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## Taking their first swim at the Summit



**Water babies:** Avery Snyder (top photo), 16 months, isn't sure what to expect as her mom, Becky, hooks her up with a life jacket during a parent-toddler swimming class at Summit on the Park in Canton Monday. The half-hour class allows parents to introduce their kids to the aquatic environment in a safe setting. At left, Jill Meyers guides daughter Abigail, 9 months, in the shallow end of the pool. Pictured above, Victoria McKee, 4, looks over toward her mother while instructor Erin West holds her during a separate class for older kids.

## District: Aging buses are cause for concern

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

A combination of sprawling communities plus an aging and overworked bus fleet is already causing transportation problems in the Plymouth-Canton school district, less than three weeks before school is scheduled to start.

Transportation officials are spending long hours trying to find enough buses to fill expanding routes throughout the district.

And, as the district overloads its aging bus fleet, students could be faced with long waits at stops for buses that may not show up on time due to mechanical problems, district officials said.

"There may be situations where students have to wait 15-20 minutes for a bus if theirs breaks down," said LuAnn Grech, director of transportation. "That certainly isn't a comfortable situation."

Grech says it will be another week or so before bus routes are mapped out for the coming school year. However, she already knows that because the district

is expanding boundaries as a result of growth, and the already-overworked bus fleet continues to break down, there will be problems from day one.

"The fleet is safe, and we've received an excellent rating from the state police inspections," said Grech. "However, there is no guarantee how long the buses will last once they're on the road."

"We could get a call that a bus filled with children is stalled on the side of the road. And, we might not be able to send another vehicle in a timely fashion, just because we won't have a spare," said Grech. "Timeliness has a direct affect on safety."

The Plymouth-Canton district has 100 buses, with 85 of those scheduled to go out on the road and 15 for spares. However, because the aging fleet is faced with frequent breakdowns, the spares most times are used every day. Maintenance has been performed

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## Prisoner caught after brief crawl to freedom

A burglary suspect escaped from a Canton jail cell Monday afternoon by allegedly Habitrailing his way through a crawl space between the police station's first and second floors.

Police aren't saying how Hoy Napier, 39, of Ypsilanti was able to get into the area, but they said changes have been made to ensure it never happens again.

Napier was caught by officers about 15 minutes later in a subdivision across the street from the police station.

"I was working in the garage when the dog started barking. I just thought it was the kids. They cut through here all the time to go to the park," said Ed Reasons of Remington Court.

"The next thing I know a police officer runs through with his pistol drawn."

Within minutes, Canton police had the street surrounded as they searched backyards along Remington

ton Court, which backs up to Canton Center.

After making sure he locked his rear sliding glass door, Reasons said he put his black Labrador Sammy into the basement because "he was really going nuts" with all the commotion.

"As I opened the front door, I heard an officer yelling for (the suspect) to get down. I guess he crawled under that pine tree and was hiding there," said Reasons pointing to a tree at the edge of his house, about 10 feet from his front door.

"I always felt secure with the police station right over there," he said.

The 4 p.m. break-out was the second attempt of the day by Napier, whom police have since nicknamed "hamster man." A maintenance worker informed police of a person in the crawl space about 11 a.m.

When police removed the ceiling tiles they found Napier hiding

Please see **ESCAPE**, A4

## Chamber director has plan for boosting business

Ryan Ambrozaitis may have needed directions to Rose's Restaurant, a lunch-time mecca for local politicians, business-types and township employees.

But the new Canton Chamber of Commerce director doesn't need a map to show people where he plans to take the growing chamber in the coming years.

The Canton business community won't be limited in exposure to the east and west by Hannan or Napier roads or to the north and south by Joy or Van Born roads - not if Ambrozaitis, 29, gets his way.

How he proposes to get regional visibility for chamber members is by expanding the chamber's Internet Web site to link with members' sites. He also plans to recruit Canton business owners to be represented on state, county and regional commerce boards.

Another new role the chamber will be taking in coming months is to become an advocate on legislation and other

issues affecting the business community.

For the first time, the chamber board of directors endorsed a ballot proposal in the August primary. However, despite giving its support for a tax increase to improve Canton roads, the proposal failed at the polls.

"In the future we may be able to contribute toward some PACs," said Ambrozaitis. "We'll be issue-driven, not candidate-driven."

"This won't be political," he said.

Politics is not something new to Ambrozaitis, who served as vice chairman for the Michigan Republican Party. Ambrozaitis also was appointed by Gov. John Engler to head the state's Bush-Quayle presidential campaign.

In 1990 he was campaign manager for Commerce Township resident Barbara Dobb, who ran for the 39th District state House of Representatives. She won by one vote over college student Debbie Schlusel. Dobb is running

Please see **CHAMBER DIRECTOR**, A4

**Goals:** Ryan Ambrozaitis says the Canton Chamber of Commerce will take a higher profile on political issues and will also look at adding services to increase its membership roster.

## Township sued over project bid

■ An area contractor says Canton officials rejected his low bid for the Tonquish Creek storm sewer project, costing taxpayers an additional \$75,000.



A Plymouth-based building contractor said he could have saved Canton residents \$74,696 if he was hired to build the Tonquish Creek storm sewer project.

The township board contracted with another company to do the work, despite Landmark Contracting Company being the lowest bidder.

Landmark Contracting bid \$899,810 while Jack Anglin Co. bid \$974,506. Fourteen other companies bid on the project, but estimated even

Please see **LAWSUIT**, A2

## Little blasts Vorva on bond

The war of words between Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little and Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva has escalated into the public arena.

For the first time in a public setting, Little blasted Vorva for holding up \$79.6-million in bond money for school improvements.

It began after a plea at Tuesday's board meeting from Canton tennis coach Barbara Hanosh for new tennis courts. While Little sympathized with her plight, he told her \$300,000 in bond

Please see **BOND**, A6

# Commission wants new look for shopping center

If the Canton Planning Commission has its way, Cavalier Village Corners Shopping Center won't be just another brick in the strip mall wall.

Developers want to amend original plans that call for an arced configuration of the center to one that parallels nearby Cherry Hill Road. But commissioners were cool to that idea at their Aug. 5 meeting.

"I like the curve of this setup," said Commissioner Cathy Johnson. "That's the way it was set up in the beginning. I don't think I can support changing the project in midstream."

The center currently consists of three buildings, including an Arbor Drugs and several smaller retailers, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads. The project's final phase would add two more buildings covering some 2.2 acres.

Architect Marvin Steiner

argued that placing the buildings in an arc away from Cherry Hill would make them tough to lease. He also characterized the mall as an "impulsive" center meaning that visibility to the road is vital for its success.

"This is not a destination center," Steiner said.

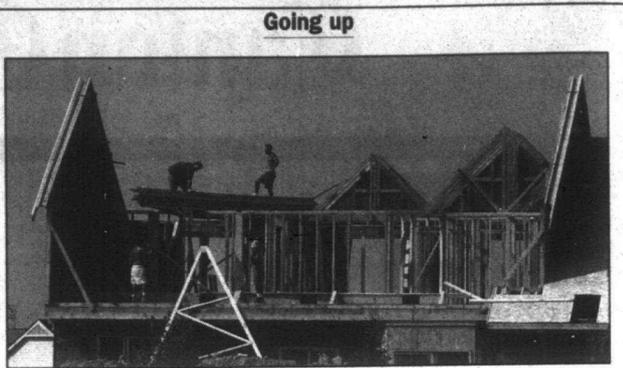
Commissioners sharply disagreed.

"This is neighborhood shopping," said Melissa McLaughlin. "The residents know what's there. It is a destination place."

The commissioner noted that she lives on the township's far west side. Cavalier Village Corners is the closest place for her and many other residents to shop.

"I don't think any of your arguments hold water," McLaughlin told Steiner.

Developers have a chance for a unique center, she added. Canton, in other words, doesn't need



**At Pheasant Run:** Carpenters Glen Lewis (top left) and Andy Sopko pause Monday while hoisting roof braces up from fellow carpenters Gary Vaughn and Willy Canady (lower level) in a new home construction project in the Pheasant Run subdivision. The carpenters work for Geml Carpentry of Sterling Heights. Canton Township issued the second-highest number of building permits among metro Detroit communities for the first six months of 1998.

### Going up

## Lawsuit from page A1

higher costs.

A lawsuit was filed by Landmark June 17 - about one week after the township board awarded the contract to Jack Anglin as the lowest qualified bidder.

"They're not following the books," said Landmark owner Nazir (Ned) Jawich, also a Canton resident. "It's the taxpayers' money, not (the township board's)."

The contract was awarded after township consultants, Michael Priest & Associates, reviewed the bidders and made the recommendation of hiring Jack Anglin Company. Michael Priest is also named in the lawsuit against Canton Township.

Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said bids are looked at internally after Michael Priest & Associates makes the initial recommendation. Machnik makes the final recommendation to the township board.

"I made a recommendation for the lowest qualified bidder. It was my opinion that this company didn't meet the criteria,"

Machnik said.

He declined to discuss specifics of the lawsuit.

According to Jawich, Landmark was told that his company wasn't large enough to handle the work of constructing the large retention basin and storm sewer outlets.

"We're bonded. If we can't do it, then they wouldn't have bonded us," he said.

Landmark has been in business for three years and employs 25 workers, he said.

The company recently completed the utility work at the 20-screen AMC Theater on Haggerty Road, just north of Seven Mile, in Livonia. Jawich claims that job was twice the size of the Tonquish Creek storm water project.

Landmark lost the first round in court July 27 when Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John Murphy denied a preliminary injunction and restraining order to stop the work until the issue is resolved in court.

Altogether, Canton will finance \$1.9 million in bonds, which includes construction costs for utilities, land purchase, engineering and other fees.

Property owner, J.A. Bloch & Co., will pay back the township

through an assessment on its tax bills over a 10-year period.

A 90-acre Koppernick Corporate Park is planned for the industrial area east of I-275, between Koppernick and Warren Roads.

The detention pond will catch storm water runoff from the corporate park and act as a holding basin until it can flow into the Tonquish Creek, which feeds into the Rouge River.

The project received opposition from Holiday Park Nature Preserve Association and Friends of the Rouge River.

At the same time the township board awarded the contract to Jack Anglin, it also bought 6.5 acres of land for \$425,500 that will become the large detention pond for the planned Koppernick Corporate Park.

The next court date for Landmark Contracting and Canton Township is Oct. 2.

Burton Katzman Development Company already has approval from Canton to build two office/warehouse buildings approximately 66,000 and 91,000-square-foot in size on property nearest I-275.

# Teachers learning how to teach the Internet

New Morning School teacher Kathy Spencer said "I've never played on the Internet before, so it's real exciting. I'm learning, too."

Spencer, like dozens of other area teachers, just finished attending an Internet training seminar at Northville High School, sponsored by MediaOne and the University of Michigan's Center for Highly Interactive Computing in Education.

"We're getting teachers to think about how to use the Internet wisely with students," said Joe Hoffman of Northville, representing the University of Michigan.

**'It will be very helpful in encouraging kids to ask their own questions and seek the answers.'**

**Kathy Spencer**  
-New Morning science teacher

"The session is designed to show teachers how to use tactics and strategies while working with students on the Internet. It's the fastest growing medium in the United States."

Hoffman said research shows that in an open-structured environment like the World Wide Web, students can get lost because of the amount of information available to them.

"Students who participate in structured activities supported by teachers and strategies can take better advantage of the Internet," added Hoffman. "Just turning kids loose is not the way."

MediaOne spokeswoman Paula Peters said adults, as well as students, need to know the fine art of surfing the Web.

"Research has shown us teachers don't use the Internet as effectively as they could," said Peters. "If it's not hands-on, sometimes teachers are slow to use it."

"If we show teachers how to effectively search the Internet, they'll ultimately push the information down to students and teach them how to do informa-

tion searches," she said. "We want students to be educated in what they're doing."

Spencer, who teaches science in grades one through eight at the Plymouth Township school, was impressed after seeing how her knowledge of the Internet could help her teaching methods.

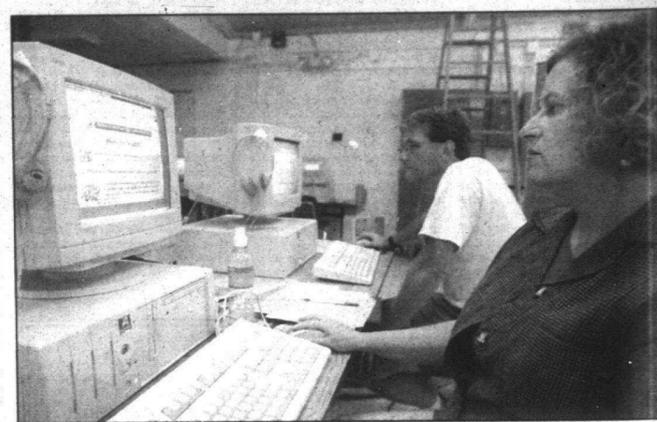
"Since I hadn't been on the Web much, I didn't see the number of places out there for science," Spencer said. "It will be very helpful in encouraging kids to ask their own questions and seek the answers."

Spencer said New Morning School has increased the number of computers over the last three years, but has been cautious in its approach to the Internet.

"I see it as a tool for free thinking," said Spencer. "This will get kids to come up with new questions that have never been answered, so when they get out of school they're thinking of new things instead of building on knowledge that's already there."

Tami Fox, a media specialist at Plymouth-Canton's Smith Elementary, agrees.

"The Internet allows students an opportunity to expand beyond the walls," said Fox. "When students have questions, teachers now won't have to say the library doesn't have the answer. The only question is how to find the answer and evaluate what you find."



**Cyber-education:** Tami Fox, media specialist at Smith Elementary School, learns how to teach students about using the Internet more efficiently and how to fine-tune Web searches during a seminar Monday at Northville High School.

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"There were a number of areas where the roof leaked, and the carpet got wet and several computers had to be shut down," said Chief Judge John MacDonald.

"When we pulled the plug on those few computers, the entire system went down. But after a short time we were up and running."

"Of course, after a fire July 1997 destroyed the entire Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, a little water can't deter courthouse workers."

"After dealing with the fire, this is nothing," said Judy Richardson, court employee. "We just brush ourselves off and keep on going."

**Golf outing has openings**

Golfers looking for a reason to skip work take note: a few spots remain in Friday's annual golf outing for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Golfers tee off in a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Cost is \$150 per person or \$500 per foursome which includes golf, continental breakfast and lunch at the turn, dinner and special prizes including the chance to win a \$10,000 cruise package through Cruise One.

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for state Senate. Locally, he helped during the 1992 bid by Debbie Whyman, R-Canton, to the state House. Despite these Republican connections, the party affiliation doesn't run in his genes. His brother, Eric, is a well-known activist in the Democratic party. But Ambrozaitis said politics is behind him now, as the new director of Canton's chamber. "This is a good fit for me. I want to put politics aside," he said. "I looked back at all the things I've done and I liked working for the chamber the most." The Dearborn resident, who plans to move to Canton next

spring, has already been hard at work, logging 23 meetings in his first week and a half on the job. Ambrozaitis is taking the helm of the Canton chamber after former director Carleigh Flaharty left to head the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. The Canton chamber has 455 members, although Ambrozaitis is beginning a membership drive to increase those numbers. "Only one-third of Canton businesses are members of the chamber. There's clearly untapped businesses out there," he said. Why others haven't joined is "simply because they haven't

# CANTON CONNECTION

## Language program

There are still openings available in the after-school World Language Program being offered at Plymouth-Canton elementary schools this fall. The program is for second- through fifth-grade students. Parochial school students are also welcome to register. Spanish and French will be offered for 25 weeks from October until May for one hour a week directly after school. Italian will be offered Saturday mornings at Canton High School. A \$30 nonrefundable registration fee may be paid to the community education office with the \$150 balance due Sept. 22. Call 416-2944 for information. Partial scholarships may also be available.

## Go dancing

Registration for the Canton Parks and Recreation Dancin' Feet class is set for 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Summit on the Park. Head instructor Cheryl Reitz will be available for questions at 4 p.m. For more information, call Jennifer Varajon, (734) 397-5110.

## Making music

Faith Scholfield of Canton is studying oboe and participating in the summer music festival at Brevard Music Center in Brevard, N.C. She is the daughter of Susan and Brian Scholfield of Canton.

# Escape from page A1

behind the air duct. Police at that time confiscated his belt, which he had used to unscrew some bolts. About 4 p.m. Napier allegedly made another prison break, crawling to an area near the front desk, removing the ceiling tile and dropping to the floor in a small room. He opened a door leading to the front desk area and literally sprang over the counter. Police Officer Keith Lazar was working dispatch when he reported hearing the thud.

Lazar also leaped over the counter, chased the suspect out the front doors of the police station and across Canton Center Road into the Glangarry subdivision. Napier was arrested Friday morning for allegedly breaking into Jets Pizza, 7300 Lilley at Warren. An employee scared off the prowler, who was last seen fleeing in a white van. An officer spotted the van at Warren and Morton Taylor and a short police pursuit ensued ending on the front lawn of a home south of Warren.

The van had been reported stolen out of Plymouth Township, police said. He was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering, fleeing and eluding police and possession of a stolen vehicle, police said. An additional charge of fleeing and eluding was added, police said. An exam is set for Aug. 21 in 35th District Court. Napier is currently being held in Wayne County jail.

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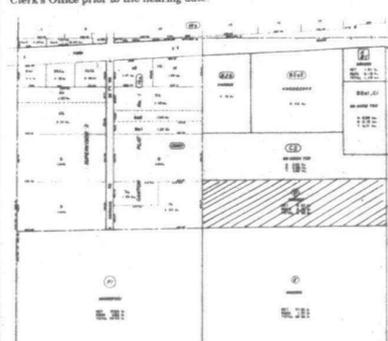
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Township Board will meet at 7:00 P.M., August 25, 1998 at the Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road to conduct a public hearing regarding the following:

Consideration will be given to the request submitted by Bailey's English Pub & Grill for a new full year Class C Liquor License, restaurant to be located at 1777 Canton Center N., Parcel No. 061-99-0003-703

Local legislative approval is required for new and transferring on-premise licenses by Section 436.17 of the Michigan Liquor Control Act. Township Ordinance No. 114 requires that a public hearing be held.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any concerns they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.



TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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# Friends of Rouge relocate offices closer to river

Friends of the Rouge are calling it a move "upstream." The non-profit group officially moved on July 1 from its offices in downtown Detroit to the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

The move marks a new partnership between HFCC, the city of Dearborn Heights and Friends of the Rouge, said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge.

"The city of Dearborn Heights has hired us to provide the public education plan," Graham said. "We're working with them and the college to use our programs to use a public educational plan for Dearborn Heights."

"In exchange for that, we've got office space." The program helps Dearborn Heights meet watershed permit guidelines regarding public education, Graham said. Other communities, such as Livonia, Westland and Garden City, also have expressed interest in the program.

Graham likes the new digs, particularly in a community college. "I think it's going to give us greater opportunity to outreach into communities. Our general accessibility has

# State aid Colleges see increased funds from Lansing

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Community colleges will get \$282 million in state aid, up \$11 million from what Gov. John Engler proposed last winter and good news for Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

"This budget reaffirms my commitment to make more resources available to more students," Engler said as he signed the bill.

The governor had asked for no dollar increase for state aid, arguing that the two-year colleges would reap a cost cut by having to pay 5.9 percent less into the retirement system.

But lawmakers refused to buy his argument. The Senate voted \$279.1 million, the House \$283.5 million, and the final conference

report compromised at \$282 million.

OCC will get a 1.94 percent hike to \$20.2 million — "unexpected good news," said Clarence Brantley, vice chancellor for administrative services and chief budget man.

"We constructed our 1998-99 budget with no increase in state funding. We will place this (new) money in the fund balance as a buffer against unexpected shortfalls."

Schoolcraft will get \$10.98 million, up about 3.7 percent. Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, said the college didn't expect that much state aid.

"We had proposed a 1 percent increase in the state appropriation, knowing that the governor had proposed zero, but that the House and the Senate would

"We're always pleased that the appropriation is higher than what we budgeted."

Butch Raby  
—vice president of business services at Schoolcraft College

increase what the governor proposed," Raby said. "We're always pleased that the appropriation is higher than what we budgeted."

Engler hoped ahead that community colleges, "with this extraordinary support," would hold down tuition increases. OCC in fall will raise tuitions for the first time in four years. It will charge in-district students \$47 per credit hour, up \$1 or 2.2 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$79.50, up \$1.50 or 1.9 percent; and non-Michigan residents

\$111.50, up \$2.50 or 2.3 percent. Schoolcraft will charge in-district students \$54 per credit hour, up \$1 or 1.8 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$76, up \$2 or 2.6 percent; and non-Michigan residents \$115, up \$1.

Since the rates are below consumer price inflation, students' families will be eligible for state personal income tax credits. The state aid bill goes to base operating budgets.

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# Bond issue called largest in state history

The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport completed the largest bond sale ever completed for a U.S. airport and the largest tax-exempt bond issue in Michigan history, according to the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, a law firm that acted as co-bond counsel for the bond issue.

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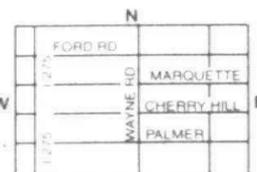
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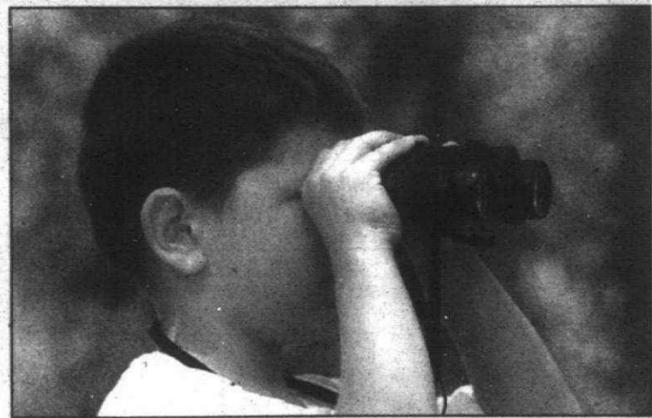
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**Watchful eyes:** Carol Clements (left, top photo), a naturalist at Wayne County parks, looks for birds with children at the Nankin Mills Summer Nature and History Day Camp. David Kalvel of Westland (lower photo) watches a heron through binoculars. Youngsters can spend as long as one week at the camp, getting involved in games and crafts, and learning a lesson in birds, mammals, reptiles and history.



## Youngsters get a bird's eye view

County hosts nature program

Wayne County parks recently ended its first year of Summer Nature and History Day Camp at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Carol Clements, parks naturalist, was pleased with the camp in Hines Park, and hopes more residents participate next summer when she expects it will return.

"We hope that more people will learn about it," Clements said.

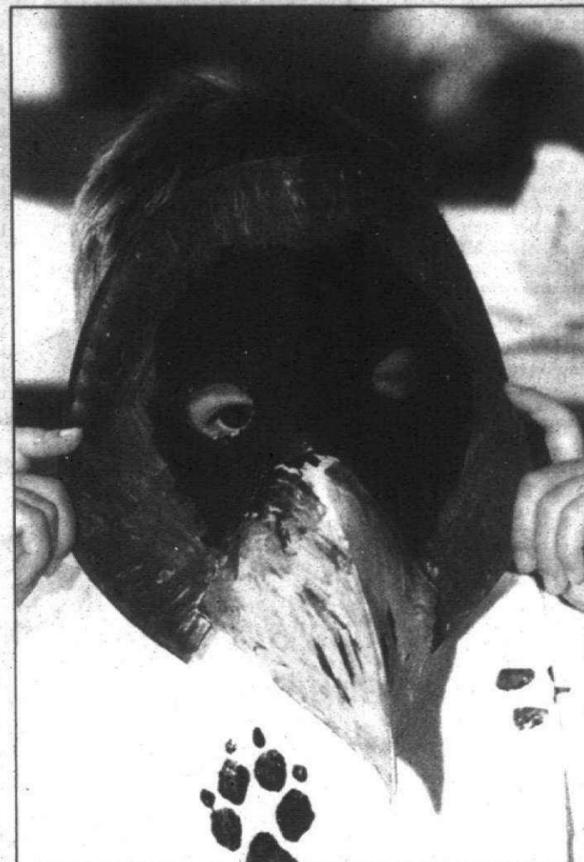
More than 40 children in kindergarten through sixth grades participated in the July summer camp. Clements said her goal with the program was to have the children enjoy outdoor experiences and help them build self-esteem.

The children enjoyed games, crafts, learning lessons on birds, animals and reptiles, and the history of the building.

The children saw green and gray-blue herons, a kingfisher, a red-bellied woodpecker and a snapping turtle. Children made masks of birds, and tasted grape leaves and raspberries.

"The last day (of the week-long camp) they learn about history, about native Americans in the area, settlers and the grist mill," Clements said.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.



**All about birds:** Justin Liedel of Canton looks through his bird mask he made in crafts to learn about birds at day camp.

## Trailblazers hold reunion

The 70th Infantry "Trailblazer" Division of World War II will hold its biennial reunion Sept. 2-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis.

The Trailblazers left from Boston en route to a landing in Marseilles, then committed to action in Alsace on Dec. 27, 1944. They caught the brunt of Hitler's final offensive, "Operation Nordwind."

The Trailblazers stopped the elite 6th SS Mountain Division (Nord), tragically sustaining the third highest casualty rate — 58 percent of their ranks — for any American division during the

### VETERANS

war. Following their successful defense, the Trailblazers took the offensive in Germany, through Wingen, Phillipsburg, Forbach, Spicheran Heights and Saarbrücken, enduring 86 consecutive days of battle.

Their heroic actions won them the Distinguished Unit Citation, three Battle Stars, 13 Distinguished Service Crosses, 228 Silver Stars, 11 Legions of Merit, 16 Soldier's Medals, 1,469 Bronze Stars and 36 Air Medals.

The Trailblazers were in Frankfurt on May 8, 1945, when Germany surrendered.

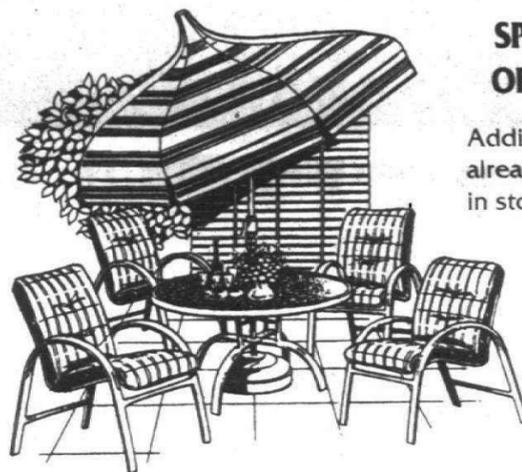
The Trailblazer division was inactivated in October 1945 at Camp Kilmer, N.J. It was reactivated at the 70th (Training) Division in March 1952 at Fort Wayne in Detroit and it spent many years in the area. The majority of the men in the training division were from Michigan.

For further information, contact Louis Hoyer, 5825 Horton, in Mission, KS 66202 or at (913) 722-2024 or George Marshall, 8214 E. Highland, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or at (602) 945-5288.

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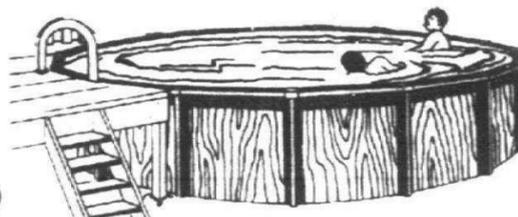
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OBITUARIES

JAMES R. GEARNS Services for James R. Gearns of Belleville were Aug. 3 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Lamphear officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Mr. Gearns, 75, died July 30 after a brief illness. He was born July 2, 1923, in Standish, Mich. Mr. Gearns enlisted in the Army and served in Italy and Africa during World War II. Mr. Gearns and his wife, Norma, settled in Plymouth where they raised five sons and two daughters. Mr. Gearns retired from Bur-

roughs Corp. in 1982 and moved to Belleville in 1988. At age 69, he began working at Chesley Odom Design Associates in Belleville as a gardener and groundskeeper. He is survived by his wife, sons Eric L. (Bobbie) of Atlanta, James M. (Virginia) of Belleville, Christopher R. (Karen) of Plymouth, Craig W. (Kimberly) of Westland, Jeffrey P. (Kristin) of Westland; daughters Pamela A. (David) Graham of Canton, Patricia M. of Belleville; two sisters, Madelyn McDonald of Plymouth and Grace Smith of Plymouth; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Guard during World War II. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline Lea MacGregor; a son, Michael D'Haene; and a brother, George D'Haene. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Northville Township; three sons, George of Washington, David (Wendy) of Northville, Dirk (Shelley) of Pennsylvania; a sister, Marcella Dodes of Plymouth; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

She was born March 6, 1913, in Detroit and was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth-Canton community 17 years ago from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank. She is survived by two sons, Richard of Canton and James of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Diane (Frank) Shimsky of Atlanta; a brother, Walter Wiacek; a sister, Adeline Wiacek; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gootee, 79, died Aug. 9 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. The son of Thomas and Minerva Gootee, he was born on Sept. 12, 1918, in Perry Township, Ind. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was employed as a driver and salesman for Farmcrest Bakery.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; daughters Judith Gorman of Westland, Carole Berger of Farmington Hills and Joan Frizzell of Livonia; four sons, Dennis of Livonia, Robert of Dearborn Heights, Jeffrey of South Lyon; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit.

JOSEPHINE G. MOVINSKI Services for Josephine G. Movinski of Plymouth were Aug. 8 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Don Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit. Mrs. Movinski, 85, died Aug. 5 in Plymouth.

FLOYD FRANCIS GOOTEE Services for Floyd Francis Gootee of Plymouth Township were scheduled for Wednesday from Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John T. Sullivan officiating. Burial was scheduled for Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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Road improvements continue

The year 1998 has proven to be the biggest construction season for Wayne County roads, according to county officials. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's pledge to improve all 141 miles of the county's worst roads has led to the county's expected improvement of 58 miles of these roads for \$50 million this year, also making it largest of a three-year bond program McNamara announced last year called Partnership '98.

Temporary lane closures are expected to cause delays on Canton Center between Sheldon Canyon and Joy during the resurfacing scheduled to be completed this month. Traffic will be maintained on one lane in each direction on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Ford until this phase of the resurfacing project is completed in November.

Five Mile Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford will be resurfaced between now and October. Crews have begun removing existing asphalt. Traffic will be maintained one lane in each direction.

Work is nearly completed on two northbound stretches of Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads in Northville, and Seven and Eight Mile roads. Traffic is still being maintained one lane in each direction as contractors prepare the Five Mile Road pavement from Haggerty to the I-275 bridge prior to resurfacing.

Concrete paving is under way on the Belleville-Canton Center intersection south of Michigan Avenue. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction.

Canton Center Road in Canton Township will receive a facelift. Concrete paving is under way on the Belleville-Canton Center intersection south of Michigan Avenue. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction.

\$1.2 billion proposed for road, bridge repairs

The year 1999 will bring more road and bridge repairs to the tune of \$1.238 billion, Gov. John Engler announced Aug. 3.

The money will be used to repair and rebuild 1,625 miles of roads and rehabilitate 310 bridges across the state.

Among those improvements in western Wayne County will be a five mile stretch of reconstruction of I-275 from Five Mile north to I-696 in Oakland County. Also, two bridge repairs will be completed on southbound I-275 - under Joy and under Palmer.

These projects are "just the tip of the iceberg" to bring nine out of every 10 roads to good or fair condition within 10 years, Engler said.

"At the same time, our commitment to fixing our current system of roads is clear, as only 7 percent of our 1999 budget will be dedicated to new road construction," Engler said. Engler credited

passage of the Build Michigan II plan, the full impact of the recently-passed federal transportation bill and the Michigan Department of Transportation's continued reorganization for the investment in road and bridge repair.

Road and bridge investments for 1999 include: \$434 million to repair and rebuild roads; \$258 million for maintenance; \$175 million in bridge rehabilitation and preventive maintenance on bridges; \$88 million in new road construction with the balance of the budget (\$41 million) invested in safety improvements; federally mandated programs (\$97 million); economic development fund and TEA-21 high-priority projects (\$36 million); the completion of the state's critical capacity projects (\$66 million) and other support activities.

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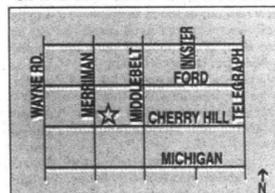
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## Recreation mecca Tournament was a good start

Canton bids adieu to the archers, who packed up their quivers Saturday and departed after the week-long 114th National Target Championships.

This was the second — and probably final — time Canton has hosted the annual event.

Township officials and the staff at the National Archery Association never could quite mesh their goals during the tourney's two-year run at Heritage Park. And while there were fewer glitches a better communication between Canton and NAA officials this time around, there is still a split in the archery community over what kind of event the tournament should be. For 1999, the competition will likely end up back in Oxford, Ohio, with its smaller, college-town atmosphere.

The Observer hopes the positive aspects of the tournament aren't lost on township officials. There is an opportunity here to build on the success of this two-year "experiment" and forge a unique identity for Canton in metro Detroit and the region.

Some of those positives: Despite the ambivalent feelings, Canton proved to be a popular site for competitors. The tournament drew a record 530 registrants in 1997 and topped that with 550 last week.

Visitors from across the U.S. and a dozen foreign countries boosted the economy in Canton and the region, staying at local motels and campgrounds; and patronizing area restaurants, shopping malls and attractions.

Heritage Park and Canton received local media attention in newspapers, on radio and TV.

During the last decade, township officials have made a concerted push to position Can-

ton as a community offering top-notch recreation facilities and events. On the public side, there is the Summit's swimming and community center, two public golf courses, baseball and soccer fields at Heritage Park and the development of soccer fields at Denton and Proctor Roads. A public-private partnership has been launched that will lead to the construction of an ice arena and sports complex along Haggerty.

The Plymouth-Canton community is already the site of a Memorial Day weekend youth soccer tournament that draws hundreds of participants each year. Talks are under way to stage a 10K or similar run in Canton next year.

There are several privately-owned recreation facilities in Canton as well.

In short, the infrastructure will soon exist to market Canton as a major recreation center, capable of drawing regional or even national events. This isn't as far-fetched as some would have you believe. Amateur golf, college hockey, figure skating even bowling have world-class athletes and devoted followers who often trek to unlikely places for championship events. If Firebird Lanes in Allen Park can host the Professional Bowlers Association, there's no reason Canton's Superbowl can't do likewise.

Township officials should also consider the idea of finding someone who can help market Canton and its facilities for such events. If not by creating a new position, then by at least subcontracting with a firm that specializes in recreation and/or promotion. This is the competitive 1990s, after all.

If you build it, they will come — providing they know you're there.

## The arrow points to Canton



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**Good sign:** Interest generated by last week's archery tournament shows that Canton can carve a niche as a recreation destination.

## LETTERS

### Voters got it right

If officials in Canton are shocked that voters rebuffed requests to finance road projects, it only goes to show how out of touch they are with their constituents. I know I don't speak for everyone, but many of the people I know in Canton are angered that they were being asked to pony up yet another property tax increase to pay for services for which they've already paid. Our ever-more-arrogant "leaders" lost sight of this in their failed attempt to bribe the county.

What's more, many residents are feeling the pinch of runaway — and run AMOK — development in the area. It isn't rocket science to figure out that improving the roads at our expense will only fuel more (and faster) development.

I think (township Supervisor Tom) Yack and his cronies should REFRAIN from seeking to undo the property tax relief that was won by Proposal A a few years ago. Now that the state has increased its sales tax to compensate for the loss of property tax revenues, the race is on to get those property taxes back up to pre-Prop A rates, and Canton's officials are actively leading the charge. But then it comes as no surprise to even the dullest observer that local Republicans are the first to promote tax increases. Despite all the rhetoric about Democrat tax-and-spenders, it's usually the Republicans who are after a greater chunk of our wallets.

Why is it that the condition of the roads is to be placed on the backs of property owners? If your home is twice as expensive as mine, does that mean you damage the roads twice as much as me? What's wrong with working out a system whereby the user pays, and isn't that what the gas tax sham was about anyway? And at the risk of repeating myself, didn't we already pay for those repairs?

Let the so-called leaders of Canton simmer in their own juices for awhile. It's long overdue!

Michael Olin  
Canton

to the Court of Appeals, and the Plymouth-Canton school district decisively wins each and every time.

Now, Mr. Vorva is going to ask for a rehearing from the Court of Appeals, therefore, holding up the necessary and needed capital improvements for our school district. I have one question: Where is the justice for thousands of people, including myself, who voted "Yes" on March 22, 1997, and want a great school district for our children? The board of canvassers for the school district as well as Wayne County, the Secretary of State's office, Wayne County Circuit Court and a unanimous ruling from the Michigan Court of Appeals indicates that the school district has done nothing wrong.

Mr. Vorva, a self-centered, spoiled brat, has already ruined the chances for a new high school for my son and he is out to ruin the educational benefits for all children in our district. My husband and I are already looking into other options for our son and, thanks to this person, we may have to pay tuition to a private school. Again, I will ask the question: Where is the justice for my family? If this person does take this to the Supreme Court and he loses, is he going to pay me back for the private tuition I had to pay for four years? Of course, this is a rhetorical question.

It is interesting to note that the Aug. 2, 1998, Observer article regarding this issue says that "Vorva is requesting a rehearing, claiming the Court of Appeals either didn't consider all the evidence presented in the initial appeal, or misunderstood some of his arguments." The audacity of this man is incredible. As I understand, Mr. Vorva just got out of law school, and I don't even know if he has passed his bar exam, and yet he is questioning the very decisive and unanimous decision made by three experienced judges elected by us to the Court of Appeals.

I will ask the question again: Where is the justice for the people who voted "Yes" and for this entire community?

Susan Kopinski  
Canton

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### Where is the justice?

One person, namely Jerry Vorva, is holding up new schools, new buses and new computers for our kids because he believes he is going after justice for 700 people who mistakenly erased their votes and were not counted. He has taken his futile arguments all the way

## 'Downtown' vacation trek: Lights are much brighter

Vacations can be fun and relaxing. They can also be educational, informative and related to my professional responsibilities.

That's what I learned in early July when I spent most of my two-week vacation driving through and stopping at numerous small towns on the Wolverine side of Lake Michigan.

That included Holland, Grand Haven, South Haven, St. Joseph, Muskegon, Ludington and Manistee.

There's a reason why I have a special interest in the downtowns of small and medium-sized cities.

I have covered the ongoing ups and downs (now it's in an up period) of Garden City's efforts to upgrade its downtown business section at Ford and Middlebelt for most of the past 32 years.

First, let me admit that I thoroughly enjoyed Lake Michigan beaches,

scenery and dunes along the south-west and central-west stretches of our state.

I had never seen that region of Michigan before.

Fortunately, the cities I visited, with the exception of Muskegon, had breathtaking views of the lake and well thought-out plans and designs for their downtowns.

Unfortunately, Garden City doesn't have a major lake on its front door — though there is a smaller pond on the south end of the city immediately following a heavy rain which floods numerous residential streets.

Those Lake Michigan communities also don't have a major state highway running through the middle of the downtown business section. That forces city and business owners to get on bended knee every time they want to have a banner strung over Ford



LEONARD POGER

Road.

During my Lake Michigan vacation, I was particularly impressed with what Holland, Manistee, St. Joseph and Ludington did for their downtown buildings and appearances.

Manistee, especially, has a tasteful and customer-appealing facade plan for its downtown structures, of which many are close to 100 years old.

The streets were busy with tourists, as I expected. But there were also many locals going about their business.

The streets were clean, the storefront windows were interesting, and parking was easy to find.

Ludington also had another advantage of a major lakefront.

A channel from Lake Michigan cutting behind the main business strip was utilized by a restaurant owner who built a deck and encouraged customers to eat their meals outside and enjoy the water and passing boats.

While Garden City can't create a lake in front of the world's first Kmart store, on Ford at Middlebelt, officials can still continue to look for ways to think of big and small design features for buildings that would attract customers.

Too many times, the city's downtown is merely a blur to drivers speeding to their jobs or homes at rush hour.

Sometimes, there is a benefit for them to slow down a bit and notice the recent changes.

While Garden City and its sister communities with traditional downtowns — Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and Farmington — are struggling economically against the nearby regional malls, there is hope.

A little imagination can go a long way toward making downtowns more attractive — and it's less expensive than demolishing older buildings and replacing them with sterile looking structures taken from a consultant's cookie-cutter design book.

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## Fieger-led ticket doesn't scare off all hopefuls

Everyone but party chair Mark Brewer is predicting disaster for the Michigan Democratic ticket Nov. 3. Even if gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger learns to curb his tongue, he still is "not yet novice" in his knowledge of civics. He'll go down, hard.

So why, then, are other candidates eager to be on the ticket with him, for example, as attorney general? Are they gluttons for punishment?

The reasons are many.

First, the man at the top of the ticket has short coattails because Michigan voters are notorious ticket-splitters.

Recall President Johnson crushing Republican Barry Goldwater by a million votes in 1964, and Gov. George Romney trouncing Democrat Neil Staebler by 393,000.

Recall Gov. John Engler winning in 1994 by 710,000 over Democrat Howard Wolpe, but Democratic Attor-

ney General Frank Kelley mowing down the GOP's John Smetanka by 444,000.

Look at the 1994 results another way: The Republican dropoff between Engler and Smetanka was nearly 626,000 or 20 percent of those who went to the polls. That's an enormous amount of ticket splitting.

The farther down the ticket you go, the greater become a Democrat's chances for survival if there's an Engler landslide.

Second, a Democratic candidate who makes a good impression running for attorney general, even if he or she doesn't win, is in an excellent position to try another day.

At this writing, Fieger hasn't announced who else he wants on the ticket, and if he's smart, he'll let the Aug. 28 state convention decide. But unusually high numbers of Democrats are courting him and the party for the AG nomination.

Carl Marlinga, the Macomb County prosecutor, has been waiting in the wings for higher office for most of the 1990s. Even if he isn't nominated or elected, he's timber for any spot in 2002.

Bob Ficano, after 15 years as Wayne County sheriff, is still the polite, even-handed practitioner of his youth. A nomination for attorney general, even if he doesn't win, could give him high visibility to succeed Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara in four years.

(Incidentally, why hasn't McNamara, who is in his 70s and whose wife wants him to retire, groomed an obvious heir who would be accepted by the voters? Aren't good executives supposed to groom successors?)

Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel, seems to have excellent prospects, despite her loss in the state Supreme Court on the real estate transfer tax and her loss in the

Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the governor. Even if only nominated for attorney general, she would be nicely positioned to succeed aging Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in a couple of years.

With Sen. Chris Dingell, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro and a half-dozen others.

Third, the Democratic nominee might just win. At least that was the mood when the brass got together for the "unity breakfast" Aug. 5.

Engler has ordained Scott Romney, son of the former governor and part of the big Honigman Miller firm in Detroit, as his candidate for attorney general. At 57, Romney has never run for as much as township trustee, let alone served in any elective or appointive office.

There are nice questions about whether he has even practiced public sector law. I won't recount the other issues Democrats plan to raise



TIM RICHARD

against Romney until he has had a chance to speak to them. Suffice it to say the Dem hopefuls aren't the least bit afraid.

That's why a lot of Democrats aren't afraid to be on a Fieger-led ticket.

Footnote: It's fashionable to deplore the decline in voter participation. Well, not this year. On Aug. 4, the turnout was 1,409,928, up 13.7 percent over 1994.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

## New laws show bipartisanship

We have lashed the Legislature for its late-hour votes, its sausage-making habits and its inflation of partisan issues.

So it is incumbent on us to praise our heroes and heroines in Lansing for rising to a bipartisan occasion with some good laws. Top examples: organ donor laws and efforts to outlaw "date rape" drugs. These laws, when implemented by an informed public, literally will save lives.

One set of new laws will require the secretary of state to include organ donor information when drivers renew, or apply for new, Michigan licenses or for state identification cards. Applicants will receive a postage-paid card they can sign and return to be listed as willing organ donors in the event of their unexpected deaths.

The secretary of state would forward the applicant's name and address to the state central organ procurement organization. In other bills, the Legislature provide \$40,000 for producing a pamphlet explaining the organ donor program and \$64,000 for the return postage cards.

The willing donor would have a statement to that effect on his or her driver's license or state identification card.

Michigan ranks 45th among the 50 states in the number of people who are registered organ donors. More than 2,000 people are on organ transplant waiting lists. An estimated 11 patients per month die because donated organs are unavailable.

In short, lawmakers assume Michiganians will respond to the request to be organ donors once they know it can be done and is needed.

We think they assume correctly. Michiganians can and will be more generous in helping others live through the ultimate act of recycling organs.

The bipartisan team included Democratic Reps. Lingsg Brewer of Holt and Lynne Martinez of Lansing and Republican Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Meanwhile, the Legislature has passed Schwarz's bill to outlaw GHB, gamma-hydroxybutyrate — the "date rape" drug. The new law classifies GHB as a Schedule I controlled substance, along with opium and hallucinogens.

"GHB is particularly dangerous because anybody can buy the materials to make it over the counter and cook it up in a kitchen," said Schwarz during Senate debate.

A sexual predator can slip it to a young woman in a drink and rape her when she passes out. The drug also causes a loss of memory so that the victim can't even identify her assailant. Administered too freely, GHB can even cause death.

So our Michigan Legislature deserves a collective, bipartisan pat on the back for passing these laws.

It would be much better, according to our Aug. 6 Community Life section report, if women were taught to prevent such tricks. Ilene Zisk of First Step in Canton says growing numbers of area women are becoming victims, particularly in the last two years. Target population, she says, is college women.

But it will be up to the people — those who have the attitude of being their brother's and sister's keepers — to donate organs and guard against drug-passing predators.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
How do you feel about Geoffrey Fieger's bid for governor of Michigan?



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"I don't think he's got much of a chance. I don't think anyone has, but in particular, He's far too trash."

"I voted for him in the primary. I'm waiting to see... his running mate. He should offer Engler some competition."

"I hope he doesn't win. I think he's making a circus of an important event."

"I know him as 'the Kevorkian guy.' He's over the top in some of the comments he makes. The Governor needs to keep his head about him..."

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## Entrepreneurial government's an idea whose time has come

Reading publications entitled "Award-Winning Joint Projects" ordinarily is not the way I'd prefer to spend my time.

But this particular booklet, put out jointly by SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (Metropolitan Affairs Coalition), turns out to be a great reading. It details a bunch of joint projects undertaken by local governments in this area that both cut costs to taxpayers and improve community services.

They are part of a growing movement toward something called "entrepreneurial government," the term coming from Tim Richard, who covers governmental doings for this newspaper.

The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing, but they have proven largely clueless at doing more when revenue was shrinking. In response to this problem, some governmental leaders are trying to learn the habits of entrepreneurs, who run their businesses by finding ways to cut costs, improve productivity, innovate and even take risks.

Here's an example from Livingston County, which used to be mostly serene, rural farm country, but today is the fastest growing county in Michigan.

Going back to 1989, the Brighton Post of the Michigan State Police provided county residents with 911 emergency services. But the explosive growth of the county soon stretched to the breaking point the system's capacity, and it had to be abandoned.

At that point, government leaders in Livingston County could have thrown up their hands and let individual communities such as Brighton and Howell go their own separate ways in providing 911 emergency services, each with its own overhead costs. But the County Board of Commissioners authorized a study that determined that a shared countywide emergency dispatch system would save money and improve service.

In the fall of 1997, Livingston County voters approved by 57 percent the largest emergency telephone surcharge in the state for a new 911 system. The total charge per one-party line is capped at \$3 per month. For that, Livingston County residents get a totally new 911 communications system and dispatch facility, designed to meet the growth requirements of the county into the next century.

Another example comes from Novi, formerly little more than the old name for the sixth (in



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**The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing.**

Roman numerals, No. VI; get it?) stop on the interurban street railway, but today a mushrooming community surrounding enormous shopping malls.

In 1995, the Novi Community School District realized it needed to build new schools in response to increasing population, while the city woke up to the fact that it had better acquire some land for parks and recreation before the entire community got paved over. But the only site available was too big for either use.

Voila! Enter entrepreneurial government! Leaders from the city and the schools got together to buy 100 acres of land on 10 Mile for joint use.

Both city and school benefited from reduced costs for land acquisition and site development. New elementary and middle schools will come on line in 1999 and 2000 to serve Novi kids. And more than 50 acres of athletic fields, tennis courts, woodlands and wetlands are now available for community residents.

I happen to believe that entrepreneurial government — the habits of mind that focus on getting more — are the wave of the future in local government. Maybe folks running for governor and for the state Legislature would like to address this idea as the campaign gets under way.

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The course is located on Mid-

dlebelt Road just north of Michigan Avenue in the cities of Inkster and Westland.

The Friends of the Rouge golf outing will feature a four-person scramble format with prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; first, second, and third place teams and door prizes.

For an entry fee of \$100 per person, golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch, gifts and prizes. The entry fee will also include a Friends of the Rouge membership for 1999.

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Make checks payable to Friends of the Rouge, and mail them to Friends of the Rouge, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights 48127. Friends of the Rouge, which sponsors the annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Rouge River watershed through education and citizen involvement.

## Rouge from page A5

said Graham. "We hope to demonstrate the effectiveness of local monitoring to the state.

"We think it's a valuable help to the state, which has very limited surface water quality moni-

toring these days."

Friends of the Rouge's new address is 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights MI 48127. People can reach Friends

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## HOOKED ON HISTORY



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## Historic cars bring back memories

America's long-standing love affair with the car is evident in the huge numbers of people of all ages who turn out for the Dream Cruise. For those who restore old cars, however, it's really a love-hate relationship. Nowhere is that ambivalence clearer than with my husband Don who is restoring a 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe he has owned since he was 16.

The project has taken on a life of its own. When Don and I celebrated our 25th anniversary, he gave me an emerald ring, and I gave him car parts.

Just before Don stripped the Plymouth down to bare metal, we participated in an old car show. The eclectic mix ran the gamut from Model T's through sports cars and from pristine trophy winners to diamonds-in-the-rough. Some had gained singular historic significance like the car Joe Kennedy drove while ambassador to England.

Even though our car was not fancy, many people were excited to find it. Some said that model was the first car they had owned as newlyweds. Others fondly recalled how it had been their childhood family car.

In addition, old cars have a characteristic smell. The sniff alone transports us back in time to the Sunday drives or trips to the beach of long ago.

A few folks asked if they could sit in the car. One man touched the dashboard and sighed. "Look at this," he told his 12-year-old son. The boy's eyes waxed heavenward as he endured his father's animated tour of interior details and the recollections they evoked.

Another owner received a similar, nostalgic request. This time, a man climbed into the back seat and took hold of the overhead strap. With a contented smile, he said, "My grandparents always told me to hold onto the strap when we were driving."

### The war years

World War II created a break in car production. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the War Production Board ordered the complete changeover of automobile factories to military production, so models date either through 1942 or from 1946.

Even so, the war produced an era when automobile and airplane history were closely interwoven. Early in 1941, for example, Ford Motor Company began building the Willow Run Production Facility (currently General Motor's Hydra-Matic plant) to produce B-24 Liberator bombers, using assembly-line methods. Ford also constructed Willow Run Airport for transport of the new planes.

During the automobile production hiatus of the mid-1940s, people had to make due with cars they already had. Gas was also rationed. Moreover, even if you had ration coupons, fuel was often unavailable. Countless Americans disposed of their pre-war cars — even favorites like my grandparents' Ford Mercury.

Also, scrap metal drives were in high gear during the war. Many an old car was returned to the foundry, melted down and transformed into planes that saw duty in Europe and the Pacific.

By 1946, automobile manufacturers had a captive audience — a car-hungry nation that craved a return to normal life. Postwar models were slightly restyled versions of the 1942 designs. The public didn't care. The demand was so high that cars remained essentially unchanged from 1946-48.

### The courting car

Don bought the Plymouth in 1963. We met in college soon after, and the '48 became our courting car. Then, though, it was just old. Time had to pass for it to acquire the character and charm it has today as an historic vehicle. Still, our friends loved it.

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The signs are out all over, and Michigan Gov. John Engler has been heard to refer to it as "Jobzilla."

With the state's incredible growth of more than 700,000 new jobs since 1991, it's no wonder the two words used most often by employers are help wanted. The signs are popping up everywhere and they've become local proof of plummeting unemployment rates statewide and nationwide.

Because the best paying jobs are the first to go, minimum wage positions aren't getting filled as quickly. And anyone who visits fast-food restaurants feels the pinch when the service isn't so fast.

The U.S. unemployment rate for June was a low 4.5 percent in June, while Michigan's jobless rate held steady at 3.6 percent, the second consecutive month of the lowest rate since the Michigan Employment Security Agency began compiling seasonally adjusted estimates in 1970, according to the Michigan Jobs Commission.



It's a trend that is putting employers who are looking for employees and have some basic requirements like dependability, employers like Ralph Barber who, with Ken Mehl, is co-owner of the Blarney Bay Sports Bar and Grill in Westland.

"We just bought the place and what I'm looking for is people who are courteous, have a nice smile and personality and people who can work with the public," said Barber who keeps in mind that he has to provide a work environment that's pleasant, if he wants to attract and keep the best people.

"If they don't like it here and feel that they don't fit in the group, it's easy to go down the street, because they know that everyone is hiring.

"We try to make a nice comfortable work setting and make it so everyone is happy when they come in. That's our main objective, not that that's possible 100 percent of the time, but as best we can."

Rosemary Garcia, office manager of MG



Tool and Engineering, said the best way to be sure you're hiring a good employee is to know about the person ahead of time.

"It's very difficult to hire good, professional people," Garcia said.

Precision is the hallmark of the Plymouth prototype shop, where work is done to the tenth of a thousandth of an inch. That kind of detail calls for experienced workers.

"They get top wages and benefits, but we don't look for guys who just want a paycheck," Garcia said.

Some applicants try to bluff their way through interviews and if they're hired, she said, they don't last long — "If there's someone who is trying to fake it, they won't make it."

While it's still possible to find employees

who take pride in their work, Garcia said, it's not commonplace.

"We really try to employ people that the boss would have known through the industry, but that's not always possible," Garcia said. "To hire a guy from the street for this kind of work is hard unless someone is out there and by chance is unemployed. They have good benefits, good wages and he (the owner) treats them pretty well. And he expects them to work."

### Judging character

James A. Speers, president of A & Jay Wholesale Auto Parts in Redford Township, said he's become a good judge of character.

"All you have to do is read the (classified) ads and they're full of detail of what people are looking for," Speers said. "Everybody wants the same thing. Somebody with half a brain, dependable and can tell time and get there in the morning."

Speers said he believes employers shouldn't have to bribe employees.

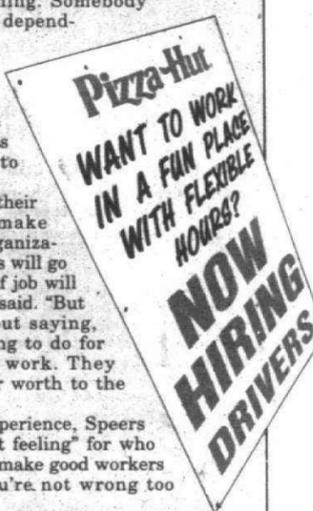
"If they're worth their salt they will make progress in any organization and their wages will go up and their type of job will get better," Speers said. "But when they start out saying, 'What are you going to do for me?' that doesn't work. They have to prove their worth to the employer."

After years of experience, Speers said, he gets a "gut feeling" for who will and who won't make good workers and "hopefully you're not wrong too much of the time."

"When you've been at it as long as I have, nothing surprises you," he said. "A lot of people, especially young people, just don't have a clue to what it means to work."

Finding employees who follow a solid work ethic isn't easy to find, said Speers, suggesting that one way to make people

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## 18 ways to help you get a job

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sure you know your Social Security number. You will need this information, if you have to fill out a job application.

■ Gather together all your personal papers. You will need a Social Security card, and depending on the job, birth certificate or other proof of age, school records, military records and union membership card.

■ Try to find three people who know your abilities and ask for permission to name them as references. Get their business titles, addresses and phone numbers to list on the application. Teachers, clergy members and leaders of groups you've been associated with are good people to list. However, don't list relatives.

■ Make sure you're looking for the right type of job based on your interests, experience, aptitudes and education. Know your qualifications and abilities and be sure that you can present them at a job interview.

■ When you get a job interview, find out as much as you can in advance about the company. Then

try to show the employer how you can be valuable to him or her.

■ If you can get the company's application form in advance, practice filling it out. Ask somebody you respect to review the work. Send one copy to the employer; save the second copy to review before the job interview. Be neat and brief but provide thorough information.

■ Get a good night's sleep before the interview so you're fresh and alert. Be clean and neatly groomed. Avoid fashion fads, extreme hairstyles and heavy makeup.

■ Go to the interview alone. The employer wants to talk only with you.

■ Be on time. Better yet, be five minutes early so you can compose yourself. Announce yourself promptly and courteously to the receptionist, and while you're waiting, sit up and look alert. Somebody may notice you, and first impressions are important.

■ Greet your interviewer in a poised and friendly manner, but show respect and don't become too familiar.

■ Look interested and enthusiastic. Don't slouch in the chair and don't be nervous (a few deep breaths will help). Look at the employer; don't stare off in the distance. Don't chew gum.

■ Talk clearly and distinctly without slang expressions; don't mumble. Answer all the employer's questions accurately, honestly, frankly and promptly. Don't exaggerate or talk too much. Let the employer lead the conversation.

■ Sell yourself. Show how your training and experience can make you valuable for the job you are seeking. Be prepared to discuss the infor-

mation on your application. Be specific about the job you want (don't say you'll "do anything") but be flexible in considering other jobs with the company.

■ Don't argue with the interviewer and don't criticize others, including past employers or co-workers.

■ Don't discuss your personal life, your domestic problems or financial troubles unless the employer asks or if they may have some bearing on a possible job. An employer is mainly interested in what you can do for the company.

■ Be realistic in discussing wages and while you may ask about vacation time and fringe benefits, don't dwell on them. Jobs go to applicants who are interested in the company.

■ Find out where you stand. Call the employer back or see if he or she prefers to call you back. If you don't get the job, ask to be considered for other openings.

■ Don't be discouraged, if you don't get the job. Ask the employer why not, and profit from his or her advice. (Employers hire people who are properly dressed; who are serious and considerate; who have the right training and ask for realistic wages; and who are friendly and self-confident. Does that sound like you?)



## Early examples fuel community service



Margaret Harlow

Margaret Harlow is no stranger to being honored for volunteer work. She has been recognized as Westland's First Citizen and Business Person of the Year and is a recipient of the Athena Award.

Her latest honor comes from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, which recently saluted her as a 1998 Woman of Distinction for the positive effect she has made on her community.

"I was surprised and pleased to be the only one from this area," said Harlow, co-owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "I just do what I do and don't have something like this in mind when I do it. There are a lot of others here who deserve this."

Harlow was nominated for the honor by Westland Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Carre. Active in the Girl Scouts, the two women met when Carre came to the area as a branch manager for NBD Bank.

"She's very active, too," Harlow said of Carre, who announced Harlow's selection at a Rotary meeting. "Before the start of the meeting, she walked in with flowers and asked to make an announcement. The club fined me \$1, they could have fined me \$3."

When it comes to giving back to the community, Harlow was introduced to the idea while growing up in Plymouth, where she watched friends of her parents get involved in the community. She "looks up to those friends" and sees them as

"kind of like mentors."

### The first time

Her first-time venture into volunteering was collecting for Easter Seals. She stood in front of the Penn Theater with friends, collecting money and giving out flowers.

When her three children were in school, she got involved with school, serving as a room mother for 15 years at Schweitzer Elementary School. She became actively involved in the family business by the time the children were in junior high school, but she continued to make time for their activities.

Today, son Jeff is a certified public accountant at Miesel-Sysco Services; daughter Michelle is a "great" teacher in Farmington, and youngest son Jeff is attending Eastern Michigan University and working in the family business.

"Work can't get in the way of your family," she said. "You need to go to the conferences, the gymnastic events. I raised a very successful family, and that's the greatest tribute in life."

"All these other things don't mean nothing if my own kids hadn't grown up to be healthy, strong adults."

Harlow says her involvement has evolved. She's not certain how she got where she's at, but it's all because "one thing leads to another."

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hungry for a job is to have them live through four months of an economic slump like the famed Great Depression in the 1930s.

Now, though, jobs are plentiful and finding workers remains a challenge. Just ask the office manager at a Plymouth insurance company who asked to remain anonymous. She said it took two months to fill an opening for a receptionist. The wait wasn't easy, she added, because when one person is missing in a small company everyone has to carry the extra work load.

"I think that some people who came in were overqualified and some underqualified," she said. "One of the big things we need is someone who will show up for work every day and be on time and does what we need them to do."

She has filled the job and is confident about her decision, but she quickly added that it wasn't easy.

Judy Somershoe, executive recruiter for Management Recruiters of Livonia, finds applicants for high-level management and engineering jobs for MRL clients.

**A good match**

Somershoe not only looks at the specific requirements that a company asks for in an applicant, but she also considers subtle issues, like whether the person's personality will fit in a specific office setting.

"We try to find a match for our

clients," Somershoe said. "Hopefully, we've helped someone make a good career move and it's a positive for everyone."

Key qualities in applicants, she said, is to be self-motivated, assertive and able to work in teams. Companies want people who are looking at the job as an opportunity for growth and not just a place to collect a paycheck.

"Someone who is just looking for a higher salary is not a top candidate," Somershoe said. Just because there's a low unemployment rate doesn't mean employers have lowered their standards, because "we find that our clients are just as particular," she added.

Connie Kish, branch manager of Act I Technical in Livonia, fills jobs on a permanent, contractual and contract-to-hire basis in the computer and engineering fields.

She advises people looking for a job to be ready to elaborate on certain experience they've mentioned on their resumes and fine tune it to the employer's needs.

Explaining that you "administered a network," for instance, wouldn't be as eye catching as saying you "led a project" and were able "problem solve," she said, adding that "resumes should reflect a lot of skills."

"Of course, being on time and well-prepared for an interview, as well as having flexibility in scheduling appointments for interviews and start dates are also appreciated by employers,"

Kish said. "Employers are looking for someone who is highly skilled and able to function in more than one role and who doesn't mind working some overtime. They want people with good and well-rounded backgrounds."

"Gene are the days when the person who sat in the corner did their job and didn't talk with people. They need good written and oral communication skills that will allow them to progress throughout the company. They're looking for people who are long-term employees."

And as Somershoe explained, both employers and job hunters are trying to avoid a bad match that will be a waste of time for everyone.

"It doesn't pay to hire the wrong person just to fill a slot," she added. "We have to be very careful that we present only good matches, even though it's a tight market."



**On the job:** The sign in the window of McDonald's in Livonia was how Garcia Tyner of Detroit landed his job. In need of a job to feed his family, he says it's "a good job."

took two years off to relax and "figure out what I really want to do."

He turned to Steven J. Green & Associates Personnel because, "it's hard to get an idea of what a company is looking for by just looking in the paper."

Richards said it wasn't unusual for him to drive 40 minutes to Southfield for an interview, spend a half hour, have nothing happen and then get called back the next day for the same frustration routine. He's hoping a recruiter will eliminate some of the hassles.

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The bride asked Theresa Murzin, Michele Sellers, Wendy Nigro and Jody Pidruzny to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Carl Buck-

## Gerlach-Attwood

Gary Gerlach and Sandra Kay Attwood were recently married at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. The Rev. Chris Richards and Steve Andrews of Kensington Community Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Warren and Virginia Attwood of Canton. The groom is the son of Robert and Nancy Gerlach of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Chrysler Corp.

The groom also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Dow Automotive. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, they are making their



home in Rochester.

## Welch-Dacre

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Plymouth announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Olivia Jean, to Brent Andrew Dacre, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dacre of St. Joseph.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as an office manager for a doctor's office in Dayton, Ohio.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, a 1994 graduate of Hope College in 1994, and a 1997 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is employed by Tobias Funeral Home in Dayton,



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The couple greeted guests at Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. They are making their home in Belleville.

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Farchione-Salice

Anthony and RoseAnna Farchione of Farmington Hills announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Elise, to Paul Salice, the son of Anthony and Maria Salice of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and occupational therapy.

She is employed as a registered occupational therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of



science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by General Motors.

An August wedding is planned at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.

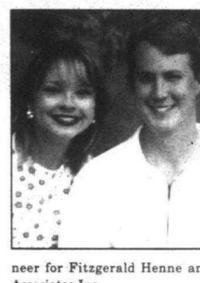
### Pucher-VanGoethem

Michael and Elaine Pucher of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Cheryl, to David Robert VanGoethem, the son of Michael and Helen VanGoethem of Linden.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She is employed as a computer consultant for Compuware Corp.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Linden High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed as an environmental consultant and civil engineer for Fitzgerald Henne and Associates Inc.

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



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### Nikou-Nigro

Tim and Marika Nikou of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katina, to Kurtis Allen Nigro, the son of Joy Bernicker of Bullhead City, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a manager at Ann Taylor in Laurel Park.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Hesperia High School in California. He is employed with E.L. Commercial Interiors in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township.



A September wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Church in Brighton.

### Ritchie-Dilworth

David and Betty Ritchie of Saline announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Leslie, to Lawrence Michael Dilworth, the son of Joyce Dilworth of Livonia and the late Lawrence Dilworth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saline High School, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Johnson Controls.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed by ANR Pipeline.

An August wedding is planned at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island.



at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island.

### Richert-Van Meter

Roland and Sandra Richert of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Less Dawn, to Chad Matthew Van Meter, the son of Cynthia Katt and Perry Van Meter, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in communication; broadcasting and theater/speech.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Concordia High School in Fort Wayne and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy/religion and English.

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### Zelek-Biron

Greg and Nancy Zelek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Anne, to Douglas John Biron, the son of Bob and Judy Biron of Highland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in graphic design. She is employed with Precision Color in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lakeland High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in engineering-logistics management. He is employed with Denso International in Southfield.

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## Harlow from page B1

Harlow is a charter member of the Westland Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of the Westland Rotary Club.

She also is a past president of the Westland Downtown Development Authority and serves on the Oakwood Hospital Foundation, Wayne-Westland Schools Foundation and Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

**A favorite project**

Through her involvement in Rotary, Harlow heard about "Turn Off the Violence," which encourages parents to turn off the television and do something with their children, such as reading a book or going to the library.

She liked the idea and took it back to her Task Force, which endorsed the idea and designated the second Thursday in October as "Turn Off the Violence" Night. A favorite project, it has

been well-received in the community. This year, it will be observed on Oct. 8.

She also has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas and has been involved with the city's Youth Assistance Advisory Council.

The Youth Assistance Program provides parenting for parents and guidance and counseling for kids so that they "can be better parents and better kids."

Harlow gets a lot of satisfaction out of the work because it helps keep kids out of the courts, a feeling she says was reinforced by a young mother who, at last year's Christmas party, thanked the city for the program.

"She said she felt she was losing control of her son and that he was headed for trouble and without the help of Youth Assistance and mentoring, she didn't know what would have happened to him," Harlow said. "It's nice to be able to touch lives and very real to hear a mom tell you how grateful she is."

If Harlow had to pick one activity over everything she does, the winner would be the Rotary Club because of how it reaches out to other groups like Youth Assistance and the Salvation Army.

"You have no idea what's available in the community until you become involved," she said. "You have no idea how good your community is. There so many positive things happening in Westland."

former college classmates by showing up in the '48 for a drive to the local A&W.

You may not be able to go back in time, but sometimes you can come close.

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

## History from page B1

Don's car towered above the new, low-profile models. It was the landmark to look for on college outings.

His often-frustrating, multi-year restoration project has taken us on a merry chase. The search for car parts even led us to a neat junkyard in Arizona, where the climate makes the area a car-part heaven. I mean "neat" in the literal sense because their cars are lined up

in tidy rows, according to year.

Don also painstakingly hand-shaped sheets of metal into contoured patches that replaced sections long since rusted away. He has the car sanded, primed and already ready for painting, just in time for its 50th anniversary. We duplicated the Chevron Blue color by matching it to the original paint that was preserved on an interior door jam.

Don has visions of surprising

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**SALE AND USE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY MINORS ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE #98-4**

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding a Division to Article VIII of Chapter 54, which new Division shall be entitled Tobacco and numbers as Division 4, and shall contain three sections, which sections shall be numbered Section 54-361, 54-362 and 54-363, to prohibit the sale and possession of tobacco by minors; to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors; provide definitions and limitation to this ordinance; and to provide penalties and fines for violation of this ordinance.

**THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**  
Division 4, entitled Tobacco, of Article VIII, entitled Offenses Involving Minors, of Chapter 54, is hereby adopted and reads as follows:

**DIVISION 4. TOBACCO**

**Sec. 54-361. Use or possession of Tobacco products by minors.**  
(a) No person under the age of 18 shall purchase, offer or attempt to purchase, have in possession or use any product which is used for the formation of a smoking device, tobacco, tobacco snuff, chewing tobacco or tobacco in any other form.  
(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense.

**Sec. 54-362. Sale of tobacco products to minors; penalty; affirmative defense.**  
(a) No person shall sell, furnish, give or deliver any product which is used for the formation of a smoking device, tobacco, tobacco snuff, chewing tobacco or tobacco in any other form.  
(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense.  
(c) School staff and/or personnel are exempt from this section.

**Section 2. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.**

**Section 3. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.**

**Section 4. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.**

**Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof.**

DONALD DISMUKE, LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMA/AE  
Mayor City Clerk

Introduced: July 6, 1998  
Enacted: August 5, 1998  
Effective: August 23, 1998  
Published: August 13, 1998

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**ORDINANCE #98-5**

The City of Plymouth Ordains that Section 26-7 and 26-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 26-7. Treasurer's duties; perpetual care fund.**  
"It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to deposit all sums in payment of lots or burial rights and in the payment of cemetery services in the cemetery fund of the city, except such sums as are provided by perpetual care, which shall be held and invested by state laws governing such trust fund. The amount of TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) of the sale price for each lot hereafter sold shall be deposited in a fund for such lot or lots. An account shall be kept of all receipts and disbursements in connection with the acquisition and maintenance of City cemeteries."

**Sec. 26-10. Rules and regulations (add sub-section 3b).**  
(3b) The use of plastic cemetery vaults shall be prohibited.

This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 10th day of August, 1998.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 3rd day of August, 1998.

DONALD DISMUKE, LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMA/AE  
Mayor City Clerk

Published August 13, 1998

**MAIN STREET PAVING UPDATE**  
**FROM THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES**  
**PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**  
**734-453-7737 office 734-455-1666 fax**

**August 7, 1998**

The rain over the past couple of days has caused some minor delays in the progress of the Main Street Paving Project. Cadillac Asphalt, the prime contractor and the City's Engineers from Wade-Trim have been doing an excellent job in keeping to the schedule (see Paving Update from August 5, 1998). We anticipate that the rain we are receiving this week will have very little effect or create any major delays in the project. Cadillac Asphalt is very optimistic that they can continue to show substantial progress once the weather clears.

We anticipate that there may be some minor concrete removal on the North Main Street Project over the next two days. The weather forecast is not favorable until Monday.

On Monday (weather dependent), you can expect to have substantial work taking place on both North and South Main Streets. Traffic can be expected to be limited to one lane in each direction in the construction zones. It is anticipated that (base preparation) on South Main Street and concrete crews will be working on North Main Street.

As always, when driving in a construction zone, please drive carefully, there may be marked or unmarked hazards in these areas and the rain has caused the appearance of some hot spots in the construction zone.

Person with questions regarding this UPDATE should feel free to contact Shawn Keough at Wade-Trim Engineering at 734-947-9700 or Paul Stipoc at the City of Plymouth at 453-7737.

Published August 13, 1998

# Metro Council gives Silver Award to 4 Cadette Scouts

Four Cadette Girl Scouts from St. Michael School have been named recipients of scouting's Silver Award - the highest honor a Cadette Scout can earn - by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

The Silver, which also is Girl Scouting's second-highest award, recognizes individual efforts and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

It took two years for Kate Blaharski of Westland, Jessica Grima of Redford and Stephanie Grima and Kristen Palombo, both of Livonia, to complete the five requirements for the award.

The girls are members of Troop 1940, led by Rita Grima and Sheri McCrohan.

The first step was to earn three interest-project patches related to their community service projects. They then earned the Dreams to Reality patch, which allowed them to explore and learn more about career options for the future.

The third step was earning the Cadette Scout Challenge pin. The girls were challenged to learn more about themselves, relating to others, developing



values and contributing to the community while also learning more about Girl Scouting.

The Leadership pin was the fourth step. To earn it, each girl needed to do 25 hours of leader-

ship activity. Some of the girls worked with younger troops, planning meetings, projects and

**Top honor:** Kate Blaharski of Westland, Jessica Grima of Redford and Stephanie Grima and Kristen Palombo, both of Livonia, spent two years completing the five requirements for Girl Scouting's second highest honor: the Silver Award.

badge work. They also worked with the 11 other scouts from their troop in planning, organizing and putting on a Brownie Scout overnighter for some 90 girls.

The fifth and final step involved a 30-hour community service project. Each of the four scouts picked their own project, which involved service outside of scouting. It had to include planning, organizing, leadership and documentation of the 30 hours.

Once the project was completed and documented, it was given to the Girl Scout Council for its review and approval. The girls were notified of their approval in mid-May and received their awards May 27 at the Council Honor Reception.

Kate Blaharski, a Girl Scout for eight years, made helping orphan children and families in the Dominican Republic her project. She started by contacting a religious order which works with those people and inquiring about their needs.

She began collecting needed items, soliciting donations from local stores, neighbors and families. Then Kate, who will be a freshman at Ladywood High School next year, packaged the items and had them flown to the Dominican Republic.

Jessica Grima, in Girl Scouts seven years, contacted the oncology center at Mott Children's Hospital to find out what pediatric patients needed. She organized and collected small toys in her neighborhood from fellow students, friends, businesses and families.

The items were packaged and driven to the hospital, where

Jessica, who will be an eighth grade student at Pierce Junior High School in the fall, presented them to the staff. The toys are being given to the children after chemotherapy treatments.

For her project, Stephanie Grima, in scouting nine years, contacted an orphanage in Korea to ask what was needed. During the summer, she worked at Korean Culture Camp and spoke to parents, informing them of her project.

A freshman-to-be this fall at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Stephanie was able to collect items from those families as well as from local stores, all of which she packaged and had flown to South Korea. As a thank-you, she received photographs of the children dressed in the outfits she had collected for them.

Kristen Palombo has been in Girl Scouting for eight years. For her project, she contacted Children's Hospital of Southeast Michigan to ask their needs beyond soliciting donations from more than 91 stores and businesses.

In her solicitations, the future freshman at Mercy High School in Farmington discussed her project in detail with many of the store managers and was able to collect enough miscellaneous items to fill 105 shopping bags.

She delivered the bags to the hospital, then distributed the items to the children herself.

The four scouts plus the 11 other members of their troop were recently bridged-up to Girl Scouting. They plan to pursue the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award.

## MDA 'Aisles of Smiles' to benefit 'Jerry's Kids'

Helping "Jerry's Kids" can be as easy as shopping at your favorite grocery store.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association and grocers throughout the state have teamed up to offer "Aisles of Smiles" to raise money for the MDA.

Manufacturers of products will donate to MDA a portion of each customer's purchases now through Sept. 11. The contribution will be made as part of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon on Labor Day.

"Our hope is that shoppers will take notice of the campaign banners and shelf talkers and make a conscious decision to support MDA and the companies that have been so generous to our cause," said John O'Rourke, MDA regional director.

The participating products include Brach's fruit snacks, Bush's baked beans, Florida's Natural and Grower's Style orange juice, Dole salads, Glad Handle-Tie trash bags and tail kitchen bags, Mardi Gras towels, Turkey Store meat and Deli, Ice Mountain water, Hungry Jack waffles, Jen's CNT pizza, Old El Paso salsa, Star-Kist solid white tuna, Tampax flushable tampons, Softsoap pumps, Marie's dressings and dips, Dean

dips, Musselman's 48-ounce apple sauce, Instant Lunch, Ramen noodles, Mrs. Smith pies, A-1 steak sauce and Planter's nuts.

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The MDA is a voluntary health agency operating clinics in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint/Midland, Lansing and Kalamazoo. It offers week-long camp sessions for youngsters with muscular dystrophy, community services and far-reaching professional and public health education.

MDA also gives money for worldwide research into 40 neuromuscular diseases, including research projects at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. It receives no government money or seek fees from patients or their families.

### Mey

Donald and LaDonna Mey of Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a buffet reception at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

The couple married May 15, 1948, in Sylvania, Ohio. She is the former LaDonna Rome.

They have three children - Anita Kemsley of Livonia, David of Brighton, Lynn Mey of Dunedin, Fla. - and six grandchildren.

He retired 15 years ago after working for CSX for 33 years. She worked at brokerage firms in Plymouth for 12 years.

He is active in the Highland



Lake Men's Chorus and the Highland Lake Community Patrol.

### Joanides

John and Joan Joanides of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering and dinner.

The couple married May 9, 1948, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit. She is the former Jean Pantoleon.

The couple has three children - Katherine, Elizabeth and the late Charles - and two grandchildren.

John Joanides is president and member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church board and is active in sports



including bowling and golfing. She sings in the church choir.

### Calder

Alex and Janette Calder of Livonia celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a second honeymoon in Frankenth.

The couple married June 1, 1933, in Highland Park. She is the former Janette Wolcott.

The couple, 47-year Livonia residents, has four children - George, Neil, Gary and Kenneth - and five grandchildren.

He retired in 1969 from the U.S. post office after serving 28 years as a letter carrier. She is a homemaker.

He was an avid golfer until a few years ago and shot a hole-in-



one when he was 80 years old. She used to sew.

### Rust

Edward C. and Loretta L. Rust of Redford Township will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 28 with a Mass at St. Valentine Catholic Church followed by a private reception at the Dearborn Inn.

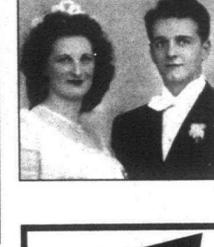
The couple married Aug. 28, 1948, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Loretta L. Juvier.

They have eight children - Patrick and his wife Marie of Detroit, Kathleen and her husband Bob Hurley of Redford Township, Daniel and his wife Jo of Detroit, David (Brother Benedict) of Trappist, Ky., Sharon and her husband Bob Curry of Brighton, Mary Lynn and her husband Mike Brown of Canton Township, Susan and her husband Mike Blankenship of Dearborn Heights and Paulette and her husband Jeff Fleischer of Westminster, Colo. - and 11 grandchildren.

He retired in 1984 from Sears Roebuck and Co. after working



as a power tools and appliance salesman for 20 years at the store's Oakman Boulevard location and 20 years at the store's Livonia Mall location. She was a homemaker.



Edward Rust has served as an usher at St. Valentine for 31 years and is active in the men's club. She is a member of women's altar sodality at the church.

### Blazok

George and Frances Blazok of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18 by renewing their vows during Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church, followed by a reception.

The couple married July 10, 1948, at St. Florian's Church in

Hamtramck.

The Blazoks have five children - Rick and wife Cindy of Livonia, Denny and wife Jackie of West Palm Beach, Fla., Chris of Kewaskum, Wis., Sue and husband Dennis of Detroit, and Sharon of Redford. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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## RELIGIOUS NEWS

### Mission team helps to raise walls at camp

Their destination was Belize and for 13 adults, their one-week stay in the Central American country marked the start of a new era for foreign mission ministry at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The group went to Belize to pitch in with materials and labor for a large construction project in the northern district of Orange Walk. The project is the joint effort of Rivers of the World and the local church in the city of Orange Walk Town.

Located on a parcel of land on Honey Camp Lagoon, the project is focusing on building a totally self-covering camp, including sleeping quarters, kitchen, dining/meeting hall, showers and lavatories, safe water supply and generator house.

The facilities are used as a recreation center for youth, clergy and other groups and a training camp for ROW expeditions in countries like Cuba and Vietnam. ROW is an international exploration and medical missionary organization headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.



**Done at last: Members of the mission team from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church join with five Belizean masons in front of a partially finished cabin they worked on during the team's one-week trip to the Central American country.**

information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

**SUMMER JAMBOREE**  
Tri-City Christian Center will host a Summer Jamboree at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Aug. 16-19, at the center, Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, Canton. The free program will offer fun, games and prizes and drama for children. For more information, call (734) 326-0330.

**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Warren Rd. Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its mission Bible school, "Space Mission Bible Camp," Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 33445 Warren Road at Farmington Road, Westland. Countdown will begin at 8:30 p.m. with re-entry at 8:30 p.m. Preschoolers through fifth graders will learn that God helps them in all aspects of life. For more information, call Pastor David Powell at (734) 458-7301.

The church's Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary). The sermon series for August is "The Second Coming."

**Plymouth Church of the Nazarene** will have its vacation Bible school 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The program is for children age 4 through sixth graders. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

**HEALTH SEMINAR**  
Graeme Coar, chaplain of Hallelujah Acres in Shelby, N.C., will share his journey to health through diet changes after being diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer, at a free health seminar, "How to Eliminate Sickness," at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Crestwood High School auditorium, 1501 N. Beech Dale, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Rigby at (313) 563-7236.

**INTERFAITH RELIEF**  
Redford Interfaith Relief is offering a volunteer recruit and training workshop 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, between Beech Dale and Telegraph roads.

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### GC driver victorious

Ken Ahlgren of Garden City captured the 20-lap ARCA Figure 8 feature race Saturday at Flat Rock Speedway.

Ahlgren picked up his second win, the first since opening night.

Redford's Tom Selmi finished third in the 25-lap ARCA Street Stock feature, while Redford's Rich Frantz was seventh.

In the 150-lap ARCA Late Model feature, Mike Morris and Steve Cronewett, both of Westland, finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

### Sting icers undefeated

Livonia Sting, a group of hockey players from Livonia Stevenson High School, recently captured the Royal Oak Summer Conditioning League with a 5-1 victory over Clarkston after a 6-3 semifinal victory over Walled Lake Western.

Sting, coached by Stevenson varsity coach Mike Harris, who is 51-4-3 in his four seasons with the Spartans in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

The Sting finished the summer with a 13-0-1 record with other victories coming against Birmingham Brother Rice, Royal Oak, Walled Lake Central and Waterford Mott.

Members of the Sting include: Kevin Marlowe, Chris McComb, Matt McLeod, Bob Pruchnik, Mike Walsh, John May, Tim Allen, Mike Zientarski, Nick Harris, Nick Lang, Ryan Sinks, Willie Wilson, Dan Wilson, Jason Gildersleeve, Mark Mink, Eric Mink, Mark Nebus, Mike Nebus, David Bonello, Alex Piotrowski, Mike McCowan, Adam Heseltine, Joe Suchara, Chris Williams, Dennis Queener, Mike Majkowski and Jon Katulski.

Former team captain Jeff Lang served as assistant coach. Team sponsors include Mike and Diane McGowan of McGowan's Sports Shop on Five Mile Road, just East of Farmington.

### S'craft needs runners

New Schoolcraft College coach Nancy Gavoar is seeking cross country runners for the upcoming season (scholarships available).

For more information, call Gavoar at (248) 471-4005.

### Meet Chief grid coaches

The Canton Chiefs "Meet the Coaches Night" will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Canton High School.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Canton Football Booster Club president Judy Dent at (734) 397-3046.

### Volleyball coach wanted

Ladywood High School is seeking a varsity volleyball coach for the 1998-99 season.

Those interested should send a resume to: Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mi. 48154-5099.

### Soccer coaches wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking two boys under-9 recreational coaches for the eight-week season, which begins Sept. 12.

Candidates must be energetic, love children, be dedicated to having fun, emphasize teamwork and show plenty of patience.

Games will be played on weekends with one to two practices per week.

For more information, call Chris Nolan at (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324, or Deb Robinson at Ext. 3309.

### Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Michigan Indians Baseball Club (1999 season) will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 22 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

The Indians play approximately 55 to 60 games (including tournaments).

For more information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695.

For Michigan Indians Mickey Mantle (16-and-under division) call Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793.

## Concealed places 4th at World Series

Concealed Security's bid for a World Series 11-under championship fell just shy in Tarkio, Mo.

Livonian Lou Pirronello has coached travel baseball teams for more than a decade and none came closer to a national championship than this year's Concealed Security 11-year-old team.

Emotionally, at least.

Concealed finished fourth at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Tarkio, Mo., bowing out with an 8-4 loss to Baltimore, Md. on Friday night.

The loss came 24 hours after Concealed suffered a heart-breaking 13-12 defeat to eventual champion San Diego, Calif., which rallied for three runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

### Indians go 2-2-2 at Series, C2

Pirronello's 17-year-old team in 1995 finished fourth at the Connie Mack AAU national championships but that team's final loss was more lopsided.

Concealed and San Diego were the only two unbeaten teams remaining in the field when they met Thursday night and each could state a case for being the favorite at that point.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) were named to the all-tournament team for right field and shortstop, respectively. Each batted over .500.

"We won eight in a row, beat all the big boys from Texas, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Mexico, southern teams that notoriously dominate the World Series," Pirronello said. "This and the 17-year-old team with (J.J.) Putz,

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## Jump start

### Livonia D.C.I. wins 1st 3 in Johnstown

#### Rams head to Louisville, Ky., C3

Livonia Decision Consultants Inc. won its first three games before losing one at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

In a battle of unbeatens, D.C.I. lost for the first time on Tuesday to the Arlington Senators from Washington D.C., 19-8, at St. Michael Field outside Johnstown. No details were available at press time.

The loss dropped D.C.I. to the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. D.C.I., the champion of the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, played another game Wednesday.

Details will appear in Sunday's Observer editions.

Here are results from the first three games:

**D.C.I. 9, Baltimore 8:** D.C.I. held on to win a game that was resumed Tuesday morning after being suspended due to rain in the seventh inning the day before. It was the second game D.C.I. won by a score of 9-8.

D.C.I. trailed 5-4 when the game was suspended.

Matt Pike, a pickup from the Michigan Lake Area Rams, gave D.C.I. instant momentum when the game resumed, hitting a mammoth home run in the seventh to tie the score 5-5. A walk to Jamie Linton and a double by Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill/Henry Ford Community College) gave D.C.I. the lead for good, 6-5.

Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills/Detroit Catholic Central/U-D Mercy) tripled to open the eighth, leading to three more runs and a 9-5 lead.

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## Spartans make splash

### SWIMMING

Four members of the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club earned places last weekend in the 11-12 year-old division at the 1998 Michigan Swimming Long Course Championships held July 30-Aug. 2 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium in Ypsilanti.

Ashley Eilers earned zone qualifying times, equivalent of the National AAA time standards, in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyles.

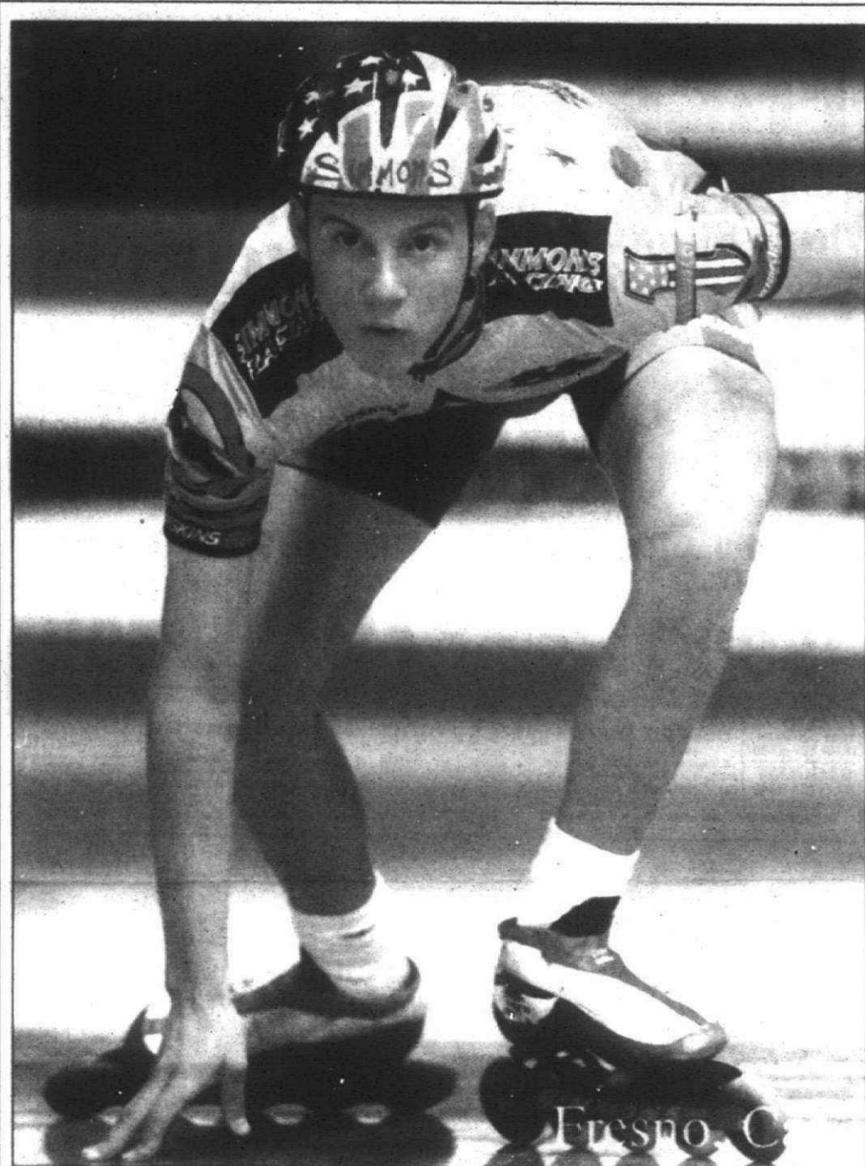
Eilers finished fourth in the 50 freestyle (29.71); sixth, 100 freestyle (1:05.37) and 100 backstroke (1:20.07); seventh, 100 butterfly (1:17.74); eighth, 200 freestyle (2:26.2); 11th, 50 backstroke (36.82); 14th, 50 butterfly (34.48); and 19th, 200 individual medley (2:55.84).

Michelle Aristeo took a third in the 100 backstroke (1:17.67); 10th, 200 freestyle (2:33.81); and 18th, 50 breaststroke (42.44).

Elizabeth Cambridge placed sixth in the 100 butterfly (1:17.62); 12th, 50 backstroke (36.91); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:29.0); 13th, 50 breaststroke (41.06) and 50 butterfly (1:23.74); 15th, 200 IM (2:51.58); 18th, 200 freestyle (2:25.23).

Andrea Giczewski placed 13th in the 50 backstroke (37.06); 19th, 100 butterfly (1:27.98); and 23rd, 50 butterfly (36.6).

The foursome of Cambridge, Giczewski, Eilers and Aristeo combined for a third in the 200 freestyle relay (2:07.23).



**'Craven' success:** Canton Township resident Charlie Craven was in championship form at the National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, bringing home the gold medal in the Junior Division.

## Craven brings home gold

Charlie Craven, who will be a senior this fall at Plymouth Canton High School, captured a gold medal in the Junior Division (ages 16-17) at the 1998 National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, Aug. 1-5, in Fresno, Calif.

Craven, a member of the Great Skate Wolverine Inline Roller Speed Skating Club of Roseville, is coached by Robb Dunn and Jay Ingram.

The 17-year-old Craven took placements at 500, 1,000 and 2,000 meters, earning 70 of a possible 90 points, 20 ahead of the second-place finisher in the USA Roller Skating-sanctioned event.

Craven also was the overall, road and high-

point champion at the Banked Track and Road Inline Roller Speed Skating Championships last May in Colorado Springs Colo.

He earned one of four qualifying spots on the 1998 U.S. Junior World Team which will compete next month at the World Roller Speed Skating Championships in Piombino, Italy.

Craven has also participated in the Professional Inline Racing Series since January where he currently ranks first in the Junior Division.

The series ends Saturday in Downers Grove, Ill.

## Former WLAA standout markets 1st-year team

As the National Basketball Association endures a players' lockout, a pair of former star athletes from Oakland County are helping fans lock into some new excitement at the Palace.

North Farmington graduate Eve Claar and Birmingham Marian graduate Mary Rogers are two of the marketing leaders for the Detroit Shock, a first-year team in the two year-old Women's National Basketball Association.

The Shock's target audience may be women and youngsters, but it's gaining

### Shock treatment

The Detroit Shock's remaining regular-season home game, at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 against the New York Liberty, is Fan Appreciation Night at the Palace.

About 4,000 tickets remain on sale. The Shock expect to set a new regular-season attendance mark on this night and fans have the opportunity to win a Buick Regal, Sea-Do, player jerseys and other souvenirs.

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its share of male viewers. Male chauvinists are in the minority, they say.

"Many more men support it than bad mouth it," Rogers said. "If they come out and see it and experience it, then they'll know they just couldn't keep up with these girls. They are a bunch of classy

ladies and wonderful people. The public has really taken to it and it gives girls playing in grade school and high school something else to

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**Palace hosts:** Eve Claar (left) and Mary Rogers are former Observer & Eccentric girls basketball stars now keeping busy behind the scenes for the Detroit Shock, one of two new teams in the Women's National Basketball Association.



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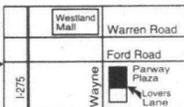
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SOFTBALL

Crews' sisters lead Madness

Mixed results in extra-inning games helped determine the path taken by the Motor City Madness fast-pitch girls softball team at last week's Amateur Softball Association 16-under World Series in Farmington Hills and Novi.

The Madness finished in 33rd place among 76 teams after a 3-2 record in the double-elimination tournament, including a 1-1 mark in extra-inning games on Thursday.

The Madness, which played most of their games this summer in an Ann Arbor collegiate league, ended with a 44-12 record.

Most of the Madness players have been together three seasons, recording a 130-27 record in that span. They finished ninth in the National Softball Association 14-under World Series two years ago and 28th in the NSA 16-under World Series last year.

The chance to show their ability to college coaches from across the state and country proved worthwhile, Madness coach Gar Frantz said.

"We had a fantastic year," Frantz said. "When I was coaching at third base and could look over the fence at UCLA coach Lisa Fernandez among about 100 other scouts that's quite overwhelming. It gave coaches an opportunity to come in and look at the class of 2000. That was very fulfilling to know kids got very good exposure. Whether they run with it is up to them."

The Madness opened with a 1-0 win over Texas Forest (Houston, Tex.) on Thursday, scoring a run in the 10th inning when the game was tied by the international tie-breaker.

The rule calls for each inning to begin with a runner, whoever made the last out the previous inning, on second base with no outs.

Winning pitcher Amanda Fitzgerald (Byron) threw a six-hitter, striking out six with no walks.

The Madness won after Stephanie Crews (Westland) singled to score Fitzgerald from third base. Fitzgerald started the inning at second base and was sacrificed to third base by Erin Carson (Farmington Hills Mercy).

The Madness' chances improved significantly earlier in extra innings when rightfielder Dana Falvo (Mercy) made a fine back-handed catch and threw the ball in on the line to prevent a runner at third base from scoring.

The Madness dropped into the loser's bracket after losing a heart-breaking 2-1 decision in 11 innings to the eventual champion USA Athletics from Santa Ana, Calif.

The score was scoreless through 10 innings. Santa Anna scored a pair of runs after the first two batters struck out with a runner on second.

A base hit to centerfield scored the first run but not without controversy.

Stonhamer Crews threw a perfect strike to the catcher and the runner "looked out," according to Madness coach Gar Frantz. "But the umpire ruled her hand got to the plate before the tag. It was a bizarre call."

The girl who collected the base hit landed on second after the throw to the plate and scored on consecutive sacrifice bunt attempts.

The Madness got one back in the bottom of the inning with Samantha Crews (Westland) scoring on a ground out by Laura Burkhardt.

The Madness played another game on Thursday that wasn't completed until Friday morning. They won the rain-delayed game against the Tri-City Rage of New York, 7-2, after resuming the game in the fourth inning.

Fitzgerald earned the pitching victory, relieving Frantz in the fourth inning.

The Madness scored four runs in the fourth inning to go ahead to stay. Katie Cameron, Carson and Frantz had RBI singles. Samantha Crews drove in the other run with a sacrifice fly.

The Madness stayed alive with a 2-0 win over the CyFair Slammers (Austin, Tex.) later on Friday. Cameron led the hitting attack with three hits. Frantz and Theresa Flowers also contributed RBI singles.

Fitzgerald threw a one-hitter with eight strikeouts in earning the pitching victory.

The Snohomish Merchants from Seattle, Wash. eliminated the Madness 1-0 in an 11-inning game played later Friday.

Fitzgerald pitched in hard luck, allowing six hits and no walks with eight strikeouts.

A sacrifice bunt and a suicide squeeze bunt led to the Merchants' only run.

Frantz was on second base for the Madness to start the top of the 11th but there was no advancement as the Merchants made forceouts at the end of the inning.

Compuware 9th in national tourney

Compuware finished in a three-way tie for ninth place in the 76-team Amateur Softball Association 16-and-under girls national fastpitch tournament at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.

Compuware won six of its first seven games before losing a second time late Saturday to the Kansas City Lasers in 10 innings, 2-1.

The international tiebreaker rule was used to decide the game. The Lasers scored twice in the top of the 10th.

Compuware's Emily LaBar doubled to score Andrea Hilleey in the bottom half but was out trying to stretch her hit into a triple.

Lauren Fuerstman, who won three of five games, was the loser.

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Clar was a star guard at Central Michigan University where she earned a business degree before earning a master's degree in business and spending two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Clar, who also coaches the Lake Orion girls varsity basketball team, was hired a year ago as an account representative for the Pistons and Palace Entertainment, which also owns Meadowbrook and Pine Knob music theatres. She became Youth Programming Coordinator of the Shock when Detroit was named one of two expansion teams for the 1998 season.

Rogers, 28, graduated from Wayne State as the school's all-time leading scorer and has been employed by the Palace for six years, starting with an internship. She too was an account representative for the Pistons and Palace before her title changed to director of community relations for the Shock with their arrival.

"Just to walk into this building and work was great," said Clar, 25. "When I was younger I loved the 'Bad Boys' - during commercial breaks I'd emulate Isaiah (Thomas) out on the driveway. Working for a WNBA team is like icing on the cake. I'm already here and you give me this, too? It's outstanding to work with players and coaches who are really great people."

Ironically, Clar almost took a job in a similar capacity with the Detroit Tigers before opportunity knocked at the Palace. The Lake Orion coaching job and an opening at the Palace came simultaneously.

She credits John Ciszewski, an executive vice-president at the Palace and an AAU girls basketball coach in Lake Orion, for helping her land a job at the Palace.

"The day I was supposed to start, Lake Orion called and wanted to hire me as a coach," Clar said. "The commute (working for the Tigers and coaching at Lake Orion) was just not going to work."

During the three-month long season, which covers most of the summer, it's not uncommon for Clar and Rogers to work 60-70 hour weeks.

"We just try to be places and be seen," Clar said. "When I started researching the WNBA back in November, I would spend 30 to 45 minutes on the phone with people who just wanted to keep talking. I didn't understand it then - now I do."

Of course, with their basketball background, neither could pass up the opportunity to try out for the Shock in the spring.

Clar got to see how close she is to playing shape, matching up a lot in informal workouts against Nancy Lieberman-Cline, the Shock coach and one of the most popular women players ever.

"I was very lucky to get to play with Nancy and I was matched up with her every time," she said. "I don't know if she was taking it easy on me but I held my own."

Rogers' best sport in high school was softball. She made all-state honors and turned down Division I college offers to play basketball for Division II WSU.

Perhaps she'll try out for a women's professional softball team should one come to Detroit.

Well, maybe not. "My true love was basketball," said Rogers, who also earned a master's degree from WSU. "It didn't come easy and I knew I could get better at it."

Sounds like the perfect motto for the WNBA.

Selinger reappears: Clar reacquainted herself with former CMU placekicker Chuck Selinger, a 1990 West Bloomfield graduate, at last Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the Palace.

Selinger was there working for General Motors Event Works, promoting an event for Shockfest, which takes place in the Palace parking lot before home games.

Selinger and Clar had to make double-takes when they ran into each other before the game.

Selinger is easier to recognize than most football players. "I'm a kicker. I had my helmet off more than on," he quipped.

Selinger, who lives in Marshall, is also public relations manager for the Oldsmobile Scramble, the world's largest amateur golf tournament.

Michigan is hosting eight sectional tournaments Sept. 8. For more information call Selinger at (617) 278-1140.

'We got next' not just fancy slogan at Palace

Anina Cicerone loves the new Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association but you get the idea her favorite guard of all-time lives under the same roof.

Cicerone is the 7-year old daughter of Birmingham Marian girls basketball coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone, who in her playing days starred at point guard for the University of Detroit.

Lillie-Cicerone had Anina outfitted in a Shock jersey bearing the name and number of forward Cindy Brown, the WNBA's leading rebounder, at Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the Palace.

Every parent's entitled to a little brainwashing. How many little kids can pronounce the names of Shock star guards Sandy Brondello and Korie Hiede, anyway?

"I like Cindy Brown - because she's on the back of my shirt," said Anina, who's as cute as she is tiny.

So her mother is still the best guard Anina knows, but her three-year-old brother Russell is a harder sell. The Shock players and his mother take a back seat to someone else.

"I like Michael Jordan," Russell said.

Ah, give him time. Although the Shock appear to be forming a strong fan base, even among the tiniest of people, Anina apparently still gives her most allegiance to her mother's



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Korie in charge: Shock guard Korie Hiede (left) directs traffic vs. Los Angeles.

high school team. But it might help to have a mascot like the Shock's Zap to keep her company at Marian games.

"She's still more of a Marian fan," said Lillie-Cicerone, who has two Shock season tickets. "But it's hard to keep her interest the whole time. She's usually in the hallway playing."

Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline has her son, 4-year-old T.J., already talking politically correct.

"All of them are my favorite," said T.J., standing off to the side of the court with some family friends while his mother was coaching.

There is the group of Bosnian men, dubbed the "Baseline Bosnians," who bring their native land's flag along to cheer for their country's representative - 6-foot-8 center Razija Mujanovic.

Former Redford Bishop Borgess guard Regina Respert attended Wednesday's game with a friend. Her brother, Shawn, who has played for the Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors and Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, seemed intrigued by the thought of attending a WNBA game, she said.

But he passed on the invitation this night.

"He told me 'That's good, pay close attention to how they play,'" said Regina, a player at Oberlin College in Ohio. "It's like studying. I want to take a few pointers back."

A group of grown women sitting behind one basket were having fun not acting their age. Alisa Collins, 31, Jackie Bass, 32, and Tracey Johnson, 30, all of Detroit, arrived with signs in hand.

These girls have a blast, whether the Shock win or lose.



Getting Zapped: Mascot "Zap" entertains Shock fans.

"This is for us," Johnson said. "Pistons watch out. This is here to stay. You can actually talk to the coaches and players. They're not hiding from you."

The Shock Wave, the club's dance team, features high school age boys and girls from across metro Detroit. Dancers Tricia Crawford and Stephanie Walker are constantly turning down requests to date from boys.

"We just kind of blow it off," said Crawford, who already has a boyfriend. "The fans are incredible, there is so much enthusiasm. It's like a family atmosphere."

Shock assistant coach Chris Collins, the son of former Pistons' coach Doug Collins, appreciates the players' talents.

"I love it, I'm having a blast," said Collins, whose sister plays collegiately. "The players have great attitudes, come to practice willing to learn. They don't play for the money right now and some of them are 35, 36, 37 years old, their bodies are breaking down - but they're still playing. It's a great game."

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**Mighty swing:** Mark Pirronello (Livonia) fouls off a pitch for Concealed Security's 11-year-old team during district action against a field that included 12-year-old teams.

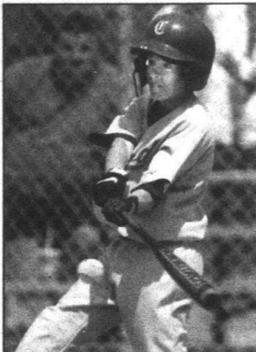


(Brian Berryman and (Mike) Cervenak were the closest we've come but this was a little different because we lost in the final inning.

"Trailing 12-10 with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the final inning, San Diego tied the score with an infield hit. The next batter followed with a line drive down the left field line that fell in for a base hit, scoring the tying and go-ahead runs.

Concealed learned the hard way baseball is a game of inches. The line drive tipped off the third baseman's glove - another half inch and it's in his glove, game over," Pirronello said. "And the winning run was a bang-bang play at the plate after a great throw from the outfield (Westland's Alan Hagedon)."

Casey Sargent, the third of three Concealed pitchers, suffered the loss. Ryan Shay (Garden City) started, pitching the first 4 2/3 innings before Eric Drieselman (Garden City) came on for one-thing of an inning.



Concealed had 12 hits, led by Chris Rusin (Canton), who was 3-for-3, including a double and an RBI. Eric Vojtkofski (Wayne) and Drieselman each went 2-4 with an RBI. Richard also was 2-4, including a home run.

Concealed enjoyed leads of 5-1 and 8-3 before San Diego's comeback. Concealed, still staggering from the heart-breaking loss, fell behind 8-0 Friday to Baltimore before threatening with four runs in its last at-bats. A double by Shay, single by Vojtkofski and walk to Scott Szpyrka loaded the bases with two outs.

Hagedon and Sargent followed with RBI singles and Andrew Stafford had a two-run double to cut the deficit to 8-4. With two runners aboard and the tying run in the on-deck circle, Baltimore ended the threat when the first baseman went in the hole to make a play on a grounder in time to get the batter at first.

The eight run deficit was just too much to overcome. "Everybody was amazed at the comeback. The other team was sweating bullets," Pirronello said. "I couldn't be prouder of the team. Coach Bill Szpyrka said 'it best: It was like two heavyweights going at it for 10 rounds and then asking the one who lost to come back the next day.'"

Team members included Phillip Mabey (Livonia), Matt Rodeghier (Farmington), Mark Pirronello (Livonia), coaches Pat Rusin, Al Shay, Frank Stafford and Szpyrka and bat boys Tyler Rusin (Canton) and Jeremy Shay (Garden City).



**Beats the throw:** Alan Hagedon (Westland) was a threat on the basepaths and with the bat at the 11-year-old World Series.

## Compuware from page C4

ing pitcher. Compuware had just three hits, including one each by Jessica Beech and Angie Balconi.

Compuware opened tournament play Aug. 4 with a 3-1 victory over the Indiana Impact. Hillsey was 2-for-2 and Beech, Erin Ballinger and Lisa Copeland scored the runs while Fuerstanau tossed a four-hitter.

The team followed with a pair of 2-0 wins over the Salanis (Calif.) Storm Aug. 5 and the Virginia Shamrocks Aug. 6.

Jessica Brubaker allowed only three hits over 5 1/3 innings against the Storm. Beech had two hits and Maria D'Agostino an RBI.

In the first game of the elimination round, Fuerstanau hurled a one-hitter at the Shamrocks. Beech (triple) and Hillsey (double) had two hits each; LaBar had an RBI.

Beech went 4-for-4 with an RBI as Compuware edged the Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Flames on Friday, 3-2.

Hillsey had another two-hit game, and D'Agostino and Emily Nimke, the winning pitcher in relief of Brubaker, contributed RBI singles.

Compuware suffered its first loss Saturday when the Southern California Athletics eked out

a 2-1 win. Melissa Wilson was 2-for-3 with an RBI for Compuware, which scored in the bottom of the seventh and had the tying run thrown out at the plate.

In the second of four straight games Saturday, Compuware defeated the Washington Merchants in 10 innings, 2-1.

With the tiebreaker rule in use again, Ballinger started the bottom of the 10th on second base but was out at third on Wilson's bunt.

Wilson was sacrificed to second by Julie Houck and scored the winning run on Beech's double.

Hillsey and Wilson were 2-for-3. Fuerstanau was the winning pitcher.

Without time for a break, Compuware improved its record to 6-1 by defeating the Arizona Hotshots, 1-0.

Brubaker pitched a two-hitter over seven innings to earn the win. Hillsey (2-for-3) scored the lone run on Balconi's sacrifice fly.

The fourth consecutive game resulted in the 2-1 loss to the Lasers.

Compuware, which added Lindsey Simko to the team for the tournament, had a 42-7 record.

**Final Four qualifier:** Members of the Concealed Security 11-year-old baseball team include (front row left-right) batboys Tyler Rusin and Jeremy Shay; (first row l-r) Phillip Mabey, Eric Vojtkovski, Ryan Shay, Jeff Richard, Matt Rodeghier; (second row, l-r) Andrew Stafford, Mark Pirronello, Eric Drieselman, Casey Sargent, Alan Hagedon, Chris Rusin, Scott Szpyrka; (fourth row l-r) coaches Lou Pirronello, Pat Rusin, Al Shay, Frank Stafford, Bill Szpyrka.

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# Ferguson embarking on another journey

Eight years ago, as an amateur breaking into the bass fishing tournament scene, Livonia resident Art Ferguson earned a spot in the prestigious B.A.S.S. Masters Classic by finishing first in the amateur Federation Tournament. As the only amateur in the tournament, it was an honor he'll never forget and to this day Ferguson is one of just three Michigan anglers to have ever qualified and fished in the Classic.

This year, Ferguson is embarking on yet another bass fishing journey that he hopes will lead to another berth in the Classic. Ferguson finished 16th last year in the B.A.S.S. Masters Eastern Invitational standing, which earned him a berth in the B.A.S.S./K Mart Top 150 Pro-Am tour where he'll compete against the top bass anglers in the world.

The competition will be fierce, but Ferguson won't be battling

the odds alone. Ferguson's cousin, Bloomfield Hills resident Kyle Green, has also qualified for the Top-150 circuit through money winnings and will join Ferguson in a quest to reach the Classic. Technically they'll be competing against each other, but they'll be able to help each other along the way as well.

"Kyle and I will be working and rooming together," said Ferguson. "We'll be able to do some pre-tournament fishing together and we'll room together when we're on the road. It will be nice to have someone there that you know and it will help to cut down on some of the expenses, too."

Expenses will be high. The tournament trail rolls throughout the eastern and southern United States and begins Aug. 23-29 on the Potomac River in Maryland. Ferguson estimates it will cost him upwards of \$20,000 to complete the circuit. Although

he gets support from sponsors such as Jan's Sports Shop, Hamilton Chevrolet, Terminator Titanium Spinner Baits and Northfield Manufacturing, he still needs to fish well to break even.

"I couldn't have broken into the Top 150 without my sponsors, but I'll still have to do well to make any money," said Ferguson. "If I do well in the first two tournaments I should be OK, but if I don't make any money early, I could be in trouble. Hopefully, I'll do well and things will work out."

So far this summer, things have been working out very well for the 33-year-old angler. Besides running a guide service on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay, Ferguson has been busy fishing the local bass tournaments. He has won two open tournaments on Lake St. Clair, and after three tournaments in the Michigan Division of the Red

Man Tournament Trail, Ferguson was in first place in the point standings. He has two fourth-place finishes and one eighth-place finish. The top five anglers in the division at the conclusion of the sixth tournament advance to the Red Man Regional where a fully-rigger bass boat is up for grabs.

In his spare time, Ferguson has been busy with cable TV and radio engagements. Locally, you can get fishing tips and facts from Ferguson each Thursday at 6:40 p.m. on Sports Wrap on WJR (760 AM) radio. He'll also be featured in an upcoming fishing show called O'Neill Outside. The show was filmed on Florida's Lake Okeechobee, where Ferguson guides during the winter, back in March. It will air at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 on the Sunshine Network, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Outdoor Channel and 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Outdoor

Life Network.

### Northern exposure

Bob Collins has enjoyed a great summer of fishing. He traveled south and fished Cape Hatteras, North Carolina earlier this year and ventured to Key West Florida to wet a line as well.

He's had success close to home, too. Fishing on Squaw Lake in

Oxford, Collins hooked and landed a mighty 6 1/2-pound, 34-inch Northern pike.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

### OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110.

#### CLINICS

#### WATERFOWL HUNTING

The Bluewater Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Perch Point Conservation Club will hold a clinic on how to hunt waterfowl beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Perch Point Conservation Club in Marine City. Admission is \$10 and kids age 16 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Call (810) 412-7141 or (248) 852-7326 for more information.

#### TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at

9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discussed by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

#### HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688 after Aug. 15.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



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### SATURDAY



Richard Jeni performs 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$10 and \$20, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

### SUNDAY



Richard Denomme is one of the more than 200 award-winning artists exhibiting works in the Fourth Annual Novi Art Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Town Center, I-275 at I-96, live music daily, call (248) 347-3830 for information.

## HOT TICKET



**Hot Tip:** There will be lots of cruising on Woodward Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15 during Woodward Dream Cruise 1998. Check out the schedule of events inside.

# A Feast of Fantasy



**Musician:** Lord Owain Phyfe (above), a world renowned musician. The Vulgarian court (top photo) has returned to Hollygrove for the royal nuptials of Queen Eleanor and King Robert.

## The Renaissance Festival



**Indulgences:** Father Jerry, played by Jerry Bacik, helps everyone indulge in fantasy and fun at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rain or shine) weekends and Labor Day, Sat. Aug. 15 to Sunday, Sept. 27

**WHERE:** Off I-75, Exit 106, on Dixie Highway, (between Pontiac and Flint)

**ADMISSION:** Adults \$13.95 gate, \$12.50 advance; Children (ages 5-12) \$5.95 gate, \$5 advance; Children age 4 and younger, free; Seniors (60 and older with ID) \$10.75 gate only. Season passes \$49.95 (Available through the festival main office). Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information. Advance tickets available at Kroger, Kessel Food Markets, AAA Michigan and BP.

**Schedule and Highlights:**

- **Leisure & Lore** - Aug. 15-16  
International Strongman Competition, Merlin's Magic Fest, Fizzle The Dragon's Birthday Party
- **A Faire of the Heart** - Aug. 22-23  
Wedding of the Century, The Dating Game, Valentine Making
- **High Seas Adventure** - Aug. 29-30  
Singing Pirates, Great Lakes Beer Tasting
- **Travel The Silk Road** - Sept. 5-7  
International Beer Fest, Belly Dancing Contest, Free Fortune Cookie Contest
- **Highland Fling** - Sept. 12-13  
Bagpipe Blowout and Dance Competition, Caber toss
- **Spirits of the Realm** - Sept. 19-20  
Home Brewing Demonstrations, Mask Making, Grape Stomping, Parade of Fools, Inglenook Wine Tasting, Parade of the Little Spirits
- **Sweet Endings** - Sept. 26-27  
Tournament of Temptations Baking Contest, Chocolate Festival with free samples, Pie Eating Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest

Hospitality is Queen Eleanor's middle name, and now that she has her own personal chef, her royal highness is in more of a position to properly entertain guests at the 19th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival opening Saturday, Aug. 15.

In addition to the usual succulent roasted turkey legs, savory soup served in a bread bowl, Scotch eggs, and apple dumpling, Queen Eleanor and her personal chef Cheri Sias, are cooking up some surprises sure to delight your tastebuds and senses.

New this year at Holly Shire is the Feast of Fantasy - a five course, two hour meal featuring entertainment between each course.

"The menu includes Maryland Crab cakes, chilled beet soup, Caesar salad, sorbet, and herb crusted pork prime rib with roasted red potatoes and sautéed summer vegetable medley," said Michelle Bono. "Guests also receive a limited edition hand-thrown pottery goblet as a remembrance."

There are two seatings every Sunday during the festival - noon and 3 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, advance reservations are recommended call the number listed in the chart.

Perhaps you'd like to enjoy tea with Queen Eleanor and her court. English high tea, including scones, cream puffs, finger sandwiches, and, of course, lively entertainment, is served 4 p.m. each festival day. The cost is \$12 per person, advance reservations are accepted.

Get an early start and join Minute Maid and legendary characters of the Renaissance Festival for Fables at the Table, a continental breakfast filled with laughter and merriment, 10:30 a.m. each Festival morning in the Castle. The cost is \$5 per person.

Quality cigars, premium beer, and a buffet of crackers, fruits and hard meats is offered 6 p.m. every Saturday and Labor Day during the Festival. Admission is \$12 for guests 18 or older, and advance reservations are recommended.

Dragon's Breath Ale, brewed especially for the Renaissance Festival, is available at the new Dragon's Breath Pub and Stage.

This year's ending, Sept. 26-27 will be especially sweet, a Chocolate Festival and Cupcake Contest were added to the festivities.

The fun begins Saturday, Aug. 15 with the International Strongman's Contest and Merlin's Magic Fest. Witness daredevil antics and frightening feats of courage as the amazing Cliffhanger tempts fate on the high wire with the "Blindfolded Walk of Death."

Michigan Renaissance Festival offers non-stop entertainment including sword swallowers, magicians, musicians, and comedians on 12 stages and performance sites. There are games of skill, hilarious contests and lots of special events every weekend. Eat, drink and be merry, you can even go shopping too. There are more than 150 artisan shops to choose from including the Ye Silver Castle Sword Shop and Queen's Choco-

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## ANNIVERSARY

# The Palace celebrates 10 years

Two hours before the Aug. 1 Rod Stewart concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the venue's banquet room is filled with the scents of prime rib, pasta and chicken intermingling with laughter and enthusiastic conversations.

Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, shakes hands with television personalities, newspaper reporters, athletes and others who have supported the organization during its 10 years of existence.

As Stewart hits the stage with his sassy rendition of Oasis' "Cigarettes and Alcohol," Wilson patiently watches but then sneaks away. After 10 years at the helm of The Palace, he's anxious to recreate his memories with the WDIV-TV special honoring the venue's 10th birthday.

"It's almost like raising a child in the sense that day after day you're plugging away and then you step back and marvel at how they've grown and how they've changed and how much fun it is to be around them," said Wilson, a Rochester Hills resident.

"To a great degree, The Palace has

been like a child for a lot of us. There's a number of us who have been here all 10 years. Besides a business interest, we have almost a human interest in her success."

### Millions of customers

The Palace of Auburn Hills opened for business Aug. 13, 1988, with a concert by pop star Sting and has since welcomed 23.5 million people into its facility.

The organization now known as Palace Sports and Entertainment has



The Beastie Boys

added to its roster Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township, The Detroit Vipers and the Detroit Shock.

In the last decade, The Detroit Pistons won back-to-back championships in 1989 and 1990; the hockey team, the Detroit Vipers, hit the top spot, and the venue has undergone millions of dollars worth of renovations.

The most notable change is the Atrium addition which includes a Jam Session comparison exhibit, the merchandise stores, Sony Maximum Television Theatre, Music Superhighway CD listening stations and the Pistons and Palace Celebrity halls of fame.

It hasn't gone unnoticed. For the last 10 years, the honors have been rolling in. The Palace has earned "Best New Venue" honors by Performance and Pollstar trade publications, and it is annually ranked among the nation's top-grossing indoor venues leading to numerous "Arena of the Year" plaques.

Several pop stars have made return

The Palace of Auburn Hills is celebrating its 10th anniversary by hosting a variety of events during the next year. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

### MUSIC ACTS:

- The Beastie Boys with special guests A Tribe Called Quest and Detroit-born keyboardist Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$25.50.
- Robo McEntire, Brooks and Dunn, Terri Clark and David Kersh, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Tickets are \$43.
- Pearl Jam and Cheap Trick, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Tickets are \$23.
- Elton John, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50.
- Tentatively scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills are the "Family Values Tour" featuring Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy on Thursday, Oct. 1; and The Paperboys on Saturday, Nov. 21.

### SPORTING EVENTS:

- The Detroit Shock's remaining home game is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, against New York. Tickets range from \$5-\$12.50.
- The Detroit Vipers has not announced its season schedule as of press time. The season usually begins in early October and runs through mid-April. Tickets range from \$5-\$35.
- The Detroit Pistons season is scheduled to begin Friday, Nov. 6, against the Philadelphia 76ers pending resolution of the labor dispute. Tickets range from \$12-\$31.

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visits to The Palace - Billy Joel, Robo McEntire, Elton John and Jimmy Buffet - as well as family shows such as Discover Stars on Ice, World Championship Wrestling and the Longhorn World Championship Rodeo.

Others have made their Detroit-area debut. The Spice Girls treated a sold-out crowd of mostly girls under the age of 10 to its Broadway-style show last month. Pearl Jam will re-enter Ticketmaster venues in the area by playing The Palace on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The birthday activities began in late July with 10 20-foot-tall candles mounted on the top of the building facing Lapeer Road. Keeping with that theme, The Palace of Auburn Hills is hosting a variety of activities during the next 12 months.

A Palace guest - namely the 25th million - will get "some major surprises."

"We haven't announced the package yet. We're at 23-1/2 million right now. We're going to put a counter up on the main entrance with it marking each passing guest so everyone can see how close we're getting to 25 million. Somebody - hopefully a relative - will get a very nice package," Wilson said with a laugh.

The Palace's 10th anniversary coincides with the 10th anniversary of the Detroit Pistons' first championship, so it is holding a season-long celebration.

## Feast from page E1

late and Fudge Shoppe. Stroll along the tree-shaded paths and watch demonstrations of ancient crafts such as glass blowing. Hundreds of items reminiscent of the 16th century will be offered for sale including jewelry, pottery, weavings, herbs and clothes.

King Robert challenges all youngsters to test their skills and become official knights of the realm. Cheer for your favorite knight during the full-contact armored jousts three times a day.

"We create a playscape where the scene unfolds within you,

"Every few games, one member of the championship team will come to a game. It will all culminate on April 3 when Orlando and coach Chuck Daly come in and we'll have everybody back for one big night to revisit the Bad Boys," he explained.

Pete Skorich, the vice president of broadcasting and multimedia, counts the Detroit Pistons' titles as his fond memories. During those seasons, the Rochester Hills resident served as the video coordinator for the Detroit Pistons and visited the White House with the champions. That led to other, bigger opportunities including a stint as the video coordinator for the 1992 original men's basketball Dream Team.

"I was able to do some things that under normal circumstances I wouldn't have been able to do. When something like that happens to you, you go, 'God, I'm still relatively young! I wonder if these will be the two biggest events of my life?'"

He lists among his other highlights as the Vipers champion in 1997 and the concerts held throughout the years. Skorich, who started with the Detroit Pistons in 1976 as a ballboy when the team played in Cobo Arena, was instrumental in putting together the anniversary special.

For Wilson, seeing Barbra Streisand in concert in 1994 was

you're part of the cast," said Lu Harding, director of entertainment. "There are over 300 performers on any given weekend. We perform anywhere there's a patch of green."

To help prepare young actors and actresses for the challenges of performing at the Renaissance Festival, Harding expanded the Academy of the Michigan Renaissance Festival to include classes in the history of theater, movement, period costume design, and Renaissance performance.

Local experts including Phil Fox of Wayne State University

and Roberta Lucas of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, worked with the students. "We want to give the students more ammunition," said Harding. "They step out on the festival grounds with a little bag of tricks, they're very young actors who don't have a lot of tricks. We feel it's important to help them gain experience."

The 40 Academy graduates range in age from 16 to 23, and will be joined on the festival grounds by seasoned performers including Greg Oatley who portrays Sir Collin Macleod and world-renowned Renaissance bard, Owain Phylfe.

# Sister Hazel grows tired of 'nice guy' label

They're nice guys who write nice, happy songs and put on happy shows. But Ryan Newell, rhythm/slide guitarist for the roots rock band Sister Hazel, said the "nice" label is getting old.

"When we write songs, a lot of times they come from the same places the angst-ridden songs come from. Usually the songs start with some kind of frustration and either you elaborate on the frustration or write a song to try to make you feel better. We're the ones playing the songs every night so there's no use in making ourselves more depressed," Newell said with a laugh, via telephone from Hawaii.

"We like to put people in a nice place. But people write us up as the 'happy band.' That's ridiculous to us because we feel like we're writing about the

same things." No matter where the songs come from, Sister Hazel's style has proved to be successful. The giddiness of Sister Hazel's single "All For You" pushed its album "Somewhere More Familiar" (Universal) past the one million sales mark.

"We're really excited about that. It's an honor. Sometimes I forget what we do is a privilege. We're thankful to be out here."

Sister Hazel - lead vocalist/acoustic guitarist Ken Block, vocalist/acoustic guitarist Andrew Copeland, bassist/vocalist Jeff Beres, and drummer Mark Trojanowski - formed in 1994 in Gainesville, Fla., home to the University of Florida. Newell, a Berklee College of Music graduate, joined the band in 1996 after serving as the band's session guitarist.

The band, named after an African-American woman who ran Sister Hazel's Rescue Mission in Gainesville during the '70s and '80s, released its self-titled debut in 1994. It includes an acoustic version of "All For You."

"The first record, it's self-titled, and is actually a demo for us, to get gigs when we were first starting out. People liked the cassette so we decided to get CDs made," explained Newell, who appeared on the album.

After the success of "Sister Hazel," the band returned to the studio to start work on "...Somewhere More Familiar." Recorded in six days and mixed in four, the band released it on its own label, Croakin' Poet Records.

"We rode around in a van and trailer and sold the CD on our own. We started to have label

interest but we decided to put it out as is. I think a lot of the magic from that record was the raw energy on it. We recorded a lot of those tracks live and went back and touched it up."

When Universal Records showed interest (and a budget) the band "touched up" a few of the guitar and vocal parts to make it "major-label worthy" and to reflect the changes that had been made to the songs while Sister Hazel was on the road.

That still applies today, said Newell, whose band plays Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Wednesday, Aug. 19, with Seven Mary Three. "We improve a little bit more so we don't play the same show every night. It's more interesting musically. There's longer solos on some songs. We change an arrangement here, do an interesting transition there. We

change it quite a bit," he explained. As for the album title, it harkens back to the whole "nice guy" thing.

"We don't want to limit ourselves to optimism. The group of songs that we put on that disc happened to have a common theme."

Sister Hazel and Seven Mary Three perform Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door for the all-ages show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Sister Hazel's Web site is <http://www.sisterhazel.com>

## Dave Wagner returns to Backstage Pass

In the salad that is Backstage Pass, with its many contributors adding flavor to the overall dish, Dave Wagner was the arugula.



ANN DELISI

So Dave's departure last season was roughage on all of us. Sure, you can have a great salad without arugula, but the entire time you're partaking of it you're thinking, "Great salad! If only it had some arugula."

Well, our salad days are back. Like Michael Myers and Freddie Kruger before him, Dave Wagner won't stay gone. Of course, we couldn't be happier. But when you're talking about the guy who for so many years at WQRS was noted for bringing a sense of humor to the sometimes staid world of classical music, you have to figure we're going to tease him mercilessly.

I called Dave and asked him, just where the heck was he, anyway? "I was in Cincinnati for half a year, where I had a great time doing the morning show at WGUC." And what brought you

back? "I had the opportunity to teach full time at Madonna, so I took the plunge doing the gig I got as associate professor, teaching music history, music theory, and are welding for plumbers. Oops! I'm low on acetylene. OK, how about directing the University Choral, then? I'll be busy doing some gigs on pipe organ, too. And, of course, I get to work with you again, Ann, which is extremely cool. I'm glad to be back for the third season of Backstage Pass." While he liked Cincinnati, Dave missed Detroit.

"Sure, they have Skyline Chili, but they don't have our Coney or Greektown. You have to go away to realize the great things we have here."

Speaking of what we have here, how about a preview of the upcoming classical season around Detroit? "The upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre season opens with Puccini's 'Turandot,' which actually hasn't been done here in a while. It has a really good cast, including Alessandra Marc, who got her first big break with the MOT and has gone on to an international career. Les Ballets de Monte Carlo, is coming at the end of September to do the ballet 'Romeo & Juliet.' Also, the Paul Taylor Dance Company is coming to perform at the

Detroit Opera House as part of the MOT season in May.

"The Detroit Symphony Orchestra season opens with Joshua Bell, the violinist, who's on the cutting edge now of the upcoming names. In October there's Nigel Kennedy, who goes by just the one name 'Kennedy,' kind of like Prince. He's one of the new wave of performers; he doesn't dress in the traditional tuxedo, he may come out wearing all black. Then you have Awadagin Pratt, an African American pianist from Philly, who's won all these competitions. Also coming in October is guitarist Christopher Parkening. He was one of the favorite students of Andres Segovia, the great guru who brought the guitar forth as a solo instrument on the concert stage. And I can't forget about the Preservation Hall Jazz Band coming in from New Orleans.

Anything outside the big venues? "Detroit's particularly rich in community music-making, both university and community groups. You've got the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, plus other community symphonies and ensembles, we're a very rich area for that. I hope we offer some surprises too.

off-the-beaten-path groups you don't always hear about."

Speaking of surprises, Dave got one earlier this year. "I won the 1998 Motor City Music Award for Best Classical Disc for my CD 'Bright and Clear.' I was going to call the disc 'Dull and Opaque,' but I thought this was more uplifting. Maybe it was a sympathy vote after what happened at WQRS. I was so caught up in my romance with I-75 that I didn't even know I was nominated. One day a friend told me, 'Congratulations, you won the award.' So now I have this statuette."

Thing sure turned around after the demise of WQRS and the abandonment of classical radio in Detroit got 1998 off to an unceremonious start. "Yeah, what a great year! Oddly enough, I'm looking forward to 1999; I've got a bunch of concerts lined up in Cincinnati. I guess you just look for opportunities as they come up."

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**PIPPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road," Joan Ackerman's new comedy takes a look at the great American pastime of automobile travel, through Saturday, Aug. 29, at 15, 020 Park St., Chelsea, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, \$20 Friday-Saturday, (734) 475-7902

### COLLEGE

**HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
"The Contours of '98" Thursdays-Sundays, Aug. 13-23, at the college's Aday Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$10, \$8 students, (313) 945-9000

**MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE**  
"Steel Magnolias," a comedy about six Louisiana ladies who face love and mortality with uncommon strength, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 13-14 and 18-22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township, \$12, \$10 seniors/students, 9 groups of 10 or more, (810) 206-2222

**WARREN CIVIC THEATRE**  
"Jesus Christ Superstar Resurrection," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Warren Woodrow Auditorium, 12 Mile and Schoenher, Warren, \$10, \$6 and 4, (810) 751-8080

**MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN**  
"Raggy Ann and Andy," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 13-14 and 18-22, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 15, 22 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, at the theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**FERRINDALE CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK SHOW**  
More than 600 classic cars and trucks, entertainment, live music, and other groups, car swap meet, carnival games, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Friday night fee, \$5 State Fair parking fee, \$3 admission Saturday; to benefit community groups, (248) 543-8368

**"FESTIVE FRIDAY VICTORIAN EVENING"**  
Featuring Dostoevsky's "The Idiot" and instruments, 19th century music and dancing, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, on Liberty Street between Main Street and Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Free, (734) 665-8863

**"WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE"**  
Dream Cruise musical with songs from the '50s and '60s by special education students and staff from Pontiac, Lake Orion, Oxford, and Rochester, highlights include wheelchair dancing, arts and crafts show by students and faculty, and classic car and hot rod show by local businesses and clubs, come for fun and bring your vintage car, cruise in cars, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Kennedy Center, 1700 N. Baldwin, Pontiac, (248) 333-1424

**ART TILE FAIR**  
Pewabic Pottery presents its third annual sale of handcrafted art tiles by more than 60 artists from across the country. Free art demonstrations, installation demonstrations for the setting of tile. Tables, back splashes and floors, and a silent auction to benefit Pewabic's education and historic programs, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Grosze Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosze Pointe Farms, \$5, (313) 822-0954

### FAMILY EVENTS

**"THE CHAUTAUQUE EXPRESS"**  
Non Sunday, Aug. 16, Garden City Park, northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, Free, All ages

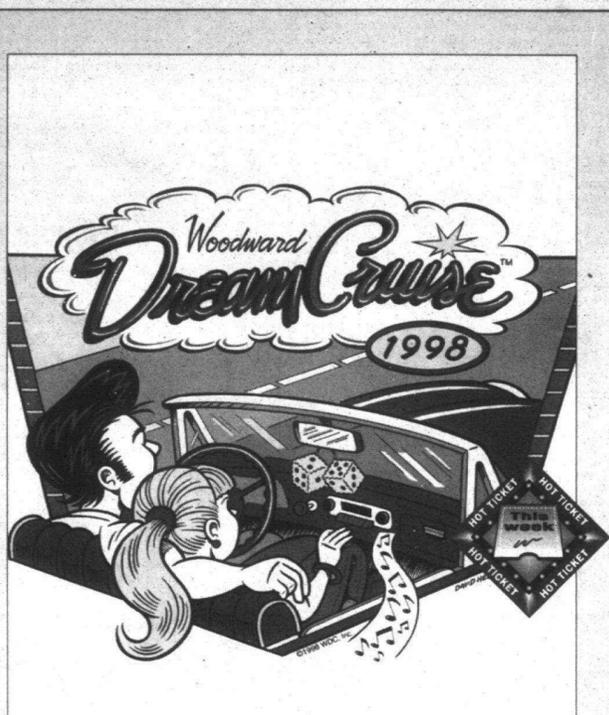
**GARDEN CITY FAMILY FEST**  
Featuring games, arts and crafts, food booths, ice cream social, marching bands, magic show and marching bands, Friday-Sunday, 14-15, City Park on Cherry Hill Road, east of Merriman Road, "The Lion King," 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Marshall Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield, \$5 per car, \$1 per person walk-ins, (248) 738-2500

**NATIVE AMERICAN SANDPANTING**  
Children can learn how to make their own sand painting, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford, Meet at the Annex parking lot. State motor vehicle permit required for entry, (248) 685-2187

**"WIZARD OF OZ"**  
Stage presentation, non Tuesday, Aug. 18, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, \$10 pavilion, \$5 lawn, All ages, (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetent.com

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**BIRMINGHAM**  
Vintage Play Cafe and Drive-in at Woodward Avenue and Chestnut (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.), Community House children's activities (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.), and Dancin' Country (11:30 a.m. to noon), Zeemo (1:30 p.m.), Satin Dolls (2:30 p.m.), The Cooties with Buddy Holly (3:30 p.m.), Aaron Ochoa and The Sun Things (4:30 p.m.), Elvis with The Five Piece Band (5:30 p.m.), Peabody and the Wayback Machine (6:30 p.m.), Johnny Powers with Artie Wolf and The Pack (7:30 p.m.) and Teen Angels (8:30-10:15 p.m.) all in Shain Park Saturday, Aug. 15, George Friend's Black Beauty, 4:7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Morton's Birmingham Sunoco, 35001 Woodward Ave. (at Maple Road), Birmingham, (248) 433-8550

"Revvin' on the Roofpops" benefit featuring performances by Johnny Trudell big band orchestra on the Chester Street parking structure rooftop, The Simone Vitale Band on the Old Woodward parking structure

rooftop, along with dancers and food by Matt Prentice, and Dr. Todd Harris Jr. during the Auto Barons' party at The Community House, \$100 for admission to two rooftop locations, \$150 for patron status, which includes Harris's performance, complimentary valet parking and admission to all three locations, (248) 258-5511

**FERRINDALE**  
Garden featuring Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarthy, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Post Bar, 2282 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$12-15 in advance, 2:30-10 p.m. Friday, 11:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Car show featuring more than 300 classic cars, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, and performances by Earth Angels (9:30-10:15 a.m.), Teen Angels (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Jet (14:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.) and Jake and Elwood's Blues Review (7:30-9 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15, along Woodward Avenue, (248) 546-2380; "Roadhouse Revue 2" rocka-billy show with Three Blue Teardrops, Intoxicants, Whistle Stop Junction, Lucky Haskins and Big Sam Combo, as well as retail booths from King Brewery, Cinderella's Attic, Gasoline Alley, Draggin' a Car Club and Panic in Detroit Scooter Club, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Magic Bag, 2290 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$7, \$8 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**HUNTINGTON WOODS**  
Country Time Dancers' (noon), Ride the Train Down Memory Lane (noon to 5 p.m.), Oakland County Traveling Show (1:45 p.m.), slot car racing (2-6 p.m.), Earth Angels (3 p.m.), Bob and Carl (4 p.m.) and 5:45 p.m.), Tri-Fonix (5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.), "Rock 'n' Roll in the Woods Dance"

(7:30-9 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15, (248) 541-3030

**PLEASANT RIDGE**  
Avenue performs oldies music 11 a.m. to noon and 4-5 p.m., celebrity look-alike contest at noon, Air Margantaville performs Jimmy Buffett's music 1-3 p.m., art tent with tie-die and sand art, all along Woodward Avenue, (248) 542-7322

**PONTIAC**  
"Motown Beat Makes the Pontiac Loop" themed events include a swap meet on Water Street 6 p.m., "Pontiac Makes the Loop Car Show" near Saginaw and Pike streets 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., "Pontiac and the 1950s" at the Courthouse on Saginaw Street and Huron, auto cruise parade 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Chubby Checker concert at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 100 Water St., Pontiac, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14; Swap meet on Water Street 6 a.m., "Pontiac Makes the Loop Car Show" at Saginaw and Pike Streets 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, "Taste of Royal Oak" meet and greet, (248) 6606 (8:15-10 p.m.), "Pontiac and the 1950s" at the Courthouse on Saginaw Street, official auto cruise parade 6:30-7:30 p.m., The Commodores concert at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre 8:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, (248) 6606 (8:15-10 p.m.), "Pontiac and the 1950s" at the Courthouse on Saginaw Street, official auto cruise parade 6:30-7:30 p.m., Step Show (2-4 p.m.), Wangna Na Malika Dance Co. 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DINING

# Barbecue's hot, blues cool at 'Red Hot & Blue'

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

You used to have to drive pretty far south on I-75 to get Memphis-style barbecue, not anymore.

Red Hot & Blue, a national Memphis-style pit bar-b-que blues restaurant chain based in Arlington, Va., is here. Two restaurants, one in Southfield and one in Sterling Heights, are open, with a third scheduled to open the middle of September on Novi Road, just south of Grand River.

Red Hot & Blue is fun, casual and comfortable. The walls are red, which makes the place feel kind of cozy, and the ceiling fans help create that sultry Southern atmosphere that "ya all" are familiar with. The place seats 240 people, at booths and comfortable tables.

If you know someone who loves singing the blues, living or listening to them, you've got to get acquainted with Red Hot & Blue.

Posters and pictures of blues musicians, and musical instruments fill the walls. The music to dine by is, what else? blues.

"Come hungry, and you won't be blue. Mouth-watering smells greet you as soon as you open the door.

"We offer simple, good food," said Tracy Mills, manager. "It's unique, something you can't get anywhere else. Our service is excellent, we make you feel like you're at home."

Red Hot & Blue slow smokes their bar-b-que meats for over 12 hours in hickory wood pits to make them "tender, moist and delicious."

Start dinner with an appetizer. Onion Ring Loaf, "fun-to-eat, crispy-thin onion rings, shaped into a loaf," is one of the popular ones. The homemade Brunswick Stew is loaded with smoked chicken, smoked pork, corn, onions and tomatoes. "It's a good hearty appetizer," said Mills. Other choices are Red Hot & Blue nachos and Smokehouse Chili.

**Red Hot & Blue**  
**Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que**  
**Where:** 29285 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 557-0955 and 33800 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights (810) 679-9400.  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.  
**Reservations:** For parties of 15 or more  
**Menu:** Memphis-style barbecued meats including beef brisket, chicken, sausage and ribs. Salads and sandwiches also available. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.  
**Cost:** Moderate, huge portions. Platters \$7.99-\$12.99; ribs \$10.99-\$16.99; Sandwiches \$5.99-\$6.99; Main entree salads \$6.99.  
**Credit cards:** All majors accepted  
**Carry-out:** Yes. Bulk orders, and smoked meats by the pound also available.  
**Banquet Room:** For 50-60 people



Triple treat: Tracy Mills presents the Tennessee Triple, a combination of beef brisket, quarter chicken, and pulled chicken for people who can't decide what to order at Red Hot & Blue Memphis Pit Bar-b-que.

For a taste of everything, try the Tennessee Triple Platter - your choice of three different smoked meats: ribs, pulled pig, beef brisket, or quarter chicken.

You may ask yourself, what is a pulled pig, I never heard of that. Pulled pig, a Red Hot & Blue specialty, is tender, moist pork shoulder, pulled off the bones, served with Mojo Mild bar-b-que sauce.

Mills also recommends the beef brisket, ribs and chicken. The St. Louis Cut Ribs are available - "Wet" - slowly smoked over hickory wood and gazed with Mojo Milk bar-b-que sauce, or - "Dry" - rubbed with a secret blend of dry spices. You can add your own sauce Mojo Mild or Hoochie Coochie hot at the table. Share ribs with a friend and order a slab of ribs for two.

If you're real hungry, order one

of the platters - pulled pig, beef brisket, chicken, smoked sausage or catfish. They're served with bar-b-que baked beans, cole slaw and fresh-baked bread. Starter salads are also available.

The smoked sausage is Earl Campbell's brand old-fashioned sausage, hickory smoked then grilled over an open flame. Catfish is Mississippi Delta farm raised, lightly breaded and fried.

"Our coleslaw and potato salad is made fresh every four hours," said Mills. "We also make our own baked beans with diced green peppers and onions."

The bar-b-que sandwiches included pulled pig, chicken, and beef brisket are served "Memphis Style" topped with homemade coleslaw. Sandwiches are served with homemade red skin potato salad and a crisp pickle.

If barbecue's not your bag, don't despair, Red Hot & Blue aims to please. You can get a Caesar Salad with or without chicken, a Grilled Chicken or

Blackened Chicken Salad.

Sandwich options include Smoked Turkey on a Roll topped with fresh tomato and red onion, 1/2 pound Cheeseburger, or Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich. The Memphis Blackened Chicken Sandwich is a chicken breast grilled with dry spices, topped with lettuce, tomato and red onion, served with bar-b-que Ranch dressing.

Save room for dessert, pecan pie, Oreo brownie sundae, fruit cobbler, banana pudding and key lime pie are some of the choices.

Red Hot & Blue serves a variety of fountain drinks, including Barq's Root Beer in a frosted mug. Refills on fountain drinks, coffee and tea are free.

On tap is Red Hot & Blue Brew, microbrewed by Atwater Block Brewery. Try one of the new blended daiquiris or Margaritas, or tasty frozen drinks. A full service bar offers other choices too.

If you're on your way home

from work, and don't have a clue what to make for dinner, or need something different for a party, Red Hot & Blue can solve your problem.

There's a Memphis Bar-B-Que Pig Out for Four - full slab of ribs, whole chicken, 1/2 pound beef brisket, 1 quart each of coleslaw, red-skin potato salad, BBQ baked beans and dinner rolls for \$44.99, or a "Pig Out" for two for \$23.99. Hickory Smoked Meats including pulled pork, chicken, sliced beef brisket, turkey and Earl Campbell Sausage. You can order a half bar-b-que chicken or full slab of ribs, and even catfish by the pound. Whole pecan pies, fruit cobbler and banana pudding by the pint or quart are available too.

The name "Red Hot & Blue" is from the title of Dewey Phillip's radio show that played on WHBQ-AM in Memphis. He introduced Elvis Presley, Rufus Thomas and Jerry Lee Lewis.

In case you missed it. Here are some restaurants recently featured in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send recommendations for restaurants to feature to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

■ **Avant Garde** - Where: 126 South Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499. Open: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11p.m. Menu: Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner. Cost: Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ **Beau Jack's** - Where: 4108 W. Maple (between Telegraph and Franklin Road) Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2630. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Something for everyone - fajitas, salads, sandwiches, soups & chili, pasta, steaks, chicken, fish, oven-grilled pizza. Cost: Moderate, salads \$7.25-\$11.95; dinner entrees \$12.95-\$19.95; pasta \$9.95-\$14.95; burgers and sandwiches \$5.95-\$9.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not accepted. Entertainment: Piano bar - 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday

■ **Encore** - 1801 South Telegraph Road (east side north of Square Lake in the Quality Inn), Bloomfield Hills (248) 335-3790. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Menu: American cuisine with fresh daily fish special. All entrees include bread basket, salad, appropriate starch and vegetable. Cost: Appetizers \$6-8; sandwiches \$6-7; entrees \$14-18. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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.

MENU SPECIALS

**TOO CHEZ**  
 Summer Nights by the Sea,

every Friday in August beginning at 5:30 p.m. New England Steamer menu featuring Main Lobster, Steamer Clams, Redskin Potatoes, and Corn-On-The-Cob. Cost \$14.95 per person, (excluding tax, gratuity and beverages). Chez is at 27000 E. Sheraton Dr. (at Novi Road and I-96 service drive). Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations/information.

**JOHN CLEVELAND'S WATER CLUB**

GRILL

Summerfest menu through Sept. 6. Featured items include Salmon of the Angels, \$14.95, Chilled Oriental Shrimp Pasta, \$13.50, Grilled Whitefish Vera Cruz, \$14.50, and Tournedos of Beef, \$16.50. The restaurant is at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0666.

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 • Veal Parmesan with Pasta  
 • Veal Spezzatini over Fettucine  
 • Chicken Scaloppini with Pasta  
 • Broiled Boston Scrod & Fresh Vegetables

• Broiled White Fish & Fresh Vegetables  
 • Baked Lasagne with Meat Sauce  
 • Fettucine Alfredo  
 • Spaghetti with Meat Ball & Meat Sauce  
 • Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast

Includes choice of soup or salad (except Caesar Salad) and choice of Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink!  
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