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Robberies keep police on their toes

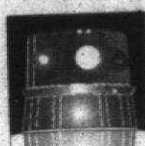
BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton suffered its third armed robbery in as many days Sunday when a Shell gas station was held up shortly after 3 a.m.

A man described as being in his 40s, 6-foot-2-inches tall, 210 pounds with brown hair and a pony tail used a butcher's knife to steal an unspecified amount of cash from the gas station on Michigan Avenue near Lotz. No injuries were reported.

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Gunman gives in, ends standoff



A distraught Canton man held police and neighbors at bay for more than five hours Tuesday in a new subdivision near Geddes and Beck roads. He eventually surrendered without incident.

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A 39-year-old Canton man turned himself over to police without incident Tuesday afternoon after holding officers at bay for more than five hours while barricaded inside his new home.

The standoff - in which the man threatened to kill himself with a .357-caliber handgun - left neighbors in the still-under-construction Meadow Village subdivision shaken.

"This was scary today. I don't like this feeling at all," said Donna Kenske, who watched events unfold from her home a few blocks away on Fieldview

Drive.

"You have all these police here and nobody tells you what's going on."

Kenske, who moved into the subdivision from Dearborn Heights in April, added that she felt sorry for the man and his family. "It's hard to imagine being under so much stress to let it come to that," she said.

Another neighbor, who declined to give her name, said police used her new home on Timberline, across the street from the gunman, as a staging area. The woman half-jokingly commented that it might not be too late to back out of the house, which she has yet to move into.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Incident: Police officers from Canton and other area departments seal off the Meadow Village subdivision Tuesday afternoon.

4-legged smoke detector sounds alarm

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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If not for "Kola," Dan Stanley probably wouldn't be alive today.

The four-year-old rottweiler-mastiff mix began whimpering when she smelled smoke coming from the Canton resident's mobile home on Michigan Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. Monday morning.

Kola made just enough noise to wake Stanley, 34, from a sound sleep. "I heard her and then I smelled the smoke," he said. "I got up and opened the door and flames shot into the room."

Seconds later, Stanley jumped out of a window in his bedroom to safety.

"It's one of those windows you have to mess with to open," he added. "There was no time to mess with it. I had to get out of there as fast as possible."

The Garden City native suffered cuts to his legs and arms as well as burns on his back, neck and ears. Despite his injuries, Stanley went back to the window to get Kola out. "I kept calling for her, but I couldn't see anything because the smoke was pouring out," he said. "I kept reaching for her and I finally got a hold of her and pulled her out."

Canton's fire department responded minutes later and doused the flames. Township Fire Marshal Dave Champagne said the alarm was sounded at 2:28 a.m.

"We had it under control in min-

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Canine hero: Dan Stanley poses with his dog, "Kola," a 4-year-old Mastiff-Rottweiler mix, who alerted him to a fire in the home the two shared in Canton.

utes," he said, "before 3 a.m."

No other homes were damaged from the fire. Champagne said an exact cause has yet to be determined.

"But it appears to be electrical in nature," he added.

Stanley's home of two years was a total loss.

"Everything was burnt to a crisp," he said. "I lost everything."

Except for his most valuable possession - his life. He has Kola, a 110-pound "big dog," to thank for that.

"She always sleeps by my bed," Stanley said. "She pretty much woke

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Labor issues cloud ballot

ELECTION
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SCHOOL BOARD
RACE

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election is expected to be one of the most political decisions in recent memory.

Unions representing more than 1,700 employees in the district say the lack of a contract for district administrators and the school board's desire to run the district like a business are the top reasons they're working hard to oust incumbents who are seeking re-election.

In an unprecedented move, the Michigan Education Association will call its members this weekend, urging them to vote.

And, for the first time, the Plymouth-Canton Administrator's Union is endorsing candidates, choosing to support newcomers to the board.

Incumbents Carry Blamer and Mike Maloney, both of Plymouth Township, are being challenged by Steve Guile and Mark Slavens, both of Canton, for two four-year seats on the school board.

"In the past we've taken a neutral stance in the school board elections," said Jim Burt, president of the administrator's union. "However, we've decided to change that because we don't have a contract because of merit pay roadblocks. And, we're concerned about the location and programming decisions for the third high school."

"I know merit pay for administrators is a number one problem," said Blamer. "However, merit pay needs to part of a number of factors, including long-range planning, a good evaluation tool, and trust. Change is difficult."

"I don't feel personally attacked," added Blamer. "I think they're con-

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Last day: Seniors exit quietly from PCEP campus

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Final bell: Nina Nowicki jumps into the arms of Jason Stough and the two seniors embrace shortly after the end of classes Wednesday at PCEP.

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Besides a few whoops and hollers by seniors and some horn honking in the parking lot at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, the scene after school Wednesday ... the last day for seniors ... was fairly subdued.

School officials had made it known they were out to stop the decades-old tradition of spraying shaving cream and throwing water balloons in the parking lot on the last day. In recent years students were injured by cars, and some were hit by balloons filled with bleach or urine.

Canton police on bikes patrolled every lane of the parking lots, school security recorded students with video cameras from the roof tops, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police directed traffic to clear the educational park, and parent volunteers patrolled the hallways.

"I know this is for our safety, but it's

a tradition that's been going on for so long," said Brad Morgan, a senior from Canton, who said he's been hit in the past with water balloons and eggs. "I think it would be better to let us continue. To have a slide show and dance to replace it is pretty pathetic."

"I think this is real crappie," said senior Rachel Maurer of Plymouth Township. "I think it's really sad that a few kids have ruined it for everyone. The tradition was really fun. Now you just go home after school."

And that's what most students did at the end of the day without much fanfare. In fact, most of the complex was cleared within 45 minutes as seniors were let out 15 minutes earlier than the underclassmen.

Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin noted that despite some manure put on the bridge between schools, and some profanity spray painted on the pavement, the day went as planned. Canton police reported no tickets or arrests were issued.

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"I couldn't be happier," said Ostin. "Everything has gone extremely well. The kids took charge and did the job for us. I hope we can start a new tradition with the dance."

Inside the Salem cafeteria there were about a hundred students watching a slide show of their senior year, with a disc jockey blaring music in the background.

"I think this is a safer alternative than the shaving cream, which just got out of hand," said Crystal Kelley, a Plymouth Township senior, who in the past

■ **'Everything has gone extremely well. The kids took charge and did the job for us.'**

Gerald Ostin,
Salem High School principal

has been hit with shaving cream and chocolate syrup. "I think it will take a while for the dance to become a new tradition."

Parents who helped keep watch inside the school were glad to see a much calmer-than-usual seniors' last day.

"I think it's much nicer for the kids to be watching a slide show than being outside and massaging each other with shaving cream," said Patty Stroppe of Plymouth Township, who remembers the tradition when she attended high school. "I think they're really enjoying themselves."

School officials say they'll implement the same security plan next Thursday, the last day of classes for underclassmen.

All-nighter follows PCEP graduation

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What has become a part of the tradition for graduating seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for more than 30 years continues this Sunday.

Senior class parents are sponsoring the all-night graduation party at Salem High School, which begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 4 a.m. Students are locked in and aren't allowed to leave early, unless they're given permission by parents.

"And that hardly ever happens," said Sandy Fercho of Plymouth Township, who is co-chairperson of this year's event. "Parents don't usually let their kids leave early, and most kids don't want to leave. It's really a fun evening."

While the event is generally attended by almost all the seniors from the two high schools, Fercho said this year they are making it more tempting.

"We are raffling off a Metro Geo car from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet," she said. "Some seniors are going to ride away in a \$10,000 car."

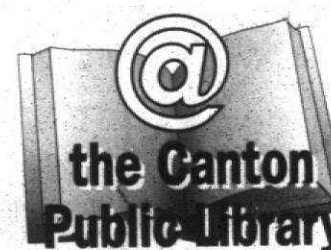
Tickets for the party are \$25. Students will be able to dance, play games, participate in karaoke and Vegas-style gambling, eat all night and win prizes.

The Adults Only Sneak Preview will be held from 7-7:45 p.m. Sunday evening at Plymouth Salem High School.

Fercho expects a thousand students and nearly 400 adult volunteers at the party.



On camera: A police officer videotapes students leaving from Plymouth Salem High School shortly after the last day of classes for seniors.



Did you know?
■ On June 10, 1943, Hungarian Laszlo Biro patented the ballpoint pen, which he had been developing since the 1930s? In many languages, the word for ballpoint pen is "biro."

■ Monday, June 14, is Flag Day?
■ The Friends of the Canton Public Library have raised more than \$12,800 with its annual book sale and author luncheon?

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- "The Black Ice" by Michael Connelly
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- "House of Many Rooms" by Marius Gabriel
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- "The Italian Garden" by Judith Lennos

Q & A:
Q: What was America's deadliest war?
A: The Civil War. Most historians now believe more than 600,000 Americans died, about 2 percent of the population at the time. World War II, in contrast, cost the lives of 400,000 U.S. service personnel.

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Rescue team: Dawn Rezin, 16, Ashley Hewett, 15, and Erin Gavle, 16, pull a shopping cart from the Rouge River Saturday at Botsford Park in Livonia during Rouge Rescue '99. Hundreds of volunteers spent their morning pulling debris from the river at several sites in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

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A River's Day Hundreds of volunteers gather to clean up debris at area sites

By RICHARD PEARL
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Kick out the jams, indeed. The Rouge River flowed a little more freely this week after Friends of the Rouge volunteers and others - perhaps taking their cue from the famous song by Detroit's legendary MC5 rock band - broke up numerous logjams during Saturday's Rouge Rescue '99.

Among the Observer communities in the 48 which comprise the Rouge River Basin, Livonia, Redford and Westland were the leaders in the Rescue, which began cleaning up Rouge pollution in 1986.

Some 106 Livonia volunteers - twice the number in each of the last three years, according to Rouge coordinator Sharon Sabat - filled three 30-cubic-yard Dumpsters with logs, grocery carts and other refuse.

Redford's total of 65 volunteers and township employees filled almost two 30-yard dumpsters with the logs from two big jams and Westland's

175 volunteers more than filled a 40-yard dumpster with debris that included some 25 shopping carts.

Each community usually has twice as many volunteers. Except for Livonia, Observer communities had fewer volunteers than previously. But overall, the 2,000-plus from all 48 communities was "about average," according to John Bingham, director of public involvement projects for Friends of the Rouge.

Bingham said the good weather, with its blue skies and temperatures near 90 degrees, plus free T-shirts, food and publicity helped the cleanup effort.

For the first time, the Rescue was part of River Day 1999, which involved four southeast Michigan river-stewardship groups, said Bingham, noting participants enjoyed the various River Day activities. He predicted more such programming.

In Canton Township, youngsters and their parents participated in an "aesthetic stream survey" and built birdhouses that are to be installed along the Rouge.

"It was a real good turnout," Steve Shaw, project coordinator, said of the roughly 100 residents and township employees who turned out.

In the aesthetic survey, youngsters took photos of the river, noted the water's color, odor, wildlife and debris and caught insects. Additionally, a number of storm drains were stenciled and logjams

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Boy suspended following threat

BY TONY BRUCATO
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A 14-year-old Plymouth boy has been suspended from classes at Central Middle School after telling a staff person that he planned to blow up the Plymouth police department and 35th District Court.

Police Sgt. Steve Hundersmark said the teen has been charged with a misdemeanor for making the threats, which were reportedly repeated three times to the staff member.

Central Principal Barbara Church said the student has been suspended from school, and the incident has been referred to Plymouth police to investigate.

"The student has been suspended until the school administration decides what kind of action to take in a case like this, which is a new one for us," said Church. "Our top priority is to make certain the school has a safe environment."

It was a month ago that three Central Middle School students were suspended from school for allegedly being the authors of a "hit list" that was found in the hallway.

Two of the three students were eventually allowed back in school.

Letters from camp

Eriksson students have a tough time leaving Space Camp

BY EMILY HULSCHER
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT

I have had a lot of fun this week in camp.

My favorite simulator is the multi-axis space test inertia facility (MASTIF), which is a simulator that trains you for an out-of-control space ship.

My second favorite simulator was the 1/6 gravity chair. The 1/6 gravity chair simulates the weightless feeling of walking on the moon.

Another thing I enjoyed was the missions that my team did. The first mission was for the orbiter "Discovery" and the second was the "Endeavor."

Earlier this week, my team built their space stations and then presented the stations to the other teams.

Basically, I had a great time at Space Camp and I wish I never had to leave.

BY AMY CALMES
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT

On Thursday, June 2, we went to the Kennedy Space Center. Along the way we saw alligators in the canals. Our counselor named one of them Bob! We also saw two launch pads and drove close by them. If a real rocket had been launching, we would have to be at least three miles away because it has as much power as a bomb.

After returning to camp my group went on the Mastif. It is supposed to show how you feel inside a tumbling rocket. First, you get strapped in a chair and there are three circles inside of each other. The machine spins you around. You don't get dizzy because not one of the circles goes in the same direction at once.

My week of Space Camp was confusing. Some people were in Mission Control and others were in the rocket ship, but everybody had an important job.

My week of Space Camp was lots of fun!

Simulators top Hoben highlights

BY CHELSEA WOODRUFF
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT

This week at Space Camp was lots of fun.

Some of the things we did were the 1/6 chair; it was lots of fun - like we were really walking on the moon. We also did the MMU (Man Moving Unit) simulator. We got to control the unit; we could roll us around, go left, right, backwards and forward. That was fun too.

The multi-axis trainer is the most fun. You sit in a seat and it spins you around in all the directions you could think of.

My group had our mission the second day. I was the pilot. There were so many buttons it

was confusing. Some people were in Mission Control and others were in the rocket ship, but everybody had an important job.

My week of Space Camp was lots of fun!



Clean it up: Joyce Bates, site coordinator in Redford, carries a log from the Rouge. Redford Township employees assisted with equipment to clean up log jams and debris.



Bird watchers gather Sunday

Join Wayne County parks at Crosswinds Marsh for some early morning bird watching 7-9 a.m. Sunday, June 13.

More than 140 species of birds have been observed at Crosswinds Marsh, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon and egret. The "Crack of Dawn Birding Club" meets on the first Sunday of the month and offers an

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removed, but "the birdhouses were the big thing this year."

Bingham said River Day activities elsewhere included scavenger hunts and nature and bird walks plus clean-ups.

However, a planned Plymouth Township family bicycle ride through Pointe Park, aimed at getting more families involved in the cleanup, did not fare very well.

Its organizer, Alan Van Kerckhove, said he felt the two-to-three-hour trip, plus Friends of the Rouge waiver and helmet requirements, discouraged participation.

Jean Barrett, assistant to the director of Public Services in Farmington Hills, said 125 volunteers - about 25 fewer than last year - pulled 100 cubic yards of debris in the three-to-four-hour effort around Grand River and Eight Mile.

Sabat, Livonia's community resources director and Rouge Rescue site coordinator, said that besides sports equipment like a bowling ball, softball, baseball, workers also pulled a raft made with four tires and wheels from the river bed. "But there were no cars this year," she said.

"But we really put a dent" in the Westland Rouge, he said, "and that's not bad."

He complimented the "very large turnout" of Westland student volunteers who were encouraged to participate by their Livonia School District teachers.

Besides pulling tires, LP gas tanks, cinderblocks, road signs and dead animals from the pond, Westland workers also planted vegetation in and out of the water.

Groups representing the Clinton River, Detroit River and Huron River also participated in River Day.

Although the City of Plymouth filled a 30-yard roll-off with logs and tree limbs plus pop and beer cans, the 40-person turnout was far below last year's 100, said Linda Langmesser, city clerk and a site coordinator.

"It was very disappointing this year. We got a lot of phone calls, a lot of promises," she said. Courthouse employees, high school Close-Up students looking for extra credit and Department of Public Works employees on overtime made up the crew.

She said Plymouth Township declined to participate, citing budgetary restrictions.

"We were very, very successful this year," Sabat noted. "We're hoping in the next couple of years we won't have to do this."

Joyce Bates, Redford Township coordinator along with husband Walter, said township sanitation and public works employees, aided by tractors, trucks and volunteers, broke up "two huge logjams."

Two racing bicycles and a picnic table also were pulled from the river, she said.

On the positive side, said Bates, workers saw "lots of muskrat" and mallards, "which means the wildlife is coming back."

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2003.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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Curtis Blamer
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Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Gallimore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Ishister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.

PRECINCT NO. 4
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PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.

PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all of the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.

PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all of the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.

PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Egeal Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6.

PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.

PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.

PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14.

PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18.

PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8 all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all of the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.

PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.

PRECINCT NO. 16
Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.

PRECINCT NO. 17
Voting Place: Hoben Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.

PRECINCT NO. 18
Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

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SMART, DDOT work toward coordinating bus routes, operations

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation continue to work toward coordinating regional transportation systems.

Whether they merge remains to be seen, but the Big Four — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairman John Hertel — believe they have made strides toward coordinating routes.

They outlined their progress over last weekend's legislative conference of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce on Mackinac Island and reached an agreement to work toward a single regional mass transportation system. They will meet four times a year, including the next meeting in July.

"We're making a little progress in public transportation," said McNamara. "We all recognize we

have to try to make this thing move.

"We all agree if a merger makes sense, then we'll move toward that."

SMART and DDOT have completed the following activities over the past year:

■ SMART and DDOT expect to start using a new linehaul scheduling software in September to improve connections between the systems at locations where two or more routes intersect;

■ Both are improving radio systems and installing Automatic Vehicle Locators. The AVL system will allow dispatchers to communicate with both DDOT and SMART drivers;

■ Both systems are working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in a bus stop identification project, so that bus stops will be coded into a computer mapping system. That system is designed to improve scheduling, customer information and transit planning. SEMCOG and MDOT can use data for regional



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—county executive

planning;

■ Both systems will seek "Access to Jobs" money from the Federal Transit Administration for routes to connect Detroiters to suburban jobs;

■ Both systems have a reciprocal fare agreement that allows for joint tickets, system pass and transfers.

The leaders updated the conference just days after the state House approved a new transportation budget endorsed by Gov. John Engler that would cut aid to 1997 levels, which would cost the systems millions. SMART receives about \$32 mil-

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Tax phaseout draws criticism from Dems

Engler: It's time to cut costs of doing business

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Often referred to as the "small business tax" and disliked by Michigan companies since its inception back in the 1970s, the state's Single Business Tax may soon be on track for complete elimination.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Gov. John Engler announced plans last week of a three-bill package that would cut the SBT by a tenth of a percent each year, eventually phasing it out altogether in 23 years.

But the move brought strong objection from House Democrats. Originally, the House Tax Policy Committee, which Cassis

chairs, had been considering paring the SBT rate. But the committee instead reported out bills calling for its total elimination.

The main bill in the package, House Bill 4745, was passed 61-45 by representatives.

"The plan is a job booster," Cassis said. "We are giving a strong incentive for companies to invest in Michigan, translating into more jobs and continued economic growth for residents ... Our state economy is hampered under the Single Business Tax. It can only skyrocket once the SBT is fully dissolved."

Gov. Engler echoed the sentiment. "Michigan has stood alone since 1976 in its approach to business taxation — the year the SBT went into effect. Now, Michigan will stand alone again ... It's time to cut the costs of doing business and, over time, eliminate the primary cost of providing jobs. This will be a major new incentive for investment. We will make Michigan more competitive and attract

thousands of new, high-paying jobs to Michigan," he said.

House Democrats were sharply critical of the plan.

"Individuals, families and small businesses got nothing but a back door tax increase from the house Republicans," House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw, said. "I don't know how Republicans can go home and look their constituents in the eyes without feeling ashamed of themselves."

"The Republicans have rushed through a big giveaway to big business, nothing more. Democrats continue to hold out hope for responsible business tax relief which helps small businesses grow and supports employees and their families. We will support tax breaks to lower the cost of health care, child care and retirement benefits for employers. We will support exempting more small businesses from paying the Single Business Tax. What Democrats will not support is allowing

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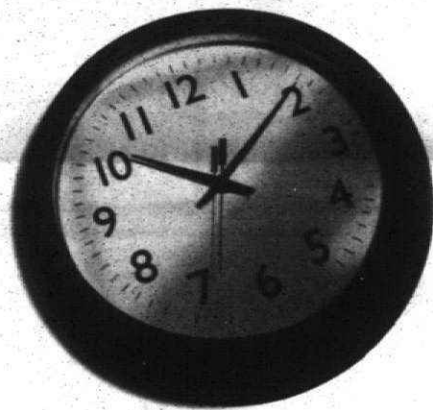
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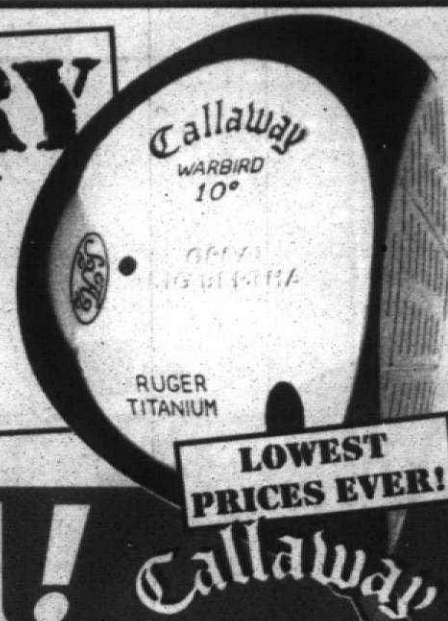
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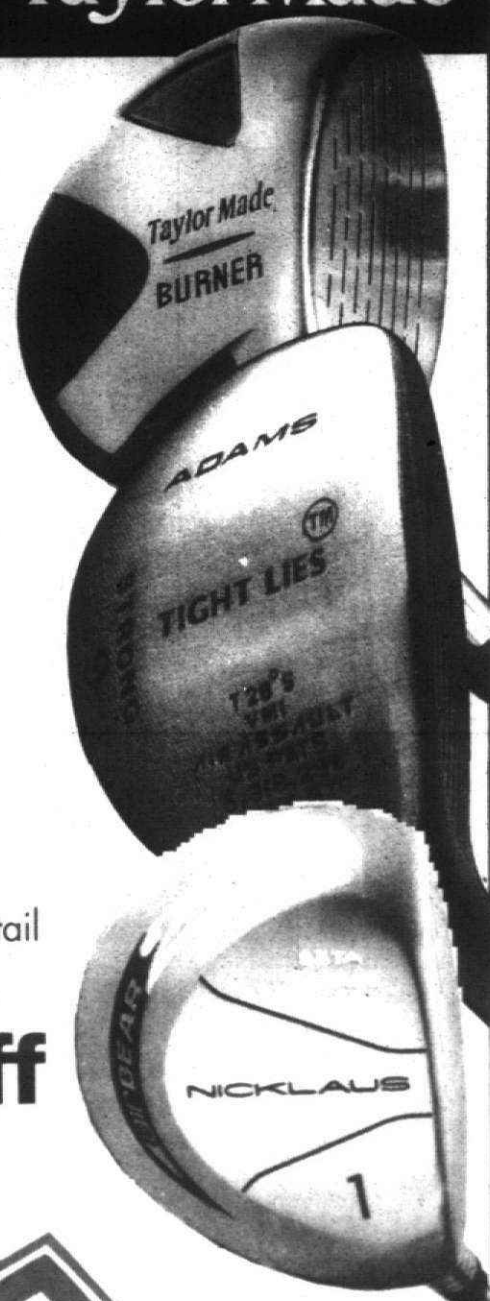
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The program includes continental breakfast and lunch, and is \$45 for Accounting Aid Society members, \$55 for others. Pre-reservations are requested at Accounting Aid Society, 313-961-1840, ext. 205.

"Critical tax issues can have significant and serious impact on our local nonprofit community," said Cynthia Tanner, president, Accounting Aid Society. "This seminar will make both nonprofits and tax professionals more aware of current and proposed changes and trends at both the state and federal levels."

Topics presented by top Deloitte staff include "Legislative Update" on state and federal tax changes and recent court rulings regarding nonprofit organizations; "Form 990: New Rules," examining new Form 990 public inspection provisions that go into effect June 8, 1999; "State Sales and Use Tax," clarifying sales tax and use tax rules set by the State of Michigan as well as state tax trends and developments; and "How To Prepare For An Exam," showing how to prepare for and develop a strategic plan prior to an IRS exam or regulatory agency visit.

Speakers from Deloitte's Detroit headquarters are Lester Thompson, senior manager of tax exempt organizations; Brian Weaver, state and local manager; and Dan Roman, senior tax consultant.

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business to pay nothing while families and individuals carry the load for funding state services."

Hanley instead said the state should refund this year's budget surplus to individual taxpayers. Set at \$452 million, the surplus would result in refunds of \$50 to every person in the state, Hanley argued.

He said he would also favor raising the threshold for paying SBT taxes from \$250,000 in gross receipts to \$500,000 and would favor exemptions for businesses that do up to \$1 million in business if they provide health insurance to their employees.

Cassid responded saying a refund of this year's surplus would give only one year's relief to taxpayers. Rather, elimination of the SBT would be ongoing and would boost the economy in future years.

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Maloney, a Visteon executive, isn't apologizing for running the district like a business.

"We need to be aware that we're facing competition," said Maloney. "Like it or not, charter schools are coming. Changes make people uneasy, but it doesn't mean we don't face up to it."

The MEA's A-2 Coordinating Council is made up of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents teachers; the Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association; the Plymouth-Canton Custodial/ Maintenance Association; and the Alternative Adult Education Union, for teachers at Starkweather.

Volunteers will man a phone bank on Saturday and Sunday, reminding members who live in the district to get out and vote.

"This is a much more concerted effort than we've had in the past," said Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli. "Our members want to become more politically active."

The unions will also send out post cards to MEA members who live in Plymouth and Canton, reminding them to vote, Portelli said.

"A lot of this has to do with the lack of a contract for administrators for nearly three years," said Portelli. "On the merit pay discussion, all we got from the board was that 'it's good for you.'"

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

CANTON COMPANY FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 141 99 0029 0000. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lots and Hannan Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 8, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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"Our members feel it's time for a change and a new direction," added Portelli. "The district isn't a Fortune 500 company producing widgets. We develop kids."

Beth Gilles, president of the Paraprofessional Association, echoes Portelli's assessment.

"The board wants everything run like Ford Motor Co.," added Gilles. "We're not producing cars, we're modeling children. That's a big difference."

While agreeing with his union counterparts, the president of the Custodial/ Maintenance Association has concerns about the outsourcing of work.

"The incumbent candidates said they weren't in favor of privatization of services now, but they would have to see if it might save money in the future," said Tom Finfrock. "We're not happy about even considering privatization."

Irene Ras, president of the new Alternative Adult Education Union for teachers at Starkweather, said they've been working on a contract for their newly formed union for eight months.

"We want to be recognized by the district, but there's been no movement," said Ras. "Maybe a new direction on the board will help that along."

The school district offices at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, for residents who want to vote absentee or turn in absentee ballots. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 14.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Voting Precincts

Map showing precincts: N. Territorial, Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth M.S., Canton M.S., Warren, Ford, Saltz, Cherry Hill, Denton, Proctor, Canton Ctr., Sheldon, Morton Tr., Lilley, Hagerty, Lutz, Glenwood, Van Born.

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Ray Fougner	Jerry Morris	Liz Vartanian
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McNamara promotes medical examiner's staff

A former assistant medical examiner has been chosen to be the deputy chief medical examiner, while a former investigator also was promoted.

Dr. Carl Schmidt was named by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara to be the deputy chief medical examiner. Eunice Howard, a former medical examiner's office investigator and a 26-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, was promoted to director of administration.

"Both Dr. Schmidt and Eunice Howard have clearly demonstrated advanced technical skills and leadership qualities," McNamara said. "We are fortunate to have personnel with their experience and integrity at our facility."

Born in Cali, Colombia, Schmidt received his medical degree in 1981 from Universidad Anahuac in Mexico City. Schmidt was familiar with the United States because his family vacationed there often and made a permanent move to the States in 1984 when he began a general surgery residency in New Jersey.

"I was thinking of being a surgeon, but then I didn't like medicine as a full-time activity," said Schmidt.

After working in neurobiology, the 41-year-old pathologist trained in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

Schmidt decided to try forensic pathology, a branch of pathology that investigates how and why people die. He trained at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office in 1994. In 1995, he was hired as an assistant medical examiner.

Schmidt is concerned about the problem of child abuse. "Children are defenseless. Having children of my own (two boys, 7 and 9) makes it hard for me to understand how that can happen."

Howard, a Detroit resident, has worked in all facets of law enforcement throughout her career. Howard said she looks forward to the challenges of guiding one of the nation's finest and busiest medical examiner's offices.

Cassandra Smith Gray, director of the County's Health and Community Services Department, where the Medical Examiner's Office is one of 11 divisions, is pleased with the appointment.

"Eunice has investigated hundreds of medical examiner's cases and has a superb working knowledge of the inner workings of the office. Her appointment demonstrates Wayne County's ongoing effort to employ and promote highly trained staff at the Medical Examiner's office."

The Medical Examiner's office employs 52 people, the fifth busiest office in the nation. The office handles an average of 10-12 deaths a day, or about 3,500 to 4,000 annually.

By law, the county medical examiner investigates the cause and manner of death in all cases where there has been a violent death, or a person whose death is unexpected or under a suspicious circumstance. Autopsies and inspections are to be performed within 24 hours of the office receiving the body.

Survey: Seniors should renew drivers' licenses more often

/PRNewswire/ -- A new national survey reveals Americans would support a law requiring drivers 70 and older to renew drivers' licenses more often.

According to the survey, conducted by Farmers Insurance Group, 75 percent of the respondents would support the type of legislation currently being introduced in many states, while 21 percent would not.

Drivers 75 years and older have a higher rate of fatal motor vehicle crashes per mile driven than drivers in any other age group except teenagers, according to an analysis by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Most senior drivers understand the need for extra caution as they age. Reflexes may not be as sharp as they once were," says Diane Tasaka, director of corporate communications for Farmers Insurance Group. "Our study shows that many Americans, including the elderly, support initiatives that would make roads safer for older drivers."

The survey revealed that nearly half of all respondents have a family member who is 70 or older and still driving.

Habitat for Humanity opens

Habitat for Humanity in Western Wayne County will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. today for the grand opening of new office space at the Plymouth Volunteer Center, 638 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village.

That branch will cover all of western Wayne County west of Telegraph.

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Air show begins June 26

/PRNewswire/ -- Tactical demonstrations by two current airplanes -- the F-14 Tomcat and the F-16 Fighting Falcon -- highlight military participation in the 1999 AirMichigan Wayne County Air Show June 26 and 27 at Willow Run Airport.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights are also well represented as they illustrate precision parachuting. Adding a new military presence to this year's AirMichigan are the Nicorette-NicoDerm CQ Sky-typers, flying 1940's SNJ-2 Navy fighter planes.

The U.S. Navy's F-14 demonstration will show the capabilities of the venerable F-14 Tomcat. The F-14 Tomcat is a supersonic, two-place, swing-wing strike fighter.

The U.S. Air Force's F-16 Fighting Falcon is capable of a variety of missions including interdiction, suppression of air defenses, close air support, and air superiority.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels return to headline the show. Tickets are available at Detroit area Farmer Jack Supermarkets or via mail order by calling (734) 482-8888. Advance general admission tickets through June 25 are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 6-11. Tickets at the gate are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Children 5 and younger are free.

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Gun bill

Legislators show recklessness

The shattering news out of Littleton, Colo., has had a sobering effect. In the United States Congress and in state legislatures across the country, concern about the easy accessibility of weapons has led to consideration of stricter gun control laws — except in Michigan.

The state Legislature has, with unconscionable speed and a reckless disregard for the public interest, moved to pass "shall issue" concealed weapons bills in the House and Senate that will make it easier for residents to obtain guns.

Under current law, a person must prove need before a county gun board to obtain a concealed gun permit. Under the proposed legislation, boards must issue permits unless a person has been convicted of a felony, had a history of mental illness or drunk driving convictions. The proposal also increases the minimum age from 18 to 21.

The legislation is currently in conference to iron out differences between the Senate and House versions. The major difference in the two proposals concerns the creation of gun-free zones and the makeup of the board.

The Republicans are already beginning to reconsider. This past weekend on Mackinac Island, Gov. John Engler signaled that the bill will not be coming to him anytime soon. He said it will be at least fall before it comes to a vote.

The proposed legislation has placed the governor in an awkward position. The majority of legislators in his party have voted in favor of these measures, but public sentiment and national momentum are moving in the opposite direction. A poll in last Tuesday's Detroit News shows that 80 percent of voters agree that need should be

proven to obtain a concealed weapon permit, and 66 percent agree that there will be an increase in accidental and intentional shootings if more people have the right to carry concealed weapons.

Engler is also faced with having to answer for the speed with which these proposals were pushed through the Legislature and the hyper-ventilated rhetoric of their sponsors, Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, and, especially, Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township.

The rush to pass this legislation suggests that the gun lobby in this state has an undue influence over GOP legislators, even in the face of strong public opposition.

Jaye has often suffered from engaging his mouth long before his brain has a chance to catch up. But his comments about arming everyone as a deterrent to "crime" reach a new level of insensitivity and cynicism. Unfortunately, most shootings involve relatives, friends and neighbors, not unknown assailants. It is the presence of guns that often turns dangerous, angry situations into deadly ones.

The "right to bear arms" is a complex issue with a complex history. In Michigan, which has a long history of sport shooting, responsible gun ownership is part of the state's heritage.

But this bill is an irresponsible endangerment to the general public, unnecessary and in defiance of the wishes of the electorate.

We urge the governor to veto this legislation whenever it gets to his desk. Should Gov. Engler sign the legislation, we encourage the Law Enforcement Coalition to move ahead with their plan to gather petitions to put the issue on the ballot next year.

Incumbents merit re-election

Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will decide June 14 who will oversee a \$43.7 million budget, evaluate a college president who oversees the school's departments, oversee the college's expansion and scrutinize future contract negotiations with the college's four unions.

The college's district includes the Plymouth-Canton school district. Voters will choose two out of four candidates — Michael Novak, Richard Reaume, Gregory Stempien and Patricia Watson — to serve the next six years.

It is a strong field with all candidates displaying qualities that would serve the college's district well. The trustee position is unpaid, so it takes a commitment of time from board members to serve.

We believe the two incumbents — Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson — are the best choices.

Watson, a forensic and clinical psychologist at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, has served as the board chairman since 1995. The Northville resident was appointed to the board in 1991 and was elected to a six-year term in 1993.

Watson is knowledgeable about the college and educational trends. Watson is respected by her colleagues as she has retained the board chairmanship. Watson asks far questions of President Dick McDowell at the board meetings. She appears even-handed in leading the board meetings.

Stempien, an attorney who has a law practice in Livonia and lives in Northville, was appointed last January to the board to fill a vacancy. That seat must be filled in Tuesday's election.

Stempien brings a good legal mind to the board. He doesn't shy away from asking ques-

tions about the budget or capital expenses. When something doesn't sit right with him, he isn't afraid to suggest a solution. Stempien recently suggested the board have its attorney review language changes in a separation-of-church-and-state policy, which is what the board did.

While we believe the incumbents are the best choices, the challengers also are strong candidates.

Richard Reaume of Plymouth has been impressive with his efforts to inform himself about the Schoolcraft budget and state laws governing community colleges. He has worked hard to inform himself about the college by reviewing board minutes and reading budgets. When he doesn't have an immediate answer, he works to find it.

Besides Stempien, Michael Novak is the only candidate who interviewed with the board last year for the board vacancy who returned this year to run. That indicates that Novak is serious about his candidacy and shows his desire and persistence. Novak has vowed to resign his teaching position at Radcliff, where he says he hears firsthand the concerns of students and instructors.

Whoever is elected, trustees should push college administrators to promote the college more at the high schools, particularly with a heightened presence in Canton. We had hoped someone there would show an interest in the board by running for the college's board of trustees. Canton has grown by leaps and bounds, and the college should actively pursue that growing area for students, scholarship money and business partners.

As with all board elections, voters should inform themselves about the candidates before Monday's election.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
How are you dealing with the heat this week?



"I'm staying at home in the air conditioning."
Mary Adams
Plymouth



"I love it. It beats the cold."
Adina Frerich
Canton



"There is no dealing with the heat. You just enjoy it."
Priya Sriraman
Northville



"I just stay inside a lot."
Don Perkins
Canton

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.

Arkie Hudkins



LETTERS

Supporting Incumbents

The purpose of this letter is to call your attention to the annual school board election, which takes place on Monday, June 14. For many of you, it will not be a particularly special day. Since only about 5 percent of the registered voters will take the time to vote, it will pass as just another day for most of our community. However, this is the single most important event of the year for anyone who is a taxpayer, parent or citizen of our community.

This is your opportunity to directly influence our public schools. In this single election, nearly 30 percent of our school board is being elected, and, because of the typically low turnout, your vote is extremely important.

Some members of our community are determined to make this a single-issue election, with the single issue being merit pay for employees. Those who oppose the use of merit pay to drive our district towards continued academic excellence are actively opposing the two incumbent board members seeking re-election, Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney. These two candidates have continually demanded a focus on accountability and excellence during their four-year terms on the board and are seeking to reward our employees through the use of a merit pay system. Under this type of system, employees are compensated based on contribution to excellence rather than purely on years of service. Many of you are no doubt familiar with this system, as it has been in use in most competitive industries for many years. As public education is faced with increasing competition, it seems reasonable to begin to reward our best and brightest employees the same as other successful employers do.

As there are many complex issues involved in the oversight of a public school system of nearly 16,000 students, it is unfortunate that some have chosen to focus on one issue. However, for every issue, Mike Maloney and Carrie Blamer have demanded excellence and accountability in all areas of our schools. Please join me in casting a vote for excellence and accountability by voting for Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney for Plymouth-Canton school board on Monday, June 14.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Editor's note: Mark Horvath is a former Plymouth-Canton school board member.

Vote for Slaven

We encourage all your readers to study the positions of the candidates and vote in the June 14 Plymouth-Canton Community School Board election.

We endorse Mark Slaven. Mr. Slaven

wants to pursue more equitable funding for the district from the state of Michigan. (In fact, he has been working at this as the chairperson of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding). He sees improved communication between the board, administration, teachers, students and the public as critical. He is interested in input from the business community and wants to increase parental involvement in the schools. Finally, Mr. Slaven is committed to small class size.

Remember, your vote counts. Vote Monday, June 14!

Darice Schubatis
Richard Schubatis
Plymouth

Rape drugs

The Michigan Women's Commission commends the efforts by the media to educate the public about the dangers of gamma hydroxy butyrate (GHB) and other rape drugs. However, these drugs are often mentioned as "date" rape drugs, which is very misleading. Victims of these unsuspecting drug-induced sexual assaults are frequently drugged by strangers or slight acquaintances — not in a dating scenario. Using the term "date" rape drug leads people to mistakenly assume there has been a dating relationship between the victim and the perpetrator. The correct message needs to be sent to the public — these are "rape drugs."

Important points to remember are:
■ Never leave a drink unattended.
■ Don't accept any beverage (including soft drinks) from someone you do not know.
■ Order bottled or canned beverages when possible; open them yourself.

Be cautious of anyone inquiring about drinks that you have not tried before, even health drinks. Predators often disguise GHB as a new health fad or slip it into drinks that you are unfamiliar with, which makes it even more difficult to detect the taste of GHB.

When Gov. John Engler signed the legislation, in July of 1998, to add GHB to the list of Schedule 1 Drugs, Michigan Women's Commission members were present.

A Schedule 1 Drug makes it a crime to deliver, possess the drug with intent of delivery, or manufacture the drug. Even simple possession of the drug will be considered a felony, and using the drug will be a misdemeanor. When convicted, fines and prison terms are applied.

The public can contact the Michigan Women's Commission office at (517) 334-8622 for GHB brochures.

Patti Garrett
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Cell phones trump firearms when trouble comes calling

The problem with the debate in Lansing over concealed weapons is that it is based on some bad assumptions. Local gun control boards should not be able to deny you a permit to carry a concealed weapon without good cause, so the thinking goes, because no one should be able to deny you the right to protect yourself.

Well, there's myth No. 1, that a gun gives you "protection."

Let's see, if a mugger were to walk up to you, pull a gun and demand your wallet, are you really going to go for your gun? Do you really think you could reach into your jacket or purse, unstrap the holster, pull the gun, flip off the safety, rack a shell into the chamber, aim and fire, all in time to beat the mugger who only has to pull the trigger?

Every scenario is different but it would be a rare case in which someone could use a gun to defend themselves from a rapist or a robber," Farmington



MIKE MALOTT

Hills Police Chief William Dwyer told me last week. "Police are trained in how to use their weapons, and officers are told that if someone has a gun on you, you do not go for your weapon."

OK, let's say a threatening-looking person approaches you and you pull your gun preemptively. That's called "brandishing," it's illegal and now you're in trouble with the law, Dwyer agreed.

Scenario No. 3: Let's say you do get your gun out somehow, do you think you could hit your target? District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie pointed out to me recently that in gunfights, even trained people have trouble hitting their targets. Why? Terror, sheer

terror. This is not the firing range where a shooter can line up his sights and gently squeeze off a shot. No, people are shooting back, then diving for cover.

Your aiming technique will be more akin to point-and-shoot, or spray-and-pray. Dwyer argued bystanders might be in more danger than the gunfighters themselves.

And let's go one step further: Say you do get the first shot off and you hit your target. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer has always argued to me that it is pure TV fiction that a suspect can be brought down, except in rare cases, with a single shot. Bullets go in like needles, he says. They don't knock you down. They don't throw you back or spin you around. And it takes a few seconds for them to have an effect. More than enough time for your target to take a few shots of his own.

Guns don't provide protection. At best, they make a counter threat (if

you try to hurt me, I'll hurt you back).

Even CCW "reform" proponent Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) agrees that guns are thin self protection.

"Right, there are very few quick-draw specialists in our society anymore and we are not looking to encourage their return," Patterson said.

More likely, Patterson argues, any protection given by guns would come from bystanders who, when seeing a criminal prey on a victim, might intervene on the victim's behalf.

"Look, if I'm a lion on the savanna and I'm looking out over a herd of gazelle, I'm going to have a whole different attitude than if there is a likelihood that someone will be shooting at me. Perhaps I shouldn't even make that analogy," Patterson said.

Actually, his point is well taken. A predator looking for a victim will be less bold if there is a likelihood someone else, a third party, might inter-

vene on the victim's behalf.

And that's a point police officers well understand. The minute they think they're getting into a potentially dangerous situation, they call back to the dispatcher to send help. That way, they know that if they get into trouble, their cop pals are right behind them, arriving within minutes, to help them out.

A police officer's best defense isn't his or her gun, it's the radio.

If you are looking for intervention, a permit to carry a concealed weapon won't get that for you.

No, if it's self defense you are looking for, your best weapon these days is a cellular phone.

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LETTERS

Time for a change

I would like to address these remarks to all those in our community who care about the future of education in Plymouth-Canton.

At this very moment the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education faces challenges that will have far-reaching implications:

■ The appointment of an interim superintendent to guide the district through the planning and building of new elementary, middle, and high schools in addition to overseeing the hiring and monitoring of 150 new teachers by August 2000.

■ The hiring of a permanent superintendent who will inspire confidence and respect from the employees, students, parents, residents, and businesses of our community and who will be responsible for continuing the tradition of excellence that has long been

a hallmark of our schools. ■ The development of a strategy to see that our local schools are properly supported in terms of both funding and citizen involvement.

Is our present leadership on the board of education up to these challenges? As a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, a member of the New High School Planning Committee, a PCEA building representative, an observer at every school board meeting, a veteran teacher, a 22-year resident, and parent of two children presently attending Plymouth-Canton schools and one graduate, I have grown increasingly concerned. Consider the following:

■ Morale among employee groups is at an alarmingly low level. Central administration is viewed as untrustworthy, insensitive, coercive.

■ Recommendations on educational issues by staff have been routinely

ignored. Despite pleas from PCEP teachers, President Mike Maloney refused to consider a workshop meeting to study serious concerns raised about the plans for the third high school.

■ District learning specialists and parents recently appeared before the board to convince them not to eliminate half of these positions, which would have placed NCA accreditation of our elementary schools in jeopardy.

■ Lawsuits against the district and the relating settlements have been numerous and costly.

■ Information was recently provided to the board by member Roland Thomas which showed that the district will not have the funds to open the third high school. Nonetheless, the board is moving ahead with the plans.

■ Numerous administrators and employees have recently left the central office jobs in other districts: Dave

Ridwell, director of Research and Technology, LuAnn Grech, director of Transportation, Donna Aveck, director of Instructional Technology, etc.

■ Our district's dedicated principals have been working without a contract for almost two years. In frustration, many are looking for new jobs. Barb Church, principal of Central Middle School, is the most recent administrator to resign. Others are likely to follow. Still, President Mike Maloney and Secretary Carrie Blamer support the board's present negotiations. How many more devoted people will our district have to lose?

■ Citizens who attend board meetings often leave angry and frustrated after waiting up to three hours to address the board. President Maloney, however, recently suggested enforcing a limit on citizen's comments as a way of shortening meetings.

■ Last week, petitions were presented to the board representing over 2,500 parents, students, and teachers, imploring them to preserve the park concept and re-think their plans for the third high school. As it has happened time and again, there was no response from the board.

I, for one, do not find the present state of affairs to be acceptable. For the last four years, candidates Mike Maloney and Carrie Blamer have served on the board of education. Is our school district better today than it was four years ago? Clearly, it's time for a change. That's why, on June 14, I will be voting for Steve Guile and Mark Slaven, recommended candidates of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

It's time for a change. It's overdue.

Cynthia Burnstein
Plymouth

Culture dog wagged by tail

My son, Nathan, and his friends finally got to see "The Phantom Menace," the Star Wars prequel, over the weekend. They'd tried several times, only to be defeated by persistently long lines and equally persistent poor planning.

It's not that they didn't know the movie was coming. The hype associated with its release certainly exceeded anything in my memory.

Star Wars candy, cereal and toothpaste at the supermarket! Star Wars dolls and models in the toy store! Star Wars coloring books at the book store! Star Wars this! Star Wars that! I swear I'll puke if I see yet another feature about Jar-Jar in the newspaper.

Musing on the dazzling mastery of commercialization now being exhibited by Twentieth Century Fox and Lucasfilm, I found myself thinking about the entertainment industry as a whole and why we have such a strong love-hate relationship with it.

Certainly, with increased disposable income and leisure time a predominant factor in today's society, the products of the entertainment industry have come to play a greater and greater role in our lives. Movies, TV, videos, computer games, music — the products of the industry pervade our days and nights, and especially those of our children.

To a large degree, it is now the entertainment industry that creates and distributes American popular culture throughout our land and, as anybody who has traveled abroad recently knows full well, throughout the entire globe. I suspect that's exactly what bothers folks about the nexus between the entertainment industry and our popular culture: How come a bunch of smart, talented people in LA or New York get to have such colossal influence over the culture which defines the world in which I and my family live?

In the old days (whenver that was), a society's culture got built up gradually, element by element, over time. The liturgy and the music of the Roman Catholic church might play a part. The visual images created by a Leonardo or the architecture of an individual master of the 18th century might be components. The words of a Winston Churchill or the phrasing of a Frank Sinatra might fill the interstices.

Societies would gradually build up a composite, constantly changing culture that expressed something about what the society stood for and how individuals related to that society. The process was kind of organic, uncontrolled, going on in all kinds of different ways.

A culture certainly was not the creation of a few smart people in LA or New York. And it certainly was not the consciously contrived product of enormous corporations with profit as their central motive and the technological



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means to propagate their products worldwide.

There lies the rub. Twentieth Century Fox — I use the company as an example, not as a sole practitioner — has at its disposal a battery of products, technologies and distribution tools literally unparalleled in human history. Television, videos, radio, tapes, computers — the entire panoply of modern distribution methods — know no boundary, encounter no limits, brook no resistance.

Moreover, Twentieth Century Fox has a clear profit motive involved in stimulating demand for its products. Not only has the company a business interest in maximizing the worldwide game for "The Phantom Menace," but it exploits a network of licensing deals that both further spread the demand for the core product and bring extra income.

So instead of our culture being the evolutionary output of our society's unconscious process of sorting, discarding and retaining things, much of late 20th century American popular culture winds up as the composite product of a few powerful commercial enterprises driven largely by the profit motive.

No wonder so many people have such ambivalent feelings about the entertainment industry.

No wonder so many parents think the computer games their kids are playing are too violent, but they can't do anything about it. No wonder parents constantly gripe about their kids watching too much TV, but can't control what they see. No wonder learned psychologists are beginning to link violent behavior among kids to the amount of violence they see on TV or experience in computer games.

And no wonder so many people are so angry and feel so powerless in trying to assert their standards and their family's history in the face of such pervasive popular culture. That's why the culture wars are likely to be with us for a very, very long time.

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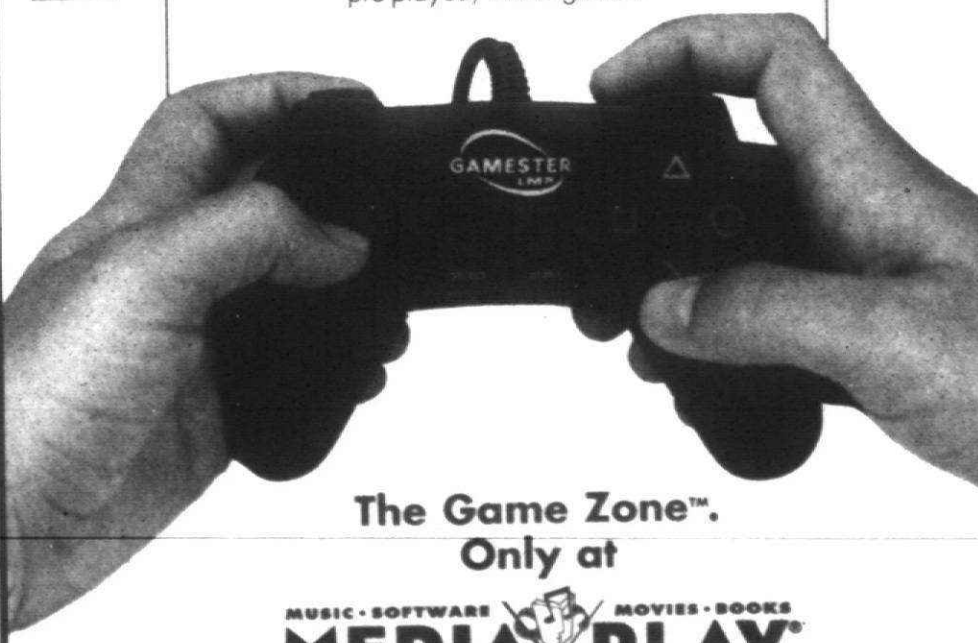
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Traffic, congestion is future of outlying communities

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

Builders will have to put up about 300,000 new homes in the south-east Michigan region over the next 20 years to house some 600,000 new residents.

Think of it this way: It's like constructing a city essentially the size of Detroit and shoe horning it into the existing metropolitan region, according to Donn Shelton, Communications Director of the Southeast Michigan

Council of Governments.

To accomplish the task, developers will "in fill" with homes between existing towns and subdivisions. Then they'll spread the rest out around the urban fringe.

Twenty four percent more land in the region will be developed by the year 2020 as a result.

And the cause of all this growth will be just that ... growth. According to Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, urban flight will play much less of a role in development over the next

20 years than it did during the last few decades.

Rather, it's the region's economy that will attract the population increase, Tait said. The projections were made in a recent SEMCOG report entitled "Land Use and Land Development in Southeast Michigan." In the report, SEMCOG planners looked at the area's economy and the community master plans to predict how much and where development will occur by the year 2020.

Contained in the report is a map

Twenty four percent more land in the region will be developed by the year 2020.

showing development that was completed by 1965, development that was done by 1995, and where the future growth will likely occur between now and the year 2020. Areas shown on the map for future development should not be read as site specific, Tait explained. The growth patterns are intended to be "generalizations" of where the growth will occur.

The impact on some communities is startling, like Green Oak Township in Livingston County and Oakland Township in Oakland County. By 1995, those townships had very little development. By 2020, they'll be nearly built out.

"These are the key impacts on the growing communities: congestion, traffic on the roads, water pressure concerns, pressure on sewers, pressure on septic and on the groundwater supply ... All those things come into play for the growing communities and the question is how the communities can prepare for that growth," Tait said.

SEMCOG's map predicts build out by the year 2020 for communities like Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills.

That might not be surprising considering the development those communities had already seen by 1995. But now the construction industry will now turn its attentions to communities that have previously seen little development.

Along with Green Oak and Oakland townships, communities such as Marion Township, Hamburg Township and Howell Township in Livingston County are expected to come under heavy development pressure.

In Oakland County, Oakland Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township, White Lake Township and Milford Township are expected to see the heaviest development pressure.

In Wayne County, builders will be moving on to Huron Township and Brownstown Township. In Macomb County, Shelby Township will be built out while homebuilders will turn the bulk of their attentions to Macomb Township, Chesterfield Township and Washington Township.

According to the report, 43 percent of this new growth will come from a

simple population increase in this area, the result of job gains in the metropolitan area. Population growth accounted for only 17 percent of the development seen in the region between 1965 and 1995.

Smaller household sizes were the leading cause of development during the 1965-95 period, accounting for 43 percent of the construction.

"This was a time when many more households were formed as the 'baby boom' generation left home creating more 'empty nest' households. Also increasing were one-parent and elderly households. All these added, smaller households were the largest factor contributing to land development in the region," the report states.

But that trend will drop off to 29 percent over the next 20 years.

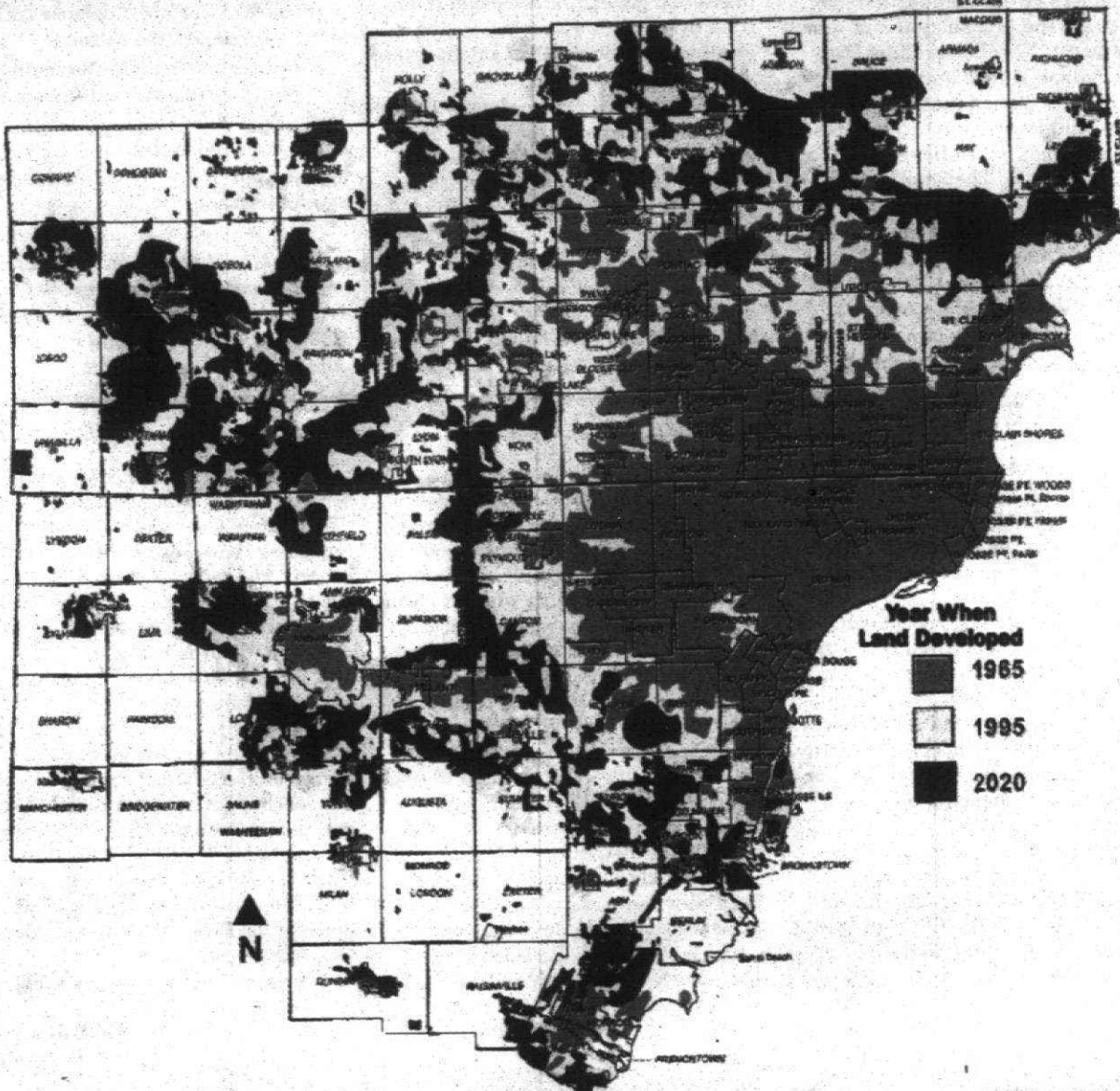
Urban flight, the replacement of homes in older communities by residences in new suburbs, accounted for 10 percent of the growth from 1965 to 1995. But it will account for only 6 percent in the next 20 years, SEMCOG projects.

Commercial, office and industrial buildings made up 18 percent of growth in the last 30 years. They'll be only 14 percent of growth in the coming 20. And replacement of job losses from commercial, office and industrial buildings in older communities, which once accounted for 5 percent of growth, is expected to drop off to 1 percent in the next two decades.

The report concluded that by 1995, 33 percent of the entire region's land had been developed, and 24 percent more land will be needed for development over the next 20 years.

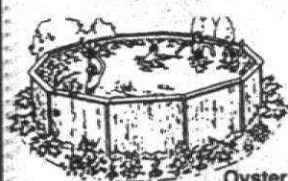
Since new, suburban growth tends to use more land per home, SEMCOG took note of housing densities. Overall, the region had a density of 2.18 homes per acre in residential areas. The most densely developed was Wayne County, with 3.8 homes per acre. Macomb followed with 2.57, then Oakland with 1.73. Livingston was the least dense county, with .87 homes per acre.

Since it is the economy which is expected to spur the growth, SEMCOG also looked at density in business areas as well. Oakland lead the way, with its businesses producing 14.01 jobs per acre. Washtenaw County followed with 12.27 jobs per acre, and then came Wayne, with 11.08 jobs per acre. Livingston ranked fifth by producing 5.56 jobs per acre.



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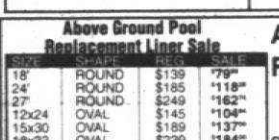
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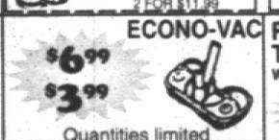
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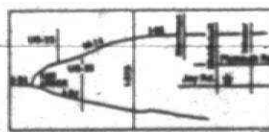
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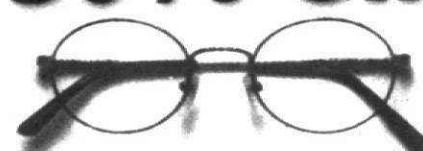


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JACK GLADDEN

Father's Day gifts this Dad wants

I've been reading all these columns about Father's Day. You know, the ones that have headlines like "Make Father's Day special for dad" or "Pick the perfect gift for dad" or "Make dad feel special on his day."

The columns are usually written by women who sit around thinking up ideas such as:

"Pull together a 'House Treasure Hunt' with a prize at the end of the clues. Make your clues into rhymes. Each clue will bring him to a new location in the house until he eventually wins his gift."

Or: "Wrap his gift in newspaper or a brown grocery bag. You can decorate the bag with clippings from the sports page or a self-portrait."

Or: "Some dads may enjoy getting gag gifts. If your dad has expressed a desire for a red sports car, buy him a toy one similar to what he would like to own."

That's how I want to spend Father's Day: traipsing all around the house trying to figure out rhyming "clues" until I finally get to a package wrapped in a grocery bag with a sports page clipping attached and a Hot Wheels sports car inside.

I don't know where these women come up with their "ideas" for making Dad feel special, but it's obviously not from Dad. They seem to get ideas for their 4-year-old's birthday party mixed up with what a 40-year-old father wants to do on Father's Day.

On the other hand, they deal in stereotypes: father as macho man. Cook him his favorite meal. Give him a new golf club. Tickets to a baseball game. A new bowling ball. Something he can use at the office.

Well, I don't bowl. I don't play golf. I don't read the sports pages. I hate sports. And my favorite meal is probably something that I'd cook myself. Not that I want to spend Father's Day in the kitchen.

So I decided to do my own column on "How to make Dad happy on Father's Day." Here's how:

■ Mow the yard. Front and back. And don't forget to edge along the sidewalks.

■ Trim the shrubs. Those electric hedge clippers you gave him last year will make the job a lot easier.

■ Weed the garden. And while you're at it, use that string trimmer you gave him a couple of years ago to whack the weeds along the fence and around the trees.

■ You can extend the celebration into the week. Take the trash out to the curb on Tuesday night.

■ Vacuum upstairs and downstairs and dust like you are supposed to do anyway.

■ Sweep and mop the kitchen floor.

■ Empty the dishwasher. Put the clean dishes away (and in their proper places, please). Then load it up again with all those dirty dishes in the sink and on the counter.

■ Feed the cats.

■ Feed the dog.

■ Don't ask Dad to drive you to the mall. Don't ask him to drive you anywhere.

■ Don't ask him to drive to the store to buy you a magazine or a candy bar.

■ Don't complain that "There's never anything to eat in this house."

■ Don't ask for fast food for dinner.

■ Keep your stereo turned down enough that it only vibrates the walls of your room. If you really want to make him happy, keep your stereo turned off.

■ Don't tune the television to MTV while he's in the room.

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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Brigitte Frost was in the seventh grade when she got hooked on genealogy. Twenty years later, she keeps searching further and further back in time, finding relatives who have long been forgotten.

Every once in a while, the Plymouth resident comes up with a gem, like learning that her husband has a relative who was on the Mayflower.

Everyone who takes the genealogy path travels a different trail of stepping stones to his own past, the people who are responsible for who they are today. The exhilaration comes from finding records that catapult them backwards from generation to generation.

Frost started the search on her husband's side after his grandmother died and she realized that a valuable resource had been buried.

"That loss inspired me," said Frost, a member of the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society.

After four years and "a lot of lucky breaks" that included meeting a few of her husband's cousins on the Internet, Frost was making strides in learning about his family. The Plymouth Library also helped by providing her with 1860 census records for Oakland County.

"I'm making history more relevant for myself, for my children and stepson," she said.

Her advice to beginners is simple: "Take advantage of all your living sources while you've got them."

Over the years her dedication to the hobby has come in spurts. As a girl she asked as many questions as possible and traced her paternal family tree back to the 1600s.

Even though she works full-time as an assistant teacher with Dearborn Heights Montessori School, Frost said she always finds a way to squeeze in at least a little time for her favorite hobby.

"When I'm teaching my students history, genealogy has given me a different perspective," she added.

Getting involved

Vital records is place to start searching your 'roots'



To get started tracing your family tree, gather all your own vital records, suggests Jan Lazja, president of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society.

Then start with your parents' names, birth dates and when they came to the United States. Always try to get the actual certificate, because it might have additional information on it.

"Once you've exhausted what you have immediately, start using (Church of the) Latter-day Saints' libraries," she said.

Bloomfield Hills Church of Jesus Christ of

While Frost, 34, stresses the importance of looking to the elders in families, it's just as crucial, she said, to get the younger generations involved.

"Try to involve your children," she said. "The projects I'm doing are aimed at them - making sure that it will be alive for someone else after I'm gone."

Her legacy has already begun. She recently gave her 6-year-old nephew a genealogy primer with pictures of

his ancestors.

"The book started with him and worked backwards so he could understand how genealogy works," Frost explained.

She also started sewing a quilt with family pictures scanned on the fabric of the panels and an embroidered family tree as the cornerstone.

Introducing genealogy buffs like Frost to their ancestors is just part of an average day at work for Margaret Miesterfeld, a librarian with the

Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Church members (Mormons) consider tracing their ancestors part of their mission and have the world's most detailed information about families. Anyone may use their libraries.

"We do not proselytize in library; we are simply helping people find their ancestors," Miesterfeld said. "We love our family, and we believe

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In stitches: In the process of researching her husband's family history, Brigitte Frost of Plymouth has started a genealogical quilt, complete with the family "tree" and family members' photographs scanned on material.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

is to be used only for genealogy research. The library also has computer software on tracing family trees, including the ever-popular "Family Tree Maker" program.

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month September through May at the Livonia Senior Citizen building at Five Mile and Farmington roads. The public is welcome.

■ A helpful book is "Finding Your Roots: How to Trace Your Ancestors at Home and Abroad" by Jeane Eddy Westin.

Auction helps clients fulfill their dreams

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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When Diane Montes and her sister Paula Parkin decided to have an auction last year, the idea was to raise money to pay for little extras for their developmentally disabled clients. At the time, they weren't sure it would be an annual affair.

But response from the more than 100 people who attended Domus Vita's "Reach for the Stars" prompted them to do it again.

So on Friday, June 25, autographed photographs, a white water rafting trip, a brick from the old Olympia Stadium and a Marilyn Monroe jacket will be sold to the highest bidder at the dinner and auction.

"We weren't sure we were going to do it again, but it was so well received that we decided to do it again," said Montes, whose mother, Marge Slattery, and Parkin co-founded Domus Vitas. The agency operates eight group homes for developmentally disabled men and women.

"The enthusiastic response from the guests last year and the increasing needs of our consumers convinced us," added Parkin. "It lets our consumers live



What's your bid? Diane Montes models a Marilyn Monroe jean jacket while her sister Paula Parkin shows off some of the other items that will be sold at the auction at Domus Vitas' "Reach for the Stars" benefit Friday, June 25.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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normal lives. We like to focus on their dreams not goals and they want to do things like go on vacations.

The benefit will be held at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Registration, silent auction and cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m. The 150 or so auction items will have minimum bids. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief program at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 each and can be ordered through June 18 by calling the agency at (734) 427-0878.

Big turnout

Parkin and Montes hope to attract 250 party-goers and raise \$10,000 this year to cover those things not covered by the budget or the clients' personal funds which amount to \$40 a month.

Last year's auction raised more than \$8,000 and paid half of the cost of a hospital bed that Medicaid decided wasn't medically necessary for one client and covered some of the expense of a trip four others wanted to make to Niagara Falls.

"Originally, we started the fund to help with burial expenses," Parkin said. "So many of our clients don't have families, so it falls on us to take care of those expenses. Yes, we do get something from the state and it's minimal."

Last year, Dr. Donald Lawrencechuk donated 40 autographed items and did so again this year. This year's selection includes the autographs of Detroit Tigers pitcher Mickey Lolich, Detroit Red Wings left Larionov, actor Harrison Ford and race driver Dale Earnhardt to name a few.

There also will be a \$250 Gardner-White certificate, donated by Mobility Transporta-

Larger items

Several larger priced items will be part of a live auction, including a white water rafting trip, a Detroit Pistons basketball ticket, a Detroit Tigers baseball, a Grant Hill autograph and a brick from Olympia Stadium.

During the brief program, two of the clients' guardians and two sponsors will receive awards for their work.

Slattery was the director of nursing at a nursing home and when the state began moving the developmentally disabled out of institutions and into neighborhood settings.

The twosome formed Domus Vitas (Latin for House of Life) and opened their first home 12 years ago. The agency now contracts through Wayne Community Living Services to care for 32 clients in eight homes in Livonia, Westland, Canton, Northville, Wayne and Brownstown.

"We decided to put our talents together and Lord, look at us now," said Slattery, who is the past executive director and current president of the board of directors.

"People way back then felt the way to go was down to six-bed homes, now they're pushing for two-bedroom homes," said Parkin. "Back then it was difficult to care for them on 1,000-bed institutions, but with the love and care they get now, they are living longer."

Reunion part of bash

Did you graduate from one of the city of Detroit's high schools? If you did, you're invited to take part in Detroit's Largest High School Reunion 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 24, on the grounds of the Detroit Historical Museum and Detroit Public Library on Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

The reunion is one of many activities scheduled for Detroit 298th Birthday Party.

For more information about participating in the reunion, call the Birthday Party hotline at (313) 833-7912.

Poetry celebration marks 7th year

BY HEATHER NEEDEHAM
STAFF WRITER

Are you a closet poet with a stack of unread poems in a desk drawer?

Do you enjoy hearing other people read their own poetry? Do you like coffee?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Plymouth's seventh annual Celebration of Poetry might be for you. The five-week celebration includes live readings by poets from the area and abroad, plus open mike readings for budding poets.

The poetry readings are 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, July 1-29, at the Coffee Bean, Penniman

and Harvey streets in downtown Plymouth.

The readings will begin with the open mike session, followed by readings from featured poets and another open mike session for the public, said Rod Reinhardt, Plymouth poet-in-residence and coordinator of the poetry events.

"That's going to be a fun time," Reinhardt said.

Reinhardt is founder of Plymouth Poets and will produce a cable show this fall, "The Poet and the Power," which will feature video footage of Plymouth poetry readings. It will air on channel 25 for MediaOne customers.

The featured poets are Clark Iverson and Rishikavi Raghudas on July 1, Michael Marcus and Marc Maurus on July 8, Sonya Pouncey, Ann Holdrieth and Reinhardt on July 15, Liberty R.O. Daniels and Marye Miller on July 22 and Anna Curry Barr and Marlene Brown on July 29.

On Saturday, July 10, "Poetry Crawl at Art in the Park" will feature open-air readings on the streets and balconies of Plymouth. The event coincides with Plymouth's annual art festival.

All of the poets are from the metropolitan area except Barr, who is from Ireland. She has appeared at Irish Writers Night, an event held annually at the

Box Bar prior to St. Patrick's Day.

The poets will read their own work, covering a variety of emotional subjects, including the Vietnam War, suicide and self-empowerment.

Reinhardt, a Detroit Public Schools English teacher and Plymouth Township resident, has been performing in Detroit area for more than 20 years. Plymouth's poetry program is the longest established performance poetry project in western Wayne County, he said.

"Plymouth has become a real center for live poetry, since I started this program," he added.

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that families are forever."

The Latter-days Saints library in Bloomfield Hills has 10 computers, as well as microfiche and microfilm readers, the Family Search computer program, an ancestral file, an international genealogical index, the U.S. Social Security death and military indexes, Scottish church records and a family history library catalogue with detailed information on records in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Someone looking for records for a small town in Germany, for instance, could order film from that area.

There is no charge to use the libraries, however, worldwide records of genealogical value, such as birth, marriage and death certificates, can be ordered for \$3.50.

"There's an estimated 70 billion people who have lived on this earth," Miesterfeld said. "A record exists for 7 billion who have lived before 1900."

Miesterfeld estimates that librarians at the Family History Center help 700 to 800 people monthly. The center is staffed by volunteers and provides seminars for all kinds of groups ranging in interest from Boy Scout

troops to women's clubs and Jewish and African American people.

Where do I start?

The most common question Miesterfeld hears is "Where do I start?"

"We greet them and get them started and once they get started they take off," she said. "It's a hobby that grabs you."

She advises beginners to look for birth and death certificates, passenger lists and naturalization records. Forms for family groups and ancestral charts are available at the library.

Knowing historical facts plays a key role in successful genealogical searches, Miesterfeld said. She recalled a man who was searching for ancestors in the 1700s in England and Scotland. He believed they had been executed because they were about to become the ruling family.

"I told him that they probably weren't executed and that probably they were sent to the Caribbean islands to work on a sugar cane plantation as slaves," she said. "So, he had another way of continuing to look for them."

The man was elated. Emotions often run high at the library, especially when someone comes

across an unexpected find. One woman, for instance, began weeping when she found records for her father that actually included pictures of him.

"People get very excited when they find their family," Miesterfeld said.

The easiest way for beginners to get started is to begin the search with themselves, said Jan Lazja, WWCOS president.

"Get all your information and certificates and then go back to parents and grandparents," she said.

Talk to cousins, uncles and anyone who would have some sort of family story that could help the search. Interview older relatives and tape record them, if possible.

"A lot of family myths are rooted in truth," Lazja added.

She also recommends gathering any available written material, such as obituary notices, as well as tax, birth, death and marriage records.

"Anything you can find," Lazja said. "A piece of paper, letters and post cards will have little extra facts about people."

Helping in the search

WWCOS also helps budding — as well as experienced — genealogist, in their searches of family

Capler-Sullivan

Janice Capler of Westland and Robert Capler of Florida announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Marie, to Joseph Sullivan, the son of Dan and Darlene Sullivan of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University with a degree in apparel textile and merchandising. She is employed by J.L. Hudson's in the Somerset Collection.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by OJ Transport in Detroit as an account manager.



A November wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

Muncie-Ministrelli

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Butcher of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Muncie of Greenbush, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Muncie, to Peter Ministrelli, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ministrelli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and madonna University. She is presently a fifth-grade teacher in Tyler, Texas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed as a junior process engineer at Petrofac L.L.C. in Tyler, Texas.



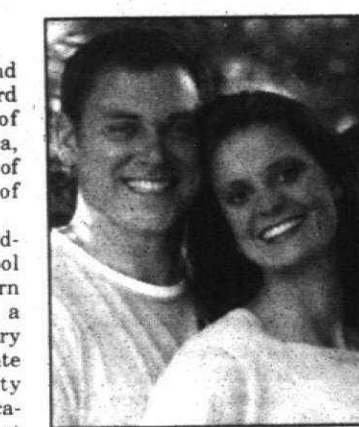
A July wedding is planned at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Esser-Janda

Anthony Esser of Canton and Judith Tanana Esser of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Andrea, to Donald Lee Janda, the son of Bruce and Maureen Janda of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also is a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in educational psychology. She works at Novi Meadows as an elementary foreign language teacher.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's



degree in finance. He works at SASSCO International as a program manager. A June wedding is planned at St. John's Armenian Church.

Serylo-Hillebrand

Pamela Serylo of Livonia announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Melissa Marie, to Scott Eugene Hillebrand, the son of Eugene and Debbie Hillebrand, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed at Elite Transportation.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed at Temporary Housing.

A June wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.



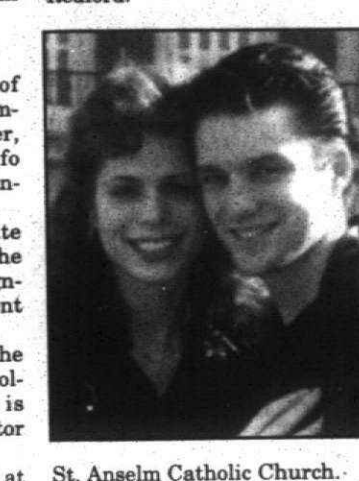
Dinatale-Coon

Larry and Neva Dinatale of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Mary, to Donald Rodolfo Coon, the son of Robert and Concepcion Coon, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed as a graphic designer by the Michigan Department of Career Development.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies' College of Art and Design. He is employed as a senior art director by Q-2 Publishing Inc.

A June wedding is planned at



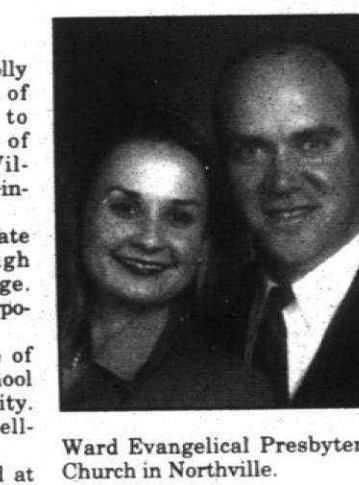
Seres-McGinlay

Eric and Sharon Seres of Holly announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney, to Donald McGinlay, the son of Doris Wietecha of Detroit Village, Mich., and Thomas McGinlay of Holiday, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southfield Christian High School and Hillsdale College. She is employed by Incoe Corporation.

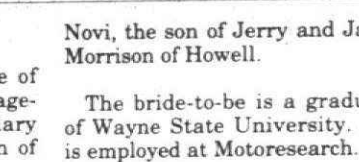
Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Glaxo Wellcome Pharmaceuticals.

A July wedding is planned at



Torpie-Morrison

Russell and Nancy Torpie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Ann, to Scott Allan Morrison of



Novi, the son of Jerry and Janet Morrison of Howell. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Motoresearch.

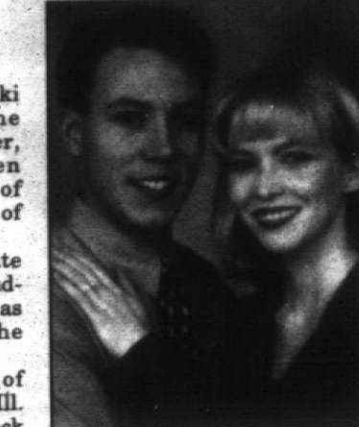
Mosakowski-Hartman

John and Nancy Mosakowski of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, April Kathleen, to Steven William Hartman, the son of William and Judy Hartman of Matteson, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She is working as a freelance illustrator in the Chicago area.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. He is a manager of the Off-Track Betting facility in Joliet, Ill.

An October wedding is planned.



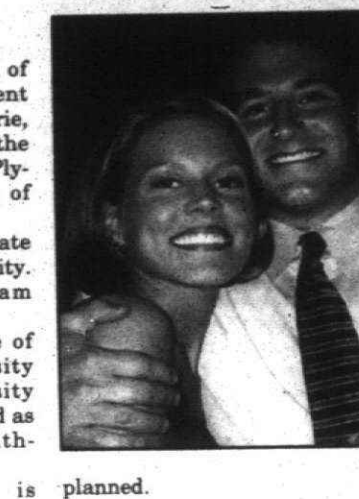
Stewart-Cessante

James and Mary Stewart of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Danya Marie, to David Michael Cessante, the son of Margaret Cessante of Plymouth and Vince Cessante of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed at Vincam Human Resources in Novi.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Michigan University and the Villanova University School of Law. He is employed as an associate at Brady, Hathaway, Brady and Bretz.

An August wedding is planned.



Hall-Harper

Jon and Mary Hall of Hewitt, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Suzanne, to James Richard Harper, the son of John and Beverly Harper of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor of arts degree in French. She is employed in logistics support at Nokia Telecommunications in Irving, Texas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and



Purdue University with bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. He is employed as a product manager at Nokia Telecommunications. A June wedding in Dallas, Texas, is planned.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1-H, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO REZONE TO: IND, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
DATE OF HEARING: JUNE 16, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to IND, "INDUSTRIAL" District. Containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

Application #1851

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTION SEE TAX RECORDS
BASED ON TAX LOT NUMBER - R78-010-98-0006-000

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 111
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON
EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be printed, at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comments is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (234) 453-3840 X 201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission



CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 1999 for the following:

SOCCER EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE, Admin. Services Dir.

Published: June 10, 1999



CITY OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO. 99-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE ZONING MAP FOR LOT 536, ASSESSOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 16, T1S, R&E, L66, P82, W.C.R., 946 N. HOLBROOK FROM RT-1 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MU MIXED USE

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following map revisions:

Section 2. Legal Description, Lot 536, Assessor's Plymouth Plat No. 16, T1S, R&E, L66, P82, W.C.R., 946 N. Holbrook, rezoned from RT-1, Two Family Residential to MU, Mixed Use.

Section 3. Zoning Map (Modify as Required)

Section 4. Rights and Duties. 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 5. 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 6. Ordinance Repealed. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

JOSEPH KOCH
Mayor

Introduced: May 21, 1999
Enacted: June 7, 1999
Effective: June 11, 1999
Published: June 10, 1999

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

Published: June 10, 1999

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing by noon Friday to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Red-

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

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

CITY OF PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Specifications, bid documents, and proposal forms are available at the Office of the Admin. Services Director during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Address bids to: Linda Langmesser
City Clerk
201 S. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170

in a sealed envelope bearing the inscription: "BID FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE"

CAROL A. STONE
Admin. Services Director

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, June 21st, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan in the Commission Chambers at 201 S. Main Street. The hearing is regarding a proposed special assessment to make certain public improvements in the public alley that runs North and South adjacent to lots 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111, William A. Blunk Addition, Village of Plymouth, now the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, L27 P. 59 W.C.R.

The address of the special assessment area to be benefited are as follows:

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As said hearing objections to said improvement will be heard. The report of the City Manager and all related documents are on file with the City Clerk and made available for public inspection as required by the City Charter. The City Administration will main notice of the Public Hearing to all affected property owners.

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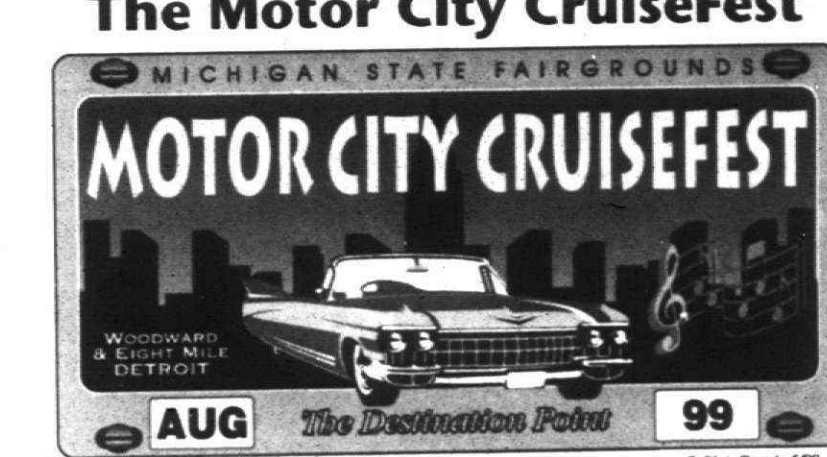
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

SUMMER BIRD HIKES
Maybury State Park in Northville Township hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. The next hike will take place at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 12. Meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Rd. 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. These hikes provide a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. Each hike lasts one to two hours. The hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

DAIRY DAY
Come to Maybury State Park for Dairy Day, June 12 in National Dairy Month and each year Maybury Farm celebrates with dairy activities. This year's event begins at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 12. Learn about milk and dairy processing. Visitors may participate in demonstrations and hands-on activities to learn how dairy products are made, including cheese, butter, and ice cream. All activities take place in the Farm Demonstration Building, Maybury State Park is on Eight Mile, west of Beck in Northville Township. The day's activities are free; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

FAMILY FISHING
To celebrate Michigan's annual Free Fishing Week, Maybury State Park will host a Family Fishing program from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 13. Each year on this weekend residents may fish without a license throughout the state. Park staff will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques and help beginners get started. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if you don't have your own. Maybury Pond is located inside the Beck Road entrance to Maybury State Park, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. Park staff will be on hand to help and follow the signs to the pond. This is a free event; however, a state park motor vehicle permit will be required for entry to the park.

STONE WORKSHOP
Make your own personalized outdoor stepping stones (at least three) with ceramic tile pieces and cement 12:30-4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 19, rain date, June 26) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. Participants will break the tiles, design a mosaic, mix cement and pour into a rectangular form (additional embellishments in wet cement possible). If you have material of your own to incorporate into your creation, bring it. Wear old

clothes and gloves; bring kneecaps. All materials provided. Cost is \$46. Call (734) 416-4278.

ART AND CRAFT SHOW
The eighth annual Fine Art & Craft Show occurs 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 20, at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Over 90 artists are featured. Included this year are artists from the College for Creative Studies; the Downriver Art Spirit Club; Highland artist James William; Brighton artist Michael Glenn Monroe; and Taylor resident Vivian Longfellow. Admission and parking are free. This event is sponsored in part by Canton Township Parks and Recreation and D & M Studio. Call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

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

AROUND TOWN

EAAT AND FLY
The Experimental Aircraft Association chapter based at Mettetal Airport in Canton will host a pancake breakfast and aircraft display 7 a.m.-noon on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. The event will be on the airport grounds at the southeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads in Canton. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be available at a cost of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. The event is a fund-raiser for the EAA scholarship program and will include the presentation of two scholarship recipients for 1999, Timothy Bruce of Salem High School and Jesse Clark of Milford High School. For information, call Mike Sovell, (734) 462-1176 or Doug Shumard, (734) 433-0809.

ADOPT A DUCK
The first-ever Great Canton Duck Derby is fast approaching. Participants can "adopt" ducks for the

Saluting the Brightest and Best



Achievers: Four Canton residents were recipients this spring of the Brightest and Best awards from WXYZ-TV in the station's 20th annual public service campaign honoring top high school graduates from southeastern Michigan. Pictured (from left) are Kimberly Ther, Agape Christian Academy; Valerie Taylor, Plymouth Canton High School; WXYZ-TV reporter Shellee Smith; Evan Leung, Plymouth Salem High School; and Katherine Hoover, John Glenn High School.

Friday, Aug. 13, event at Heritage Park. Adopt ducks at locations around the township including the parks and recreation office at the Summit and at other summer events such as Liberty Fest or concerts in the park. Cost is \$2 for one duck; \$5 for three ducks; or \$11 for seven ducks. Each duck will be entered in the derby and eligible to win prizes including round-trip airline tickets, auto, graphed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 Savings Bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. For information, call the parks and recreation office, (734) 397-5110.

SUMMER CAMP
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth and Canton is offering fun summer adventures. Village classes end July 27. All classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 4500 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). Call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

YOGA WORKSHOP
There will be a yoga workshop, "Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Principles of the Body," at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton on Canton Center at Palmer. There

will be four classes on Wednesdays, evening only, through June 23. Presented by Jacqui Magon. Cost is \$40. No walk-ins. Call (734) 398-7557.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will offer professional instruction of Kinder-musik, voice and piano, has started registration for the Kindermusik Summer Adventure Program for children 18 months to 7 years, and Kindermusik Village for newborns to 17 months. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

ART LECTURE
In conjunction with the DIA and Plymouth Canton Community Education, the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a lecture at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 15. The speaker will discuss how and why artists choose to incorporate plants in the images they created. Registration is required. Cost is \$4. Call (734) 416-4278.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CrossWinds Community Church invites children to Vacation Bible School. Preschool (age 3) through sixth grade are welcome. There is no fee, but registration is required by June 12. The SonCastle Fair Vacation Bible School is

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, June 20, through Thursday, June 24. CrossWinds Community Church is located at 45701 Ford in Canton. Call 981-0499.

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER
The Trailwood Garden Club of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association sponsors the fourth annual "Flowers Are Forever" garden walk on Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the walk. Tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center, Good's Nursery, Piccadilly's in Old Village, Plymouth Nursery, Backyard Birds and Ribar Flowers. Backyard Birds and Piccadilly's offer discount coupons. Free refreshments will be served the day of the walk at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The arts council will be featuring a floral display. Call (734) 459-7146 or (734) 454-4625.

GARAGE SALE
St. Thomas A'Becket will hold its annual garage sale from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, June 24, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26. St. Thomas A'Becket is located at 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill Road. For

more information, call Dawn at (734) 981-4877.

SOCCER LEAGUE
The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following Adult 6-on-6 Soccer Leagues: Men's Open (18 and older), Men's Masters (30 and older), Women's Open (18 and older), Women's Master (30 and older). Registration deadline is June 16. Minimum of seven games. Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fees. Season starts week of June 28. Call (734) 455-6620.

SUMMER THEATER CAMP
West Middle School in Plymouth will hold a summer theater camp 9 a.m.-noon July 6-16 for grades 1-6. Cost is \$114. This program is under the direction of a professional actress and director who specializes in youth theater. Call (734) 416-4927.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMP
West Middle School in Plymouth will hold a Spanish/French/Italian summer camp 9 a.m.-noon July 19-23 for grades 1-6. Adventure summer camps will explore the customs, history and cultures through music, games, crafts and cooking. A T-shirt is included. Cost is \$85. For more information, call (734) 416-4927.

ART CLASSES
D&M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult. Call (734) 453-3710.

CREATIVE DAY
Registration for fall preschool is open at Creative Day Nursery School for both morning and afternoon classes in Canton. Creative Day is at 44815 Cherry Hill.

REGISTRATION
Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is in Livonia, at Case Elementary, 34633 Minger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP NURSERY
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes for 18 months through five years of age. Located in Livonia, bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADULT DAY CARE
Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-

1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

STARTING OVER
Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP
The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mtgs@mediana.net

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs for members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, and helps them learn to rebuild a new life. The free meetings take place 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

DIVORCECARE
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets 7 p.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton. Child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features experts on divorce and recovery. Seminar sessions include facing anger, facing loneliness, depression, new relationships, self-care and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. Call Bernice at (734) 459-3333.

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

MDDA
The Manic Depressive Association meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center, Canton Center and Summit Parkway, Canton. Family members are also encouraged to come. Call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

IMPOTENCE
Botsford Hospital's "Help for Impotent Men" free support group meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Call (248) 477-6100.

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

SUMMER ODYSSEY
Summer Odyssey is divided into three two-week sessions. Students may register for any or all of the three sessions which meet Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Session I - June 21-July 2 • Session II - July 12-July 23
• Session III - August 2-August 13

Cost of each session is \$495 and covers materials, facility use and instruction. Phone 248-204-4050 for more information and your personal registration packet!

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Canton residents, Barbara Buchanan, Susan Hager, Theresa Sedler and Chris Sprague, and Plymouth residents Dawn Speckman and Tracey Yurko, earned an associate of arts degree in the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business (OMNIBUS) program, the first academic offering of its kind in the state. Having earned their associate's degree from Schoolcraft College, these students will now continue their course work at Madonna University. They are on track to be awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December 2000, followed by a master's degree in business administration in July 2001.

'Austin Powers' dolls are latest action figure additions

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Yeah baby!
Austin Powers fans who were seduced by his charm and overwhelmed by his charisma and mass of chest hair can now take him home.

McFarlane Toys, based in Plymouth, is introducing a line of toys in conjunction with the June 11 release of "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (PG-13).

The seven-piece set stars Austin Powers in his red velvet suit and wearing his Union Jack undies; Felicity Shagwell, the sexpot CIA agent; Dr. Evil, Austin Powers' arch nemesis; Fat Man, a Scottish character in the movie; and "Mini Me," a clone of Dr. Evil gone awry.

They are available in area toy and specialty stores. McFarlane Toys in Plymouth is the world headquarters and warehouse and not a store where items may be purchased.

"We think this might be something that may bring us to the next level because of the power behind this," said James Hedstrom, senior vice president of sales for McFarlane Toys. "This thing is growing. We've got the psychedelic kick right now. It's really an evogue."

McFarlane Toys is owned by Ahwatukee, Ariz., resident Todd McFarlane, the mastermind behind the "Spawn" comic books,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSKIMANN

Look-alikes: Mike Myers was "instantly smitten" with the Austin Powers doll McFarlane Toys created, but it took four tries to create a doll that met with actress Heather Graham's approval.

movies, HBO series, and dolls. McFarlane Toys has also created dolls for "The X-Files" movie and the rock band Kiss, among others.

Five-month project
McFarlane Toys was contracted to produce the dolls in December.

The company had five months to design, market and produce the line. New Line Cinema gave McFarlane Toys free rein on the project.

"They let us do what we wanted; you look at Dr. Evil, for example, and you see how close it is," he said. "You look at the

picture. He's more like an animated look there, but we captured something. I think they did a beautiful job on these."

An 18-inch version of "Mini Me" will hit stores later this summer. Hedstrom explained that he expects "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" to be

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Dolls spell success for McFarlane Toys

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This is going to be a busy year for Plymouth-based McFarlane Toys and its owner, Todd McFarlane.

The toy manufacturer's 1999 line-up includes dolls in honor of the 30th anniversary of The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine," Ozzy Osbourne, creepy movie characters and the live-action film "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci.

James Hedstrom, senior vice president of sales for McFarlane Toys, expects his company to make a big splash with "Yellow Submarine." The dolls are due out this fall in conjunction with the re-release of the movie.

"Each Beatle has a very distinct figure from the movie," he said. "We grouped the Beatle based on how we think they sell. John (Lennon) is with a blue meanie. George (Harrison), in terms of the hierarchy of The Beatles, might be the least popular, if you can say that, so we put him with the yellow submarine."

The "Yellow Submarine" as well as a few "Movie Maniacs" dolls were shown during a sneak preview at a recent comic convention at the Novi Expo Center.

The "Movie Maniacs" line features characters from horror flicks, including "Leatherface" from "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." This fall, the "Movie Maniacs" line will include "Chucky," "The Crow," "Pump-

kinhead," Anthony Perkins' Norman Bates from "Psycho," Halloween's "Mike Myers" and the "Scream" figure.

McFarlane Toys originally passed on the "Sleepy Hollow" project, but the film's director, Tim Burton, stepped in.

"What happened was another smaller company that tries to compete with us, they grabbed it," said Hedstrom. "Tim Burton found out about it, and when he found out, he called Todd personally and said, 'Why didn't you take the license? We wanted you to do it.'"

The dolls will hit stores this fall.

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RUMMAGE SALE
Lola Valley United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 10, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church, Delaware at Puritan in Redford.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Festivities include strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot and cold beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts, children's games and more.

FAITH INCUBATORS
Rich Melheim, a Lutheran pastor, will present an energetic, insightful new way to do Confirmation with youth at a Faith Incubators Conference 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The free learning event will also include the "Total Family Stepping Stones" concepts. There also will be music, games and creative commercials modeled at 6:30 p.m. June 11. To register, call Faith Incubators at (888) 55-FAITH.

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Wailing Wall performs at St. Michael's

For most, Jews and Jesus go together like matzo balls and Christmas. If you agree with the notion, Jews for Jesus' music team, The Liberated Wailing Wall, is out to prove you wrong — with a song.

The Liberated Wailing Wall will tell the story of Jews coming to believe in Jesus through music, drama and personal testimony at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

For more information, call St. Michael at (734) 459-3333.

Jews for Jesus developed Jewish gospel style music a quarter of a century ago. They wanted music with a harmony and rhythm that could blend their Jewishness with a message proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah. The troupe was surprised to find others enjoyed their minor key music, too.

"Our music reflects many styles of Jewish and Christian worship," said team leader Tova Rose. "We use a variety of instruments to achieve our sound, including the piano, guitar, violin and dumbek (a Middle Eastern drum)."

"Some of the songs capture the poignant longing that has been a part of our synagogue worship throughout the ages. Some are in the style of the Eastern European klezmerim. Others are bursting with the same joyful exuberance you expect to find



The Liberated Wailing Wall at an American Jewish wedding.

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cost is \$5), outdoor tennis 4:30 p.m. until dark Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 1 Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays at Rotary Park and biking to various locations at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the church.

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New Testament — according to Rose.

Jews for Jesus is an independent missionary organization founded in 1973 by Moishe Rosen. Now based in 10 countries, the organization's goal is to let Jewish people know that the gospel is for them — that belief in Jesus does not take away one's Jewish culture and heritage.

"Jews for Jesus began as a slogan, became a movement, then an organization and now it is the generic name for the tens of thousands of Jews who have come to faith in Jesus in recent years," said David Brickner, Jews for Jesus executive director. "Our message is that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world."

"We are Jews who think this is good news to tell everyone."

The music team members consider themselves first Jews for Jesus evangelists and, secondly, artists.

"We use music and drama to tell the Jesus story — and all with a distinctly Jewish accent," said Rose.

They also see themselves as communicators, ambassadors who promote understanding and reconciliation between Christian and Jews. The Liberated Wailing Wall fills this role in a unique way.

Woven into its music program are short personal testimonies of how members came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

The ordinations are part of Province Days, a two-day gathering of Detroit and Chicago Province Jesuits at John Carroll University.

The son of James and Maurine Kelly of Redford, he is a graduate of Bishop Borgess High School and the University of

Detroit. He taught high school for several years before attending Harvard Divinity School where he earned a master of theological studies degree. He entered the novitiate in 1991 and studied theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

Kelly will say his first Mass at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford.

WOMEN'S AGLOW
Marie Yates of Largo, Fla., will be the guest when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12, at AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton.

Yates has a unique way of sharing God's truths through her life experiences. She is a Bible teacher and co-author of "Learning to Recognize God's Voice." Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Penny at (734) 261-5268.

MONOPOLY
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host Life-Sized Monopoly noon-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. The cost will be \$5 per person for a half hour of playing time. Proceeds will benefit the Workcamp Mission trip. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

Flea Market
Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs \$20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Emmanuel Lutheran Church will host the "Cross Roads" Christian day camp by LORMM 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The camp for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade will feature a week of games, crafts, water play, Bible stories and fun. The cost is \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$25 for each additional child. To register, call (248) 442-8822.

RICE MEMORIAL
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Gospel Rock," 6-8 p.m. June 21-24 at the church,

20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The program is for children ages 3-12 and will include music, Bible study, story time and "fun snacks." There also will be a family hot dog party 6-8 p.m. June 25 and children will sing at an outside picnic service on June 27. The cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-4907.

BEREAN BAPTIST
Children are invited to come and explore the vacation Bible school "Jungle Journey" 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Children will see trees and vines, lizards and frogs and other jungle stuff with the help of jungle guide N. DeAnna Jones. There will be Bible stories and memory verses, crafts, songs, skits, games and more for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call (248) 477-6365.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

St. John's Lutheran Church is accepting registration for its vacation Bible school, scheduled for June 21-25 at the church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 service drive, Redford. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each day. Classes for ages 3-adults will be 6-8:15 p.m. The theme is based on a Holy Land archeological dig, and activities will include drama, crafts, music, Bible stories and games. To register, call (313) 538-2660 or visit the church office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

AGAPE FAMILY WORSHIP
Agape Family Worship Center will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the center, 45081 Geddes Road, Canton. The theme will be "Veggie Tales Part II." For more information, call (734) 397-0357.

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Memorial Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "Broadcasting His Light to the World," 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For one week, the church will become the home of TV station WSFJ (We Shine for Jesus), with the junior reporters broadcasting His light to the world while enjoying crafts, music, games and other activities. Classes also will collect food for the Benevolence Food Closet. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will host a Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-27 at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information about the vacation Bible school, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
Children are invited to come to a "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure" where the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure at Trinity Presbyterian Church, West Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township. The vacation Bible school will be 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 for children entering kindergarten through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Wednesday evening is family night with a family scavenger hunt, snacks, incredible obstacle course and a visit from "Washtenaw Jones." For more information, call (734) 459-9550.

CROSSWINDS COMMUNITY
CrossWinds Community Church will host SonCastle Faire, a vacation Bible school for ages 3 through sixth-graders, 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24 at the church, 45701 Ford Road, Canton. There will be songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. Children must be registered by June 12. For more information or to register, call (734) 981-0499.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend the Jungle Journey vacation Bible school 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 21-25 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program will include Bible stories, drama, snacks, music, games, crafts and preparing health kits. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN
Children ages 4 through the fifth grade are invited to a castle adventure set in merry old England. Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, SonCastle Faire, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 21-25 at

the church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. SonCastle Faire will feature songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. Everything will draw to a conclusion at the closing program, a musical event for the whole family, at 7 p.m. Friday, June 25. The cost is \$5. To register or for more information, call the church at (734) 459-0013.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The school is for children ages 3 through sixth grade and costs \$5 per child. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

Chorus presents concert

If you're into listening to harmony, the place to be Thursday, June 10, will be Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

The Spirit of Detroit Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International will present at free concert under the stars, beginning at 8 p.m. Also performing will be the award-winning quartets Harmonix and Vocal Point.

The chorus has performed throughout the metropolitan area and has an extensive repertoire that includes songs from Broadway to Motown, Big Band to Jazz.

Under the direction of LeAnn

Hazlett, the chorus took first-place honors in regional competition last month, scoring 644 points, the highest score ever awarded in Region 2 competition. They will now compete against Sweet Adelines choruses from around the world at international competition in September 2000 in Orlando, Fla.

The chorus rehearses 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

For more information, call Pam Majewski at (734) 495-4049 or Carol McKee at (734) 459-3785.

Gladden from page B1

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Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

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Vipers strike

The Canton Vipers, an under-14 boys premier soccer team, finished first in their division at the Canton Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day weekend, going undefeated and unscored upon in five matches. The Vipers defeated the Royal Oak Raptors 1-0, Michigan United 2-0, the Plymouth Kicks 2-0, the Red Arrows 5-0 and, in the title game, the Canton Impact 1-0.

Viper team members are Andy Boyer, Nick Brown, Carl Fanning, Scott Foess, Mike Goethe, Andy Howald, Jason Lenahan, Jason Lewis, Greg Musser, Joe Pomorski, Kevin Savitskie, Jeremy Schemanski, Adam Serafin, Steve Shull, Todd Tindall, Anthony Tolomeo and Pat Zemanski. The Vipers are coached by Dave Foess and Mark Zemanski; Bill Joker is the team trainer.

Dynamite explode

The Canton Dynamite, an under-11 girls select soccer team, earned the Blue Division title at the Canton Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day weekend, following a scoreless tie against the Novi Jaguars with wins over the Rochester Thunder 4-0, the Perrysburg (Ohio) Stingers 4-0, the Vicksburg Red Dogs 1-0 and, in the finals, the Grosse Pointe Dragons 3-0.

Dynamite players are Kendra Armstrong, Angie Bond, Lauren Delapaz, Jenna Dreher, Lindsey Fanning, Jessica Hanley, Becky Houdek, Megan Justus, Ashley Kline, Jenny Krajovic, Mary Matarella, Christina Moniodis, Courtney Pickard, Brittney Scero, Claire Zelmanski and Kelsey Zelmanski. Team coaches are Craig Pickard, Mark Zemanski and Mark Kline.

Father's Day golf

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 18th annual Father's Day 3-Person Golf Scrambles Tournament Sunday, June 20 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Tee times start at 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$100 per team, which includes greens fees, awards and snack lunch.

Teams will compete for awards for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and to the top three teams.

There are no residency requirements. Deadline to register is June 17. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking registrations for its Fall Youth Soccer programs throughout the month of June, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Recreation office (located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth).

The cost for six, seven and eight year-olds is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents; for under-nine year-olds and those above, the cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Hawks, Wolves soccer

The Michigan Hawks (girls) and Michigan Wolves (boys) will be having tryouts for all of their premier-level soccer teams Tuesday at Wixom Total Soccer. These teams have produced 60 state champions, seven regional champions and three national champions, and have placed approximately 110 members into the state Olympic Development Program.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their tryout time to sign in. Players requesting to play up in age must provide a letter in advance to the club.

Tryouts for the under-18 Wolves and Hawks will be at 3 p.m.; the under-17 Wolves and Hawks, 3 p.m.; the under-16 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-15 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-14 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-13 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-12 Wolves and Hawks, 7:30 p.m.; the under-11 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 15 players per team), 7:30 p.m.; the under-10 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 12 players per team), 5:30 p.m.; and the under-nine Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 12 players per team), 5:30 p.m.

All tryouts are at Wixom Total Soccer. For more information, call (734) 427-3336 or (248) 476-3141.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Forced: Stevenson's Brian Campbell is out at second as Salem's Corey Wacker tries to double up Pete Pinto at first.

Salem stopped in final

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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The Plymouth Salem baseball team came unraveled in the fifth inning of its district final against Livonia Stevenson on Saturday at Salem as the Spartans went on to a 14-9 win.

The victory puts the Spartans (20-9 overall) against host Brighton (34-5) in the Division I regional semifinal beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday.

Following a dramatic 8-7 last-inning win over Plymouth Canton earlier in the day, Salem started quickly, scoring four first-inning runs.

Stevenson, however, evened the score in their half of the first inning by utilizing speed on the basepaths and well-placed sacrifice hitting.

"We had to hit to win," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden. "And we did."

Weingarden said his squad is playing some of its best baseball of the season.

"Right now we are," he added. "We've been playing well, but this is the best we've played all season."

DISTRICT BASEBALL

Salem was thwarted from collecting its sixth district title in the 1990s, having won in '90, '91 and '93-'95.

"We didn't pitch well today," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger after his team's loss. "That and we made some uncharacteristic errors that cost us. We had plenty of opportunities but we just didn't capitalize on them."

The decisive fifth inning, in which Salem allowed eight runs on six Stevenson hits, turned an offensive battle between the two teams into a lopsided victory for the Spartans.

"They did have a few hits that inning but we just made it worse (with errors)," said Rumberger.

Rock pitchers hit two batsmen, walked two more, and an easy pop fly (which would have ended the inning) was lost in the sun by an outfielder during

Please see **BASEBALL, C2**

Salem star gains state crown

BY C.J. RISAK
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The last time this happened was 1993. That's when Plymouth Salem's Tonya Wheeler captured the 400-meter run, helping the Rocks finish second in the state in girls track.

It was their best season ever, although they've had some good ones since. It was also the second-straight state title in the 400 for Wheeler.

Salem coach Mark Gregor hopes there are some similarities. Because Wheeler's experience and leadership were key ingredients in the Rocks making it to No. 2.

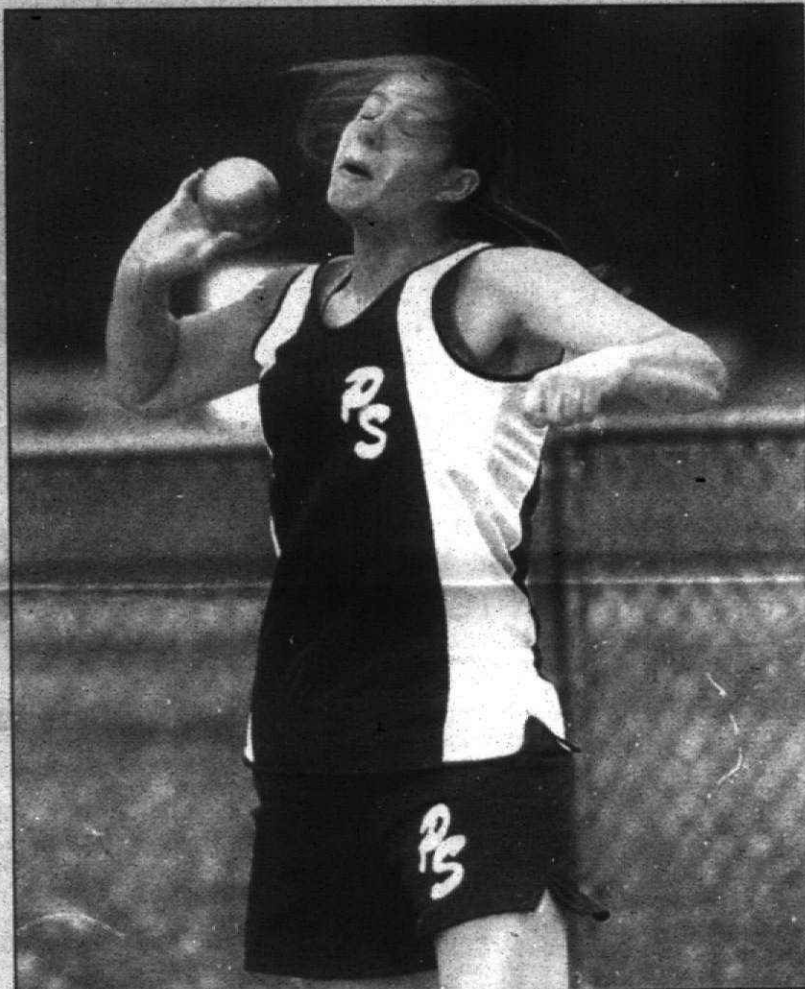
Now they have another state champion to build around: Tiffany Grubaugh.

A junior, Grubaugh uncorked a toss of 134-feet, 7-inches in a preliminary round in the discus at last Saturday's Class A state finals in Midland. It was nearly four feet short of her season-best effort, but it was good enough. Grubaugh, in her third season as a state-meet qualifier, walked away with the state title.

"Going in, I thought I might place higher in the discus than the shot put because I had the best throw in the state going in," Grubaugh said. Her previous state-meet experience helped, to be sure. "My plan was that whoever had the best throw in the pre-lims would be in a good position, because in this event if you try harder, it usually doesn't work so well. You usually throw better when you're relaxed."

Grubaugh's eventual winning toss came in her second attempt.

"She actually went like a survivor in that event," said Gregor. "She sort of pressed when she got to the finals."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

What a meet! Tiffany Grubaugh recorded her second best effort of the season in the shot put to finish third at state. In the discus, no one did better at state than the Salem junior.

We thought to win it, she'd have to throw in the high 130s. But her throw in the pre-lims held up."

Adrian's Shanna Dubose, who came into the meet as the No. 1 seed, finished just behind Grubaugh with a throw of 134-1.

The shot put was much tougher. "In the shot, I realized I didn't have as good a chance to win," Grubaugh admitted. Indeed, the first- and second-place finishers each had throws more than a foot better than Grubaugh's season-best.

"I was hoping I could jump up to second, but they both threw farther than I ever had," she said. "I was happy with third."

Grubaugh's effort of 40-5 1/2 was just short of her personal best (40-11, recorded at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions June 1). "Under that kind of pressure, that was very good," said Gregor.

April Phillips of Fraser won the shot with a toss of 43-8 3/4; Nicole Brown of Benton Harbor was second (42-3/4).

As for her accomplishments — she scored all 16 of Salem's team points — Grubaugh, who attended the team banquet Tuesday night, was still a bit numb. "It feels really good," she said. "If you had told me at the beginning of the season I'd be a state champion, I wouldn't have believed it. I'm still in disbelief."

Her collegiate future is still undetermined. Grubaugh returned to the gym Monday to practice her jump shot; she's also one of the top basketball players in the state. She does plan to spend a good bit of time in the weight room over the next year.

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Chapman scores for Chiefs; Rocks fall short

BY C.J. RISAK
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Last Saturday at the Class A boys state track finals in Midland, the season ended with optimism for Plymouth Canton and in disappointment for Plymouth Salem.

The Chiefs had the best of the finishes: Jordan Chapman, a sophomore, placed sixth in the state by equalling his best high jump of the year: 6-feet, 4-inches.

Two other sophomores also had standout perfor-

BOYS TRACK

mances for Canton. Chris Kalis, who had also cleared 6-4 in the high jump this season, got past his opening height of 5-11 but could not clear 6-2. "He's still nursing the hamstring he hurt five weeks ago," said Canton coach Bob Richardson.

Jerry Gaines, the third sophomore, turned in a solid albeit non-scoring performance in the 400-meters. He was timed at 50.6.

Other Chiefs to run at state were Steve Blossom, a senior, in the 800 (2:03.7); the 4x800 relay team of Blossom, Jason Rutter, Andy Tessema and Marty Kane (8:20.0); and the 4x100 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and David Thomas, who set a personal record of 44.0.

"We were real pleased," said Richardson. "We only have six seniors on this team."

For Salem, the frustration was palpable. "Over the last few years, we've been pretty healthy," said

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Ousted Farmington jolts Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
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It was . . . unexpected. Not just by Plymouth Canton, a softball team that was state-ranked, that had been to the state semifinals last year and fully intended on making on a return trip. But the outcome was also a surprise to Farmington, a team with a losing record, that had won nothing, a team that had no idea of what it was capable.

Until Saturday's Division I district championship game.

Farmington 3, Canton 1.

It was one of the bigger upsets of the state district tournament. The Chiefs finish with a 30-4 record; Farmington, now 12-18, advances to Saturday's

DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Division I regional tournament at Brighton HS versus the host team, the Brighton Bulldogs (32-8), in the second regional semifinal; the game will start approximately 30 minutes after the end of the first game.

In the first regional semifinal, Ann Arbor Pioneer (21-19) goes against Highland Milford (11-26) at 10 a.m. The championship will be 30 minutes after the end of the second semifinal.

"It is unbelievable. I didn't know if the girls thought they could do it," said Farmington coach Jerry Osborne.

"When (Melissa) Mytty is on (the

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Close call: Farmington's Julie Rotenheber and Canton catcher Kathleen Mokienco look to the umpire for his call on a play at the plate. Rotenheber was called out, but Farmington still won.

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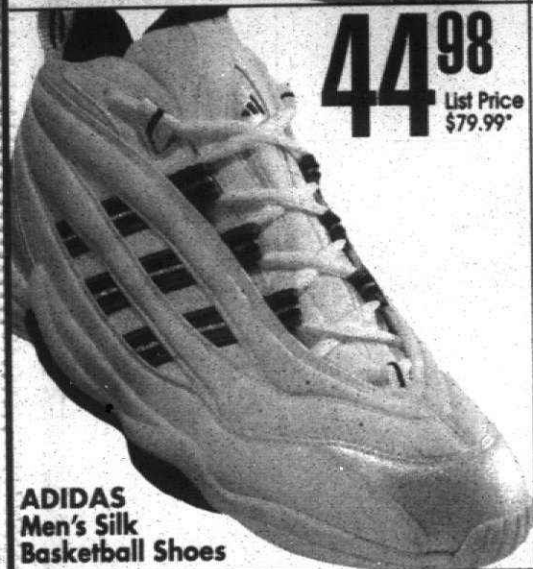


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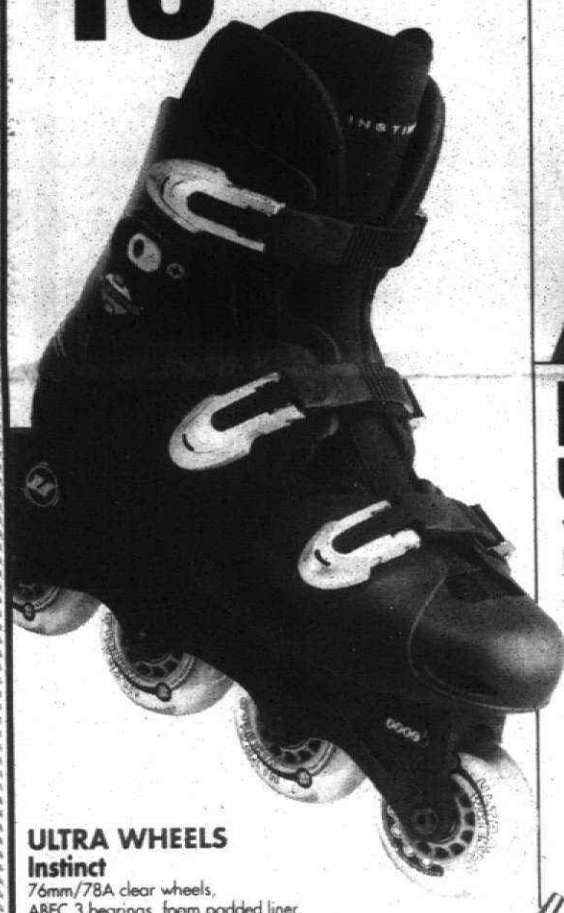
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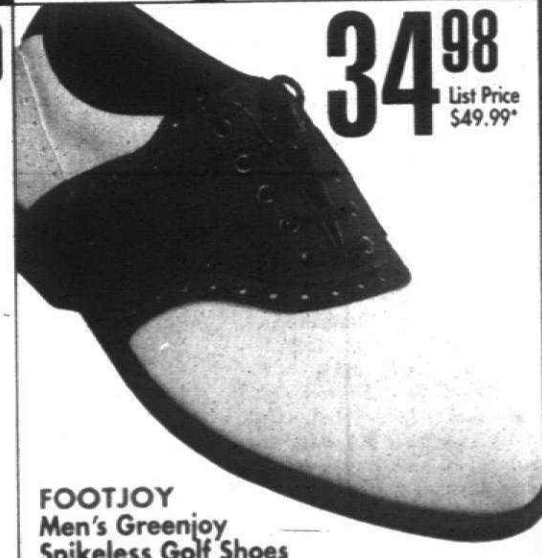
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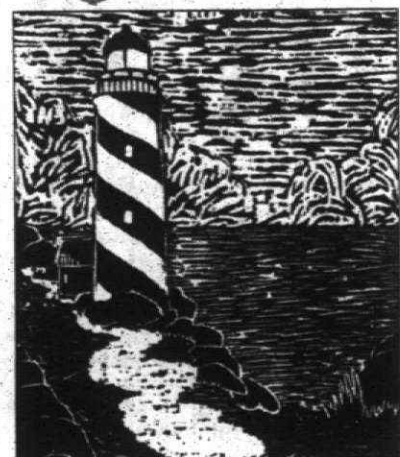
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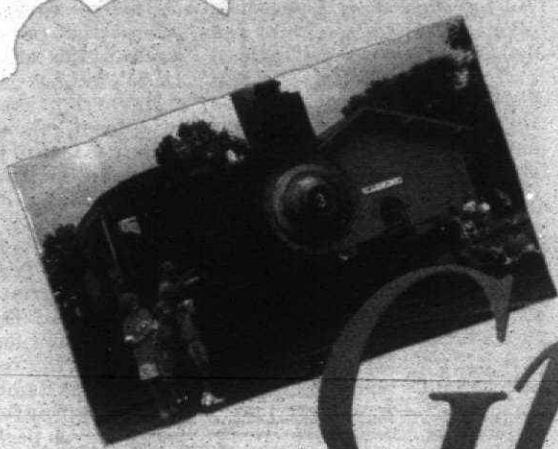


Michael McCullough is one of more than 200 artists participating in the Livonia Arts Festival, an outdoor arts and crafts show and a fine arts exhibit, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Call (734) 466-2540 for more information.

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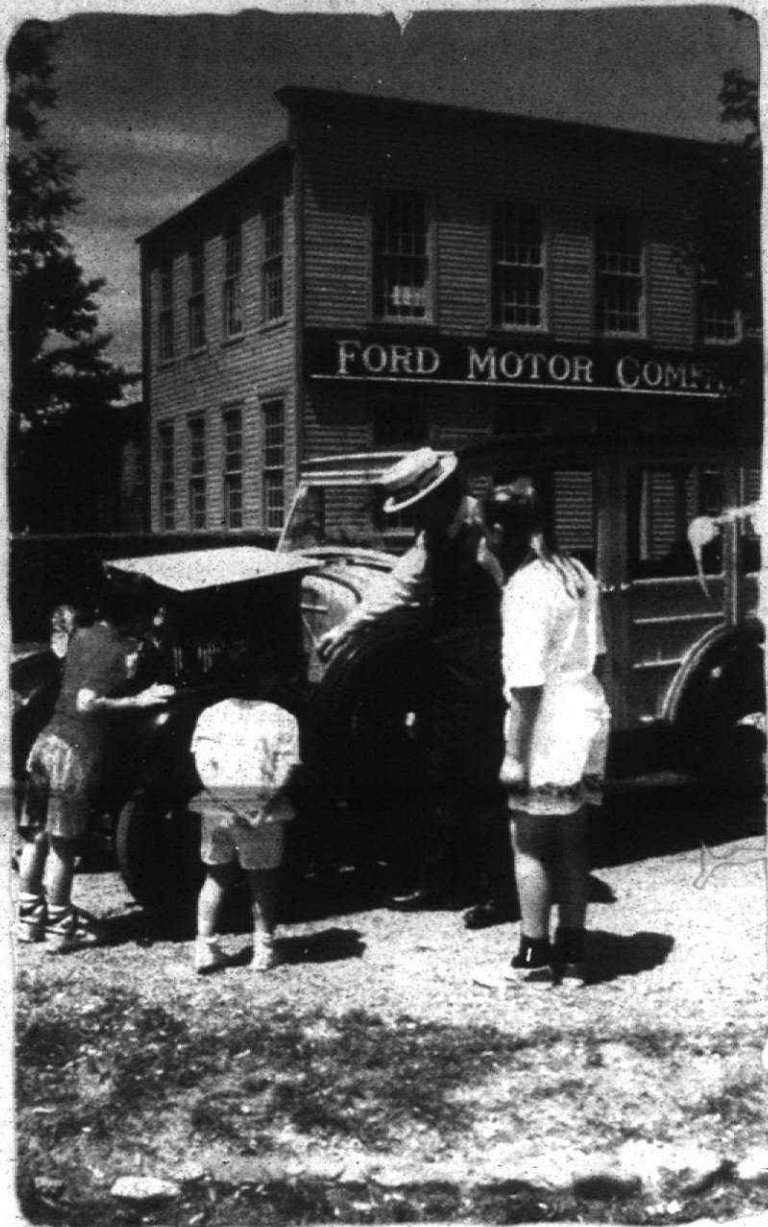


The fifth annual West Bloomfield Art Festival showcases works by more than 200 artists, including K. Samson, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield campus, 6777 W. Maple Road. For information, call (248) 626-3636 for more information.



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Trip to yesteryear: Experience forms of transportation used by our ancestors during the Summer Festival at Greenfield Village.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Henry Ford's passion for tinkering with engines may have driven him from the time he was a boy, but the auto legend wasn't born with a wrench in his hand, at least according to Matthew Talbot.

Talbot plays Ford in a new dramatization during the Summer Festival, June 12 to Aug. 22, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. One of the numerous activities offered at the village, visitors learn about the man behind the car during Talbot's dramatization.

As a boy, there was nothing that stamped Ford as a man who would invent the assembly line and build a historic village where people could return to yesteryear. What set Ford apart from peers was that his dreams were bigger than most.

"Ford talks about his childhood and how he loves to work on engines," said Talbot, a graduate of the Hilberry master of fine arts program at Wayne State University. "He tells about the early days of building the quadricycle, his first automobile. It's interesting to see someone before they get famous, that he was a man, just another guy."

Ford is just one of the American dreamers brought to life at the summer celebration of men and women who saw how great America could be and set out to change it. From Orville and Wilbur Wright to George Washington Carver, and the African-American slaves struggling for their freedom, you listen

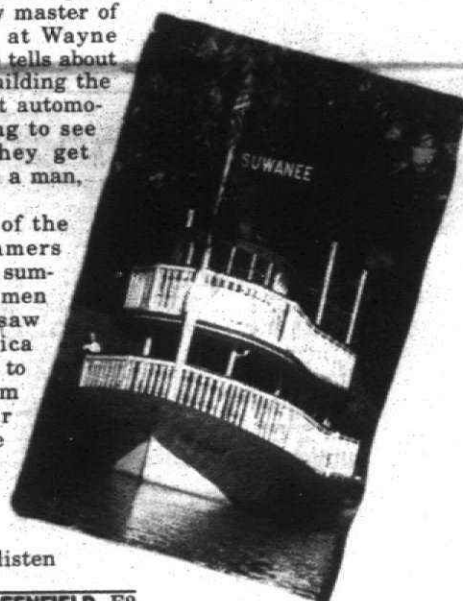
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THEME WEEKENDS: Motor Muster June 19-20, Colonial Life Festival June 26-27, Salute to America Concerts with the DSO and fireworks July 1-4 (for information, call (313) 982-6185), Celebration of Emancipation Aug. 7-8.



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MUSIC

Irish musicians play off each other's strengths

Irish music celebration featuring the Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupai Cheoil "band of musicians" with world champion Irish step dancers Paul Cusack and Mike Belvitch, and local Irish musicians perform 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett, (between Packard and South Industrial), Ann Arbor and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the A.O.H. Hall, 24242 Grand River (one block west of Telegraph), Detroit. A donation of \$8 at the door recommended for both concerts. For information about the June 11 concert call (734) 944-9358; call (313) 537-3489 for information about the June 12 concert.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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When Sean Gavin and his friends get together to play, they might do a few jigs, reels and marches, then a couple of slow airs.

"That's what we do together," said Gavin of Redford who is 12. "We play music, Irish music." Gavin plays flute and penny whistle, Jeremy Kittel, 14, plays the fiddle, Tyler Duncan, 13, uilleann pipes, Colleen Burke, 14, harp, and Colleen Shanks, who just turned 16, plays penny whistle. Together they are the Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupai Cheoil (Irish for "band of musicians").

On Friday and Saturday they are performing two concerts to raise money for a trip to County

Wexford, Ireland, in August to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann — the equivalent of the world championships in Irish music.

In addition to the "band of musicians," the concerts will feature world championship Irish step dancers Paul Cusack and Mike Belvitch of Plymouth, and other local Irish entertainers and musicians. Cusack is joining Riverdance in August, and Belvitch, who was also accepted into the group, will join the tour after he graduates next year.

In April the band of young musicians surprised everyone when they won first place in the U.S. Midwest Irish music competition qualifying for the national competition in Ireland.

"It was quite a shocker for the other schools, like taking a cold shower," said Terence McKinney who has been working with the group for nearly a year. "This was a major upset, very unexpected."

Gavin and his friends competed against groups as large as 20 musicians. "It proves that numbers don't count," McKinney said. Unlike Chicago and other cities, Detroit doesn't have a professional school of Irish music. All of the students in the group were privately taught by different teachers.

"They're musicians well beyond their years," McKinney said. "The challenge was to make them

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Young champion: Flutist Sean Gavin is an award-winning musician who will be competing in Ireland this August.



Hot Tix: Sixth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, Saturday-Saturday, June 12-26, offers 22 concerts in nine venues. Violinist Ida Kavafian performs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, (one mile west of Telegraph), Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 362-6171 for more information. See schedule inside.

Greenfield

to their stories at Greenfield Village during the summer. After seeing Talbot's enlightening monologues, visitors can tour Ford's birthplace where he lived and dreamed until leaving for the city at age 16. Drift back to the folk era with the guitar and fiddle music of the Jim Perkins Duo of Farmington Hills. The festival delivers history every step of the way as it has for the last 70 years.

"If they've never been here since middle school, they think that it's a neat place but never get around to visiting," said Daniel Kirk, program developer, special events. "There's so much to do from games and bands to hearing history. If you just come to see the performances to fill up the day, you'll never see the same thing twice."

Period games on the Village Green bring back memories of the fun kids and adults used to have on sizzling summer days before computers and the Internet were all the rage. Roll a wooden hoop or walk on wooden stilts for a trip back to a time when plastic action figures were but a dream in an inventor's eye.

"It's fun because these kids are used to Nintendo and they have a ball spinning tops. Costumed presenters help with the games," Kirk said.

Dramatic presentations, hands-on activities and entertainment treat visitors to a different theme every month from vintage vehicles to colonial life and the emancipation as they "Live the American Dream." Fireworks and "Salute to America Concerts" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra ring in the Fourth of July.

A pair of oxen, a 1950s Buick and a Disneyland band playing on a horse-drawn wagon will add to the festivities in a daily parade at 1 p.m.

Car-lovers' heaven
From all over the Midwest and upstate New York, private owners of production automobiles from the 1933 to 1969 bring their wheels to the Motor Muster June 19-20. A special display of Packards honors the 100th anniversary of the Packard Motor Car Co. "It's a lot of fun from the Tin Can Tourists with their motorhomes and trailers to vintage motorcycles, trucks and bicycles," Kirk said. "People enjoy talking to the participants too."

18th century life
The Colonial Life Festival, June 26-27, features 20 military re-enactment units. Peek inside a tent to learn what life was like for the soldiers back then or

CLARIFICATION

In a June 3 Entertainment story about "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," it should have identified the director as Edgar A. Guest III.

EMU has 'Fantastick' production

Eastern Michigan University presents "The Fantasticks," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 20 minutes in advance, call (734) 487-1221. BY BOB WEIBEL, SPECIAL WRITER

Two professional actors, and Eastern Michigan University alumni, Dennis Cockrum (1977) and Mike McCafferty (1993) return to campus as guest artists in a subtle and luminous production of "The Fantasticks."

The venerable little musical about the mystery of love by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt is part of a continuing celebration by EMU of its 150 anniversary. Cockrum, a Plymouth High School graduate, and McCafferty have appeared in a variety of roles for film, TV and the stage.

Their experience was evident in the sparkle and style they bring to the roles bubbling

fathers (Bellomy and Hucklebee). Unknown to their daughter and son, the two conspire to arrange the marriage of their children — who have fallen hopelessly in love. Similarly, the two young lovers hide their affection for each other from their bickering fathers. Cockrum and McCafferty reveal the logic of their ways in a nifty song and dance number "Never Say No" as they sing, "Dogs got to bark, mules got to bray, children must have their own way, the minute you say no!"

"The Fantasticks" while simple in style is very theatrical. A mute, played effectively by Charles Ganchette, sprinkles a little magic dust, is handy with the appropriate prop, or erects a wall with a broom handle (to keep the kids apart) as needed throughout the evening.

Ahmed Muslimani, as Henry the old Shakespearean actor ("Remember me in light") and Kevin Meak, as Mortimer his Indian companion, who specializes in dying, provide plenty of comic relief.

Brandon Burns, as Luisa, and Tyson Navarre, as Matt, are perfectly cast as starry-eyed lovers — awash in the idealism of perfect love, but not understanding or ready for the pitfalls and reality of life.

Burns' expressive face and effervescent personality hardly needs words or music to show Luisa's feelings.

Navarre presents us with a bewildered, callow and beardless Matt, not sure of how he is going to handle a situation, but you just know he has the inner strength to see it through. Both

are in good voice, especially during "Soon It's Gonna Rain" and the heart-stopping "Love, You Are Love." The glue holding the production together is Sean Sanford in the role of El Gallo. While not as flamboyant as other El Gallos, Sanford's engaging personality is perfect as the narrator/storyteller. When he takes off his hat, smiles and sings, "Try to Remember" you suspect this is going to be a good one as you are whisked away to a time, perhaps not long ago, when it was

September, and you were a young and callow fellow.

Forget what you know today. Try to remember when you were as innocent as the young lovers on stage. After they split up, experience heartbreak, and get together again, they whispered, "I missed you" is a magic moment. The quietness of the theater is deafening, except for the clearing of throats. Yes, we have all experienced that moment in one form or another. The feeling is affirmed with El Gallo's reprise of "Try to Remember" as he sings, "Deep in December, it's nice to remember, without a hurt, the heart is hollow."

Director/Choreographer Ken Stevens and crew have fashioned a most poignant production. And the music is splendid by Musical Director and pianist Edward Wyman and Amy Lay on harp. "The Fantasticks" has been running continuously on Broadway for nearly 40 years, because of its timeless story of boy meets girl, youth and innocence. Expect it to be performed well into the next millennium (3000, that is).

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diverse talent and cultural events the Detroit area offers," Nelson said. "Maybe you've heard that television, at least at the network level, is full of egomaniacs. What I witnessed on Emmy night was a spirit of commitment, pride and even humility. Producers aren't actors. They don't have agents. They're generally not coached on what to say at awards ceremonies. Even as they're grabbing the statuette, the good ones are wondering how they can make the next show better."

It was after midnight when we called Jimmy Rhoades in L.A. to let him know that his work on "Backstage Pass" had earned him an Emmy. Jimmy is by nature so comically upbeat that you have a tendency to want to, speaking figuratively, tether him down. He was at least as excited for his friends that work on the show as he was for himself. What's this world coming to when you place a call to Hollywood and you get humility and sincerity?

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On our monitors was a photo of his ultra-cute, month-old daughter Lucy, and ramblings that were deeply rooted in parental pride. Jimmy, you're a winner in many ways.

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Emmy award surprises, amazes us

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Here's a warning. I'm about to get all emotional on you. How many televised awards shows have you seen in which the recipients gush about how overwhelmed they are with surprise, delight, and thanks... they can't even stammer out their scripted ad-libs?

Although we're never really sure whether the acceptance speech is heartfelt or Hollywood, we usually go along on the ride of enthusiasm. There's some degree of collateral joy in watching someone else experience the thrill of achievement, even if we don't know them personally.

Imagine how I felt the evening of May 22, when Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" series was awarded a Michigan Emmy for best cultural affairs program in the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences annual award ceremony.

I've always been grateful for the opportunity to host the show because it indulges my passion for the arts, and I know how competitive television can be. Now the same folks who selected me and made me feel welcome were on stage. I've watched their energy and commitment to producing a fresh and entertaining program each week, and it was their moment in the spotlight.

There was Jay Nelson at the podium,

thanking others for their contributions to the show, although he, as creator and executive producer, is the person most responsible for bringing a weekly arts series to Detroit television. Statuettes were awarded to producers Mark Nathanson, Jimmy Rhoades and Katherine Weider. Mark, an original producer of the series, has collected a few Emmys over the years for a variety of productions. It's evident that none have been sweeter than this one.

It was the first Emmy for Katherine, who became co-producer last year when Jimmy Rhoades left for Los Angeles to pursue entertainment industry opportunities. During the long hours she works on the show, I would think that she has a tendency to want to, speaking figuratively, tether him down. He was at least as excited for his friends that work on the show as he was for himself. What's this world coming to when you place a call to Hollywood and you get humility and sincerity?

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sound like they always played together. They play five totally different instruments, and were taught different styles."

In competition, the group will play for seven minutes. "The good news is they have seven minutes to play what they want

to play. The bad news is they have seven minutes to play."

They can harmonize or improvise, as long as at least two musicians are playing together at one time. "You have to have good knowledge of the music,"

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THEATER

Powerful voices put muscle into 'Samson'

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Samson and Delilah," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666. BY MARY JANE DOERR, SPECIAL WRITER

Those Philistines really know how to throw a smashing good party. In their shimmering gold costumes, with exotic ballet dancers, the mammoth gold gilded temple columns, and choral singing that literally raises the roof, it made the Detroit Opera House stage look like something out of a Cecil B. DeMille film.

Then in the middle of all this frivolity, suddenly the gold costumes turn to brilliant aqua and this hefty Hebrew Samson crashes the party. He was a real hit.

Let us all drink to this Court of Dagon and Irina Mishura. As the seductress Delilah in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah," the Bloomfield Hills mezzo-soprano sizzled in her performance Saturday evening, bringing to doom the strong man Samson of the Hebrews — kind of a Monica Lewinsky of the ancient world.

Mishura is beautiful, and costumed in fuchsia, she commanded the action during the entire second act. She out maneuvered Samson, sung by Mark Lundberg and matched up beautifully with Gregg Baker as the High Priest of Dagon. Together their Act 2 duet "I faut, pour assouvir ma baine" was the evening's climax.

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between these dynamic voices in the clash of wills, passion and powerful singing.

Mishura was silky smooth in her seductive "Mon coeur, s'ouvre a ta voix." Samson's costume gave an awkward impression rather than one of masculine strength. As the Samson trying to gain Delilah's favor, Lundberg seemed ill at ease in these seduction scenes though his singing was powerful. His aria in the millstone scene was touching.

"Samson and Delilah" is simply a fabulous mix of tension and excitement. The action of this familiar biblical story moves quickly. What is surprising is the composer's use of oratorio style with the choruses.

With Suzanne Acton's training and conductor Christian Badesse's special attention, the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus made the two choruses "Hymne de joie" and "Arretez, o mes freres!" glorious. The MOT chorus never sounded better. Neither has the orchestra, under Badesse's tight control.

The wonderful thing about this Saint-Saens opera is the all the characters have great roles if not long roles. James Patterson, a MOT regular, does a satisfying job sinking those bass notes as the sagacious Old Hebrew.

War has touched not only the opera's story, but also the production. Yugoslavian director Dejan Miladinovic was caught in the present war and unable to fulfill his commitments here in Detroit. So the French master director Bernard Uzan filled in with his usual impressive results, comprehending the French literature with greater sympathy and understanding, which always makes a satisfying production.

No French opera is complete without a ballet. Dancers Eriandis Zieminch and Sara Viale were wonderful and made that party scene even better. Keeping these party scenes at a superior artistic level is what MOT has to do to keep Delilah's favor.

Fisher season heavy on the musicals

The Fisher Theatre's 1999-2000 Playgoer Subscription Season gives the audience what it wants: musicals.

It opens in October with "Footloose" and continues in January with "Martin Guerre." January brings the non-musical "Art," followed by musicals "Fosse" in March and "Cabaret" in April.

"Footloose" is based on the 1984 movie about a free-spirited kid who reminds the town that it's no sin to be young and "Footloose" with solid-gold musical hits "Let's Hear It For The Boys," "Holding Out for a Hero," "Almost Paradise" and the title song along with explosive dancing, it's a singing, swinging story with a heart.

December's offering is musical in a completely different mode. Martin Guerre, a soldier who returns after seven years at war has been reported dead. His wife accepts him but questions about his true identity begin to emerge. Composed by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, creators of "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon," "Martin Guerre" has drama and suspense

and a memorable score. It won Olivier Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography and ran for more than 700 performances in London.

What is art and what is friendship, can and either be defined by the other? Three friends discuss the newest acquisition by one, a minimalist painting that evokes spirited responses, and exposes biases, opinions and conflicts among the men. The art of friendship is explored and probed on many levels. "Art" is a challenging, enticing and funny play.

Bob Fosse's Broadway theater credits reflect his originality, his flair, his flamboyance and his genius. The musical "Fosse" recreates his stunning dance numbers from stage, film and television. Numbers from "Sweet Charity," "Pippin," "Little Me," "The Pajama Game," "Dancin'" "All That Jazz," numbers Fosse performed on television's "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Colgate Comedy Hour," his choreography for "Liza with a Z" and a number he choreographed for Gwen Verdon for a 1968 Bob Hope special are only part of his legacy.

"Cabaret" is a musical that jolts its audience with shock and surprise. It was first produced in 1966, revived in 1987 and won the Tony Award for Best Revival of 1998. In its earlier production, the menace of Nazism was clear but less threatening. This one is bawdier, raunchier, with an overlay of approaching terror. It's a powerfully realized show of enormous emotional strength.

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Prices range from \$125 to \$295 per subscription. A \$75 per seat deposit holds the subscription with the balance billed later.

Subscriptions for the 1999-2000 Fisher Playgoer Season are on sale at the Fisher Theatre Subscription Office. For more information, call (313) 872-1000 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Humidity dampens play at Outdoor Greek Theatre

St. Dunstan's presents "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, at the Greenfield Village Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors ages 62 and older, and students ages 18 and older. For more information, call (248) 644-0527. BY HELEN ZUCKER, SPECIAL WRITER

St. Dunstan's attempt to exhume "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," directed by Edgar A. Guest III and Peggy A. Lee, gets an A for phenomenal effort and a C for production.

The 29-member cast, the huge technical staff and the musicians valiantly battled heat and mosquitoes but seemed to have so much on their minds that the drama behind this musical has no edge.

Production values dominate. The set, designed by Michael J. Brooks and Nancy Craig, based on James Thurber drawings, is ingenious.

Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock, Willie Gilbert and Frank Loesser wrote the book and music for "How to Succeed" at a time when many Americans, not only hippies and beatniks, were protesting against sexism, conformity and corporate values. Protest is lodged at the heart of this musical, but St. Dunstan's gives us a fond look at the end of the '50s, the beginning of the '60s.

Y. Jamie Mistry is spirited as Finch, the boyish master of manipulation who works his way from the mailroom to the boardroom. Finch moves well, and he delivers a smooth rendition of "I Believe In You," the show's best song. Mistry seems like a nice guy though, it's hard to believe he's Finch, a totally self-

absorbed spinmeister who was once a window washer.

Jan Casai as Rosemary, the secretary who wants to marry Finch and move to New Rochelle, stands for everything Gloria Steinham marched to change. When Casai, a nice woman, sings "Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm" I couldn't help thinking of "The Stepford Wives." Despite her wifely ambitions, Rosemary is supposed to be spunky.

Keith Lepard as Biggley, Finch's boss, is a walking cliché. He's meant to be, but Lepard takes it a bit too far. The fact that Lepard seems to be a kind man also gets in the way. Amy Lynn Smith is very fine as Smitty, Rosemary's sarcastic friend and fellow secretary. Smith seems to understand the world she inhabits, and she sings with energy.

Scott MacDonald as Frump, gives us a believable baby. As the nephew of the boss and Finch's rival, it's hard to believe he's "stupid," as Biggley keeps saying. Maybe nasty? Whatever, MacDonald is fun to watch as he winds himself into tantrums. Krystyn M. Irvine as the obligatory sexpot, the boss's mistress looking for "advancement" as a secretary, tries on a Marilyn Monroe hairdo, dress and walk. Irvine strains a bit, but is very cute as the Treasure girl who can't tell a lie on television.

Margie Brooks as Miss Jones, the soul of the coffeepot hour, and Biggley's secretary, and Heather Bell and Miss Krumholtz try to lend a bit of snap. John Roberts stands out as Bratt, the snarling personnel manager, as does John Shore as Gatch.

Musical director John M. Tartaglia conducted the mostly unmelodic score with energy, and his orchestra was right there with him.

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Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 12, 18-19 and 25-26, at the Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

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Festival schedule through Sunday, June 20

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12 - violinists Miriam Fried and Philip Setzer, violist Paul Bias, cellist Peter Wiley, pianist James Tocco and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings in a program of Beethoven's "String Trio in C Minor, Op. 9, #3," "Wind Octet in E-flat Major, Op. 103," and "Sonata in A Major, Op. 47 for piano and violin. Where: Temple Beth El Chapel, Telegraph Road at 14 Mile Road.

■ 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 17-18 - Violist Ida Kavafian, cellist Peter Wiley, baritone Kurt Ollmann, pianists Ruth Laredo and Ned Rorem in a program of Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major, Op. 10, #1 for violin, cello and piano. Where: St. Hugo's Sanctuary, corner of Opdyke and Hickory Grove roads, Bloomfield Hills.

■ 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Sunday, June 13 - Violinist Philip Setzer, pianist James Tocco in a program of Poulenc's "The Story of Babar," and Ravel's "The Dances of the Bull," narrated by Monsignor Anthony Tocco and Rhyta Tocco. Where: Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, The

Lawrence String Quartet. Where: Kerrytown, Concert House, Ann Arbor; (734) 769-2999.

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DINING

Generous 'King of Coney's' works hard

BY GEORGE DILA
SPECIAL WRITER

Panayote Stassinopoulos relaxes in the corner booth of his restaurant, stirring cream into a cup of coffee. It is 3 p.m., the quiet time between lunch and dinner. There is time to talk, to reminisce, to reflect.

Many years ago Stassinopoulos Americanized his first name to "Pete," but his accent gives away his Mediterranean roots. His face, rugged and open, and hands, strong and knotty, could be the face and hands of a farmer. When he was a boy, Pete lived on a farm near Kalamata, the town in Greece that gave its name to the prime olives produced in that region of the Peloponnese.

Stassinopoulos has earned anonymous fame. Throngs of people know what he does, but very few people know who he is. For the record, Pete Stassinopoulos is the King of Coney.

Twenty-five years ago he opened a Coney joint in Southfield. Today, there are 13 locations, most of them called Leo's Coney Island.

"Some people tell me that when they come back from out-of-town, on their way home from the airport, they stop here for a Coney and a salad," said Stassinopoulos shaking his head as if even he is astonished at the ardor. "Before they even go home!"

In 1960 Stassinopoulos left his family farm and immigrated to Montreal. He worked as a dishwasher, then at a factory making women's stockings. Later, he moved to Windsor and got a job on the Chrysler assembly line. He lived frugally, and saved his money.

In 1966 he met a young Greek woman, Esther Commons, at a church dance in Detroit. In 1968 they married. Pete took a job as a cook at the American Coney Island at Northland Center. After three years he and Esther decided it was time to have a business of their own. Using \$25,000 saved from his Chrysler job, and a

Hours: All locations are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Soups and salads, sandwiches, Greek specialties including shish kebab, Moussaka, spinach and cheese pie, burgers, breakfast specials, and omelets. Children's menu available.

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■ 154 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 540-8780
■ 6527 Telegraph (at Maple Road), Bloomfield Township, (248) 646-8568
■ 1735 Canton Center Road, Canton Township, (734) 981-5483
■ 26540 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 724-8182
■ 37580 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted), Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2360

■ Laurel Park Mall, Livonia, (734) 462-0121
■ 15131 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-0663
■ 3999 Center Point Parkway, Pontiac, (248) 335-3303
■ 841 E. Big Beaver Road at Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 680-0099
■ 4763 Haggerty, at Pontiac Trail, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-2295

Southfield Coney Island and Souvlaki
15647 W. Nine Mile Road, at Greenfield, Southfield, (248) 569-5229

loan with their house as collateral, they opened the 50-seat Southfield Coney Island at Southfield and 12 Mile roads, but had no visions of grandeur. Like many immigrants who open businesses, their only goal was to provide for their family.

Pete and Esther worked side-by-side, he as cook, she as cashier and hostess. Their menu had all the usual fare — coney, loose burgers, fries. But Pete was an innovator.

"Before, only better restaurants like in Greektown had Greek salads. No coney places. So I had Greek salads. We were the first."

On opening day they sold two Greek salads. Soon it was dozens. Greek salads put the Southfield Coney Island on the gastronomic map.

"Now everybody has Greek salads," Pete says. "But we were first."

Since then they've opened or purchased 12 restaurants. In 1980, Pete's younger brother Leo came to America and got involved in the business.

His formula for success has

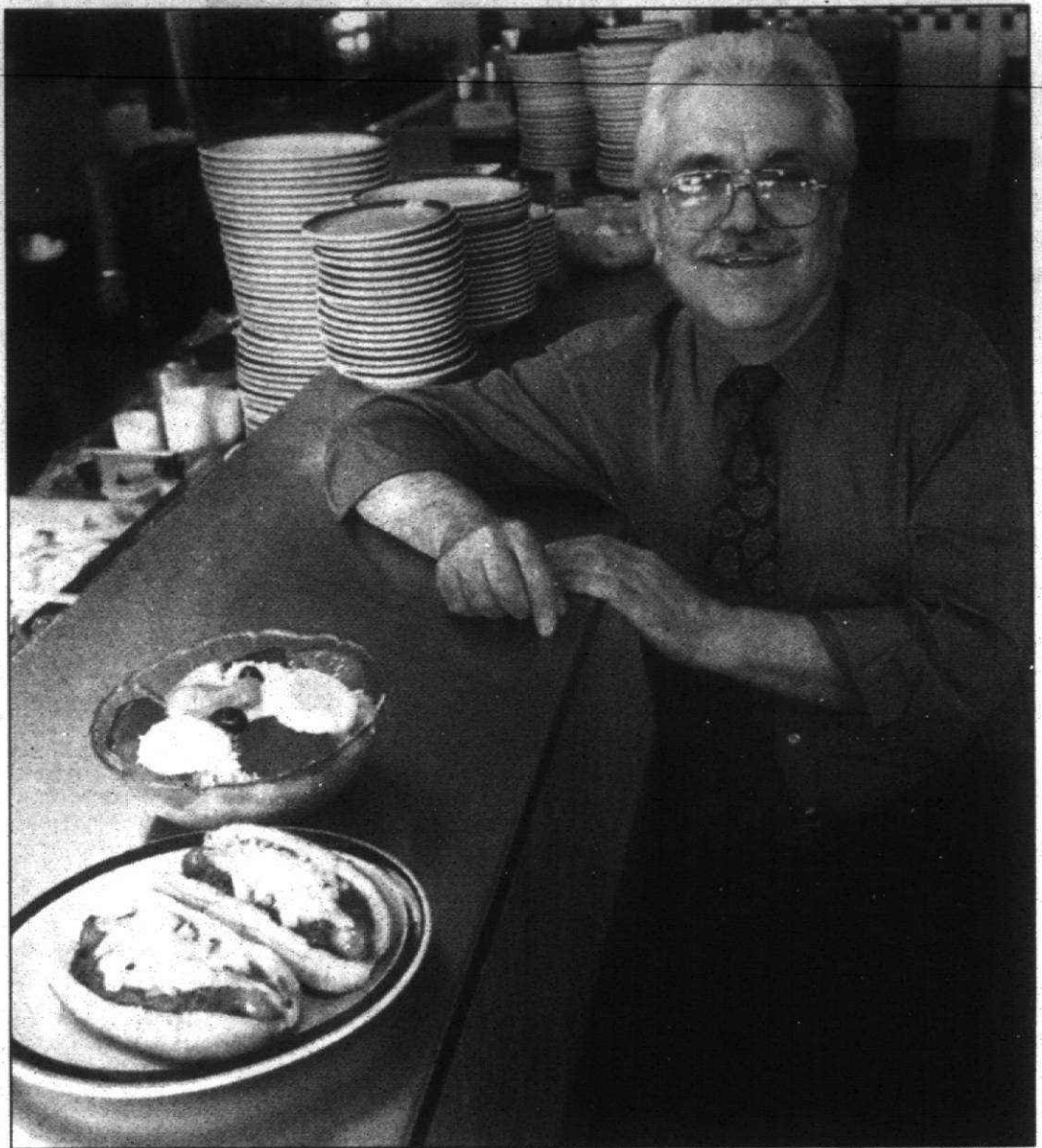
remained the same — long hours of hard work, hands-on management, high quality food, and good service.

And those salads! Regular customers become almost addicted to them. The salad dressing is Pete's secret recipe. Bachar Ayoub, a partner with Pete in the West Bloomfield Leo's Coney Island, thinks Pete is successful because of the way he treats his employees and customers.

"He is very generous, and very helpful to people from the old country, or people who need a new start," Ayoub said. "And he gives customers more for their money — Better ingredients, and bigger portions."

Stassinopoulos, now nearly 65, still works every day at the Farmington Coney Island, the chain's busiest restaurant. He does a little of everything, helping cooks during big rushes, taking carryout orders, working the register.

"My father is trying to cut back, but he always seems to be here," said his daughter Chris who helps manage the Farm-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Coney king: Panayote "Pete" Stassinopoulos opened a coney island restaurant in Southfield 25 years ago. His coney and Greek salads are a customer favorite at Farmington Coney Island and Souvlaki, and the other restaurants he owns.

ington restaurant.

On occasion, Esther can still be found behind the register. Leo devotes himself mainly to management responsibilities. Chris, a graduate engineer who worked at Detroit Diesel for four years, gave up her career to work in the family business. A son, John, is a partner in a more

upscale Greek restaurant in West Bloomfield. The rest of Pete and Esther's five children pursued other interests.

How big does Pete want Leo's Coney Island to get?

"Maybe we open more stores," he says. "We look. But I say don't go too fast. Take time."

Don't go a hundred miles-an-hour."

By following his own brand of philosophy, taking it slow and easy, working hard and long hours, taking care of his people and keeping the quality high, Pete Stassinopoulos has become the metro Detroit area's King of Coney.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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New Italian restaurant opening Tuesday, June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road, across from Laurel Park Place, Livonia. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 4-11 p.m. Saturday, 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 462-6442 for reservations/information.

RITZ-CARLTON, DEARBORN

Beer Lover's Barbecue, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Thursday, June 17. Cost \$90 per person, call (313) 441-2100 for reservations, information.

PANERA BREAD

Panera Bread has opened a new bakery-cafe at 37611 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

BUDDY'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZA

Between now and July 4 visit any Buddy's location and enter their drawing to win a family vacation to Disney World plus other prizes. On Monday, June 21 a portion of sales from all Buddy's locations will go to the 1999 Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund. Between 3-6 Tuesday, June 22, Buddy's will roll back prizes to 1946, the year it all began. Large pizzas with cheese and one topping will be \$3 at all Buddy's locations (table service only, limit 2 pizzas per table).

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