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Campers get royal treatment

Valerie Miller studied the dark cherrywood locker that Grant Hill occupies during the National Basketball Association season at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Finally, after a few tantalizing moments, she touched it.

"I'm never going to wash my hands again," said Valerie, who'll be a fifth-grader at Erickson Elementary this fall. "I don't care if my hands turn green or fall off."

She was one of about 30 Canton summer campers to visit the home of the Detroit Pistons Friday. According to Director Debby Bradley, this year's camp has been a smashing success.

"I want it to be a memorable childhood experience for the kids," she said. "I think they're all having a good time."

The program began in mid-June and runs until Aug. 14. Each week, campers get a chance to make arts and crafts, swim, play games and socialize with their peers at the Summit.

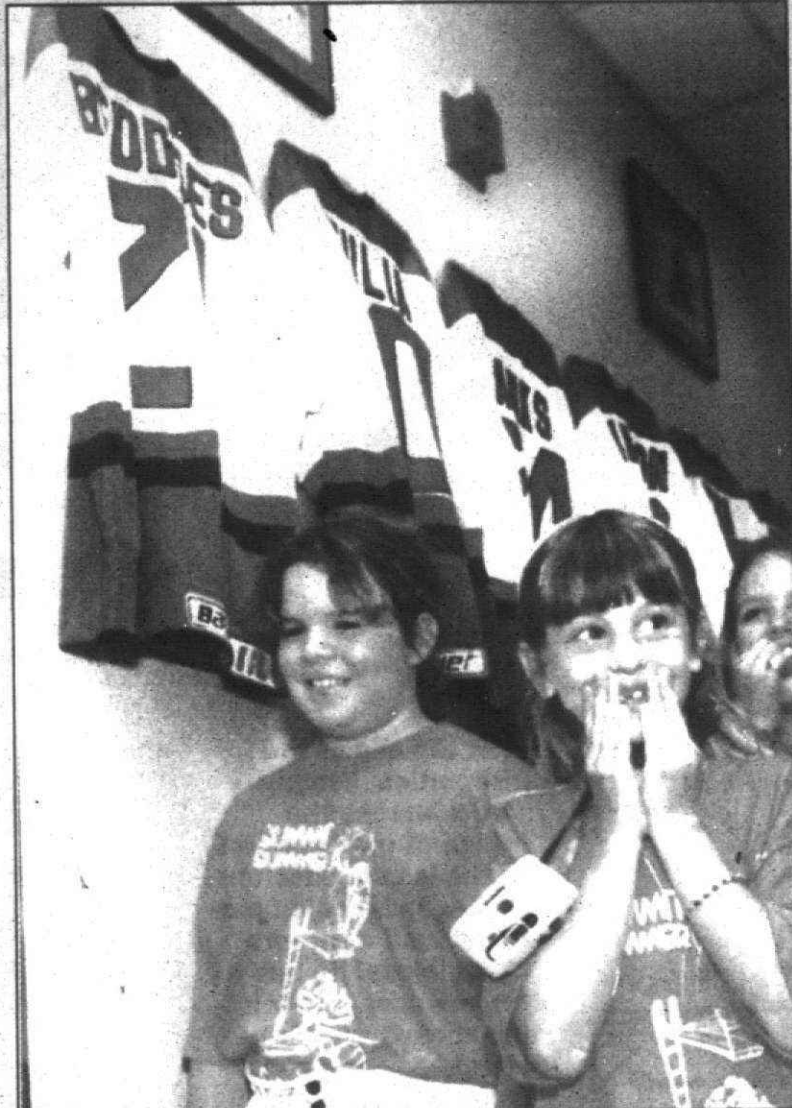
"It's absolutely excellent," Canton resident Marie Huddleston said. "The program offers something for everyone."

Her 8-year-old son, Rick, was finishing up his week as a camper with the field trip. Huddleston said she would likely enroll him again next summer.

"He just loves it," she said. "He

Please see **DAY CAMP**, A3

On the Palace tour



Wow! Megan Greve (left) and Jenny Mason check out the Vipers locker room at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Friday field trips have become a highlight of the Canton parks and recreation summer day camp program.

Project denied public money

■ The Canton Township board said Tuesday that Burton Katzman will have to foot the entire bill for its planned mega development on Ford Road at I-275.



If the 124-acre mega development planned for the southeast corner of Ford Road and I-275 is to become reality, developers will have to build it without public funds.

Burton-Katzman Development Company wanted \$3.2 million in municipal bonds to get the project off the ground. It would pay for an interior road network and stormwater management system.

On Tuesday the Canton Board of Trustees adopted a "sense of the Board" resolution denying any public assistance for the project, despite a request by Peter Burton to postpone the decision.

The \$150 million project is said to include a multiplex theater, upscale

Please see **DEVELOPMENT**, A16

Candidates trade jabs in House race



With the Aug. 4 primary election only weeks away, the race for the 21st District state House seat is heating up in a battle between Republican candidates Bruce Patterson and Patricia Fatma. Democratic candidate Ray Bailey of Van Buren is running unopposed.

A war of words was first waged on the editorial page of the Canton Observer with various letters to the editor, however, the duel has now moved to paid advertisements.

Patterson ran a full-page ad in the Canton and Plymouth Observers on Sunday, July 12, criticizing political campaigns underlined with negative personal attacks. The Wayne County commissioner now seeking state office vowed not to engage in such campaign tactics.

Patterson said his ad was in response to another ad that ran in the Community Crier July 8. "Canton Voter Alert! Say no to the Bruce

Please see **HOUSE RACE**, A2

Appeals court sides with school district

The Plymouth-Canton School District has won another battle in its court fight with Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva to sell \$79.6 million in bonds to build a third high school, an elementary school, as well as buy buses and computers. However, it could be another year before it can win the war ... actually selling the bonds and beginning construction.

A three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel last Friday ruled unanimously in favor of the March 1997 bond election, saying the school district did nothing illegal in passing the bond issue.

However, the war is expected to continue as Vorva said "barring some exceptional element that I'm not aware of, I don't see what's going to stop me" from asking for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals or requesting the Michigan Supreme Court hear the case.

After meeting Tuesday with his

BOND SUIT

attorney Stephen Boak of Plymouth, Vorva said they will decide within the court-mandated 21 days which route to take.

In his suit, Vorva claims that with 716 spoiled ballots on a new touch-screen voting machine, voters were "denied their fundamental right to vote."

In its ruling, the Court of Appeals upheld a Wayne County Circuit Court decision, thereby dismissing all counts of Vorva's complaint.

In the four-page opinion, the three appeals court judges said "the Board of Canvassers conducted an examination of the voting machines and concluded that there were no defects or mechanical malfunctions and plaintiff (Vorva) has presented no evidence to the con-

Please see **BOND SUIT**, A12

Lots of legs and a few wheels



Race Day in the Park: Runners, walkers and some entrants using other modes of transportation round the bend in Heritage Park during the fifth annual run on Saturday. One person even covered the five-mile course on in-line skates. More than 300 participants were expected to take part in the event, which included a half-mile fun run for younger participants and a three-mile walk as well.

Attorney: Pain killers played role in incident

Pain killers may have affected a former Plymouth Whaler facing a felony assault charge for swinging his stick at an opponent, his attorney said.

Former Whaler Jesse Boulерice pled not guilty Tuesday to an assault charge stemming from a stick swinging incident during an April 17 playoff game.

After the arraignment in Plymouth's 35th District Court, Boulерice's attorney Jim Howarth said the player had taken "strong pain killers" before the game as he was playing with a broken hand in a cast.

"Sometimes under those circumstances you might not be in control," Howarth said.

The maximum penalty on the charge, assault with intent to do great bodily harm is 10 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Howarth said Boulерice would do jail time only "over my dead body."

Boulерice, 19, entered the courtroom with his girlfriend Heather and his

WHALERS

parents. The 6-1 235-pound forward wore a beige shirt and dark pants. Judge Ron Lowe, presiding over the arraignment, said he was a Whalers season ticket holder. "I didn't think that was any kind of a conflict of interest," he said.

Lowe scheduled a preliminary exam on the charge for July 27, before Judge John MacDonald. Howarth asked for the exam to be delayed to give him time to prepare. "I haven't seen the video tape," the attorney said.

Lowe said Howarth could seek a rescheduling of the preliminary exam with Judge MacDonald.

The stick swinging resulted in facial injuries to former Guelph Storm player Andrew Long, 19.

In investigating the incident, Ply-

Please see **HOCKEY INCIDENT**, A2

Hockey incident from page A1

mouth Township police said Boulerice - known as a feisty player with 170 penalty minutes in 53 games - was playing with a broken hand set in a cast.

During one shift, Boulerice was checked by Long into the boards behind a goal, and banged his head into the boards. There was a short pushing and shoving match.

The players separated. Then, "Defendant Boulerice grabbed his hockey stick at the end of the handle and with both hands swung his stick at victim Long," according to the police report prepared for the prosecutor.

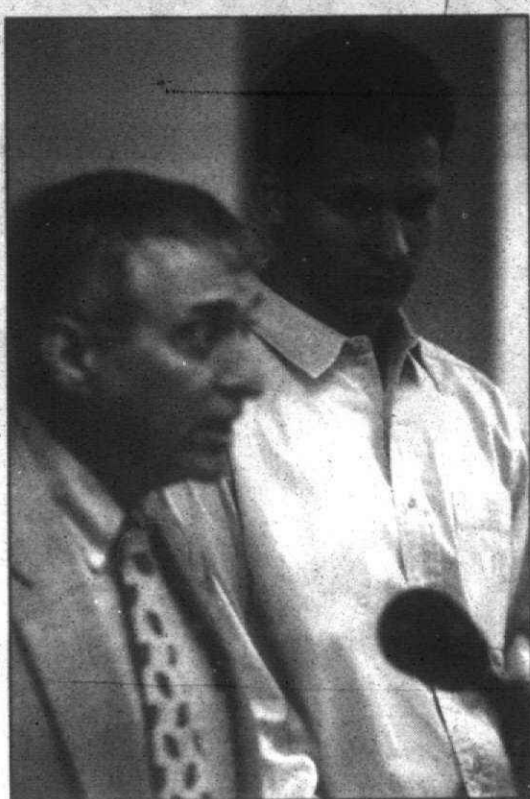
A videotape of the game shows the stick striking Long in the face. Long, struck across the bridge of the nose, fell to the ice unconscious. He began bleeding profusely and went into convulsions. He had a broken nose, broken nasal cavity, broken cheekbone and a cut from his nose to his lip requiring 20 stitches.

Long also had a blood spot on his brain. Boulerice was ejected from the game. Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch suspended him for one year.

Since the incident, Boulerice was drafted by the NHL Philadelphia Flyers, and assigned to the American Hockey League Philadelphia Phantoms.

According to the Plymouth Township police report, AHL President Dave Andrews said he would honor the OHL suspension, but limited the suspension to 12-15 games.

Plymouth Township police Sgt. Jim Jarvis said that in investigating the case he's talked to Long, who said his rehabilitation program is going well.



Arraigned: Former Plymouth Whaler Jesse Boulerice (right) in 35th District Court Tuesday with his attorney, Jim Howarth. Boulerice has pleaded not guilty to an assault charge stemming from a stick-swinging incident in an April 17 playoff game at Compuware Arena.

"He (Boulerice) feels terrible about the injury," Howarth said, adding the former Whaler called Long to express concern soon after the incident.

Boulerice was released without having to post bond. Should he fail to appear for future court appearances, a \$10,000 personal bond would be levied.

Howarth said Boulerice is expected to go to training camp with the Philadelphia Flyers in September.

He predicted a trial wouldn't happen until next year. As felony assault charges stemming from athletic competi-

tion are rare, there have been 25-30 calls from around the country to Plymouth Township police, seeking information on the case, Lt. Robert Smith said.

At the end of the altercation, Long, struck across the bridge of the nose, fell to the ice unconscious. He began bleeding profusely and went into convulsions. He had a broken nose, broken nasal cavity, broken cheekbone and a cut from his nose to his lip requiring 20 stitches.



Ad wars: Bruce Patterson said he took out an ad in Sunday's Observer (right) in response to an ad that ran last week in the Community Crier. That advertisement, which was paid for by Jerry Vorva, call a local road tax proposal on the Aug. 4 ballot "the Bruce Patterson Road Tax." Vorva supports Patricia Fatyma, who is running against Patterson in the Republican Primary for state representative in the 21st District.

House race from page A1

Patterson road tax and no to Bruce Patterson for state Rep., it said.

The ad was paid for by former state Rep. Jerry Vorva. Fatyma served as Vorva's legislative aid during his term in office.

"Vorva was unavailable for comment. "No. I didn't know until the ad ran. I guess I just thought, 'Oh well, you know Jerry.' I'm just glad he likes me. Jerry Vorva is one that says what's on his mind," Fatyma said.

Vorva has been better known of late for suing the Plymouth-Canton School District for a 2-mill tax hike proposal for a 2-mill tax hike to pay for local road improvements.

Patterson favored the tax hike. Fatyma said she will be voting against it. "I think Bruce is prickly right now because of all the bawling he did at the county level and now we need extra tax dollars," said Fatyma. "After all, he was on the roads committee for the commission. Why wasn't he bringing us home the money?"

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Patricia Fatyma, candidate for state rep

ton Township."

"The Bruce Patterson road tax" is a reference to Canton's ballot proposal for a 2-mill tax hike to pay for local road improvements.

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During Patterson's three years as commissioner he has been a vocal opponent of the county administration when it came to the fair distribution of road dollars. As a township, Canton is dependent on the county for road maintenance since its state gas tax revenue goes directly to the county.

Patterson said the road maintenance issue is about "the lack of accountability" and he's simply directed his concerns at the county. However, he called himself a "realist" when it comes to repairing the ill-fated roads, which is why he supports the tax hike, Patterson said.

The tax hike will cost the average homeowner of a \$150,000 house about \$150 a year for eight years.

The 21st District includes most of Canton Township, the city of Belleville, and Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

CLARIFICATION

An article in the July 9 Canton Observer stated that sewage spilled into the water system because of a break in the main on Canton Center Road. While the break did occur Tuesday, sewage didn't leak into the system.

Residents of Glengary subdivision reported yellowish-brown water flowing from their taps. This was caused by dirt in the system, according to Canton Engineering Services Director Tom Casari.

The problem lasted for a few hours Wednesday, but was repaired.

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Day camp from page A1

loves coming here every morning." The program is in its third year. Jennifer Varajon, Canton recreation specialist, said it has evolved over the years.

"We didn't use to go on field trips every Friday," she commented.

Besides the Palace, campers have been to Maybury State Park and Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad this far. Trips are planned for the Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village.

"It has been our most successful program this summer," Varajon said. "Parents have been very pleased."

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Canton residents pay \$110 for a week while non-residents are charged \$120.

Bradley said most campers are

from the township. But kids from Plymouth and Westland have also taken part, she added.

Varajon said the camp has been full each week. She has had to create a waiting list, in fact.

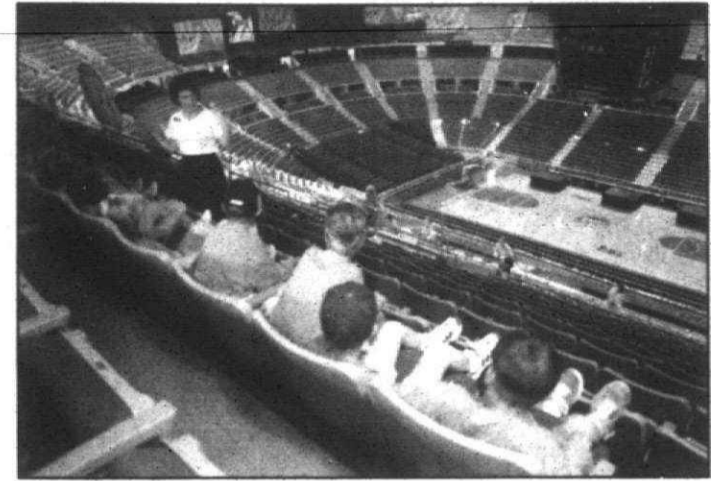
"We're thinking about expanding next year," Varajon said. The day actually begins at 7 a.m. with pre-camp care.

Regular activities start at 9 a.m. with campers working on arts and crafts projects.

Mallory Phipps, a 9-year-old Bentley Elementary student, said she made a change purse and several pennants.

"We play in the gym a lot, too," she added. After lunch, campers, who are in the second to fifth grade age range, listen to a chapter book reading and participate in numerous athletic activities.

Campers spend over an hour



Small crowd: Judy Wargo gives facts and figures about the Palace as Canton day campers relax in upper level seats. The Auburn Hills arena is home to the NBA's Detroit Pistons, the Detroit Vipers Hockey team and the Detroit Shock of the WNBA.

Middle school bond cost pegged at about \$20 yearly

A new middle school in Canton will cost homeowners in the Plymouth-Canton school district as much money per year as a steak dinner at a fancy restaurant.

School Superintendent Chuck Little revealed at Tuesday night's school board meeting the district will be seeking an \$18,810,000 bond issue to build a new middle school at Hanford and Canton Center roads in Canton.

Little said the cost to taxpayers will be 0.2 mills, or \$20 a year for every \$100,000 of state equalized value of the property.

If a home is assessed at \$200,000 by the city or township, the state equalized value - or the amount from which taxes are figured - is half that amount, or \$100,000.

A homeowner with a \$200,000 house in the school district will pay \$20 a year for the next 25 years to pay for the new middle school.

The district is planning an Oct. 3 bond proposal to build a new middle school to replace Lowell Middle School. The lease with the Livonia School District is being terminated after 18 years of renting the building. School officials want a new middle school ready by August 2000, the same time the lease at Low-

ell expires. The bond proposal includes \$500,000 to purchase up to 10 new buses; \$600,000 for furniture and desks, and \$775,000 for technology, which will include computers in the classrooms.

"The state treasury department did approve our application and will allow us to bond the project for about 25 years," said Little. "The buses will be paid off within seven years and the furniture in 10 years as required by law."

School administrators are working to put plans together before the bond vote. Anticipating a victory, they want to be ready to sell the bonds as soon as possible after the vote and begin construction in time to be in the building by August 2000.

In order to meet the timeline demands, the district decided to hire a construction manager to handle the project.

"This is the only way we feel you have a ghost of a chance at being in the building in accordance with the schedule you've presented us with," said Chuck Bisel of FOCUS/Facility Consulting. "Hiring a construction manager could mean the difference of two or three months."

And the district doesn't have

in the Summit's pool each afternoon. That suits Gallimore Elementary second grader Jeremy Kelm just fine. He said it's the best part of the day.

"Me and my friend have a race in the pool and go down the water slide," Jeremy said with a smile.

Post camp care is provided from 4 to 6 p.m. "All day long," Bradley said, "it's fun, fun, fun."

Fun is definitely what the campers had Friday in their visit to the Palace. A big orange school bus carrying the youngsters pulled into the arena just before 11 a.m. For about 90 minutes, campers were shown the inner workings of the Palace.

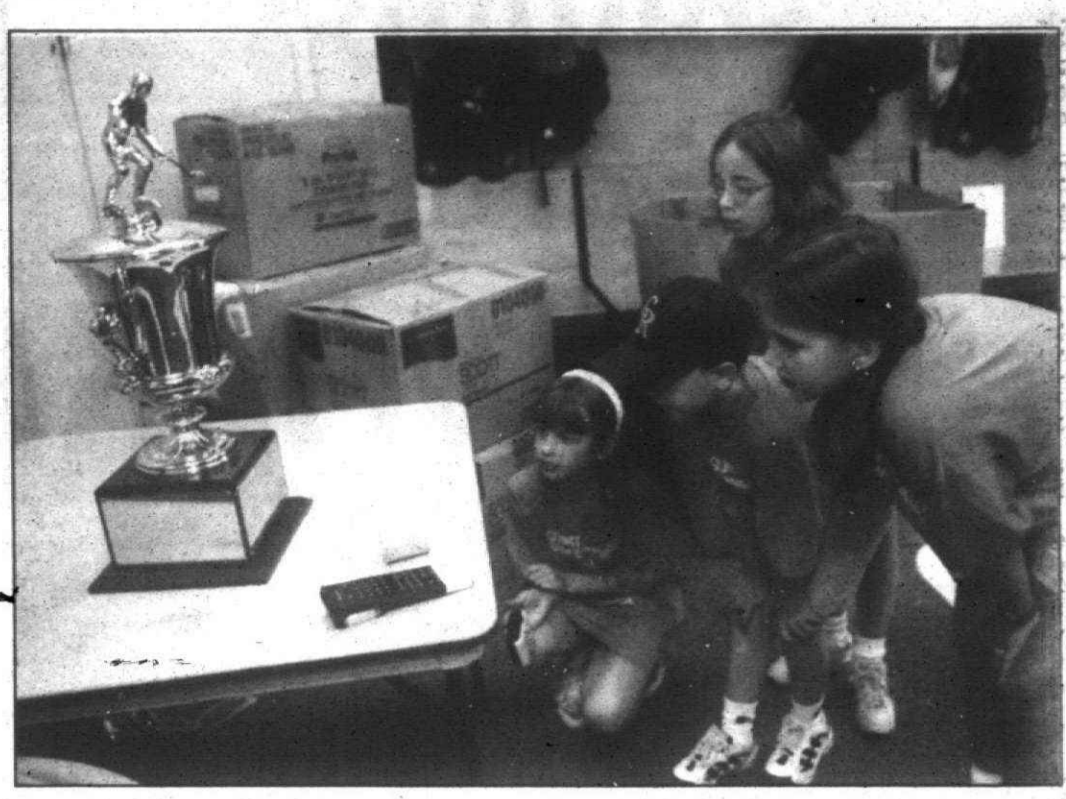
The tour began with a stop by the owner's luxury suite. Campers checked out the big-screen television and leather couch as well as sitting in the accompanying arena seats.

"It's cool seeing it from this view," Jeremy Kelm said. Judy Wargo conducted the tour. She said it's not uncommon to have three to four groups like the Canton campers visit each day during the summer.

"We're not as busy during the school year," Wargo said. "But they're keeping us very busy right now."

From there, the tour headed downstairs to the first floor. Campers got a peek of the visitors' locker room and then walked onto the basketball court. A few looked up into the stands while others shot imaginary jump shots at a basket.

Just before noon, the tour hit the Detroit Vipers locker room. Campers even got to meet one of the International Hockey League



Nice centerpiece: A trophy awarded to the Detroit Vipers hockey team draws admiring stares from some of the group.

team's players. "Cool," said one wide-eyed youngster.

Megan Greve was a little nervous about the whole thing. "It was very scary," the seven-year-old said. "You never thought you'd really get to meet one."

Editing room. Next, it was a stop by TV editing room. Campers were shown how basketball games are shot from different camera angles and how they're spiced up with graphical information.

The tour closed with a visit to the Pistons locker room and a walk through the team's hall of fame.

Seven-year-old Brittany Bartkowiak enjoyed the tour. She said the camp, in general, has been a lot of fun.

"I think it's pretty cool," Brittany said. Counselors had fun, too.

But campers aren't the only ones having fun. Kim Adler, one of four counselors with the program, said it has been a treat for her, too.

"These are really great kids," she added. "It's really easy to get attached to them."

An Eastern Michigan University education student, Adler is in her second summer with the program. Friday field trips are the biggest hit with the kids, she said. "They were so excited to come here," Adler said of the group's day at the Palace.

For more information about the Summit Summer Camp or to register your child, call (734) 397-5110.

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Charges likely in crash

Charges are likely to be filed against a Taylor woman after she allegedly hit a pedestrian at a Wendy's restaurant, 40450 Michigan Avenue and then fled in her 1997 Plymouth Breeze Sunday afternoon.

According to witnesses, two women were arguing and throwing trash at a man in the parking lot of the restaurant. After the man walked away, the women got into a red Plymouth and sped off, hitting a second man who was walking around the building.

The driver was described as a white female with blond hair in her 30s or 40s.

Police officers reported arriving at the scene and finding the man lying on his back with a pool of blood around his head.

Two witnesses said the accident looked intentional, two others said the woman driver attempted to swerve.

Canton Fire Rescue brought

COP CALLS

Burglary
A 44-year-old Westland man at Annapolis Hospital where he was listed in stable condition as of Sunday.

Drug bust
A 1982 Ford Mustang was seized under the Operation Push Off program by Canton police Monday night.

Police spotted the car traveling westbound on Warren, west of Beck, driving at a speed of 64 mph in a 45 mph zone. The Mustang backed up on Warren and squealed into a driveway, where witnesses saw two men bail out and run through nearby woods.

Officer said the car's engine was still running and the tires were smoking.

Police found 3.5 grams of suspected marijuana and \$101 in cash in the car's ashtray.

The furnace and humidifier at both homes on the 1700 block of Brookdale were stolen after being recently installed in the homes. Each unit costs about \$1,700. The homes are being built by Copper Creek Development.

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CANTON CONNECTION

New police officers, PSSO

The Public Safety Department has added three new patrol officers and one new PSSO (public safety service officer) to its roster.

Officers Craig Wilsher, 25, of Detroit, Erik Kaledas, 23, of Garden City and Brandon Smith, 20, of Plymouth Township were recently hired as patrol officers. Elizabeth Innes, 20, of Plymouth Township was hired for the position of PSSO.

Wilsher was employed as a police officer with the city of Detroit before joining Canton. He holds an associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College and is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Kaledas earned both associate of arts and bachelor of science degrees from Ferris State University. He also is MLEOTC certified.

Smith earned an associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College and is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Innes is attending Madonna University and is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Road to Quality

A series of informational meetings on the proposed road millage is under way this month. Canton residents will have the opportunity to hear more about the "Road to Quality '98" program and have their questions answered about Canton's millage proposal. Voters will be asked to pay an additional 2-mill tax for road improvements on the Aug. 4 primary ballot.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will host the meeting. Aaron Machnik, director of municipal services, Tom Casari, township engineer, and several members of the board of trustees will also attend.

The series opened Wednesday at Hoben School. Other scheduled meetings will be held July 22 at Hulsing Elementary, 8055 Fleet St.; and July 29 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 397-5472.

Grand opening

A free taste test and a chance to see an Indy race car up close are the highlights of Saturday's grand opening of Picnic Basket Market, 49471 Ann Arbor Road at Ridge Road.

The event runs from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and is open to the public, said market owner Al Jonna.

"We are a gourmet fruit and vegetable market with a deli, full-service meat counter and ready-to-eat take-out meals," Jonna said. The market, which also carries an extensive selection of beer and wine, is in a refurbished building adjacent to a new Arbor Drug Store.

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Area chiefs support county jail millage

One year ago, Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocis and Westland Police Chief Emery Price criticized what they believed was Wayne County's lack of jail space for misdemeanor prisoners from the suburban communities and rising costs associated with housing those prisoners in outcounty jails.

"They even went so far as to oppose the renewal of a county jail millage to fund the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck."

After months of discussions with county officials and finally

reaching a compromise, the chiefs now support the millage's renewal.

"We met with them several times over several months, and (Wayne County) agreed to a four-year renewal (instead of 10)," Price said. "They will continue to work on expanding a court tethering program and act as a repository for our prisoners."

Aug. 4 ballot

Voters will be asked on Aug. 4 to renew the 0.95 mills for jail operations of the Dickerson facility for four years. That will cost

the owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 about \$48 a year.

The proposal will allow Wayne County to use the funds for jail acquisition, construction or operations, including misdemeanor prisoners, juvenile incarceration or detention facilities. It also funds adult penalty options, such as work release, home detention and community restitution with at least one-tenth of the mill used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

The millage was approved by voters in 1988.

Price and Kocis served on a jail millage committee as representatives of the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected officials from 18 communities. The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police also has endorsed the millage.

Compromise

In exchange for the chiefs' support, the county's Department of Community Justice and Wayne County Sheriff's Department will seek cheaper outcounty facilities to house misdemeanor prisoners and ordinance violators, and

expand a tethering program.

Neither chief is certain how the county's role as a central repository will work. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the jail registry employees are examining that issue.

Ficano hopes the misdemeanor issue will be worked out. "You want to send out the right message that if you (commit a misdemeanor), something will happen to you," Ficano said.

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, doesn't know whether Wayne County will get a better rate for communities, but officials will try, he said. "We'll find

out," Duggan said.

Duggan believes Wayne County's use of the Dickerson Facility is a large part of why major crime has declined in the county.

Felons are being locked up, which has amounted to a 12 percent decline in crime in Wayne County, Duggan said, citing figures from the Michigan State Police. That amounts to a 20 percent average decline of felonies in western Wayne County since 1991, he said. Of those, Canton showed a 13 percent decline; Livonia, 19.6 percent; Redford,

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Learning Center opens fall registration

The Learning Center at Madonna University is accepting applications for fall term which begins Monday, Sept. 21. Enrollment is limited. Early application is advised to allow time for student assessment before classes begin.

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SC classes set to start Aug. 27

Schoolcraft College is registering for the fall semester. Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 27.

Registration can be done by phone, mail and in person. Registration forms are available at the admissions office. New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

This fall marks the beginning of several new offerings. The mathematics department will offer introductory classes on computers using interactive instruction software (listed in the schedule as CBM) in a redesigned computer classroom.

The first students in the Schoolcraft Scholars Honors Program will begin their studies incorporating community-based experiences.

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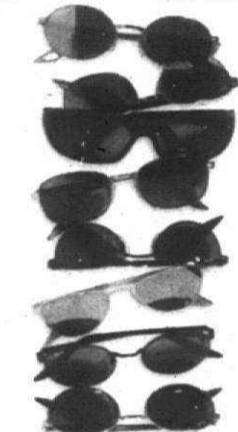
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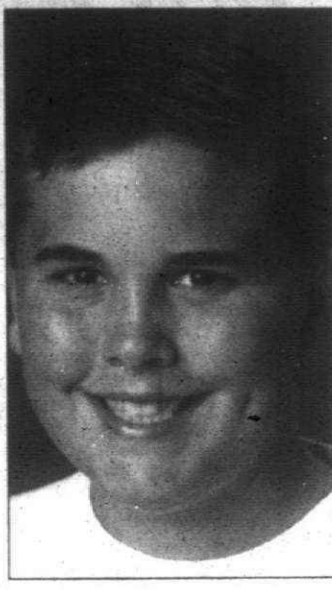
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NATHAN VANBYNEN
Nathan VanBynen, 12, delivers the Canton Observer in the Franklin & Palmer subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since January, 1997. The East Middle School seventh-grader's favorite subjects are math, science and art. His hobbies are water skiing and rollerblading. He is an honor roll student and has won the Mathematics Award and Academic Achievement Award. Nathan wants to finish school and go to college to be a doctor. Keeping busy, earning money and meeting new people are some of the things he likes about his route. Managing money and keeping records are some of the skills he has developed. Nathan is the son of Randy and Ellen VanBynen. He has one sister, Nicole, 18.



Nathan VanBynen

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Dealerships feel GM strike squeeze

General Motors has given indication to its union workers it's preparing for the long haul as strikes at two Flint parts plants continues well into its second month.

Not only are the workers affected by the strikes, but so are GM's dealerships.

Area car dealers say they have limited inventory, and they're closely watching the daily news in hopes of a settlement.

"We're concerned and following the situation day to day," said John Jeannotte, general manager of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC Truck in Plymouth Township. "Hopefully, we'll get better news soon."

Jeannotte said his dealership is "somewhat all right, however the real problem is that we're not able to replace what we sell." Jeannotte's inventories are at a 30-day supply, which isn't too bad.

"The summer months are good selling periods, but we traditionally have a lull in July," he said. "We have a limited supply of all the sellers. In three or four weeks it will be a more critical situation."

The situation is different at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet-Geo.

"We have about a 15-day supply of vehicles, where we usually like to keep 30-60 days," said General Manager Ron Chaudoin. "We do have some Malibus,



Short supply: Trucks like this 1999 Chevrolet Silverado are getting harder to find with the GM strike in its second month.

trucks and Blazers ... but we're out of the big Tahoes and Suburbans."

Chaudoin believes the perception may be hurting car dealers more than the reality of the strike.

"There is a perception by customers that we don't have any cars available, so many people are staying away," noted Chaudoin. "It would be harder on us to replace good people."

It won't take much to run out." Chaudoin says in June when sales peaked, his dealership was selling about 11 cars a day. This month that figure is down to about four a day.

Chaudoin said if the new cars run out, he has a good inventory of used cars. Plus, there's the service and body shops which bring in money.

"We can always write orders for 1999 vehicles," he added.

"The strike can't last forever." Neither dealership anticipates laying off salespeople.

"You never lay off good people," said Chaudoin. "It takes years to develop good salespeople."

"We may rotate vacations or cut down on the work week if things get tough," said Jeannotte. "It would be harder on us to replace good people."

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28 percent and Westland, 43.6 percent. "We had 20,000 fewer cases in Wayne County than in 1991. The number of crimes committed was the lowest since 1968. Local police departments are doing a great job."

In 1991, 195,880 felonies were reported. Felonies dropped to 122,509 in 1997.

Tether program

Price met with county officials on Monday to discuss the tethering and jail programs.

"We discussed what happens if (the prisoner) violates the tether program and where does he go then." Price expects to discuss the program soon with district judges.

"At \$15 a day, the tethering program could represent a significant savings to communities. Westland pays \$34 a day for housing a prisoner in Isabella County. Wayne County charges \$30 per day, which dropped from

\$68, after a jail use ordinance was passed.

Westland has not used a tether program. The county's Department of Community Justice administers a program for non-violent felons, while the sheriff's department has one for 80 misdemeanants and ordinance violators, a far cry for the total in the county.

But if the county expands the tether program for non-violent felons, it would free up a bed for another prisoner. The chiefs also are working to revise the ordinance that governs the jail population.

Kocsis doesn't know if residents can get their money's worth from the millage. "We will revisit this and see what costs and expenses are there."

Ficano hopes residents approve the millage, calling it a "critical public safety issue." "You have a whole facility that depends on that millage," Ficano said.

Area leaders speak out on jail tax

Do residents get their fair share from the county jail millage?

Many leaders aren't completely pleased with the millage, but some are taking a wait-and-see attitude and cautiously support it, while others remain opposed.

Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, who chairs the Committee of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected leaders from 18 communities, said municipalities were — and many still are — unhappy with the costs of jailing prisoners.

"We didn't feel it was a good deal for us. But knowing you have to have a county jail, you have to have a compromise. (The four-year term) gives us a chance to look at things."

Thomas added: "For the amount people send to the county jail, we're not getting our money's worth. They're going to try to use leverage to come up with better prices for outcounty

jails." Jails like Alpena's "are begging for prisoners. They'll come down and pick them up for \$30-\$35 a day. If we have a county-wide system, who knows, we may be able to use them for \$25 a day."

That time may help generate new ideas for communities and Wayne County on jail space issues, Thomas said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey expects his city council will remain neutral in its position on the millage.

"I suspect the issue is going to pass at the polls. The county has been cooperative with us on roads, and in a number of ways we're being partners. But I also don't want to support a concept that doesn't help Livonia."

see anything to be gained by opposing something that's going to be passed anyhow."

Even though the millage was a source of debate, and questions were raised over the county's effectiveness in running the jail, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack predicts the county jail millage will be well-received by voters. "There'll be a little more money there for communities from the one-tenth mill," Yack said. That money goes to youth assistance programs for western Wayne County run by Growth Works in Plymouth.

"Like any compromise, you walk away wanting more. As part of that compromise, they will look into the contracting of the housing of misdemeanor prisoners, where now, we all do our thing."

"We contribute \$3.5 million, and we don't really use that jail. It costs us \$400,000 to send prisoners to Isabella County. I don't

is a problem that is statewide. "These misdemeanor prisoners are the least dangerous but a nuisance to local communities. There's no room because felons must be housed. Most would rather see felons lock up for their full term," Yack said.

Resford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley believes Wayne County has responded to the suburban concerns.

"If we built 100 jails, we'd fill them up," he said. "The negotiations have helped. (The suburban police chiefs) didn't get everything they wanted, but it's a start."

"We still use the outdated prison space, but that's a problem for every community." Kelley believes residents should support the millage. "You have to remove dangerous people from the street."

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, is

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Clarinet virtuoso

Plymouth man cherishes ethnic music roots



BY GEORGE SARKISIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

His quest for musical perfection has never subsided, and he's Plymouth's secret.

Hachig Kazarian, husband, public school teacher and father of four adult children, is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America.

"He is one of the greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world," says Judy Adams, program director at WDET Public Radio in Detroit.

"He is a virtuoso. He is well-rounded. He is proficient in many styles and understands the auditory, aesthetic and historical perspective of the music he is playing," says Adams.

"Not only does he play the clarinet well, but he plays beautiful music. Not everyone can do that," she adds.

A modest, self-effacing man,

Kazarian and his wife, Christine, have lived in Plymouth Township for 23 years.

Link to ancestors

"Music is an identity," said Kazarian.

"People of all ages are looking for their roots," said Kazarian, sitting at the dining room table offering Armenian pastry made by his wife to a guest.

Kazarian recorded the first of his 15 (at least) Armenian albums (he's lost count) at the age of 14. He recorded three albums with jazz flautist Herbie Mann.

He also recorded six albums and completed a series of workshops with University of Michigan folk dance teacher Phyllis Weikart. The workshops are designed to teach music educators.

He sold the rights to some of his Armenian recordings to an American movie producer for use

in the 1997 movie "Wedding Bell Blues," which appeared in art film theaters in California.

He has also contributed to the sound track of the "Hercules" television series.

"I am trying to preserve the Armenian music for my children and grandchildren and the generations that follow them, but I feel as though I have become a dinosaur," says Kazarian.

"Since our Armenian music was such a critical ingredient in the social and ethnic part of the Armenian-American's lifestyle that no longer exists, I think Armenian music as we know it will be lost a couple of generations down the road," Kazarian says.

Early life

Kazarian, who turned 57 on the Fourth of July, was born and raised in the Linwood-Davison area on the Detroit/Highland

Park city limits. Kazarian's family came to the United States in 1915 to escape the genocide being carried out in Armenia by the Muslim Ottoman Turks.

His interest in the clarinet started when he was 10 during the daily front porch and kitchen and other neighborhood meetings where ethnic groups gathered to eat, sing and dance after long hours of work.

Greeks, Hungarians, Serbians, African-Americans, Jews and many other Eastern European and Middle Eastern refugees brought with them the songs and dances and foods and customs that had been passed down for generations.

"Music was such an important ingredient of the social part of life during that era," he says.


"All the nationalities gathered in their own small groups, and

Please see MUSIC, A11

Music master: Hachig Kazarian, 57, of Plymouth Township is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America. Judy Adams, program director at WDET, calls him one of the "greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world."

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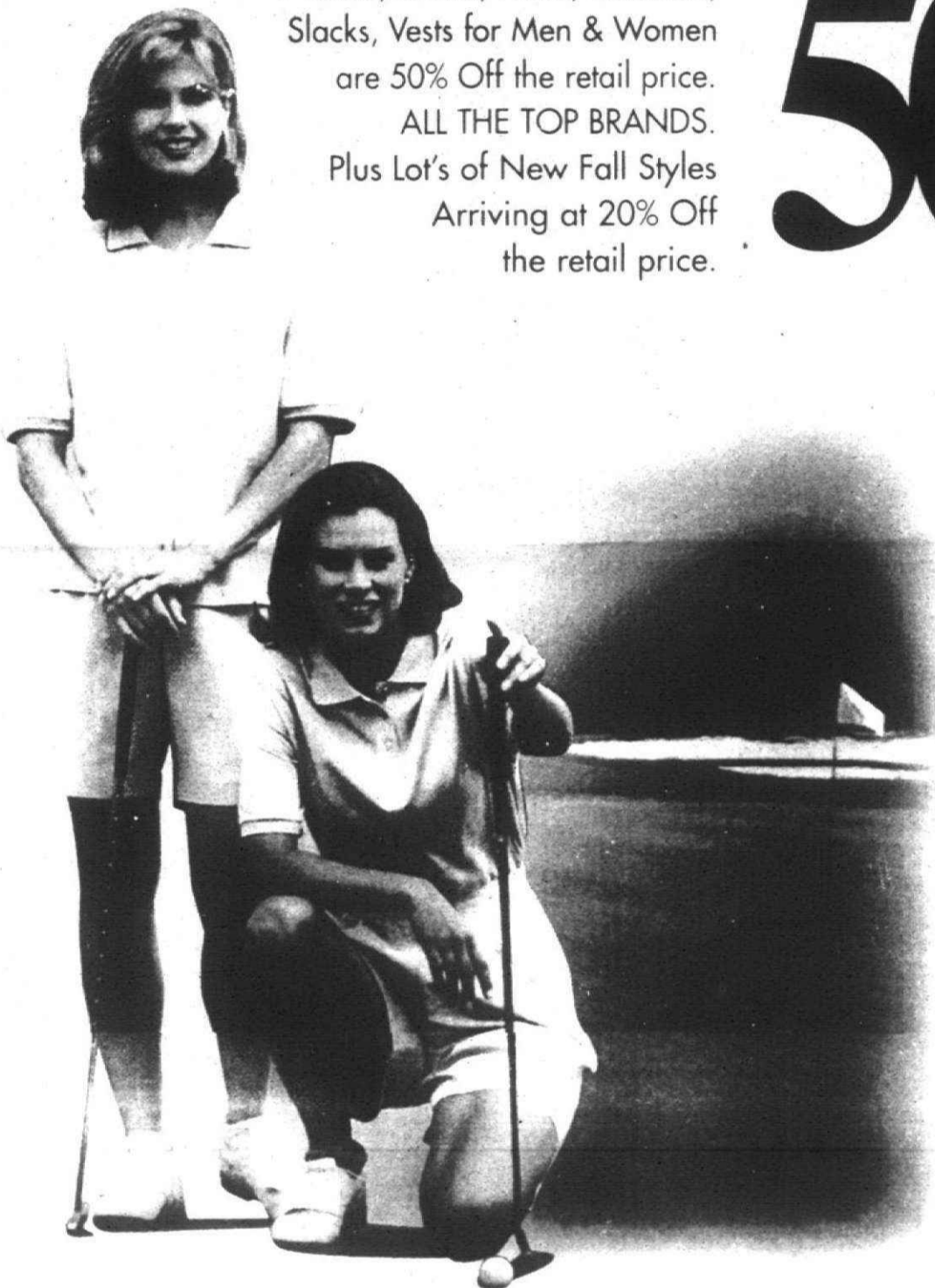
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I-275 repairs expected to take 3 months

Northbound I-275 is closed to northbound traffic from Telegraph Road in Monroe County to the I-94 exit in Wayne County for at least three months while work continues on the freeway's ongoing \$45 million reconstruction and resurfacing project.

Northbound motorists who usually exit I-75 in Monroe County onto I-275 will detour north on I-75 to Telegraph Road and take Telegraph north to I-94 west to I-275 north.

Between I-94 in Wayne County and Telegraph Road in Monroe County, southbound I-275 motorists will cross over to the northbound lanes.

The route is the same detour motorists took last summer. The construction is expected to last at least three months.

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions. "The northbound lanes should be done within the next few weeks or in early August, then contractors will continue work on the southbound lanes, which should be done some time in October or November," said Robin Pannecoq, spokeswoman for Michigan Department of Transportation.

Western Wayne County residents also will see M-14 reduced

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions.

to one lane in both directions between Ford and Napier roads. "They should be finishing that work up in late August," Pannecoq said.

Contractors also are completing concrete inlays, where concrete is cut out and replaced.

I-275 Roadwork

(A) Gray line indicates sections of north and southbound I-275 between Northline and Five Mile (just south of I-94) to just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange currently being resurfaced this summer.

(B) Dotted line indicates detour for motorists who normally travel northbound I-275 from I-75. Starting July 15 until October, traffic will be redirected as follows: I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector (U.S. 24) north in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound, and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

(C) Black line indicates where northbound I-275 will be closed starting July 15 between Telegraph Road in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

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Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile Road one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township, is open daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Farm hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Most programs and events are free, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information or programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the park office at (248) 349-8390.

A summer bird hike also is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Participants should meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road.

Maybury also features a "Summer Evening Series" of hikes and explorations at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Demonstration Building with different topics each week.

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Music from page A7

as you walked from block to block you could see and hear that they did the same thing as the Armenians did only with their own music and dances."

Always listening

As a young boy, Kazarian was consumed with listening to and imitating the elders of all nationalities who would sing and hum and play on their instruments the simple tunes and melodies of their joys and sorrows of life.

"The more I listened, the more I learned, the more I was able to experience and feel the music. It has to become a part of your soul."

All the tunes and dances from the many countries filled Kazarian's musical mind. He applied the embellishments from the Greek music and the Gypsy sounds from the Hungarians and the improvisations from the African-American jazz masters.

Out of it all came Kazarian's own interpretation of what Armenian music sounded like. Today, his style is considered the benchmark which all Armenian musicians measure themselves throughout North America.

Vocalist Onniak Dinkjian of Baynton Beach, Fla., considered among the Middle Eastern elite in his field, calls Kazarian "certainly the best in North America and perhaps even the world."

"As a vocalist, you must depend on the musicians to complement you. Hachig is a musician's musician."

"The diversity of all his music, from the dance music to the listening music, makes people realize that he is the total musician," says Dinkjian.

Years of study

Kazarian's physical command of the clarinet is reminiscent of

as Cass earned him a four-year scholarship to study at the famed Juilliard School of Music in New York City. While there, he earned his bachelor of arts degree and master of science in music performance. He earned an additional master's in music literature at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in ethnomusicology.

In his last few years of school, Kazarian had to decide whether to pursue a sometimes very unstable classical career or settle down and start a family.

Christine had been "the bread winner and his tower of strength" through all the lean years in New York City.

"It was really a non-decision. We needed to have a stable life." Before that stable life came though, there was nearly a year in Las Vegas playing Middle Eastern music in the hotels there.

Teaming up with some Armenian musicians from California, they opened up the Bonanza Hotel. After that came a gig at the Frontier Hotel.

Teaching others

Working from contract to contract was not a secure lifestyle. The international classical music world's loss was metro Detroit's gain.

Kazarian landed a job in the Melvindale/Northern Allen Park School District Music Department and has been teaching instrumental music for the last 31 years. He is currently the acting department chair.

Kazarian says he is now teaching children of some of his first students and he still loves the challenge of teaching.

Throughout the 40 plus years

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not supporting the millage and said her community doesn't use the jail. Instead it sends prisoners elsewhere.

"We're paying again out-of-pocket. That's been an issue for out-of-county communities." But she's glad the millage term is shorter.

McCarthy said prisoners get released early because of a bed shortage. The township recently sued over the prisoner housing costs billed to Plymouth and lost in Wayne County Circuit Court.

a case which is on an appeal.

"All of us are using out-of-county facilities," McCarthy said. "We're looking for some equity. We're paying the tax dollars and our citizens should get something for these tax dollars."

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Bond suit from page A1

Consequently, defendant had no legal obligation to order a special election...
 Vorva also argued that the voting system was defective because the electorate wasn't properly instructed on how to use the voting machines.
 The Court of Appeals judges ruled, "It is not within the purview of a local Board of Canvassers to review substantive quality of the instructional materials..."
 The court also addressed Vorva's claim that the 716 voters were denied the equal protection of the law.
 The opinion states "the plaintiff did not allege any intentional or purposeful discrimination or that similarly situated individuals were treated differently. Indeed, it does not appear from the record that there was any differential treatment of the voters."
 "Because each voter was given an equal opportunity to cast his vote, and over eleven thousand electors were successful in this endeavor, no equal protection violation has occurred."
 "I'm not surprised. This is the fifth time we had a decision in our favor. I recognize Mr. Vorva's right to due process, but now it's time to realize the bond issue passed and deliver what we promised."

Chuck Little,
Plymouth-Canton superintendent

"I'm obviously pleased, and I hope now we can let the majority and law rule," said Maloney. "It's a shame one individual can do this, even though the courts have made it clear the school district acted properly. The 15-month delay has already reduced the scope of the project by \$10 million. If it continues in the courts, there will be more severe implications."
 Susan Kopinski, who was the head of the Citizens Election

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the recreation master plan for the City of Westland will be held on Monday, July 20, 1998. This hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland Michigan. The adoption of the five-year recreation master plan will be the subject of this hearing.

ROBERT KOSOWSKI
 Parks and Recreation Director

Publish: July 16 and 19, 1998

CANTON TOWNSHIP 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

Publish: July 2 and 16, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a general Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic, Republican, Reform Parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices:

- Governor
 - Representative in Congress - 13th District
 - State Representative - 18th or 21st District
 - State Senator - 8th District, 9th District
 - County Executive
 - County Commission - 11th District
 - Delegates to County Convention
 - 2 Judges of Court of Appeals - Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions
 - 2 Judges of the Circuit Court - Regular Terms, Non Incumbent Positions
 - and to vote on the following proposals:
- PROPOSITION A**
 Shall Section 3.115(13) of the Wayne County Charter be amended to require a 2/3 vote of Commissioners serving in place on any ballot any proposal for a tax increase, and a vote of more than 60% of the qualified electors of Wayne County voting thereon to adopt any such proposed tax increase.
 YES NO
- PROPOSITION J - Jail Millage Renewal Proposal**
 To RENEW the millage authorized in 1988, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 1997 rollback rate of 9532 mills (about 95 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for four more years, (1998 through 2001), to continue these exclusive uses?
 To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community reintegration, with at least one tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution?
 This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$31,636,566 in property tax revenue in 1998.
 YES NO

CANTON TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL - Dedicated Road Improvement Millage
 Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Canton be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Canton for eight (8) years beginning in 1998 through 2005 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$3,600,000.00 for the exclusive purpose of construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing, maintaining, and/or purchasing road right-of-way, easements, and land to improve roads within the Charter Township of Canton.
 YES NO

CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
3	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Lutheran Church	44900 Warren Road
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The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 1998 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.
 On Monday, August 3, 1998 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day August 4th.
 Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
 If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 397-5452.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Committee organized to pass the bond issue, took Vorva's lawsuit personally. She now feels vindication for herself and the committee.
 "In our hearts we knew we did everything correctly and legitimately," said Kopinski. "I pride myself on being up front and handling things with care, and I was disturbed by his lawsuit. I took it personally. Mr. Vorva should take the advice of the community and let it rest."
 Vorva said the issue is too important to him to quit now, and he's not discouraged by the Court of Appeals ruling.
 "There are many people who lost in the lower courts only to win in the Supreme Court because they had conviction and character. And, I'm that type of person," said Vorva. "This is too important an issue to let it go. This is not about schools or children, it's about the right to vote. The school board and administration intentionally, maliciously and unconstitutionally tampered with the election."
 Boak, who has been representing Vorva throughout the course of litigation, said he wasn't surprised by the opinion.
 "It's difficult to overturn the discretionary act of a trial judge," said Boak. "The opinion was written to achieve a desired result."
 When asked if he thought the



Chuck Little

case had enough merit to go to the Supreme Court, Boak said "I believe so. If one doesn't go there, one doesn't really know what will happen. If my client wants to go forward, I'm ready."
 The next step for Vorva and Boak would be to apply for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals or ask the Supreme Court to hear the case.
 A Court of Appeals spokeswoman said the pair has until July 31 to file for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals.
 If they decide to ask the Supreme Court to review the case there is also a 21 day filing timetable, although the high court will accept an application for a delayed appeal up to 56 days.
 A court official said the average wait to get an answer from the Supreme Court on whether it will even hear the case is 10 months. Some of the options for the Supreme Court include granting the appeal and hearing the case, remanding it back to the lower courts, or overturning the lower court decision.
 Meanwhile, the school district sits with \$79.6 million in bonds ready to be sold. There is no legal reason keeping the district from selling the bonds, however school officials admit no one will be willing to buy them with a court battle hanging in the balance.

Making his case:
Jerry Vorva listens during the appeals court hearing in June.



Jerry Vorva

1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agendas are available from the township clerk's office on the day of the meeting.

Board meets on Tuesdays

The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds regular voting meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the administration building.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO STATE LAW 257.252, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE AT 8 & B TOWING, 934 W. ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, ON THE DATE AND TIME LISTED BELOW.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

VEHICLE/STYL	VEHICLE ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
1978 Harley Davidson MC	3A210651H	97-11926
INQUIRIES REGARDING THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OFFICER JAMIE GRABOWSKI, CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT 453-8600.		

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 1998. The bid opening will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 1998 for the following:

COMPUTER HARDWARE
 Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours.
 The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.
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1988 Chevy 2D	1G1JC11184J204414	98-4161
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Euro Screen Process, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility located at 41805 Koppernick within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:
 A parcel of land being that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T.2S., R.9E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, also part of Lot 45 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision", as recorded in Liber 106, Pages 80-82 Wayne County Records. Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 45 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision", proceeding thence along the south lot line of said Lot 45 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision" South 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds West 248.72 feet, thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds West 161.25 feet, thence along the North lot line of said Lot 45 "Admiral Industrial Subdivision" South 85 degrees 06 minutes 58 seconds East 120.27 feet, thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds West 320.00 feet, thence along the South right-of-way line of Koppernick Road (60 ft. wd.) North 88 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East 129.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds East 471.55 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.82 acres. (Part of parcel nos. 008 03 0005 000 and 008 99 0002 702.)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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GEORGE C. LAKATOS, M.D.
 George C. Lakatos, M.D., was born in Vienna, Austria in 1923. He fled German occupied Austria in 1938. He was sponsored by his grandfather, the renowned Hungarian painter Arthur Halmi. As a young immigrant he worked as an elevator boy at the St. Moritz Hotel in New York City. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.
 He attended Boston University on the GI Bill and continued on to medical school at the University at Bern, Switzerland. During this time, he was the roving announcer George Lake broadcast on the BBC. After receiving his medical license in the state of Michigan, he was a staff physician at Annapolis Hospital and the medical director at the Venoy Continued Care Center in Wayne.
 He is remembered as a character out of a classic novel or film, for his candid sense of humor, his timeless philosophy of "in the end - it doesn't matter" and his continued search for the true meaning of life. And beyond all else, he made an indelible impression on all who met and knew him. He is survived by his four loving daughters, Madeleine (Joe) Lakatos Fojtik, Renee (Jim) Nowaske of Canton, Nicole (Terry) Lakatos, Chantal (Lakatos) Lakatos, Chantal (Lakatos); four grandchildren.
ELEANORE M. NEAULT
 Eleanore M. Neault, 89, died July 11 in Plymouth. Mrs. Neault was born on Sept. 2, 1908, in Larium, Mich. to the late James Kitto and Zella Neault. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Neault.
 She was a cook at Gallimore School in Plymouth and was also a cook in the rectory at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 30 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at Our Lady of Good Counsel.
 Her funeral will be held July 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Burial took place at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.
 Survivors include her son,

John W. (Elizabeth) Neault of Plymouth; three grandchildren, Mike (Jen) Neault, Dan Neault, Ann Neault.
 Memorials may be made to Community Hospice or the Plymouth Senior Alliance.
WALTER S. PIENKOWSKI
 Services for Walter S. Pienkowski, 76, of Canton were held July 14 at St. Theodore Church. Burial took place at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.
 Mr. Pienkowski was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Hamtramck and died July 11 in Canton Township. He was a picker packer for an automotive company.
 Survivors include one son, Dennis W. (Marlene); one daughter, Charlene M. (Thomas) Boyle; one brother; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.
HELEN LAGOCKI
 Services for Helen Lagoeki, 82, of Canton were held at the Church of the Divine Savior on July 15 with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial took

Benefit for fire victims Saturday

Organizers of a benefit to help a family burned out of their Canton home June 19 are amazed at the community support that has poured in so far.
 A benefit to help Steve Kelly, 21, Vicki Hearney, 22, and their 2-year-old daughter Shelby begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Overtime Sports Bar & Grill, located on Michigan Avenue and Inkster.
 Of every drink sold \$1 will go to Kelly and Hearney. There also is a 50/50 raffle with prizes donated from area businesses, including PageTec of Canton, where Hearney works as a part-time sales associate.
 Hearney's boss, Patty Gillissie, donated a cellular phone and pager for the raffle. Other contributors of gift certificates and prizes include Mesquite Creek, Don Pablos and Best Buy.
 "They worked so hard at what they had and then in one night it's all gone just like that," said Gillissie.
 Kelly and Hearney awoke about 3:30 a.m. when they heard the sound of their smoke alarm at Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park. They escaped without injury but lost everything they owned.
 Since the fire they have lived in various hotels paid for by the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation. For the past two weeks they've moved in with Kelly's mother, Pat Addington, in Dearborn Heights.
 Addington said donations of clothes and household items have been pouring in. The Canton firefighters collected clothes and cash donations through their charity foundation to help the young couple.
 "I came in one day last week, checked the mail and found a \$20 money order in Steve's name. No one signed it. I guess they just wanted to remain anonymous," she said.
 One woman delivered two pieces of furniture left over from a garage sale.
 Addington also said businesses

place at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.
 Ms. Lagoeki was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Elizabeth Township, Pa. and died July 11 in Plymouth. She was a member of the Divine Savior Catholic Church and was a candy saleswoman.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Francis Wais. Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Konkel of Canton; two brothers, Stanley (Frances) Wais of Roseville, Frank (Mary) Wais of Sterling Heights; two sisters, Mary Konrad of Lapeer, Alvira Ploucha of Dearborn Heights; one grandson, Christopher Konkel of Canton.
 Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.
MARIE T. PALUBINSKY
 Services for Marie T. Palubinsky, 77, of Plymouth will be held 10 a.m. July 16 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Burial will

take place at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements made by the Fred Wood Funeral Home.
 Ms. Palubinsky was born in Canada. She was a resident of Plymouth. She completed high school and was a homemaker.
 She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard Palubinsky. Survivors include one daughter, Cathy; one son, Dan; two sisters, Ann and Catherine; one grandchild.

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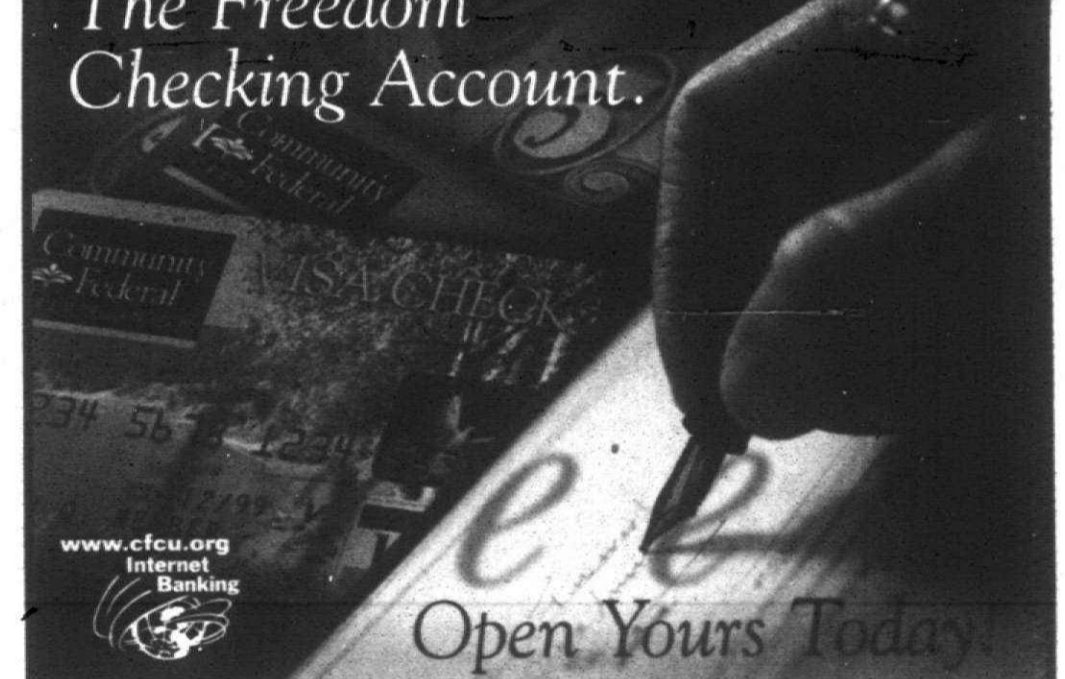
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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1998

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Road tax 'Yes' vote moves Canton ahead

The traffic congestion that clogs parts of Canton on a daily basis won't disappear overnight if voters pass a local tax increase for road improvements. But the ballot request has merit as one step residents can take to ensure the traffic flow begins to catch up to the pace of development in one of southeastern Michigan's fastest-growing suburbs.

The Observer urges residents to vote Yes Tuesday, Aug. 4, on the proposal for a 2-mill, dedicated tax increase for maintenance, paving, resurfacing and widening Canton Township roads.

This is the second time in three years a local road millage is on the ballot. A similar request was narrowly defeated in 1995.

While circumstances surrounding road funding in general have changed since that vote, the need for better access in and around Canton hasn't. In fact, three years' worth of residential, commercial and industrial growth makes the need even more acute, particularly in neighborhoods east of Canton Center, where most of the proposed improvements are planned.

The proposed projects are spread over an eight-year period and will total some \$34 million in 1998 dollars when completed. In the first year, they range from widening left-turn lanes at the Ford-Hagerty intersection to paving a one-mile stretch of Beck Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill. Seventeen new traffic signals — seven along busy Ford Road — are also part of the overall plan.

The 2-mill tax increase means property owners will pay an additional \$2 per \$1,000 in taxable value. The owner of a \$200,000 home would see property taxes increase \$200.

The Observer believes the investment is worth it when you take into account the SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) estimate that each household accounts for 10 round trips daily on local roads. In the

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conventional sense, roads are part of a community's infrastructure and need to be maintained accordingly. But traffic conditions are also the kind of quality-of-life issue that Supervisor Tom Yack has rightly made a priority during his administration.

The local road tax projects will be augmented over the next few years by projects being undertaken as part of Wayne County's Partnership '98 road enhancement program and improvements on I-275 funded by the 4-cent increase in the state gas tax approved by the legislature last year.

Because Canton is a charter township, it relies on the county to disperse state gas tax money for major road projects. Earlier this year, township officials looked at the possibility of taking over maintenance of those roads from the county, which proved to be cost-prohibitive. There appears to be a new spirit of cooperation between the Canton administration and the Wayne County executive's office, which is good news.

Still, the continuing debate over roads and funding begs the question: Is it finally time for Canton to consider incorporation as a city? Local officials say they don't see a pressing need. We're not so sure.

In the meantime, the Observer believes a Yes vote on the local road funding proposal will help a still growing Canton move forward.

Take Aug. 4 primary seriously

A hundred years ago, progressive governors like Hazen Pingree of Detroit and later Fred Warner of Farmington fought for direct election of U.S. senators and for primary elections. Their purpose was to give voters more direct power over people who make laws and cut the tentacles of party bosses.

Today we have primary elections. In fact, one is coming up Aug. 4. And what will be the response of Michigan voters? Probably, we fear, a profound indifference to the primary. It's easier to tell jokes about White House interns, cheer a hockey team and discuss which movies should make the top 100 list than to think about partisan nominations.

Who wants to think about college aid, assisted suicide, pathetic charter schools, organ donations, drunken boasters, drunken drivers, and all those (yecch!) issues? Give us talk shows, eh?

Well, the 1998 primary will be one of the most important since primaries were invented. The reason is term limits. Some lawmakers are ineligible to run again and must be replaced. Some of those are seeking higher office. Meanwhile, this will be the last term for the incumbent governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state, if they're re-elected. We should be looking at those below them for successors in 2002.

Consider the situation in western Wayne County:

■ State Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, is retiring though he is eligible to run again. His 9th Senate District (which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Redford) is 60 percent Republican, so the primary will decide it. Three Republicans and two Democrats are seeking their party nomination in hopes of succeeding him in November.

■ State Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, has a primary challenge; meanwhile three Republicans are seeking the chance to oppose him, even though the 8th Senate District is 58 percent Democratic.

■ State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, is term-limited. Her 19th House District (including part of Livonia) is 54 percent Republican. Three Republicans — including a city treasurer and a former legislator — want to succeed her, as do two Democrats.

■ State Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won a cliffhanger two years ago. He has a Democratic challenger in the 16th

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House District that is 53 percent Democratic and includes part of Redford.

■ State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, is term-limited out. Her 21st House District is 51.8 percent Republican. Two Republicans want to succeed her.

■ State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, isn't term limited, but he faces a lively primary challenge in the 20th House District that includes Northville and part of Livonia and is almost 65 percent Republican.

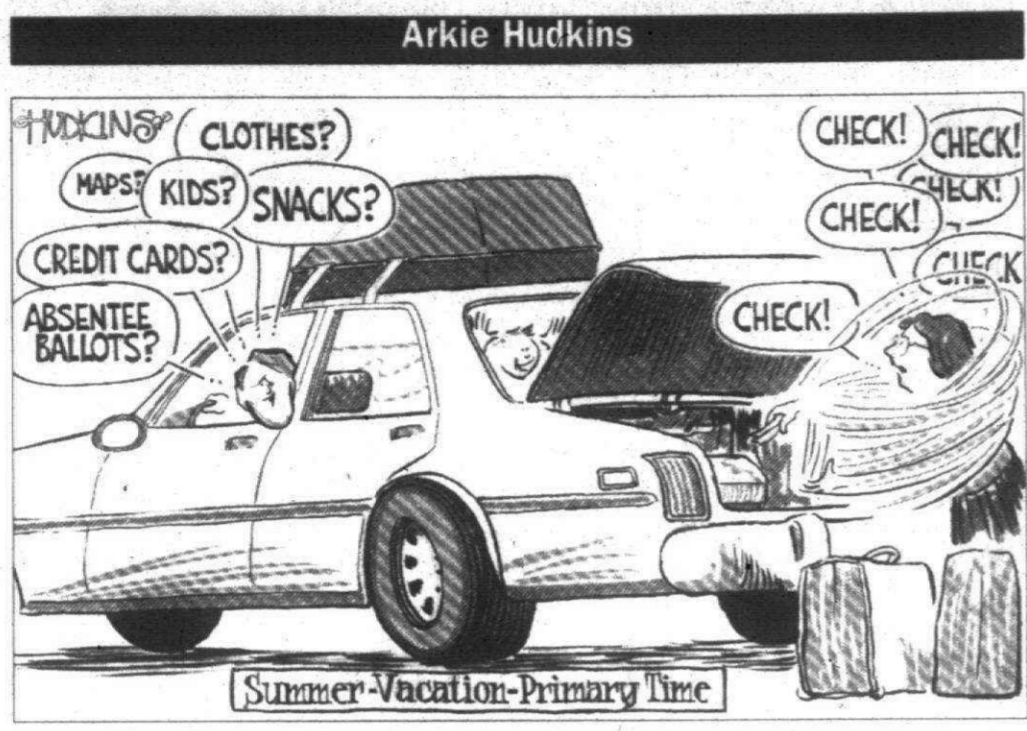
Gov. John Engler should have no trouble winning his primary, but the Democratic battle for a chance to oppose him is up in the air. Labor-backed Larry Owens, political pro Doug Ross, the flamboyant Geoffrey Fieger — who should Democrats pick to put their best foot forward?

County government is no longer a stuffy courthouse downtown but a vibrant player in the economy (Metro Airport) and the environment (Hines Park/Rouge River/Newburgh Lake). CEO Ed McNamara is ahead, but challenger Sharon McPhail won't let him off the hook easily. The county hasn't gone Republican since 1946, when even McNamara was a student, so the winner of this primary is CEO for four years.

Some will be suspicious of this newspaper when we say, "Don't trust TV ads," but it's proper advice. TV commercials tell you virtually nothing about the issues that affect your work and your kids' schools. They are written in "buzz" words designed to make you react emotionally, not rationally.

Read. Read this newspaper. Read campaign literature. Go to candidates' forums and ask questions. Meet the candidates when you can and ask more questions. Michiganians have a right that is rare in the world — not only to elect their officials but to nominate them in the primaries by secret ballot.

Use that right to vote Aug. 4.



LETTERS

Getting the job done

Recently, a spate of Bennett for Senator political ads have found their way onto the local airwaves, and I can't help but comment about the sense of foreboding and danger that creeps over me every time I hear it. In the ads, the announcer repeats the Bennett mantra over and over again: "Loren Bennett — Getting The Job Done!" and then he goes on to cite Bennett's milestone actions as a Michigan state senator.

Loren Bennett, we are told, saw that too many kids are being denied an opportunity for advanced education because of spiraling tuition costs. So Loren Bennett sponsored a bill that provides income tax credits to people who pay tuition to institutes of higher learning. But what does that really mean? Bennett apparently looked at the pile of money that the state has been collecting in taxes and decided that the state had taken too much. Being the good guy that he is, he formulated a plan to return some of the excess money to his constituency. The thing the ads neglect to mention is that Loren Bennett decided he is going to return your money BUT NOT TO YOU. Loren Bennett gets to decide who gets your money. That's Loren Bennett — "getting the job done."

Do not misunderstand the above. I am NOT opposed to education and higher learning. What I am opposed to is someone other than you or I has decided that we mere mortals are not smart enough to use our money wisely and he is going to spare us the trouble. Just give him the money and everyone is happy, right? This is nothing more than Tax-And-Spend, something that's not supposed to be attributed to a Republican (except some of the Republicans from Canton.)

Additionally, Bennett's ad announcer tells us how too many children are taking up smoking and how the good senator sponsored legislation to ban billboards that depict smoking. While the cause is admirable — surely anyone who would object must hate children — Loren Bennett apparently believes that you and I are so stupid that he has to protect us from a cartoon camel. That's Loren Bennett — "getting the job done."

No one with an ounce of brains accepts that smoking tobacco is healthy, not even children. But the choice to smoke or not to smoke is made by the individual, AS IT SHOULD BE. The senator and others like him in government today seem to feel that they are in charge of controlling our births, our bedrooms, our deaths, and many other important decisions we might make in between. They know better than we what we should spend our money on. They will tax us when we earn money. They will tax us when we spend money. They will tax us when we inherit

money. And they will tax us when we're dead in our graves by taking from our estates. All the while they will tell us that the other guy is the tax-and-spend Liberal.

I believe that Loren Bennett is a good man and that his intentions are honest. I certainly do not wish anyone to think that I am chastising him alone. Mr. Bennett AND his peers could stand to learn something about the rights of the individual in our society. I, for one, am tired of sending people to Lansing so that they can find inventive new ways to come between the people of Michigan and their wallets. I am tired of sending people to Lansing so that they can find inventive new ways to come between the people of Michigan and their freedom to make their own decisions. When the time comes, I hope the voters make a serious appraisal of Bennett's opponent even if, in the end, they still end up voting for Bennett — presuming, of course, that a polling machine doesn't selectively eat their vote. I also yearn for the day when the voters of Michigan have the opportunity to vote for a real leader instead of having to choose between the lesser of two evils. Unfortunately, the lesser of two evils is still evil.

I urge all Michigan voters to reread the message above and substitute the names of your own elected officials at all levels of government. Ask yourselves if they are serving you or are you serving them? Let's go to the polls this time and do it right. Let's tell the people in Lansing and Washington (and Canton Township Hall ...) that we are intelligent, thinking human beings and we'll make our own informed decisions about those things which they have no business or right to decide.

Michael Olin
Canton Township

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

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— Philip Power

Refine hub system

I enjoyed Phil Power's June 18 column about Northwest (or is it Northwost?) Airlines. I was the victim of cancelled flights in May on a trip from Detroit to Seattle. My May 8 flight was cancelled one week in advance and I was notified and changed to an earlier flight (two hours earlier). My return flight was cancelled... I learned when I reached the airport out west... and I was changed to a flight two hours earlier. They said they cancelled the flight several days earlier but weren't able to reach me. Since both of these flights were cancelled several days prior to departure... I doubt they were cancelled for mechanical reasons. I feel they were cancelled because of lot bookings... and NWA was combining two flights to save a flight. They seem to have no concern for the schedule of the paying passengers. I also feel that hubs are OK, and efficient, but I feel they allow one airline to over-dominate any particular airport. I would like to see regulation to the extent that no one particular airline could handle more than 50 percent of the traffic in any airport. That would allow more alternatives when a situation arises like we have at Detroit. I don't know if it would be best to determine the 50 percent base on number of passengers... or on number of flights. Either would be better.

Barry DeChant,
Livonia

Keep perspective

Recent discussion of the level of competitive and reliable air service for our region has undoubtedly captured the attention of Northwest Airlines. As they work on solutions, let's keep some perspective.

First, let's not lose sight of how extraordinarily valuable it is to be a hub market for a major airline. Since 1990, Northwest has increased domestic capacity at Detroit Metro by 42 percent and international capacity by 84 percent. The airline now serves 117 domestic and international destinations non-stop from Detroit with

more than 500 daily departures. We in the Detroit area are the beneficiaries of this expansion in service. We generate less than 20 percent of the traffic on all these flights, but enjoy the convenience of ready access to the range of destinations and frequencies that a hub market offers.

While I am very excited and pleased about the historic agreement between Pro Air, General Motors and Chrysler that will enhance passenger service and place the Detroit City Airport on firm ground, nevertheless, a more viable city airport cannot replace the need for a first class Metropolitan Airport.

Second, let's recognize that the service problems plaguing Northwest Airlines are at least partly attributable to a facility that is inadequate for the volume of traffic it is being asked to handle. But solutions are in the works. Northwest and Wayne County are collaborating on a new mid-field terminal that will accommodate more air service with greater convenience, reliability and speed in parking, ticketing, baggage handling and processing arrivals and departures.

Third, let's be aware that Northwest's service problems are also partly attributable to activities that are a predictable part of negotiations between a company and its unions. There appears to be a contract agreement with the International Association of Machinists at hand that would seem to remove any motivation that has previously existed for work slowdowns.

As Northwest continues talks with its pilots' union, the company will hopefully move closer to achieving internal harmony. That results in better service for all customers. Both sides in these negotiations should remind themselves of what it takes to keep happy customers and find a quick and fair way to resolve the issues that divide them. A reservoir of goodwill being depleted by service problems can ill afford the further drain that a strike — or even the threat of one — will cause.

The people of Northwest came together before to save the airline — to their benefit and that of their customers — who are employees and

employers of this community. It's time for the collective leadership that found that solution to rise to this occasion. Northwest's customers and the community are counting on it.

Dennis Archer
mayor, City of Detroit

Literature disgusts

Let me express my disgust regarding a piece of deceptive campaign literature I received in the mail from Deborah Whyman, a candidate for state Senate (Ninth District).

As the secretary of the Wayne County Republican Committee, I was well-aware that Thaddeus McCotter received the endorsement of the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Needless to say, I was startled to find in Deborah Whyman's campaign literature the clear implication that she has the support of the POAM.

Furthermore, she claims that she has led the "fight to end unfair minority preference programs and racial quotas." However, racial quotas are already illegal, not because of Ms. Whyman's efforts, but rather, because of federal court decisions.

Ms. Whyman claims that "a homosexual extremist group is attempting to silence her through legal action." However, she never mentions the name of the group or the nature of the legal action.

Republicans become concerned any time individual freedoms are threatened and people are bullied. However, it appears that Ms. Whyman is attempting to portray herself as a victim in order to win support as the defender of family values.

When I was growing up, my parents taught me that a half-truth is just as bad as a lie. I refuse to believe that someone who is willing to mislead me is a defender of family values.

Ultimately, Ms. Whyman's attempt to mislead voters shows the depth of her character. I sincerely hope that the voters who receive Ms. Whyman's campaign literature recognize that it contains nothing more than half-truths.

Deborah Whyman is the perfect example of a politician who exaggerates her accomplishments and

attempts to portray herself as a leader. Throughout her career, Ms. Whyman has used a campaign strategy which attempts to mislead voters and to appeal to the worst qualities in people. Clearly, she is misleading voters again in her bid to be our next state senator.

Please understand that Deborah Whyman does not share the values of the vast majority of Republicans I have come to know and respect. In my opinion, Ms. Whyman does not deserve our respect, our trust, or our vote.

Donald L. Knapp Jr.
secretary, Wayne County Republican Committee member, Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee

A dog gone mess

If you are concerned that our police and courts are not on the job, let me put your mind at rest. I have personal knowledge that they are not!

On a very cold, rainy Sunday evening I took my dog, who is just over 1 year old and always on a leash, for a walk. I have a pinch collar which is interlocking. I was almost home when the pinch collar came off. With the weight lifted, my dog ran. I looked for her in the pouring rain for 2 1/2 hours. I was devastated. I had company coming over for dinner. When they arrived they saw how distraught I was so they helped me search for her. My son also came over and looked along the streets until 10:30 p.m. to be sure she wasn't lying somewhere injured.

I called the police to see if they had any knowledge of someone reporting a lost dog. They said they had no information. (They had picked her up and had taken her to the Humane Society.) I sat up all night with my garage door left open praying that she would come home.

I went to work the following morning at 4 a.m. because I was so upset. I left work to begin searching at approximately 9 a.m. I contacted the Humane Society and found out she was there. I had to pay \$110 in order to get her back. I felt that this was a

bit harsh for a senior citizen to pay, but I was so glad to see her and I just wanted to bring her home, so I paid what they said I owed and we went home.

Approximately a week or so later, someone came to my door. I saw a police car pulling away. I called the police to ask if there was something wrong. The clerk (I assume) took my name and address and said, "No, there wasn't a reason" for the police to come to my home (another case of misinformation). The police officer returned within 20 minutes and handed me a citation charging me with my dog being loose! On two occasions I was informed it was subject to 90 days in jail or a \$500 fine. On my last attempt to contact the court I was given another court date. I had to take time from work to appear.

It was a very exhausting experience for me. I was given a paper to sign indicating my rights. I had to wait through many cases. Finally after two hours, I was called in front of the judge. The judge stated that I allowed my dog to run loose. The word "allowed" really upset me. I said, "I did not allow my dog to run loose." He then said, in all his wisdom, he cannot rule on this. It has to go to the prosecuting attorney. I was so traumatized by this, I just walked out. I went back to work in a daze. I was given another court date through the mail. I appeared again to the prosecuting attorney at his office. I again had to sign the paper as to my rights. I had to wait again. I was told at this time that this would be taken under advisement. I had to return to court again! I had to take more time off work and waited again almost three hours. This time the judge said, "Subject to 90 days in jail or a \$500 fine." I was fined \$50 and put on probation for one year. ALL BECAUSE MY DOG GOT LOOSE!

I'm 75 years old and have resided in Canton for 18 years. I can honestly say that I have never had a citation, and have never been told a warrant would be sworn out for my arrest! I don't break the law, and in this case, I do not feel that I did!

Kathleen E. Crowell
Canton

Governments learning to do more with less by cooperating

The language was dry as dust. The typography and graphics weren't much better. But the content was significant, even exciting.

It's a publication entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects," a little booklet put out jointly by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition). It describes a variety of award-winning joint projects undertaken at the local level in communities around Southeastern Michigan.

Ho hum, you say. How come this stuff is "significant, even exciting?"

Here's why. The historic problem of all governments — whether local, state or even federal — is that they are very good at doing more when they get more revenue. But over the years, governments have proven mostly clueless at figuring out how to do more with less revenue.

Hence the term (thanks to Tim Richard, who covers state and regional government for this newspaper) "Entrepreneurial Government," the idea that governmental bodies ought to think and act like entrepreneurs. Be innovative. Experiment. Try to redeploy existing resources and revenues so as to get a better return. Even take risks.

The "Award Winning Joint Project" publication offers up a whole slew of wonderful examples. As we approach the August primary, they should be at the top of the mind of every candidate for public office and every voter.

A good example comes from the little town of South Lyon, happily perched just off I-96 in southwestern Oakland County.

Turns out that both the City of South Lyon and the South Lyon Community Schools needed new administration buildings. Now the usual relationship in Michigan between local government and local schools is like a dysfunctional family — they occupy the same space at the same time, but nobody's talking back and forth.

They decided to do things differently in South Lyon. In August 1996 the city and the schools agreed to share development costs and use of the same administration building. The school district provided the site for the building, while the city's Building Authority financed the construction with municipal bonds. The \$2,656,105 project cost was divided — 42 percent by the city and 58 percent by the schools.

The taxpayers of South Lyon got a good deal.



PHILIP POWER

They paid no site acquisition costs, because the site was on school district property. Financing was by low-interest, 15-year municipal bonds.

Both city and school groups share use of conference rooms, parking lots and lobbies, while overhead costs such as maintenance and repair are reduced. Moreover, folks living in South Lyon gain the convenience of going to a single building to transact their business with both the city and the school district.

Jeff Potter, the mayor of South Lyon, is bubbling with enthusiasm about the award-winning project. "It's bizarre that someone has to give local governments an award to do something like this," he says.

For years, turfing between cities and schools or between differing departments within one governmental structure has been the bane of cost-effective government. Sometimes turfing is disguised as a commitment to local autonomy, going it alone regardless of how cost-inefficient that may be.

Potter provides this example: "You have a joint emergency medical service program and some guy has a heart attack. The team goes to his house and finds him gasping for breath. The guy with the heart attack will never say, 'No, go away. Local autonomy!'"

The joint project in South Lyon is a perfect example to how collaboration between governmental units makes everybody — city, schools, taxpayers — better off. No wonder both South Lyon and Potter won their awards. They deserve them.

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hotel, office high-rise and retail center, although potential tenants haven't been made public.

"We've done a lot of work on this to be voted out in one meeting. I'd hate to see this whole thing go south without a little more time on your part," Burton told the board.

Trustee John Burdziak said enough time has been given to the project, which has been in the planning stages for nearly two years.

"I see too many loose ends and I don't think a presentation is going to change my mind," he told Burton.

Trustee Bob Shefferly said he is simply against public funds being used on a private venture.

Burton said one reason they need more time with the township board is to determine what concerns it has. "We're willing to re-write the script, but we need to know where your buttons are," he said.

One objection by several board members included a request by Burton-Katzman for fewer restrictions of the township's tree ordinance.

"I'm not willing to face the public when every tree comes down," said Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

She also said she would be leery of committing public assistance to a project without knowing what businesses will be locating there.

A three-member subcommittee of the Downtown Development

■ 'There are a whole range of options from walking away to scaling back the project or finding another way to finance it. It's going to take time to sort out.'

Chuck DiMaggio,
project manager

Authority met behind closed doors with Burton-Katzman in March to look over financial statements and potential tenants. The first recommendation by the subcommittee was to approve public assistance. Two members later voted against it.

In May the DDA board agreed in a split vote to the concept of using public funds. The township board is responsible for securing bonds for the project.

DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt said the tax generated from the \$150 million development will pay back the \$3.2 million, the bond debt and create \$700,000 surplus for the DDA to make road and other aesthetic improvements along Ford Road.

The funding is important to ensure the 124 acres is developed as a whole and not in a piecemeal fashion, Shufeldt said. Burton-Katzman has options to buy the property from 14 landowners.

"Is this a final resolution - that there will never be any public assistance?" Shufeldt asked the board.

Supervisor Tom Yack said, "This is on the proposed project. Proposed. I guess you can read into it what you want. Just because the board takes action today it doesn't mean it can't come back and reverse it."

After the denial Tuesday, Peter Burton and Project Manager Chuck DiMaggio declined comment.

On Wednesday, DiMaggio said they are considering their options.

"There are a whole range of options from walking away to scaling back the project or finding another way to finance it," he said. "It's going to take time to sort out."

"Of course, this all depends on the continued patience of 14 property owners."

Could they walk away after spending \$1 million so far?

"Yeah. We could, but it wouldn't be with a smile," DiMaggio said. "At some point you have to decide whether to cut your losses and move on."

Burton-Katzman recently received federal EPA approval for the stormwater management system. The state Department of Environmental Quality also is expected to issue a permit shortly.

Planners OK homes, apartments

Several pieces to Canton's residential puzzle may have been put into place this month.

The planning commission recommend approval of plans that will allow single family homes on two parcels and apartments on a third at its July 6 meeting. The developments will fill housing needs for the ever-growing township.

"I'm glad you're building three-bedroom apartments," Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin told representatives for Canton Club East Apartments. "They just don't exist."

The commission approved all three measures unanimously. Each will move on to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

As for the apartments, developers were looking to amend original plans. A total of 148 units are slated for a 12.6-acre parcel east of Haggerty Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Florida-based CED Construction Companies asked the commission to approve changes made in unit layouts as well as building lengths and setbacks, sidewalk widths and parking spaces.

Commissioners were agreeable to the changes. But they also wanted a few changes of their own.

The location of a trash compactor was the key issue. Plans called for the compactor, which would be used to handle apartment-dwellers rubbish instead of Dumpsters, to be in the front of the complex.

Commissioners wanted it moved to the back of the complex near the maintenance building. McLaughlin said it would make the apartments more attractive and provide easier access to the trash compactor for maintenance workers.

She also called for a change in the sidewalk system. McLaughlin said it should serve to link all buildings together.

Concerns over lighting, particular types of trees and signs were also raised.

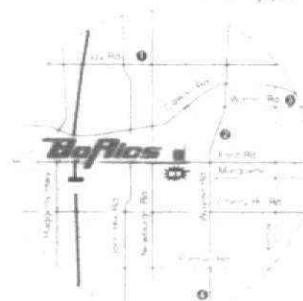
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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Violence is large part of TV's formula

Jonathan's eyes grew larger and larger as he watched the horror that unfolded on his TV screen. With the butt of his pistol, the "bad guy" pummeled the woman he just chased on foot.

Blood started oozing from her forehead, but she spun around in an attempt to retaliate. With a severe kick to her chest, he knocked her down and ran with her purse.

As the show broke away for a station break, Jonathan looked at his mom and said, "Is she hurt, mama?"

"No, honey. It's only make-believe," she replied. And that was the end of it.

When the program returned, the police talked about the difficulties they had in capturing the robber, but said that the woman had been exceptionally helpful in offering a description of the man.

You and I know that the robber would have been punished for his actions, and that the woman would have been put in the hospital for those kinds of injuries, but 4-year-old Jonathan doesn't. Children, unlike adults, have difficulty understanding the difference between fact and fantasy.

When kids ages 2 through 15 watch violence on television, they often think little about the consequences that come to the victim or perpetrators of violent crimes. Jonathan was not developmentally equipped to link the scenes together and extrapolate from what he saw the consequences the robber would pay for his actions, nor how seriously the woman was hurt.

What we view

Psychologists have said for years that the outcomes of violence on the screen are often glossed over. A new study, conducted by researchers at the Universities of California-Santa Barbara, analyzed 9,000 hours of television programming shown between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. About 2,000 people coded programming on 23 channels, including broadcast networks, independent broadcast, public broadcast and basic and premium cable.

In the study, which was concluded in April 1998, the following facts were uncovered:

- Physical aggression occurs 60 percent of the time, escalating during prime time hours.
- "Good" characters or heroes commit 40 percent of the violent acts
- Seventy percent of the aggressors show no remorse.
- Fifty percent of the conflicts show no physical injury or pain and suffering.
- Forty-seven percent don't show any harm to victims at all.

The above formula is not only prevalent in dramas, but children's cartoons, such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The Power Rangers."

The researchers concluded that these programming patterns trigger three things in children: fear, desensitization and role-modeling. We used to say, "This cannot be healthy for kids." But now we can say, "This IS not healthy because we are seeing with our own eyes the repercussions of violence in our schools."

Taking control

Three game plans can change the landscape:

- Turn off the television. Read books, go for bike rides, play games, cook, do anything but watch the plug-in drug.
- Install a V-chip so that your children do not have access to the violent shows that are so readily available.
- Write to the television stations, both locally and at the national level, and tell them your feelings about the violence. When viewership decreases and complaint letters increase, programming changes.

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A WHEEL adventure

Bicyclists make trek from Seattle to New York for MS



In the beginning: Jeff Martus of Livonia (left) and Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens strike a confident pose in Seattle, Wash., where they started their 4,000-mile bike trek to New York City to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Few facts about MS

Multiple sclerosis is a common disabling neurologic disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 350,000 people in the United States with 8,000 new cases reported each year, according to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc.

■ There is no one group of people who "get" MS. Considered a lifelong disorder, MS often strikes between the ages of 30 and 50, and mostly women. For unexplained reasons, MS is most common in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe. Near the equator MS is unknown.

■ MS is signified by more than one area of inflammation and scarring of the myelin in the brain and spinal cord. Myelin is the tissue that covers and protects nerve fibers. When that occurs, nerve "communication" is disrupted. Thus, a person with MS experiences varying degrees of neurological impairment, depending on the location and extent of the scarring.

■ Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe - paralysis or loss of vision - although 20 percent of MS patients with benign MS have no permanent disability, 30 percent have intermittent symptoms with long periods of stability and 40 percent have a slowly progressive form of the illness.

■ In fact, 75 percent of people with MS never need a wheelchair, 40 percent experience no disruption of normal activities and two-thirds of the patients remain functional 20 years after being diagnosed.

■ Of those diagnosed with the disease, 10-20 percent have steady progression from onset and 30 percent with chronic progressive MS stabilize after two years.

But the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc. strives to provide "a brighter tomorrow" for people with multiple sclerosis and others affected by the illness. Founded in 1986, it is the oldest MS support organization that focuses on both complementary and conventional health care options to address the varied symptoms associated with the disorder.

For more information about the disease, call the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Program Services Department at (800) 441-7055, by e-mail at support@msfacts.org, or in writing at 6350 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

Jeff Martus is a man with a mission. He's hoping pedal power will contribute to a cure for multiple sclerosis.

The 24-year-old Livonia resident and second-year University of Michigan medical student is bicycling from Seattle, Wash., to New York City to raise funds for the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Martus and fellow medical student Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens begin their journey from an island off the coast of Seattle June 3. They plan complete their 4,000-mile trip by early August.

"It seemed more good could come from something like this than working in a research lab for the summer," said Martus, who called from Church's Ferry, N.D., the second week in July. "Three months is not enough to answer questions."

Martus' aunt, Kathleen Payne, was diagnosed with MS 16 years ago at age 35. She continues to fight the disease and is doing well. His grandfather, a handsome and athletic World War II veteran, died of the disease at age 42.

Payne is one of her nephew's biggest fans. She took care of the Martus siblings - Jeff, Jeannette, 19, and Bob, 22 - while their mother worked when they were growing up. Martus said his aunt's son, Christopher, 18, is "like a brother."

"He has all this energy and pizzazz," a proud Payne said of Martus. "He's very special to me."

Payne had no idea Martus intended to turn his bike trip into an MS fundraiser.

"This was a total surprise," she said. "This is an adventure and an adventure with a purpose. This is the only

summer he has off, maybe forever."

Martus believes in the work National Multiple Sclerosis Society does. He said all the new drugs that help MS patients are a direct result of the society's research. He wants to contribute his share.

So far he's collected about \$1,000 worth of pledges from friends. The public can pledge one or two cents a mile, or even a half a penny. Every cent counts.

All money raised by Martus and Zima's trek across the country goes directly to the MS cause. Individuals who pledged support will be mailed information and envelopes addressed to the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"The one most important thing is that none of the money is supporting us. It's not funding a vacation," said Martus.

Martus said the cost of their trip to date is "obscene." Their biggest expense has been equipment. Their bikes had to have frames and spokes strong enough to cross mountain passes. Martus already has gone through two wheels. He'll pick up a new, custom-made wheel in Devil's Lake, about 20 miles from Church's Ferry. It'll probably cost him \$200.

The men were halfway through their journey when Martus called. They had logged 1,600 miles. It takes a strong back and a pair of strong legs to manage 90-plus miles a day while carrying 70 pounds of gear - bike tools, extra inner tubes and spokes, a small tent, a sleeping bag and pad, waterproof

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Special kids bring mothers together

When Debbie Vassel was pregnant, doctors warned her and her husband not to get too attached to their baby. Ultrasounds revealed that the baby was "really small," and doctors thought he may have had Down Syndrome.

"They thought he was going to be born dead, or born alive and die shortly after, or if we're lucky, he'd have Down Syndrome," explained Vassel, of Canton Township. "They told us not to get too attached because he's not going to leave the hospital."

Andrew Vassel was born eight weeks early. Doctors sifted through various syndromes and diseases, all of which were fatal.

Now, 6 1/2 years later, the Vassels still haven't gotten an official diagnosis. He has the abilities of a 2-year-old boy.

"He's very slow, his main problem is seizures. When he was younger, he was having up to 100 seizures a day. Now it's down to one or two. He says about 20 words," Vassel said.

It's been an exhausting experience for the family. Stacey Laho of Plymouth has experienced the same frustrations. Her daughter, Alisha, sustained brain damage from congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV), a virus in the herpes family that rarely produces clinically detectable disease except in infants up to 4 months of age. It is transmitted transplacentally to the fetus from a mother with a latent infection.



Helping each other: Debbie Vassel (left) and Stacey Laho don't want to label Mothers of Special Kids a support group. They see the group's focus as what the women can do for each other.

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"Depending on what trimester the mother is in, some children just have hearing loss. Others are asymptomatic; they don't have any problems at all," she said.

Her daughter is considered spastic quadriplegic. She suffers from hearing loss and is epileptic. She is so physically challenged that it's hard for doctors to test her mental abilities.

Helping others

Laho and Vassel, along with Debbie Barshaw and Laura Wright of Canton, and Dawn Northrop of Plymouth, hope to help other mothers in similar situations. They are the core of Moths of Special Kids (MOSK) which meets at 7:30 p.m. the

third Tuesday of the month at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 E. Ann Arbor Road (at I-275) in Plymouth Township. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21.

For more information, call Barstow at (734) 455-6115, Laho at (734) 416-8005 or write to moskids@ameritech.net.

"We wanted to have a group

where parents could come together and interrelate to each other," Laho said.

The mothers' children, most of whom are age 6 and younger, have various disabilities, according to Vassel.

"Some of the children of the parents in the group have seizure disorders," she said. "Most have severe mental impairments. All of them go to special education schools."

"A lot of the time I felt I had nobody to talk to. My friends would blow me off because they wouldn't want to hear about it. I'm sure there's a lot of other women who don't know about this group and feel they don't have anyone to talk to."

MOSK began as a small group of women but has grown by word-of-mouth to 16 mothers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Novi and South Lyon.

"It takes a lot of courage to call someone; they don't even know these women," Laho said. "It's a great feeling to have someone call me up and tell me they've been looking for something like this," Laho said.

Fathers are welcome but Laho hopes they will be inspired to start their own group.

"There's such a need for having an informal setting where a woman can come and talk about their child with special needs. No one can really relate to that," Laho explained.

It can be troubling, she said, to talk with other women who talk about their babies hitting milestones when they're going through a tremendous grieving process.

'It's hard for people to relate but I'm kind of glad they don't have the same situation. I hesitate to call our group a support group though. It's not a pity party. We focus in on what we can do for each other.'

Stacey Laho
Plymouth

"It's hard for people to relate but I'm kind of glad they don't have the same situation," Laho said. "I hesitate to call our group a support group though. It's not a pity party. We focus in on what we can do for each other."

Topics include school transportation, doctors, the latest treatments and programs. Above all, it provides the women with a relaxing night out.

"It benefits emotionally. It's a night out without the worries. Most of us don't get out that much because our children demand so much of our time and energy," Laho said. "Sometimes we don't necessarily talk about our children, although we do for the most part."

"We always order dessert and sit and talk for a few hours."

Neverending struggle

Andrew Vassel's doctors have tried several things to improve his condition, including a ketogenic diet, a high-fat diet used to treat epilepsy. The diet consists of digesting 100 calories, 90 of which is fat. His meals included drinking whipping cream or eating butter or mayonnaise.

Besides MOSK, Vassel is also a member of an epilepsy support

group that meets the first Saturday of the month at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

Doctors advised the Vassels not to have any more children. Much to their surprise, Debbie became pregnant with a healthy baby girl, Sarah, who is now 4 1/2 years old.

The birth, she said, as been a godsend for Andrew, who attends Webster Elementary School in Livonia.

"She's been very good for him. She's his big teacher. She walked right before him. He would get up and follow her," she said with a smile.

As for Laho, she came down with mononucleosis-type symptoms in her fifth month of pregnancy. Doctors suspected that the size of the baby's head was small. When Alisha was born, she "didn't have a lot of other symptoms."

"She was jaundiced and had a little rash. It wasn't like anybody missed anything. I didn't know what was in store. We have to just wait and see," said Laho, the mother of 6-year-old Kody and 16-month-old Hannah.

Since then, Laho has tirelessly worked on her daughter's behalf. She encourages doctors to change Alisha's medication, if she feels it is not making a difference. She fights for equipment for her daughter and deals with health insurance companies about coverage.

"If you're not going to take all the steps, nobody else will," Laho said. "I don't look at my life like poor me. I have a child who has taught me so much. God loves her more than I do. He proved that we have strength to deal with this."

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If you have a question or comment for Jacques Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at The Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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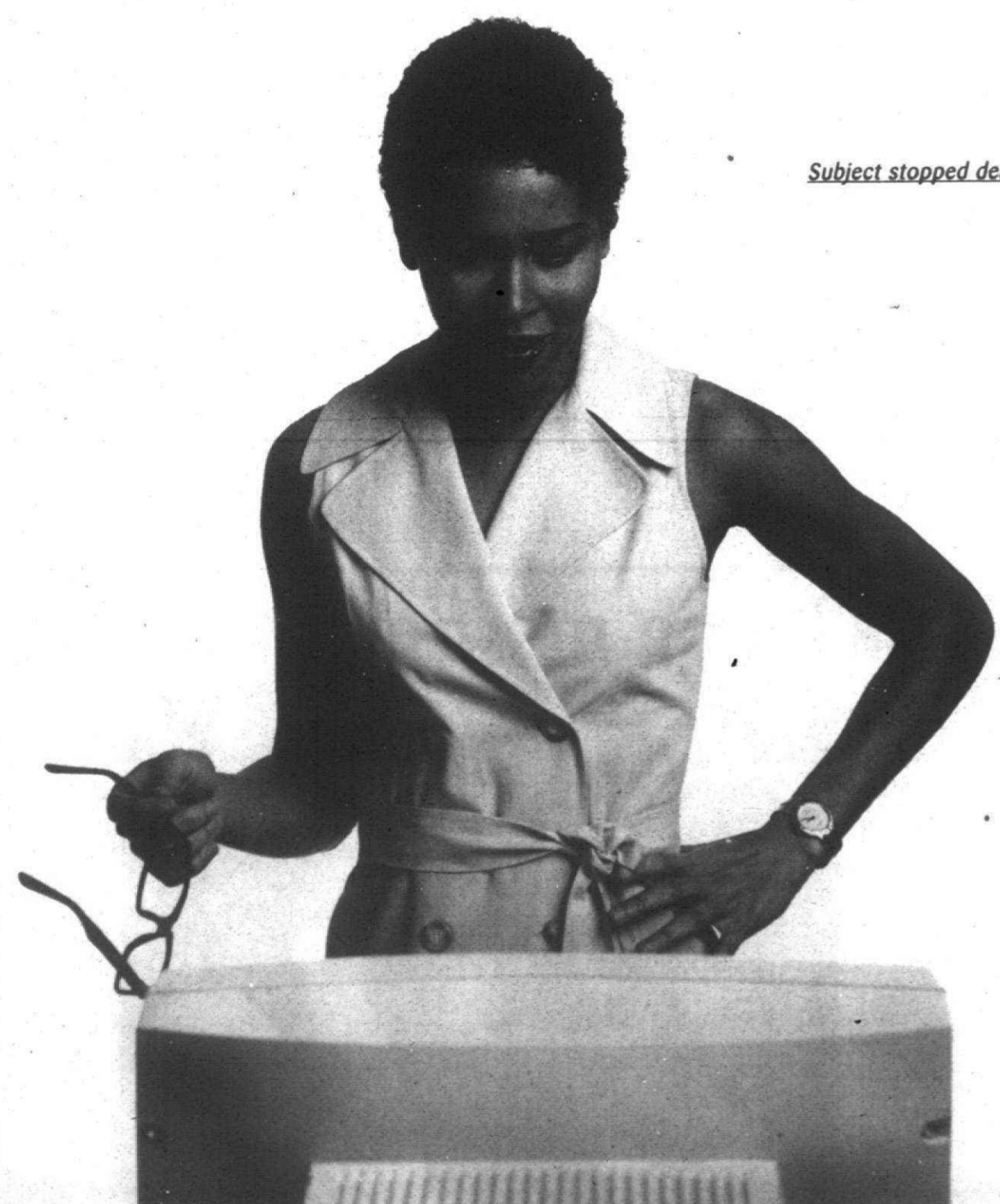
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Wansor-Moriarty

Keith and Kathy Wansor of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Kristene, to Chad Michael Moriarty, the son of Joan Lary and Mike Moriarty of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan dental school. She is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Blau and Dr. Kirsch.

Her fiancé is also a John Glenn High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is employed by EDS.

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



Northville Township.

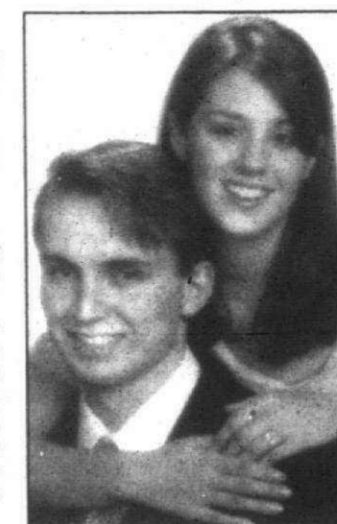
Harrison-Lewis

William and Susan Harrison of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to William Lewis, the son of Gerald and Jacqueline Lewis of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She attends the University of Michigan where she is majoring in early childhood education.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Fordson High School and a 1997 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed as an advanced applications engineer for Unigrafics Solutions.

A September wedding is planned at North Congregation-



al Church in Farmington Hills.

Lemley-Ipavec

Lisa Kathlene Ipavec and Christopher O'Neal Lemley were married Oct. 18, 1997, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The Rev. George Charnley officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bonnie and Bob Meyerand of Canton and Robert Ipavec of Ohio. The groom is the son of Vel and Pam Lemley of Farmington Hills and the late Delores Lemley.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Royal Oak Dondoro High School. She is employed at Taco Bell in Flint.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a certified athletic trainer by Healthtrax International in Flint.

The bride asked Lori Moesta to be her matron of honor, with Kim Cummins, Kim Lemley, Amy Downey and Kelly Herscheles as bridesmaids. Lisa Meyerand served as junior bridesmaid, with the bride's

daughter, Hillarie Ipavec, as flower girl.

The groom asked Steve Marocco to serve as best man, with Jeff Lounsbury, Ernie Muntean, Chris Putman, Kent Allion and Rob Meyerand as groomsmen. Christopher Cummins was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Roma's Banquets in Garden City before leaving for a weeklong honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their home in Grand Blanc.



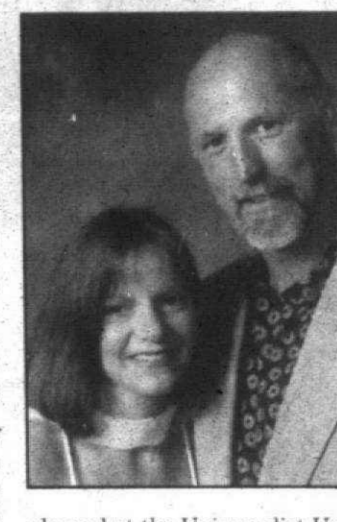
Jablonski-Payne

Anthony and Emily Jablonski of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Ronald R. Payne, the son of Jim and Vicki Johnson of Bellevue, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City West High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is an independent consultant in human resources high technology and manufacturing recruitment and staffing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sammamish High School in Bellevue. He is employed by The Boeing Company in sales and engineering support.

An August wedding is



planned at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

Doyle-Wise

Douglas Patrick Doyle and Deanna Marie Wise were recently married at Laurel Chapel, Livonia by the Rev. Kurt Stutz.

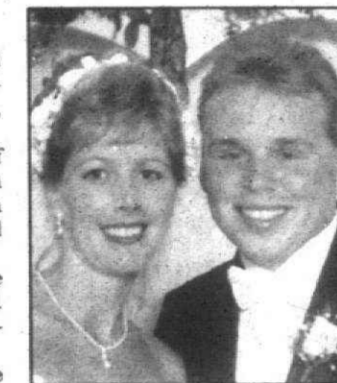
The bride is the daughter of Linda Klotz and John Wise, both of Livonia. The groom is the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed at Livonia Township.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed as a manager at the Franklin Square Apartments in Livonia.

The bride asked Shannon Wise to serve as maid of honor with Lindsay Wise and Laura Klotz as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Tom Shuttle-



worth to serve as best man with Larry Doyle and Timothy Doyle as groomsmen. Daniel Sharma was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Roma Banquets in Garden City. The couple is making their home in Livonia.

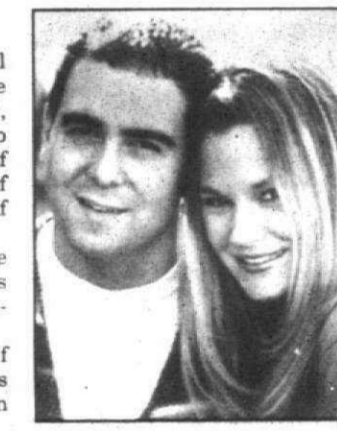
Campbell-Orsucci

Patricia and Donald Campbell of Orchard Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynn Campbell, to Robert Kennedy Orsucci of Farmington Hills, the son of Dale and Sandra Orsucci of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended the University of Michigan and is employed by OpenText in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. He is employed by Captec in Ann Arbor.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Edith Church.

Hafflett-Ogg

Warner and Brenda Adkins of Redford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teri Lynn Hafflett, to Bryan Steve Ogg of Redford, the son of LaVerle Bundy of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-to-be is employed as a loan processor for Park Place Mortgage in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is employed as a customer technician for Clover Technologies.

A July wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel.

Holmstrom-Roland

Robert Paul Holmstrom of Livonia and Brandy Roland of Waxom were married April 14 at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia by Kay Jackson.

The bride is the daughter of John and Naomi Gray of Waxom. The groom is the son of John and Ruth Holmstrom of Novi.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. The groom is a 1980 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He is employed as a project engineer at Rapistan Systems.

The bride asked Barbara Stavilas to be her attendant. The groom asked Kenyon Octave to be his groomsman.



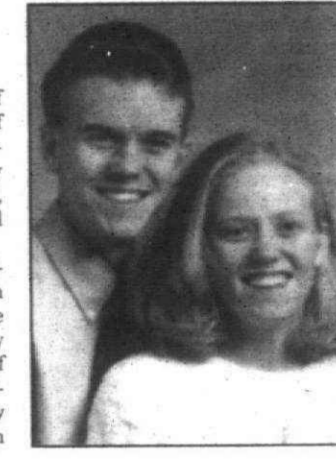
After vacationing in St. Lucia, the couple returned to their home in Livonia.

Westover-Christensen

David and Glenda Westover of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Kay, to Daniel Lee Christensen, the son of Donald and Karol Christensen of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is employed by Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Howell High School and also expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is



employed by Dynaloc Engineering in Walled Lake. A December wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Oertwig-Witto

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oertwig of St. Peter, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Renee, to Gregory Paul Witto, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Witto of Redford. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and Indiana University. She is the senior manager of customer service for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company in Mattoon, Ill.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Concordia College in Ann Arbor. He serves in the campus ministry at Eastern Illinois University and is the director of young adult ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, Ill.



A September wedding is planned.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

TEDDY BEARS
 ■ Teddy Bear Show and sale 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, July 19, at Weber's Inn, 1-94 exit 172, Ann Arbor. Admission \$4 adult and \$1.50 children. The show is a bear collector's shopping paradise.

POETRY
 ■ Reggie Gibson will be performing his poetry 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at The Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman. For information call (734) 454-0178.

SKATING
 ■ The Skatin' Station is hosting a Beanie Baby Show and Skate! 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 8611 Ronda, Canton. They will have a Beanie Baby giveaway every hour. Show them your favorite Beanie Baby and receive \$1 off admission. For information call (734) 459-6401.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 ■ The Salem area historical society will be holding a croquet and ice cream social, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. The historical societies of Salem and Northville will renew their century old croquet rivalry. The event will take place on the grounds of the Jarvis (south Salem stone) School, which is on the northwest corner of Territorial and Curtis Roads. Admissions is by donation. Proceeds will be used in the restoration of the school building and grounds.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
 ■ Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Torts: An Overview of Negligence," Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. at the workshop, Call Mary Meizinger Urisko (734) 432-5548.

ART EXHIBIT
 ■ An exhibit of floral X-ray photography is on display through July 31 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. The radiographs are the work of Albert G. Richards, an emeritus professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan. Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Additional viewing times are possible by calling the office, (734) 416-4278.

ART FAIR
 ■ Ann Arbor Art Fair and Street Fair will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 15-18. There will be more than 560 fine artists and crafters.

ENTERTAINMENT
MUSIC IN THE PARK
 ■ Plymouth Community Arts Council presents Music in the Park, noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, July 22. Steve Taylor of the VuDu Hoppers. Call (734) 416-4ART.

POETRY
 ■ The Plymouth Poets Present Summer Celebration of Poetry 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St. at Harvey in downtown Plymouth. Featured readers for July 9 are Al Ward, Marble Brown and Renée Tambeau. Audience members may share their poetry before and after featured readers.

REUNION
 ■ Past members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor. There will be a commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia. Call (734) 459-6829 or write P.O. Box 7000217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ARTS PROGRAMS
SYMPHONY
 ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Summer Symphony Chamber Ensemble in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12. Students and seniors are \$10. For tickets and information, call (734) 397-9939.

DRAMA CAMP
 ■ Whistle Stop Players presents Summer 1998 Drama Camps for children 5 years and older. Session 1 starts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily (bring a sack lunch), July 13-17, free workshop

KIDS FINGERPRINTING
 ■ Allstate Insurance agent Sandra Rutherford is inviting parents to bring their children 12-4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, to the Old Fire Hall in downtown Plymouth's Old Village for fin-

Troop 781 gets new members



Moving up: Four boys from Cub Scout Pack 1738 have been accepted into Boy Scout Troop 781 during recent ceremonies at Hulsing School. They are (from left) Chuck Kovalik, son of Chuck and Diane Kovalik; David Maryanski, son of Greg and Colleen Maryanski; Chris Schendel, son of Marty and Kim Schendel; and Tim Haslick, son of Roger and Maureen Haslick. All are Canton residents and three of the four boys have been in scouting since they were in second grade. Troop 781 is based at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. "I am very proud of these four boys and what they have accomplished. I know that they will do very well in Boy Scouts and each of them will make a positive impact on their family, friends, school and community," said Den Leader Marty Schendel.

performance at 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Community Arts Council. Call (734) 416-4ART. Participation fee: \$75 for PCAC members, \$100 for others.

NATURE
 ■ Summer Nights Under the Stars, presented by Howell Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings, through Oct. 12 (excluding Labor Day). \$8 per person, guests may enjoy many of the Center's Nature Programs. Gatherings around the campfire, and cooking dinner together. July 13, Native American Night, July 20, Reptiles, July 27, Wildlife Rehabilitation Night. Call Laura at (517) 546-0677. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. (Not recommended for children under 5 years.)

WIDE WORLD SPORTS
 ■ Wide World Sports Center of Ann Arbor has adult drop-in roller hockey games 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per player. Goals play free. For details, call (734) 913-4625.

YMCA
 ■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently taking registration for programs beginning in July. Registration is being taken for Camp Tonquish Day Camp for ages 6-12; Camp Jellybeans for ages 3-5; Floor Hockey Camp, Basketball Camp, Goalie Camp, Soccer Camp, Swimming, Karate, Golf, and Tennis. Please contact the Plymouth YMCA (734) 453-2904 to register by Visa or Mastercard, or to request further information.

PNACD
 ■ The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth is accepting registrations for fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age is 3 years. Classes begin in September. Call Barb Martin at (734) 453-7161.

ADULT SOCCER
 ■ The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. Call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

TAI CHI
 ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council has Tai Chi classes 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The instructor is comfortable with all age ranges and abilities. Cost is \$87. Call (734) 416-4ART.

SINGLES RELATIONSHIPS
 ■ Single Place presents Stages of Relationships with speaker Ken Kuurski, 7 p.m. July 16 at Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville 200 E. Main Street, Northville. \$4 per person. For information call (248) 349-0911.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
 ■ Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Summer camp program enrollments for ages 6-10 years also are being accepted. Contact Donna Pomerson at (734) 981-8463.
 ■ Openings exist for fall 1998 for students in second through fifth grade at New Morning School, a state certified and licensed non-profit school. Call (734) 420-3331.
 ■ Small World Day Care in Canton, on Joy Road, between Haggerty and Newburgh, is accepting applications for enrollment. Call (734) 459-9909.
 ■ St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, is now accepting registration for new students grades K-3. They offer a low student-teacher ratio. Enthusiastic, experienced christian teachers at a state certified facility. For information call (734) 459-9720.

SUPPORT GROUPS
PARKINSON'S
 ■ The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, building 5305, near parking lot P. Also at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, the annual summer picnic will be at the St. Joseph Hospital picnic grounds. A \$2 donation per person is requested. Call (313) 930-6335.
COUNTERPOINT
 ■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.
SUBURBAN WEST
 ■ Suburban Nights offers a consumer-run, drop-in center open to people 18 years and older who want to meet new people, socialize, make friends and just hang out. The program offers refreshments, bingo, bowling, exercise, crafts, outings, games and movies. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. New members are always welcome. Transportation is available nightly upon request. If you have any questions about the program or need a ride, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777 and ask for Robert, Jenny, Christine, Steve or Mark. The Suburban Nights Drop-In Center is located at 27595 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

CLASSES
SUMMER STUFF FOR KIDS
 ■ Plymouth Community Arts Council presents summer stuff for kids, 3-13 years. "Cool Crafts," July 21; "Rubber Stamp Workshop," July 23; "Advanced Cartooning Workshop," Aug. 4 and 6; "Toddler Art," July 23; Decorate your own kite July 30. Paint a ceramic tile Aug. 20. Ongoing drawing & sketching 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 26. Call (734) 416-4ART.

ADULT CLASSES
 ■ Ongoing classes for adults: Ongoing summer yoga, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through August; Ongoing Batik workshop, 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays as scheduled; Drop-in Studio, an ongoing drawing class, 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays, 7-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays. For more information call the Plymouth Community Arts Council (734) 416-4ART.

VIAGRA
 ■ Botsford General Hospital's HIM (Help for Impotent Men) has a support group starting in August. This free HIM support group meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100. This group meets the second Tuesday of every month.

ANGELA HOSPICE
 ■ Angela Hospice offers monthly grief support groups at no cost 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 Favar, (734) 464-7810.

ARBOR HOSPICE
 ■ Arbor Hospice has a seven-week group for people age 18-25 who have experienced the death of a parent. Group meets Wednesday evenings at the

ALZHEIMER'S
 ■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation. To volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

TIMOTHY AND DEANNA LABELL announce the birth of **Chase-Lyn Marie Watson** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Patrick, 7. Grandparents are Richard and Linda LaBell of Fenton, and Dee and Patricia Tatum of Westland.

TODD AND ANGLE LOOP of Westland announce the birth of **Alexis Paige** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister Kayla Rene. Grandparents are Jim Loop of Westland and Dennis Moore and Janet Moore of Ladoga, Ind.

BETH REINDL AND JIM DOUGHERTY of Canton announce the birth of **Bailey Elizabeth Dougherty** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

MICHAEL AND ELIZABETH LAPUM of Westland announce the birth of **Blake Aaron** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Vernon and Janet Sigmour of Westland and Darlene Lapum of Novi and

GEORGE LAPUM of Seminole, Fla., and **RONNA LAMAS** of Westland announce the birth of **Matteo David** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Keith and Cindy Story of Westland and Guadalupe Soria of Detroit.

DAVID AND JENNIE BLAIR of Westland announce the birth of **Emilie Marie** April 30 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Robert and Shelly Dillingham of Dearborn Heights and William and Kathryn Blair of Winter Garden, Fla.

JOHN AND JENNIFER MCBAIN of Garden City announce the birth of **John Travis** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John and Jennie McBain and Laurie and Gary Garlough, all of Wayne.

Clairvoyant says people should trust their intuition

Learning process: After working in business administration for 20 years, Camille Proccassini of Ann Arbor now is teaching people intuition development and dream interpretation.



There's no such thing as women's intuition. "It's people's intuition. Women trust their intuition because they're more open. Men are just as intuitive," said clairvoyant and certified hypotherapist Camille Proccassini of Ann Arbor. Proccassini is hosting "Using Intuition in the Workplace" as part of the West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women's monthly networking meeting and luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

The meeting/luncheon is open to the public at a cost of \$18. For more information, call Tracy at (734) 420-3508. Like everybody else, business people are not deficient in intuition, according to Proccassini. They simply rely too much on their left-brain logic. "They think, did I make that up? It doesn't make logical sense. It's a blip," said Proccassini, who worked in business administration for 20 years. Besides doing personal consultations and business seminars,

Proccassini teaches intuition development and dream interpretation classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Her classes are always full and always include some skeptics. Their conversion is all the more sweet. At the beginning of her class "Developing Your Intuition: Practical Tools for Practical People," Proccassini asks students to write down how they feel about the color of their shirt.

It is a question with a purpose: What does the color of my shirt say about me? As the class progresses, students apply their developing intuition to problems in work, relationships and family life. "It is most enjoyable to watch people get it, to see the 'ah, ha!' I should've had a V-8' kind of moment," she said. Proccassini's message to everyone is simple and clear: Always trust your intuition. It's the center of the unfiltered, innocent truth. It existed long before authority figures - parents, teachers, institutions - wore it down with threats of guilt and fear.

"Most people build blocks at the intuitive level because we have been told feelings don't count," Proccassini said. "Intuition should be the guiding rule. If you fine-tune your intuition and learn to trust it - but not coming from desired outcome or want, just pure feeling - you will not make a mistake." Logic, however, is not just a five-letter word. It has its place in the scheme of cognition, but it is the end point, not the beginning. In a dangerous situation, for example, the impulse to flee is first felt in the gut.

"You take it up to the heart, what's this fear, then you take it to the brain and the brain tells you to get out of here. The gut is always the center point," Proccassini said. "The intuition to know when danger is near is not fear. You should always pay attention. Even if it makes no logical sense, but your thought is 'I need to exit,' get out of there." Proccassini believes everyone is born with intuition, but some remain more open than others. "It's called an energy field," she said.

Proccassini has used her intuition kinetically to scan a person's body for medical problems. Sometimes she experiences a sympathetic headache. When she was a child, these physical sensations scared her. "I didn't always understand why I didn't feel well," she said. "I could have been pulling someone else's energy." Proccassini also has worked with police departments in Chicago and Ann Arbor in solving crimes. It's not her favorite task - "I prefer not to do it because I have to go into the victim's space."

As a clairvoyant, Proccassini she gets information about clients in "slightly different ways. I'll see their energy, where there's blocking." However, Proccassini doesn't claim to corner the market on intuition. "There isn't a person on the planet who can't do what I do," she said. "Everybody has access to it if they trust it."

NEW VOICES

TODD AND TRACY RHODES of Livonia announce the birth of **Dalton James** April 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Brandon, 8. Grandparents are Betty and James Duarard of

ANGIE WOLF of Garden City and **JIMMY RELLINGER** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Chelsey Rose Rellinger** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Byron Wolf and Jim Rellinger, both of Garden City.

LAWRENCE AND SHARON CONKLIN of Canton announce the birth of **John Patrick** April 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Jeanette Marie, 7, and Caitlin Elizabeth, 2, and a brother, Daniel Joseph, 5. Grandparents are Edmund and Sally Conklin of Shelby Township, Jeanette Chermiside of Apopka, Fla., and the late John J. Chermiside. Great-grandparents are Marion and Lawrence Bielman of Palm

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 West Bloomfield, Orchard Mall - (248) 737-8080
 (Ford Rd. between Inlander and Beech Dale)
 Livonia, Merrifield Plaza - (734) 522-1850
 (On corner of Five Mile and Meridian)
 Novi, Novi Town Center - (248) 349-8090
 Rochester, Meadowbrook Village Mall - (248) 375-0823

STERLING HEIGHTS, Eastlake Commons - (810) 247-8111
 (On corner of Hall Road and Hayes Road)
 Troy, Oakland Mall - (248) 589-1433
 West Bloomfield, Orchard Mall - (248) 737-8080
 (Orchard Lake and 15 Mile)

OUTSTATE:
 Ann Arbor, Colonnade - (734) 761-1002
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Children's Directory '98

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CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 734 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

Your Invitation to Worship

Mail Copy To: OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150

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BAPTIST

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
22475 W. SIX MILE, LIVONIA
525-3664 or 261-9276

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 P.M.

July 19th
11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker
6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker

"A Church That's Concerned About People"

Pastor & Mrs. H.L. Petty

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI
(313) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 to 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 6:50 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

The Facts of Life:

Fact #1: We all need help.
Fact #2: The help we need is available.
Fact #3: That help is free.
Fact #4: That help is found in the church.
Fact #5: You can learn more this Sunday.

71-City Christian Center
Michigan Ave. & Monroe St.
325-0550
Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills
(810) 661-9191

Summer Schedule
Worship Service
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church and Child Care Provided
Child Care provided for infants through preschools.
Wednesday evenings - Activities for All Ages

CATHOLIC

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Society of St. Pius X
Traditional Latin Mass

23110 Ivy Road • Bedford, Michigan
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121
Priest's Phone: (810) 784-9511

Mass Schedules:
First: Fri. 7:00 p.m.
Sec: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. Masses: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
1160 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth • 453-0326
Rev. John J. Sullivan

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 1:00 P.M., Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187
481-0444
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

Weekly Masses
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
411 Sherman • Canton
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
School Office
Church & School Available
422-6930

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia
(313) 261-1360

May into October - Monday Night Service - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

Loia Park Ev. Lutheran Church
14750 Knox • Redford Twp.
552-8655
Pastor Gregory Gibbons

Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Now accepting applications for 1998-99 school year.
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Robert Bayar, Assist. Pastor

Two locations to serve you -

LIVONIA
14175 Farmington Rd.
(N. of 969)
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
(313) 522-6830

CANTON
48001 Warren Road
(West of Canton Center)
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45 am
(313) 414-7422

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.oca.edu/~emcroc>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
20865 Middlebelt Center of 3 Mile & Middlebelt
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES
6 p.m. Saturday Evening
9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School

Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-6675

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
1 Bk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland
5885 Vandy
425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Morning Evensong 7:30 P.M.
Cory D. Neasegoff, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambert, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Bunker, Proprietor/D.C.E.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
2830 GRAND RIVER in BEECH DAILY
332-2266 REDFORD TWP.

Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Victor F. Habel, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Yalob, Assoc. Pastor

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NewLife Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
(with children's message/nursery)
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Providence Chapel
16115 Beck Rd. (between 5 & 6 Mile Rds.)
Pastor Ken Roberts (ELCA)
734 7459-8181

CHRISTADELPHIANS

CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2 Block N. of Main • 2 Blocks E. of Mall
WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. (Open to all ages)
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. (Open to all ages)
Pastor Frank Howard • Ch. 453-0323

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Agapé Family Worship Center
"A PRACTICAL CHURCH ON THE MOVE"

45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357

New Service Times
Sunday Worship Services - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.

Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Brightmoor Tabernacle

Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Reaz, pastor
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI (I-696 & Telegraph • West of Holiday Inn) • 552-6200

Sunday Service Times • 10:00 am Worship Service • 6:30 pm Evening Service
8:45 am Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 pm "Family Night"

10:00 AM Pastor Calvin Reaz
6:30 PM Camp Meeting with Rev. Bob Fish

24-Hour Prayer Line 248-152-6205

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From MI 16 to 145 on Greenfield Rd., South
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - 1-974-2222

8:00 Praise & Worship Service
8:00 Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:30 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:00-9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
(1 Mile West of Stratton)
Plymouth • 453-5252

Worship Service 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9650 Lawrence St., Redford • 337-2424
Rev. Lawrence Wilto

WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School Kindergarten-8th Grade
937-2233

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 484-8844

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.
Family Worship 10:00 a.m.
"Learning To Discern What is Needed"
Rev. Dr. Anna Marie Austin, preaching
Dr. Janet A. Noble-Richardson, pastor
A Creative Christ Centered Congregation
e-mail sttimothy@earthlink.net
www.sttimothy.org

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
(313) 422-2290

SUMMER YOUTH:
Sunday Service & Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

We Welcome You To A Full Program Church
Rev. Richard Perry, Pastor
Rev. David Robinson, Assoc. Pastor
Visit our Website at <http://www.rosedale.org>

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

PLYMOUTH SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
4255 Hope Road Plymouth
(313) 453-3580

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sabbath School 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Dance 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Pastor Mikaela (313) 453-8222

UNITED METHODIST

Clarencville United Methodist
20100 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-1444

Rev. Jean Lane
Worship Services 10:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 A.M.
Office Hrs. 9-5

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2887 West Elvira Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
248-476-8860
Farmington Hills

Summer Worship at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Church School at 10 a.m.

Newburg United Methodist Church
36550 Ann Arbor Trail
422-0149

Summer Schedule:
Worship Services & Sunday School
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
3600 So. West Rd. • Westland & Middlebelt
Chuck Soudquet, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Sunday & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

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

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced and separated Christians, will have a meeting and dance, starting 7 p.m., Saturday, July 18, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Hagerly south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$5 for those who arrive before 7:30 p.m., \$8 after 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123 for more information.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocchio at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries will have a bicycle tour of Harpoons

Ward
We welcome you to join us at our new location!!
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI
248-374-7400
Dr. James H. McGuire, Pastor
Worship Services
Sunday School
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Evening Service
7:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Nativity United Church of Christ
9435 Henry Rd. at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406
Rev. Daniel Lindquist, Pastor
9:15 Adult Class
10:30 am. Worship Service
Worship Services
11:00 A.M. WULFAM
10:30

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton
(313) 498-0815
Summer Schedule:
Sunday School & Church School
10:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages
Children Provided • Handicapped Accessible
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church • (734) 453-8484
Nursery Provided
Dr. James Simons, Teresa J. Seidel
Senior Minister Associate Minister
David J.W. Brown, Dir. of Youth Ministries
Accessible to All

CONGREGATIONAL

Mt. Oregan Congregational Church
30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia • 734-425-7280
(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Care Available

UNITED METHODIST

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
Worship 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School All Ages 9:00 a.m.
Children Care Provided
Bible Studies:
Tues., 10:00 am
Wed., 6:30 am.

UNITED METHODIST

Worship 8:30 and 10:00 am Church School 10:00 am
- Help In Daily Living -
- Exciting Youth Programs -
- Child-Care Provided 10 am
Pastors: Dr. Dean Klump, Rev. Stjepa Annon

United Methodist Church of Plymouth
41201 W. Middlebelt Rd. • Canton, MI
(734) 453-5280

Agape
United Methodist Church
John Rogge, Buck Isuzu-Suzuki
Between Plymouth and W. Chicago
Bob & Diana Gould, Co-Pastors
313-437-3170

Summer Worship Hours: 8 & 10 a.m.
Child care through kindergarten at 10 a.m.
All Air Conditioned Sanctuary

Old Testament Prophecy Point the Way
July 19: Jeremiah's Change
Rev. Diana Gould, preaching
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast provided for everyone
With learning centers for children

Inland Saturday, July 18. Riders will meet at 10 a.m. at the Harpoons Inland ferry parking lot on the south side of 23 Mile Road, west of Alana.

Single Pointers also will meet at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, and ride to Northville via I-275 bike trail and Hines Drive on Saturday, July 25.

For more information about any of the events, call the SPUME office at (248) 374-5920.

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 Friday through Sunday, July 17-19 and Sept. 18-20, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth.

For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit <http://www.rc.net/detroit/wmme>.

SUNDAY LESSONS
Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at

Timothy Lutheran
Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's People Pray," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. Infants are welcome with parents in the adult program. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information or a registration form, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. The program is for children age 4 through completion of the fifth grade. The offering is \$5 per child, with scholarships available. To register or for more information, call (734) 459-0013.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST
Plymouth Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Amazing Science and Wonders," 9:15 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Children ages 4 through sixth grade will learn Bible truths through the stories of famous scientists who believed

the Bible. The school will include songs, crafts, games, snacks and puppet shows. The closing program and carnival will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 2. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5534.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10-14 at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for children ages 4 through the sixth grade. Students will set sail daily on "The Lighthouse Adventure," featuring crafts, Bible-based messages,

music and an ice cream social. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Kids Pray - H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7 at the church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Children who have completed preschool through the sixth grade are welcome. Featured will be songs and music, crafts, recreation, snacks, puppets and storytelling. Cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-6464.

CHILDREN'S and Youth Choir Music
To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS



Innovative worship: Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will perform at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 19, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton. The group, formed in 1977, is comprised of professional musicians from across the country who have the desire to use the instruments they love to praise the Lord in an innovative worship time for all generations. Their original arrangements are featured on eight recordings. For more information, call the church at (724) 455-0022.

CHORAL SYMPOSIUM
The Rev. Gary Matthews, minister of music at Highland Park Baptist Church, is hosting three Sacred Choral Music Symposia for church choir directors, accompanists and singers at the church, 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield, Friday-Saturday, July 24-25. Guest composers and clinicians will include Doug Besig, Nancy Price, Gene Grier, Carolyn Banta and Lowell Everson.

The programs are "Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Sacred Music" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and "Children's and Youth Choir Music" from 2:30-5 p.m., both July 24, and "General Sacred Music" 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25. Each participant will receive packets of choral music, specially selected from some of the world's leading publishers. The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

PRECISE TRAINING
Registration is being accepted for Precept Ministries Institute of Training for students, potential leaders or current leaders Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 13-15 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call Lee Anne Young at (734) 455-0022.

SUMMER SERVICE
The Sunday worship service at Faith Lutheran Church, 30010 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will be at 9:30 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 6. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-7249.

REPUBLICAN PARTY
The Republican Party of Michigan will hold its annual convention at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, from July 17-19. For more information, call (800) 452-2222.

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tion, call Music Unlimited in Clarkston at (248) 625-7057.

IN CONCERT
Eternity, one of the country's leading contemporary Christian music artists, will be in concert at 8:30, 10 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

Appealing to audiences of all ages, the Austin, Texas group is dedicated to communicating the Gospel through music. The group has performed with Michael W. Smith, Steve Camp, Bryan Duncan, Carmen and David Moss and appeared at Walt Disney World, the Pentagon and several conventions.

For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

RUMMAGE SALE
Livonia Lutheran Church and AAL branch 3233, are hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 427-2290 for more information.

NEW BEGINNING
The Rev. Kearney Kirby will discuss "Personalizing the Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

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clothes, a camp stove and a pair of shoes and sandals. "We're getting a lot stronger," said Martus. "Climbing the Cascades (mountains in Washington state) was harder than the Rockies. We were in better shape by the time we reached the Rockies."

Martus figures he and Zima burn about 300 calories an hour, maybe more. They're eating well, stopping at a grocery store every day. They've abandoned making oatmeal for breakfast. Now, it's bagels - quick, easy and portable.

Some good stories

Besides raising money for MS, Martus' trip will provide good stories for his grandchildren. He'll tell them about the pods of orcas - killer whales - he saw swimming off the coast of San Juan Island near Seattle. And he will describe his harrowing trip biking the Sun Road through Logan Pass in the Rockies at 6,600 feet. Martus and Zima biked the last five miles of the pass through cold, fog and rain.

"You knew there was a sheer drop off there, but it was just white," he said, adding that the road was closed shortly afterwards.

Then there was the trek through Montana facing 20-mile-an-hour headwinds - "It was like

going uphill all the way," he said.

However, their biggest adventure to date came in Culbertson, Mont. They were biking through the rain along U.S. Highway 2 about 25 miles from the North Dakota border on July 4 when a state trooper pulled them over to warn of a tornado sighted 30 miles to the east.

Martus and Zima took refuge in a city park, secured their bikes, and climbed into their tents wearing their raincoats. The winds picked up and the rain came down harder.

"The winds were ripping through at 60-70 miles an hour," said Martus, adding that they took refuge in a cement restroom. "We kept peeking out. It was marble-size hail. We figured the roof would come off, and we closed the door. The woman from across the street sent her son to knock on the door."

The street was a river of knee-deep water, and the 16-year-old youth helped rescue their tent and bikes.

Martus and Zima spent the night with Paul and Lily Finnicums, but what a night it was. Their hosts' basement began to flood with sewer water and the two men became part of a bucket brigade. That night they slept soundly on the living room floor.

The kindness of people Martus and Zima have met along the way is another legacy of the adventure. Martus said a bike shop owner on South Whidbey Island near Seattle spent six hours fixing their bikes and only charged them \$30.

"A lot of great people helped us out, told us where to camp, warned us where not to camp," said Martus.

Originally, Martus and Zima planned to reach the East Coast by Aug. 1. Weather and other unexpected delays have put them behind schedule. Zima has another commitment on Aug. 8, so he may end his journey at Port Huron, and Martus will continue to New York City alone.

That's OK, he says. It's a chance for more adventure, and more importantly, it's a chance to raise more money for MS.

Individuals interested in pledging or contributing to Jeff Martus' fund-raising effort can contact Kathleen Payne at (734) 591-1559.

As for MS patients, a support group meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. Fridays at the Livonia YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft. A water exercise program from 6-7 p.m. precedes the group meeting.

"We have been successful from the word go," said Payne. "Because we meet so frequently we really care about each other."

The group was founded by Doris Colling five years ago for MS patients and their spouses. It's supported by St. Mary Hospital, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Livonia Family YMCA. It has about 80 members, 50 of whom have MS.

Colling's husband, Emerson, said two physical therapists volunteer their time every Friday for the water exercise program. The Y charges \$2 per person.

Colling added that the Livonia group is the only MS support group in Michigan that meets weekly. The group is open to everyone, no matter the degree of disability. "We sometimes get a little crowded, but we have no intention of excluding anybody."

For additional information, call the Collings at (248) 380-8523.

Arbor Hospice offers grief support groups

No matter what your age is, if you are dealing with grief following the loss of a loved one, Arbor Hospice has a support group that can help.

It's B'Tweeners group for widowed men and women who are still in the workforce meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

For people dealing with a loss due to suicide, Arbor Hospice has a group that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at Risen Christ

Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

It also has a group for young widows and widowers who are under age 46 that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

For more information about the groups and other age and loss specific programs for adults and children offered by Arbor Hospice, call (800) 783-5764 or the Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980.

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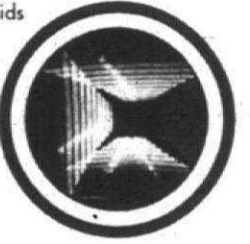
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Indians get bid

The Michigan Indians 10-and-under Willie Mays-level baseball team, based in Plymouth, has received a bid from the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series, Aug. 1-8 in St. Louis. The Indians posted a 36-9 record this season. Other teams competing in the Series will be from Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.

Members of the Indians are David Carey, Shawn Little and Craig Post (from Canton); Kyle Gendron and Greg Mrrone (Plymouth); Eddie Duggan and Stephen Merlo (Livonia); Shawn Dunford (Westland); Craig LaPlante (Whitmore Lake); Nathan and Nick Sarkissian (South Lyon); and Garrett Ruthig (Brighton). The team is coached by Jim Gendron, Dave Sarkissian and Nick Marrone.

The Indians are currently seeking any corporate or individual sponsorships to help defray the expenses associated with participation in the World Series. Those wishing to help should contact Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 for details.

Blind athletes excel

Shawn Donaldson of Livonia and Joe Hamilton of Wayne are among 50 athletes named to represent the United States at the 1998 World Championships for the Blind beginning today and ending July 26.

Donaldson, 24, and Hamilton, 19, each compete in Goalball. Donaldson was a 1996 Atlanta Paralympian who was a national champion in 1997 and Hamilton won the 1996 Junior National Championships.

Goalball is a team sport developed for the blind by the Germans as an athletic activity for returning soldiers rendered blind during World War II. The game consists of two teams of three players to a side that alternate rolling a basketball size ball which contains bells inside back and forth within a standard 18 meter volleyball sized court.

A combination of soccer, softball and bowling, the object of the game is to forcefully roll the ball into a goal that stretches the length of the end line.

All players must wear a blindfold regardless of vision and the length of the game consists of two halves seven minutes each.

Meteor soccer tryouts

The Livonia Y Meteors II, forming a new Under-17 team to compete in the Little Caesar's Open Division, needs one to two more players with birth dates between 8-1-81 and 7-31-83.

Interested players should contact (734) 462-6169 to schedule a tryout.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood HS is looking for coaches for its varsity and junior varsity tennis teams, a junior varsity field hockey coach, and an assistant varsity swim coach. Those interested should call the Ladywood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for details.

New hockey team

A new Squirt A hockey team, the Canton Crush, is now forming. The Crush will compete in the Little Caesar's Travel Hockey League. All District 4 players are welcome to tryout.

The final conditioning skate will be from 7-8 p.m. July 22, with tryouts slated for 7-8 p.m. Aug. 3, 4 and 6 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information, call Jeff Lajoie (981-0864), Joe Moore (495-0137) or Wally Hill (451-1538).

Cobras claim Classic

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, a first-year 11-year-old travel baseball team, made their trip north to compete in the Ithaca Classic last weekend worth their while.

The Cobras defeated the Okemos Chiefs (a 12-year-old travel squad), plus 12- and 13-year-old all-star teams from Mount Pleasant and Ithaca, on Saturday. On Sunday, they beat Okemos a second time to claim the Classic championship.

Bobby Pollard, Steve Williams and Nate Rzeppa each hit two home runs over the fence to pace the offense. Brian Whiting and Rzeppa were pitching winners, with Alex Enright earning one save while closing out three wins.

Other team members are Eric Byrne, Sean Downey, Chris Drabicki, C.J. Greenwell, Buddy Musa, David Scherbaty and Andrew Shumaker. Coaches are Ron Rzeppa, Don Shumaker, Troy Greenwell and Tom Byrne.

Combined teams closer to reality

Thurston hockey proposal earns early board approval

Based on Monday's vote by the South Redford School Board, the Redford Thurston Hockey Committee is one step closer to its goal of starting a cooperative program this year with Redford Union.

The seven members voted 6 to 1 in favor of "pursuing the issue farther," according to South Redford superintendent John Graves.

The vote calls for the two administrations to proceed with more planning and to bring back the official "resolution for board action," Graves said.

"The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires a very specific resolution," Graves said. "This is certainly a significant step, but not a final step. There are a number of important details to work out."

A final vote of approval, which would require a majority of the seven board members, could be held at the next board meeting, July 27, or the one following, Aug. 10.

Aug. 15 is the deadline to inform the MHSAA of districts' intentions to combine programs, Graves said. The MHSAA Executive Committee must approve the cooperative program.

The South Redford administration, including assistant superintendent Bill Weber, Thurston athletic director/assistant principal Bob Sickles and Thurston principal Jim Finn, has recommended delaying the start of a cooperative program.

Its position was stated in a letter dated June 16 from Finn to Graves, the new superintendent.

"There are a number of priorities in the athletic department and expansion of hockey, no matter the mechanism, is not a priority now," said Graves.

relaying the administration's stance. "It's not based on the opposition to hockey, it's based on our understanding of the needs of the (athletic) program at this time."

RU athletic director Jim Gibbons has said RU would welcome a cooperative program and handle the administrative end, including scheduling and selection of coaches. Costs would be minimal for the South Redford district since the cooperative program would be funded mostly by the RU extracurricular task force and fund-raisers, sources say.

Scott Sellin, a member of the Thurston Hockey Committee, said at least 20 people showed up to give their support of the cooperative program.

"There were a bunch, 20 people, maybe more," Sellin said. "We had as many or more RU people there. The RU people who showed up helped us explain to the board how it worked, how it was funded, what

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Tompkins wins Classic

Tompkins also makes cut for Junior Amateur

GOLF

It's been another busy and successful summer on the golf course for Westland resident Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at John Glenn High School.

Tompkins won the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic on July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club.

Tompkins had a two-round total of 153 (77-76) to finish two strokes ahead of second-place Nick Abbruzzese of Okemos. Tompkins' total would have earned him 12th in the College Division.

Plymouth's Gregory Bores, a Henry Ford Community College student, was 24th in the College Division with a two-round total of 158 (84-74).

Tompkins returned to the links on Tuesday and recorded earn one of 11 berths to the Michigan Junior Amateur Championship in a qualifier at The Links of Whitmore Lake. Tompkins' score of 77 gave him 10th place in a 48-player field.

Competing well but missing the cut were Plymouth Township's Evan Currie and Redford Township's Steven Elliot, who fired 82s, Westland's Anthony Fotiu with 92 and Livonia's Chris Jarvis, 98.

Mixed reviews

MU coach hopes impressive recruits offset loss of Sisung

The outlook looked exceedingly bright for Madonna University's volleyball team — until the last two weeks.

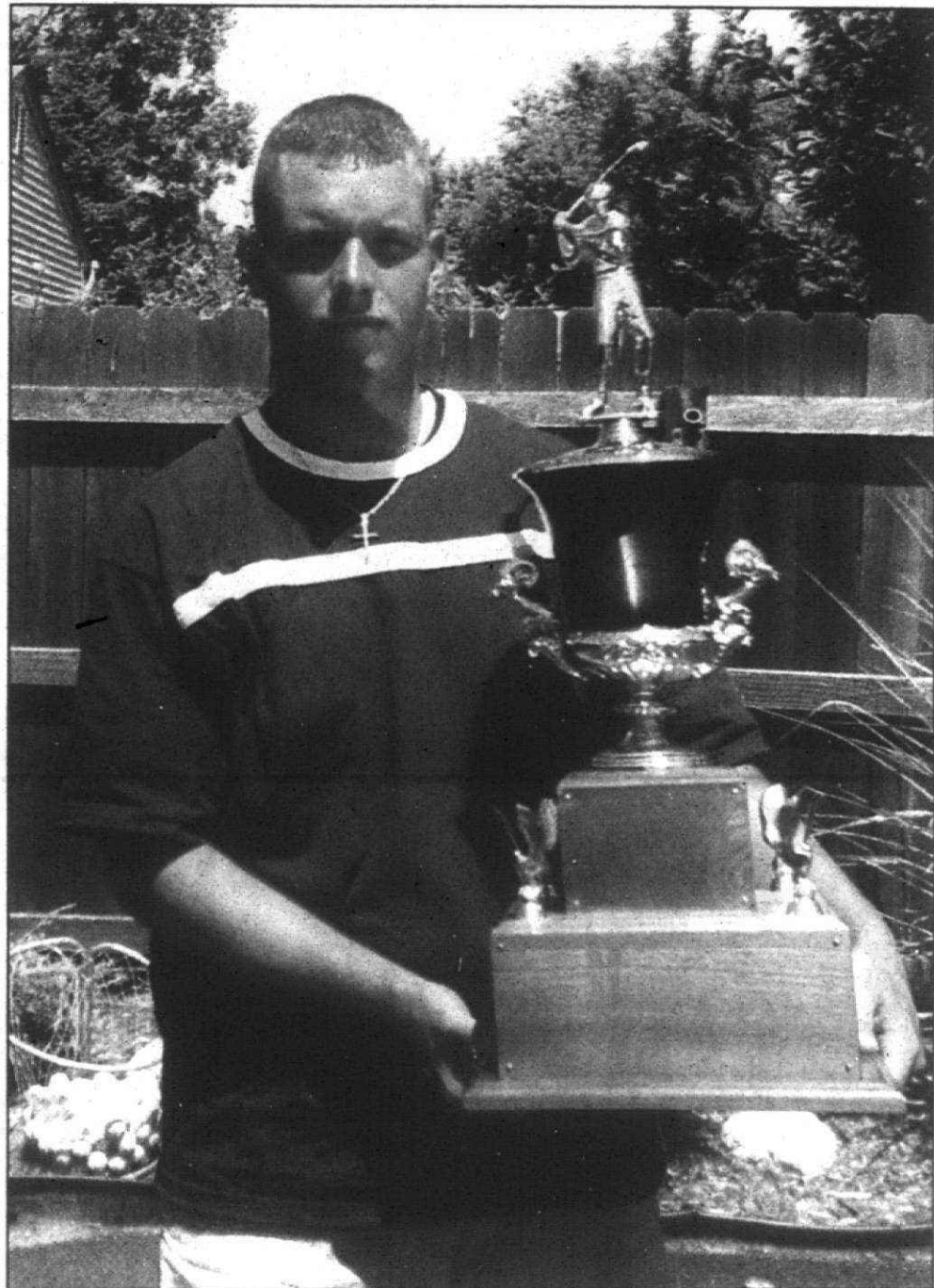
That's when coach Jerry Abraham got some bad news: Karin Sisung, his 5-foot-9 star outside hitter, probably will not return for her senior season.

The reason is her academic schedule. The classes she needs to take are at night, and on nights the Lady Crusaders play on.

"She's one of the best outside hitters I've ever had here," said Abraham of Sisung, who was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the year and was a second-team NAIA All-American for Madonna, which finished 34-15 last season, losing in the NAIA Regional semifinals.

The loss of Sisung and two other outside hitters who could have returned for one more season, 5-11 Nicole Scharer and 5-10 Vicki Toth (from Redford Union), has dimmed Madonna's prospects for the upcoming season — particularly after such a promising recruiting harvest.

"Seniors are seniors," Abraham said of the unanticipated losses. "It's hard



Nice hardware: Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at Westland John Glenn, earned the right to take home this trophy after winning the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club. Tompkins had a two-day total of 153 (77-76), two shots better than the second-place golfer.



Key addition: Livonia Ladywood graduate and Plymouth resident MaryLu Hemme will be a "big plus for us," according to Madonna coach Jerry Abraham.

to replace them with new kids." But the five newcomers Abraham has joining the team could make the

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Livonia-based team targets Sylvan Lake

HYDROPLANES

If you missed or didn't get your fill of the hydroplanes at last weekend's Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest, there's another chance Sunday with the return of the 81st annual Sylvan Lake Regatta.

The race, organized by the Oakland County Boat Club, Inc., starts at noon and is free to the public.

Seven classes will compete during the day, with between eight to 10 boats per class.

Among the competitors in the 2.5 litre modified class will be the Linn Racing entry out of Livonia. The boat is owned by Randy Linn of Livonia and driven by his younger brother Steve Linn of Farmington Hills.

Mechanical problems plagued the team most of last year, resulting in a fourth-place finish at the 1997 Sylvan Lake race.

Linn managed a second-place finish at the 1997 Summer Nationals in Hampton, Va. and this year has hit the water flying, winning all four of the events he's entered.

Linn's boat is powered by a highly-modified Alfa Romeo automobile engine, the only kind in use on the American Power Boat Association circuit. Randy Linn has done 90 percent of the development work himself.

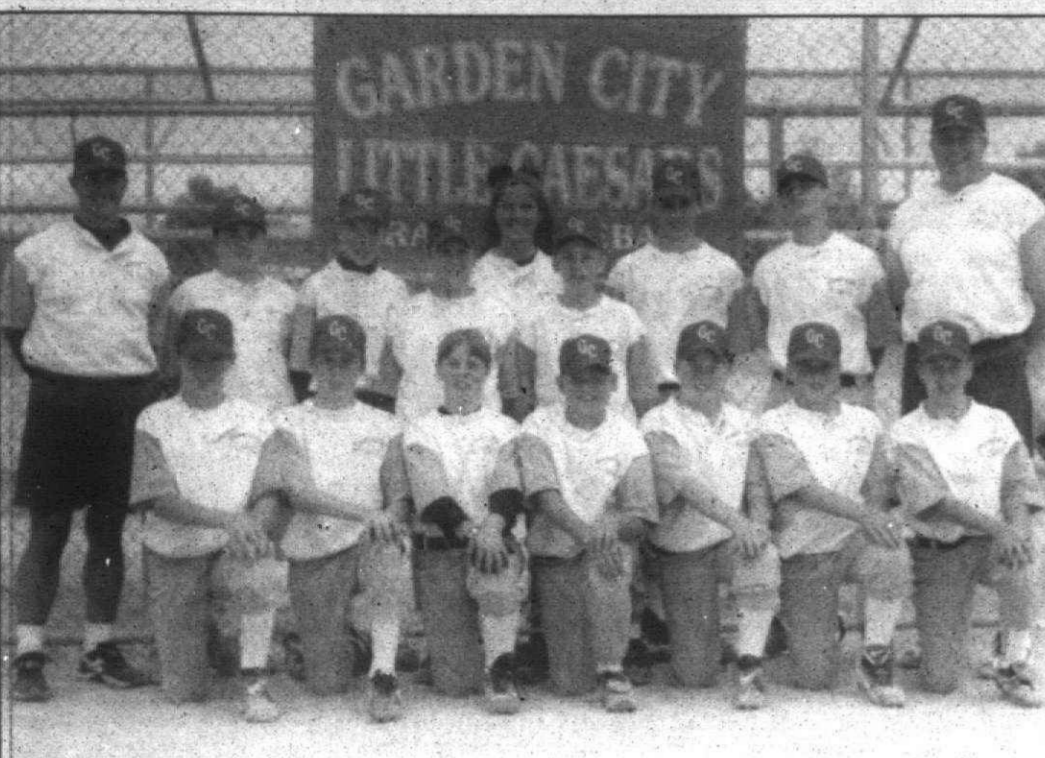
Although Steve Linn does the driving he's quick to point out this is a team sport. Another key member of the team is Race Engineer Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills.

"Randy is tireless when it comes to the boat," Steve Linn said. "He is always thinking of new ways to improve it, even during a perfect 4-0 start. I've threatened to take his keys to the shop so he'll leave the boat alone."

"Randy has great development skills but Jim is the best race day mechanic I've seen. His ability to think quickly and handle the high pressure adjustments on the boat is amazing. He also has a great calming effect on the radio for me during the race because I tend to get pretty intense when I drive."

Linn said his boat can reach speeds of 130 miles per hour but this weekend probably not surpass 105 because "Sylvan Lake is a small course with big turns."

Sylvan Lake is located near the intersection of Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads. For more information, call the APBA at (810) 773-9700.



Look of success: The Garden City Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team finished 12-8 during the regular season and travels to Macomb for district action this weekend.

Garden City Reese successful

The Garden City Little Caesar Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team (12-8) has won one tournament, finished second in another and fourth in a third.

The team, coached by Dave Cain, Bob Murray and Laura Noonan, finished 12-8 in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Little Caesar Division. It plays in the Macomb District this weekend with hopes of advancing to the regional the last weekend in July in Oregon, Ohio.

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Members of the team include: Kenny Bain, Scott Cain, Chris Cappelli, Troy Eden, Greg Hocking (Farmington Hills), Gary Humenay, Jason Lind, Jimmy May, Dustin McGowan, Brian Montgomery, Shaun Murray (Redford), Dominic Noonan and Kyle St. Charles.

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transition much easier. "This is a good recruiting class," he said, "and we needed it. I have high hopes for this class. I'm very excited. All of the freshmen could contribute as freshmen. And none of them are kids that are not going to play."

The biggest of the Madonna recruits is 6-foot middle hitter Nicole Burns, a transfer from NCAA Division I Coastal Carolina University, who was a starter at outside hitter. Burns "decided to leave after two years," Abraham said; a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., she was given the names of several schools to look at by her club team coach, Steve Fleagle, who coached at Spring Arbor College. Madonna was one of them.

"She's a big recruit for us," Abraham said. "She's a hard worker with a positive attitude." There are no sure things prior to the preseason, especially for a newcomer, but Burns is about as close as one could get. Abraham admitted "she appears to be a starter at middle hitter for us. We're hoping she can be an impact player. We're hoping she can take that position to another level."

Even with the loss of Sisung Scharrer, Toth and outside hitter Erin Gregoire (who graduated), the Crusaders still have seven returnees — and four of them are 5-11 or better. With Burns and 5-11 sophomore Brady Malewski (from Redford Thurston), 6-1 junior Stephanie Ubalde and 5-11 sophomore Kelly

Artymovich, Madonna should be tough in the middle. Thing is, there's more. Also signed was 5-10 Livonia Ladywood graduate MaryLu Hemme, who was all-Observer and all-Catholic League as a middle hitter. "She's a very versatile athlete," said Abraham, who envisions Hemme playing outside hitter for the Crusaders. "She can play on the right side or in the middle. And she can be a primary-type passer. I don't know what position yet she'll play, but she'll be a big plus for us."

Hemme, who had 88 kills as a senior co-captain for a Ladywood team that was loaded with sizeable talent, was singled out by Blazer coach Tom Teeters for "her ability to be a primary passer and middle hitter as a combination (which) gave our team a player essential for its success." A third front-line player signed by Abraham is 6-1 middle hitter Donna Birkenhimer, from Dearborn Edsel Ford. Initially viewed as a "diamond in the rough" by the Madonna coach, Birkenhimer has improved markedly, causing him to alter his views. "I've seen a ton of improvement," Abraham said of Birkenhimer, who played for the Crusaders AAU junior 18 elite club team.

"She's strong, with a lot of raw talent. She's got size, and she hits the ball with a lot of velocity. She's progressed with a lot of hard work. She could contribute this year for us." That is precisely how Abraham sees all his recruits — no projects, all versatile players with the ability to play more than one position. One recruit he hopes to develop quickly is 6-0 Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves standout as an outside hitter who Abraham wants to use as a back-up to junior setter Deanne Helsen. Wind was a regular at Abraham's summer camps at Madonna; for her, there wasn't much doubt what college she would attend. "She's a combination player," he said. "She has good hands and a good court sense, and she has improved each year."

Abraham bolstered his recruiting class last week with the signing of 5-10 outside hitter Heather Adams, from Lakeland HS. "I saw her at camp last week and was very impressed," he said. Adams, it seems, was overlooked by most college coaches because she didn't play volleyball her sophomore and junior years of high school. "She's young, skill-wise," Abraham said. "But she seems to be a good athlete. She has very good backcourt skills, she's versatile and has a nice serve."

It all adds up to a promising class, one that fills most of the holes — although Sisung's possible absence leaves a rather large gap. "We're going to be younger than we were two weeks ago," said Abraham. But still a team with loads of potential.

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the pluses and minuses were. Of course, on my side there are no minuses. They gave us every opportunity to explain our position, our reasons. I would say most of the board members were accepting." The lone board dissenter was against the plan because South Redford has traditionally been behind sports that are considered lifetime activities, and hockey is not, the person theorized. Sellin was confused by that assumption because he believes hockey is one of the more popular sports played by men over 40 — Finn and Gibbons counted among them. Michigan Amateur Hockey Association representatives Harold Pagel and Larry Johnson, who have students in the RI district, presented the board numbers to back hockey's popularity. "I explained that I've played hockey with a goalie who is 75 years old," Sellin said. "Besides 'bowling, golf and softball, hockey has a bigger participation level over 40 than any sport." Sellin appreciates how Graves

SPORTS ROUNDUP

3-ON-3 CHAMPS Four members of the Under-13 Michigan Hawks girls soccer team placed first at the sixth-annual Channel 7-ABC Warehouse 3-on-3 Soccer Shootout at Birmingham Groves. Team members included Melissa Dobbyn, Whitney Guenther, Jill Kehler and Marissa Sarkesian. This was a first-place three-peat for Dobbyn.

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Huskies, Lakers neck-and-neck

MSHL HOCKEY

The Huskies remained in the chase in the Metro Summer Hockey League's Bakes Conference, one point behind the unbeaten Lakers, with a 9-6 triumph over the Wildcats Tuesday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Tony Guzzo scored three times in the first period to give the Huskies (now 6-1) a 6-3 lead after one. Scot Curtin (from Redford) also had two goals in the game. Other goals came from Bobby Davis, Brian Sutherland, David Scott (Canton) and David Sellen (Redford); Davis added two assists, while Jim Tudor (Canton) contributed three and Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford) got two.

For the Wildcats, Brian Calka (Livonia) and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) each netted a goal and two assists, while David Wallace, Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills), Troy Taylor and Matt Henderson (Livonia) scored goals.

Ryan Davis and Ed Souilliere (Livonia) split time in goal for the Huskies. Chuck Schervisch was in the net for the Wildcats (3-5).

Bulldogs 14, Spartans 3: Ben Blackwood poured in four goals and assisted on two others to lead the Eagle Conference-leading Bulldogs (7-1) past the Spartans (1-7) Tuesday at Plymouth.

Bronco 13, Spartans 5: The Spartans winning streak didn't last long. The Bronco (2-5) got the first four goals of the game and never looked back in beating the Spartans, who recorded their first victory of the season Sunday, Monday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Bulldogs 19, Wildcats 12: Call it "Scorefest!" With less than 10 minutes left in the second period, Sunday's MSHL game at Plymouth between the Bulldogs and Wildcats was tied at 4-4, thanks to a goal by the Cats Tom Taylor. But after that, well — things got out of hand.

The Dogs scored five-straight goals, two by Corey Swider (Livonia), eventually netting 15 goals in the final 23:15, to run their Eagle Division-leading record to 6-1. The Wildcats slipped to 3-4.

Spartans 6, Falcons 4: On Sunday at Plymouth, the Spartans got their first win of the season thanks to three unanswered third-period goals — two of them by Brian Halas (Canton).

Lakers 6, Wolverines 2: The Wolves (2-5) scored the first two goals of Sunday's game against the Lakers at Plymouth. But the Lakers got the last six.

LEADING SCORERS

Name (Team)	G	A	Pts
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	12	13	49
Ben Blackwood (Bulldogs)	15	14	29
Tony Guzzo (Huskies)	15	14	29
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	12	27	27
Eric Doleah (Lakers)	15	9	24
Ian Crookford (Lakers)	12	10	22
Kyle McNeilance (Wildcats)	9	12	21
Troy Taylor (Wildcats)	8	13	21
J. Hubenschmidt (Huskies)	11	9	20
Mike Vigilante (Lakers)	9	11	20

LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Name (Team)	GA	AVG.
Larry Jardine (Lakers)	5	2.50
Shawn Miller (Lakers)	24	4.80
Bob Harrison (Bulldogs)	22	4.93
Ryan Davis (Huskies)	20	5.89
Art Baker (Broncos)	19	6.25
J.J. Weeks (Bulldogs)	23	6.51
Casey Osting (Falcons)	22	7.43

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Travel clinches title

The Livonia Travel Connie Mack baseball team clinched the Little Caesar's American Baseball Federation championship with a 7-0 win over the Michigan Lake Area Rams.

The win raises Travel's overall record to 25-6, 13-1 in league play with two games remaining. The Michigan Rams are in second place with a 10-4 record and the Riverview Rams in third with an 8-6 record.

Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) improved his pitching record to 6-0 with a complete-game two-hitter, striking out eight and walking two. He now has a 1.2 earned run average.

Casey Rogowski (Catholic Central) had a home run and single to lead the hitting attack. Chris Woodruff (CC), Mario D'Herin (CC) and Rabe also contributed two hits each.

"This was our typical game, great defense, good pitching and timely hitting," manager Bill Rabe said. "This is just an example of 14 good young men who are committed to the game, the team and each other."

With the league title wrapped up, Livonia cruised to a 10-2 victory Sunday over the Riverview Rams. Mark Cole (CC) pitched a six-hitter with five strikeouts in five innings to earn the victory. Derek Fox (Farmington) gave Cole relief help, pitching the final two innings.

Seven players had hits for Livonia. A bases-loaded double by Mike Fisher (Farmington Hills Harrison) provided the most damage.

Livonia now looks forward to playing in the Mayor's Cup in Battle Creek, a four-game series with the Port Wayne (Indiana) Braves and the High School Division National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in Hopkinsville, Ky.

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SWIMMING/RECREATION

C'ville wins Flag City meet

The Clarenceville Swim Club defended its championship at the 25-team Flag City Invitational Long-Course Swim Meet held last month in Findlay, Ohio. A pair of relay teams set meet records. The boys open 800-yard freestyle relay team of Michael Porth, Joe Bublitz, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk was a record-setter with a winning time of 8:27.83.

The 10-under girls foursome of Courtney Green, Chrissy Fleck, Kathryn Kusuplos and Monica Pauza set meet records in the 200 freestyle relay (2:20.83) and 200 medley relay (2:40.95).

Following is a listing of top-10 event finishers in each age group among Clarenceville swimmers:

OTHER C'VILLE FINISHERS

8-and-under girls: Jill Fleck, first, 50 free (1:41.90); 100 free (3:33.61); 50 back (50.23); 50 fly (51.29); 200 free (3:32.57); third place, 50 breast (58.86).

Emily Navas, first, 50 breast (55.85); second, 100 free (1:42.04); 50 back (51.71); 50 fly (56.39); 200 free (3:39.41); third, 50 free (44.38).

Alyssa Borth, eighth, 50 free (52.54).

8-and-under boys: Jeff Pauza, first, 50

free (40.50); 100 free (1:35.79); second, 50 back (51.36).

10-and-under girls: Courtney Green, first, 50 breast (42.38); second, 100 breast (1:37.96); 50 free (34.60); 100 free (1:18.35); 50 fly (36.61); 100 fly (1:25.56); fourth, 200 IM (3:15.91); fifth, 50 back (42.84).

Monica Pauza, second, 50 back (40.68); 100 back (1:27.94); third, 100 breast (1:41.51); fifth, 200 free (2:55.65); sixth, 50 fly (41.31); seventh, 100 free (1:21.20).

Kathryn Kusuplos, fourth, 50 back (41.11); fifth, 50 free (35.38); 100 free (1:20.66); 100 back (1:31.67); sixth, 200 free (2:56.88); ninth, 200 IM (3:31.37); 10th, 50 fly (42.38).

Charon Parham, sixth, 100 free (1:20.85); eighth, 50 free (36.25); 200 free (3:00.26); ninth, 100 breast (1:50.90); 10th, 50 back (44.36); 200 IM (3:31.50).

Chrissy Fleck, seventh, 100 fly (1:37.69); eighth, 50 fly (41.92).

Carly Burgio, fourth, 200 free (2:54.44).

11-12 girls: Julie Ward, second, 50 breast (41.28); third, 100 breast (1:32.12); seventh, 200 IM (3:01.58); eighth, 50 free (33.14); 10th, 100 fly (1:28.32).

11-12 boys: Brendan Cummings, ninth, 100 free (1:15.88).

Billy Navas, ninth, 100 fly (1:51.68).

13-14 girls: Lindsay Dolin, second, 100 back (1:15.40).

Stephanie Cummings, third, 200 back (2:42.52); seventh, 200 IM (2:48.47); eighth, 50 free (31.10).

13-14 boys: Ed Lesnau, first, 100 breast (1:21.68); second, 50 free (28.46); third, 100 free (1:03.67); 200 free (2:29.52); 200 IM (2:43.93); fifth, 400 free (5:16.72).

Brett Meconis, first, 100 back (1:14.69); 100 fly (1:08.58); second, 200 free (2:20.10); fourth, 50 free (29.18); 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 fly (2:36.77).

Justin Ketterer, second, 100 free (1:21.72); 400 free (4:50.96); fourth, 100 fly (1:15.28).

Joe Burmeister, third, 100 back (1:21.72); seventh, 400 free (5:31.03); 200 IM (3:01.23); ninth, 200 free (2:38.77); 10th, 50 free (33.43); 100 free (1:13.54).

15-16 girls: Megan Lesnau, third, 400 free (5:00.65); fourth, 1,500 free (19:50.83); 200 IM (2:44.12); 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 free (2:20.10).

Kourtney Dweley, third, 100 free (1:08.05); 10th, 50 free (31.52).

15-16 boys: Joe Bublitz, first, 100 back (1:06.30); 200 IM (2:23.20); second, 50 free (27.54); 200 back (2:25.91); 100 free (59.62); 200 free (2:10.82); 100 fly (1:04.76); fourth, 100 breast (1:21.64).

Michael Porth, first, 50 free (27.04); 100 free (57.30); 200 free (2:05.70); 400 free (4:27.21); 100 breast (1:17.30); second, 200 breast (2:44.59).

Michael Nemer, fifth, 100 breast (1:23.14); eighth, 100 fly (1:14.98); 200 IM (2:39.99); 200 free (2:27.83); ninth, 200 breast (3:00.07).

Senior girls: Becky Noechel, first, 100 breast (1:25.42); second, 400 IM (5:37.55); third, 200 free (2:22.35); 200 IM (2:41.73); fifth, 400 free (4:57.76); 100 fly (1:14.37); sixth, 200 breast (3:06.02).

Kelly Carlisle, first, 100 fly (1:09.26); 200 fly (2:33.18); 200 IM (2:38.55);

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Senior boys: Keith Falk, first, 200 fly (2:18.09); second, 400 free (4:25.29); third, 200 free (2:07.30); 1,500 free (17:51.76); 100 breast (1:16.36); 100 fly (1:04.20); fourth, 50 free (27.81); 100 free (59.31).

Nick Sosnowski, second, 200 free (2:06.72); 100 back (1:06.99); 200 IM (2:24.69); third, 400 IM (5:07.87); fourth, 200 back (2:28.15); fifth, 400 free (4:34.09).

Ted Burmeister, first, 200 breast (2:43.90); second, 100 breast (1:15.82); 10th, 200 IM (2:36.06).

RELAY WINNERS

10-under girls: 200 medley (Carly Burgio, Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolin), sixth place, 3:20.46; 200 freestyle (Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolin, Carly Burgio); fifth place, 2:47.37; 200 freestyle (Emily Navas, Alicia Grant, Alyssa Borth, Marisa Gordon), 10th place, 3:17.29.

11-12 girls: 200 medley (Katelyn Riley, Julie Ward, Allison Goldsmith, Katie Fleck), third place, 2:39.63; 200 freestyle (Katie Fleck, Julie Ward, Katelyn Riley, Melissa Riley), sixth place, 2:26.31.

13-14 boys: 400 medley (Brett Meconis, Ed Lesnau, Justin Ketterer, Jon Burmeister), first place, 5:08.56; 400 freestyle (Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Jon Burmeister, Peter Bublitz), first place, 5:00.71.

Girls open: 400 medley (Lindsay Dolin, Becky Noechel, Kelly Carlisle, Meghan Lesnau), first place, 4:58.13; 400 freestyle (Kourtney Dweley, Becky Noechel, Meghan Lesnau, Lindsay Dolin), second place, 4:28.80.

Boys open: 400 medley (Nick Sosnowski, Ted Burmeister, Keith Falk, Michael Porth), first place, 4:24.97; 400 freestyle (Michael Porth, Nick Sosnowski, Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk), first place, 3:52.68.



Still kickin': The Livonia-based Le Marcells 3-on-3 senior basketball team swept all three games in the Senior Olympic Tournament held earlier this month in Frankenmuth. The title qualifies the team to play in the 50-54 age division at the National Senior Olympics in October of 1999 at Orlando, Fla. Members of the Le Marcells include (left to right) Dan Coop (Plano, Tex.), Jan Chapski (Livonia), Marty Nowak (Plymouth), Dale Alton (Livonia), Bill Lawson (Westland) and MVP Ken Dersey (Plymouth).

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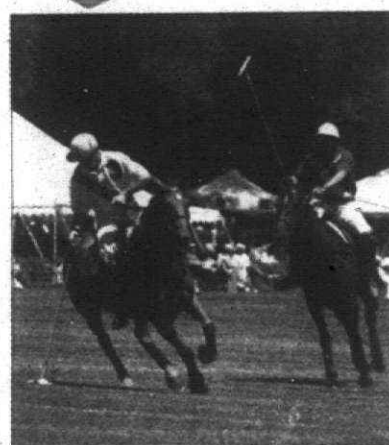
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



West End Productions presents "Sweet, Sassy, and Durang," a collection of skits by Christopher Durang 9 p.m. at the Wunderground Theater, 110 Main St., Royal Oak. Tickets \$12, call (248) 541-1763.

SATURDAY



The 10th Annual Southfield Gold Cup Polo Competition begins 2 p.m. at Word of Faith International Christian Center (formerly Dun Scotus) Nine Mile Road at Evergreen. General admission grandstand seating \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate, call (248) 354-4854.

SUNDAY



Johnny Trudell performs 9 p.m. at the Michigan Jazz Festival, noon to 10:30 p.m. at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Twenty groups perform on four different stages throughout the day. Admission, free, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The second annual Bluesfest International takes place Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19, at the Novi Expo Center and in the 200 block of Victoria Street in Windsor. More than 50 artists, including Mudpuppy (pictured), from six different countries perform at the world's only international blues festival. Call (888) 503-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestintl.com> for more information



World wind: Marcus Belgrave, considered a jazz institution by many in metro Detroit, is a featured performer, along with the R.I.K. Reunion Band at the Birmingham Jazz Fest. In background, bassist Dan Kolton and keyboardist Buddy Budson.

B'HAM JAZZFEST

A showcase of homegrown musicians bebops 'Straight Ahead'

On an early July evening with a clear blue sky, a mild breeze and a sense that autumn will never arrive, there's a Hall of Fame gig going on inside an unlikely venue, the Polish Century Club on Detroit's eastside.

The R.I.K. Reunion Band features legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and saxophonist George Benson.

Anyone who has mistaken the sugary sound of "smooth jazz" for the school of dissonant phrasings from Bird, Miles, Monk and Coltrane is about to get an education.

This gig, as these musicians who make up the R.I.K. Reunion Band are fond of saying, is all about straight-ahead jazz. Authentic. Spontaneous. From the soul. Not a preset channel on the melodic dial.

For the most part, it's the type of jazz that distinguishes next week's sixth annual Birmingham Jazzfest where the R.I.K. Reunion Band will perform during the second of three nights on the main stage in Shain Park.

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Hall of fame: Marcus Belgrave, left, performs with local legendary jazz artists Ursula Walker and George Benson in the R.I.K. Reunion Band.

Birmingham Jazzfest

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.
WHERE: Shain Park downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road (between Henrietta and Bates Streets). Participating restaurants are located in or near downtown Birmingham. A trolley will be making regular rounds to each restaurant Friday and Saturday night.
FOR INFORMATION: Call (248) 433-FEST, 24 hours a day for up-to-the-minute information.

Shain Park Schedule

- THURSDAY, JULY 23**
 ■ 7:30-9 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends
- FRIDAY, JULY 24**
 ■ 7:30-8:30 p.m. - The R.I.K.'s Reunion Band featuring Marcus Belgrave, George Benson & Ursula Walker.
 ■ 8:45-9:45 - The Sun Messengers
- SATURDAY, JULY 25**
 ■ noon to 1 p.m. - The Paul Ventimiglia Group
 ■ 1:15-2:15 p.m. - Orquesta Fuego
 ■ 2:30-3:30 p.m. - The Wayne State University Big Band
 ■ 3:45-4:45 p.m. - SCool JAZZ PRIME
 ■ 6-7 p.m. - The Judie Cochill Ensemble featuring vibraphonist Robert Pipho
 ■ 7:15-8:15 p.m. - Millie Scott & The Dream Band featuring Perry Hughes on guitar
 ■ 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Straight Ahead
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**
 ■ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24 on the steps of Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin - "Summer in the City" featuring Madcat and Kane
 ■ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, Shain Park - Chautauqua Express

At the Restaurants - Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25

- Alban's Restaurant, 35064 Woodward, (248) 258-5788 - Sheila Landis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400 - Robert Penn 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Bates Street Cafe, 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832 - David Myles & Mylestones 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.
- Big Rock Chop & BrewHouse, 245 S. Eton, (248) 647-7774 - Larry Nozero 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; Jazodity 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 7-11 p.m. Saturday.
- Dick O'Dows, 160 Maple (248) 642-1135 - The Distractions 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Company of Strangers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday; Odd Enough 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
- Edison's, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 - Gary Schunk 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; Sandra Bomar 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday; Dwight Adams 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
- Forte, 201 Old Woodward, (248) 594-7300 - Ursula Walker, Buddy Budson 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.
- Max & Erma's, 250 Merrill, (248) 258-1188 - Bugs Beddo 9 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday.
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'Polish Wedding' full of controversy

Director Theresa Connelly's suite at The Ritz-Carlton is fit for a queen. Mouth-watering tortes are displayed atop silver serving trays. The strawberries burst with color so much that you'd swear they were injected with red dye. Step back to the window, near the table boasting several flavored coffees and the Renaissance Center stands majestically beyond the war-torn Southfield Freeway.

Still, reclining on an embroidered couch, Connelly is uncomfortable.

The media have just reported that the Anti-Bigotry Committee of the Pol-

ish American Congress is unhappy with Connelly's portrayal of a Polish family in her debut film "Polish Wedding," which opens Friday, July 17. Committee chairman Frank Milewski called it blasphemous, offensive and "a deplorable depiction of the Polish-American community." Reviewers have also called it "schmalzy and immoral."

"Polish Wedding" tells the story of Polish immigrant parents Jadzia and Bolek (Lena Olin and Gabriel Byrne) and their rebellious daughter Hala (Claire Danes), a high school dropout who becomes pregnant by a Hamtram-

ck cop Russell (Adam Trese).

"I'm still wondering if it is not one person who constitutes this organization. It's amazing that I've never been contacted," Connelly said, speaking as fast as an out-of-control speeding train.

"I'm quite chagrined about what was written in the Chicago Sun Times. The word that really bothered me was 'immoral.' I would expect to weather (a storm) of outcry if I had made an immoral movie. But since when is making love, conceiving a baby, getting mar-

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Director Theresa Connelly

MUSIC FESTIVAL

After hitting gold with 'Rock Spectacle,' Barenaked Ladies join H.O.R.D.E.

With innocent-looking crystal blue eyes, jet black goatee and affable style, Ed Robertson is ready to pick a fight.

Detroit and Windsor music listeners have long prided themselves as the biggest fans of Robertson's just-as-affable pop band Barenaked Ladies. But that may soon change.

"Detroit is certainly one of our biggest places. It was our biggest place. New Year's Eve was the biggest show we've ever done. But Boston's eclipsing you guys now," singer/guitarist Robertson said slyly awaiting a response.

Well, he got his answer when Robertson and the rest of his Toronto-based band pulled up to Harmony House in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, July 7, for an in-store performance.



Pulling a "Stunt:" The Ladies - including, from left, singer Steven Page, bassist Jim Creeggan and singer/guitarist Ed Robertson - celebrated the release of its latest album "Stunt."

More than 1,500 people with umbrellas in hand were waiting in a line that snaked in front of Harmony House, around Kmart's garden area and down the side of the building. Another 500 who picked up special laminate passes were inside.

"It was great," an obviously thrilled Robertson said in the store's storage area shortly after the Barenaked Ladies set. "We're trying to get to all the places that traditionally have the biggest fan base for us."

Yes, Boston is included in that list. Barenaked Ladies fans have two more chances to show their enthusiasm for the band on Saturday-Sunday, July

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THE H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL takes place from 2:30-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets, \$33 pavilion and lawn, are still available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE LINEUP (subject to change)

- On the main stage:**
- Surfin' Pluto 2:30-3 p.m.
 - Alana Davis 3:50-4:30 p.m.
 - Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals 5:50-6 p.m.
 - Blues Traveler 6:30-8 p.m.
 - Barenaked Ladies 8:30-10 p.m.
- On the second stage:**
- Fighting Gravity 3:20-3:50 p.m.
 - Chris Stills 4:30-5 p.m.
 - Huffamoose 6:30-8 p.m.
 - Gov't Mule 8-8:30 p.m.

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In addition to the band of legendary musicians, the Jazzfest also features the bluesy attitude of the Sun Messengers, the raw energy of the well-traveled Straight Ahead and the ethereal sound of flutist Alexander Zonjic.

Amid a diverse program in this year's Jazzfest, there's an unmistakable common home-grown feel. But, while the musicians may have a metro Detroit address, there's no pigeonholing their music.

Accessible jazz

"It's a community event, so why not keep it in the community," said Robert Phipps, musical director of the Jazzfest.

That's an approach born from necessity as much as tradition. In the last five years, the Jazzfest has continually reinvented itself. In 1993, the festival began with an indoor concert featuring the Johnny Trudell Band at the former Birmingham Theater.

But in recent years, the festival had looked to artists on the national jazz scene to compete for audiences in the busiest concert season of the year. Last year's show featured international recording artists Kevin Mahogany and alto saxophonist

Over the three-day festival, some restaurants have recorded a 25 percent increase in business, according to Bill Roberts, president of the 14-member Birmingham Restaurant Collection.

Apparently, there's a greater intangible benefit than keeping the cash registers ringing. "This is a significant image event for us," said Roberts. "This brings folks to town who have been to Birmingham in some time."

"Of course, (the Jazzfest) can only be so big. This isn't Montreux. We want this to be a community event."

Based on the ethnic and racial composition of the audiences in past years, the Jazzfest will be appreciated by a multicultural community.

"Jazz just lends itself to diverse audiences," said Leslie Drolet of The Community House in Birmingham, coproducers of Jazzfest.

"This makes Birmingham a destination point and adds to our image as a happening place."

Anytime Belgrave, Benson and their bandmates Buddy Budson and Ursula Walker share a stage, the gig ain't routine.

By sheer force of personalities, perseverance and longevity, Belgrave and Benson are much more than established musicians. Through their playing, teaching and inspiration, they, as much as any two jazz artists in recent history, embody the gritty spirit and never-say-die attitude of many area jazz musicians.

"It's an education every time I play with them," said Budson, a keyboardist in R.I.K. Reunion

Band and a regular along with Walker at Birmingham's Forte's. "Their quality is on the level of musicianship anywhere in the world."

Perusing the musical biographies of Belgrave and Benson is like taking a stroll through the history of American jazz over the last five decades. Belgrave has toured with Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, Bud Powell, Aretha Franklin, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dizzy Gillespie. Meanwhile, Benson has played with Tommy Flanagan, Yusuf Latef, J.C. Heard and performed on many Motown recordings.

While their contemporaries chose paths to other large cities where recording contracts were more lucrative, and opportunities to perform with headlining artists were more plentiful, Belgrave, Benson, Walker and other world-class jazz musicians chose to stay in Detroit.

At next week, the R.I.K. Reunion Band will remind audiences that world-class musicians are not only from Detroit, but live and perform in the area.

At the end of the early July concert, Benson twisted the mouthpiece from his gold-plated saxophone, and placed it in his case.

At one time, he worked seven days a week, playing gigs in halls and nightclubs. For a night, he's shown those at the Polish Club in Detroit why his sound continues to resonate.

Benson smiles as he lays his sax comfortably in its sculpted case. "It's all in a day's work."

But he and Belgrave sure make it seem timeless.

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ried and keeping your baby immoral?" she defiantly added.

"Polish Wedding" has its fair share of controversy, however. Dana's character, Hala, does shots of vodka while she is pregnant.

"She doesn't drink as much as the girl in 'The Snapper,'" Connelly said of the Irish movie, a sequel to "The Commitments."

"This is life. She smokes also. I don't know what to say. What do you want me to say. My mother gave me vodka when I was pregnant? Plus, it's only a little toast," she added with a smile.

The words "pierogi" and "dumplings" are used interchangeably. There is no on-screen Polish wedding. After a deep sigh, Connelly admitted that she hadn't learned to "toughen up."

Not all the reviews have been bad, Connelly added.

"I happen to have spoken to Polish people. Women practically mobbed me. They loved the portrayal of the mother. I did not make a movie about being Polish. I made a humanistic drama," she said.

Connelly was born to a Polish mother and Irish father. After briefly residing in Hamtramck, Connelly and her family moved to the Six Mile Road area of Detroit and then settled in Royal Oak where she graduated from Dondero High School.

"Glenn Frey (of The Eagles) used to mow our lawn. It was nice to see this big, hunky guy mowing our lawn. Actually back then all the guys used to mow the lawn with their shirts off," she explained.

In "Polish Wedding," Connelly shares her love of shirtless men, especially with Trese.

The idea behind "Polish Wedding" began with her mother's funeral where a stranger told her that he had been in love with her mother for most of his life.

"Everybody in my neighborhood is a butcher, baker, policeman or factory worker; people who seem to live very simple lives. But what I suddenly realized is the epic level of life that goes on behind the appearance of simplicity - lives with great loves that have gone unfulfilled, with children that have been given up, with all kinds of poignancy, ironies and truly poetic beauty. All of it so rarely captured on film," she explained.

Connelly, who lives in Vermont with her husband and children, also explained that she wanted to capture the innocence of Michigan.

"Back then you could drive into a gas station and some kid would come over with his overalls, and he would be wearing a

baseball hat. Suddenly, he would pull up his visor, and expose these incredible blue eyes and beautiful face. In Michigan, there's this unusual beauty everywhere."

In 1994, Connelly submitted the "Polish Wedding" script to Sundance Writers' Lab. She was accepted and the script made its way to producers Julia Chasman and Geoff Stier. Connelly said she was thrilled that her first choices - Olin, Byrne and Dana - agreed to do the film.

"I wanted a Polish Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. I considered a lot of American actresses. There's not many American actresses who wish to be portrayed as a mother," she said.

Connelly explained that Olin was perfect for the part because she, like most European women, isn't afraid to "let it all hang out." Therefore, it was important to find a strong male counterpart.

"If you have a lot of woman, you have to have a lot of man," she said with a chuckle.

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18-19, when it performs as part of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival at Pine Knob. Also slated to play are Blues Traveler, Alana Davis, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Detroit's Surfin' Pluto, and Huffamoose among others.

Unlike the rest of the three-month tour, the Barenaked Ladies will swap places with Blues Traveler and headline the shows.

The in-store performance celebrated the release of the Barenaked Ladies' fourth and best studio album, "Stunt" (Reprise). "Stunt" features the best of the Barenaked Ladies - seamless raps ("One Week"), bouncy melodies ("Alcohol"), lush harmonies ("It's All Been Done," "Told You So"), and whimsical lyrics ("One Week," "Who Needs Sleep?").

Busy Ladies

Incessant touring since the 1996 release of "Born on a Pirate Ship" (Reprise) postponed the making of "Stunt."

"We've been touring our asses off," Robertson said with a laugh.

"We were just on the road constantly and the fact that that sort of success just kept building and we couldn't seem to go away. There were always shows we had to play and just when one place would go over the top, we'd go and play there and hear that another city was going nuts."

To satisfy the fans' need for new material, the Barenaked Ladies released "Rock Spectacle" (pronounced Rock Spectacle, the French pronunciation), a collection of live songs recorded in Chicago and Montreal.

"We didn't even want to put it out. It was more sort of a fan and management pressure to make a live record. So we were sort of bowing mostly to management who really wanted to get something out there. It was a long time in between 'Born on a Pirate Ship' and what would end up being 'Stunt,'" Robertson explained.

As the band - which also includes bassist Jim Creegan, drummer Tyler Stewart, singer Steven Page and keyboardist Kevin Hearn - began piecing the album together, it realized it

wasn't such a bad idea.

"We thought maybe we'll just do a maxi single with a couple of live songs. Then we started listening to the tapes and we thought 'These sound really good.' We tried to pick two songs and then that wouldn't have rounded it out enough. Then it was four and then five and then six and then 12."

The Barenaked Ladies finally took time off in fall 1997 to write the songs for "Stunt." The first single, "One Week," took much longer than that to write, Robertson said.

"I tried to write the song 'One Week' for weeks. I was working on it and working on it. I was sitting down and laboring over these rhyming schemes and trying to get it to really flow well. Finally I thought, 'I make up better stuff than this on stage every night. I started freestyling stuff and getting the stuff I liked. After four weeks, I finally wrote the final 'One Week' in about five minutes."

Freestyle rapping has been a staple of Barenaked Ladies' performances since the band formed

in 1988. Robertson even threw it in Tuesday at Harmony House, rapping about Northwest Airlines losing his luggage.

Fans at the Barenaked Ladies sold-out New Year's Eve show at The Palace of Auburn Hills got a preview of "Stunt" with the songs "It's All Been Done" and "Never is Enough."

The charm of "Stunt" is that it shows all sides of the Barenaked Ladies. There's endearing songs like the ballad "Light Up My Room" where Robertson sings "If you question what I would do to get over and be with you/Lift you up over everything/To light up my room."

"Alcohol" is the best tribute to drink since Howlin' Maggie's song of the same name. With mock dramatic resolve, Page sings "But now I know that there's a time and there's a place where I can choose to walk the fine line between self-control and self-abuse." Listening to it conjures up images of Hearn jogging in place behind his keyboards.

"I think that for some reason, a lot of artists are afraid to show

all of their sides. Maybe they don't think about those other things. Right from the beginning, we've been very conscious to write about everything that we think, whether it be really serious, whether it be a song about sexual violence and the horrible trapped feelings in a relationship, or whether it be the extreme of 'One Week,' he said.

"We think about all of those things so why not write about all of those things. Maybe they're worried that their audience won't get it. We have the best audience in the world. We play a pretty eclectic group of songs every night and we do freestyle rapping. We hack around and play cover songs and some really serious songs. That's a fortunate thing."

Fans were just as frenetic at Harmony House. Sandy Bean of the Harmony House corporate office in Troy said 1,200 copies of "Stunt" were sold in the Farmington Hills store alone on Tuesday. She added that her organization was impressed with the well-behaved crowd.

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Fans listening via loud speakers outside in the rain laughed and those inside roared with enthusiasm confirming to Robertson, who later affirmed that Detroit has the best rock fans.

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Fans were just as frenetic at Harmony House. Sandy Bean of the Harmony House corporate office in Troy said 1,200 copies of "Stunt" were sold in the Farmington Hills store alone on Tuesday. She added that her organization was impressed with the well-behaved crowd.

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Musician overflows with Latin rhythms Michigan Jazz Festival

Jim Stefanson sits intently at a computer. Everyday he works on composing and arranging new works for his Latin Jazz Combo. So much music that it seems to overflow.

"I've got so much music to play," he said.

Though he is reluctant to talk about it, or to make an issue of it, Stefanson said he had to make some adjustments in his life and his music.

Multiple sclerosis has confined him to a wheelchair and he's had to replace his saxophone for a chromatic harmonica. But for Stefanson, the music comes first and he never stops creating.

The Jim Stefanson Latin Jazz Combo will perform at the Botsford Inn in Farmington, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, on the patio stage. The concerts are free.

The current group started in 1988 and has performed at seven

area jazz performers. The group includes Russ Miller on alto sax, Steve Wood on tenor sax, Bob Mohica on trumpet, Sven Anderson on piano, Paul Keller on Bass, Tom Brown on drums and Al Nacif on congas.

"I can't pinpoint any arrangers that influenced me, they all have. Arrangers are the unsung heroes, they don't get much mention," he said.

The move from saxophone to harmonica, an instrument usually associated with blues and folk music, hasn't been easy, but it was necessary.

"I try to play it like a sax," Stefanson said. "I can't play it as fast, but I'm just glad I can play something. I don't have the dexterity needed to play the sax. For the harmonica, you don't need fingering."

He has listened to some jazz harmonica players like Howard Levy and, also, to the great blues players.

"But I just try to play straight jazz. We do blues, but it's a jazz blues," he said.

Stefanson's group on Sunday will include some of the best

When: noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

Where: Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

Admission: Free. All ages. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information. Food and beverages offered for sale.

Shuttle: Round trips every 15 minutes between Clarenceville High School and Botsford Inn. Park your car in the lot at Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt between Seven Mile and 8 Mile Road. Cost \$2 per car).

Schedule

- Innart Group Stage (Patio) SCool Jazz Prime, noon-1 p.m., Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combo, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Russ Miller Quintet, 3-4 p.m., Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha Quartet, 4:30-5:30 p.m., George Benson Quartet, 6-7 p.m., Larry Nozoro Quartet, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and Paul Vorhagen Quintet, 9-10 p.m.
- Woodbridge Stage (Ballroom) Pistol Allen Quintet, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Dennis Tini quintet, with April Tini, 2-3 p.m., Jim Wyse Jazz Quintet, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Alma Smith Quintet, 5-6 p.m., Louis Smith Quartet, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha Quartet, 7:30-8:45 p.m.
- Learn Stage (Tennis Court) Janet Tenaj and Friends, 12:15-1:15 p.m., WSU Jazzet, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Walter White and IF-U-NU, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All-Stars, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Ron Kischuk and the Bones of Contention, 6:15-7:15 p.m., and Bess Bonner Quartet, 7:45-8:45 p.m.
- Moro/Cohen/Magna Stage (Coach House) Hamid Dana and the Detroit Jazz Winds, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Eddie Nuccilli Big Band, 3:40-4:30 p.m., Eric Brandon Quintet, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Brooksidge Jazz, 6:45-8:15 p.m., and Johnny Trudell Big Band, 9-10:30 p.m.

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HURON CIVIC THEATRE
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," featuring Mark Hammett of Lathrup Village as Frodo, the priest, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18. Huron High School auditorium, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$12, \$10 students and seniors. (734) 762-5380

GACIOM SUMMER THEATRE
"Milk Crazy," classic 1930 musical comedy set on a dude ranch, music of George and Ira Gershwin, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$15, \$13 seniors/students, \$11 groups of 10 or more. (810) 285-2222

WEST END PRODUCTIONS
"Sweet, Sassy & Daring," short plays by Christopher Durang with comedy and Sassy, an evening of sweet relief, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2870 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18 and 24-25, and 6 p.m. Sundays, July 19 and 26, \$6 per play. (313) 872-0279

THE GAMUT THEATRE GROUP
"And the Winner Is..." a musical history lesson through the last 50 years of Tony Award-winning musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17-19; July 24-26. Theatre Guild of Livonia, 15138 Beech Day, just south of Five Mile Road. Tickets \$10, call (734) 274-6493, voice mail option 2. Tickets also available at the door.

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
"Win the Pooh," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5. (248) 541-6430

SPECIAL EVENTS
ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS
More than 1,100 artists take to the streets of Ann Arbor to display their wares in three separate art fairs. Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, at the Wanderground Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5. (248) 541-6430

"CRAZY CAROL REVUE"
Italian American Club of Livonia event includes the Saraceno, Fla., entertainer and dinner of rosemary chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with meat sauce, pasta all'aglio, sugari snap peas, salad, rosti, coffee, tea, and fruit. 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$20, mail check along with names of guests, address, city, zip and phone number, to: Rose Malyeay, 46030 Meadowbrook, Redford, Mich. 48239-3942. (313) 534-9924/(734) 422-3415

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"
Starring Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr., 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Marshall Park, Hiller Road, north of Chrysler Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 per car, \$1 per person walk-ins. (248) 738-2500

RENT PARTY
For the opening of "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise" interactive exhibit, "Collect Your Past," an interactive exhibit that looks into the past of this urban, African American neighborhood, and the Windsor line up features many of the same performers as the Novi Expo Center festival.

"BRITISH INVASION NIGHT"
is the theme for Friday, July 17, Doors open 5 p.m. and the admission is \$15. Performers include Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Savoy Brown, Spencer Davis, and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Eric Burdon. Bugs Beddow performs on the second stage from 6-11 p.m. The Great Lakes Music Conference kicks off the events of Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the performances and admission is \$15. Performers include: Wailin' Ice, Chisel Brothers with Thoretta Davis, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, and Grammy Award-winner James Cotton. Root Doctor plays on the second stage. The Windsor line up features many of the same performers as the Novi Expo Center festival.

"FAMILY EVENTS"
"CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL"
With the cutures' music, food, artifacts, craft jewelry, Bohemian crystal and pottery items, pastries and refreshments, 2:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Yack Arena, 3131 Third St. (at Eureka, four miles east of I-75). Waydotta, \$6, free for children ages 14 and older accompanied by an adult. (313) 961-5038

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
7 p.m. Sunday, July 19, on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

RAYSE BIGGS QUARTET
6 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile and Woodward, off I-696, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission, \$7.50, \$5.50 students/seniors 62 and older, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

CHAUTAUQU EXPRESS
Nonon Saturday, July 18, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Ford Center, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

COMMUNITY CONTACT BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Heritage Park, on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570



Featured performer: Gordie Johnson and his band, Big Sugar, perform Thursday during the second annual Bluesfest International.

Bluesfest International July 16-19

Both sides of the Detroit River play host to the second annual International Bluesfest from Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. Call (888) 608-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information. Aside from blues music, The Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), will host an "International Rib 'n' Chicken Cook Off," the Budweiser Beer School, where retailers and consumers can learn through education and sampling, and Sony World of Music.

The first 1,000 people through the door in Novi and Windsor on Thursday will receive a free Bluesfest International commemorative tuxedo jacket compliments of President Tuxedo. Windsor performances are scheduled for the 200 block of Victoria Street. Novi Expo Center Schedule: On Thursday, July 16 doors open 5 p.m. and the \$5 admission goes to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Performers include Mudpuppy, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater, Shirley King (daughter of B.B. King), Detroit All-Stars featuring Dew Abbott, Chris Campbell and Dallas Hodge. The rockabilly band and 1997 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year the Twistin' Tarantulas perform on the second stage.

Doors open 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, and admission is \$15. Canadian favorites Big Sugar featuring Gordie Johnson (pictured) will perform along with the Twistin' Tarantulas, Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton, and Mudpuppy. Robert Jones and Jo Serrapere play the second stage. On Friday, July 17, doors open 5 p.m. and the admission charge is \$20. Performers include Kim Lembo, Shirley King, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater and James Cotton. The second stage hosts J.D. Project. "Kidsfest" takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. A \$2 donation to the Westside Breakfast Club admits the entire family. Root Doctor, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, and The Hitmen perform from 2:30-5:00 p.m. The Dawg Band, Spencer Davis, Savoy Brown and Eric Burdon perform after 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. The second stage hosts Crossfire. On Sunday, July 19, doors open at 2 p.m. and admission is \$10. Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield (son of Muddy Waters), Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, Detroit All-Stars and Downchild Blues Band. CNA with Chicago Pete and Johnny and the Tornados play the second stage.

The festival comes to a close with a free wind-up party at Croxtles, next to Bluesfest International.

BRAD FELT TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, Edison, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (rock/blues) (734) 326-6123

TOKEN
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, the gazebo near Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283

U.S. ARMY BAND
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall, (rain location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762

STEVE WOOD
"Beppin' and Beyond," 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 20, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813

CLASSICAL
SUMMER SYMPHONY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Works by Haydn, Wagner and Martinu. 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulse Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Yorkville, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 416-4ART

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
With Big Bam Combo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555/(248) 333-9262

RED GARTER BAND
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283

HI V ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 17 and 24, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (swing) (248) 253-1300

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars," Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh Road (near Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

BARBORN SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN
The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, mood, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
The DDC offers "Learning at the Opera House," a series of classes at the Detroit Opera House in July. Modern dance technique and improvisation for teens and adults (intermediate level), 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23 (248) 462-4400; and contemporary/jazz by workshop participants, Friday, July 31, all at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
Hosts a workshop with Alain DuBrouil of the Birmingham Royal Ballet in London and John Anzalone, assistant choreographer for the current Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde" (classes for advanced, intermediate and youth level dancers ages 8 and older include ballet, pointe, jazz, and modern, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 24-26 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 427-6169

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Magicians needed for Aug. 15-16 for Merlin's Magic Fest, auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Illusions, 326 West Fourth St., Royal Oak. (800) 601-4548

STAGECRAFTERS
Audition for "Once Upon a Mattress," 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 20-21, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances are Sept. 18-20 and 24-27, and Oct. 2-4 and 9-11. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL
Scholarship Music is offering the opportunity for late elementary and high school musicians to perform as soloists and with a live orchestra July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14; \$250 for each two-week term. (734) 462-4400; ext. 5218

THEATRE BUILD OF LIVONIA/REDFORD
Auditions for seven men and two women (ages 20 and up) for Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, July 19-20, variety of scenery needed, also needed set builders, light/sound technicians and prop masters, at 15138 Beech Day, Redford. (313) 531-0554

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chee, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills: 7:10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vie's Market, 12875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

JAZZTRIO
9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 542-9922

RON KISCHUK QUINTET
Featuring vocalist Susan Taylor, 7 p.m. Monday, July 20, The Plaza at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping district. (313) 886-7474

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
With North Oakland poet Mark Pogor, LaSalle, Royal Oak post part. Trama, H.I.P. series co-founder Wardell Montgomery and singer Stewart Francke, 9 p.m. Monday, July 20, Detroit Opera House's Madison Avenue Lounge, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 274-7290/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

SHEILA LANDIS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matie, 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack Avenue), Detroit. All ages; With Rick Matie, as part of the Birmingham JazzFest, 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241/(313) 831-3638/(248) 645-6022

LOBA AKOU
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MASONIA
With Circus McGirkis, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (acid jazz/rock) (734) 485-5000

JEFF MICHAEL BAND
6:00 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, in the Coyote Cantina at the Crown Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. (313) 965-0200

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; with saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the 2800 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m., \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL
Features 20 groups, 4 big bands, 178 musicians performing on four stages, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Botsford. Free. All ages. (248) 474-2720

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 20 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

FRANK MORGAN QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Chris Zito and Manny Shields. Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19, Joe's, 2100 E. Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$42-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, presents its 13th original live comedy revue, "Vagira Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational comedy set, free of charge, after every performance. (Fridays and Saturdays only after the live shows). Tickets \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; \$17-50 Fridays and Saturdays. To purchase tickets, call (313) 965-2222 at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

WORLD MUSIC
BAABA MAAL
Featuring Claude Lemot, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (world beat) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, O'Grady's, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-8800

THE HONEY ORCHESTRA
Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, with special guests The Ludites and Michelle Pagan, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Bag, 2226 Woodward Ave., Farmdale, \$5, 18 and Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 644-4800/(248) 652-1600

ROBERT BUGAR
With Ben Harper and The Squirrel Crickets, "The Warrior Princess" television show, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 334-9292

MIMI HOWARD
Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-3000

PAULA COLE
8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (pop) (248) 546-7615

RAY CONDO AND HIS RICOCHETS
8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. \$4.19, 19 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-5080

TOMMY D
8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (blues/swing) (248) 332-9100 or <http://www.tommyd.com>

DELUXIONA ROCKETS
With Red Letty, Stretch and Tragic Method, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the alcohol-free "Cafe" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

DETROIT COBRAS
8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MEET or <http://www.961meet.com>

DRUGSTORE
With Adam Cohen, son of Leonard Cohen, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MEET or <http://www.961meet.com>

DUNGEONETS
10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 683-5258

GLEN EDDIE
8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

FATHERS OF THE ID
With Buttercake Blues Band, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-9000

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1850 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (blues) (248) 398-1000

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8 p.m. to midnight Saturday through September Johanson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free. Donations accepted. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 567-8638

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8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. 6:10 p.m. Sunday, July 22, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic blues) (248) 652-1600/(248) 852-0550

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

GAP BAND
With Cameo, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$18.50-\$38.50. All ages. (funk) (313) 393-9901

THE ALMIGHTY GROOVE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

B-S-2'S
With the Pretenders and Royal Crown Revue, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, 15 min. lawn. All ages. (retro/swing) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.pineknob.com>

BACHTREET BOYS
With S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$26.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com>

BARREL HOUSE GROOVE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Hennessey Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4400

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Man and Emma's, 256 Marshall Blvd., Birmingham. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 258-1188

BIDDLE LOU MONKEY
9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLACK BEAUTY
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLIND PIG
8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

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8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

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9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 624-9400

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With Dropkick Murphys, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MEET or <http://www.961meet.com>

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KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Domestic Problems, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

LAMENT
With Blood and Fire, and These 5 Down, 7 p.m. Friday, July 24, as part of the alcohol-free "Cafe" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

SEAN LENNON
8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MEET or <http://www.961meet.com>

SHANE
8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9922

MOVIES

Hit-and-miss 'Mary' just gets dumb and dumber



JOHN MONAGHAN

I know what you're going to say: It's supposed to be stupid. The problem is, there's something about Mary that's just so funny. The latest from the Farrelly Brothers, the team that brought you "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin," offers much of the same. The same means that the movie relies on the most juvenile humor imaginable, 10 ex-cruciating minutes are spent while the main character (Ben Stiller) struggles in the bathroom with his member trapped in a zipper as his date's father, mother and even the local fireman pop in for a look. And this is when the movie still shows promise. Stiller and Cameron Diaz are surprisingly winning as teenagers in 1983. His Ted is an average guy with a helmet of bad hair and a mouthful of metal who somehow scores a prom date with Mary, a fox trotter with a long mane of blow-dried blonde locks and tight jeans. The zipper fiasco not only cuts their prom date short, but Ted's too embarrassed to speak to her. It's 15 years later and he still can't get Mary out of his mind, so he hires a slick claims investigator (Matt Dillon) to do a little after hours snooping. Truly funny moments pop up in "Mary," but like many Hollywood comedies, they are all revealed in the trailer. It's no secret that Dillon's investigator falls for Mary and, in trying to impress her, overdoes her nasty little dog with sleeping pills. While Mary is in the kitchen, he administers mouth-to-mouth and employs a fraid light cord to revive the dog with electroshock. It's a truly mawkish, funny, and sick moment, and it's what the Farrellys do best. Then, knowing that this kind of humor grows tiresome after while, they attempt something different by actually trying to make us like these one-dimensional characters. The ubiquitous Cameron Diaz (she has appeared in something like five movies in as many months) is mostly up to the task. A fairly breezy comedienne capable of some depth (remember the embarrassing karaoke scene in "My Best Friend's Wedding"), she portrays in Mary what most guys will think is the perfect woman. She drives a trendy 4 by 4, follows football, doesn't necessarily care about looks and money, and spends most of her free time on the driving range. And, most importantly, she's a babe, as evidenced by a pair of steakout scenes where she disrobes at the window, further proof that the filmmakers are influenced far more by "Porky's" than Preston Sturges. And sometimes you do feel for everyman Ben Stiller, who plays straight man to a string of "wacky" characters that cross his path, including a cranky guy in a wheelchair, a morose hitchhiker and Mary's mentally retarded brother. Few afflictions remain unmentioned. Jonathan Richman, the college-circuit songwriter, appears with acoustic guitar and drummer on the street, in a tree, whenever we need a break from the action. He wrote the music for the film and its self-conscious dizziness ("Love isn't nice," one of his ditties reports) fits the comedy's quirky mood well. Perhaps the biggest surprise in "There's Something About Mary" is Matt Dillon's often hilarious turn as the gumshoe whose investigation of Mary gives him a leg up on what she likes in a guy. How does he spend his spare time? "I work with retardards," he tells her, knowing that Mary's brother is mentally challenged. OK. Thinking back on it, there were more than a couple of funny moments. Compared to the antiseptic romantic comedies out now (most starring a cast member from "Friends"), there are worse ways to fritter a night away than with the hit-and-miss "Mary."



Vying for affection: Pat Healy (Matt Dillon, left) tries to worm his way into the affections of Mary (Cameron Diaz, center) and her friend Magda (Lin Shaye) in "There's Something About Mary."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings with theater names, showtimes, and prices. Includes sections for National Amusements, Showcase, United Artists, MGR Theatres, Maple Art Cinema III, and others.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan. Abbey Theatre - 14 Mile at I-75, Madison Heights. Call (248) 588-0881 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors; \$3 twilight) "The Last Days of Disco" (USA-1998). Another talkfest from Whit Stillman, director of "Metropolitan" and "Barcelona," set in the late 1970s. Here a group of young twentysomethings ponder their future at the end of the Disco era. "Magic Bag" - 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (USA-1998). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16. The year's first movie destined for cultdom takes you into the warped mind of Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson (an impossibly over-the-top Johnny Depp) as he travels to Las Vegas with a briefcase full of hallucinogenics. Directed by Terry Gilliam, who proved, in his earlier "Twelve Monkeys" and "Brazil," how adept he is at portraying other worlds on screen. (\$2) "Smoke Signals" (USA-1998). In this first independent feature made by Native Americans, a boy embarks on a journey to claim the remains of his estranged father.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Movie posters and descriptions for 'The Mask of Zorro', 'The Napoleon Story', 'Saving Private Ryan', 'Napoleon', 'Disturbing Behavior', 'Halloween: Resurrection', 'Ever After: A Cinderella Story', 'How Stella Got Her Groove Back', 'The Negotiator', and 'The Hitman's Bodyguard'.



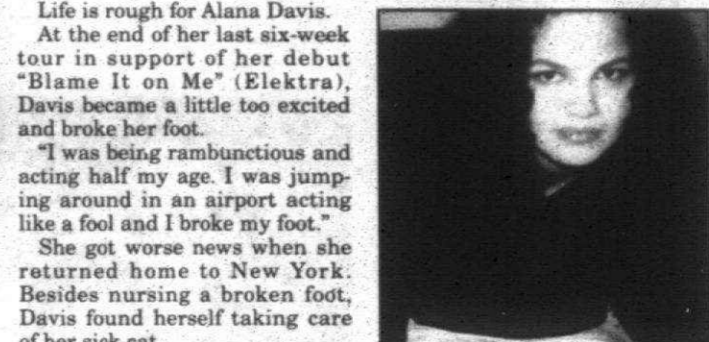
Celebrating release: The Hope Orchestra is having CD release party for its latest album "Gift" Friday, July 17, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

The Hope Orchestra has a 'Gift' for its fans

Music is something for which Asta Jurgitis will fight. Even as a teenager living in England, Jurgitis wasn't about to leave her first rock concert early. "I went to Hyde Park to see Queen. My mom gave me permission to take the train into the city with my friend. So Queen is playing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and my friend says 'We gotta go. We gotta go back to my girlfriend's apartment,'" Jurgitis explained. "Then she says, 'Starky and Hutch' is on and we're not gonna miss it." Queen is on the stage. Elton John was supposed to be lowered from a helicopter and she wants to go home to watch "Starky and Hutch," she added laughing. "Jurgitis lost that battle but her love of music continued. Friday, she and her band The Hope Orchestra are celebrating the release of its third album, "Gift," with a party and performance at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. Sosnick and Schuster record their songs to tape and bring them to rehearsal. Jurgitis prefers the chemistry of writing with a partner. The band also includes bassist Joe Stover of Pontiac, drummer Charles Miller, and fiddler Jim Flynn of Dearborn, formerly of the rock band The Opaque. "Gift" is the alterna-pop band's third album in five years. "That's respectable. We've sold a lot of CDs. Three albums in five years is nothing to sneeze at," said Jurgitis, a Farmington resident. "Gift" was more than a year in the making. "We worked in several studios trying to figure out where it would sound best," Jurgitis said. The Hope Orchestra chose local producer Michael King to produce the record but his status changed to co-producer when studio drummer Danny Cox offered viable suggestions. "Gift" is a more personal album than its two previous releases, "Lingo" and "Detroit Head," both of which concentrated on the Lithuanian fight for freedom. Jurgitis was introduced to the nightclub scene through a woman she met in college whose brother was in a band. "We did duets and I decided that I really liked doing this in front of people," she explained. Now, she and her band have sold more than 5,000 records. She chalks it up to The Hope Orchestra's relentless performances.

STREET SCENE

Alana Davis influenced by jazz



Alana Davis

Life is rough for Alana Davis. At the end of her last six-week tour in support of her debut "Blame It on Me" (Elektra), Davis became a little too excited and broke her foot. "I was being rambunctious and acting half my age. I was jumping around in an airport acting like a fool and I broke my foot." She got worse news when she returned home to New York. Besides nursing a broken foot, Davis found herself taking care of her sick cat. "I left my everything and my whole world started crashing down around me. I just want to hold him all the time. I hope he gets better before I have to leave again. I'm not sure if taking him out on the bus is the best thing. Life isn't a simple thing," Davis said sadly. The 16-year-old mother of her 12-year-old sick kitty recently died. "It's weird. This is what my life used to be. I see how it's changed. There's always something that's a little different. I thought it would wait for me," she said. "Music has always been a very real part of my life," she said. Her jazz background, she said, is what makes her unique. It comes across in her smooth vocal delivery of songs like "Love and Pride" and her reworking of Ani DiFranco's "32 Flavors."

"The more that I see of the other artists, the thing that I begin to think that's unique is my influences. I mainly grew up listening to jazz, straight ahead and standard," Davis explained. "Not too many people seem to come from that place. My music doesn't come off as straight-ahead jazz. It's just the state of mind in which I write." "Blame it on Me" was swayed between playful, finger-snapping songs ("Love and Pride"), reflective, lush tributes ("Turtle"), and the weary ("Weight of the World"). Being a self-described rookie to the music business, Davis said she's sometimes not sure how to handle fan comments. "I don't know if it's because of the kind music that I write. My stuff is really honest and vulnerable. But people come up to me and feel as though I was honest with them they want to give me the same," she said. "I get these stories that are just beautiful. One guy walked up to me and told me his girlfriend brought the record to his house to listen to and said 'I think you're like it.' He told me how he learned about her through the record. Then he said, 'If only she was here tonight. We were getting closer and closer and then she got into a car accident and died just as I was about to propose.'" Davis was stumped. "All he was asking for was a damn autograph. What the hell does that give him back? There's a lot of pain out there. Stuff like that, I don't know exactly how to deal with it." Long tour Davis said she was thrilled when she signed to do every date of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival which began July 9 in St. Paul, Minn., and ends Sept. 6 in Portland, Ore. "Liithi Fair offered me two weeks on their second stage, the same week, and the H.O.R.D.E. offered me the whole tour on the main stage. That was kind of a no-brainer." "I heard I was the first girl that they asked. There's only been a couple ladies there. That's awful flattering," she said. Davis explained that she is looking forward to many aspects of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival. "I'm hoping for a lot of things, to come out of this. There's a camaraderie thing I'm looking forward to. As terms of the job that I'm doing, I'm kind of freaked out. It's not the gig that most people have. It would be nice to relate to some other people doing the same damn thing." "And maybe I can find a boyfriend."

Here's the summer deal on Backstage Pass

It's been about two years now that I've been collaborating with the folks at Detroit Public Television on the big Backstage Pass program. What a learning experience it's been. Coming into the show, my background was in radio. In radio, you sit in a booth, play some songs and maybe talk every once in a while. End of story. There's a bit more to television, right down to the planning they call it "pre-production". Take the special summer season of Backstage Pass, which we're about midway through. I haven't yet explained in this space the deal with the summer season, and I don't want us lumped together in your minds with the seeds of other shows that simply go into a bunch of reruns. Mental note: Backstage Pass never just airs reruns. That wouldn't do enough to get you out the door and into the arts. For starters, none of the musical material in these summer shows has ever aired before. That's because every time we have a musical guest on the show, we ask them to stick around afterwards to put some extra music on tape. What the heck? The hard stuff all done at that point - the cameras are all there, the drum kits set up - so to play another tune or two is usually no problem. So right there, we've defied the stale rerun paradigm. And sometimes you even get lucky with the timing of the extra song, like with Edwin McCain. When he first appeared on Backstage Pass, he performed his current hit "I'll Be" as his extra song after the show taping, since it was the second single off his current CD. Nobody had really heard of it then, but by the time we aired it in the summer it was all over the radio. Sure, it was coincidence - we were actually just holding the song until he came back into town so we could promote a live event - but it sure made us look smart. Complementing the music are looks back on some of the highlights from the past season. Of course, we always give you updates on what the artist or venue is doing next. So even when we look back, we're giving you the information you need to go to current festivals, exhibi-

tions, and live performances. And all our video billboards highlighting openings and ongoing shows around town are updated every week. Take tonight's show as an example of the summer season: we'll hear never-before-aired music from blues artist Larry McCray, about whom the blues critics are raving. Britain's Sunday Times wrote that Larry "manages a skilful stylistic summary of the three Kings. McCray bends and sustains like B.B. swoops about the fretboard like Albert and slams out rock riffs like Freddie." We'll also enjoy the soul-searching lyrics and musicianship of Detroit rocker Stewart Franks. Do we just hear the song? Of course not! We also let you know that Stewart will be performing Saturday at Greenfield Village. There's a show you can go see. We'll take another look at Gerry Craig's visit last January to the Center for Creative Studies' Center Gallery for "White," a ceramic exhibit in which all the works displayed were (you guessed it) white. It's a beautiful segment, but we don't just admire it, we tell you what's next at the Center Gallery: its Michigan Ceramics '98, a juried exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Potters Association. The exhibit opens September 11 and runs thru October 30. That's plenty of lead time, so mark it on your calendar now as an event to attend in the fall. When we look back at a hilarious scene from the recent Hilary Theatre production of "The Complete Works of Wilm. Shkspr. (abridged)," do we just laugh and move on? Nope. We tag it with information about the Stratford Festival. It's a wonderful 2-1/2 hour road trip away from the Detroit area. The summer season is still about what Backstage Pass is always about: encouraging you to get out and support the arts. So take a break from the barbecue tonight at midnight, repeated ceramic exhibit in which all the works displayed were (you

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DINING

Friendly Vic's Diner serves good, homemade food

JoAnne Ketchum has been to Vic's Diner in Garden City about half a dozen times. "It has a quiet comfortable atmosphere," she said as she sipped on her coffee.

"I love their Sunday morning breakfast, especially the ham. I like everything about it."

Ketchum who introduced her friend Joe Martin of Farmington to the diner, fears she might have to come earlier if word gets out. Vic's Diner is one of Garden City's best kept secrets.

Getting back to their breakfasts, "the eggs are done just right," said Ketchum. "I like 'em over medium. I want the white cooked, and the yellow creamy. I don't want it giggly where the eggs look half alive."

Besides good breakfasts, Ketchum says the prices are fair, they give good portions, the cooking is good, and the waitresses are pleasant.

Sounds a lot like home, and that's just the way the owners want it.

"We try to treat customers like family," said Tony Grabanica. Vic's is family-owned and operated. Grabanica's cousin Bekim Ndrejaj is the cook.

Tony and Bekim are "big time" Red Wings fans and pictures of the team decorate the walls near the counter.

Bekim's wife, Kim, who also works at the restaurant and attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is sitting at a booth doing homework.

"There's no tension here," said Kim. "Everyone enjoys working together. When a customer has a complaint we're more than willing to fix it. We don't serve any attitude."

Good food, homemade with care, is what Vic's Diner serves. It's a small place, mostly booths, that seats 94 people, but there's ample parking on both sides of the building making it easy to

Vic's Diner
Where: 5662 Middlebelt, (near Ford) Garden City, (734) 427-5338.
Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Home-cooked American fare, just like mom makes, including soups, salads and sandwiches. Breakfast served anytime.
Cost: Very reasonable. Breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Breakfast \$1.45 to \$6.95; salads and sandwiches \$3.25 to \$5, dinners \$5.50 to \$8.95.
Reservations: For parties of six or more
Credit Cards: Not accepted, cash only.
Highlights: Children's menu for 12 and under. Senior citizen discounts offered Monday-Friday.
Carry-out: Available.

get in and out.

Grabanica moved to Farmington from New York City. He's been working in restaurants since he was 15. "I found a better life for my children in Michigan," he said.

Vic's Diner offers two homemade soups daily. Order a sandwich or dinner, and you can help yourself to unlimited soup at the soup bar. Dinners also include choice of coleslaw or tossed salad.

In addition to regular menu items, Vic's offers two or more sandwich and dinner specials daily. Check the board to see what's on special. Breakfast specials are served 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. Lunch specials 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Top sellers on menu include corned beef sandwiches, ribs and chicken, and stuffed peppers. Last Wednesday's sandwich specials included Stacked Corned Beef \$2.99, and Patty Melt, \$3.15. The dinner specials were Stuffed Cabbage \$3.99, Stuffed Peppers \$3.99, Pork Chop with Mushroom Gravy \$5.25, Braised Short Ribs \$5.95, and Chicken Kabob with Rice \$4.95. On Fridays they serve all you can eat fish, and homemade clam chow-

Vic's offers a variety of sandwiches, Greek and chef salads, hot sandwiches including meat-loaf and turkey, served with mashed potatoes, gravy, soup and vegetables. You can get a hot dog, Italian sausage sandwich, or even a steak. Regular dinner menu items include chicken, baked ham, pork tenderloin, pork chops and steak. There are some Greek items - shish kabob, chicken kabob and spinach cheese pie, and Italian - spaghetti, lasagna and mostaccioli. Seafood offerings include fish and chips, shrimp and chips, scallops, fried smelt, and catfish.

"It's the best food you can ever eat for the price," said Bekim who lives in Livonia. "This is a clean place, a friendly place. There's always a smile for the customers."

Bekim has been cooking in restaurants since he was 16. "Cooking is the only thing I like doing," he said. "I look forward to seeing customers happy."

Making blueberry milkshakes is one way Bekim makes his customers smile.

Vic's doesn't have a liquor license, but in addition to coffee



At your service: Tony and Pat Grabanica (center) and their crew work hard to please customers at Vic's Diner.

and tea, they serve a variety of soft drinks, juice and homemade milkshakes made to order with ice cream. Strawberry and vanilla are other often requested flavors.

In a couple of months Vic's will offer cappuccino.

Dessert options include ice cream, homemade rice pudding and assorted fruit pies.

Finishing a dish of ice cream, Joe Martin of Farmington tells me that there are two ways you can tell a good restaurant -

clean windows and clean lavatories.

Vic's Diner has both, and good food besides.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

DINNER THEATER

FIORELLI'S
 "Divas Do the Movies," a musical revue, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays to

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