316 or e-mail Barbara (Sowa) Scully at bjscully@mediaone.net

DEARBORN FORDSON

Classes of 1960

January and June classes will gather for a reunion Sept. 9 at Park Place. Call (313) 565-4322 or (248) 960-3671.

DEARBORN FORDSON

Class of 1950

50-year reunion is planned Aug. 5 at the Warren Valley Golf Club and Banquet Center. Call Ruben (313) 277-5624 or Gene (248) 645-5994.

DEARBORN LOWREY

Class of 1960

A 40-year reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Embassy Suite in Livonia (7 Mile Road and I-275). Cost is \$50 per person. Call Larry Krupa (734) 565-7893; Terry Lajovic (734) 728-7695 or e-mail Claudine Bacher at cbacher@earthlink.net

DEARBORN HIGH

Class of 1960

A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

DEARBORN HIGH

Class of 1980

A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 from 5:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Fairlane Club. Call Mary Baker Cicala at (248) 347-4598 or visit their Web site at <http://www.gbjann.com/dhs80/>

DENBY

Class of 1952

The January and June classes of 1952 are planning a 50-year reunion Sept. 28, 2002. The organizing committee is interested in contacting grads who have not provided a current address for previous reunions or whose address changed.

Contact Bill Wogan at (248) 646-2178 (lubill111@aol.com) or Gordon Labuhn at (734) 676-9712 (boon21@hotmail.com)

DETROIT BENEDEKTINE

Class of 1970

A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Call for details and to be included in the directory. Call Diane Reffner (734) 421-4783 or Teri Spiro (Guidot) (248) 626-8800.

DETROIT CENTER

Class of 1950

First reunion of the millennium. Class of 1950 (January and June) will hold a 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Novi Double Tree. Call Dr. Martin Trotsky (248) 865-5012 or Rhoda Kutzen (248) 642-3135.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH

Class of 1950-51

Reunion planned for Sept. 23. Looking for classmates from classes of 1950-51. Call (313) 273-1589

DETROIT COOLEY

Class of 1958

Millennium celebration - Aug. 19. Call Ev Randlett (248) 851-6929.

DETROIT COOLEY

Classes of 1950

The January and June classes of 1950 are planning a 50-year reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia (I-275 & Six Mile Road) for all classmates and friends. Contact Class Reunions Plus (313) 866-0770; Sam Donahoo (248) 723-4663 or Ruth Reckling (734) 522-6015.

DETROIT CODY

Class of 1965

Both January and June graduates will gather at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

January graduates contact

Donna Rourke Williams, lakeview@ix.netcom.com or Lynn Reid Saint-Onge (810) 231-1448; June graduates contact Cynthia Golec Cipolla, jconion@tir.com (810) 632-6926.

DETROIT CODY

Class of 1970

A reunion is planned for Aug. 19 at the Novi Hilton Hotel. Call (810) 446-9636 or (800) 548-6666.

DETROIT FINNEY

Class of 1970

A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28. Call or e-mail Jennie Mathews at (810) 939-6716 or goaler@email.msn.com

DETROIT MACKENZIE

Class of 1949-51

July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN

Class of 1950

A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000. Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

DETROIT PERSHING

Class of 1960

A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642; Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952; Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site,

www.jmctech.com/~justice/index.htm

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1965

A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

January '40 and '41 classes

Reunion Aug. 27 at the Park Place in Dearborn. Call Pete Rolando as (313) 382-5336, or Lorraine Penny, (734) 427-3829.

Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 also invites classes of 1951 through 1959 for a reunion Saturday, Oct. 28 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland (7300 Merriman Rd.).

For reunion information call (248) 887-9774 or (810) 227-7167.

DOMINICAN HIGH

Class of 1950

The Dominican High School class of 1950 will hold its 50th reunion September 17. Classmates should contact Sally Bielman Conklin at (248) 652-2423 or e-mail themomsal@aol.com.

EDWARD MACDOWELL ELEM.

Seeking those who attended Edward MacDowell Elementary (4201 W. Outer Dr., Detroit). To register for Alumni Association that is being organized contact Greater Grace Temple (313) 342-2300.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2000 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

NEW GARAGE

643 N. MILL STREET

ZONED: B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS

APPLICANT: NU-VIEW WINDOW & CONST. CO.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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

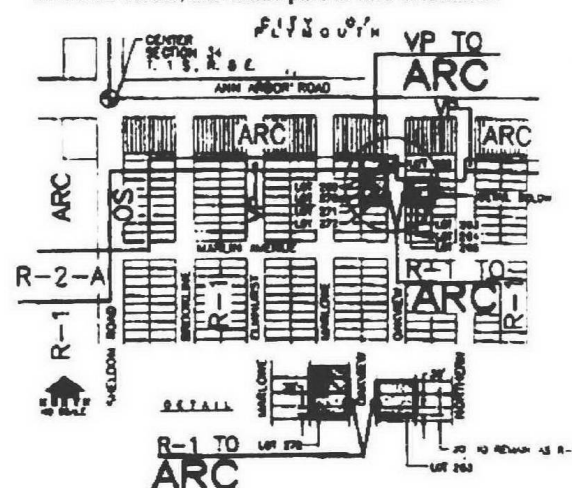
All interested persons are invited to attend.
Publish July 6, 2000

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.102

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 117, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 264, 265, 268 including the south half of the vacated alley, 269, 270, 271, the north 30 feet of Lots 263 and 272, Green Meadows Subdivision, T.1S., R.8E., Plymouth Township, Liber 61 Page 94, Wayne County.

TAX ID NUMBERS:

1. That portion of 059-03-0050-000 that includes Lot 268 and half of the adjacent vacated alley, Green Meadows
2. 059-03-0265-000 which is Lot 265 of Green Meadows
3. That portion of 059-03-0283-000. That includes Lot 254 and the North 30 feet of Lot 263 Green Meadows Sub
4. 049-03-0269-000 which includes Lot 259 and 270 Green Meadows Sub
5. 059-03-0271-000 which includes Lot 271 Green Meadows Sub
6. That portion of 069-03-0272-000 which includes the North 30 feet of Lot 272 Green Meadows Sub
7. R78-059-03-0264-000, R78-059-03-0268-000, R78-059-03-0270-000

ORDINANCE NO. 83.102

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 117

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on July 27, 2000.

Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on June 27, 2000, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 27, 2000

Effective Date July 27, 2000

Publish July 6, 2000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE BANK INSURANCE FUND

Notice is hereby given that New Liberty Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Plymouth Financial Corporation 249 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, and their respective Organizers/Incorporators: Michael D. Weaver, William S. Graham, David D. Phipps, Wallace E. Smith, John E. Zafarana, Paul T. Bohlander, and Genesio C. Mascuilli has made application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for Federal Deposit Insurance and membership in the Bank Insurance Fund.

Any person or persons who wish to comment on the Application of New Liberty Bank may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director (DOS) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office:

Regional Director of Supervision
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
20255 Victor Parkway, Suite 175
Livonia, MI 48152

Non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application will be made available upon request.

The public comment period shall commence on July 8, 2000 and close on August 7, 2000

MICHAEL D. WEAVER
Designated Representative
249 N. Main St.
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Publish July 6, 2000

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Briggs signs Clark

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs added another recruit to the fold last week, signing Javon Clark, a 6-foot guard who played 1998-99 at Detroit Cass Tech.

Clark did not play last season at the University of Toledo where he was a red-shirt freshman.

"Javon can really shoot the ball," Briggs said. "He can play either the No. 1 or No. 2 guard spot. He's a tough kid who comes from a winning program at Cass. He's also a solid student."

Briggs, whose team finished 24-7 last year and won the Eastern Conference championship, has four other recruits signed.

Among new recruits scheduled to play next season for the Ocelots include Redford Bishop Borgess product Sam Hoskin, a 6-8 transfer from Eastern Kentucky University, who led the Colonels in scoring and rebounding averaging 15 points and eight rebounds per game; 6-2 guard Colin Wilkinson, a transfer from Hillsdale College; Keanan Weir, a 6-6 transfer from EKU; and Emir Medunjanin, a 6-6 first-team All-Observer forward from North Farmington.

Junior golf divots

•Livonia Stevenson High's Katie Carlson shot an 83 to win first place in her division at the 2000 Downriver Junior Golf Championship held Saturday at Taylor Meadows.

•A pair of brothers from Livonia recently qualified for the upcoming PGA Junior State Championship, July 12-13, at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Augusta.

In qualifying rounds held June 21 at the Woodlands Golf Course, 14-year-old Mike King shot a 78 to finish second in the Boys 14-15 division, while his brother Brian celebrated his 12th birthday by earning runner-up honors in the Boys 12-13 division with a 92.

Mike is entering his freshman year at Redford Catholic Central High School. Brian is a seventh-grader at St. Michael's in Livonia.

•Shannon Warner, a fifth-grader entering Randolph Elementary School in Livonia, shot a 62 on June 26 at Chemung Hills Country Club in Howell to qualify for one of four slots in the upcoming Michigan PGA Junior Championship July 12 at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Augusta (girls 11-and-under division).

In the Oakland County Parks Junior Golf Tournament (June 29-30), Warner shot a 63 at Springfield Oaks and a 56 at White Lake Oaks to place first in the girls 11-and-under title.

On June 16, Warner captured the 12-and-under division at the Southfield Junior Optimist Tournament with a 52.

She also won the Child-Parent title June 10 in Southfield with a 52 and the Golf Channel Drive, Chip and Putt competition on Belle Isle in Detroit.

Livonia ace for a Day

Using a 3-wood, James Day, 56, of Livonia, carded an ace on the 213-yard, No. 15 hole this week at Whispering Willows.

Day shot 37 for nine holes.

Autumn baseball league

Space is limited as the Great Lake Autumn Baseball League is forming 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under leagues.

Saturday double-headers will be from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at the Canton Softball Center and Heritage Park in Canton.

The cost is \$1,100 per team (10 games and playoffs, game balls, umpires, awards included). The first six teams in each division to register with full payment will be confirmed.

For more information, call (313) 724-1980.

Longbow Invitational

The 16th annual Great Lakes Longbow Invitational, presented by the Michigan Longbow Association, will be Friday through Sunday, July 14-16, in Brighton.

The event, hosted by the Livingston Archers, includes a pair of 3D courses, broadhead course, competitive and non-competitive shooting, novelty shoots, camping on site, music by Kim Kramer and live demonstrations.

There will also be a Silver Arrow competition which will consist of an American round.

For more information, call Carl Johns at (734) 662-2898.

Rheault takes over as Canton coach



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There was always a plan, and part of it was that Jeremy Rheault would become a varsity basketball coach at Plymouth Canton HS.

It just wasn't supposed to happen like this. And not now.

Rheault accepted the position as Canton's boys varsity coach this week. The junior varsity coach for the Chiefs' boys and girls teams, Rheault — a 1990 graduate of Canton — has been coaching at the school in some capacity or another for the past eight seasons.

The resignation of Dan Young as Canton's basketball coach was certainly sudden, but fortunately it didn't take long to fill the position. Jeremy Rheault, the Chiefs' junior varsity coach, has been selected to fill the vacancy.

It's his first varsity position. He will, however, remain for at least one more season as the Canton girls JV coach.

It's a dream come true for the 28-year-old Rheault, certainly. But his feelings about taking it were mixed.

"I was hoping to be coaching the girls team and helping Dan," Rheault said. "But the future got skewed. I had to look in the mirror and say, 'Dan's gone.'"

"It was a shock, it was a surprise. But it was all about opportunity."

Rheault remains a close friend of Dan Young, who coached Canton's boys team for the past six seasons before abruptly resigning five weeks ago for

personal reasons. Some of those reasons could have kept Rheault from applying for the position.

"The first issue was my loyalty to Dan," Rheault said. "The first thing I had to do was tell him I was applying. He supported me."

Support and loyalty have always been a major issue with these three: Young, Rheault and longtime girls coach Bob Blohm. Although no retirement date is set, Blohm has given the matter some thought. Since Young was merely 32, it seemed more likely Rheault would take over for Blohm when he left.

Not that he was in any rush. "If I stayed at Canton, I wouldn't have minded being their assistant forever," Rheault said. "They are my mentors."

"They've allowed me to make decisions. Bob's so good at that. He allowed me to be very creative."

It's hardly surprising Blohm was all



Jeremy Rheault
new Canton coach

in favor of the selection. "He's perfect," Blohm said. "Jeremy's got a great work ethic and he's paid his dues. He gives it his all. He's an excellent teacher and a good coach."

"He'll carry on where Dan left off."

He also wasn't surprised Rheault hesitated to apply for the job. "Loyalty was an issue with Jeremy," Blohm said. "But it was Dan's choice to step aside. I supported (Rheault's decision) 100 percent, and I know Dan feels the same way."

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Cup contender

Canton driver takes aim at racing's oldest prize

BY MONICA PUGNO
STAFF WRITER

Mark Tate was the first hydroplane racer to surpass speeds of 170 miles per hour on the Detroit River.

Although the two-time Gold Cup winner knows he can't reach those speeds again, it doesn't diminish his desire to win another Gold Cup.

"After I set it (the record), they made some rule changes to make boats safer and make the races more competitive," Tate said. "There's weight restrictions now."

Boats are heavier. They can't run those types of speeds any more. I think my record is safe for years to come."

This weekend, the Canton resident is returning home after spending the previous two weekends in Indiana to race in the 2000 Chrysler Jeep Detroit APBA Gold Cup Unlimited Hydroplane race.

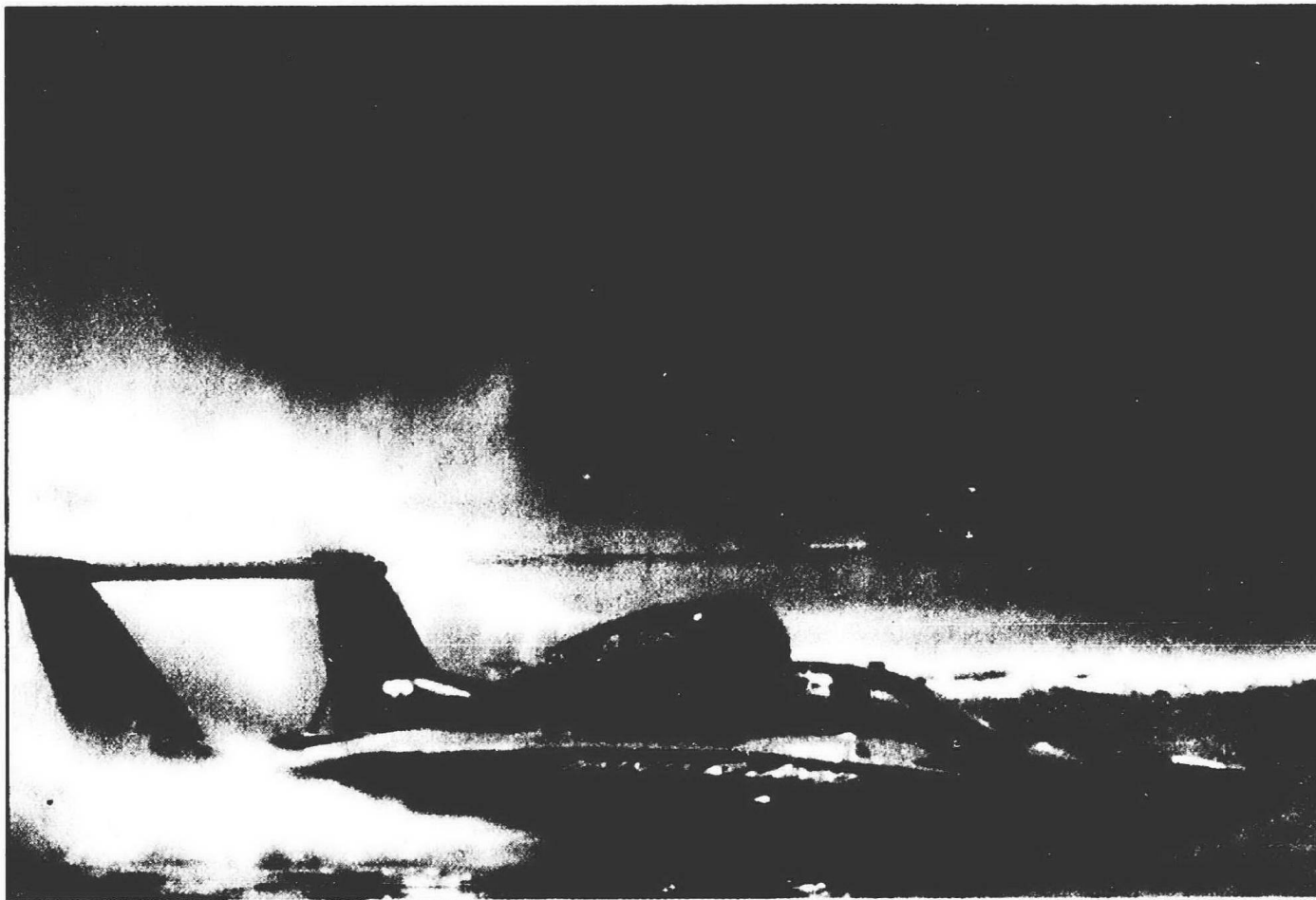
"Detroit is the biggest race of the year," Tate said. "It's my hometown. To race in front of my friends, family and business associates, it's exciting."

"Each race has its own challenges. What I like about the Detroit race is I get to go home every night and sleep in my own bed. It's a little more relaxing."

"However, it's real tough to keep focus because family and friends require a lot of your time. But it's always a pleasure to be home."

Tate replaces long-time Miss Chrysler Jeep driver Steve David, who retired last year. Tate drove the final four races of last season and scored a third, fourth and fifth.

So far this season, Tate has two top-three finishes. He opened the season with a second-place finish at Lake Havasu, Ariz. He finished third at a



It's in the blood: Steve Tate of Canton will be at the helm of Miss Chrysler Jeep this weekend at the Gold Cup Races on the Detroit River. A third-generation driver, Tate has won the Cup twice before.

race in Evansville, Ind., on June 25.

"It's like starting over again every time," Tate said. "You come in with a baseline, you run tests and make changes as you go. It's a learning curve. It's a good relationship. There's a lot of hard work and focus on the team."

The Gold Cup is the oldest trophy in American motorsports and was first awarded in 1903.

"I've been fortunate enough to have my name on the prestigious Cup twice," Tate said. "There are a lot of great racers who haven't won it once. There are a lot of elements to overcome to win it."

"My goal is just to put my team in the best position to win the event."

This year's race begins today with the first day of practice. The opening heat races begin Saturday on the Detroit River between Waterworks Park on Jefferson Avenue and Belle Isle, just east of the Belle Isle Bridge.

The final event, a race of the top point-earning boats during the heat races, is set for 3:45 p.m. Sunday.

Like father, like son

Tate, a native of Wayne County, has been hydroplane racing for 28 of his 40 years and is a third generation boat racer. Both his grandfather, Joe,

Sr., and his father, Joe, Jr., were hydroplane drivers.

"I've been around it (hydroplane racing) since the day of birth," Tate said.

Tate began racing J-stock hydroplanes at the age of 12. In 1978, at age 18, he moved into the cockpit of his father's limited hydroplane and drove it for the next 12 seasons.

In 1990, Tate switched to unlimited racing and was named Rookie of the Year. The following year, he began driving for the late Steve Woomer, a relationship that lasted until Woomer

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Anderson's back as coach

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If time does indeed travel in a circular motion, then what has happened with Plymouth Canton's volleyball program can only be described as a "Back to the Future" trip.

For two seasons in the mid-90s, Steve Anderson guided the Chiefs to superb records. In his first year on the job (1995-96) as head coach, they posted a 24-14 record, finishing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division and fifth in the WLAA.

The next year, Canton captured the division championship and placed third in the conference, finishing 34-10 overall. Anderson managed this with a team that featured a 5-foot-8 middle hitter (Jessica Orleman).

A restructuring of his job with the city of Plymouth recreation department and his position as assistant volleyball coach at Henry Ford Community College forced Anderson to resign as Canton's coach.

For the last three years, the Chiefs have labored to regain their status as one of the WLAA's top teams under the tutelage of Cynthia Montgomery. Now it's Montgomery who's departing, leaving an opening for Anderson to return.

VOLLEYBALL

"Initially, when I was looking for somewhere else to coach, I was just hoping something would open up," said Anderson. "It's very exciting to be going back to Canton. To get to walk back into the gym you had success in . . . it's just so exciting."

In Anderson's — and Canton's — case, timing was certainly everything. He left the job he held for the past eight seasons as assistant volleyball coach at Henry Ford CC (the entire staff resigned) in the spring.

That left an opening in his schedule. When Montgomery departed, Anderson seemed the logical choice to succeed her.

Anderson, now 32 and a 1984 graduate of Livonia Stevenson HS (where he played soccer), isn't making rash promises regarding the Chiefs' program. "Canton has always had the same problem," he noted. "They've always been short. Heck, when I was there our middle hitter (Orleman) was just 5-8."

"They're in the same boat. I guess it's one of those cycle things. It's tough going up against Walled Lake Central when you don't have anyone over 5-9."

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BASEBALL

Travel team bounces
Lookouts in Shores
tournament title game

Livonia Travel had plenty to celebrate over the Fourth of July weekend.

On Monday, the 18-and-under team won the St. Clair Shores Baseball Tournament at Kyte Monroe Field with a 6-0 win over the Livonia Lookouts.

Joe McCrohan (Livonia Stevenson) pitched a six-hit, seven-inning shutout in the championship game. He struck out four and walked three.

Brad Buckler (Stevenson) and Dan Wilson (Stevenson) combined for four of Livonia Travel's 10 hits to lead the offensive attack.

Catcher Brian Campbell (Stevenson) threw out a pair of base stealers, while shortstop Pete Pinta (Stevenson) and second baseman Steve Stilian (Plymouth Salem) turned a double-play in the

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SUMMER LEAGUE BASEBALL

Big week for Bulldogs

Marsack's homers lead to mercy victory; Stars muffle Milan, 7-5

Billy Marsack (Livonia Stevenson) went 3-for-3 with a pair of homers and four RBI as the Livonia Bulldogs ran their Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation (Mantle Division) record to 8-2 with a six-inning, 12-1 mercy-rule win Tuesday over host Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Gary Zielke (Stevenson), the winning pitcher, added two hits and scored three runs, while Josh Stack contributed two hits and three RBI.

Zielke is now 4-1 on the year.

The Bulldogs finished 4-2 last weekend in the Beast of the East Tournament (ages 15-16) in Wheeling, W.V.

The nationally-ranked Maryland Patriots (20-0) ousted the Bulldogs in Sunday's quarterfinal, 10-0 (mercy rule).

On June 29, the Bulldogs won their division with four wins, beating national powers Boys of Summer-South (4-3) in St. Clairsville, Ohio and the Maryland Lakers (3-2) on July 1 in Barnesville, Ohio.

On June 30 in Wheeling, the Bulldogs took out the Rocky River (Ohio) Black Sox, 8-0, in a mercy rule victory and Pittsburgh Traveling Tigers, 4-1. They also fell to the Chicago South Shore Black Sox, 12-6, July 1 in Barnesville.

BASEBALL

Tournament pitching wins came from Jeff Niemiec, Daniel Wilks and Eddie Konz, all of Redford CC, and Zielke.

The hitting attack was led by Zielke, who batted .545 with five runs; Matt Humenay (Livonia Churchill), .429 with three RBI; Jake Ghannam (Farmington Hills Harrison), .417, six RBI and three extra base hits; Marsack, .375 with two triples; Konz, .375 with three RBI; and Stack, .308.

Other team members include Bernie McDonnell, Kevin McKee and Sean Sugrue, all of CC; Brett Burton, Royal Oak Kimball; and Andy McKellar (Birmingham Groves).

Stars beat Milan

Brad Kaufman (Canton) pitched three innings of two-run relief and singled in the tie-breaking run June 29 to lead the Plymouth Canton Stars to a 7-5 victory over Milan in the second game of a doubleheader called after four innings by darkness.

A two-run rally by the Stars in the seventh inning of the first game fell short and Milan escaped with a 6-4 victory.

On June 27, Howell took a pair of tight games from the Stars, 11-8 and 3-1.

On July 3, Plymouth Canton entered a doubleheader at Belleville with a 5-10 record in the Southeast Michigan Connie Mack League (ages 16-18).

Kaufman's RBI single plus a sacrifice fly by Shea Harte broke a 3-3 tie in the third inning of the second game at Milan. Steve Ziolkowski (Churchill) drew a bases-loaded walk in the fourth and a second run scored on a wild pitch to pad the Stars' lead to 7-3.

Milan got a run in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI groundout with the bases loaded and another run scored while the third out was being made between first and second on a rundown.

The Stars scored three in the first on an RBI groundout by Andrew Davignon, a sacrifice fly by Scott Seidlaczek (Canton) and an RBI single by Kaufman.

Plymouth Canton gave up three unearned runs in a four-run second inning in the opener as Milan pinned the loss on starter Davignon.

Will Wojcik Shook (Plymouth) went 2-for-3, Davignon drove in two runs and Marshall Tucker (Canton/Churchill) went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Milan's shortstop made a diving stop

of a two-out grounder up the middle and got a game-ending force out with the bases loaded in the seventh.

The Stars were without a hit in their second game at Howell until Tucker led off the fifth with a single to center. He scored from second on a ground single up the middle by Wojcik Shook. The game was called at that point due to darkness.

Tucker allowed all three runs on just four hits in the three innings he worked.

The Stars scored five runs in the third inning of the opener to overcome a 2-0 deficit and scored two in the fourth but Howell rallied to win on a tie-breaking three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth.

Howell got a pair of two-run home runs in the fourth and sixth innings to draw within 7-6 and tied the score in the bottom of the seventh. Seidlaczek's sacrifice fly against the center field fence put the Stars ahead, but a sacrifice fly tied the score and the home run won it for Howell.

Bobby Hoernschmeyer (Plymouth) had a two-run double for Plymouth Canton while Davignon had three hits and Kaufman two.

Livonia 11 runner-up

The Livonia Travel, an 11-year old travel team, won 4 games en route to a runner up finish in the North Farmington-West Bloomfield USSSA NIT Tournament held last weekend at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.

In the preliminary rounds, Livonia Travel defeated the Sterling Heights Titans (11-10), Michigan Indians (8-6) and NF-WB Sharp (16-7).

In Sunday's semifinals, Livonia beat the NF-WB Cobras, 14-8, before falling in the championship game to its Little Caesars Amateur Baseball League rival South Farmington Blues, 15-8.

Earning pitching victories for Livonia were Ben Schroeder, Luke Knoche, Brian Niemczak and Matt Loney, all residents of Livonia.

Leading the hitting brigade were Danny Rozek, Grant Lawrence, Kyle Thom, Chris Mulcahy and Alex Grimes of Livonia, Scott Sergison of Hartland and Kevin Polzin of Garden City.

Missing the tournament but contributing to the regular season success of Livonia Travel are Ryan Boyle, Sean Foreman and Colin Marquardt, all of Livonia.

Coaches are Paul Loney, Gary Niemczak, Scott Rozek and Dave Schroeder.

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bottom of the fifth inning to help preserve the shutout.

In a 7-3 semifinal victory on Monday, Buckler pitched a seven-inning complete game, allowing four runs and three walks.

Campbell had three hits to pace the offense, while Ryan Krol (Garden City) and Shawn Casey (Stevenson) collected two hits apiece. Dan Ross led the defense with several outstanding plays in left field.

Livonia opened tourney play Saturday with a forfeit victory over the Fort Wayne Chiefs followed by a 15-1 win over the St. Clair Shores Mariners in a six-

inning mercy.

Starter Bill Rabe (Stevenson), the winning pitcher, went the first four innings, allowing one run on two hits. Wilson pitched two scoreless innings of relief, allowing just two hits.

Krol finished with five hits, while Campbell had three, including a homer. Tim Lawson (Stevenson) also had three hits, while Andrew Miller and Wilson each added two.

Casey then pitched a complete game on Saturday in a 12-2 victory over the Ray Township Pirates, as McCrohan had three hits, while Pinto, Lawson and Stiles each contributed two.

Casey allowed two runs on

four hits and struck out four.

On Sunday, the Lookouts, exploding for four runs in the fourth inning, handed Livonia Travel a 9-5 loss.

McCrohan and Wilson each had two hits in the loss.

Ronnie Williams (Stevenson) pitched three scoreless innings in relief, but the damage had been done.

For the tournament, Travel batted .422 as a team led by Campbell (.642), Lawson (.571), Krol (.555) and McCrohan (.538). Campbell threw out all attempting base stealers.

By going 5-1 in the tourney, Livonia Travel is now 12-3 over-

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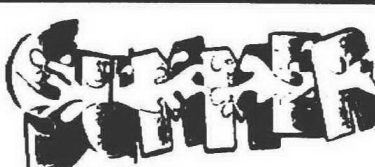
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Anderson knew this going in, however. And he knows the problems he faces are hardly insurmountable.

"I thought the focus on serving and serve reception was missing (the past few years)," he said. "You just lob the ball over the net against a Salem or Walled Lake Central and you're not going to do too well."

"You've got to attack on your serve. We're going to reinforce our defense and our serving game."

It's a formula that's been tried, and has worked well, for years at places like Livonia Churchill (to name one). "We're putting in some new defensive schemes, and that should help tremen-

dously," he said.

"We'll be scaring people — the 'giant-killers'. They'll be wary of us."

If anyone can indeed carry Canton to its previous standard as league contender, it's Anderson. And then the past may not be able to match what the future holds.

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As far as helping out, Blohm added, "I told him I'll do anything he wants me to do. Just say it."

Other opportunities have popped up for Rheault. Two years ago he took a position as art teacher at Livonia Franklin HS. When the Patriots went looking for a new basketball coach, Rheault was one of the first people they contacted.

But Rheault wasn't ready to even consider leaving Canton for Franklin. "I'm very, very dedicated to Canton," he said.

His work for the program, as well as with it, provides proof of that. People familiar with Canton basketball have seen him on

the sidelines for both the boys and girls teams; what they may not realize is, besides designing plays and defenses, he has designed the artwork that adorns the floor and walls of the Phase III gym.

All part of his job. And if Rheault has one dominating feature, it's his boundless energy.

Perhaps that's one reason he has adopted Blohm's (and Young's) style of basketball — a motion offense and pressure man-to-man defense.

"This is a continued program," Rheault said. "The system works. There may be subtle changes, things I like to do a bit more — like pick up defensively

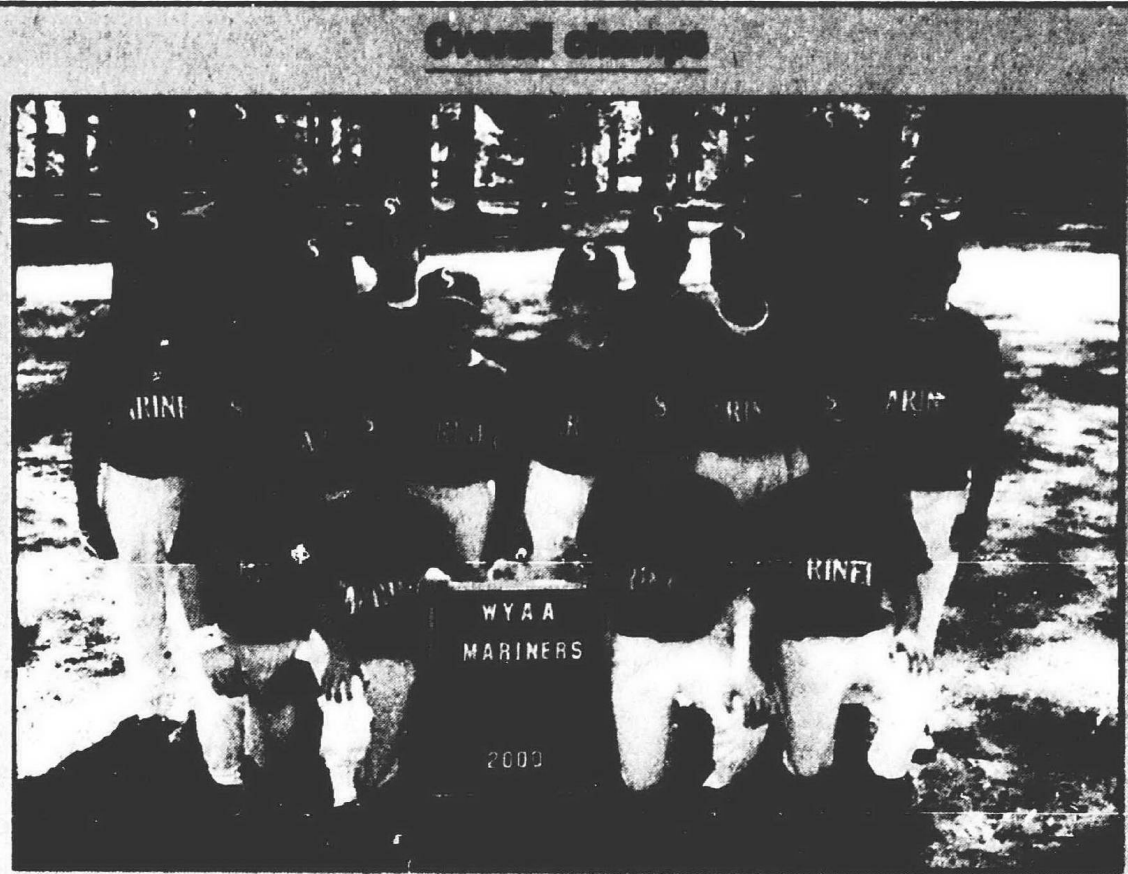
more and shoot more. But it all depends on your personnel."

"We teach kids to make plays, to read and figure things out. You're going to see Canton basketball."

Rheault's first season won't be an easy one, to be sure. Four starters have graduated, taking with them most of the point production. The only returning starter is guard Oliver Wolcott, one of five seniors.

Rheault feels ready for the challenge. "It's something I'm looking forward to."

He's certainly familiar with everything surrounding the program he will now be in charge of.



Mariners tops: The Westland Youth Athletic Association champion Mariners completed their season with a 15-1 record, winning both the Mustang Division and playoffs. The same team won the WYAA title in 1999 and the Coach-Pitch championship in 1998. They have compiled a three-year record of 39-4. Team members include (front row, from left) Scott Brown, Josh Worth, Scott Ciborowski, Chris Kangas; (second row, from left) Jack Ward, Tim Harrison, Blake Bochy, Nick Bochy, Bryant Thomas, Robert Fraser; (third row, from left) coach Todd Kangas, Ryan Shepard, Jacob McCans and coach Doug Worth. Five players were selected to the Westland Pony All-State team, which will defend its district title in July. Among those chosen All-Stars included Worth, Shepard, Harrison, Kangas and Fraser. Kangas led the team with an .821 batting average followed by Harrison (.600), Fraser (.583), Worth (.536) and Ciborowski (.475).

Unbeatable



Tournament champions: The Canton Strikers under-13 boys soccer team went undefeated at the Findlay (Ohio) Invitational, outscoring their opponents 23-2 in the process. Team members are: (top row, from left) head coach Paul Palazzolo, Chris Rowe, Cody Newcomb, Andy Cortellini, Chris French, Kyle Gismond, Steve Mischung, Kevin Thornton, Joe Gauci, Jeff Morency, Jason Houdek, assistant coach Mike Coppola; (kneeling) Brian Stevanovic, Brad Marsh, Corey Bugeja, Mike Yates, Kenny Coppola, Ross Heidenreich, Manny Palazzolo. Not pictured: Ryan Lenahan.

All-Star champs



National League rules: In the Canton Community Junior Softball Association all-star game, the National League stars were the winners over their American League counterparts June 24. Team members are: (top row, from left) Liz Rogala, Chelsea Quinlan, Jackie Perino, Amy Caves, Dana Eldred, Lauren Obasiuk, Mary Baj, Stephanie Price, manager Mary Price; (front row, from left) Marissa Bergeson, Melissa Leach, Erin Ondusky, Katie Cope, Michelle Cilia, Katie Boyd, Kelly Adsit.

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died in 1997.

In that first season with Woomer in 1991, Tate won the Gold Cup — a feat he repeated in 1994. He has won three drivers' championships and set several course and world records.

After Woomer's death, Tate drove just once in 1998 and sat out last season until Harvey called him to replace David.

"In the past, I was with one owner for nine years," Tate said. "To the layman, boats look alike. But they're very different. I'm still learning the characteristics of this boat."

"It's like when you get married. You think you know the person you're marrying. But after a couple years, you're like, who is this person?"

Tate lives in Canton with his wife, Sandy, and two sons, Andrew, 10, and Brent, 8. When he's not driving Miss Chrysler Jeep, Tate is involved in his family's business, Sun Plastics Coating, Inc., in Plymouth.

"I get home every week," Tate said. "I work at the office 3-4 days a week and then fly out to the races. It's a pretty hectic schedule."

doesn't like about hydroplane racing is the amount of time he spends away from his family.

"The racing season lasts from May to September," he said. "It's not real long. But my boys are at an age where they're involved in a lot of activities and I miss out on those activities. That's what I dislike about racing the most. Time away from my family."

Tate has not taught his sons to hydroplane race but plans to

teach them soon.

"They would love to get into racing but while their dad's out racing every weekend, it's difficult to get them into racing," Tate said. "Once I retire, we'll get them involved in some kind of racing."

"How many years do I have left? I don't know. Right now, I'm taking it year by year."

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/
CLINICS

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.

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.

FLY CASTING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

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.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.

membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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BLOOMFIELD

Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. 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.

Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for 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.

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.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. 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.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays 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 noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are

free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

PROGRAMS

Women: Ready-Set-Go!, a one-day workshop geared to teach women how to kayak, backpack and camp, will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 at Kensington Metropark Farm center near Milford/Brighton. Women 18 and older are eligible to attend. The \$25 fee includes instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of demonstration equipment, dinner and a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, July 28. Enrollment will be limited to 40 participants. To receive additional details or request a registration form, contact the Public Information Department of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at 1-800-477-2757 or via e-mail at mail@metroparks.com.

OAKLAND
COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs

at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY
PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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Single white male, 43, 5'4", 160 lbs. Romantic, affectionate, secure, warm hearted. Seeking white female, medium to large build, 36 to 45, who enjoys music, dancing, dining in and out, movies, sports, going up north, and more. BOX 32068

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35 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, about size 18. Been told I am pretty and have a good personality. Smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Enjoy movies, carrying, Seeking a marriage minded man that doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 31940

LOVE IN THE AIR!
Single white female, 38, 5'3", 110 lbs. Reddish brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys the outdoors, sunsets, fishing, sports, and much more. Male 30 to 40, with a good sense of humor and similar interests. Give me a call and we can talk. BOX 13585

LOVE NO MORE PLEASE
Widowed white female, secure, honest, happy, who enjoys adventure, the outdoors, travel, cooking and much more. Seeking single white male, gentle, to make happy, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 13642

DUAL MY NUMBER!
58 yr old, white, widowed female, 5'3", medium build, with blonde hair, green eyes, and a good sense of humor, who enjoys all of the above. Seeking single white male, with lots of interests, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 13650

ONLY YOU FOR ME
39 yr old, 5'3", full figured single white female of two with dark brown hair and blue eyes. She wants to share her enjoyment of dining out, movies, hockey, movies, reading, the outdoors and much more with that honest, caring, single white male, who answers this ad. BOX 13594

SUNSHINE
I am outgoing, friendly, retired professional, who is down to earth, 62, 120 lbs with brown hair. Looking for friendship and love. Single white male, who is doing fun things together. BOX 36127

LOTS OF ENERGY
I am a small, cute, young looking, physically fit package with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 43, who is attractive, active and is interested in all of the above. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities and much more. BOX 31999

THINKING OF YOU
Single female, who's honest, positive, fun, motivated, 5'4", 120 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36892

IF IT'S YOU CALL!
45 yr old, single white female, seeking single male, to share life with for good conversation, dining out, sports, quality time together. BOX 13354

DREAMER
Single white female, 45, 5'8", 120 lbs. I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16953

SINCERE
Pretty, petite, trim, classy, 5'4", 122 lbs. Divorced white female with a passion for life and love. Seeking a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, fit, romantic, gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, and much more. BOX 35910

MATERNAL EXPRESSION
Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37, I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 35910

WILD FLOWER
44 yr old, single white professional female, 5'7", 120 lbs. I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 35910

NATIVE AMERICAN?
Divorced white female, 5, 100 lbs, 50 healthy fit blonde blue eyes, positive great humor, non-smoker, non-drinker, hardworking, open minded. Enjoys the great outdoors, music. Seeking American Indian male with values, true to heritage, non-smoker, non-drinker, age appropriate, friends first, no games. Let's talk. BOX 36006

ALONE BUT NOT LONELY
And happy with myself, white female, 33, looks 43, 5'10", 150 lbs. Single, non-smoker, social drinker, blonde, ex-model, who's educated. Likes pictures, culture, fine and ethnic music. Seeking white male, approximately 40 plus, educated and professional, emotionally and financially stable for possible long term relationship. Friends first. BOX 36008

BE MY FRIEND
47 yr old, single female, with blonde hair and blue eyes, in good shape, who enjoys walking, the theater, traveling and much more. Looking for a single male, 60, who's intelligent, loving, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 13524

A STEP AT A TIME
Single female, 5'3", 125 lbs. blonde hair, enjoys dancing, traveling, reading, dining and more. Looking for a single male, for friendship, companionship and fun times. BOX 13621

ONE IN A MILLION...
In Nov. Very attractive, single white female, young looking, 40, great shape, blonde hair, 5'4", brunette with brown eyes, seeking very nice looking, single white male, 35 to 40, for a possible relationship. BOX 35992

LARGE AND LOVELY
Single white female, 47, 5'6", 250 lbs. Attractive, searching for a single white male, 45 to 54, with values, honesty and humor. I enjoy movies, music, dancing and travel. Waterford area. BOX 35998

SEEKS A GOOD MAN
Single white female, 23, 5'6", 125 lbs. Seeking a loving 23 to 30 yr old, non-smoker, over 6'0", for a possible relationship. BOX 35990

NEW BEGINNINGS
33 yr old, single mother of two, 130 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, 30 to 38, who enjoys fishing, bowling, camping, dining, movies and quiet evenings at home. Friendship first, possibly more. BOX 35992

VERY PRETTY BLONDE
5'7", 118 lbs, professional female, upper, middle, and lower, with plenty of vigor and spunk. Looking for a professional male counterpart, 60's, for dating first and then possibly more. BOX 35996

HELLO FRIEND
Slender, attractive, intelligent, white female, 54, tall, engaging, ladylike, amiable, warm hearted, educated, single, smoker, seeks white male, 55 to 60, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly, well spoken, self-assured, communicative, enjoys dancing, music, reading, the outdoors, and much more. A fellow epicurean. BOX 35998

ONLY YOU FOR ME
39 yr old, 5'3", full figured single white female of two with dark brown hair and blue eyes. She wants to share her enjoyment of dining out, movies, hockey, movies, reading, the outdoors and much more with that honest, caring, single white male, who answers this ad. BOX 13594

SUNSHINE
I am outgoing, friendly, retired professional, who is down to earth, 62, 120 lbs with brown hair. Looking for friendship and love. Single white male, who is doing fun things together. BOX 36127

LOTS OF ENERGY
I am a small, cute, young looking, physically fit package with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 43, who is attractive, active and is interested in all of the above. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities and much more. BOX 31999

THINKING OF YOU
Single female, who's honest, positive, fun, motivated, 5'4", 122 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36892

IF IT'S YOU CALL!
45 yr old, single white female, seeking single male, to share life with for good conversation, dining out, sports, quality time together. BOX 13354

DREAMER
Single white female, 45, 5'8", 120 lbs. I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16953

SINCERE
Pretty, petite, trim, classy, 5'4", 122 lbs. Divorced white female with a passion for life and love. Seeking a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, fit, romantic, gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, and much more. BOX 35910

MATERNAL EXPRESSION
Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37, I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 35910

WILD FLOWER
44 yr old, single white professional female, 5'7", 120 lbs. I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 35910

NATIVE AMERICAN?
Divorced white female, 5, 100 lbs, 50 healthy fit blonde blue eyes, positive great humor, non-smoker, non-drinker, hardworking, open minded. Enjoys the great outdoors, music. Seeking American Indian male with values, true to heritage, non-smoker, non-drinker, age appropriate, friends first, no games. Let's talk. BOX 36006

DEEPER IN LOVE
Sincere, fun loving, divorced white female, 37, 5'4", with blonde hair, green eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, travel, movies, camping, walks, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for serious relationship. BOX 13432

GOOD HEARTED WOMAN
Divorced, white, professional mother of two, 47, who enjoys movies, the outdoors and much more, who's attractive, full figured, honest and caring. Seeking single, white, Christian female, who's honest and caring, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 20815

CZECH BORN
42 yr old, single mother, red hair and hazel eyes, 25, in spirit and a good 30 in looks. Independent, ambitious, enjoys travel and boating. Seeking someone to grow old with. Great life, love and fun. Absolutely monogamous. BOX 35964

ATTRACTIVE & CLASSY
Eclectic, slender, brunette, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays and more. Seeking honest, loyal, ambitious, fun, romantic, special gentleman, over 58, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36105

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!
Single female, 35, full figure, self-employed, fun loving, looking for a single, white male, 35 to 40, who is honest, social, fun, and enjoys the outdoors. BOX 13434

YOU SHOULD CALL
38 yr old, single white female, no children, animal lover, college educated. Loves the outdoors, fishing, camping, the woods and more. Seeking a single male, around same age, who is honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

THE SIMPLE THINGS
Single female, blonde hair, hazel eyes, late 50's, likes outdoors, laughter, dogs, walking, swimming and more. Seeking a single male, who's honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single white female, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, college educated, enjoys dancing, music, reading, the outdoors, sports, walks and more. Seeking a single white male, 35 to 40, non-smoker, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13491

I'M THE ONE FOR YOU!
Divorced black mother of one, 42, 5'4", medium build, non-smoker, attractive, medical professional. Enjoys humor, family oriented and quiet times at home. Seeking a well established, single or divorced male, with good hair, who is a possible long term relationship. BOX 13502

LOVE ME FOR ME
20 yr old, 5'3", medium build, single mother, with Auburn hair. Looking for a single male, 20 to 30, preferably with a child, that will accept me. BOX 13522

CAN WE TALK?
5'5", medium build, single female, with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Enjoy going to concerts, motorcycles, home cooking and walks in the park. Looking for a single male for good times, friendship, and maybe more. BOX 13528

LET'S HANG OUT
21 yr old, 5'7", single female, with brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking a single white male, 20 to 26, who is honest, outgoing and not phony. I am very outgoing and enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking a soul mate and a companion for life. BOX 32067

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U
Single white female, 56, 120 lbs. I am kind, charming, humorous, fun, and a good conversationalist. Seeking a single male, 50 to 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

ARE YOU LONESOME?
Single, professional, white female, 37, blonde hair and green eyes. Seeking a single, compassionate white male, 40 to 50, with a sense of humor, for dating and friendship. BOX 35962

SPONTANEOUS
White, widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate. Enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

CALL IF INTERESTED
40 yr old, 5'11, 115 lbs. Single mother who enjoys all sports, the outdoors, and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, who has a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, for friendship first. BOX 20862

TREAT ME RIGHT
18 yr old, single female, looking for a single male with a variety of interests, who knows how to treat a woman. BOX 20868

I'LL BE WAITING
5'5", 110 to 32 yr old, single female with light brown hair and blue eyes. I like dancing, fishing, boating and camping. Seeking a single white male, who is honest and enjoys the simple things in life. I am a single mother, who is a good conversationalist. BOX 20862

FINAL SOUL MATE
38 yr old, single female, who enjoys children, the outdoors, animals, fishing, and sports. Looking for a single professional male, with similar interests. BOX 20898

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 55, 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, simple, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

WANTED: A GOOD MAN
Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded men only. BOX 31937

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Widowed, white female, 51, 125 lbs, blonde with hazel eyes, active, enjoys traveling, dining out and lake riding. Looking for an honest, fun loving, white male, 65 to 72, for friendship and companionship. BOX 32044

A REAL GOOD CATCH
Divorced, white professional male, financially secure, business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs, non-smoker, no drugs, social drinker. Seeking single white professional female, 40 to 55, who enjoys sports, dining out, walks, traveling, and quiet times. BOX 33408

LOOKING AHEAD
Divorced white male, 51, financially secure, professional, 6'1", who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeking single white female, 40 to 58, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36093

HANDSOME IRON WORKER
Single white male, 55, tall, dark hair and eyes, mustache, spontaneous, likes boating, traveling and casinos. Seeking single white female, 40 to 55, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 33400

THE GOOD LIFE
5'6", 140 lb, independent woman, enjoys car shows and racing, camping, bowling, dancing and shooting pool. Looking for a single male, white, non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

COMPANION
White widowed, 5'1", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys traveling and dining out. Seeking a single white male, 40 to 50, who is honest, romantic, with a good sense of humor, for best friends. BOX 13592

POSSIBILITIES!
42 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 175 lbs, with blonde hair, blue eyes, athletic build, enjoys all sports, 30 to 45, who is honest, romantic, with a good sense of humor, for best friends. BOX 13592

GET BACK TO YOU SOON
18 yr old, single white male, who enjoys movies, sports, and more. Seeking single white female, 18 to 22, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 21012

LOVE CHILDREN!
20 yr old, single white female, seeking single white male, 18 to 21, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 20999

LET'S GET TOGETHER
45 yr old, single white male, 5'4", 135 lbs, smoker, who enjoys golf, BBQ, movies, dining out, quiet times, and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 20995

JUST A CALL AWAY
Single white male, 5'11", 200 lbs, enjoys bowling, swimming, bike riding, cooking quiet times at home and more. Looking for a single female, 18 to 30, who's honest and sweet and in search of an honest man, give me a call I'm here. BOX 13577

HAPPINESS AWAITS
Single white male, 27, 5'11", 180 lbs, enjoys hockey, the outdoors and more. Seeking a single female, 21 to 29, height and weight proportionate, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20954

VISIONS OF LOVE
36 yr old, single white male, sensitive, honest, enjoys sports, working out, music, cooking, traveling and more. Seeking a single female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 13447

LET'S MEET
Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, fishing, and more. Seeking a single white female, 40 to 45, who is honest, romantic, with a good sense of humor, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36081

BLACK OR HISPANIC
40 yr old, 5'3", 130 lbs, brown hair and eyes, attractive, intelligent, physically fit, enjoys working out, music, cooking, traveling and more. Seeking a single or divorced black or Hispanic female, 25 to 35, attractive, intelligent, who is honest, romantic, and great smile. BOX 33653

ARE YOU LONELY?
Single white male, 58, 5'11", 180 lbs. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 45, who enjoys dancing, movies, short trips and quiet evenings at home. I'm a non-smoker, and social. Family oriented. BOX 35974

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Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going with good values for companionship and possible long term relationship. BOX 35964

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Single white male, 32, 5'11", 170 lbs, spiritual, sensitive and has lots of love to give. Enjoys out, chess and sports. Seeking a single white female, 22 to 26, who is kind hearted and has similar interests. Friendship first, possible long term relationship. BOX 33375

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WOMAN WANTED
Single white male, 54, 5'10", 175 lbs, not bad looking, good condition, employed, homeowner, non-smoker, no dependents. Seeks slim, attractive white woman, 40 to 50, in the Westland area. BOX 36137

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37 yr old, single white male, 5'5", with brown hair, clean shaven, who enjoys gardening, animals and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests, who's fun loving and enjoys life. For friendship and possibly more. BOX 13635

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Kind, caring, helpful, single white male, 40's, with intelligence, charm, mechanical ability. Speaks a reasonably attractive, good natured lady for companionship, possibly more. BOX 36143

ALL THIS LOVE
I am waiting, for you! Handsome, 6'1", thin white male with blonde hair is seeking a single female, who is a good friend, friendship and maybe more. What have you got to lose? Give me a call. BOX 13267

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ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT
Divorced white male, 48, 5'11", large build, non-smoker, light drinker, enjoys walks in the park, shopping, cooking, biking, movies, and quiet romantic times. Seeks white female, petite to medium build, open minded, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 36010

BRIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
57 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 170 lbs, with brown hair and eyes. Seeking single white female, petite to medium build, for friendship, dating, good times, possibly more. BOX 20859

CAN'T WAIT
43 yr old, divorced white male, 6'1", 210 lbs, with blonde hair, blue eyes, active, honest and affectionate, who enjoys biking, working out, the outdoors and much more. Seeking single white female, slim to medium build, open minded, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 36044

GIVE ME A BUZZ!
18 yr old, single white male, 6'1", 165 lbs, with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys sports, movies and fun times. Seeking single white female, 18 to 21, for relationship. BOX 20975

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Getting started

Its first purchase in 1943 was for Metro Beach Metropark, and the authority spent 1945-47 dredging sand to raise shore level before it opened to the public in 1950.

However, the first Metropark to open was Kensington in 1948. The jewel in the HCMA crown, Kensington has the 1,200-acre Kent Lake, created when a dam was built at the south end of the park. It's the most popular of the Metroparks, attracting more than 2.5 million of the 9 million people who visit the parks each year.

In the recreational scheme of things, the Metroparks can best be described as the closest thing to being up north and still be only an hour's drive from downtown Detroit.

In fact, Sudek sees the park system as "the anchors to keep sprawl from going north" and believes their "great appeal is the mix between the developed and the undeveloped areas."

Just a step below state parks' mix of 5 percent developed and 95 percent undeveloped, Metroparks utilize a quarter of the park area for recreation. In addition to the usual picnic areas, golf courses, a wave pool, sandy beaches, trails, nature, farm and interpretive centers and marinas are part of the system's attractions.

"There are things for the family to do and there are environmental areas that are pristine areas for people to enjoy as well," said Sudek. "Local parks are intensive in development. County parks are better than local parks and do have some undeveloped areas. Metroparks are a level above that with 25 percent developed and 75 percent undeveloped. Each system tries to play a part in people's recreational needs."

"These are not just summer parks, they're year-round parks," added Kreger. "Somewhere in the park, there's something going on every month of the year. The wave pool at Lake Erie is one of the most popular attractions in the park system."

"At Kensington, we have the farm center, where you can feed the animals. The kids love it. In the winter, they have hayrides, cross-country skiing and a toboggan run."

The HCMA also has the largest interpretive program of parks in the country - 10 interpretive, 7 nature and 2 farm centers and the mobile learning center, started five years ago to bring nature to the urban areas, according to Sudek.

Within the boundaries

With about 20,000 acres set aside along the Huron and Clinton rivers, the park boundaries are pretty much set, although the HCMA does try to acquire parcels within those boundaries.

"The biggest challenge in the next 10-20-50 years is going to be completing the development plans for the 13 parks and preserve the relationship between the developed and undeveloped areas, according to Sudek, who will retire in August after 40 years with the park system.

"Land acquisition always costs more as property values increase," he said. "There's not much more to buy, and we're not aggressive about it. We wait until it becomes available."

But the other problem is sprawl. With development literally sprouting up along some park boundaries, the authority now faces the issue of becoming a local park but still keeping its regional focus.

Sudek sees that as a mixed blessing. Development around the parks means more year-round use and people who are very protective and volunteer at the parks, but the parks also have become refuge for displaced wildlife, especially deer. Thinning the parks' herds was a contentious issue last year, but was necessary according to Kreger.

"We had to do something about the deer," he said. "It's been the biggest controversy faced by the Metroparks, and we were made out to be callous and indifferent, but the deer were vandalizing the park. A lot of species of plants have been eaten up and new trees were eaten up as soon as they come up from the ground."

"I don't believe we got a black eye with the deer issue," added Sudek. "I believe people had a chance to look us in the eye and tell us what they thought."

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1,756 acres
North of Will Carleton Road, east of I-275
Key features: Nature center
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Lower Huron
1,258 acres of park on the western edge of Romulus along the Huron River.
Key features: Swimming pool, water slide, golf, canoeing.
Phone: (800) 477-3182

Lake Erie
1,007 acres in Brownstown Township near Gibraltar.
Key features: Three miles of shoreline along Lake Erie.
Wave pool, golf, museum, fishing, boating, marina.
Phone: (800) 477-3189

Kensington:
4,357 acres near Milford. Exit 153 on I-96.
Key features: Boating, canoeing, golfing, fishing, swimming (two beaches).
Phone: (800) 477-3178

As good stewards of the environment we have to have a balance in resources. When they become overburdened and threatened, we have to deal with it."

Sudek also foresees the park system becoming more of an urban system and facing more pressure to do things that are more urban, which he doesn't believe should be done.

"We have to decide how to maintain the developed areas, keep them fresh and updated and current, and how to preserve that beautiful balance and keep those parts pristine and undeveloped, so you don't have to go to the U.P. to get that experience," he said. "We have to think of how we can make a difference in the life of a child as they spend less time in the outdoor. Our responsibility is that we're as important to the family of the future."

"We need to provide more for them to play together. That will be our big contribution to society."

KENSINGTON

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Karen Hartnett of Canton has strong ties to Kensington Metropark. In fact, she was born in 1948, the same year the park opened.

"I can even remember going with my dad before the freeway was out there," said Hartnett, a child support specialist for the state of Michigan. "We went out there for picnics."

She and husband, Tom, an attorney for the Wayne County Friend of the Court, would visit Kensington when their two grown children, Jim and Jeanne, were small. When the kids were older, they went cross-country skiing.

"We like to go there," Hartnett said. "It's a pretty big place."

She likes Kensington's beaches, picnic areas and farm center. She appreciates the accessibility and now takes the family dog, Tasha, for walks on a leash there.

Activities the Hartnetts enjoy at Kensington include swimming, walking and picnicking. They like the area around Kensington as well, but note that it's getting built up around the park.

Tom Hartnett recalled an early April visit to the park: "We walked around the different lakes. That helps us relax. It was nice."

While there, they bought their annual sticker while at the park that day. Daily admission to Kensington is \$2 per vehicle weekday, \$3 for Saturday, Sunday or holiday, free on Wednesday. Annual admission is \$15, \$8 for seniors age 62 and older.

Richard Shafer also has strong ties to Kensington, working for the past 14 years as park superintendent and for 29 years at Kensington. He confirmed Hartnett's assessment of the park as big - 4,357 acres, including lakes.

"Kent Lake is the largest," he said, with several other smaller lakes and

ponds found. The park is on the Oakland-Livingston county line, in three townships: Milford, Brighton and Lyon. As many metro Detroiters know, it's readily accessible and visible from I-96.

It's the oldest Metropark, Shafer said, adding its facilities, location and beauty contribute to its popularity. About 2.5 million people visit Kensington each year.

"We have a good heritage here, people that are regular users," he said.

The park's also on its fourth generation of employees. There are some 39 full-timers, along with about 40 year-round part-timers and summer seasonal hires. Those employees attract park visitors, Shafer said, and Kensington's the most popular public park in the state. Accessibility from the Detroit area and such cities as Toledo, Lansing and Flint makes the park popular.

"A lot of it is the location," he said.

Does Shafer have a dream job, just walking in the woods all day? He laughed and noted six department heads report to him. The job has demands, but staffers can get outdoors, too - "We take advantage of that."

He envisions the future of Kensington Metropark as new development of facilities because of changing public desires. The golf course, for example, was been made to be competitive with others.

Another change? Increasing numbers of programs and partnerships with organizations that lack facilities. Those include businesses, groups and individuals, such as a man with a "Colonial Kensington" program.

Shafer encourages people to visit Kensington, pointing out that "they become regular visitors."

Another Kensington visitor is Denise Mogos of Plymouth Township. She makes her living as public relations/information officer for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and finds her personal and professional lives combine when she visits Kensington.

"It is our most used park," Mogos said. "Wildlife watching, swimming, golf and all the amenities there draw visitors."

A recent spring day found Judy DeHondt of Berkley at Kensington's Martindale Beach. "Just the great weather and wanting to be near the water" were her reasons for visiting.

Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For information, call (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.

LAKE ERIE

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Lake Erie Metropark at the southern edge of Wayne County is a bit of a hike from western Wayne County, but it contains the only wave pool in the Metropark system.

The Great Wave is the park's biggest draw, said Assistant Park Superintendent Jeffrey W. Schuman.

More than 75,000 people per year use the pool in which 3-foot waves are artificially generated. Depth varies from 8 feet to zero, and the pool is capable of holding 1,400 people at a time.

Conveniently located near the Great Wave is a snack bar, kid's playground and picnic area. Some park patrons use the wave pool area and nothing else, Schuman said.

But there are plenty of other things to do on the 1,607 acres of Lake Erie Metropark, too.

A boat launch area has room for 200 vehicles and their trailers in the parking lot. Boaters may turn left and head up the Detroit River, or turn right and check out Lake Erie.

The marina contains more than 100 boat wells, but water there is only about 4 feet deep. Three years ago it was 8 feet deep, Schuman said. Still, 4 feet is more than many other marinas have, and it's enough to float a 25-foot motorboat.

Nature lovers will enjoy Lake Erie Metropark for its three miles of shoreline and abundance of wildlife and waterfowl. Some 500-600 acres of wetlands attract herons, egrets and ducks. Mosquitoes breed in the wetlands, but Schuman said the breeze off Lake Erie prevents them from being a major problem. Woodpeckers also are numerous in the woods.

Walkers will enjoy the hiking trails and boardwalk alongside the marsh and bike trail accommodates cyclists. And shoreline fishing is available throughout the park wherever water depths are sufficient.

There are several large grassy areas for outdoor activities and picnic tables, grills and shelters are numerous.

The Marshlands Museum and Nature Center is "dedicated to things that happened here in the last 150 years," Schuman said.

Interpreting the cultural and natural heritage of the region, this museum features exhibits on the waterfowl hunting tradition, folkways and marsh ecology. A 1,300-gallon aquarium showcases regional fish species. Numerous donors have stocked the museum with fishing canoes, shotguns and decoys.

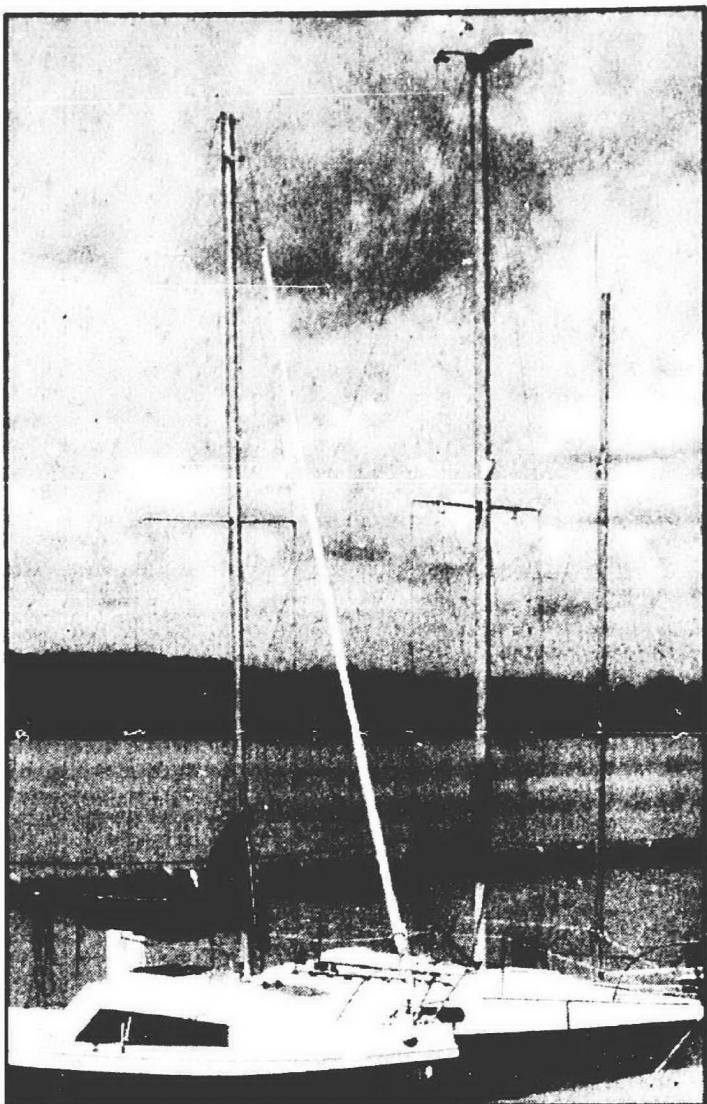
Outside the museum is a turn-of-the-century boathouse and a replica of an eagle's nest, which figures in the activities every September when the park hosts the "Hawkfest." Since migrating hawks fly south along the waterfront, they pass right over Lake Erie

Metropark and sometimes rest there for a day before continuing south.

War of 1812 reenactors fight the Battle of Brownstown in the park for two days every August, this year on Aug. 19-20.

A golf course that opened in 1994 is getting its first permanent clubhouse and paved parking lot this year, but not until late summer. The 6,400-yard, 18-hole, par-72 public course is surrounded by natural wetlands and features gently rolling bunkered fairways and 20 acres of ponds.

Lake Erie Metropark is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call (800) 477-3189.



Ahoy: Sailboats are available for classes and rental at Kensington Metropark.

LOWER HURON

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Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville doesn't lack for things to do, whether it's a hot, humid steaming day or a below zero day with a foot of ice to skate on and some snow in which to ski.

Another nice thing about Lower Huron Metropark is it's accessible.

The park, located on Haggerty Road just west of I-275, features a variety of four-season activities, including a swimming pool with diving board and 17-foot high water slide, canoeing in the Huron River, picnicking, hike/bike trails, par 3 golf, ice skating and cross-country skiing (in season).

Lower Huron also has a group camping area for organizations like church and scout groups. There, groups of up to 1,000 can set up rustic camp for a weekend or a few days.

Richard Sobecki, park superintendent, oversees operations at Lower Huron, and its two sister Metroparks, Oakwoods and Willow, which are located south of Lower Huron. The three are connected via a "hike-bike" trail, allowing bicyclists to take up to a 30 mile round-trip trek.

Sobecki said the Huron River is the park's most outstanding natural feature, but its three ponds, which become skating ponds in winter, are another impressive feature. The ponds are an offshoot of the Huron and sit in a ravine just northeast of the park office.

"They're our Currier & Ives ponds," Sobecki said, referring to the print artists known for their winter scenes.

Lower Huron Metropark was established in 1952, with Oakwoods and Willow following suit in 1972 and 1968, respectively. The three parks are operated together.

"Lower Huron is the oldest and (most mature) of the parks," Sobecki said. But the park's age also means administrators must take a hard look at improvements, including replacing the pool, which was opened in 1958. It has received several upgrades over the years, including the water slide in 1989. Pool users pay \$2 in addition to the \$3 motor vehicle permit fee.

Willow Metropark also has a pool, as does Lake Erie Metropark in Monroe, which has a wave pool.

Lower Huron Metropark features also include picnicking with shelters, play areas including a "play lot," canoeing (no rentals or launch), fishing, court games areas, canoe camp, paved hike/bike trails, hiking/fitness trails and nature trails.

The hike-bike connector between Wil-

low and Oakwoods Metroparks was completed in 1998, allowing walkers, joggers, bicyclists and in-line skaters to traverse all three parks.

The par 3 golf course is designed for beginner golfers, because of its relatively small 1,300-yard size.

"No tee time is necessary," Sobecki said.

Par 3 golfing fees are \$5 on weekdays, and \$6 on weekends and holidays, \$4 everyday for seniors age 62 and up and children 17 and younger.

For more information about the park, call (734) 697-9181 or (800) 477-3182.

WILLOW and OAKWOOD

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Do you enjoy dancing under the stars? Or maybe you'd like to take a ride in an oversized canoe - one like that used by Native Americans and the early explorers - to see nature up close and get a feel of what life was like back then?

Those are the unique offerings at Lower Huron Metropark's two sister facilities, the Willow and Oakwoods Metroparks.

Together, the three parks offer practically everything for recreation and nature appreciation that the other 10 Metroparks in the system have, plus things they don't.

"We didn't know you were here" is what superintendent Richard Sobecki and his people hear a lot from western and southern Wayne County residents just discovering the three parks. But Detroiters have used them for years, he said.

Willow, which like older sibling Lower Huron offers such a swimming pool, golf, fishing, bike-hike trails and cross-country skiing, also has a 10,500-square-foot Outdoor Dance Center.

Meanwhile, neighboring Oakwoods, which is primarily a nature interpretive area, has various trails and a nature center and is one of the few offering trips in a Voyageur canoe, which holds 10 to 12 adults (\$2.50 per person, \$30 per group, up to 20 people).

Willow's dance center, one of only three in the 13-park system, has 3,300 square feet of dancing area plus space for tables and chairs.

There's square dancing on Friday nights and other types of dancing and concerts on Saturday nights.

For more information about either park, call the Lower Huron Metropark office, (734) 697-9181 or 1-800-477-3182.



Open-air classroom: Students from a summer science school program from the downriver area take a look at the duck boats marsh area display at the museum at Lake Erie Metropark.



Serenity: Two kayakers watch birds on the lake.



Flowers of Canton: The Waldrop home, above, is just one of the places on local garden walks that flower fans can enjoy this summer.

Garden Lovers Walk the Walk

Canton gardens burst into bloom

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Seven years ago Tammy Waldrop thought she knew everything there was to know about gardening, and then she got a job at a greenhouse and realized that she hadn't scratched the surface.

"I have a lifetime of learning to do," she said.

But she knows volumes more than most backyard flower dabbles, and the result is a gardener's dream come true on 1.33 acres at her home on Geddes just east of Canton Center.

Among the 14 flower beds is one she's named butterfly hill and another the holding cell for the plants she hasn't decided what to do with yet. The remaining are a vegetable garden and a raised vegetable bed will be on display during the Canton Garden Club Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8.

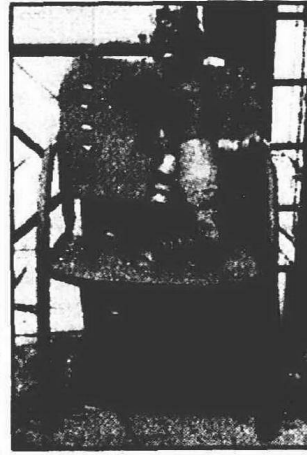
The 'bug' bites

Waldrop was stung by the gardening bug 14 years when she had an old house that needed a lot of work in Sterling Heights.

"It was a mess, and I wanted to fix it up," she said. "I bought coral bells and it all started from there."

The green plants with spiked, strong stems are topped by small blooms that look exactly like bells. Its long blooming time, usually June through September, makes it appealing to every perennial gardener.

The outside of Waldrop's house kept getting more and more attractive as she kept adding more and more flowers and plants. During the process Waldrop realized that gardening was her "calling."



"I spent years trying to figure out what my talents were, and now I know that's God's gift to me," she said.

Once Waldrop moved to Canton she had already learned what she liked and didn't like and her enthusiasm surged. Outside her home, she has more than 120 different kinds of perennials including irises, peonies, delphiniums and day lilies.

Other people have realized that Waldrop has a way of making dull areas come alive with color and fragrance using plants and flowers. In fact, she recently took the job of landscape chairman at Winter Walker Elementary School where her daughter, Danielle, was in kindergarten this past year.

In fact, Waldrop has cultivated an interest in gardening in Danielle, 6.

She's learning at a young age that plants and flowers flourish if they're given enough care. Her

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Garden City lives up to its name on this walk



Brighter days: Shasta daisies lighten up the yard of a garden on the upcoming Garden City Garden Tour. Foxgloves color the yard with a deep purple, while buttercups and astilbes surround a chair and birdhouse.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

When Kathleen Fischer bought her house in 1994 a peony bush was the only flower in a garden that now has nothing but blooms with a cottage-style theme featuring hollyhocks, morning glories, delphiniums and other old-fashioned dependables.

The peony bush now fights for attention among more than 200 perennials and yard art that fill her garden and awe visitors.

Fischer's garden is so impressive she was asked to be on the seventh annual Garden City Garden Walk, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, July 22.

"I really wasn't a gardener when we moved in," she said. "I said my goal was to have so many gardens that my husband wouldn't have to mow the grass."

She almost reached her goal with three-quarters of the terrain filled with perennial flowers, stepping stones, an arbor, pond and a pathway. Best of all, most of her vast collection was found or given to her by family and friends.

"I'll see something in the garbage that I think will look neat in my garden and I'll pick it up," she said, explaining that once she spotted a pile of metal iron posts and rods in someone's trash and decided they would be perfect, if she arranged them just right, in her back yard.

In fact, Fischer believes her gardens have increased the value of her home, located south of Ford Road and east of Henry Ruff, by at least \$25,000.

"I like to incorporate things in my garden that you wouldn't normally see in a garden," she said.

Like the fence and arbor she made from tree branches. Or the concrete border she crafted from pieces of broken cement left over when her parents put in a new porch.

Constant changing

Her backyard canvass is always a work in progress.

"I plant something and I get an idea and I say, 'you know I like this better here,' and I move it," she said. "Every year it's different."

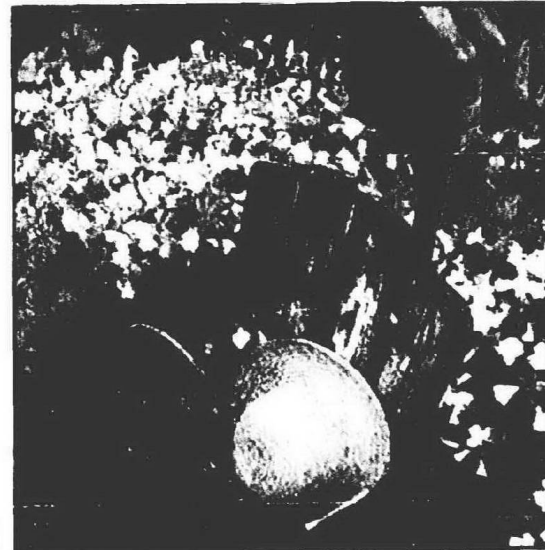
She walks from bush to bush and removes the dead flowers, weeds and anything else she wants out. Meanwhile, ideas about planting new gardens are planted.

Her gardens become instant gift shops when friends leave with bouquets.

"My garden is my stress release," Fischer said. "I work full-time in a loan department and when I get home from work I work out in the garden. I wind down from the day. I turn my fountain on, and lose myself."

Her garden was an especially important diversion last May when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and she began having

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AREA GARDEN TOURS

■ Petals and Paths, the Canton Garden Club's second Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, will feature six lovely gardens in the Canton area on the tour. Presale tickets are \$5 and are available from Keller & Stein on Michigan Avenue, Graye's Greenhouse on Joy Road, Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road and Mary's Farm Market on Ford Road. Tickets are also available the day of the tour for \$6 at each of the hosted garden homes. The walk is scheduled rain or shine, so pack an umbrella.

■ The 7th annual Garden City Garden Walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Tickets will be \$6 and can be purchased at Barson's Greenhouse and Rocky's Florist, both on Ford Road. For information call Zydys Bateson at (734) 427-5452.

■ The Gardens of Northville's Seventh Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by Country Garden Club, features seven gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. (The severe weather date is July 13.) Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main.

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Sans color

Black and white photography can make a striking interpretation of a scene, says Monte Nagler in Focus on Photography

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chemotherapy.

"It's really a devastating thing to go through and you need something to keep your mind off of what you're going through," she said. "The gardening got me out and not feeling sorry for myself."

Fischer planted a birch tree in her front yard to celebrate the day doctors told her they believed they got all the cancer cells.

"That was the last tree that I wanted in my front yard," she said. "I planted it in honor of all the people who had passed on from cancer and who were going through cancer treatments."

Gardening: 'Quality time'

Kim Marquette thinks about gardening as "therapy," too. It's also a common place for her son, Alan, and husband, Jerry, to work on projects. Their work will be on display during the garden walk, too.

"It's where the family spends good, quality time," she said. "Every year we change something and add something and everyone is involved. It always has new life."

Water gardens are the focal point at their home east of Meridian and south of Ford Road on the same street where Marquette grew up. In fact, Marquette's mother, Muriel Grima, still lives six houses away, in the homestead where Marquette grew up. The Grima gardens will also be on the garden walk.

Marquette and her mother

learned to love gardening from Grima's mother, Alice Johnson, who still gardens at 88 and who lives eight blocks away from Marquette in Westland.

Enter the Marquette garden through a 15-foot copper arbor made as a Mother's Day gift by Jerry and Alan. A canopy of fragrant light pink roses drape down. The breathtaking display is a second special meaning, because the bush is 60 years old and was taken from her grandmother's home in Dearborn before she moved to Westland.

"I moved a lot of her flowers from her garden and that started a lot of my gardening," Marquette said.

Pond is centerpiece

The main feature in Marquette's garden is their biggest pond, about 16 feet at its widest and four feet deep. It has 75 fish, some of which like to be hand fed. At any one time there are some 15 water lilies in bloom.

Grass varieties dominate among water and land irises. There's always something in bloom with "something dying and something coming," Marquette said.

They have a smaller pond and another one under way, which is to be visible from a screened in porch they added this year.

A fallen tree on the property that became home to woodpeckers, Marquette thought, would be perfect for a third plan that will be built. A swimming pool adds to their backyard aquatic offer-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Garden walk: Flowers fill a yard in Garden City.

ings.

Alan, 11, grew up with a natural habitat in his back yard that nurtured a love for nature and science.

"A great way for him to study the different types of frogs," Marquette said.

"The frogs are so loud when they're mating that it drowns out the TV. In a couple of months there will be frogs all over hopping."

"The pond is really pretty when it freezes over," she said. "We have to keep one spot open for the fish. That's my son's job

to make sure the hole stays open all winter long."

There's a turtle and at least 800 tadpoles in the big pond. They started with a few tadpoles the first year and now they come back annually.

Blue herons are among a wide variety of birds that flock to the country setting the Marquettes have carved out of their back yard.

The Marquettes have a certain artistic flare, too - like the grouping of a large lilac bush looming above a large tree trunk that was gutted by carpenter

ants next to a picnic basket and a decorative adult bicycle.

The next big project is a garden train Alan is planning. The indoor-outdoor railroad train will be adorned with landscaping.

"It will be very small this year, but hopefully will grow - he loves trains," Marquette said. "We try to incorporate things that we all will enjoy."

Variety offered

Jack and Laurie Downs like a change of scenery in the gardening scheme, too.

Garden walk participants are invited to see this year's edition.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "It's taken years to develop."

East of Middlebelt and north of Cherry Hill, the Downs have a flagstone walkway, skirted by ferns, hostas, clematis, day lilies, asters, autumn joy, bee balm, peonies, hollyhock and Mexican primrose. Hummingbirds and butterflies visit the cardinal flower and butterfly bushes.

A 1,000-gallon pond at the end of the patio and a smaller pond are the center of attention. The show stealer stands in the middle of a 15-foot circle with an old Detroit lamppost, painted yellow above a green base.

"It was all rusted when we found it on the side of the road being thrown out," Jack said.

"When it was being sandblasted, we said it looked like petals were on it. We discovered all of the old lamps in downtown were in the design of flowers."

A bird bath, four fountains, a smaller pond and an arbor over a park bench makes the Downs' back yard a place of tranquility with resort-like appeal. A small bog garden with cranberries and carnivorous pitcher plants attracts flies.

In a word, gardening means "tranquility" to Downs.

For the last six years by mid-July their entire fence line bursts with color presented by impatiens. This year the color is lipstick red. Laurie plants them so close they have no where to grow but up, reaching about three-feet high.

The Downs' back yard will also be featured among the seven homes in the Garden City Garden Walk.

There's more to be gotten from the walk than vistas of beautiful flowers and plants. These dedicated gardeners have lessons to teach about life.

"To me no matter how tired I am I can always garden," Bateson said.

"It's very relaxing and I get more enjoyment out of the people who walk by and question me on things."

Most of the gardens will offer refreshments. Other houses will have plants and crafts for sale, according to Zydys Bateson, co-chairperson of the garden walk with Verna Paul-Brown.

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rewards are what nature gives back.

Danielle has her own flower bed with samples of snap dragons and lambs ear.

The two prize additions are a daisy she ripped out of a field and planted in her plot of land and a rose bush in honor of her middle name.

The young gardener also likes to help her father, Dan, harvest vegetables from his garden.

While Waldrop said she is constantly picking up new ideas and tips about how to make her garden grow, she said good soil is the most important element.

"I read recently that you should spend \$5 on the soil and fifty cents on the plant and I believe in that," she said.

After good soil, consider adding compost to your garden beds.

"I try to work them in all my

beds and around the gardens each spring," Waldrop added.

When asked how much time she devotes to gardening, Waldrop said: "Too much. It's definitely a passion."

Life without gardens, she said, "would be very dull - I couldn't imagine it."

Critters gather

Gardening certainly makes Sandy Anselm's life brighter, too. But while the rest of the green thumbs do anything they possibly can to rid their yards of animals that nibble on their

beloved plants, Anselm welcomes the creatures.

Her woodland garden, east of Lilley and south of Ford Road, will also be on the Canton Garden Walk. Walkers might even get a glimpse of the black squirrel nicknamed Blacky whom she feeds by hand.

While book shelves are filled with advice on how to keep your gardens free from animal visitors, Anselm is setting out food for the ducks. Hedgehogs, rabbits and raccoons are also known to pay a visit.

Most interesting of all is that

Anselm doesn't seem to mind if the wildlife take a nibble of a few hosta leaves and other plants as they tramp through her shady back yard with more than 50 maple trees and a few pine trees scattered about.

She accents the greenery with a Crayola box selection of different colored impatiens. Flower islands show off ferns, hostas, hydrangea, azaleas, astilbe, poppies and an array of other blooms.

"It's definitely a hobby that's a lot of work, but enjoyable because I like nature," Anselm said. "It's rewarding and it makes every minute that I have spare, busy."

A brick paver juts out from a huge patio that hugs the house from one side to the other. She accents with potted flowers that can be moved on whim, bird baths, figurines galore and a canopy bird house.

Picking Anselm and the other five gardeners to be featured on the walk this year wasn't easy, according to Donna McDonald, vice president of the Canton Garden Club.

"It's usually through word of mouth or something I can see from the street," McDonald said. "It's actually very difficult, because you can't ask to see someone's back yard and then say, 'Oh well, never mind.'"

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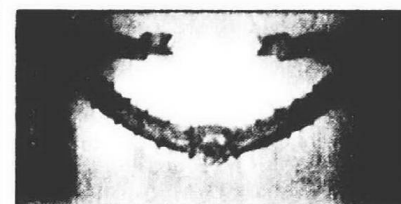
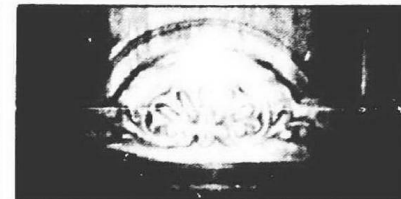
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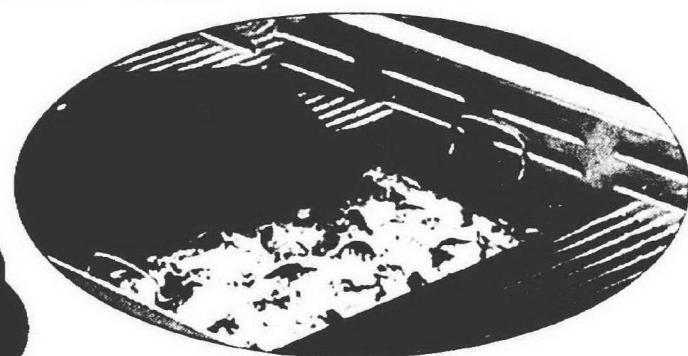
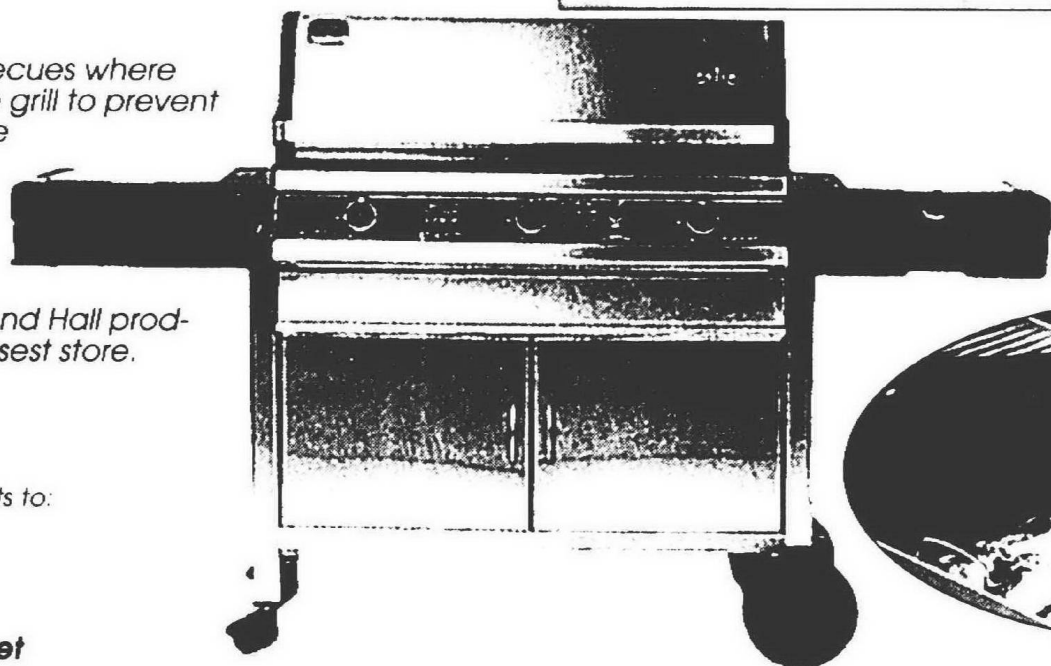


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HOME WORK

Hang art fair finds with these fasteners

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

It's art fair time. There was a great one June 10-11 at Greenmead Historic Village in Livonia. Plymouth's Art In the Park is Friday-Sunday, July 14-16, and the granddaddy of this area, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, is Wednesday, July 19, through Saturday, July 22.

Art fairs are fun to browse, and some of us will be bringing home artwork to display on our walls.

Hanging pictures would be easy if carpenters would learn to set studs where we want to hang these things. Since they don't, we need to use the wall covering to support our art piece.

Most of us in this area live in homes covered with wallboard, more commonly called drywall. Homes built before 1960 likely have plaster walls. Both types of coverings are similar, even though plaster is harder and stronger, but more brittle.

Here are the different methods and items to use to hang your artwork:

Light weights

If the object isn't too heavy, for example a small framed print, a

simple nail can work fine on plaster. Nails tend to work loose in drywall. To help prevent chipping plaster walls, either put a piece of masking tape or drill a small hole where the nail will be driven. Putting the nail at a downward angle increases the holding power.

In drywall, and even plaster, picture hangers are preferred. These are just nails with a metal piece attached which helps keep the nail from working loose. Depending on size, picture hangers can handle up to 40 pounds. Display racks show numerous kinds of picture hangers. Some are decorative, and one even claims to hold as much as 100 pounds.

For very light objects such as unframed posters and soft art, pins and needles work well on drywall. Work the pins into the wall with a pair of pliers.

Nails and pins do very little damage to the walls. The small holes are easily filled and refinished when the item is moved. Paint itself is usually enough to cover pinholes.

I like to stay away from tapes or other stick-ons to hang pictures. More often than not, these tend to leave gooey residue and stains on the walls. They can be near impossible to remove or even paint over.

There are some stick-on products new to the market. They claim to be easy to remove and not leave a mess. I've yet to try them.

Heavy weights

Hollow wall anchors, E-Z Anchors and toggle bolts will usually do the trick with objects up to 100 pounds. Wall anchors can be found in plastic and metal versions. They require a hole to be drilled in the wall.

After the anchor is inserted in the hole, turn the supplied screw. This expands the anchor inside the wall holding it fast. These are considered permanent and cause considerable damage to the wall when removed. A tap-in version of the hollow wall anchor is available. Since only a hammer is required, these are easier to use but hold less since the backside of drywall may be shattered when inserting it. The tap-ins don't work well with plaster.

E-Z Anchors are also available in metal and plastic. These nifty little devices come with their own built-in drill. Simply use a variable speed drill/driver with a Phillips bit to run these into the wall.

E-Z Anchors are removable, but unsuitable for plaster walls because they leave a good-sized hole.

Toggle bolts are best suited for plaster walls. When the toggle bolt is inserted into a hole drilled in the wall the toggles spring open. Tightening the bolt draws the toggle toward the wall back. When removed, the toggle falls inside the wall leaving only a hole in the wall. Any of the anchors and toggles work well

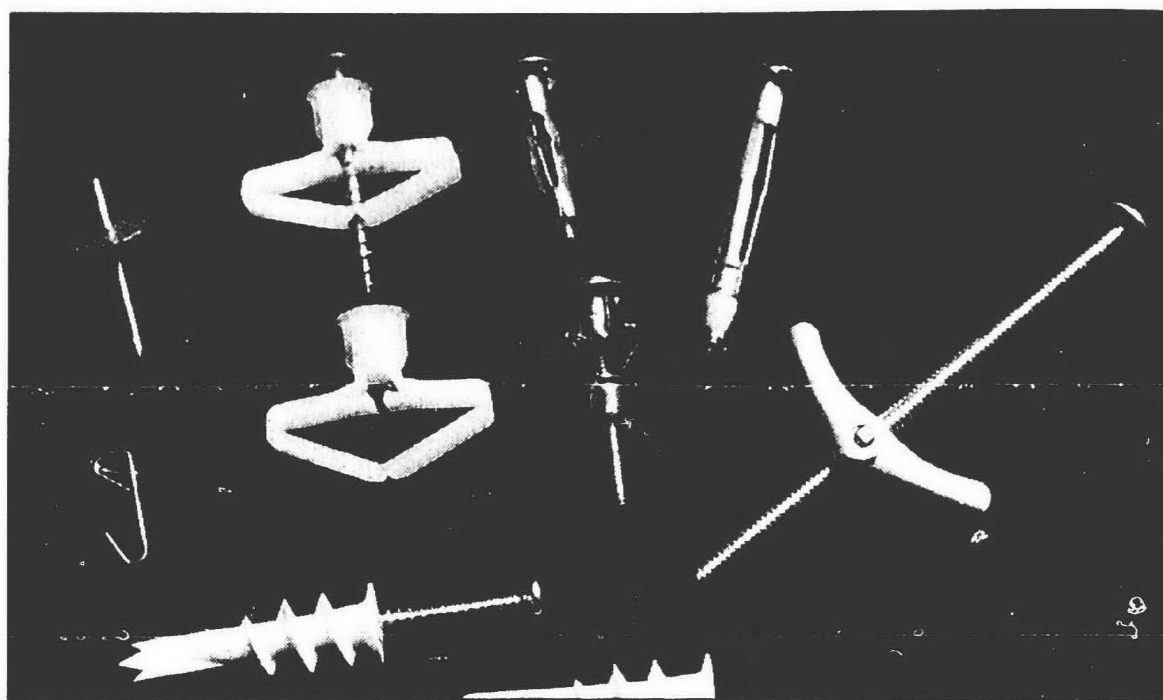


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Fastening tools: Here are wall fasteners you can use to hang pictures. From left, two picture hangers, two plastic anchors, metal anchors, a drive-point anchor, toggle bolt and E-Z anchors (at bottom).

for holding small shelves, towel racks, clocks and the like.

Try not to drill or drive holes more than 3/4-inch deep in a wall. Wires and plumbing within the wall can be damaged. This is bad thing. Water leaks are difficult and can be expensive to repair.

Cut wires spark and smoke a lot. I know this first hand. These too are difficult and expensive to

repair and are dangerous. There is always new hanging hardware appearing on the market. Some are good, some aren't. Look at the packaging and ask questions.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students in a school district in western Wayne County.

Since we all seem to ask our

fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym will be writing "Ask Dad," a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects.

Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Settlement expected over new defect in hot water tanks

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

I don't remember in my lifetime ever hearing or reading about major problems with hot water tanks and yet this past year and a half, they've been the focus of national stories.

they didn't.

They were taken to task and settled a class action lawsuit in which they were to reimburse consumers. Today, just as the dust begins to settle, there is another class action lawsuit going on against a manufacturer, State Industries, a producer of hot water tanks.

This suit has nothing to do with the previous problem of the dip tube. The suit was filed because State Industries built hot water tanks without the anode rod installed and with a plastic liner instead of glass. Electric elements are prematurely failing inside the tanks. Corrosion is eating the inside of the walls and causing leaks. Is there no end to the damage being done to the image of hot water tank manufacturers by their very own stupid mistakes?

A court in Johnson County, Texas, was expected to determine

this month whether a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit involving Duron water heaters, manufactured by State Industries Inc., is fair and reasonable and whether a final judgment should be entered approving the proposed settlement. The lawsuit was filed for all persons in the United States who have purchased, for use other than resale, a Duron electric water heater manufactured by State Industries, or who purchased a home in which a Duron electric water heater was installed.

On March 10, the court made a preliminary finding that the proposed settlement is fair and reasonable and gave its preliminary approval to the proposed settlement. A Duron electric water heater used a polymer or plastic inner liner rather than a glass lining and is not equipped with a sacrificial anode rod. These

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water heaters were often sold under the "Duron" trade name but have also been sold by various retailers under other trade names, most often "Reliance." If the model number of a State Industries electric water heater is CD, SD, TCL, TD or PEX, it is a "Duron" electric water heater. Other model numbers, including T6 SS8 and SSX, may also be "Duron" electric water heaters.

Benefits under the proposed settlement include a certificate for a discount of up to \$20 on the purchase of a new State Industries water heater, \$15 for each failed heating element, up to \$50 for the cost of replacing each failed heating element, up to \$150 for each failed tank, and up to \$150 for the cost of replacing

each failed tank. The benefits for failed heating elements and tanks will be paid only to the extent that they have not already been reimbursed.

Under the proposed settlement, the persons who will be eligible for these benefits are those persons who purchased a Duron electric water heater (or who purchased a home in which a Duron electric water heater was installed) on or after Oct. 1, 1994.

All such persons will be entitled to the certificate for the \$20 discount on the purchase of a new State Industries water heater, whether or not those consumers have experienced any failures of heating elements or tanks. For any of these benefits,

a signed proof of claim must be mailed on or before Dec. 31, 2001.

In addition, class members can recover for compensable damage done to their homes at any time by leaking Duron electric water heaters, subject to applicable statutes of limitation. For more information, call 1-800-531-3079 or log onto www.stateind.com.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Need a prescription?

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Need a prescription for a household problem? Send questions - Attention Appliance Doctor - to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him in care of Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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In August, Home Depot offers the following seminars:

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Black and white photos make colorful expression

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MONTE NAGLER

Taking photographs in black and white can be a very rewarding experience.

Most people wouldn't think of putting anything but color film in their cameras. Undoubtedly this is because they want their photographs to record the way they remember a scene.

Yet the lack of color in a black and white photograph can make a far more striking interpretation of a scene. And since black and white is an interpretation rather than a documentation of a subject, the onus is on the photographer to create a picture through the use of textures and tones.

Textures and tones are considerations in color photography, but in black and white they are all-important. You may say that color photographs are analogous to seeing a movie while black

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and white is like reading the book.

If you have two cameras, try loading one with color and the other with black and white. Take a shot of the same subject. When you compare your prints, you may be surprised at the power of the black and white image.

Portraiture in black and white can be very effective indeed. Look at some good black and white portraits, study them carefully, and you'll see the impact they possess. I've always felt that color portraits show the likeness of a person while black and white brings out the character of the face.

The tonal range from black through various shades of gray to white is known as the gray scale. By using these tones in an interpretive way, a photographer can truly express himself or her-

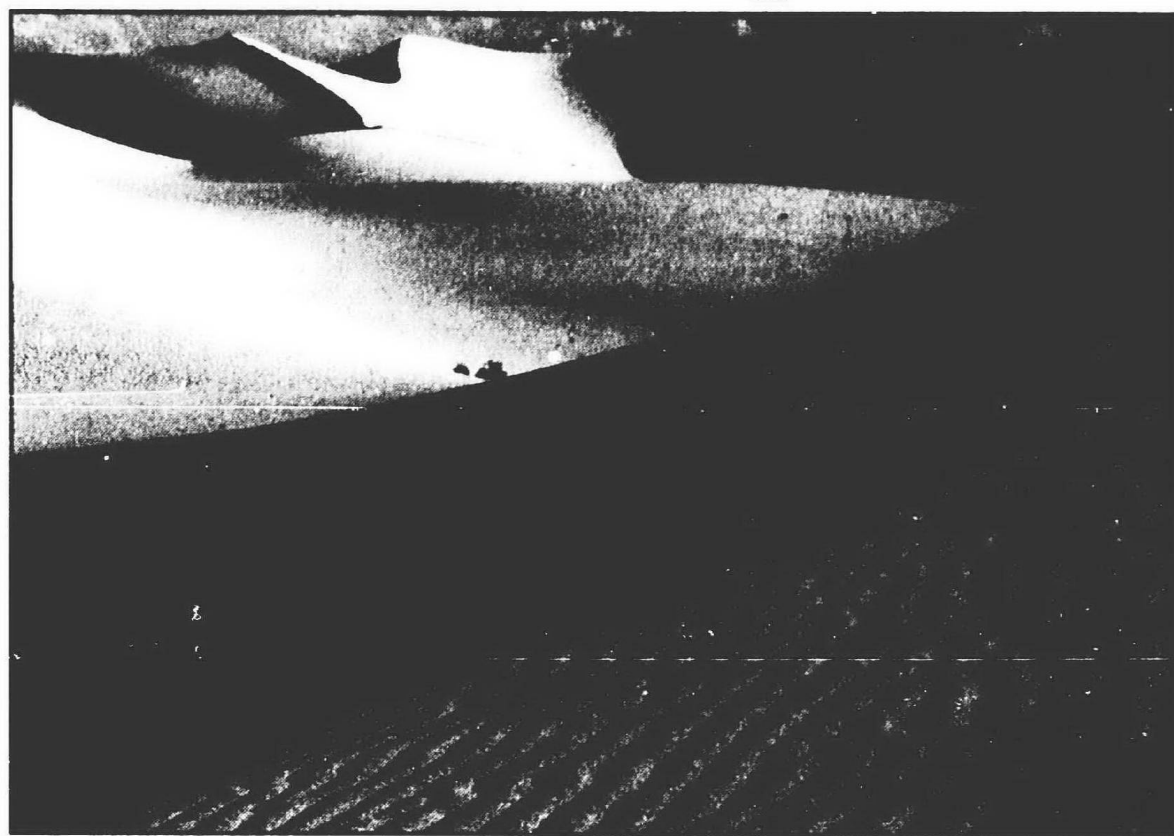
self through their photography.

A black and white print using the extremes of the scale (no mid-tones) is referred to as a high-contrast print. Just the opposite, an all mid-tone print is called low-contrast.

If the tones are toward the white end of the scale, it's called a high-key picture. A photo where most of the tones are near the black end is low-key. One that uses the full range of tones is called a full-tone print.

By using the tones creatively and effectively, a photographer is able to "make a statement" through his or her pictures.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Dune deal: Sand dunes are the perfect black and white subjects. Early morning light produces tones and textures and impact just not obtainable in color.

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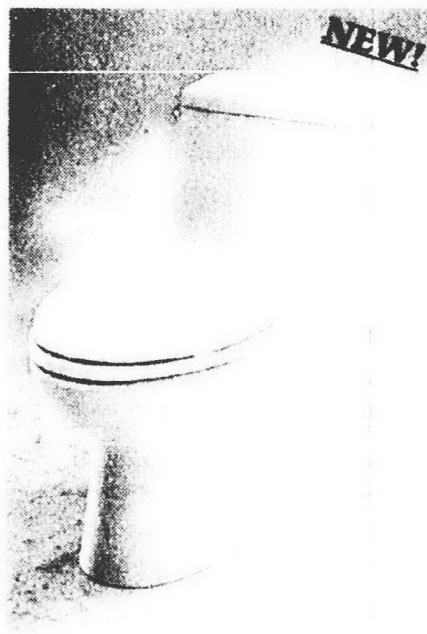
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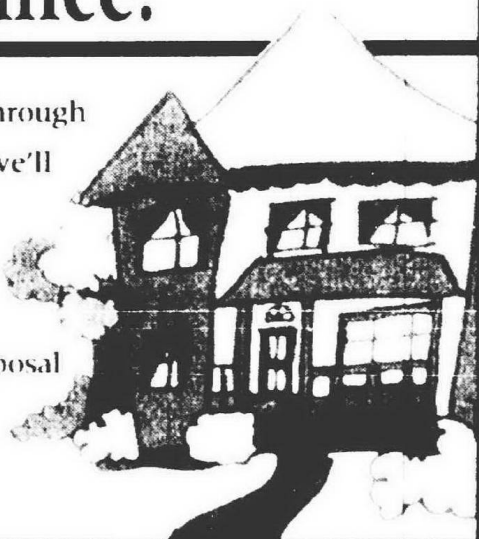


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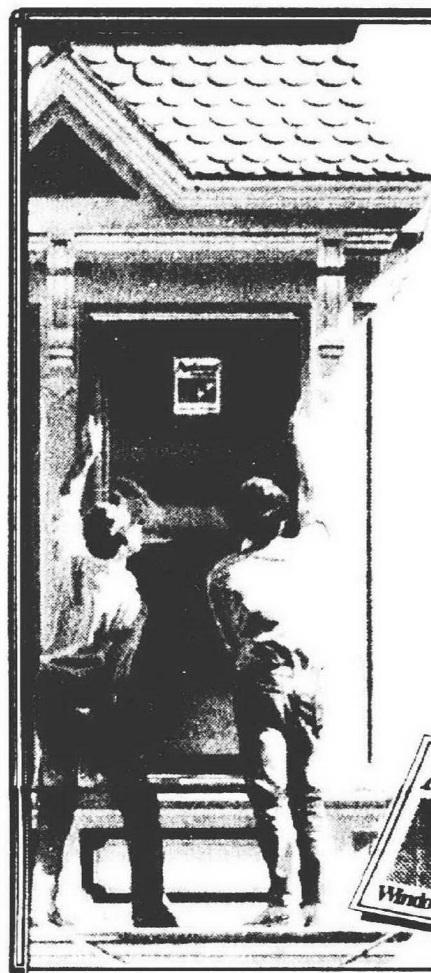
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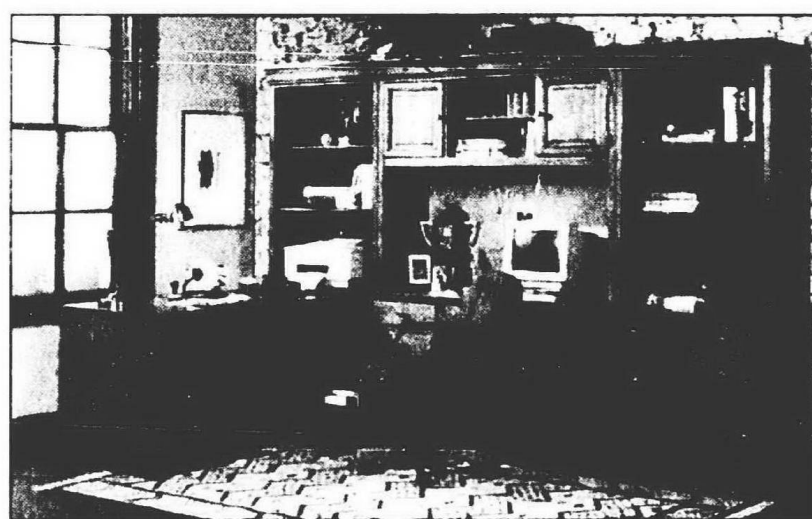
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RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

the Whole Foods Market in Rochester Hills.

Laurie has been a long-time committed vegetarian, since high school (a graduate with yours truly from the largest graduating class from Southfield High, 1969).

Thirty years will give you some serious non-meat experience, and that's what led this former customer of Whole Foods to become an employee.

Grilled vegetables are great cooked with only a drizzle of olive oil (basil olive oil is superb!) or a splash of citrus. Grill some garden veggies for the base of a soup, salad, sandwich or elegantly executed main course.

I often grill a selection of my favorite vegetables, then marinate them with a simple vinaigrette for in-between meal snacks, or a great topping for crostini.

Today there are great vegetarian books out on the market. My favorites include Madhur Jaffrey's newest, *Madhur Jaffrey's*

World Vegetarian: More than 650 Meatless Recipes from around the Globe, Crown Publishing Group, 1999 (hardcover \$40), and *Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone* by Deborah Madison, Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, 1997 (hardcover \$40, but can often be found on sale).

On the topic of recipes, Stern has graciously shared some of her favorites with us. Try them or call Laurie at the store for some other ideas or a listing of her fall classes (she's a great resource). Her number is (248) 652-2100.

BASIL TOMATO TART

Fresh dough and the freshest of summer ingredients—this tart would be great for a brunch, lunch or dinner side dish or entree. Pretty as a picture on a buffet table!

Ingredients for the dough:

- 1 cup whole wheat bread crumbs
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Ingredients for the filling:
- 2-3 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 cup low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, cleaned and dried
- Olive oil

Directions for the dough:

Mix all dough ingredients in a food processor. When dough forms, put in pan (a 9- or 10-inch spring-

form pan works well) with hands. Bake until golden about 10 minutes at 350 degrees F.

Directions for the filling:

Adjust oven rack to middle position. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place sliced tomatoes on paper towel; sprinkle with salt and set aside.

In a food processor add ricotta, mozzarella, eggs, and basil; mix until blended.

Place 1 layer tomatoes in pan, then cover with cheese-egg filling. Top with sliced tomatoes and drizzle with olive oil. Bake for 45-55 minutes, or until golden and firmly set in center.

RED POTATO

AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

A perfect addition to a summertime barbecue or as an accompaniment to chicken, lamb or shellfish for the meat eaters. Or how about a side for a tofu hot dog or soy-based burger for the vegetarian crowd?

Yield: 6 servings

- Ingredients:
- 18 small new red potatoes
- 3 pounds fresh asparagus, well washed and trimmed
- 5 teaspoons fresh minced chives
- 3 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1 cup olive oil
- Salt and cayenne pepper

Directions:

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook potatoes until just ten-

der, about 20-30 minutes (depending on the size chosen). Drain and cool.

In a clean pot of salted boiling water, cook asparagus until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes; plunge immediately in a large bowl of cold water (iced preferred) to stop the cooking process. Once cool, drain well.

Cut cooled potatoes in halves and place in a large bowl. Cut asparagus into bite-sized pieces and add to the bowl. Toss vegetables together and add chives.

Prepare dressing: In a small bowl, combine mustard and lemon juice. Whisk in oil gradually and combine ingredients until smooth. Season with salt and cayenne pepper to taste.

Pour dressing over potato-asparagus mixture; gently toss to coat. Serve at room temperature.

PASTA WITH

FRESH PESTO SAUCE

This pesto sauce stores well in the refrigerator. Place it in a glass container with some oil added to the top before closing. This sauce can also be frozen—keep the cheese out of it if freezing!

Yield: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and cut into pieces
- 2 cups solidly packed fresh basil, washed well and dried
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more for salting pasta water
- Twist or two of freshly ground

black pepper

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil (preferably organic)
- 1/2 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Romano or Pecorino cheese
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1 lb. linguine or spaghetti

Directions:

In a food processor, combine garlic, basil, salt, pepper, oil and pine nuts; blend to a smooth puree, stopping the machine once or twice to scrape sides of container with a spatula.

To the mixture, add grated cheese and butter, then process for about 15 seconds. Scrape sides again and process for another few

seconds (don't overgrind or pesto will have very little texture).

In a large pot, bring 4 or 5 quarts of salted water to a boil and add the pasta. Stir immediately, and continue to stir until done. Drain, reserving some of the pasta water.

Stir 1 tablespoon of reserved hot water into the pesto sauce. In a large bowl, toss the drained pasta and pesto sauce together. Serve immediately.

Laurie suggests if toasting pine nuts to keep a careful watch. They burn quickly.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message from a touch-tone phone, dial (734) 953-2047, then 111, then J-O-H-N-S-T-O-N.

Loaf around at 'breadworld'

Fleischmann's Yeast has a new Web site, www.breadworld.com.

Click and go to the site to find baking tips and recipes, and learn more about the history of bread.

The easy-to-use recipe box has a large archive of recipes. Bakers can choose from traditional bread recipes such as Focaccia and Perfect Pancakes, or bread machine recipes like blueberry peach bread or hearty apple rye. Some recipes are available in both formats.

The site is designed to answer almost any bread baking ques-

tion with just a click of a button.

At www.breadworld.com visitors will also find tips for kneading, measuring dry and liquid ingredients, enhancing the look of bread and how to store bread. There's also a page of baking terms.

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GARDENING CALENDAR

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GARDEN WALKS

PETALS AND PATHS

Petals and Paths, the Canton Garden Club's second garden

walk, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 8, features six lovely gardens. Presale tickets are \$5 and are available from Keller & Stein on Michigan Avenue, Graye's Greenhouse on Joy, Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road and Mary's Farm Market on Ford. Tickets are also available the day of the tour for \$6 at each of the host garden homes.

NORTHVILLE

The Gardens of Northville's sev-

enth annual garden walk, sponsored by Country Garden Club, features seven gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. (The severe weather date is July 13.) Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main.

GARDEN CITY

The seventh annual Garden City Garden Walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Tickets will be \$6 and can be bought at Barson's Greenhouse,

Rocky's Florist, City Hall, any Garden City Garden Club member or any house on the day of the walk. For information, call Zee at (734) 427-5452 or Cheryl at (734) 525-7299.

BICYCLE TOUR

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This is the chance for bicyclists to ride and identify interesting natural and cultural areas along the way. You will cover trails and

roads throughout a cross-section of the Huron River watershed. Bring your own bike and helmet for the trip from 8 a.m. to noon, Sunday, July 9. The trip costs \$31.50 for members of Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens, \$35 for non-members. Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

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Apply for MSU Extension master gardener classes

Apply now for the fall master gardener training program.

Daytime classes will take place 12:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 30 through Nov. 22. Send in an application now to secure a seat. Classes are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Call (248) 858-0887 for an application.

The Michigan Master Gardener Program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader training program offered by Michigan State University Extension. It provides home gardening information to Michigan citizens through a network of trained volunteers.

Training will be provided by MSU Extension. Instructors will be Extension staff members, experienced master gardeners and other experts.

Topics

Topics that will be covered during the 40 hours of core instruction include:

- Plant Science
- Soils for Plant Growth
- Herbaceous Ornamental Plant Culture
- Lawn Establishment, Care and Maintenance
- Vegetable Culture
- Household Pests
- Small Fruit Culture
- Tree Fruit Culture
- Woody Ornamental Plant Culture
- Integrated Pest Management
- Indoor Plant Culture

To become a master gardener, each trainee must take weekly quizzes and pass a final (take-home) exam with a score

of 70 percent or higher. The exam will focus on an individual's ability to collect information from class notes and other resources to solve a problem.

Attendance is required and if a participant misses more than one session without making provisions to make it up, he or she cannot become a certified master gardener.

Along with the 40 hours of core instruction, another 40 hours of volunteer time is required to become a certified master gardener. These hours must have educational value, be non-paying and be approved by MSUE.

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Pull weeds, not muscles when you work

PR Newswire — Many homeowners trade in their treadmills this time of year for exercise of the garden variety.

The American Chiropractic Association says bending, reaching and digging in the garden can provide a great workout, but can cause muscle injury if precautions are not taken.

"A warm-up and cool-down period is just as important for gardening or doing yard work as it is for any other athletic activity," says Dr. J. Michael Flynn, ACA's chairman of the board. "Stretching during those periods is essential to preventing injuries, pain and stiffness."

Before stretching for any activity, there are a few tips to keep in mind. Breathe in and out slowly throughout stretching

exercises; stretch gently and smoothly, do not bounce or jerk your body in any way; and stretch as far as you can comfortably. You should not feel pain.

Following are a few easy stretches Dr. Flynn recommends for getting the most out of your gardening workout:

■ Stand up and prop your heel on a back door step or stool with your knee straight. Bend forward until you feel a slight pull at the back of the thigh, called the hamstring. You may need to stabilize yourself by holding onto a garage door handle or sturdy tree branch. Hold the position for 20 seconds, then relax. Do it once more, then repeat with the other leg.

■ Stand up and put your right hand against a wall or other sta-

ble surface. Bend your left knee and grab your ankle with your left hand. Pull your heel toward your buttocks to stretch the quadriceps muscle at the front of your thigh. Hold that position for 20 seconds, relax and do it again. Repeat with the other leg.

■ Weave your fingers together above your head with your palms up. Lean to one side for 10 seconds to stretch the upper body, then reverse. Repeat two or three times.

■ "Hug your best friend": Wrap your arms around yourself and rotate to one side, as far as you can go. Hold it for 10 seconds. Then reverse. Repeat two or three times.

Flynn says there are many more stretching techniques that can enhance all your physical

activities. Look for stretching guides in your local bookstore.

Finally, be aware of your body's form while working in the yard. Kneel instead of bending. Alternate your stance and motion as often as possible to balance the muscles used.

If you are already feeling the aches and pains of gardening, there are ways to alleviate the pain: apply a cold pack during the first 48 hours of symptoms or a heat pack after 48 hours; but if pain persists, consider visiting a chiropractor.

For more information about chiropractic care and a list of member doctors in your area, visit the ACA's Web site at www.amerchiro.org or call (800) 986-4636.

For healthy lawn, consider a quality garden hose

PRNewswire — An unwritten law of lawn and garden care is: Nothing looks good and stays healthy unless you keep it wet.

That's why homeowners should invest in quality garden hoses to maintain the condition and value of their properties.

When the color of grass dulls or footprints stay compressed for more than a few seconds, the lawn is beginning to dry out, according to Craftsman lawn and garden specialists.

Most lawns need about one inch of water per week, either

from rain or sprinkling. This can be accomplished by watering twice a week in the early morning for about 45 minutes.

Thorough but less frequent watering forces grass roots to grow longer and healthier. It's best not to water in the evening, which might encourage the spread of fungus disease.

Craftsman lawn and garden specialists advise homeowners to consider these factors when selecting garden hose:

■ Size: The most popular hose size is 5/8 inch. A 1/2-inch size is

used for smaller lawns and shrubs, and 3/4-inch hose is intended for large lawns and commercial applications. Standard hose lengths are 25-, 50-, 75- and 100-foot long.

■ Material: Garden hose is made of rubber, vinyl or a combination of both. Most hose has either three or four plies, or layers, consisting of a rubber or vinyl tube, wrapped with nylon reinforcement cord and an outer cover. The amount of reinforcement determines the kink-resistance, overall life and rating of the hose. Hose is rated by burst strength or psi (pounds-per-square-inch) tolerance.

■ Weight: Vinyl hose is lighter weight than rubber hose. However, rubber hose generally is more durable, pliable and coils more easily in cold temperatures than vinyl hose.

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GARDENING

Here's a roundup of important information

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

In this column I'll share some information that I feel is important.

If you've always wanted to become a master gardener, Michigan State University Oakland County Extension is currently taking registrations for the fall training program.

Daytime classes will take place 12:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 30 through Nov. 22, 2000. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (248) 858-0887 to request an application.

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After the classes are complete, each trainee must give 40 hours of volunteer time to become a certified master gardener.

Winter master gardener training evening classes will take place Jan. 2 to April 3, 2001, or Jan. 4 to Sept. 1, 2001. Call the above number to request an application.

If you live in another county, call (313) 833-3412 (Wayne), (810) 469-5180 (Macomb), (517) 546-3956 (Livingston), or (734) 971-0079 (Washtenaw) for information.

Recall

The Scotts Company is recalling two Pull'N Spray containers. There is a possibility that the pump mechanism common to both containers could spray the user with contents, or (rarely) the pump cylinder may pop out of the container and strike the user.

The items are the Roundup Ready-To-Use Weed & Grass Killer and the Ortho Ready-To-

Use Home Defense Indoor & Outdoor Insect Killer. Only the Pull'N Spray containers are being recalled.

Return the container with any remaining contents to the retailer from which the purchase was made, or call the Scotts consumer help line, (800) 225-2883. The Roundup PC code numbers are either 70183-58064 or 70183-58065; the Home Defense PC code is 71549-01991.

All other packages of Roundup Weed & Grass Killer and Ortho Home Defense Insect Killer aren't being recalled. Scotts and Monsanto regret any inconvenience to consumers.

Oak wilt

MSU Extension warns that oak wilt can be lethal to oak trees. Common symptoms include wilting leaves, leaves developing brown tissues and sprouts developing from the base of the tree and its larger branches. Sometimes infected trees will bud in the spring with stunted leaves or not leaf-out at all.

Manifestations start at the top of the tree and work their way down. Most infected trees will show signs by this month.

Once it is detected or suspected, the following steps are recommended:

1. Don't prune during the warm season. Instead, wait until the tree is dormant (November to February). If storm damage occurs during the warm season, clean-prune the branch 1 to 2 feet below any visible damage within days of the injury and seal with a pruning paint.

2. Infected red oaks should be removed promptly. Wood may be used for firewood as long as it is debarked or covered and sealed during the spring/summer months. White oaks often recover from oak wilt and needn't be removed. However, dead branches should be pruned before March.

3. If there is a possibility of

root grafts, trenching at least 3 to 4 feet deep is recommended midway between the diseased and healthy trees.

4. Micro and macro injections of fungicides are a protective measure against infection. Injection may be expensive and often isn't a guarantee of tree survival. Injections shouldn't be attempted on oak wilt-infected red oaks.

Research has shown that once red oaks become infected with the oak wilt fungus there is little that can be done to save the infected trees. Efforts should be aimed at saving healthy trees.

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ By participating in the many tours offered this summer, you may find new ideas for your own gardens. Take a day to enjoy the beauty.

■ July 4 is the cutoff date to pinch back chrysanthemums, so do it now! Also, keep pinching asters so they will grow into bushy plants. If you've grown asters for more than two years and they seem to be declining, divide them.

■ Gardener's Supply Company is offering a free, four-page bulletin, *Making Bamboo Fences and Trellises*. Call (800) 955-3370 or visit www.gardeners.com

■ Start seeds of cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts to transplant for a fall harvest. To help prevent fusarium wilt, root rot, damping-off and other fungus diseases, mix SoilGard, an organic product from the Gardens Alive! catalog, with the potting soil. For a free catalog or the product, call (812) 537-8650.

■ July is an excellent time to apply an insecticide for white grub control. The eggs are hatching now and the product needs to be in the soil as this occurs.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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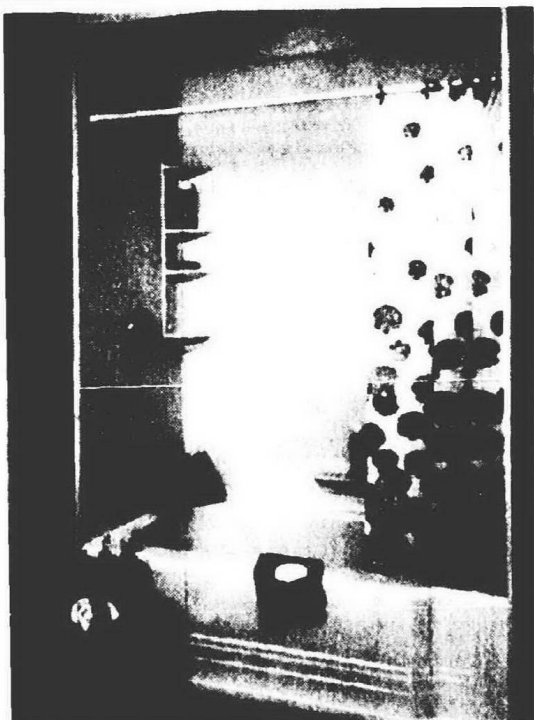
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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 11

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FRED A. BOLDEN



45 - Canton Township - Republican - Member, Canton's River Environment Excellence Committee (CREEC) - Member, Miller Elementary School PTO - Adjunct professor, computer science, Baker College - Computer information systems professional - Former auxiliary policeman.

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39 - Canton Township - Republican - Secretary, Canton Republican Club - Member, Sen. Abraham A-Team - Board member, Michigan Association of CPAs - Board member, Downriver Council for the Arts - Certified public accountant.

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29 - Wayne - Democrat - Elected county commissioner in November, 1998 - Vice chairman, county committee on public safety and judiciary - Member, county committee on the roads, airports and public services and the committees on general government, economic development and the audit - Chairman, county community corrections advisory board; member, E9-1-1 - Attorney, notary public.

What would be your goals as county commissioner?

Policy-making is a definite course of action selected from among all alternatives in light of given conditions. My role will be to provide overall organizational leadership and create a path to better management. As a commissioner, I will work to learn from studying our county's fund structure and learn which programs are funded from each fund.

Name the three biggest problems facing the county commission and/or the county government and what you would do to resolve them.

Tax reform: publish audits and challenge the services provided. Economic development: Put a comprehensive long- and short-term plan in place. Road improvements: I will continue fighting to let townships and cities decide spending priorities. At Metro Airport now, you can't get information without legislation. This will change; the commission can no longer vote "yes" on Metro's continued mismanagement.

Do you favor the proposed 0.5-mill regional arts tax to provide funds for major area institutions and local communities? Why or why not?

I favor increasing area institutions but not at taxpayers' expense. A classic example is the back-door increase. My concern is for the elderly and poor who will face increased property taxes. I propose leveraging local resources for the arts: expanding support for government's role in distributing taxes for the arts; and move forward with an arts endowment.

Do you support renewal of both the one-mill general operating levy and 0.25-mill parks levy? Why or why not?

I want to know where and how we spend \$38 million (on general services). We should be providing tax incentives to businesses willing to relocate to Wayne County and provide job training and placement. How can we sustain (the other services) without continued tax renewal? (Parks millage.) You can't keep putting these proposals before voters without explanation.

Where should tax money go - to rebuild roads and highways or to improve mass transit, such as buses and light rail? Explain.

I feel the current focus should be on fixing what needs to be fixed first: our local roads and freeways. Then move over and create the mass transit system that we need to continue to expand economic growth.

My primary goal is to make Wayne County more accessible to the citizens - its services (roads, airports, parks, etc.) and necessities (licensing, assumed name filing, court system, etc.). My being an advocate to and for the people, rather than a politician primarily concerned with re-election, will help accomplish this.

Property taxes are too high, roads are inferior and the airport is not world-class in terms of operations or image. The solution is to maintain focus on solving the problems with the department heads and administration. You must be a "bridge builder" and work pro-actively to accomplish positive problem-solving.

I wholeheartedly support the quality-of-life implications of arts and culture on the citizens of Wayne County. However, I cannot support a mandatory tax assessment on everyone, unless it can be proven that the taxpayers will benefit entirely and that administrative overhead costs will not eliminate the positive benefit to the people.

My personal philosophy is three-fold: Lower taxes, less government and more empowerment to the people! I cannot support any additional tax assessments or millage renewals if there is waste available in government spending and administration.

Roads and mass transit definitely need improvement and enhancement. District 11 has over 30 percent of Wayne County's total land area and the majority of unimproved roads. We must fine-tune the mass transit system to more efficiently use tax dollars. Increased utilization of alternative mass transportation will also help solve road congestion.

Work to retain the nearly one-third allocation in the county roads budget so as to continue improving district roads; continue improving county-community relationships; continue helping Metro Airport become friendlier, more convenient and attractive; make county procurement procedures more open, fair and easier to understand; and bring county services to western Wayne County.

To reduce poor service and overcrowding at Metro, work to assure the new terminal and parking open soon as possible. To correct the perception of improper contracting by the county, work to adopt a new contracting ordinance. To correct the projected \$8-\$10-million deficit, continue making across-the-board cuts and tighten belts without affecting mandated services.

The Commission has yet to get details on this; therefore I have not taken a side. I would probably let voters decide it, but I would not encourage passage and would vote against it as most funding would go to institutions outside of Western Wayne County and it likely will not lower most admissions.

I voted to let people decide via ballot whether to continue paying for improvements, since most parks are outside the district. I will vote for it because I enjoy what it provides. I support renewing the 1-mill services tax, levied since the 1950s. Without it, the county would have to cut back numerous vital services.

You can't just pick one or the other. However, we need increased spending to improve metro-Detroit mass transit for those, including the elderly, depending on it. Improvements also will reduce road wear by cars, thus saving rebuilding dollars, and will provide out-of-staters easier access to metro attractions.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 12

In the Aug. 8 primary election, voters in Westland, Garden City and Inkster will decide which of two Democratic candidates - incumbent Commission Vice Chair

Kay Beard or her challenger, Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas - will face Republican William H. Steele for the 12th District commission seat in the Nov. 7

general election. Steele is unopposed for his party's nomination. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

KAY BEARD



79 - Westland - Democrat - Wayne County Commissioner, 12th District, since 1978 and vice chair since 1993 - Chairwoman, audit committee - Vice chair, committee of the whole - Member, public safety and judiciary committee - Vice chairwoman, E9-1-1 task force - Chairwoman, permanent subcommittee on veterans services - President-elect, National Federation of Democratic Women - Founding member, Hospices of Michigan.

A western Wayne County satellite office in the Kay Beard Building for the county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and the Friend of the Court - which they also want. Auditors at Metro Airport to ensure appropriate and effective public funds use. Prescription drug coverage for seniors. Road construction coordination to improve traffic flow, reduce injuries.

Budget - With a \$10.25-million shortfall this year for juvenile justice/child care, all county departments must operate cost-consciously. Metro Airport - Keep it on a steady course through constant, measurable oversight; a new procurement ordinance being developed should help. Crime reduction - Making our area safe and attractive will help our jails, courts and budget.

This is the first time the major art institutions have joined to try for such a tax. I would prefer seeing a few more counties involved in this effort, to spread cost among all users of the facilities. It is a worthwhile effort for being a first time on the ballot, however.

I strongly support renewing the operating millage because it supports existing county services and programs (law enforcement, senior citizens, juvenile court, job training plus public health for seniors, low income and disabled citizens). Also, we have seen excellent improvements to our parks from that millage and I support its renewal.

The state needs the funds to catch up on fixing our roads. But it also is very important to try for additional federal money for public transportation: our area is hampered by its lack and our economic resurgence may also suffer if we can't get people who don't have such transportation to good-paying jobs.

ROBERT J. THOMAS



49 - Westland - Democrat - Serving third four-year term as Westland mayor. Licensed builder - Musician - Conference of Western Wayne chairman in 1997 - Westland city employee since 1970.

Improve basic county road services (snow plowing, street sweeping, roadside mowing, pothole patching, etc.); pursue advanced road construction projects; support continued Metro Airport expansion and seek resulting development for Westland and Inkster; protect the 60 percent majority vote on new county taxes; support the new county prescription discount program; support joint park projects between district and county.

Seek more county Department of Public Services appropriations (and) more state and federal road money. We will need some form of mass transit system. Find how to merge or coordinate SMART and D-DOT, but (also) have a completely new transportation system, either bus or rail. Continue improving and expanding handicapped and elderly programs and services.

Not in the present form. I have said before and I repeat: When they make it a 50/50 split, I will endorse the regional arts tax. Taxes raised in each community need to benefit that community. I don't understand why anyone thinks it unfair to let a community keep half of what it raises.

I support both. They've spent the operating millage money wisely, as far as I know. The county has done some great things with the parks millage so far, so they have proven to me the last three years that it benefits all communities. The county has sought to share the money with all.

There is no easy answer to this question. You need to set priorities. I think in the immediate future, (we need funds for) roads and highways. However, for the future, we need to totally restructure our bus system and look at some light rail. A good study is essential.

WILLIAM H. STEELE



56 - Westland - Republican - Member, Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 51 - Member and former officer, Western Wayne County Republican Club - Member, 13th Congressional District Republican Committee - Shipment stockhandler.

My goals are to (1) find where and how to reduce county spending to cut the tax burden; (2) much more aggressively pursue ongoing auditing of all county departments and operations; (3) outsource the work of any department that's over budget and under-performing; (4) establish a western Wayne County satellite office for licenses, filings, etc.

Gain more co-operation from the county executive and his staff by using the commission's budget-power and ability to override vetoes; free county government from the undue influence of labor unions via federal and state actions; solve the growing public distrust of the county's government by voter action at the ballot box.

No, I do not support this tax. It turns support for the arts into another political football. Art is in the eye of the beholder and is best left for the beholder to support. Also, the state government just increased its support of major metro cultural groups by more than \$9 million.

I probably would support the general levy. I am very much interested in senior citizens, public health and juvenile justice, but would still look for ways to trim the operating budget. Our county parks have recently been restored and I would favor paying this tax rather than seeing them fall again into disrepair.

The county should have enough revenue from the state road program to do necessary work without mass transit money. But SMART and Detroit's DOT need to merge into a unified regional transit system. Also, a long-term, functioning metropolitan rapid transit system is needed, with a Detroit - Metro Airport - Ann Arbor light rail as priority.

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State launches tax free education savings plan

Michigan lawmakers have launched a new tax free education savings plan they say will be within the reach of all state residents because the accounts can be started with as little as \$25.

Previous state sponsored education savings plans, like the Michigan Education Trust, required substantial down payments.

Gov. John Engler has signed into law a bill creating the Michigan Education Savings Program, proposed by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, allowing Michigan families to save tax-free to provide college and technical training for their children.

The accounts can be started for as little as \$25 by anyone interested in saving for college or technical school; are tax-exempt - both principal and interest - in Michigan; and taxes on the interest are deferred at the federal level. The money can be used to cover all costs associated with enrollment, including room and board. Further, the money can

be used for any college or technical training institution nationwide.

Total contributions made on behalf of any one beneficiary may not exceed \$125,000.

"Even if a family can afford to save only a small amount, the power of compounding can turn that account into a substantial sum to pay the costs of an education, including tuition, books and other fees, or room and board," Rogers said.

"Families who start early in making contributions can turn even small, regular contributions into substantial savings," Engler said. "In its first year alone, this program will save taxpayers \$4.6 million."

Rogers pointed out that families can put away as little as \$10 a week over the first 18 years of a child's life and have about \$20,000 by the time he or she is ready for college.

The education savings program will be administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury, which will contract with a private firm to manage the investments.

Cultural institutions seek arts tax

BY MIKE MALOTT
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What would you pay for an original Rembrandt? Three cents a day?

If that price is not enticing enough, the Local Education and Recreation Network and the Southeast Michigan Cultural Coalition are willing to sweeten the deal by tossing in the rest of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Zoo and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, along with 12 other local museums and institutions.

These groups are hoping to place a half mill property tax on the ballot this November in Wayne and Oakland counties to raise money for the support local cultural facilities.

If they can win agreement from the county board of commissioners in Wayne and Oakland, along with the Detroit City Council, to place the question on ballot, the \$36 million tax would go before voters in the general election.

Some \$24 million would be divided up between the 16 institutions. The remaining \$12 million would go to cultural activities in local communities. Municipal officials would determine how the money would be allocated there. The tax would run for 10 years before coming up for

renewal.

It is all an attempt to create a stable source of funding for southeast Michigan's cultural institutions, providing them with a source of revenue to pay for growth, updating exhibits and increased outreach programs.

But according to Steve Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and chair of the Cultural Coalition, the emphasis will be on education.

More than 1.2 million children visit the Detroit area's major cultural institutions annually. If voters approve such a tax, the institutions involved are looking for ways to "add value" to their programming. Among the proposals being considered, for example by Greenfield Village, are discounts or waivers of admissions fees for "prescheduled K-12 groups," explained Dave Waymire, executive vice president of Marketing Resource Group Inc.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Hamp said, plans to add free summer public concerts. And the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts will add several performances in the parks.

In addition, the museums and institutes would concentrate on the creation of more programs for youngsters, Hamp said.

The increased emphasis on

education has spurred the institutions to create curriculum guides for the use of local school districts. The guides give teachers an idea of what students will see at those institutions, so they can prepare students for the trip. Additionally, the guides give teachers ideas on how to incorporate field trips to the institutions into their class work.

Needs vote

To get the tax proposal on the ballot, the Wayne and Oakland county boards must vote to put it there and approve identical articles of incorporation for the creation of a special council which would distribute the money. According to Dave Doyle, vice president of Marketing Resource Group, the deadline for placement on the ballot is Aug. 30.

Detroit City Council must also approve the articles of incorporation.

The new council would consist of nine appointed members, Doyle explained - three from Oakland County, three from the City of Detroit, and one each from western Wayne, downriver and the Pointes.

Of the major institutions to be included, "the big four," including the DIA, the Detroit Zoo, the DSO and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village would each be limited to \$4 million each. The remainder would be

distributed to 12 other institutions based on size. Included would be the Center for Creative Studies, the Cranbrook Art Museum, the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Science Center, Meadow Brook Hall, Meadow Brook Theater, the Michigan Opera Theater, the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, WTVS Channel 56 and the Holocaust Memorial Center.

How the local share would be distributed would be up to the municipal board in each individual community in Wayne and Oakland counties, Doyle said. Each would have to devise its own system. The money would have to go to cultural or recreational activities in those communities.

Most residents of Wayne and Oakland counties visit the institutes from time to time. When polled, 80 to 90 percent of area residents say they have visited the institutions themselves or have children who have gone to them.

Macomb County is not included because the state legislation that allowed for the creation of the council requires a population of 780,000 residents to be included, Hamp said.

SpaceCamp has openings

The National SpaceCamp 2000, one of the summer day camps for children offered by Schoolcraft College, has opened additional sections. There are openings for camps beginning Monday, July 10 and Monday, July 24, for ages 10-12 and 7-9.

SpaceCamp 2000 is one of more than 100 classes for children aged 5-17 Schoolcraft offers during the summer. Students can study computers; learn science and math through classes on hot air balloons, bugs, rockets and weather; hone their performing arts talents; and learn

new languages.

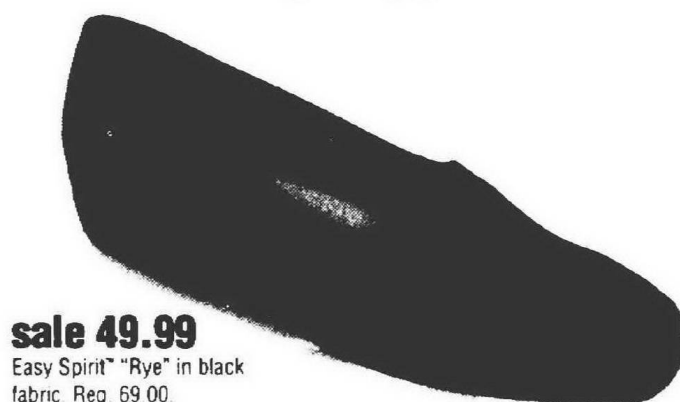
SpaceCamp 2000 is a collaboration of the Smithsonian, NASA and the Voyager space program. Campers explore the depths of space as they journey through an adventure that spans history.

With an emphasis on math skills, the campers apply for the space program and upon graduation are assigned to the International Space Station.

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Mann would provide township with energy

Eight years ago, Plymouth Township voters elected a political unknown to the township's top post.

Eight years later, township police officer Steve Mann is trying to duplicate that effort. We think voters should help him on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Mann, the former president of the police union and a first-time political candidate, is running against incumbent supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. Keen McCarthy herself was elected as a first-time candidate in 1992.

Mann is intelligent, enthusiastic and energetic. Yes, he's inexperienced, but so was Keen McCarthy. Yes, he's young, but so was Keen McCarthy. Yes, he's got a lot to learn. But he's been a cop for a long time, he's been the leader of the union, so he has some leadership experience.

Keen McCarthy has had a good run as the township's top elected official. Under her watch, the township and city merged fire operations, saving both a great deal of money and producing a fine department. Although her early role in the Western Townships Utilities Authority's agreement to expand the Ypsilanti facility is debatable, she is one of the driving forces behind the \$100 million agreement to expand that facility's capacity.

Unfortunately, most of Keen McCarthy's accomplishments came in her first term. She has precious little to list from the past four years. Sure, there have been some improvements in Plymouth Township Park, allowing Keen McCarthy to claim some upgrade of the township's recreation program. She was instrumental in helping 48 Rouge Valley municipalities devise a voluntary system for stormwater management, the principles of which have been adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency.

And there was the merger of the township and city dispatch operation. But many observers say officials reached that agreement prematurely, a view reinforced by an almost immediate bout with labor trouble.

Keen McCarthy could also lay claim to setting in motion the plan to provide advanced life support training for firefighters, since that also happened under her watch. However, she initially resisted the move before being badgered by treasurer Ron Edwards and, most importantly, trustee Chuck Curmi into approving it.

But what Keen McCarthy may be best known for, at least in the last four years, was the poorly planned and executed bid for a millage increase two years ago. The township failed to adequately explain to its own voters why such an increase was necessary, and later discovered it had millions of dollars in its fund balance. The millage failed.

Now, that may not be all Keen McCarthy's fault, but that's where the blame gets laid. Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown.

The township board under Keen McCarthy has become a plodding, "we'll get back to you" entity. She is a self-proclaimed "deliberate" thinker. That was necessary following the "good ol' boys" government of the late 1980s and early 1990s. But not any more.

We believe the township needs a forward-thinking, energetic supervisor to help lead it now. Steve Mann will bring a higher level of energy that will, we believe, reinvigorate the board, prompting the kind of visionary thinking of which this board is entirely capable. Mann, teamed with the right mix of board members, will learn quickly despite his youth and inexperience.

He believes the same things we believe — township residents want more recreation, they want more accessibility.

While Keen McCarthy certainly has her strengths — she's a good administrator, she's very intelligent and she's experienced — we believe it's time for the township to move on.

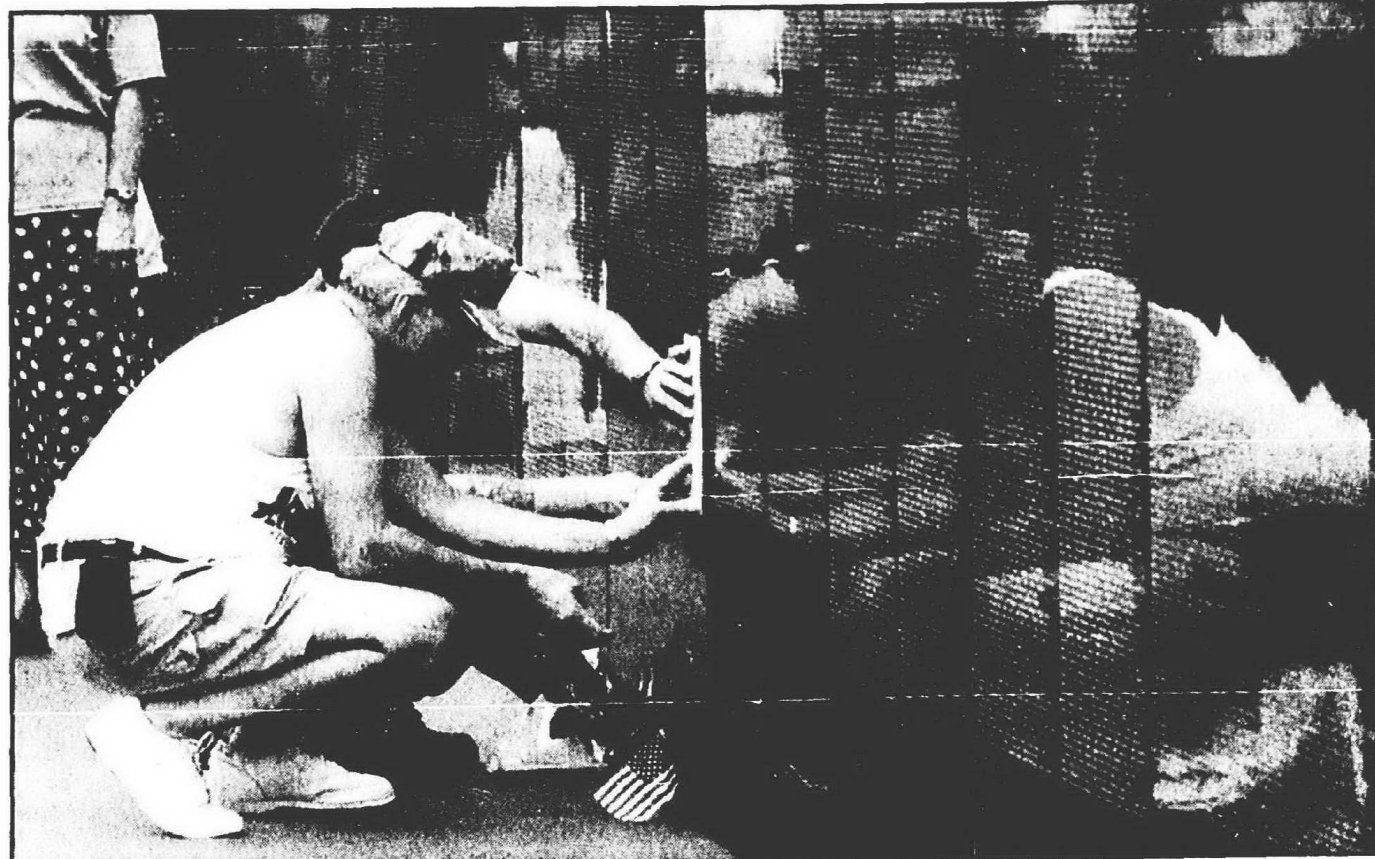
Eight years ago, voters took a chance on a political neophyte. In 2000, we believe they should do so again. We have concerns about Mann's youth and inexperience, and we hope he continues the same level of energy once he's in office he has displayed trying to get elected.

We believe he will, and endorse Steve Mann for township supervisor.



Steve Mann

Mann, teamed with the right mix of board members, will learn quickly despite his youth and inexperience



Finally — paying respect to fallen Vietnam vets

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LETTERS

Lesson learned?

On June 10 my son was severely injured while playing in the MHSAA baseball regional finals against Royal Oak Kimball at Royal Oak Memorial Park. After a collision at the plate he was unable to stand or get up on his own. The MHSAA umpire and Kimball's athletic trainer insisted that he be removed from the field despite his inability to do so.

Because of the severity of his injury, he was unable to be moved out of the field of play and lay in foul territory (in the field of play) while waiting for the EMS. Despite this, the umpire and the trainer allowed play to continue. He lay there for 20 minutes before he was taken via EMS to Beaumont Hospital. The collision caused a ruptured spleen and several fractured ribs requiring him to remain in intensive care for four days and in the hospital for one week.

Unfortunately he missed his high school commencement exercises, senior party, and is missing his summer season playing baseball for Dave Bergman's Redbirds. He has learned that life can throw you curve balls.

I hope the adults in this case have learned something, too, although no signs point in that direction. My son should not have been moved to speed the game along unless he could move under his own power. The game should not have resumed with him still in the field of play.

Finally, I would have thought that someone representing Kimball should have called, sent a card or dropped in to see how he was doing.

Ever wonder why high school athletics get a bad rap? Because at times like this it should be about the kids instead of wins.

Jo Winter
Plymouth

Grateful for effort

I would like to thank local candidates for making an effort to meet with residents face-to-face.

Whether it is while going door-to-door or meeting with folks at local events, I think it is good for us as voters to meet the candidates and get all the information we can. Just this week at an outdoor concert downtown, Matt Covles, who is running for the State House, came up and introduced himself to my guests and me. I really did appreciate the effort on his part.

Whether it is those who seek positions on the school board or the Senate, it is our job to know all we can about each of them. Keep up the good work and may the best candidate win!

Natalie Dickinson
Plymouth

Supporting Edwards

Having received our Plymouth Township summer tax bill and newsletter on July 1, we are reminded of the integrity and qualifications that Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards brings to that office. While it is true that Ron is a friend, it is a friendship that grew from the initial relationship of our role as customers (and in our business as advocates for

others) of local government.

Ron and his small staff at township hall can boast a list of achievements including excellent cash management resulting in a return on investment that would make any cash manager jealous, timely remittance of tax collections to other entities (schools, college, county, etc.), increased efficiencies with reduced staffing, and improved communications through, among other avenues, a treasurer's newsletter. All the while, Ron Edwards supports community events through volunteer activities including hosting the Fourth of July Picnic at Township Park, spearheading a Salvation Army project and supporting numerous community events sponsored by others.

With the support of other township officials, Ron has been instrumental in lowering solid waste collection rates, reducing sewerage rates during the summer lawn irrigation season and implementing paramedic training for our firefighters.

Ron is highly accessible (all year long!) and is truly interested in providing excellent service to his customers — the residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township. He deserves our continued support.

Dan Herriman
Mary Ann Prehlik
Plymouth Township

Wall inspirational

The Moving Wall, the scale representation of the National Vietnam Memorial that is on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was here in Canton June 22-26.

As a Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528, I was proud, humbled, quizzed about it, explained why it was made, to more than 10,000 visitors, who came to visit the "Healing Wall," as it was first called.

The effort to bring it to Canton was an enormous undertaking, we as a chapter met that challenge. The beautiful layout of landscaping was breathtaking. The visitors who had a special reason to attend and ask questions and just to touch the wall were met by a well prepared volunteer staff. I would like to thank all the friends, family, boys and girls who came to see that special name.

I hope we did a good job, I again thank you.

Ted Enright
Canton

Today's generation

I enjoyed reading Jack Gladden's column regarding "Honor Kids." Our government and all local officials, school boards, and all law makers in this country have made today's generation of kids one of the most neurotic bunch of kids I have ever seen.

We don't need to protect the children, we need protection from the children.

Today's generation has control over their parents, not the other way around. Everyone lays blame on games, toys, movies, guns, smoking, everything but what I personally feel is the real problem. Since these officials started telling our kids they had "rights" and if they felt they were "abused," call the police on their parents, the number of crimes committed by kids has increased.

My kids were born and raised before kids had "rights." I did not

beat them, but they were spanked when they misbehaved. I left my younger child with the older child while I went to the store. I didn't give them options and let them make the choice, they were told what they were going to do and how to behave. In today's society, I would probably lose my children and be sent to jail. I probably would not be voted "mother of the year," but I love my kids and I taught them to respect other people.

I feel the government should get out of our lives, give control of the children back to the parents. Let kids know they have no "rights" until they are earned. Let them know they have to live with the daily ups and downs of life and take what comes in life. This is how responsible adults are made.

Nora Gross
Livonia

Stirring tribute

The Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall Memorial Display that Canton hosted from June 22-26 has been packed-up and moved on to another community. On behalf of the Moving Wall Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing this stirring tribute to the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives to the Canton community.

During the Liberty Fest weekend, more than 13,000 people stopped and visited the Moving Wall display in Heritage Park. A special note of thanks to the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 for countless hours of volunteer work and to Keller and Stein for the beautiful landscaping around the wall. Another special tribute to the Canton Township Grounds staff who took real pride in the construction of the wall setting and it showed by the finished display. All of Canton can be proud that this community was chosen to host and display the Moving Wall. Job well done.

Bob Dates, Recreation
Supervisor
The Moving Wall Committee
Chairman,
Canton

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Local businesses helped make Relay for Life success

On Friday, June 16, over 500 participants gathered at Stevenson High School to combat one of the biggest health issues facing Americans today, cancer. Participants did their part by forming teams, raising funds, and walking for 24 hours in the second-annual Relay For Life. The Relay For Life is the nationwide signature event of the American Cancer Society that involves individual communities taking up the fight against cancer.

Livonia raised a whopping \$51,408, which will be spent by the American Cancer Society on research and fulfilling the needs of local cancer patients and their families. Additionally, the money will aid in our on-going efforts to educate the public of the life-saving benefits of early detection.

Nationally, the American Cancer Society has spent over \$2 billion on cancer research since 1942, and, as the largest public health organization in the country, we take our role in the fight against all cancers very seriously. By hosting Livonia's Relay For Life, we are able to do more for the residents in and around the community. We are proud of all the team captains, cancer survivors, participants, and volunteers for taking part in such a successful event. We look forward to putting this money to work for you.

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the individuals, teams, and companies who participated and made Livonia's Relay For Life a tremendous success. Specifically, we would like to thank Johnson Controls, St. Mary Hospital, Wal-mart, Time Warner Cable, Botsford Hospital, Residents of Park Nursing Home, as well as Stevenson High School for the wonderful site for the Relay. The overwhelming support put forth by those who took part in the festivities certainly showcases the determination of the community to help end cancer.

To the community of Livonia, we respectfully say "Thank you."

Jennifer Chwalik
American Cancer Society

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Sincock has proven he's right man for city's top job

When President Lyndon Johnson decided he wasn't going to seek a second term, he said something to the effect of, "If nominated I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve."

That's the theory Paul Sincock always seems to operate under whenever the City of Plymouth is looking for a city manager. Which, by the way, seems to be altogether too frequently.

Sincock, who for 22 years has worked his way through the city administration and knows more about this city, pound for pound, than anyone in town, wisely shies away from the top administrative post whenever it's open. There were people trying to get him to apply when the commission ran Steve Walters out of town; he demurred.

Now that Dave Rich has left town after signing an agreement that kept the city commission from firing him, Sincock's name again is being tossed around for the top spot.

This time, Sincock should think seriously about taking it. The timing will never be better. Allow me to delineate for a minute:

■ The city commission can't afford to get another guy (or woman) in here who decides to leave after 18 months. There's been way too much instability in that office. Sincock has proven over 22 years he isn't planning on leaving town.

■ Likewise, the commission isn't going to hire someone they plan on running out of town, the way Walters and (to a lesser degree) Rich were. Although Sincock has reportedly been told at least once, "You're only four votes away from being fired," the commission couldn't afford to do that.

■ Last, and certainly not least, the guy has proven he can do the job.

In the last weeks of Rich's tenure, it was Sincock doing the work anyway. Ditto after Walters was sent packing.

I have no idea whether Sincock wants it; I simply believe he's the best man for the job. Of

course, that's assuming the city commission will (a) hire him and (b) let him do the job once he's got the job.

As Dennis Miller would say, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

Other things

■ One of the first things I wanted to do when I got this job last November was sit down and talk to Jack Wilcox.

I'd heard he was THE guy to talk to, someone who had tons of war stories about Plymouth that would serve as a valuable history lesson for the new guy in town.

With Mr. Wilcox's passing Friday, that goal was missed, and I shall always regret putting it off.

■ One of the good-news, bad-news things about being a reporter, especially during an election season, is having people coming in wanting to dish the dirt.

Last, and certainly not least, the guy has proven he can do the job. In the last weeks of Rich's tenure, it was Sincock doing the work anyway. Ditto after Walters was sent packing. I have no idea whether Sincock wants the job; I simply believe he's the best man for the job.

Conversations like that invariably start, "I don't want to get into mudslinging, but ..."

And then the mud flies.

■ Got this really cute plastic hat promoting Tuesday's 4th of July parade. Nice, bright red with a red-and-white hatband decorated with blue stars.

Great promotion for the all-American holiday, right?

The ironic thing: Plain as day on the front of the band it says, "Made in China."

■ Do the failed trade negotiations involving Juan Gonzalez make it more, or less, likely Randy Smith is only a temporary Plymouth resident?

■ What do you think of our new-look opinion page (Page 12)? I'd like to know.

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Mike Malott

ACLU suit against MEAP is wrong case

Yes, the Michigan Education Assessment Program test "discriminates."

It's a test, and so that's its job, to "distinguish, separate and differentiate" students who know the stuff from those who don't.

What the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union alleged when it filed a lawsuit last week in federal district court was that the test discriminates inappropriately on the basis of race and ethnicity.

When the ACLU leveled the charge in its action against Gov. John Engler, the Michigan Merit Award Board and the Michigan Board of Education, it offered some compelling numbers. One in three white test takers scored well enough on the test, meeting or exceeding state standards in all four segments of the test - mathematics, reading, science and writing - to receive a scholarship. But only one in five Hispanic test takers did as well. Only one in five Native Americans got the scholarships. And only one in 14 African Americans earned the money. Further, wealthy suburban school districts consistently produced higher test scores than those in large urban or smaller rural districts.

So the ACLU is asking a federal judge to put an end to a program of passing out money for college based solely on the results of this one test.

Rather, it is asking the scholarship fund to be distributed based on other factors, like grade point average and other achievements.

The problem with all this is that the ACLU has filed the wrong case. Evidence of this can be found in the fact the civil rights organization also argues that the test discriminates against the "educationally disadvantaged."

I quote from the brief filed with the court: "Furthermore, the scholarship program has had a substantial discriminatory impact on educationally disadvantaged students, defined as those who attend unaccredited public high schools. Only 5 percent of those students taking all four MEAP tests in 1999 who attend unaccredited schools qualified for scholarships. Thus, while they represented 10.1 percent of students taking all four tests, they were only 1.6 percent of the 20,138 students who qualified under the scholarship program."

It's the wrong case because it never addresses the question of how a student in Michigan today can go through 13 years of public schooling, K-12, yet turn out "educationally disadvantaged."

Sure, \$2,500 - the scholarship test takers stand

to earn if they pass the High School Test of the MEAP - is a lot of money. Perhaps enough to be worth fighting over. But it still pales in comparison to the value of an education.

It has long been apparent to me that we've come to take public schooling for granted precisely because it is "free." Of course, it really isn't. We pay for it through taxes. Although it is hard to put an economic value on it, you can start by considering that the state allocates "foundation grants" of \$5,700 per pupil per year. One only has to do the math to see that a K-12 education is worth at least \$74,100 in today's dollars.

Now if folks were paying that out-of-pocket and getting less for their money - be it because they were attending unaccredited schools, urban schools or rural schools, or whether they were Hispanic, Native American or African American - it would be clear to the ACLU, I think, what lawsuit should be filed.

Of course, that is exactly what the state is trying to achieve through its MEAP test, to make schools accountable for delivering the kind of education they should be delivering.

Gov. Engler and the state Board of Education have been attempting to reform schools by using the MEAP as a proficiency test. Although it should be compulsory, the Legislature has decided not to go along with that. And Engler proposed the Merit Awards to encourage more participation by students.

That was my original complaint with the Merit awards, that it could change the goal from learning to learning enough to earn a little bit of money.

And the ACLU has gleefully fallen right into the trap.

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Electing folks doesn't always mean they are competent

"There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1813

David Adamany left Michigan last week. He spent the holiday in Toronto, where the art galleries are plentiful and the living is easy, certainly a lot easier than he's been accustomed to. He then went on to Philadelphia to take up the presidency of Temple University.

The folks in Philadelphia are lucky. Since he arrived here in 1983, newly appointed president of Wayne State University, Adamany has by virtue and talent built a remarkable record of service to the people of Michigan.

When he took over at WSU, the place was OK but nothing to write home about. Under Adamany's presidency, Wayne State became a serious research university with a precise focus on the needs of urban communities like Detroit.

When he retired, instead of taking his ease teaching constitutional law, he took up the cudgels as the interim CEO of the Detroit public school system.

Recognizing that his job was to do the heavy lifting that would allow his successor some freedom to operate, Adamany cut costs, outsourced a range of services, removed principals and central managers from unions and pushed for accountability.

In both jobs, he was abrasive, relentless, intelligent, suffered fools badly, kept his eye on the main purpose and got the job done. We all owe him, big time.

I first met David Adamany at Harvard in 1956, when he and I were both undergraduates. Slim, passionate, ambitious, astonishingly well informed, he was the sort of upperclassman that I (a freshman) thought could rule the world. He went on to a career in law and politics in his native Wisconsin before coming to Michigan.

We worked together on a range of issues from time to time, mostly having to do with our shared passion for higher education.

We once testified before a legislative committee; he was poised, persuasive, supremely articulate.

In addition to admiring his accomplishments, however, reflecting on David Adamany's career gets me to another place. There are important limits on institutions that are too political, too

democratic and therefore too badly managed to achieve their purposes. Direct democracy is not necessarily the best way to run a railroad.

Take the Detroit schools. It is now perfectly clear that the fundamental cause of their deterioration was a succession of shamefully political and remorselessly meddling elected school boards, members of which considered various parts of the school system little more than private fiefdoms to be micromanaged for pleasure and profit.

Central staff administrators were hired at the insistence of individual school board members. Contracts to provide services to the system were let to political cronies or campaign contributors. Incompetence was tolerated - encouraged, for God's sake! - as long as the personal political objectives of board members were achieved.

Wisely, Gov. John Engler and the legislature finally recognized that the longstanding political culture of the elected Detroit School Board made successful schools impossible. When the elected board was abolished and an appointed CEO set into place, the air was filled with screaming

Sometimes democracy doesn't work very well. It doesn't work when elected officials use their election to justify micromanaging, as in the case of the Detroit schools.

about the violation of Detroit voters' rights.

Nonsense! What had been violated were the rights of the kids of Detroit to a decent education. Does anyone for a moment believe that a school CEO chosen by the elected Detroit School Board could have cleaned up the system as effectively as David Adamany has?

Sometimes democracy doesn't work very well. It doesn't work when elected officials use their election to justify micromanaging, as in the case of the Detroit schools.

It doesn't work when elected officials are so inexperienced and so ambitious they can't do their job properly, as in the case of the term-limited Michigan House of Representatives. It doesn't work when elected officials don't understand the difference between policy making and hands-on management, as in the case of many city councils around Michigan.

Electing folks doesn't necessarily make them competent. David Adamany, never elected but appointed by wise, elected officials, makes the point compellingly.

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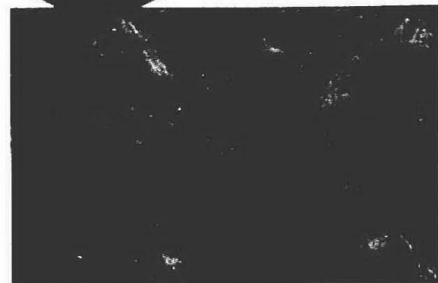
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FRIDAY



Watch the town go "Up in Smoke" as Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Eminem (pictured) and Warren G share the stage 7:30 p.m. at The Palace, 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666. Buy tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com.

SATURDAY



Livonia Arts Commission presents paintings by Canton artist Kay Rowe at an opening reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

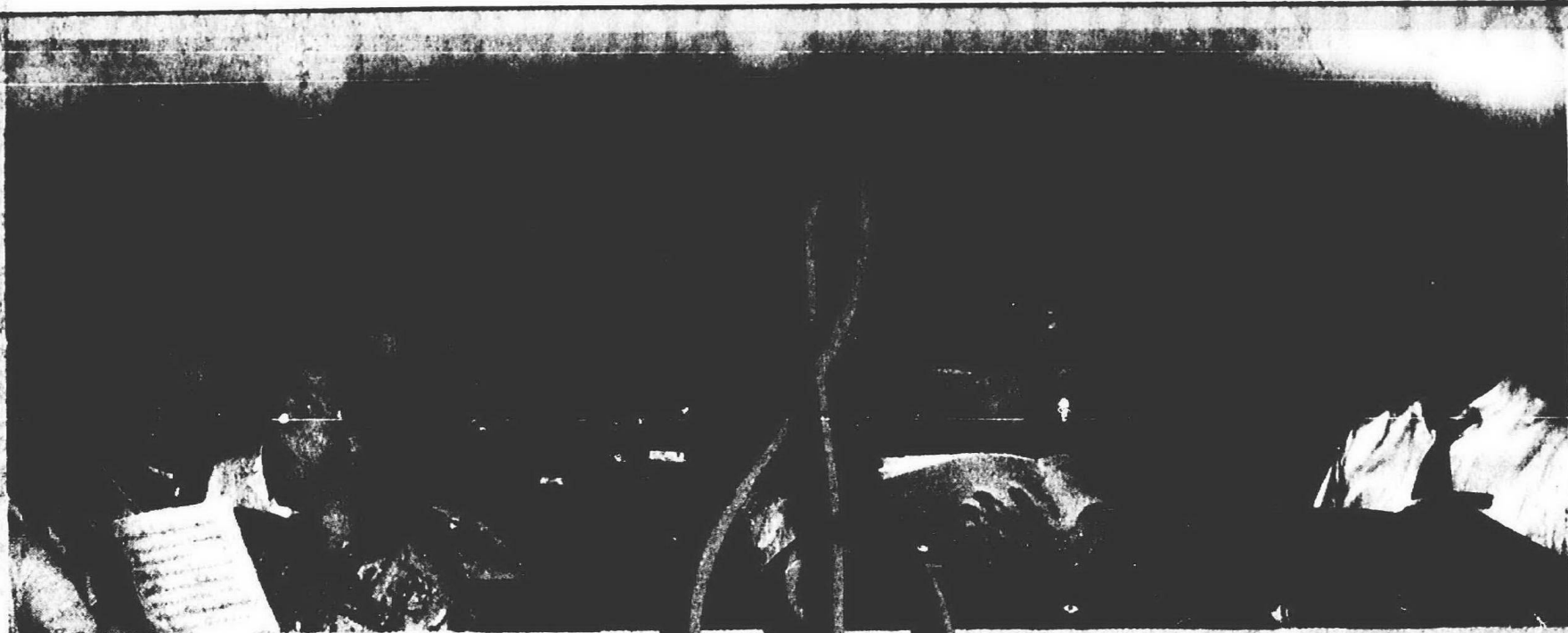
SUNDAY



Enjoy America's Freedom Celebration 1-4 p.m. at Greenmead Historical Village, Eight Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia. Listen to the patriotic music of the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drums Corps, play old fashioned children's games, and tour the historical buildings. Admission \$2, \$1 children. Call (248) 477-7375 for information.



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its summer season at Meadow Brook Music Festival 8 p.m. Friday, July 7 with "Outdoor Overture" featuring 15-year-old violinist Yara Lee. Fireworks display follows concert. Opening weekend also includes "Beethoven's Pastoral" 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, and a special appearance by The 44. Discussion with the DSO, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9. Tickets \$10-\$25, subscription tickets and donations for children under 18 available. Call (313) 224-2711 for more info.



SUMMER SINGS

Choral members gather to do great works

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ann Burke is ready for a song. It's been almost two months since the Livonia vocalist and the University Musical Society Choral Union performed composer John Adams' *Harmonium* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Burke loves to sing but during the long, hot summer, most vocal groups, including the choral union, take a well-deserved break. From September to May, Burke rehearses with the 150-member choir every Monday night after leaving her job as a laboratory technologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Come July she's willing to travel to wherever there's a group united in song.

Popular attraction

Seven years ago the choral union recognized there were hundreds of singers in the area just like Burke so they decided to invite them to informal choral reading sessions of major works. A popular attraction ever since, the Summer Sings continue July 10, 17 and 24 with programs featuring Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* conducted by Arie Lipsky, the new music director of the Ann Arbor Symphony; Beethoven's *Mass in C*, led by Charles Smith, music professor and choral activities director at Michigan State University, and Berlioz's *Requiem* with choral union conductor Thomas Sheets.

"It's a fun thing to do," said Burke, who joined the choral group in 1968 and then took a break for several years to raise her family. "I hope singers are able to come. It's for people who love to sing and a chance for people to do great works."

Burke said she is especially looking forward to singing Berlioz's *Requiem*. She sang it for the first time several years ago with the choral union. The reading is the first run-through of the monumental work the choral union will perform with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra April 22 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

"I've done a lot of works over the years," said Burke. "But there's some that stand out, ones that I'd drive a couple hundred miles to perform."

Surround sound

Sheets promises the April 22 *Requiem* will be a production to be remembered. In addition



Masterwork: Thomas Sheets leads the choral reading of Berlioz' "Requiem" at the final Summer Sing on July 24.

to the 150-member choral union, there will be an orchestra on stage as well as in the second balcony. Four brass bands will trumpet their parts from the wings.

"We have a track record of doing works we'll perform next season," said Sheets, a music instructor and director of the chorus at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. "We try to attract singers to sing it next season. It gives people a chance to get connected to the group early, take a look at the UMS season brochure and also buy tickets for the new season."

The summer sessions also give singers the opportunity to work with conductors such as Neeme Jarvi of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Leonard Ricinto, conductor of the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

"The Summer Sings are open to any singer as young as age 12 - and the oldest didn't

want to tell us their age," said Sheets. "The reading sessions give people a chance to sing without the pressure of auditioning and performing. For most singers, singing in a chorus is a way of life. Usually when the season ends in May, they start twitching, and by July they're hungry to sing."

Becoming a member of the choral union requires dedication from its members, who must devote a fair amount of time to fulfilling its commitments. During its regular season, the choral union performs as part of the University Musical Society series in Ann Arbor as well as partners with symphony orchestras in the area. Summers, the group joins with the Detroit Lutheran Singers, Detroit Concert Choir, DeHaven Chorale and Brasel Dinnard Chorale as the Meadow Brook Music Festival Singers. On July 16, they'll sing the music of Cole Porter at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester. Additional engagements for the choral union, appointed resident large chorus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra six years ago, include appearances at Orchestra Hall. Originally formed in 1879 to sing Handel's *Messiah*, the choral union continues this tradition every December.

"In a way the Summer Sings are a reunion," said Burke. "People come back who've been in the choral union but have become too busy to continue to be a member. The commitment is significant. And everybody's busy these days."

For Judith and Bill Premin, husband-and-wife vocalists from Bloomfield Hills, the choral union is a way of life. Judith has been involved with choral music for 35 years. In addition to being a member of the choral union, she conducts the Birmingham Musicals Choral Ensemble and also teaches voice in the area.

"The sings promote and showcase the choral union and entice new members," said Judith Premin, who formerly conducted the choirs at John Glenn High School in Westland. "When we did Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in April, I hadn't sung it since I was in college but it was new all over again. It's terrifically challenging, such a monumental work and to do it not just because it's fun but because it's part of our fiber."

Auditions for the 2000-2001 University Musical Society Choral Union season will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 29-30. Call (734) 763-8997 for more information or to schedule an audition.

SPECIAL EVENT

Layabouts celebrate diversity at 'The Concert of Colors'

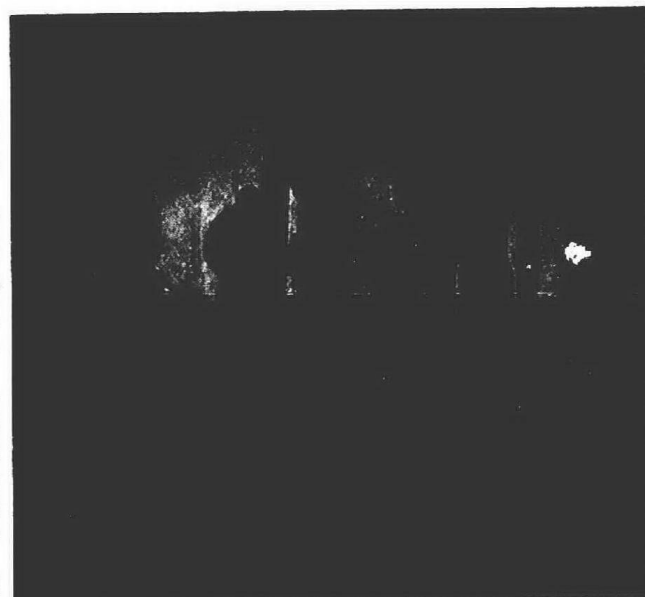
BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

In the early 1980s, a musical group emerged from Detroit's bohemian community and challenged listeners with its political lyrics and alternative sound.

Nearly 15 years later, the Layabouts have revived their punk rock band with a new keyboardist, percussionist and vocalist to perform at "The Concert of Colors," metro Detroit's diversity festival, 2-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 8-9, at Chene Park in Detroit.

The Layabouts, an eight-member band, will be a part of more than 40 international, national and local acts performing at the festival. It is a free event presented by ACCESS (Arab American Community Center for Economic Social Services) and New Detroit.

Concert of Colors' founder Ismael Ahmed, executive director of ACCESS and the chairman of New Detroit's Cultural Exchange Network, began the festival eight years ago to celebrate diver-



Featured band: The Layabouts will be a part of more than 40 international, national and local acts performing at the Concert of Colors.

sity and bring about cultural understanding.

The Layabouts have been attempting to do the same. Original Layabout member and bass player Ralph Franklin said the band sings about social problems and has a very particular sound.

"(Layabouts) a mixture of reggae and ska and jive and rock and roll," Franklin said.

The group's sound and songs are a result of the member's varied musical backgrounds from Central America, England and Detroit.

"Detroit is truly one of the most multi-cultural cities," Franklin said. "It's good to see so many bands come together (for the festival)."

To accommodate the large variety of musical acts this year, the festival has been extended to an entire weekend and will include four stages with continuous entertainment, said Barbara Logan, an ACCESS event coordinator.

Two main stages will have 20 musical performances from acts such as rock 'n' roll legend Bo Diddley, Dr. John, Amanponod, a 12-member African drum and dance group from South Africa, Equation, a group from Eng-

Concert of Colors
What: A musical celebration of diversity spotlighting the talents of Kenny Burrell & Jhad Racy, Bo Diddley, Dr. John, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and performers from around the world.
When: 2-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 8-9
Where: Chene Park, one mile east of the Renaissance Center on the Detroit River. For information, call (313) 664-2000 or visit the Web site at www.concertofcolors.org. No charge for admission.

Please see **COLORES, E1**

DSO ready for 15 shows in summer season

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Avid classical music fans and newcomers alike can look forward to a special evening Friday as both an accomplished conductor and an extraordinary violinist debut with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Asher Fisch, music director of the highly-touted Vienna People's Opera and artistic director of the New Israeli Opera, will open the DSO's outdoor summer concert series at Meadow Brook Music Festival with Aaron Copland's *Outdoor Overture*, the *William Tell Overture* and operatic overtures from Mozart and Wagner. A summer tradition in Oakland County for more than 35 years, the DSO will perform 14 different programs in 15 concerts every weekend leading into August.

Also on opening night, Yura Lee, a 15-year-old violinist from Korea, will make her debut with the DSO. Lee, named "Debut Artist of the Year" by National Public Radio's *Performance Today*, began her music studies at the age of 4. Astonishingly just two years later she made her debut with Korea's leading orchestra, the KBS Symphony, where she performed Burch's Violin Concerto No. 1. Today she lives in the U.S. to continue her studies.

The debuts and surprises don't end there. The entire DSO Meadow Brook series features some significant names in the classical music world.

"Summer is a great time for (the DSO) to make some new friends with new performers who are tested and true - like Yura Lee," Charles Calmer, DSO artistic administrator said. "The Meadow Brook series is our way of celebrating summer in Michigan - with picnic dinners on the lawns, the added bonus of fireworks on Friday nights, core classics on Saturdays and, of course, the fun hits on Sundays."

When DSO concerts — Family Fun Fridays, Sensational Saturday Classics and Sunday Summer Pops, beginning Friday, July 7.

When: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays & 7:30 p.m. Sundays in July and August
Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival

Tickets available in packages: \$30 for five-concert packages with lawn seats or \$210 in the premier pavilion. Student discounts available. Individual concert tickets also available. VIP front row table packages for four begin at \$1,440. For individual concert ticket purchases call 313-576-5111. Subscription packages call 313-576-5120, VIP sales call 313-576-5130.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays will feature different styles of classical music.

"Family Fun Fridays" concerts will offer lighter classical music geared toward families or those new to classical music.

"Fridays are specifically an introduction to symphonic music — they are much shorter pieces and easier for a newer fan of classical music to enjoy. It's geared toward families and even children."

An expected hit with both adults and children will be the *Tchaikovsky Spectacular!* — the only concert in the series that will be repeated — Aug. 4 and 5. The 1812 Overture will end with cannons and fireworks.

Calmer also expects the July 14 performance of Ravel's *Bolero* to be a favorite for children because of its percussion performance.

"Most people haven't been exposed to percussion solos," he said. "Children especially love drums. The whole audience will really enjoy one particular piece

with an awesome climax in a cage of percussions — as the conductor adds one percussion at a time to build tension."

Sensational Saturday Classics

On Saturdays, listeners can enjoy romantic evenings with "Sensational Saturday Classics." The DSO will present some of history's greatest classical masterpieces featuring prominent soloists from throughout the world. The first Saturday concert, July 8, features Ludwig van Beethoven's musical description of nature in his *Pastoral* symphony conducted by Fisch. It will include pianist Jon Kimura Parker who will perform Rachmaninoff's passionate *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Parker has pleased audiences worldwide with literally hundreds of engagements.

On Saturday, July 15 conductor Roberto Minczuk and guest violinist James Ehnes join the DSO for a concert theme of *Romeo and Juliet*.

The program includes Beethoven's overture to *Creations of Prometheus*, Brahms' *Violin Concerto in D Major*, Prokofiev, Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*. Robert Minczuk, conductor, James Ehnes, violin debut.

Under the supervision of Maestro Neeme Järvi, on July 29, the DSO will perform Beethoven's Ninth. It will feature the DSO's special "Mahler Edition" of this symphony. The *Ode to Joy* chorus will be sung by the University Musical Society Choral Union from the University of Michigan. The concert will feature pianist Max Levinson as the soloist in Franz Liszt's Piano Concert No. 1. He was the first American pianist to earn the Dublin International Piano Competition.

Sunday Summer Pops

To complete each weekend, Sunday Summer Pops features familiar Broadway, television, dance and classical music. The first Sunday show, July 9, features Motown label's The 5th

The Concerts

Friday, July 7: Outdoor Overtures, fireworks following. Copland, *An Outdoor Overture*; Mendelssohn, *Violin Concerto*; Mozart, Overture to *La clemenza di Tito*; Wagner, Prelude to Act I of *Lohengrin*; Rossini, *William Tell* overture. Asher Fisch, conductor debut, Yura Lee, violin debut

Saturday, July 8: Beethoven's *Pastoral* (No. 6); Kodály, *Dances of Galánta*; Rachmaninoff, *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Asher Fisch, conductor; John Kimura Parker, piano.

Sunday, July 9: The 5th Dimension. Soaring, light harmonies give these Motown label artists the sound that made the song "Let the Sun Shine In" an anthem for the hippie-generation. The 5th Dimension will join the DSO to perform hits from the musical *Hair*. Michael Krajewski, conductor.

Friday, July 14: Ravel's *Bolero*, fireworks following. Mozart, Overture of *Abduction from Seraglio*; Beethoven, No. 9 (Movement II, Scherzo); Berlioz, *Symphonie fantastique* (Movement IV, March to the Scaffold); Khachaturian, *Sabre Dance*; Ravel, *Bolero*. Robert Minczuk, conductor; Robert Becker, percussion; William Cahn, percussion.

Saturday, July 15: *Romeo and Juliet*. Beethoven, overture to the *Creations of Prometheus*; Brahms, *Violin Concerto in D Major*; Prokofiev, Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*. Robert Minczuk, conductor, James Ehnes, violin debut.

Sunday, July 16: Anything Goes! The music of Cole Porter. DSO Pops favorite with guest conductor Jeff Tyzik who will conduct a program full of Porter's melodies including *I get a kick out of you*, *You're the top*, and *You'd be so nice to come home to*. Jeff Tyzik, conductor.

Friday, July 21: Symphonic Blockbuster, fireworks following. Mendelssohn, overture and wedding march to *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*; Rachmaninoff, *Symphony No. 2 (Movement III)*; Wagner, Prelude to Act III and wedding march of *Lohengrin*; Chabrier, *España*; Respighi, *Pines of Rome* (complete). Nicholas McGegan, conductor.

Dimension. The Dimension has played with orchestras nationwide and will perform "Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine and Up, Up and Away. The show will begin with a fun tribute to Diana Ross, Calmer said.

On July 16, guest conductor and trumpeter Jeff Tyzik will lead the DSO in the melodies of Cole Porter in the *Anything Goes!* Concert.

A Night in Vienna on July 30

highlights the melodies of Vienna with Järvi leading the DSO through waltzes and polkas. Soprano Karen Clift will perform.

Broadway diva Audra McDonald will perform in the DSO's final season show on Sunday August 6. She is winner of three Tony Awards for her roles in *Ragtime*, *Carousel* and *Master Class*. Her Carnegie Hall debut last year where she sang selections from *Porgy and Bess* with

Saturday, July 22: Mozart-in-the-Meadows. Mozart *Symphony No. 31 (Paris)*; Piano Concerto No. 21, (*Elvira Madigan*); and *Symphony No. 39*. Nicholas McGegan, conductor and Piotr Anderzewski, piano (U.S. orchestra debut).

Sunday, July 23: Mancini Gold. Henry Mancini's legacy of music for film and television earned him 20 Grammys, four Oscars and seven gold records. The DSO Pops pays tribute to him with some of his best works including *Moon River*, *Days of Wine and Roses* and *The Pink Panther*. Richard Kaufman, conductor; Bobbie Page, vocalist.

Fri. July 28: Viva La France! with fireworks following. Offenbach, overture to *Orpheus in the Underworld*; Ravel, *Pavane for a Dead Princess*; Saint-Saëns, *Cello Concerto No. 1*; Bizet, *Symphony in C Major*; Ravel, *La Valse*. Neeme Järvi, conductor; Borislav Strulev, cello debut.

Sat. July 29: Beethoven's Ninth. Liszt, *Piano Concerto No. 1*, Beethoven *Symphony No. 9*, Choral. Neeme Järvi, conductor, Max Levinson, piano debut; University Musical Society Choral Union.

Sunday, July 30: A night in Vienna. The romance of Vienna comes to Meadow Brook as Järvi conducts favorite waltzes and polkas by Johann Strauss Jr., and others. Karen Clift, soprano.

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 4 & 5: Tchaikovsky Spectacular! fireworks following. Tchaikovsky, Polonaise from *Eugene Onegin*; Serenade for Strings; Suite from *The Nutcracker*; Variations on *Rococo Theme* and *1812 Overture* (with cannons and fireworks). Emmanuel Villaume, conductor debut and Mark Kosower, cello debut.

Sunday, Aug. 6: Audra McDonald. Three-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald performs songs from her smash album *How Glory Goes*, featuring classics by Kern and Mercer. Ted Sperling conductor, Audra McDonald, soprano.

All Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows at 7:30 p.m. The DSO concerts are presented by Hudson's.

the San Francisco Orchestra was televised nationally. In 1998, her LP *Way Back to Paradise* was named record of the year by *The New York Times*.

McDonald is performing only an exclusive handful of dates this year including Washington D.C., Philadelphia and Chicago.

"We are extremely lucky to have her," Calmer said. "She is a huge, huge Broadway star with an incredibly trained voice. She really becomes the songs she's performing and the audience can feel that."

Meadow Brook Music Festival is located on the Oakland University Campus in Rochester Hills, thirty miles north of Detroit. Doors open 90-minutes prior to showtimes for picnics and early lawn seating. The series is presented through Hudson's "Project Imagine," a program to support arts and cultural institutions communitywide.

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land, Bin Namara, an American Irish youth folk group and Kenny Burrell and Jihad Racy, who blend jazz with Arab melodies.

"Some of the world's most renowned performers from nearly every continent will be there," Logan said. "It will be an amazing adventure."

The adventure will continue on the world rhythm stage. People will have the opportunity to participate in the music by either using their own instruments or the ones provided by the festival.

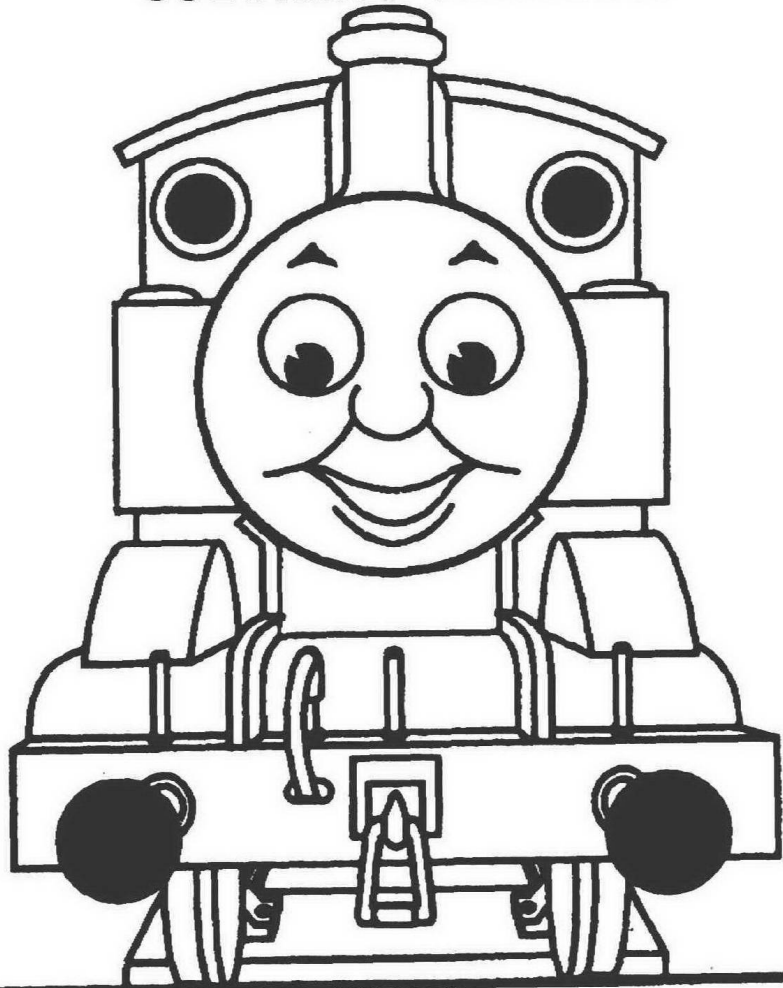
The fourth stage will be designated for children's activities such as folk dancing, songs, face painting and arts and crafts. Children will have the chance to make their own totem poles and African musical instruments.

"It gives different communities in the city a chance to participate in something positive," Logan said.

The cable TV network Animal Planet is also scheduled to be at the festival. Animal Planet, along with the American Humane Association, is bringing in an animal rescue bus to teach children about world-wide animal rescue.

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Shaw Festival

Plays give audiences something to laugh and think about

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The Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, gives theatergoers an opportunity to compare two comic writers with different personalities.

George Bernard Shaw complained that Oscar Wilde's comedies lacked serious purpose, reflected in the careless way Wilde led his life. Shaw said audiences could laugh at Wilde's witticisms but leave the theater with nothing to reflect upon.

Modern audiences would disagree. Wilde's quick wit keeps an audience laughing and thinking.

The Doctor's Dilemma

Shaw is the heart of the Shaw Festival and every year one of his plays gets the grand treatment at the large Festival Theater. Quite often the arguments Shaw presents have become outdated and the presentation tedious, which is deadly in a play that announces itself as a comedy.

"The Doctor's Dilemma" is one of these ideas that still has some relevance and bite, even as the situation is dubious. The target is the medical profession and the choice a group of doctors make concerning who should receive experimental medical care for TB. In these days of insurance companies and organ donor programs making similar judgments, the topic is still relevant.

Director Christopher Newton plays out the story in a highly stylized, abstract set by Sue LePage. He also includes dancing "Day of the Dead" figures between the acts, an affectation that adds nothing but confusion and a brief titter.

Dr. Colenso Ridgdon (Blair Williams) has developed a treatment for TB for which he has been knighted. His colleagues either embrace, seriously misunderstand or dismiss his procedure, but all hail his society suc-

At the Festival Theatre

Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma," through Oct. 29
Coward's "Easy Virtue," through July 21
Nigel Williams' "Lord of the Flies," July 5 to Oct. 29
Wilder's "The Matchmaker," Aug. 12 to Nov. 11

At the Court House

Wilde's "A Woman of No Importance," through Sept. 24
Shaw's "The Apple Cart," through Sept. 23
Patrick Garland's "A Room of One's Own," through Sept. 22
Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author," Aug. 11 to Sept. 23

At the Royal George

Priestley's "Time and the Conways," through Oct. 28
Masteroff-Bock-Harnick's "She Loves Me," through Oct. 29

For ticket information: Call 1 (800)511-SHAW or on-line at www.shawfest.sympatico.ca

To get to Shaw from southeast Michigan: Take the bridge to Highway 401, follow 401 to the QEW, drive south to Niagara to exit 38B, follow signs to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A young woman comes to plead with the doctor to help her husband, a famous, brilliant and controversial artist.

The doctor must choose between this arrogant, amoral young man and a kindly but inept doctor friend for the treatment.

As always, arguments go on too long and what might have been funny 90 years ago has lost its sting. But the theme is powerful and the acting excellent.

Mike Shara is especially compelling as the quick-witted, snarky young artist. He's a painter, but imagine instead that he's Mick Jagger and you get a better idea. He gets the best lines, punching holes in hypocrisy and pomposity, while revealing his own.

Severn Thompson is glowing as the blinded-by-love wife.

Jim Mezon, who loves to ham it up, gets a great opportunity here as the dim-witted BB, your worst nightmare of a doctor. Lorne Kennedy is amusing as the surgeon who has a one-cut fits all policy. Cutler Walpole.

A Woman of No Importance

On the surface Shaw's dismissal of Oscar Wilde might

seem true. Wilde made a big deal of his love for the trivial and his dislike for taking anything too seriously. He loved the epigram and was its master.

But this play is serious with a complex view on conventional morality and too-easy amorality.

The tiny confines of the Court Theater bring out the emotional conflict in a claustrophobic environment. Director Susan Ferley makes good use of these tight quarters to draw us into what is a family dispute, despite the funny lines. She might also have served us with some judicious cutting of the text to focus more on the essential conflict as the work plays a bit too long.

The setting, as always, is upper class society. Lord Illingworth, a spokesman for amorality, has invited a young man to be his clerk. When the young man tells his mother, she reacts with horror. The mother is in Illingworth's phrase "a woman of no importance," with whom he once had a sexual relationship that he refused to change to marriage.

This is the central conflict. At the heart is that the mother is the victim both of Illingworth's callousness and the brittle, hypocritical morality of Victorian England.

Mary Haney gives a strong, emotional reading to the mother,



DAVID COOPER

A request: Severn Thompson as Jennifer Dubedat asks Sir Colenso, Blair Williams, to help save her husband in "The Doctor's Dilemma."

balanced against Jim Mezon's haughty arrogance as Illingworth. Voicing the carelessness

of high society is the unfaithful Mrs. Allonby, played with seductive charm by Brigitte Robinson.

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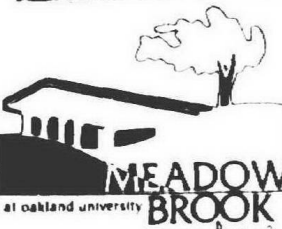
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AMERICA'S FREEDOM CELEBRATION: Takes over Greenmead Historical Village 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 9, listen to the patriotic music of the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drums Corps, play old fashioned children's games, and tour the historical buildings located at Greenmead, Livonia. \$2. \$1 children. (248) 477-7375

BARNUM'S KALEIDOSCOPE: Continues through Sunday, July 16, under the big top on the Green at the Southfield Civic Center. \$20-46.50. (248) 645-6666/(877) 9-BARNUM

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COUNTRY FAIR: 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16, at Kensington MetroPark, Milford, free but vehicle entry permit required. (800) 47-PARKS

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REDFORD THEATRE: The 1938 film "Sweethearts," starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7, organ overtures begin one-half hour earlier, at the theater, Redford. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR: Astrologers, psychics, card readers, palmistry and lectures 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 8 at Troy Residence Inn, Troy. \$5; Readings \$20. (248) 528-2610

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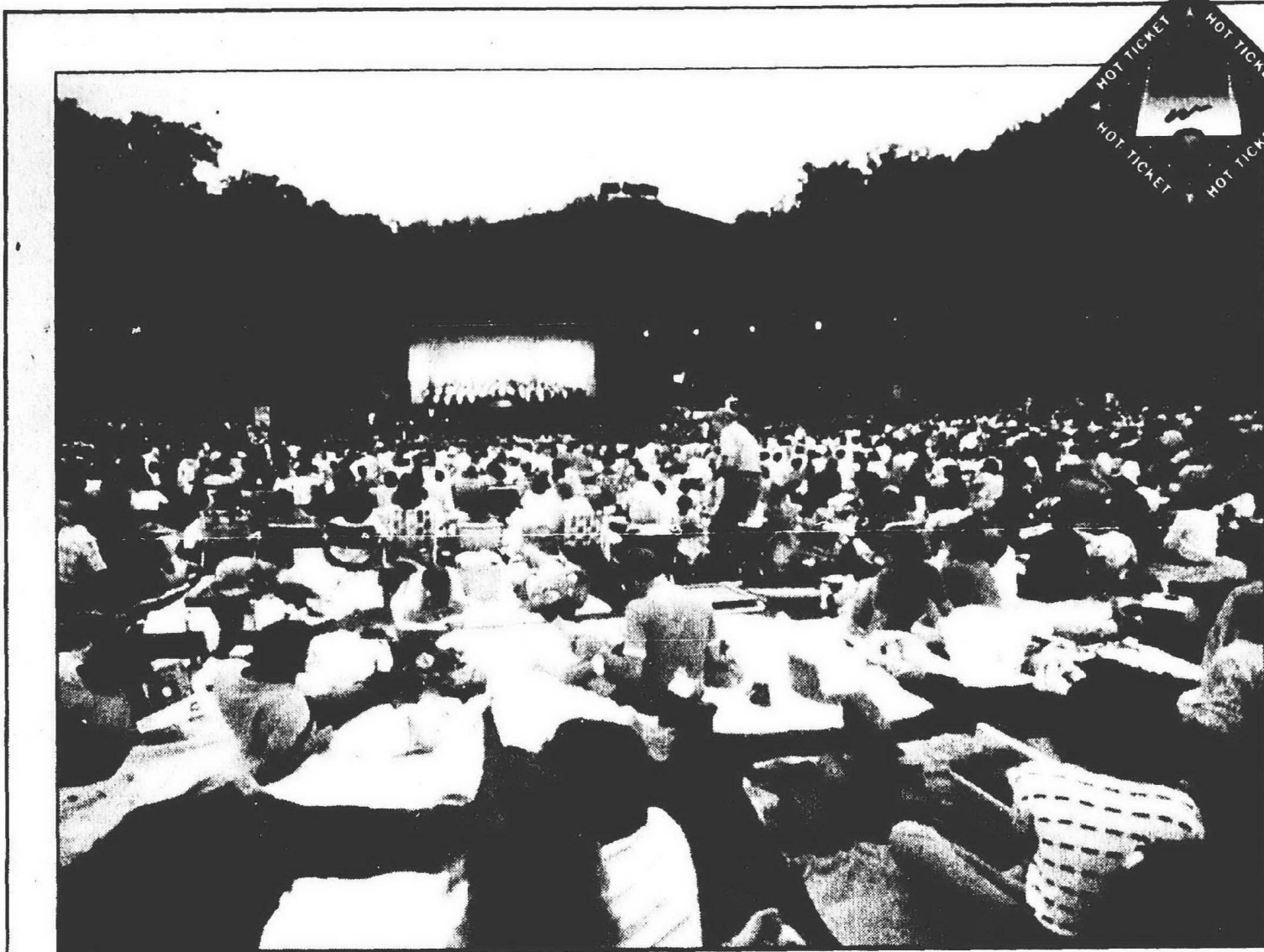
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IN THE PARK: Rich K and Brazil, and The Jump Cats, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6; Laredos/Reflections 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

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MUSIC IN THE AIR: "Plymouth Sings the Blues," 7 p.m. Friday, July 7, in Kellogg Park, on Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453



Summer festival: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its summer season at Meadow Brook Music Festival 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, with "Outdoor Overtures" featuring 15-year-old violinist Yura Lee. Fireworks display follows concert. Opening weekend also includes "Beethoven's Pastoral," 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, and a special appearance by The 5th Dimension, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9. Tickets \$18-\$53, subscription tickets and discounts for children under 18 available. Call (313) 576-5111 or (248) 645-6666.

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Matt Watroba, noon Wednesday, July 12; Robert Jones noon Wednesday, July 19, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: Del Kauffman and the Big Band Express 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Park; Marc Thomas and "Max the Moose," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERTS BY THE POOL: Mudpuppy, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 9; Ya Tafari's music inspired by the Bahama Islands 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at the pool deck of the Southfield Sports Arena. (248) 424-9022

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6; Kentucky Bluebirds, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

WEDNESDAYS AT EIGHT: Baritone Paul Beck, Melvin Rookus, piano, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860

WESTLAND CONCERT SERIES: Novi Concert Band 6 p.m. Sunday, July 9; Pam & Scott 6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, in the Westland Library Performance Pavilion. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside the Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Outdoor overtures with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, July 7. Beethoven's Pastoral, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, with the Fifth Dimension 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

CHORAL

SUMMER SINGS: The University Musical Society Choral Union invites local singers to take part in choral reading sessions 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, 17 and 24, at the University of Michigan Modern Language Building, Auditorium 4, north of Hill Auditorium, on Thayer between Washington and North University, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 763-8996

CARILLON

SUZANNE MAGASSY: 7 p.m. Monday, July 10, at the University of Michigan's Lurie Tower, North Campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-4726

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: The Rochester Grangers Vintage Base Ball Team play the Greenfield Village Lah-Di-Dahs 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8. "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Summer on the Farm Day Camp July 10-14, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

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LIVE MUSIC

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ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: Saturday, July 8,

Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

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BLOWTOP: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. Free. (248) 650-5080.

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B52'S: With The Go-Gos, The



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MOVIES

'The Patriot' marches on as a compelling film

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Set against a backdrop of the American Revolution, *The Patriot* is one Yankee Doodle Dandy of a film.

Directed by Roland Emmerich (*Independence Day*), it stars Mel Gibson as Benjamin Martin, a South Carolina planter and widowed father of seven children. As the specter of war darkens the land in 1776, Martin — a burnt-out "hero" of the French and Indian War — wants nothing to do with bloody battles. He's packed his old military paraphernalia away in a trunk, and intends to keep it there.

But as he tries manfully to

avoid trouble, trouble comes knocking at his door. His own home ends up in the midst of a major battle and, when he takes in injured soldiers from both sides, the King's troops ride in to let him know they are exceedingly displeased at his "traitorous" act. To prove it, they shoot the injured Colonialist troops, burn Martin's home, kill one of his sons and drag another away to hang. Issuing the direct orders for the murderous deeds is the odious Col. William Tavington, played with delicious aplomb by Jason Isaacs.

Now motivated to avenge his home and family — and thus, join the patriots' cause — Martin enlists the help of his two

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younger sons in an ambush of 20 British soldiers. As the ambush reaches its gory conclusion, we see (and so do his young sons) that Martin does indeed possess a darker, violent side. This is not a cardboard superhero but a complex character with some real frailties running deep, and Gibson plays the role with absolutely exquisite subtlety and nuance. This is a hero who sweats and, as we watch, we

sweat, too, as we identify with his conflicts.

Although Gibson's sterling performance is at the center of *The Patriot*, it is by no means the only quality that marks this film. The young Australian, Heath Ledger turns in a performance that is not just winning but memorable as Martin's idealistic son, Gabriel, a romantic youth who is perhaps more truly the patriot than is his disen-

chanted father. Parisian actor Tchéky Karyo plays Major Jean Villeneuve with a delightful soupçon of humor and much élan.

Many facets of the film add to its scope: sweeping scenery (most of *The Patriot* was filmed on the spot in South Carolina); imaginative lighting that gives some scenes a kind of ghostly feel and others a kind of preserved-in-amber look; John Williams' background score that always strikes the right note, plus Robert Rodat's (*Saving Private Ryan*) crisp script.

Wrenching, blood-splattered battlefield scenes are integral to this up-close-and-personal story about war and conflict. As the

"six-pounders" explode all around and the men in red, blue and ragtag march doggedly toward each other, powerful sound effects remind us that a compelling movie is always more than its visual images.

I realize there is a brouhaha right now about the negative way the British are depicted in this movie. This probably would be an even better film had their characters been more fully dimensional. *The Patriot* is not a perfect movie, but try to see it anyway. Though I am not a history scholar and can't say just how accurately this reflects history, I do think I can recognize a compelling movie when I see one — and *The Patriot* is that movie.



Adventure: In the emotionally-charged "Patriot," Mel Gibson (center) stars as Benjamin Martin, a reluctant hero who must draw on his courage and patriotic fervor when he is swept into the American Revolution.

'Chicken Run' is poultry in motion

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

Ginger wants out. "There's a better place, a place with no fences," she tells her friends.

And day after day, Ginger (Julia Sawalha, whose voice *Absolutely Fabulous* fans will recognize as that of Saffron) leads them in vain attempts to escape. They try to dig under the fence, they try to catapult over it, they try clever disguises.

To any fan of *The Great Escape* or *Stalag 17* the plot sounds strangely familiar.

Now, replace the prisoners of war with clay animation chickens (with Ginger in the role of Steve McQueen) and you have *Chicken Run*.

Well, not exactly. While Ginger longs to escape the confines of the chicken coup and bury her tail feathers in the green grass, her feathered friends think spending the day laying eggs is a fine life.

That is, until Mrs. Tweedy (Miranda Richardson at her sinister best), the farmer's wife, shows them their "fowl" fate if they don't make their quota.

Instead of running around like, well, like chickens with their heads cut off, this feisty brood and the sole male, Fowler, get organized. They enlist the help of a couple of rats (Timothy Spall and Phil Daniels) who

■ 'The sets are real, the clothes are real, even the affable Babs' (Jane Horrocks) knitting is real thanks to two cocktail toothpicks and a very steady pair of hands.'

work for chicken feed, but they still can't escape.

Enter Rocky Rhodes, an irresistible Yankee rooster (it is, after all, Mel Gibson) who, momentarily airborne, lands in their coup. After saving the handsome free ranger from the Tweedys and his own keepers, Ginger begs Rocky to teach the gals how to fly.

The chicks need to get their wings flapping, too, because Mrs. Tweedy has plans to turn the whole flock into chicken pot pies with her automated pie machine.

Let's just forget for a moment that for each second of action, 24 separate poses per character have to be shot, depending on the scene.

Each spoken vowel, each raised eyebrow, each ruffled feather — every tiny increment of movement has to be molded and shaped by hand. Even with 40 clay animators on staff, that's no

easy feat.

On days when 28 sets were in full operation, the goal was to accomplish 10 seconds of completed film.

Insanely tedious? Yes. Worth it? Most definitely.

In this day and age of computer animation, where changes can be made at the click of a mouse, directors Nick Park and Peter Lord (the British team of Wallace & Gromit fame) choose to fly without a net and base their work in — gasp — reality.

The sets are real, the clothes are real, even the affable Babs' (Jane Horrocks) knitting is real thanks to two cocktail toothpicks and a very steady pair of hands.

"Live action in miniature" is how Aardman films refers to its particular style of stop motion filmmaking. The process is absolutely painstaking, but the result is great fun.

And while it is billed as a comedy adventure, there's also a much darker level which alludes to concentration camps and mass extinction. Adults will pick up on that along with at least a dozen references to other adventure movies, but kids will simply enjoy the fast action and silly puns.

If *Chicken Run* isn't plucked as this summer's family hit, then there's something definitely rotten in the hen house.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 7

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New comedy guaranteed to shock from the folks who brought you "In Living Color," and "Don't Be a Menace to Society While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood." Stars Carmen Electra, Shannon Elizabeth, Marlon Wayans and Shawn Wayans. Directed by Keenen Ivory Wayans.

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POKEMON THE MOVIE 2000

Animated sequel to the adventures of the popular fantastic creatures and their trainer Ash.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 14

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Live action, big screen adaptation of the popular comic book series. Stars Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Bruce Davison.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, July 19

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Psychological thriller about a beautiful young woman with a mysterious past

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Animated sequel to the adventures of the popular fantastic creatures and their trainer Ash.

TRIXIE

Screwball comedy featuring Emily Watson as a streetwise but inarticulate security guard who takes an undercover job at a corrupt casino resort, only to become involved in plot to blackmail a promiscuous senator.

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The search for roots and family provides the basis for this 1983 drama that tells

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GOAT ON FIRE AND SMILING FISH

Off-beat comedy features Derick and Steve Martini as twenty something brothers whose grandmother nicknames them Goat on Fire and Smiling Fish based on their respective personalities. Film was featured at the 1999 Toronto Film Festival.

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'Stray Cat' proves he's still strutting

Twenty years have passed since the Stray Cats left New York for London and changed the face of pop music. But the signature rockabilly beat is still kicking, long after the trio's demise.

Last weekend former Stray Cat's vocalist Brian Setzer bounded into Pine Knob Music Theatre with his 16-piece orchestra and back-up singers, still hailing to the rockabilly alter. But the Stray Cat invasion isn't over yet. Lee Rocker, former Stray Cat bassist, swings into town tonight. He isn't planning a big production — just Rocker, Brophy Dale and the band with a stripped-down, solid style of raw rockabilly. Though the Stray Cats have gone their separate ways, those cats keep reminding the world that rock and roll is here to stay.

Rocker's latest work can be heard on two upcoming compilations: performing the title track to a Tom Waits tribute record *A New Coat of Paint*, and a recording of *Hootenanny Live*, along with the Reverend Horton Heat and Mike Ness. Here's what he had to say when he called the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper offices Wednesday, June 28 from his Southern California home:

O&E: What first drew you to rockabilly music?

Lee Rocker: "Well there wasn't really any rockabilly on the radio, besides 1959 and 1963. Really it came down to it sort of stuck out. I hated what was going on in music in the 80s, the late 1970s. I came across Buddy Guy and Willie Dixon, Carl Perkins. It just hit me. I was talking to Brian and Jim. It's been 20 years since we first moved (to London) — 1980 was when our first record came out."

O&E: So you still keep in touch?

LR: "Sometimes we talk more than others. We grew up together. We worked together."

O&E: When you set out as a solo artist, what were your intentions?

LR: "I really sang a bit more on the first few (Stray Cats) records. It got frustrating. More than that we all thought it was time to do something different, just as a player. I think it was a good thing. After the Cats I did two records with Big Blue (a more blues-based project with guitarist Scotty Moore). I got that out of my system and got back to really where I came from."



Lee Rocker

O&E: Last year you released *Lee Rocker Live*. What made you decide to do a live album?

LR: "I like live records as a rule. Live records capture the energy and power of a show, but normally they don't sound that good. I really worked on this record. I wanted also to get a chance to record some of those classics, Perkins' *Restless*. I thought that was a great chance."

O&E: What are you currently working on?

LR: "Working on the new record. Hopefully it will be out early 2001. As I write, I go into the studio. Over the last six months, I'm half way through. It's a little more about the song and a little less about the jamming. I think there's a thread that always keeps it in the rockabilly vibe."

O&E: How has your success and history with the Stray Cats affected your career thus far?

LR: "That's the biggest part of what I am. That was Rock and Roll High School, ya know."

O&E: What can fans expect to see at the upcoming Magic Stick show?

LR: "I've got an amazing band with me, two great guitar players (Brophy Dale and Adrian DeMain) and a great drummer (Jimmy Sage). It's a sweaty hard rock and roll, rockabilly show."

O&E: What is the state of rockabilly music?

LR: "A lot of bands are getting into it, bands like the Reverend Horton Heat. You have people doing their own thing with it. I think some people say it's not really rockabilly. But if Scotty Moore (Elvis Presley's guitarist) and Carl (Blue Suede Shoes) Perkins think it is..."

"I'd like to see it get bigger, like swing did. It's alive and well and living in the underground — which isn't a bad place to be."

Lee Rocker returns to "Rock This Town," 9 p.m. Thursday, July 6, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. Call (248) 645-6666.

Cole Guerra comes back home



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If you asked him, singer-songwriter Cole Guerra would insist that I tricked him.

I first met the Southfield native when he and his guitar warmed up an intimate crowd at Pontiac's 7th House one wintry day this year. He opened for the Boston-based trio, The Push Stars. Sauntering into the club, I watched Guerra

stand confidently on stage pouring his heart out through his poignant lyrics and speaking out as if he were entertaining a group of close friends.

At the end of the night we spoke briefly. In keeping my inquisitive nature, I had to ask a few questions: "Where are you from?" "How long have you been performing?" I never bothered to mention I happen to be a popular music writer. That bit of information seeped out when he overheard someone compliment me on a piece I'd written about The Push Stars months earlier.

I didn't mean to trick anyone, really. I'm just naturally curious.

Guerra's own curiosity and interest in music began upon hearing his mother's early Beatles albums. It was that infectious pop sound that caught his ear and would eventually lead to a musical career.

But at 5, there was perhaps nothing Guerra dreaded more than being shuffled off to piano lessons. While he wasn't so committed, it did spark something in him when he first picked up the guitar at about age 17. That spark eventually gave Guerra the courage to dedicate himself to the craft.

Now living in Chapel Hill, N.C., Guerra will return home for a short stay to promote his solo debut *All This and More*, released independently Feb. 1. This time he's bringing along more than just a guitar. Guerra will hook up with three Ann Arbor-based musicians for a headlining gig Saturday, July 15, at the 7th House in Pontiac.

With a little help from friends Anna Gleichauf (keyboards and vocals), Matt Salter (drums) and Eric Day (bass), he'll perform songs from his album and a few new tunes he's been working on. "I wanted, the next time out, to sound more like I sound (on CD)," he said.

"Because I'm not on a label, I do everything totally on my own," he said. He organizes and promotes his performances on his

own. He'll be even busier this fall, when he plans to tour Midwest college towns.

For now, though, it's a chance to come home again and visit friends and relatives he's far away from while attending graduate school at Duke University in North Carolina. Student by day, musician by night, Guerra's also completing a degree in psychology.

His influences range from the likes of melodic pop sensations like Squeeze, XTC and Elvis Costello to edgier rock like Liz Phair. It wasn't until he heard fellow Chapel Hill residents Ben Folds Five that he would return to a piano and rediscover its charm.

All This and More marks many "firsts" for a guy who graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and left to try his hand at theater in Chicago. It was his first real acquaintance with the intricacies of an electric guitar, his first step into a recording studio and his first chance to work with engineer Jerry Kee (Superchunk, Poly). The album was recorded over a two-month period last summer in North Carolina.

Arranging and producing the music, Guerra had a hard time pinning down just what inspires him to write music. But he knows for sure that the music comes easier to him than writing the lyrics to match. "I actually hate writing lyrics," he said. "One of the reasons I didn't write songs (in the beginning) was I didn't have the patience and desire to write lyrics."

Whatever his reasoning, it doesn't show in his work. The words to songs like *My Glass Mountain* shine with a day-dreamy quality of making your own way in life, of not holding back. *Believer*, while not obvious, hinges on religious themes and in particular "the absence of God," as Guerra describes it. Lyrics don't appear to be much of a challenge at all.

"I don't tell stories," said Guerra. "There's a theme to it more than there is a plot." While he writes with experiences in mind, don't call it autobiographical. He's simply setting the mood.

Guerra's a long way from singing cover songs with his keyboard in eighth grade. Expect nothing less than sheer sincerity from this Michigan native — it's no trick, I swear.



Cole Guerra performs with guest Lori Amey, Saturday, July 15, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540. Check him out solo 3 p.m. Saturday, July 15, Borders Books and Music, Birmingham, (248) 203-0005. Early-risers can listen between 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 9 on "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" on The Planet, 96.3 FM.

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Some people are born shoppers, like some of my friends. When I asked several of them if they had tried Zodiac for lunch, I got a blank stare.

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■ Zodiac has a license to sell wine retail. So keep in mind any bottle from the savvy international list that you

enjoyed while eating, can be purchased for 25 percent over cost. A genuine deal.

■ In addition to a catering menu, "NM to Go," a new feature coming soon to Zodiac, offers pre-packaged foods to go. Orders must be placed 48 hours in advance. So now, if you shop 'til you drop after lunch at Zodiac, you can have a gourmet dinner at home!

warm popovers and strawberry butter, are brought automatically to your table by a server in more formal attire than most lunch spots in our area.

Just another attention to detail!

Vernia's menu does not smack of corporate mentality. It's chef-driven.

Vernia is a local, born, raised, and now making his home in Rochester Hills.

He's done "let's-build-a-resume" stints in Phoenix, New Orleans and Montreal, but when asked about creative mentors, he cited Michigan's own Brian Polcyn, chef/proprietor of Five Lakes Grill in Milford. That says a lot!

Vernia knows what we in metro-Detroit like to eat. Two

popular starters on Zodiac's menu are Southwestern Chicken Soup, topped with blue corn chips and jack cheese or Maryland Crab Cakes with a roasted pepper remoulade.

Get the feel of Provence in the Beef Tenderloin composed salad with artichokes, goat cheese, and baby spinach, tossed in a sundried tomato vinaigrette. Or there's Salmon Nicoise, another composed salad, with oven-roasted salmon, asparagus, kalamata olives and new potatoes in an artichoke vinaigrette.

Try a glass of crisp Reverdy Sancerre from the Loire with an order of Soft Shell Crabs, pan-sautéed with saffron risotto and braised fennel.

Zodiac's signature dish is Roasted Medallions of Seafood



Hidden treasure: Located on the third floor of Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Zodiac restaurant is ideal for lunch and a getaway from the wonders and woes of shopping.

with fresh vegetables, lobster agnolotti, and black beans in a lobster-tomato broth.

A Warm Quiche (filling changes daily) served with fresh fruit and choice of a cup of soup or petite salad is a lunch bargain at \$10.

Popular sandwiches

The most popular sandwiches, served with fresh fruit, chips and a pickle, are: Wild Mushroom on grilled grain bread with roasted vegetables, champignon cheese, and red onion marmalade and Neiman Marcus Chicken Salad

Sandwich, served with bacon on your choice of bread.

Desserts are house-made except the miniature pastries which Vernia buys from the fabulous selection at Rochester's Give Thanks Bakery and Cafe.

Vernia's Brioche Bread Pudding with mango sauce brings this classic to new heights.

Zodiac's menu is so mouth-watering, you may wish you could eat there in the evening.

Sometimes you can. Vernia holds theme wine dinners, where a wine personality presents the

wines. Get on the list to receive an invitation to the next one.

Vernia added that Zodiac is available evenings and on Sundays for private parties, such as baby and wedding showers and for business functions.

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and Italian cookies. Visit Olive Garden's new Web site www.tuscanyolivegarden.com

SOUP'S ON!
Zoup! Fresh Soup Company, a gourmet soup restaurant and carry-out, is adding two new stores to its flagship operation in

Southfield. Construction of a location in the Renaissance Center's new food court in Detroit is nearly complete. Another location is expected to open in September in the 3000 Town Center in Southfield. By the way, Zoup! Fresh Soup Company's

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You might get out of offer to buy

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I recently read your column in the Eccentric Real Estate Showcase.

My husband and I recently signed a formal offer on a home that requires extensive renovation.

Our closing isn't set until a month from now. Is there any way to get out of the deal?

The renovation costs are going to be sky high, but I think we are in this for the long haul.

Depending upon the contingencies which you placed in the agreement, if any, you may have an opportunity to get out of the deal, so to speak, from a legal standpoint.

But this is serious stuff: You must have a lawyer review the contract to see whether any of the contingencies in the contract haven't been met.

If the seller failed to meet one or more of your contingencies, your lawyer will have a talking point when dealing with the seller - and his lawyer.

Otherwise, it is a matter of your negotiating with the seller to work out a settlement, if at all possible, where you can walk away from the deal. Such a deal may involve, of course, compensating the real estate broker, as well as the seller, if there is a broker.

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- ☒ CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



Buyer or seller:

Hear and heed the advice of a pro

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Want to make your Realtor happy? If you're a seller, keep the home clean, uncluttered and ready to show. Listen to what your agent has to say about market analysis and pricing.

If you're a buyer, get pre-approved for a mortgage from a financial institution before you start your search. Listen to what your agent has to say about market analysis and making a timely offer. Sounds simple, right? Most people listen, the professionals say. But some don't. And those folks have trouble.

Edna MacDonald, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Livonia, recalled a recent situation where prospective buyers dallied a bit before making an offer on their dream home and came away empty.

"People waited two days. They knew it was the house they wanted. Two other offers came in. They lost. They just were procrastinating. They were very disappointed," MacDonald said.

Helen McAllister, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington Hills, is familiar with the hesitant buyer syndrome, too.

"Sometimes, they want to see more and more. They don't understand they will lose something they really like," she said.

The moral of the story: When a house grabs you, grab back. Make the offer contingent on a satisfactory inspection report.

Mortgage pre-approval for buyers early in the process is almost mandatory nowadays, said Betty K. Clark, associate broker and office manager for Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in

'If you want a fast sale, it has to be in very good condition. Hire a cleaning lady for the month it takes to sell the house.'

Betty K. Clark

Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl

Walled Lake.

"It's smoother ... no surprises," Clark said. "I don't know of any agent who will allow their seller to accept an offer not pre-approved. They want to make sure the transaction will close - and a happy close."

Sellers can lose out, too. Kathleen Trupiano, a Realtor with Jack Christenson-Orion in Lake Orion, said some sellers fumble the ball when they put more faith in what relatives, friends and neighbors believe their house is worth than professionals.

"Dad always thinks they can get more money for the house than they actually can," Trupiano said.

There's another side to the problem of unrealistic expectations.

"In a listing appointment, the main thing the prospective seller wants to know is, 'What will my home sell for?'" McAllister said. "That's not something you can tell. It will sell for what people will pay. You can tell what houses in the area have sold for."

"They think theirs is better," McAllister added. "It might be, but it doesn't matter. That's what houses are selling for."

The moral of the story: Over-priced houses, for whatever the reason, languish on the market.

"The other thing is the condition of the house," Clark said.

"If you want a fast sale, it has to be in very good condition. Hire a cleaning lady for the month it takes to sell the house."

Why don't some folks listen to their Realtors and make things easier on themselves?

"Nine times out of 10, they don't want to listen to any advice about their home," MacDonald said. "That's their castle."

"They're only going to filter in what they want to hear," Trupiano added.

Jackie Erlandson, an associate broker with Max Broock in West Bloomfield, says communicative clients are the best clients.

"Buyers, sellers and Realtors should all make clear to each other what their expectations are so everybody can help everybody," Erlandson said.

"Try to stay open and focused," she added. "Your Realtor is there to help you. That's the only purpose. The more information you give, the more they can help."

Other practices that make Realtors smile:

■ Open sesame. "It's ideal to have a lock box on the home for easy access. Then, the owner doesn't have to be there or the listing agent." - Pat Allmand, Realtor, Real Estate One, Plymouth.

■ Be true to your agent. "Buyers, I guess, could show some loyalty if a Realtor is putting time, energy and devotion into helping the buyer. That would help a lot." - Erlandson.

Don't let higher rates stymie you

The two most important concepts for homebuyers concerned about the rising interest rates?

One, don't wait, and two, be creative about financing.

Lock in a mortgage as soon as possible. Don't put off buying a home because you think the Federal Reserve will bring rates down in the near future. Mr. (Alan) Greenspan is clear on what he's doing and why, and whether we agree with him or not, this move upward is not likely to be reversed soon.

In an atmosphere of rising rates, both buyers and sellers need "creative" approaches to financing. One tactic is the use of a land contract, where the seller handles financing. Usually a short-term solution, this allows the sale to go forward and gives the buyer time to prepare for a conventional mortgage.

John Townsend, president of MLA Mortgage Inc., suggests asking for "seller concessions," which can be up to 6 percent of the purchase price, and use the concession to at least temporarily buy down the interest rate.

"With a 2-1 buy down, where the interest rates are staggered over a two-year time period, for example, the buyer pays 7.5 percent the first year, 8.5 percent the second year, and 9.5 percent for the balance of the loan. There are up front costs and points associated with this, but if people are concerned about payment amounts, this will help them until interest rates go down and they can refinance or their income increases."

Other strategies:

■ FHA and low- or no-down-payment loans are popular right now, but be aware of the costs of private mortgage insurance. If you bought a home for \$100,000, and took a mortgage of \$97,000, you would have to pay an \$84 a month more, in addition to mortgage, taxes and insurance payment.

■ The loan-to-value-of-the-home can be reduced by paying a little extra each month towards the principal. When the LTV ratio is down to 80 percent or less, the PMI can be dropped. This happens faster when property values are increasing at the same time.

■ Look into adjustable-rate mortgages for low introductory rates. When interest rates do move down, refinancing is always an option.

■ Today's interest rates are really not high but have been so unusually low in the last two years.

■ Interest rates in America are terrific. In Asia, interest rates are 25-30 percent.

Ralph R. Roberts is a Realtor and president of Ralph Roberts Real Estate Inc. in suburban Detroit.

ONE YEAR CHANGE IN STATE HOUSE PRICING

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Utility sets summer tree-trimming

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will be working in July and August to continue efforts to provide safe, reliable electric service.

In July and August, line-clearance crews will continue or begin work in the following communities:

Oakland County: Bloomfield Township, Sylvan Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford Township, West Bloomfield Township.

Township.

Wayne County: Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township.

Detroit Edison maintains a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and power lines. The utility trims an average of 800,000 trees each year to reduce the potential for power outages.

"About two-thirds of power outages are caused by lightning striking trees and strong winds that blow branches and entire trees into our power lines," said Ron May, Detroit Edison vice president, Energy Delivery and Service.

"Now that we're in the summer storm season, we'll soon see the importance of our line-clearance work."

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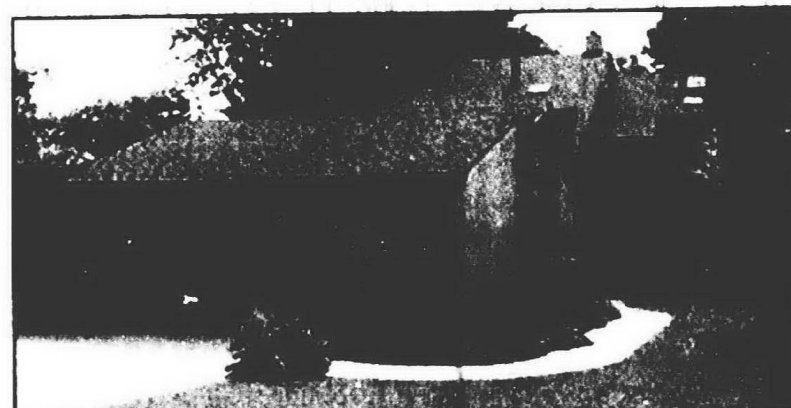
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MOVERS & SHAKERS

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Soils and Materials Engineers in Plymouth announces six appointments.

Truman F. Maxwell, CPA and chief financial officer, has been named a principal of the firm.

He has 35 years experience and is responsible for accounting and financial analysis, business insurance, pension plan administration and cash management. Maxwell holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Mark K. Kramer, P.E., and a group leader, has been named a principal.

He has 10 years experience in geotechnical and environmental evaluations. Kramer holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Arizona State University.

Jeffery M. Krusinga, P.E., G.E. and a senior project engineer, has been named an associate.

He has 10 years experience in geotechnical engineering. Krusinga has bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Michigan.

James M. Less, CIH and senior project consultant, has been named



Osiecki



Bayley



Conroy



Harvey

an associate.

He has 19 years experience and manages environmental, health and safety projects and develops programs for assessment and management of hazardous materials.

Less has a master's degree in industrial hygiene from the Medical College of Ohio and is a Certified Industrial Hygienist.

Michael J. Neuman, P.E., CWI and project engineer, has been named an associate.

He has 23 years experience and is responsible for condition surveys/evaluations and restoration construction management. Neuman has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Wayne State University.

Rohan W. Perera, Ph.D., P.E. and project engineer, has been named an associate.

He has 12 years experience in pavement engineering. Perera holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and a doctorate in civil engineering from Arizona State University.

Matthew J. Osiecki joins CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield. He will specialize in industrial properties in Macomb County.

Osiecki holds a bachelor of arts degree in finance with an emphasis on real estate from Western Michigan University.

Hobbs+Black Architects promotes three to associate.

Alicia Bayley received a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has seven years experience, four with the firm.

Brian Conroy acquired a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame. He has 10 years experience, four with Hobbs+Black.

Bill Harvey, AIA, received master of architecture, bachelor of fine arts in sculpture and bachelor of science in architecture degrees from the University of Michigan. He has 10 years experience, three with the firm.

Guide helps volunteers who manage associations

A surprising number of volunteers are managing their community associations in addition to serving on the boards of those associations. Most of these people are untrained in property management, but volunteer their time because their association is too small, their resources too limited, or because there just simply are not enough professional property managers for the ever-increasing number of community associations, said Jay Polachek of the Community Association Institute. Now there's help in one handy guide that provides an overview of what and who they need know and how to comply with the many laws and ordinances that affect them.

The Community Associations Press, a division of the institute, has published Self-Management: A Guide for the Small Community Association. In it, Ellen Hirsch de Haan, a well-known community association attorney, has pulled together some of the industry's leading experts in all areas of homeowner association management to contribute their expertise. "This is the only place I know of where a volunteer can find a basic overview of just about everything they need to know to run their association from day to day," said de Haan.

There are over 200,000 community associations in the United States, and each year 6,000 to 8,000 new ones are formed. This rate of growth is outpacing the property management industry. Self-management is the only option for many associations, especially the small-

er or newly created associations. But the people who undertake the role are sometimes at risk.

Although competent, some may not realize the scope of the task nor have the expertise they need. "These volunteers have a tremendous responsibility — they not only set policy as board members, but they also have to implement it on a daily basis as managers," said Barbara Byrd Keenan, president of CAI. "In addition, most of them have regular careers they have to tend to while taking care of their communities. This is the perfect book for these busy people."

Self-Management: A Guide for the Small Community Association provides advice on how to work with certain professionals like accountants and attorneys. It covers financial issues including reserves, assessments, insurance, and budgeting. It provides information on practical, everyday needs like maintenance, conducting meetings, and communications.

Perhaps of particular interest to the volunteer are the chapters on complying with the law. Fair debt collection, fair housing, and FCC rules can be serious problems for the uninformed volunteer manager. These chapters provide information on the basics in each of these areas.

Self-Management: A Guide for the Small Community Association is available for \$50 by calling (703) 548-8600, or by visiting CAI's Web site at www.caionline.org. Members of CAI receive a 40-percent discount.

Cost of moving

Homeowners spend 3 times as much as renters

A new survey finds that movers spend \$9,400 on purchases during the three-month relocation period, while renters spend \$3,700.

Conducted by a Web company and Boston-based Atlantic Marketing Research, the survey polled 22,000 relocating Americans and yielded an average response rate of 4.1 percent. Movecentral.com president and CEO Rick Libby presents the results as spending guidelines for relocating Americans to follow throughout

the 90 day relocation process.

"Most people don't realize how much they'll spend during the course of a move," says Libby. "Our survey reveals how and where people spend their money, making it easier for them to plan a budget that anticipates surprises."

The survey found the following:

■ During 1998 and 1999, 42 million Americans moved, spending \$102 billion on move-related goods.

■ Homeowners spent an average of

\$9,400 on purchases; renters spent \$3,700.

■ 15 percent of homeowners and 12 percent of renters stated that they bought a computer within the 8 weeks surrounding their move; homeowners spent an average of \$2,160, and renters spent \$1,340.

■ 12 percent of all moving homeowners bought a car; 66 percent of these carbuyers made the purchase within four weeks after moving.

■ 57 percent of owners and 37 per-

cent of renters bought furniture within the 12 weeks surrounding their move; owners spent an average of \$3,500 and renters spent \$1,220.

■ 35 percent of owners and 40 percent of renters bought bedding; of these individuals, 72 percent did so within three after their move. Owners spent an average of \$420 and renters \$240.

■ 55 percent of moving homeowners purchase at least one appliance when they move, and 57 percent of homeowners buy furniture.

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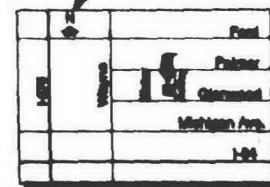
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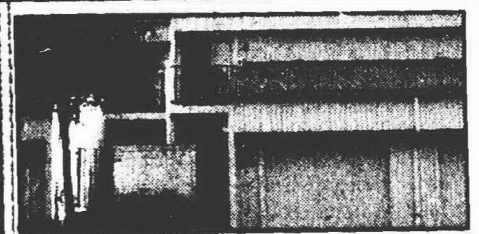
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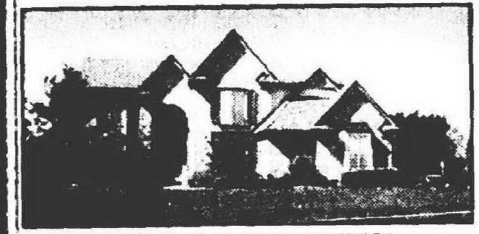
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is, 870 Main, Clawson.

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Standard Federal Bank and the
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class on how to select and finance a
home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July
15, at Dorsey Community Center,
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Red Carpet Keim Reliable hosts a
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Sunday, July 16, at the Farmington
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Cost is \$10, which includes a credit
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Approved Mortgages sponsors a
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BANKERS CONVENTION

The Mortgage Bankers Association

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Registration for members is \$300
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To live the easy life, clean up your gas grill before cooking

(NU) - Don't forget that your gas
grill needs regular maintenance. An
annual inspection and cleaning of its
main components will promote trou-
ble-free and safe operation.

Using your owner's manual as a
guide, here are some suggestions to
keep your gas grill in top condition:

■ Clean the grill. Remove the hood,
grates, racks and burners. Clean all
inside surfaces with a commercial
grill cleaner or strong solution of
degreasing detergent and water.
Clean outside surfaces with mild
cleaner, rinse and allow to dry before
using.

■ Replace briquettes. For efficient
heat distribution, replace the ceramic

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tion, replace the ceramic bri-
quettes each year.

briquettes each year. If your grill has
old-style lava rocks, replace them with
ceramic briquettes to help distribute
heat more evenly and prevent flare-
ups.

■ Clean the burner. Clean the out-
side with a grill cleaner or strong
detergent solution. Use a garden hose
with a spray nozzle to send a thin
stream of water into the burner.
Water should come out of every hole
in the burner; if it doesn't, open

clogged holes with a thin wire. Wait
until the burner is dry before
reassemble. Replace the burner if
there are large cracks or holes.

■ Check for leaks. Always work out-
doors when checking for gas leaks,
and keep burning or smoldering mat-
terial away from the grill. Make a 50/50
mixture of dishwashing soap and
water. Connect the grill's gas line to
the tank. Turn the gas on at the tank,
and off at the control valve. Wipe the
soapy water on the tank valve, tank
welds, regulator, line and grill control
valves. Growing bubbles indicate a
leak. Turn the gas off and retighten
all connections. Test again. If bubbles
reappear, take the grill in for repair. If

the grill is leaking from a defective
part, don't use the grill until the part
has been replaced.

■ Check the ignition. Shut off the
gas at the tank. Press the ignition
button four to five times. Each time
the button is pressed, look for a blue
spark between the ignite and elec-
trode and the burner. If no spark is
visible, check for moisture around the
electrode. Also make sure the igniter
lead wire is connected.

■ Inspect the gas control. Even if
the grill has a working ignition, light
it with a long fireplace match. Turn
the gas on at the tank. Light the
match and hold it near the burner.
Keep your body away from the grill

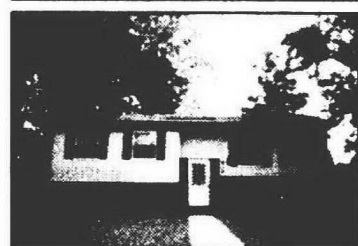
and turn on the control valve. A flame
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size. When you turn the control valve
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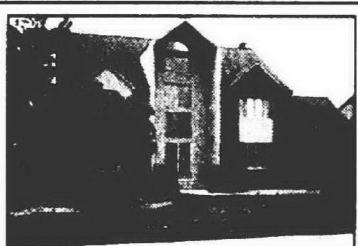
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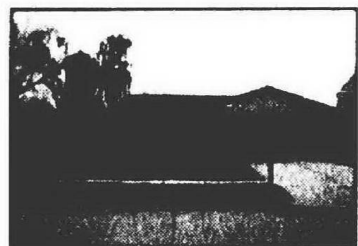
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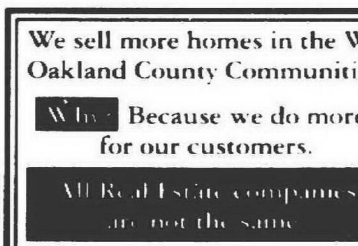
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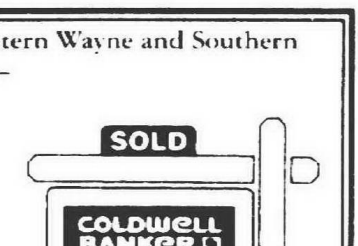
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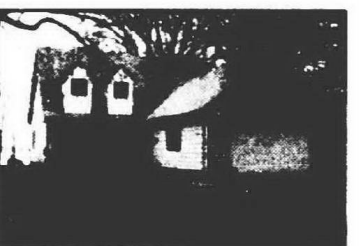
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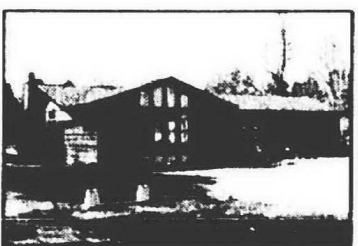
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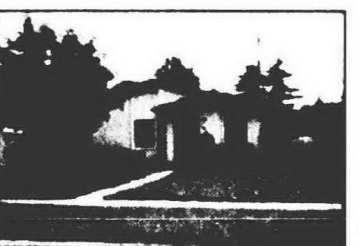
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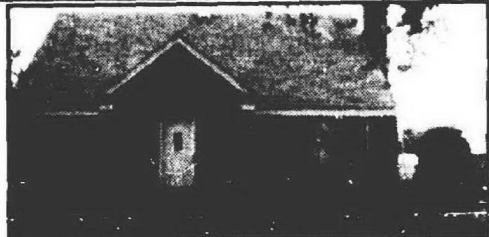
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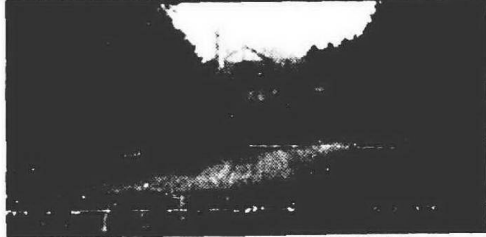
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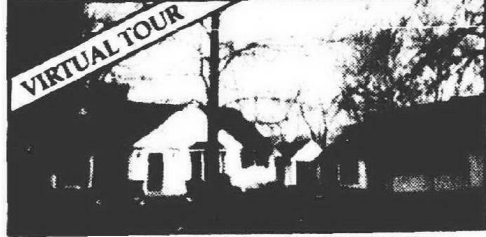
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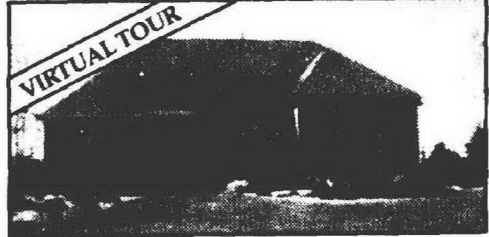
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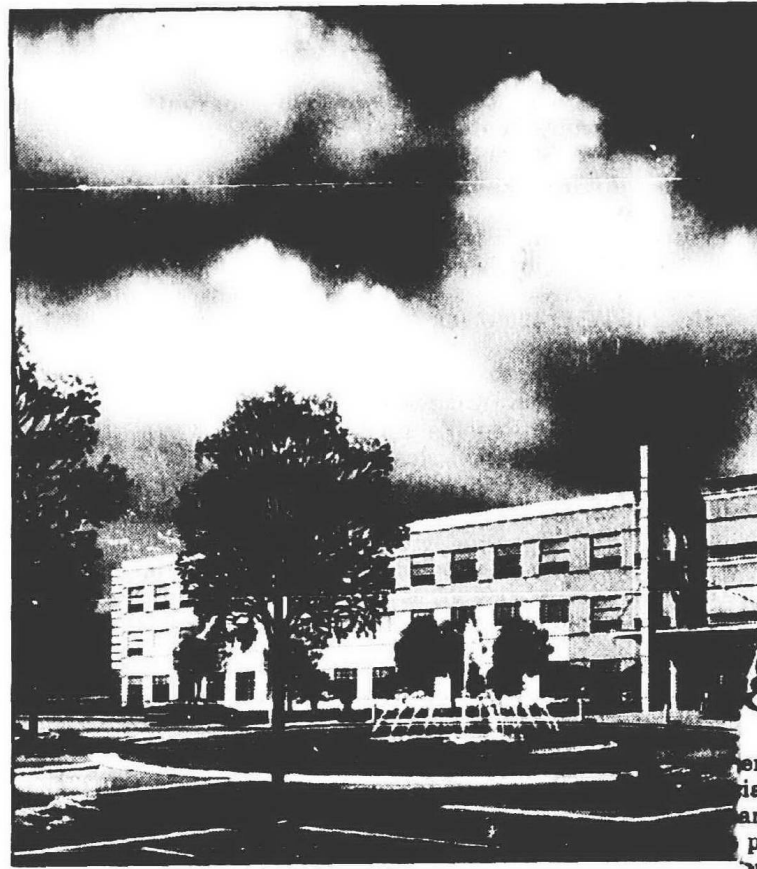


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Concept Center: Clayco Construction of Livonia will build for a 300,000-square-foot office campus near 14 Mile and Troy.

Livonia firm putting

Becker Ventures L.L.C. plans to develop a three-building office complex of nearly 300,000 square feet on a 16-1/2-acre site near the intersection of 14 Mile and Stephenson in Troy.

Clayco Construction, with a regional office in Livonia, will serve as design/build general contractor on the \$30 million project known as Troy Concept Center.

Becker Group, a global supplier of plastic components and systems, will lease a portion of the development for its headquarters and design and engineering operations.

The rest of the space will be offered for lease.

All three buildings will be constructed simultaneously, with completion projected for spring 2001.

The internal steel frame buildings will be constructed of articulated architectural tilt-up concrete

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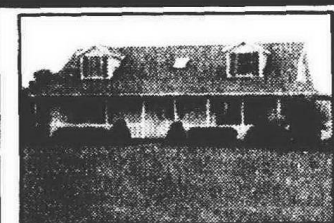
will have 14-foot, clear-height ceilings to permit use as showroom, display or flexible engineering space.

All buildings will have a fiber optic communications spine as well as state-of-the-art climate control and mechanical systems including zoned heating and air conditioning with direct digital controls and enhanced electrical service.

The campus will be centered by a fountain landscape and host extensive plantings of trees, shrubs and flowers. Surface parking will include spaces for 1,148 cars.

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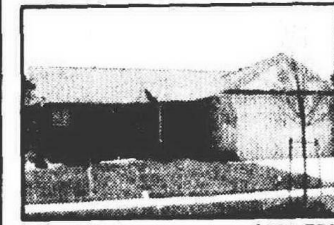
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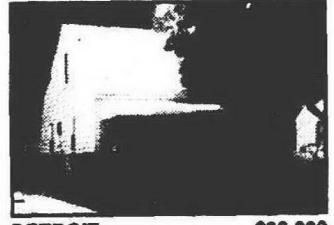
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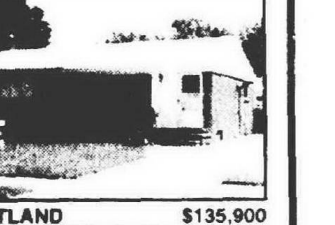
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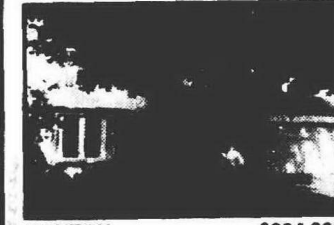
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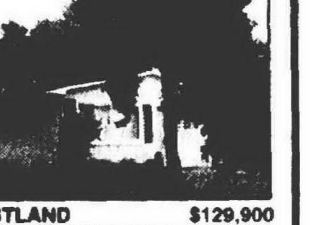
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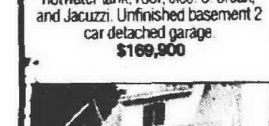
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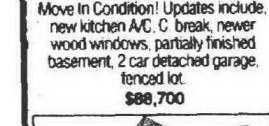
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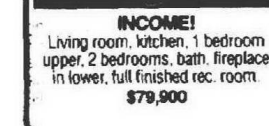
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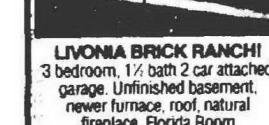
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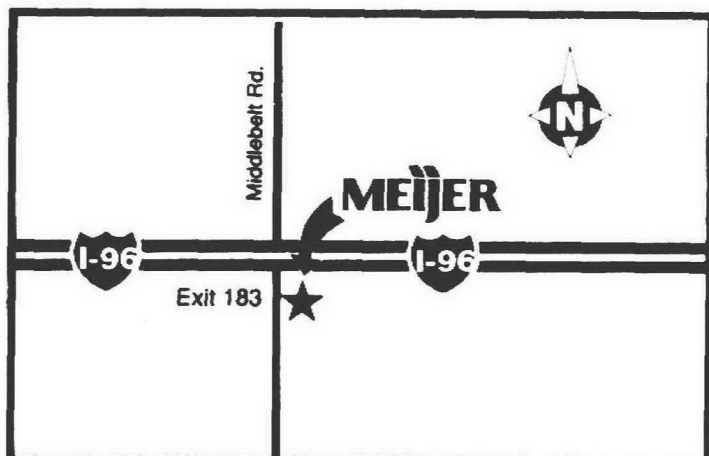
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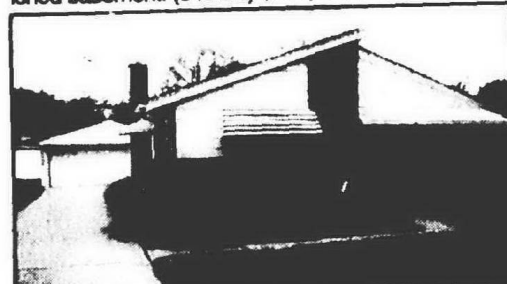
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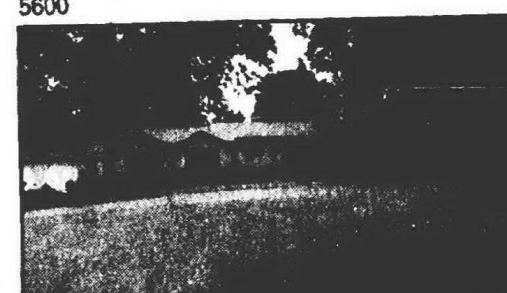
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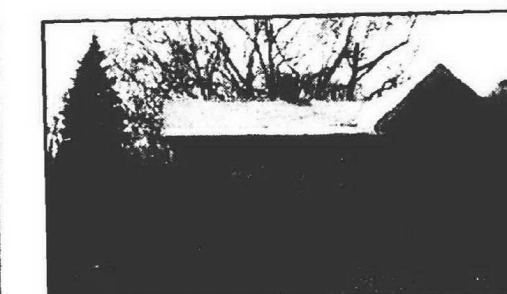
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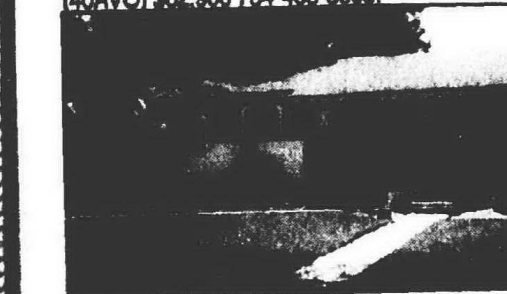
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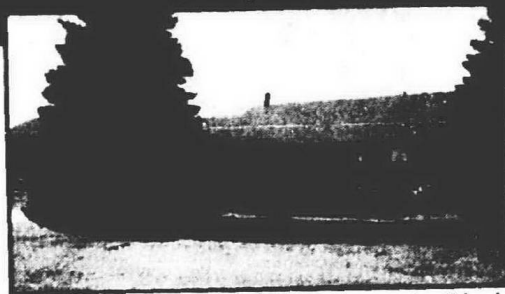
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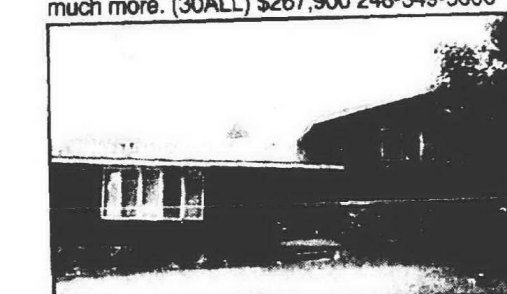
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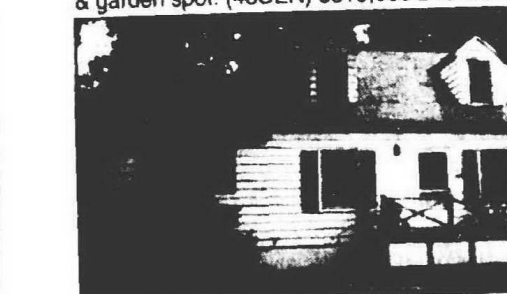
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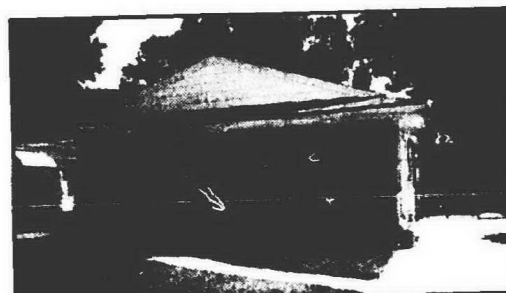
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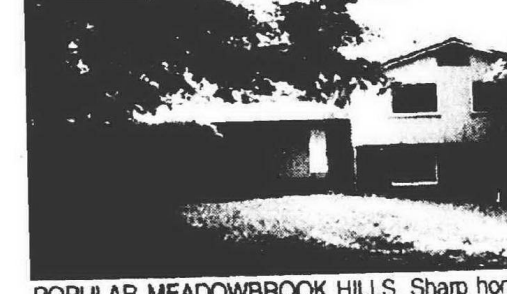
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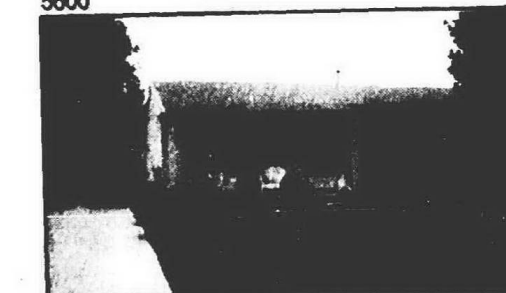
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