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Schools choose interim chief



Kenneth Walcott, a former superintendent in western Michigan, is the unanimous choice of the Plymouth-Canton school board for interim superintendent. He will take the place of Chuck Little, who is leaving for another job.

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education unanimously hired Kenneth J. Walcott as the district's interim superintendent, pending successful negotia-

tion of a contract.

Walcott, who had been superintendent of Mona Shores Public Schools and is now an education consultant, was one of two people interviewed by a subcommittee Monday night. He was the only candidate to appear at Tues-

day's board meeting.

Errol Goldman, the district's assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said he hopes to have a contract wrapped up by Friday, saying "we are pretty close."

Walcott's starting date is still undetermined, pending the outcome of his compensation package. However, school board members are hopeful Walcott can start soon and work with Superintendent Chuck Little, before he leaves on July 15 for a position at Indi-

ana University.

Walcott met with the staff at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center Wednesday morning, introducing himself and discussing his career and qualifications.

Walcott said he wasn't pursuing the job change, but was told about the open position and sent a resume.

"I haven't had much time to research the district, but I know it's one that has some difficulties with Proposal A,"

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Big bang: Fireworks light up the sky over the Liberty Fest Saturday in Heritage Park. Pictured below, right, singer Karen Newman belts out the "Star Spangled Banner" prior to the fireworks display.

Liberty Fest

Fireworks, sunshine and record crowds light up Heritage Park



Art in the park: Kayla Underwood, 7, concentrates while painting a plaster figurine of a little girl at one of the hands-on art tents for children.

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Great attractions and great weather led to Canton's most successful Liberty Fest ever, according to township officials.

As many as 60,000 people watched Saturday night's fireworks. Attendance was up over last year for each festival day.

"We felt this was the best Liberty Fest of the eight we've had," said Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "It was the best four-day stretch of weather we've had, too."

Forecasted rain held off and temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to high

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Middle school project faces tight timetable

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Delays in getting site plan approvals from Wayne County and Canton Township have delayed the construction of Discovery Middle School.

The four-week setback is enough for project coordinators to say there is no more room for error to make sure the school in Canton Township opens in time for the 2000-2001 school year.

"When you do a construction schedule you build in float time to accommodate problems, and we've basically used that up," said Charles Bisel of

FOCUS/Facility Consulting Services, hired by the district to oversee the project.

"We're going down to the wire. If we get a month's worth of rain, we shoot ourselves in the foot. The bottom line is we have to pray for good weather, pray for a mild winter, in order for us to achieve our goals," Bisel said.

Construction crews will work overtime and weekends to keep the project on track, he added.

"Our game plan is to watch this very carefully," Bisel said. "If we have to spend more money for overtime, we can

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I-94 crash takes life of 'very loving man'

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On the day he died, Vinai Sikka was doing what he did best - taking care of his family.

The 56-year-old Canton resident didn't mind driving into Detroit to pick up his wife, Darshana, from work. He, after all, didn't like her to go into the city by herself.

But Sikka never made it downtown. Heading eastbound on I-94 near Outer Drive in Allen Park Pri-

day, his car was crushed by a tractor-trailer truck that had crossed a grassy median.

"He was a very loving man," said son-in-law, Prashant Patel. "He will be really missed."

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'Sharks' open summer series

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Canton Township's summer series of weekly Heritage Park music programs, as popular with the bands who play in it as it is with those who attend it, returns today for an eighth consecutive year.

"Not a week goes by that I don't get calls from bands" wanting to play in the Canton Summer Concert Series, says Bob Dates, recreation supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Division.

"Every band that's ever played here loves our facility," as do those who've merely heard of it, he says. "It makes it a hard choice each year" to decide who gets to perform, he adds.

To kick off the 1999 edition, the popular Detroit-area band Moose and Da Sharks will offer a rock 'n' roll oldies show at 7:30 p.m. today.

All concerts are presented in the outdoor amphitheater near the big pond at Heritage. The park is located behind the township's administration and library

'We've pushed the family theme: Concerts the whole family will want to come to. We like to make it a wholesome family atmosphere.'

Bob Dates,
Canton recreation supervisor

buildings at Canton Center Road and Civic Center Drive.

The series also happens to be a good way to "showcase Heritage Park and the amphitheater" for those on both sides of the microphone, Dates says, "because, with the pond and trees in the background, it's such a beautiful area."

What started as just two or three concerts in 1991 "has really grown in popularity" and size, to where there are now eight consecutive Thursday night performances by different bands.

Billed as "musical entertainment for the entire family," the free concert series offers "a little bit of everything," Dates says: Pop tunes, jazz, country, oldies and Motown soul.

"People really like the oldies,"

he adds, which is why two such concerts are scheduled this year. A couple other bands play current Top 40 hits.

"We've pushed the family theme: Concerts the whole family will want to come to," Dates says. "We like to make it a wholesome family atmosphere."

Besides listening to the music, concertgoers may ride the paddle boats in the pond, get their faces painted, be entertained by strolling clowns and have caricatures done by an artist. Also available are light concessions, such as cold drinks and popcorn.

Concert line-up

Here's the Canton Township 1999 Summer Concert Series schedule. The concerts will be presented on eight successive Thursday nights in the amphitheater at Heritage Park, each starting at 7:30 p.m.:

■ June 24: "Moose & Da Sharks" - Good old-time rock 'n' roll.

■ July 1: "Bobby Lewis & The Crackerjack Band" - The hottest sounds of yesterday and today.

■ July 8: "Counterplay" - Six-piece, horn-driven powerhouse with a playlist of 1960s classic rock and Motown.

■ July 15: "Waco" - A little bit of country in Heritage Park.

■ July 22: "Secrets" - A Canton summertime favorite.

■ July 29: "Hot-Ice" - A perfect blend of rock and soul.

■ Aug. 5: "Sunset Boulevard" - The '70s '80s '90s...they can play it all!

■ Aug. 12: "Twistin' Tarantulas" - Good old-fashioned, roots-driven, blue-collar rock 'n' roll...rockabilly.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

T.J. FRADER

T.J. Frader, 11, delivers the Canton Observer in the Glen-garry subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since May 1998.

The Lowell Middle School student's favorite subjects are Math and Science. His hobbies are hockey, reading and video games.

T.J. wants to attend the University of Michigan and become an NFL Player.

Earning money is one thing that he likes about his route. Money management and meeting new customers are some of the skills he has developed.

T.J. is the son of Tim and Sheri Frader. He has two brothers, Kyle 8, and Kevin 8.

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T.J. Frader

Superintendent from A1

said Walcott. "I know this is the fastest growing district in Wayne County and has its challenges."

Walcott, who lists 30 years of education experience, was the superintendent of a district about a fourth the size of Plymouth-Canton. However, that doesn't seem to phase him.

"I can't see a problem," said Walcott. "When I moved to Mona Shores it was a smaller district than the one I came from, and it had fewer people to do the job. A lot depends on the structure and the number of people we have to do the job."

Walcott, who said he likes to get out and meet students and teachers as part of his day, said he just doesn't want to be a caretaker until the permanent superintendent is chosen.

"I would like to think that my being here will make it a better place for students, parents and the staff," Walcott said. "I cer-

tainly won't be able to solve all the problems, but I will begin working on them. All I can do is my best."

Board members believe Walcott is the right person to fill in as superintendent in the short term.

"The committee felt he is the stronger of the two candidates because his experience has been in a similar district to this one, and has had more experience in larger districts," said Trustee Elizabeth Givens.

"(Mr. Walcott) does have more experience in construction projects, having been in situation where he was in charge of building projects. That gave him the edge," added Mike Maloney, board president.

The other candidate for the job was Albert Meloy, who retired last year as superintendent of schools in Adrian.

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70s during the festival. Dates said it was key in bringing large crowds to Heritage Park.

"Based on my past experience," he added, "some people come no matter what. But for others if there's a threat of rain, they won't come. People that were teetering did come."

Preparations for Liberty Fest 2000 are already under way. Next year's gala will be pushed back a week to June 22-25.

"Our goal is to have one week or 10 days between the Liberty Fest and the fourth of July," said Dates.

An exact attendance count for this year's festival wasn't available at Observer press time. But so many folks came to the fireworks show that Summit Parkway, from Canton Center Road to Glen-garry, became a make-shift parking lot.

"It was amazing," Dates said. Despite the huge crowd, Canton Police reported no major problems or incidents from the fireworks display. Township officers, special enforcement and police reserve members helped provide crowd control.

Fireworks lasted for about 35 minutes. A larger budget allowed for additional fireworks,



Dinner time: Jessica Sunyog, 11, feeds a goat at Bristle's Petting Farm of Brooklyn, Mich.

Dates commented.

"It was by far our best fireworks show," he said. Attractions such as the "Fri-

Showtime: Livonia residents Renee Boudreau, 7, Michelle Boudreau, 11, Hayley Armstrong of Canton, 5, and Michele DeBeaudry of Livonia, 7, have a good time during the performance of "Three Men and a Tenor."



day Night Fun Zone" also brought more people to the festival. Games such as rock-wall climbing, a bungee run and obstacle course were geared towards older children.

"The middle and high school-aged kids had a ball," said Dates. "The rock-wall climb was very popular."

There were plenty of activities for younger children as well.

A pie-eating contest kicked off the festival Thursday. Movies, face painting and several contests also provided entertainment.

Canton's Chamber of Commerce sponsored, "Guess the Weight of Bob the Bull" contest. Jessica Burton, 11, and Matthew Cade, 2, each won large floating water toys.

Dates and township officials

were glad to see so many people have a good time at the festival. But, he added, the event has gotten about as large as it can.

"We're getting close to that spot," said Dates. "We can't get much bigger than the park we're in. This is ideal. This is the spot we wanted."

Even with record attendance, Dates said it's unlikely festival revenue will exceed expenses. A

total of \$87,000 was budgeted by Canton's Parks and Recreation Department for the event.

But then, making money isn't the point of the Liberty Fest. "We look at it as a quality of life issue," said Dates. "We're very pro quality of life here. We feel that's what the residents want."

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► The dedication of the Saint Lawrence Seaway took place on June 26, 1959? As a project undertaken jointly by Canada and the U.S., the waterway provides access between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes.

► June 30 is one of the times that has been favored for the addition or subtraction of a second from our clock time to coordinate atomic and astronomical time?

NPR recommends?

Here are some summer book titles recommended by National Public Radio:
► "Human Voices" by Penelope Fitzgerald
► "Stranger in a Strange Land" by Robert Heinlein
► "Dangerous Friend" by Ward Just
► "Close Range: Wyoming Stories" by Annie Proulx
► "Singer from the Sea" by Sheri Tepper

Q & A:

Q: What is the earliest crop cultivated by man?

A: Rice, now a staple food for more than half the human race, is the earliest crop cultivated by man. Its roots are believed to have originated in northern Thailand where rice grains, dating back to 3500 B.C. were discovered at an archeological site. Deemed one of the Five Sacred Crops by the Chinese, this healthful grain did not reach European palates until the ninth century. Seven hundred years

later, it became the rage in Madagascar. In 1694, a ship en route from Madagascar to England got thrown off course and was forced to land in Charleston, S.C. and become known as "Carolina Gold." California now claims the highest yield per acre in the world and is the leading rice exporter.

The source for this information is Ladies Home Journal.

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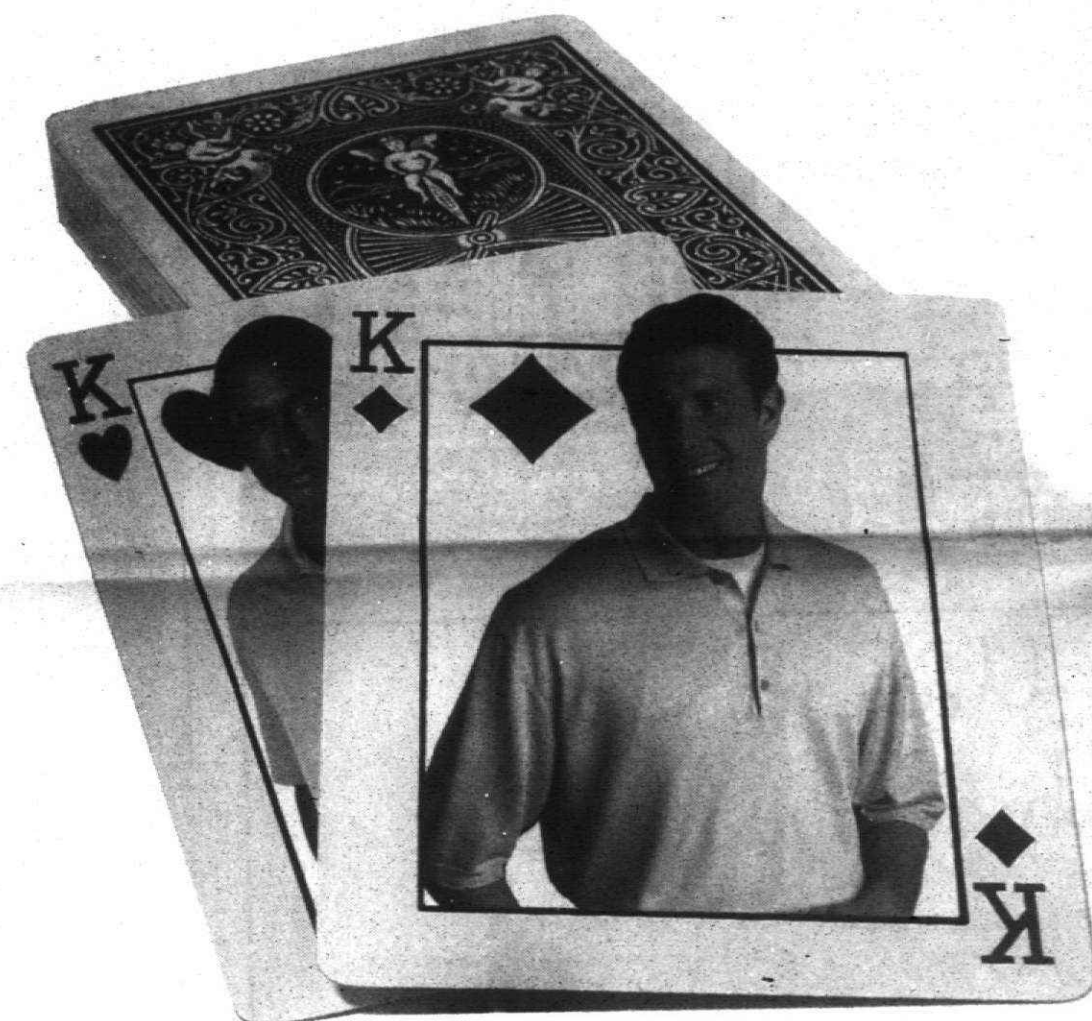
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Hot topic of the week

► June 25 marks the anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn, fought in 1876. Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, leading military forces of more than 200 men, attacked an encampment of Sioux Indians led by Chiefs Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse near Little Bighorn River in Montana. Custer and all men in his immediate command were killed in the brief battle (about two hours) of Little Bighorn. One horse, named Comanche, is said to have been the only survivor among Custer's forces.

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Accident leads to drunken driving arrest

An 18-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in an accident at the intersection of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads June 18.

According to township police reports, the man struck a second vehicle in the intersection. His vehicle, a 1996 GMC, flipped on its side as a result.

Neither he nor a 15-year-old Westland girl passenger was seriously hurt. Police reports didn't indicate the status of the second vehicle or its driver.

After arriving on the scene, Canton Police officers noticed empty beer cans in the 18-year-old's vehicle, reports said. A breathalyzer test was later performed on the man at the department.

It indicated that he was legally intoxicated at the time of the accident, reports said. He was charged with operating under the influence.

He now has a June 26 preliminary examination date at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Stolen radio

A 28-year-old Canton woman told police that an AM/FM cassette player was stolen out of her vehicle between June 16-18.

The radio was valued at \$90. One tape was also reported missing. Police have no suspects.

Assault

A 9-year-old Canton boy was

squirted with bleach on June 17. A second youth, whom police reports failed to identify, squirted the boy with bleach from a water gun. The solution landed on the boy's clothes causing \$40 worth of damage, reports said.

The attack was unprovoked, according to reports. No injuries to the 9-year-old were reported.

Credit card fraud

A 49-year-old Canton man is seeking prosecution of his son after nearly \$2,000 worth of cash withdrawals and merchandise were bought with a stolen credit card.

According to township police reports, his 15-year-old son took the credit card from his room on June 6. Cash advances totaling more than \$1,300 and more than \$500 worth of merchandise, including shoes, clothing, sunglasses and music CDs, were obtained with the card.

The teen made the transactions between June 7-11. Police apprehended the 15-year-old after he attempted to make a purchase at Target on June 14.

The father told police he wanted to prosecute.

Suspended license

A 21-year-old Commerce Township man was arrested by Canton Police June 11 on charges of driving with a suspended license. According to reports, the man led police on a chase for several miles before being apprehended.

A township officer was sitting in his patrol vehicle on southbound I-275 when he saw the 21-year-old drive by in a 1992 Plymouth Laser going at a high rate of speed. Reports said he motioned to the man to pull over, but the command was ignored.

The Commerce Township man continued driving on I-275 and exited onto Michigan Avenue heading eastbound. From there, he continued to Lots Road then went south.

He finally stopped and exited his vehicle in the rear of a motel off of Lots. Reports said the man ran into nearby woods, but was caught by the Canton officer. He was taken to the township police department without further incident.

Larceny

Nearly \$6,000 worth of appliances were stolen from a home under construction in the 45000 block of Muirfield June 11.

Reports said an oven, dishwasher and generator were among the items stolen. The home is part of the Fairway Pines development.

Police have no suspects.

County parks director can cut park fees after storms

Wayne County commissioners approved a new fee schedule that will allow Parks Director Hurley Coleman to reduce fees at the county's two golf courses or other park fees by up to 50 percent at times when the public's usage may decline due to soggy conditions after rainstorms.

Commissioners acted on a recommendation on June 17 from County Executive Edward McNamara that calls for \$25 in park permits and \$100 for picnic shelter rentals. Those fees remain unchanged and are effective for Bell Creek, Cass Benton, Helms Haven, Inkster, Lola Valley, Merriman Hollow, Nankin, Northville, Parkland, Parr, Plymouth Riverside, Warrendale, Waterford and Wilcox.

Come rentals for use from Newburgh to Merriman are \$18, while Newburgh-to-Nankin Mills and Nankin-to-Merriman rentals are \$10.

Coleman told commissioners fees could be reduced as an incentive to draw golfers after heavy rainstorms. That may attract more golfers — and additional revenue — when the courses are still soggy.

"At Warren Valley, sometimes it takes a week or two to clean, because it is in a flood plain," Coleman said.

These fee reductions will be "prominently displayed and uniformly applied," the ordinance states. A record will be maintained to examine the effectiveness of a fee reduction.

Coleman said later that other golf courses also have special reduced rates in the fall.

McNamara and Coleman had wanted to reduce a nonresident fee for the county's two golf courses from \$2 to \$1, but a motion by Commissioner

Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, to keep it at \$2 was approved on a 8-5 vote. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who represents Canton, voted for Parker's amendment, while Commissioners Lyn Banks, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, supported McNamara's recommendation by voting against Parker's amendment.

Coleman told commissioners the fees were posted at the Inkster Valley Golf Course in the cities of Inkster and Westland and Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, but they only ask for residency proof "when the opportunity presents itself."

"There are times we have to rely on a code of honor," Coleman said.

Parker also asked for a \$1 off for each individual in a group of eight or more for admission to the Chandler Park Family Aquatic Park in Detroit. Parker said he was concerned about the \$4 weekend price for children and was looking for a way to accommodate larger groups of people.

"Four dollars is a lot for a kid," Parker said.

Coleman disagreed. "The bigger issue is the existing fees are nearly 50 percent lower than any other water park in our area," Coleman said. Any fee reduction would result in less revenue, Coleman said.

Parker's amendment on the Chandler fees was sent to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means for study, while the proposed fees for boat slips at Elizabeth Park in Trenton were sent to the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services. The remaining fees were approved, 13-0, and will be effective July 1.

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Summit pool staff honored for safety

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Musicians aren't the only performers hitting platinum these days.

Summit on the Park's aquatic center was recently granted the Platinum Safety status from nationally renowned Ellis and Associates. It is the Texas-based firm's highest honor.

"It is an elite thing," Canton Aquatics Specialist Jim McNellis said. "It shows diligence on the part of our lifeguards and that they are taking the responsibility of being a lifeguard seriously."

Ellis made the announcement earlier this spring. The firm specializes in aquatic risk management for scores of municipalities around the country.

The award recognizes solid work done by Summit aquatic staff in 1998. According to McNellis, a number of stringent criteria had to be met to earn the honor.

■ All lifeguards must appear professional. That means in dress, having rescue equipment ready and have an anticipatory posture and demeanor.

■ Lifeguards must follow the "10-20" rule. That means guards must scan their area of responsibility every 10 seconds and never be more than 20 seconds from any point in that area.

■ The facility must have rescue equipment within one minute of all areas. That includes oxygen tanks, backboards and communication devices, among others.

Those are just a few of the requirements, McNellis said. Ellis Associates visited the Summit five times — unannounced — last year to "audit" or check for those criteria, he added.

Gaining platinum status means that the aquatic center and staff met standards 100 percent of the time.

Award levels include bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Canton had been at silver status in 1996 and 97.

"There's an awful lot of camaraderie on our staff," said McNellis. "They pick up the slack for each other."

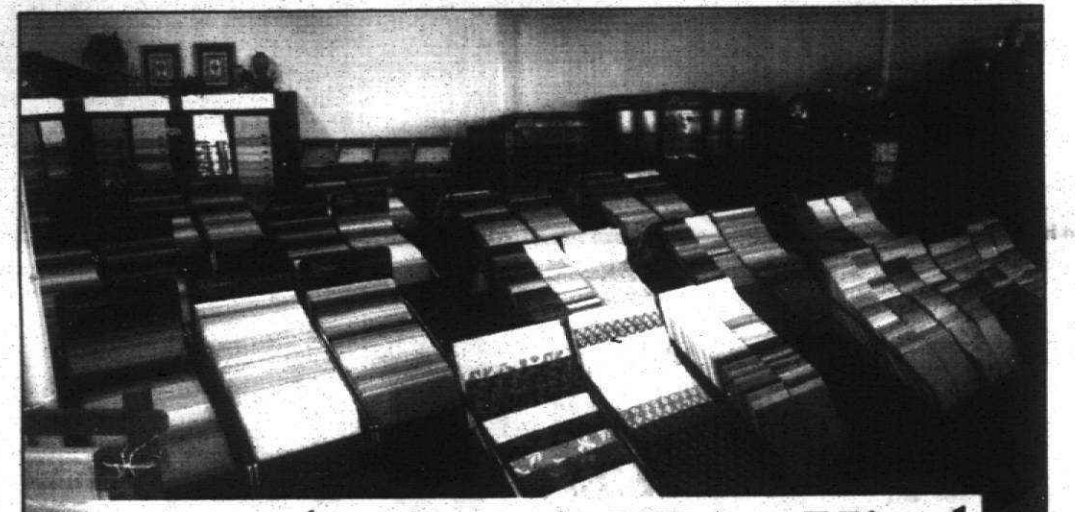
One other factor makes the award even more special.

Ellis has more than 1,300 clients world-wide. Out of that group, just 28 received platinum status. Only two of those, including the Summit, operate year-around.

The aquatic center currently has 66 lifeguards. An average of six to eight cover the Summit's five pools at any one time.

Each guard is required to take four hours of training each month to keep rescue skills and knowledge up-to-date.

"We attribute a lot of our success to that fact," said McNellis.



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Senate jockeys to move date for GOP presidential primary

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Trying to be the first state to hold a presidential primary election is like bidding for the Super Bowl: you can try, but the competition is tough.

"It's more like bidding for the Olympics," quipped one legislative aide, who then chose to remain anonymous.

State senators voted unanimously Wednesday, June 16, to move the date of next year's Republican presidential primary election up from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

"I'm sure Gov. Engler would like Michigan to be the first state to nominate George W. Bush," Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, said. But it likely will not work out that way.

While the bill would set Michigan's primary on the date of New Hampshire's scheduled election, Feb. 22, New Hampshire law calls for the primary there to be held one full week ahead of every other state.

So that primary will just be moved up. Still Michigan would be first among the larger states to host the Republican primary.

Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, sponsored Senate Bill 51 to move the primary date ahead of those held in New York, California and the "Super Tuesday" primary elections.

Michigan Democrats, too, will challenge the traditional dominance of New Hampshire and Iowa in the presidential race next year. Where the Michigan GOP holds an open primary, the Democrats hold caucuses limited only to those who have declared party membership. The state party has set its caucuses for Feb. 12, five days after the scheduled Feb. 7 Iowa caucuses.

All this is intended to gain a more prominent place for Michigan in the selection of the nominees. At present, with the Republican primary election held late March, Michigan is the 26th state to vote. That's late in the process, and often the nominee has already been decided by that time. Since the election carries a cost of \$6 million, lawmakers want to make the state's preferences known earlier.

But even supporters are skeptical about whether the changed date will bring Michigan the attention of the national campaigns. They question whether it

Veterans can apply for casino jobs

Veterans can apply for casino jobs at special job fairs scheduled from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for June 28 and July 12 at MotorCity Casino, 1922 Cass in Detroit.

About 3,000 jobs need to be filled by the casino for dealers, slot attendants, food and beverage workers, cashiers and casino hosts.

The casino is working with Wayne County Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Division of the Michigan Jobs Employment Service Agency, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Soldiers and Sailors Relief.

"We want veterans to be aware that this is a time set aside just for them to apply," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive.

Because gaming is a customer-service oriented industry, recruiters will be looking for friendly and enthusiastic workers, says Marsha Clark, a recruiter for MotorCity Casino. Applicants must be 21.

The minimum pay offered is \$24,000 and benefits include health coverage with vision and dental, a 401(k) plan, tuition reimbursement and a \$35 a week reimbursement for child care after three months.

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Services for Sikka were held Monday at Santeis & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Private cremation followed.

Algie Lee Cargill III and Xavier Bond were also killed in the accident, which occurred shortly after 2 p.m. Friday. Both were 26 years old and residents of Ypsilanti.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Thomas Wayne Hemuth, 26, of Beverly, Ohio, sustained no injuries.

Hemuth struck a second semi-truck after hitting Sikka. The driver of that truck, Roberto Galdames, 28, of Montebello, Calif., was released from the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor Sunday.

An investigation of the accident is on-going by the Michigan State Police. Trooper Christopher Youngblood said it appears Hemuth may have fallen asleep at the wheel as he drove westbound on I-94.

"That's what we think," he said, "but it's not a definite yet."

Charges, if any, will not likely come until next week. Youngblood

said he is waiting for results of a blood-alcohol test on Hemuth before concluding the investigation.

As for Sikka, his family is simply trying to cope.

"It was a tragic accident," Patel said. "Everyone is trying to pull together."

Sikka worked as an industrial and computer engineer with Wayne County for nearly three decades. Recently, his duties were as the county's director of purchasing.

"He was a tremendously conscientious person," said Wayne County Director of Public Services Cameron Priebe. "He really cared about his job and took it seriously."

Sikka was responsible for purchasing maintenance vehicles and equipment. Priebe said he also was heading up the department's Y2K computer efforts.

"He'll be missed in both areas," said Priebe. "A lot. He had a great attitude and was always pleasant to work with."

"He was truly a gentleman."

Sikka came to the Detroit area shortly after earning a masters degree from the University of Minnesota.

"He was a very intelligent man," said Patel.

He said his father-in-law had an excellent sense of humor.

"He had a sarcastic sense of humor," Patel said. "He loved to make everyone laugh."

Sikka was a native of Jhang, India. He was active in Canton's Indian community and enjoyed celebrating its culture.

"He loved to sing," said Patel. "He had singing parties with Hindi songs."

Despite his work schedule and cultural activities, Patel said Sikka never lost touch with his family.

"He was very supportive of me about my schooling," he commented.

Memorials for Sikka can be made to the Hindu Temple in Canton, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, 48187.

Middle school from page A1

take it from the contingency fund, which is intended for surprises."

Bisel said getting approvals for utilities and storm water retention plans took much longer than anticipated. Those delays caused what is now a four-week hold up in construction, which is pushing the completion of the project to the limit, Aug. 2000.

"The critical thing right now is to get the foundation in, second is to get the steel up, and the third is to get the building enclosed before winter," said Bisel. "When the building is enclosed we can go full blast and make up some lost time."

William McCarthy of McSEV Consultants and Construction

Managers in Redford Township, told the school board, "If we don't have the walls up before the inclement weather hits us, we're going to be in a rough spot. Right now, we're looking at July 31 (2000) for the district to move in, but there will still be some finishing of the project in August."

School district officials knew it would be a tight squeeze to have the school completed after voters approved an \$18.8 million bond proposal last October. In fact, \$150,000 was spent for design work before the vote to get a jump on the project.

The middle school became a necessity when Livonia Public

Schools announced that after 18 years of renting Lowell Middle School to Plymouth-Canton, it would terminate the lease agreement in July 2000.

If the school isn't finished in time to begin the 2000-2001 school year, the school board may have to consider split shifts or extended days for students, the very scenario it had hoped to avoid.

"I think this will be a tight project," admitted Mike Maloney, school board president. "I think we have plenty of time before it becomes apparent that we're going to miss. I think we should plan for success."

OBITUARIES

DAN AGACINSKI

Funeral services for Dan Agacinski, Plymouth-Canton Schools finance director, were held Sunday at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn Hills.

Agacinski, 50, of Auburn Hills, died June 17 during an apparent diabetic attack.

"Dan woke up early in the morning and had two convulsions brought on by low blood sugar," said Cathie, his wife. "He stopped breathing and died while en route to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac."

Mrs. Agacinski said an autopsy has been performed to determine the cause of death.

Mr. Agacinski was hired June 23, 1998, as the finance director for the school district.

Survivors include his sister, Diane Golonka and her husband, David of Canton.

The family suggests memorials be sent to The March of Dimes.

Overlooked question delays MEAPs

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"They only missed one question on the entire test. No, not the tests, the graders."

The Department of Education was set to unveil results from the most recent round of Michigan Education Assessment Program tests on Friday, June 11, when personnel began to notice discrepancies in some of the numbers, according to Public Information Officer Brad Wurfel.

Upon checking, they found the firm hired on contract to tabulate the statewide scores, National Computer Systems of Iowa City, Iowa, had missed one question on the fifth grade science test.

Some individual and school test results have already been issued, sent to students' homes by districts, but those numbers

will change slightly for the fifth grade science test as a result of retabulation. Wurfel said he anticipates any changes will be minor, since the error occurred only on one question on the test.

Early indications are that adding back that question will improve statewide test results, Wurfel said, but again only slightly.

NCS has been preparing, distributing and tabulating the results of Michigan's MEAP test under contract with the state Department of Education for 12 years. This is the first year of a three-year contract renewal.

Wurfel said the glitch will result in "negotiating some of the finer points of the contract."

He said the department will be talking with NCS to "iron out communications" between the department and the contractor. Wurfel attributed the glitch to problems in communications.

Only three companies in the United States are large enough to handle administration of Michigan's MEAP tests, Wurfel said. For the last contract renewal, only NCS submitted a bid, he explained.

Wurfel emphasized that the errors indicated no problems with the test itself, only with the tabulation of the results.

When issued, the results will include scores of science and writing tests given to students in January 1999.

Association seeks Clean Team participants

The Eight Mile Boulevard Association is seeking businesses on Eight Mile to participate in the association's third annual Clean Team event, Saturday-Friday, July 24-30. The deadline for registration is July 9.

Businesses use Clean Team week as the focal point for improvements and general cleaning. Many make it an employee-participation event. Following Clean Team, a panel of judges will choose eight businesses to receive annual beautification awards. The event is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the DaimlerChrysler Fund.

Participants can buy bright-colored Clean Team T-shirts to wear while at work. A week-long prize patrol will spot workers, present them with tokens donat-

ed by area businesses and enter them in a raffle for prizes.

"Many companies keep their building looking good all year long," said Eight Mile Boulevard Association board chairman Chuck Goedert. "They don't have to do any special cleaning to participate in Clean Team, but we encourage them to sign up and have their employees wear our special T-shirts. It tells their customers and visitors they care about Eight Mile."

"Businesses that sign up for the Clean Team are automatically entered in the beautification awards competition," said Alexander Kanakis, an association board member who chairs the panel of judges, which is drawn from the businesses and governments that are members of the association. "We also

encourage people to nominate attractive businesses they see on Eight Mile," she said.

Last year, Golden Spice Catering in Detroit repainted its marquee and repaved its parking lot at its building near Gratiot. The staff of Helping Hands in Detroit washed their building and nearby abandoned buildings. Rose Printing Services of Southfield supplemented its 33 employees with contractors to help them seal and pave their lots, paint their building and plant flowers. The staff of Lupo Chiropractic Center in Detroit picked up litter in a two-block stretch around their building.

Members of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association include businesses, neighborhood groups, the 13 communities and three counties along Eight Mile

plus the Michigan Department of Transportation. The association's mission is to revitalize and promote the Eight Mile transportation, business and residential corridor.

Sierra Club plans a mushroom hunt

The Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club has announced several July outings.

On July 11, the Sierra Club will join with the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club on a two-hour hunt for "shrooms," then a potluck following, where participants will savor the found treasures.

Bring paper bags or basket for gathering the mushrooms, water, hat, whistle and a potluck dish to pass for the feast afterwards. There will be optional swimming afterwards.

Meet at 1:10 a.m. at the Highland Recreation Area Goose Meadows picnic shelter, follow signs from the state park entrance on M-59, 3-1/2 miles east of Milford Road.

On July 17, the public is welcome to join a six mile walk around the edges of Newburgh Lake. The lake was drained, excavated, contoured for fish and plant habitat and is recovering.

This will be a "naturalists walk," pausing to identify plants blooming, animals scurrying and birds singing. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Newburgh Point Nature Area in Livonia on Hines Drive between Newburgh and I-275.

On July 18, the club is sponsoring a hike at Sleepy Hollow State Park. This is one of the newest Sierra hikes and the park, northeast of Lansing, offers varied terrain, woods, open fields and a lake for a pleasant 5-6 mile walk. Meet at 10 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on the east side of Telegraph, a quarter mile north of Square Lake in West Bloomfield. There is a \$1 trip fee.

On July 25, the group sponsors a canoe ride on the Upper Huron. Canoe cost of \$16 must be received by July 11. Send to Lee Becker, 32856 Harmon Drive, Roseville, MI 48066.

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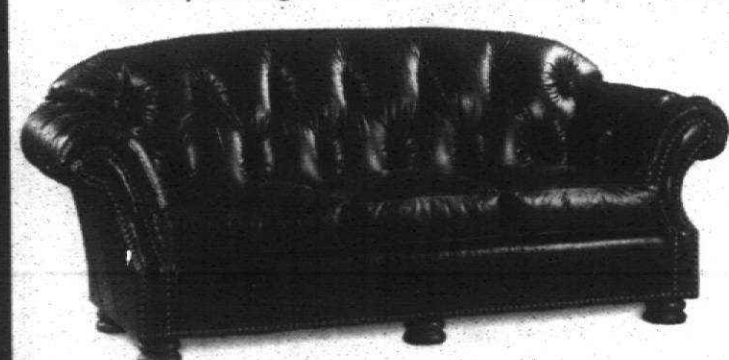
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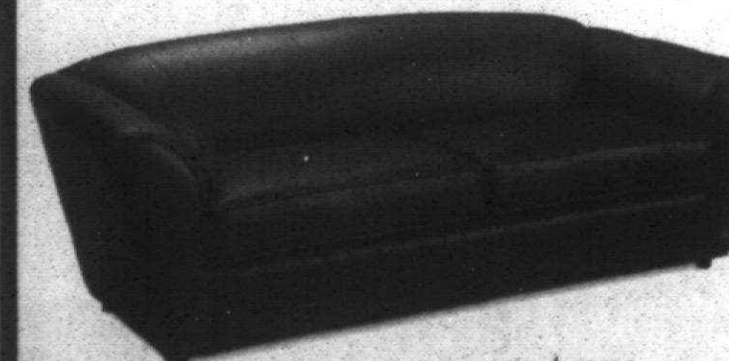
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Campaign launched to help prevent truck accidents

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When Ed Gaffney heard the news of the I-94 accident Friday, he felt for the victims and the families.

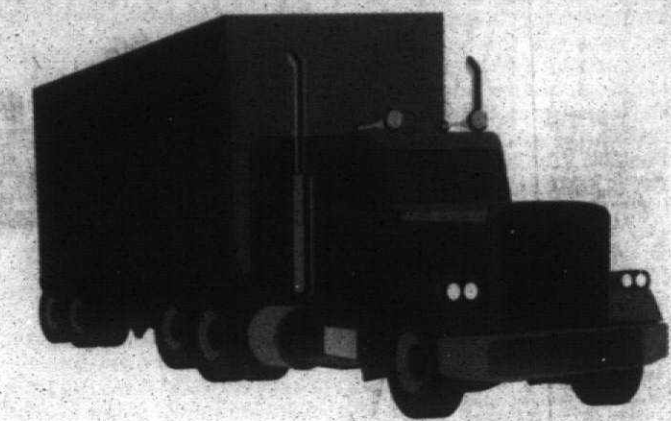
Three people were killed when a tractor-trailer traveling westbound apparently crossed into oncoming lanes and slammed into two cars and another truck.

The director of the Michigan Truck Safety Commission called it a "terrible, tragic accident."

"That's exactly the kind of horrific accident we try to avoid," Gaffney said. "It's a terrible, terrible tragedy."

While State Police continued the investigation of the accident, Gaffney and the MTSC began a \$500,000 public information and safety awareness campaign on Monday. That campaign is directed at drivers, which, along with MTSC's classes for truck drivers, is aimed at making highways safer.

Motorists on I-75, I-696 and I-



94 can expect to see billboards along those freeways to remind drivers to share the road with heavy-duty trucks and hear radio advertisements.

Gaffney said "greater cooperation" will make roads safer.

"We target our program

toward the normal, everyday driver because statistics show that more than 70 percent of large truck accidents involving cars are caused by the car. By understanding the special rules of the road involving trucks, we hope to minimize accidents and

have a safe summer driving season."

Education is the key

While this campaign focuses on car drivers, Gaffney said the MTSC also works on educating Michigan motor carriers with classes on defensive driving, vehicle safety and maintenance, air brakes and seat belt use.

The MTSC uses two skid pads in Escanaba and Marshall to give a one-day, hands-on course for commercial drivers in decision making and vehicle control. "It teaches them how to get them out of the skid and how to avoid them," Gaffney said.

Driver fatigue also causes most truck accidents. "We have a course on fatigue," Gaffney said. "We're putting it on a CD-ROM to send to companies."

Truck driving remains the most dangerous occupation in the country, Gaffney said. Created in 1988 by Public Act 348 after "horrendous" car-truck crashes occurred in the Detroit area, the MTSC is a joint effort

to promote driver safety between the state government and trucking industry, the only one of its kind in the country.

Michigan is the only state to have a commission dedicated to truck safety issues and to be funded at the state level, through the \$15 on each registration fee and a special assessment on the registration plate of commercial trucks weighing more than 8,000 pounds or weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a trailer.

The MTSC has a body of 11 commissioners representing the trucking industry, labor, governmental agencies, law enforcement, educators and Michigan residents. Gaffney said that 400 residents are polled to check the effectiveness of the ad campaign.

Safety tips

Drivers should be aware of several simple tips from the MTSC on sharing the road with big rigs:

■ Merge and go with the flow. When merging onto a highway, a driver should pick an opening, adjust speed to make that spot and then go with the flow, blending safely into traffic.

■ Big rigs have large blind spots. Drivers are asked to avoid staying in a trucker's blind spots for long periods of time because the truck driver will not be able to see the car. Blind spots generally are directly in front and back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side and on the driver's side outside the rearview mirror.

"If you can't see the truck driver's mirrors, the driver probably can't see you," Gaffney said.

■ Trucks make wide turns. Trucks swing out while turning because they need more space to avoid a curb or avoid oncoming traffic. Cars are encouraged to wait for the truck to complete its turn, or risk getting caught in a squeeze.

Judge allows class action by passengers against Northwest

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A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Friday to allow passengers left stranded on Detroit Metro Airport's runways in the January snowstorm to join together in a class action lawsuit against Northwest Airlines.

Judge Daphne Means Curtis' ruling means 8,000 passengers who were trapped on airplanes for up to nine hours can now join forces on the lawsuit. About a dozen plaintiffs have filed three separate lawsuits against Northwest Airlines and Wayne County.

Curtis also dropped Wayne County from the suit, ruling that the passengers were not a party to the county's contract with Northwest.

D. Michael Kratchman, a Southfield attorney who represented five plaintiffs in one of three lawsuits against Northwest, was pleased with the class action ruling.

"We expect to first take depositions on who made the decision to keep the planes on the runway and why they made that decision," Kratchman said.

Kratchman expects to inform potential plaintiffs about the class action. The plaintiffs who have retained Kratchman alleged in their lawsuit they suffered mental and emotional distress resulting from Northwest's "negligent" actions.

Jon Austin, Northwest Airlines spokesman, said the ruling was "nothing unexpected."

"In this process, these motions almost always get granted," Austin said. "It doesn't change our outlook in the case."

Austin said about 8,500 letters of apology went out from Northwest, offering a free airline ticket for passengers who were stranded. Northwest believes the lawsuit does not have merit, Austin said.

Wayne County attorneys were not available to comment on the judge's decision to remove the county.

A report by U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater found aircraft conditions during the Jan. 2-3 snowstorm were severe enough to "jeopardize passengers' well-being" and were "bad enough to justify a shut-

down of Northwest Airlines operations even though the deteriorating conditions were above the legal limits." Toilets were overflowing and planes ran out of food and water during the storm.

The report found Northwest lacked a snow emergency plan for Metro Airport.

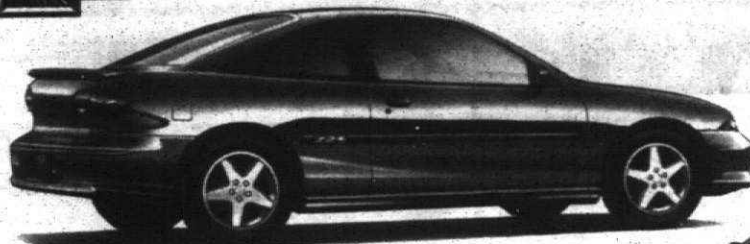
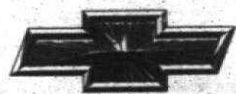
While Wayne County may have been removed from the law-

suit and the federal report was largely critical of Northwest and not Wayne County, state legislators will still be examining the county's day-to-day operations of the airport.

State Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow has chosen Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, Burton Leland, D-Detroit, and Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, as the

Senate representatives on an airport subcommittee, joining State Rep. Jim Koetje, R-Grand Rapids, who will chair the committee. Other House members are Mickey Mortimer, R-Horton, and Ray Basham, D-Taylor, whose district includes the airport.

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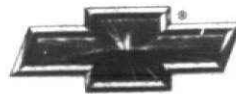
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PATHWAYS TO AUTO HISTORY

STORIES BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

A trip down one of the Ford Heritage Trails is a history lesson in Michigan's automobile heritage.

The four trails include routes along the Rouge River, Huron-Raisin, Woodward Avenue, and Windsor and the southwest corner of Ontario, Canada. They were set up as "self-guided tourism trails based on the preservation and interpretation of the evolution of the automobile industry in this area," said Nancy Darga, chief of design for the Wayne County Park system.

As the result of a bi-partisan effort by U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, and U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Troy, President Clinton signed the Automobile National Heritage Area Act of 1998 in November of that year.

The act designates southeastern Michigan as the true home of the automobile industry. It also will generate seed money for the historical, recreational and educational development of six primary corridors related to automobile history: Lansing, Woodward Avenue, Sauk Trail/Chicago Road, Rouge River, Flint and the Detroit River.

These corridors recently incorporated into the Automobile National Heritage Partnership, which will be eligible for federal funding up to \$1 million a year for 10 years.

Darga, along with Don Werling, director of the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate in Dearborn, has been involved in developing the Ford Heritage Trails since 1989. Their efforts predate the ANHP.

"We created it as a model of what we could do with the Automobile National Heritage area," said Darga.

Darga said she and Werling limited their scope. "Don and I knew we couldn't tell the whole story, so we decided to tell the Ford story."

Darga and Werling began efforts to historically register all the mills along the Rouge River route, which runs from Greenfield Village or the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate to downtown Northville. The mills include

Nankin, Cherry Hill, Newburgh, Plymouth-Wilcox, Waterford-Adistra, Phoenix and Northville.

Between 1918 and 1944, Henry Ford converted these mills into village industries, small manufacturing plants that offered farmers jobs within their rural communities.

Darga said the communities in which these mills exist did not always realize their historical value. Back in 1985, Plymouth wanted to demolish Wilcox Mill.

"No one understood the significance of the auto industry in their own backyard."

However, Plymouth became the first community to provide Darga with \$2,000 to develop travel brochures and signage for the trail. Consequently, every community along the trail was asked for a \$2,000 contribution.

Nankin, Cherry Hill and Northville mills are in the process of restoration. "The other mills are still awaiting the love and attention they so deserve," said Darga.

Also, development of all the Ford Heritage Trails remains ongoing. The Rouge River route has a 17.5-mile bike trail along Hines Park from Dearborn to downtown Northville. The trail connects Nankin, Newburgh, Plymouth-Wilcox, Waterford-Adistra, Phoenix and Northville mills.

Future plans for the Rouge River route include bike trails connecting Hines Park bikeway to the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate and Cherry Hill to the Northville plant. Routes through Canton may translate into a bikeway or bike route.

Preserving the mills has become a mission for Darga, a historian and naturalist.

"The whole reason I spent so much of my personal time campaigning for the mills is that my kids needed to know their grandparents' efforts working for the automobile industry changed the world - how we do business, how we manufacture, how we trade."

For additional information and brochures, contact Darga at (734) 261-2034.

Water-powered factories

Henry Ford gave life to his slogan "One foot in the soil and one foot in industry" when he created a series of small, hydroelectrically-powered factories in the countryside that tapped into nearby streams.

Between 1918 and 1944, Ford purchased several mills and mill sites in the Middle Rouge Valley and converted them into small-parts manufacturing factories. Those became part of a larger "village industry" project that included mill-factories along the Huron, Saline and Raisin rivers. Farmers worked at the factories part time.

Ford hoped his village industries would restore balance between the industrial cities and the rural countryside, which had been so disrupted by modern times.

Today, the Ford mills remain a historically vital part of the Middle Rouge Parkway.

NANKIN MILLS (#3)

Nankin Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, was built in 1863. It was the center of the former village of Pike's Peak, a prosperous community with stores, blacksmith shop, printers shop and post office founded about 1850.

Henry Ford, who often visited Nankin Mills in his childhood, purchased it 1918. Shortly after it opened in 1920, the restored mill began producing screws followed by stencils for marking Ford parts.

According to old accounts, on hot summer days the farmers from Pike's Peak who worked at the mill would jump into the mill race from the second story window.

Nankin Mills, with its beautiful 12-inch-thick sycamore beams, is now the headquarters of the Wayne County Parks Department.

NEWBURGH MILL (#4)

Built on the site of an old cider mill in 1934, Newburgh Mill, on Hines Drive in Livonia, was started by employees from the Rouge Plant and completed by farmers. When it opened a year later, it produced 95 percent of all the drills used by Ford plants worldwide.

From 1935 to 1941, the Newburgh plant employed 30 men at \$6 a day. During World War II, the plant made several parts for the Pratt and Whitney airplane engine.

Production ceased in 1947. The building is now the headquarters of the



Still turning: Northville Mill, formerly the Dubuar Mill, was purchased by Henry Ford in 1919. The location has been a mill site since 1827.

Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Division.

WILCOX (PLYMOUTH) MILL (#5)

This plant stands on the site of the old Hardenbergh grist mill, built around 1850. The Old Village section of Plymouth (once called "Lower Town") evolved next to the mill and contains some of the city's oldest houses.

Henry Ford purchased the mill in 1920 and replaced the dilapidated building in 1923. The Plymouth Plant produced 95 percent of all taps (for making screws) used by Ford. During World War II, 60 men worked in two



Combined labor: Construction of Newburgh Mill was started by Rouge Plant employees in 1934 and completed by area farmers. Between 1935 and 1941, workers made \$6 an hour.

shifts to manufacture aircraft engine parts in addition to the taps. All production ceased after the war.

PHOENIX MILL (#6)

The Phoenix Mill, on Northville Road in Northville Township, stands on the site of the extinct village of Phoenix, which existed only from 1837 to 1880. Henry Ford bought the site in 1919 and opened his new mill in 1922.

The Phoenix Plant produced electrical parts, voltage regulators and switches. It employed mostly women, who were considered to be especially suited to delicate assembly and welding work. Henry Ford objected to married women working outside the home, so most of the women were single or widowed.

To Ford's credit, he paid the women the same \$5 a day rate as the male employees. Seventy women worked at the plant. During World War II, they helped produce identification badges and electrical wiring for the M-7 gun director.



War effort: The Wilcox Mill, formerly the site of an 1850 grist mill, was purchased by Henry Ford in 1920. During World War II, 60 men manufactured aircraft engine parts.

The mill is now a maintenance yard for the Wayne County Bridges Division.

WATERFORD/ADISTRA MILL (#7)

Mead's Mill stood at the location of the Ford village industry, now Adistra Corp. Its dam was located just north of the intersection of Hines Drive and Reservoir Road. The mill was in the now-extinct village of Waterford, founded in 1837.

Mead's Mill, which employed many escaped slaves, was destroyed by fire before the Civil War and never rebuilt.

Henry Ford bought the Waterford dam and race in the 1920s. He enclosed the race and rebuilt the mill dam. The Waterford plant, opened in 1925, produced high precision gauges up to the 1950s.

The plant employed almost all Swedes, who had worked for a New Jersey company bought out by Ford.

Adistra Corp. bought the building after Ford closed the Waterford plant.

NORTHVILLE MILL (#8)

The Northville Mill, located on the Walled Lake branch of the Rouge River, has been a mill site since 1827. Part of the present mill, made of red brick, was constructed in the 1890s. Henry Ford bought the former Dubuar mill, which produced pulleys, wheelbarrows, wood moldings and air guns, in 1919.

Northville Mill produced engine valves when Ford opened it in 1920. Mill Race Village, located on the mill pond, is a collection of restored historic buildings belonging to the Northville Historical Society.

Source: Wayne County Parks System



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HEAT advises car owners to guard against auto theft

Summer. It's a time for vacations, long leisurely afternoons at festivals and fairs and for just trying to keep cool.

But not for auto thieves. They never vacation. In fact, summer may be one of their favorite and busiest seasons. HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft), a statewide auto theft prevention program, which operates a confidential, toll-free tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT), want to remind drivers that caution is in order even as they enjoy summer fun.

"Summer is a wonderful time for Michigan families to unwind and relax," said Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. "But it's a horrible time to let their guard down against crime. Michiganers should follow the same basic rules to protect themselves and their homes whether it's 70 degrees above or below 70. Unfortunately, there's never a good season for throwing caution to the wind about safety or security."

Car theft and other property crimes also are likely to happen when people gather in large crowds — at places like festivals and art fairs — according to Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon. "Though property crime in general and auto theft in particular are down significantly now in Detroit, people should always be on their guard," Napoleon said. Like many police agencies across the state, Detroit Police work regularly with HEAT to help solve auto theft crimes.

"We encourage citizens to heed HEAT's safety tips. If they become aware of auto theft activities, call police and then call HEAT. We'd rather have people be careful and stay safe while they're having fun this summer," said Napoleon.

HEAT says don't make yourself a target for car thieves this summer — follow these simple safety tips:

- Use anti-theft safety devices such as door locks, alarms, steering column locks and window etchings. Layer these protection devices whenever possible.
- Never leave your running vehicle unattended.
- Don't leave valuables, such as cellular phones and planners, on the car seat. Store these items out of view.
- If parking for a long period of time, don't leave windows rolled down.
- Tipsters can call the HEAT tip line to confidentially report auto theft-related information, including insurance fraud. Tipsters are rewarded up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud.
- Rewards up to \$10,000 are issued if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring and/or chop shop operators.

HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

HEAT's hotline is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan auto insurance companies. Since 1988, HEAT has awarded more than \$2 million to tip callers. During that period, the HEAT tip line has received 5,848 calls leading to the arrest of 2,307 suspects and has recovered 2,699 vehicles valued at more than \$30 million.

AAA Michigan offers free anti-theft car etching

AAA Michigan and the Michigan Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) will again offer free vehicle window etching, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting this month at the following locations through Aug. 27:

June 24, Detroit West Office, 7800 West Outer Drive, 25, Grosse Pointe Office, 19299 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; 29, Canton Office, 2017 Canton Center Rd., and June 30 at the Livonia Office, 37383 Six Mile Rd.

July-1, Livingston County Office, 8350 West Grand River Ave., Brighton; 6, Macomb Township Office, 21851 Hall Rd.; 7, Flint Office, 65009 West Bristol Rd.; 8, Utica Office, 45700 Mound Rd.; 9, Washtenaw Office, 2650 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor; 13, Alpena Office, 2539 U.S. 23 South; 14, Petoskey Satellite Office, 1301 South U.S.131; 15, Gaylord Membership & Insurance Sales Agency, 1662 S. Osage Ave.; 16, Traverse City Office, 940 U.S. 31 North; 20, Dearborn Office, 18800 Hubbard Dr.; 21, Birmingham Office, 34802 Woodward Ave.; 22, Troy-Rochester Office, 25 East Long Lake Rd., Troy; 23, Monroe Office, 534 South Monroe; 27, Ludington Satellite Office, 5773 West U.S. 10; 28, Muskegon Office, 3575 Henry St., and July 29 at the Holland Office, 587 East 8th St.

Aug. 3, Coldwater Office, 101 West Chicago St.; 4, Niles Office, 815 East Main St.; 5, Benton Harbor Office, 601 Riverview Dr.; 11, East Tawas Membership & Insurance Sales Agency, 708 West Bay; 17, Port Huron Office, 930 Lapeer; 18, Saginaw Office, 3755 Bay Rd.; 19, Bay City Office, 1111 S. Euclid Ave.; 20, Midland Office, 1900 South Saginaw Rd.; 24, Mount Pleasant Satellite Office, Pickard Square, 911 E. Pickard, and Aug. 27 at the Marquette Office, 925 W. Washington.

A miniature copy of the vehicle's identification number (VIN) is acid-etched into the windshield, side and rear windows. The process does not harm the glass or detract from the vehicle's appearance. Stickers placed on each front side window warn would-be thieves that the vehicle has been protected.

"Etching the VIN into the glass makes it hard for chop shop operators to sell the vehicle or its parts," stated Jerry Hinton, manager of AAA Michigan's Claims Investigations Unit.

Etching can be done only in dry weather and at temperatures above 50 degrees. Owners must bring their vehicle registration.

"In the years the program has been operating, nearly 10,000 vehicles have had their windows etched as a protection against auto theft. 'We expect more than 5,000 car owners to join with us this season to help stop thieves,' Hinton said.

Exchange students need a home

Cristina, Eduardo, and Alfredo are arriving from Spain next week and need a place to stay. These students and others are part of a program through the Council for International Educational Exchange. They will be here from June 30 to July 28.

Local organizers are asking families to open their homes and hearts to these teenagers so they can learn to speak English better and experience American culture for four weeks in July.

■ Cristina, 15, loves small children and infants. She has a horse and enjoys horseback riding. She describes herself as quiet.

■ Eduardo, 15, likes basketball, soccer, computers, and videogames. He comes from a large extended family living in a small flat in Madrid.

■ Alfredo, 15, studies engineering in college. He likes to fish, hike, and spend time with his parents.

If you have been thinking about being a host parent for a foreign exchange student, this is an easy way to find out what it is all about with only a one month commitment. Call now for information on becoming a volunteer host family for the month of July.

Call Debbie Stakenas at (734) 522-9060 or e-mail her at cmisarr@online.com.

Madonna gives honors

Three area students will receive the Ernest I. Nolan Award for excellence in a humanities discipline from Madonna University.

The recipients are Livonia resident Marie Aversa, a senior in journalism/public relations; Canton resident Ellen Wiland, a fine art major in the teacher education program; and Redford resident Raymond Schmidt, a senior music major.

All were nominated by faculty members. The award is a tribute to Nolan, who led the humanities division at Madonna and now is the university's vice president for academic affairs.



New asphalt: Contractors from Nagle Paving Co. of Farmington Hills are expected to wrap up construction by mid-July of an expanded parking lot at Schoolcraft College adjacent to the McDowell Center and Grote Administration Building. Asphalt is expected to be poured next week. Approximately 60 parking spaces will be added for faculty, staff, students and visitors as a result of the \$388,214 project.

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Grants available to fight pollution

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications to fund projects under the Clean Michigan Initiative Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant Program.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on July 14. A second round of grant applications will be sought in the fall of 1999.

Nonpoint sources of pollution — which include eroding road-stream crossings, livestock accessing lakes and streams and fertilizer runoff from homeown backyards — are the single greatest water quality issue threatening Michigan's rivers and lakes.

The grants will provide funding to local units of government and nonprofit groups to implement a variety of structural and vegetative practices to reduce nonpoint sources.

Practices such as replacing eroding culverts with bridges and directing road runoff away from lakes and streams can prevent hundreds of tons of soil from entering lakes and streams.

Fencing livestock to prevent access to a stream, installing alternate watering sources and vegetating stream banks can prevent nutrients, fecal coliform and soil from entering lakes and streams.

Applicants must describe proposed improvements in the approved watershed management plan to be eligible for a grant. Watershed plans are developed locally and can be submitted to the DEQ for review and approval throughout the year. Projects related to Remedial Action Plan and Lakewide Management Plan recommendations are eligible for funding.

Clean Michigan nonpoint source funds are focused on the structural solutions needed to control nonpoint source pollution. Solutions may include installation of fencing and stairs to control access stabilization of eroding stream banks with vegetation or other means, replacing structurally unsound culverts with single span bridges or fencing livestock out of streams.

The program is funded through the Clean Michigan Initiative bond to improve and protect Michigan's natural resources. Approximately \$5 million will be available for nonpoint source control projects in this application cycle.

To receive a grant application information package, contact the Nonpoint Source Program, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, at (517) 373-2867.

The grant application information can be accessed on the Nonpoint Source Program webpage www.deq.state.mi.us/swq/nps/nps.htm. Further information is available from nonpoint source program staff in DEQ district offices.

Mud Day invites kids to get dirty July 6

Splash, splash, the children will be taking a bath.

That's what will be needed July 6 once children aged 12 and under play in one of the messiest playgrounds in southeastern Michigan at Hines Park-Perrin Area on Hines Drive just west of Inkster Road.

Wayne County parks will host its annual Mud Day at 11 a.m., bringing in more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water.

Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events, like "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races, and at the end of the day, Mr. and Mrs. Mud will be crowned.

Parents should make sure children are wearing old clothes and shoes, and bring a clean change of clothes. A cleanup area will be provided at the site.

Parents are advised to bring towels, as there are no showers on site. Kerry Cleaners, an event sponsor, will provide plastic bags for parents to bring dirty clothes home. Other sponsors include Target and 7-11 stores.

"These kids get so dirty that we've promised to only do this once a year," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Everybody played in the mud as a kid, and it's an experience no one ever forgets."

This event has been co-sponsored with Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation Department. For information on this event, call (734) 261-1990.

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Waiting: Lisa Mundy listens to instructions from Starkweather Center Principal Carol Saunders prior to the ceremony.



Special moment: Starkweather Center Principal Carol Saunders puts her arm around Nicole Caram during Thursday's commencement ceremony at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. At left, the two shake hands after Caram receives her diploma.

Class of '99

Starkweather honors graduates

Eighty-one members of the Class of 1999 received diplomas last Thursday in the Salem High School auditorium during the commencement ceremony for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Adult and Alternative Education program.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept bids until 10:00 a.m., July 8, 1999, in the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 for the following:
Housing Rehabilitation: 1 single-family detached home
Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Dept. Bid must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words (HOUSING REHAB), time and date of bid opening. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (313) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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July 4th big weekend for in-state travel

Nearly 2 million Michigani-ans are expected to take a holiday trip as the nation celebrates the three-day Fourth of July weekend, July 3-5, says AAA Michigan.

According to an Auto Club survey of 500 state residents early in June, 41 percent of those traveling are heading to a destination within Michigan. Most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (68 percent), while 32 percent will visit the upper peninsula.

The snap, crackle and pop weekend should lure summer travelers to beaches, campgrounds and hundreds of fireworks displays statewide.

Nationwide, 37.4 million Americans will travel 100 miles or more from home this holiday weekend.

Of those planning to leave the state over the Independence Day holiday, 74 percent will stay within the United States; 17 percent will visit Ohio. North Car-

olina (10 percent) and Florida (7 percent) are also popular out-of-state destinations. Theme parks are among the popular July family treks.

The majority, 85 percent, will travel by auto, truck or recreational vehicle.

More than half of those surveyed said they will extend their vacation beyond the Fourth of July weekend. The average trip length will be six days - a two-day increase over last year. The extended stays should bolster summer tourism spending by an estimated 4 percent over last year.

On average (as of June 21), motorists will pay \$1.17, about 6 cents more than last year for a gallon of self-serve, regular unleaded gas.

Based on requests received for AAA TourBook® guides, TripTik® routings and maps, the top five summer destinations for AAA Michigan travelers are:

1) Frankenmuth,

2) Traverse City,
3) Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island,
4) Mount Pleasant; and
5) Sault Ste. Marie.
Tourism in Michigan is a \$9.5-billion-a-year industry, and the state remains one of the least costly to visit. This year, says AAA, the average family of four will spend \$185 daily for food and lodging in Michigan - \$1 less than last year.

The official 78-hour holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday (July 2) and runs to midnight Monday (July 5). During last year's 78-hour July Fourth holiday period, 15 people died in 14 fatal crashes on roads across the state.

That's down from the 78-hour holiday in 1997, when 16 people died in 14 crashes. Seven (50 percent) of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Six of the 11 victim occupants did not wear their safety belts.

During the recent Memorial

Day holiday weekend, 17 persons died in holiday traffic. AAA Michigan reminds travelers that crashes can be prevented - keep your mind on the drive, buckle up, maintain a safe following distance, be mindful of road construction zones, don't drink and drive, don't drive drowsy, and share the road safely with large trucks.

Although the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) suspends much roadwork during the major summer holidays, travelers may face unavoidable delays due to high traffic volumes. Allow extra time to reach your destination safely.

For the 35th year, AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" Holiday News Service will help steer holiday travelers to their destinations throughout the Fourth of July holiday period with hourly traffic, safety and tourism bulletins airing on 100 radio stations statewide. For detour information, updated hourly during the holiday period, call 1-800-AAA-MICH or visit: <http://www.aaamich.com> on the Web.

New water park open for fun

Chandler Park Family Aquatic Center is open for business.

Located on the east side of Detroit, Chandler Park features four major water attractions designed to appeal to young and old. Kids can splash in the 4,800-square-foot water play area called "Tadpole Pole" place, while teens and adults can take the plunge down the 203-foot "Splash Down" water slide. The "Way Cool Wave Pool" and the "Body Slide" round out Chandler Park's list of attractions.

"This summer marks our first full operating season," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "It's a great facility, and we hope that families from all over the county and throughout the metropolitan Detroit area will come for a visit. In fact, we are expecting to host more than 150,000 visitors this year."

Chandler Park Family Aquatic Center boasts many features that make it safe, affordable and fun for families. Among them, a staff of more than 50 YMCA and Ellis-certified lifeguards; swim lessons, plenty of shaded areas for lounging and picnicking, a concession center and group

rates for birthday parties and other special occasions.

Prices for Wayne County residents are: adults weekdays: \$6; adults weekends: \$7; youngsters (ages 2-15) weekdays: \$4; youngsters weekends: \$5. Children younger than 2 are free. Non-

resident fees: adults weekdays: \$12; adults weekends: \$14; youngsters (2-15) weekdays: \$8; youngsters weekends: \$10. Children younger than 2 are free.

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Source: 1998 AAA TripTik® requests



ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

DESIGN, FURNISH AND INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT FLODIN AND GRIFFIN PARK

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the Company/Person submitting the bid, the name of the bid, and the bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, July 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-06 751 Forest Ave. Non-Use Variance Requested
Pence Height & Air Flow
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: David & Robin Edelbrock

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Cherry Hill Village Challenge is finding right fit

Even as an abstract concept — with no drawings to look at — you can tell Cherry Hill Village is going to be something different for Canton. Selling potential residents on this town-within-a-town shouldn't be difficult. The idea has caught on elsewhere. And after a decade of cookie-cutter subdivisions, many people are looking for housing alternatives in the suburbs.

Planners envision a 400-acre district of 1,200 homes, parks, retail development and public buildings that will be in character with the historic Cherry Hill School and the few other 19th Century buildings that currently dot the landscape. At the center will be a traditional neighborhood, with a town square-type feel and a variety of homes built in close proximity. The outskirts of the district will feature homes on larger lots. The district is bordered roughly by Saltz, Proctor, Denton and Napier Roads.

David Skillman of developer Biltmore Properties said the biggest challenge so far has been to get people connected with the project to "think out of the box." Even township zoning, he said, needs to be altered to create what proponents envision for Cherry Hill Village. Another challenge, he said, will be how to reinvent and bring together the elements that will make up the core of the village.

We suspect a bigger hurdle faced by developers and township officials down the road

will be integrating the village into the existing community. While the Observer strongly supports alternative kinds of development like Cherry Hill Village, we also believe it would be a serious mistake to ignore or minimize its impact on the surrounding area.

The object here isn't to build an island fortress and plunk it down in the middle of Canton. That's how you end up with a Renaissance Center.

The goal is to design a neighborhood that can become a destination for current Canton residents as well as those who live elsewhere. That's particularly important for public facilities and amenities that will fall within the village boundaries. A park or even a regional arts center (which has been talked about) will have to be perceived as something for all of Canton, not just Cherry Hill Village residents. To do so will require extraordinary long-range vision. If Cherry Hill Village takes 10 years to materialize, it could take another 10 years for many to consider it truly part of Canton.

Skillman believes the concentric nature of the design, with larger lots more typical to suburbs like Canton on the outskirts, will help the project "fit in" with Canton as a whole. We hope he's right. Because the success of Cherry Hill Village has as much to do with the 34 square miles that lie outside its boundaries as the approximately two square miles it encompasses.

Casinos prey on the elderly

Many are looking forward to the arrival in the Promised Land with the openings of Detroit's casinos with all their glitz, glitter, and new money.

But as this newspaper cautioned readers when urging a "no" vote on the statewide casino ballot issue, all is not gold and glitter.

The state and city of Detroit need to prepare now to answer some of the problems that surely will occur.

The first week of June, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced a task force to try to head off crime related to casino gambling.

While that group will deal with criminal activity, they won't address one of the more insidious problems of casinos — gambling addiction and its effect on elderly patrons.

One of the tragic effects of casino gambling is that the operations prey on senior citizens who, in search of a social outing, fritter away their Social Security check or month's pension earnings playing the slot machines. The image of grandma playing the slots may seem cute at first glance but it is an occurrence rising in frequency with increasingly tragic results.

Studies show the busiest days for casinos nationwide are the third and fourth days of each month when senior citizens grab their pension and Social Security checks out of the mailbox and board a casino bus.

A study of 236 gambling seniors in Rhode Island showed more than half who gambled had an annual income of less than \$20,000, 31 percent gambled with pension money, and 20 percent with Social Security funds.

In Atlantic City, N.J., alone some 9 million people arrive by casino bus each year. The trips are sponsored by church groups, senior centers, retirements centers, banks — almost everybody. The bus are really mobile senior citizen centers — offering lonely, older people companionship and visions of winning lots of money, which for many seniors is in short supply.

Dennis McNeilly, a Jesuit priest who is a psychologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, conducted a study of 81 Omaha-area senior centers and retirement homes and found that bingo is their top recreational activity, followed by trips to casinos.

Casinos have removed the stigma many seniors once held for gambling. In fact, many seniors now would rather spend their Sundays on a casino day trip than in church — a major shift in priorities for the 65 and older crowd.

McNeilly says his geriatric outpatient clinic had no gambling addicted patients during its first decade. But since two casinos and a dog track with a casino have opened during the past two years across the river in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the clinic has treated 50 cases of senior citizen gambling addiction.

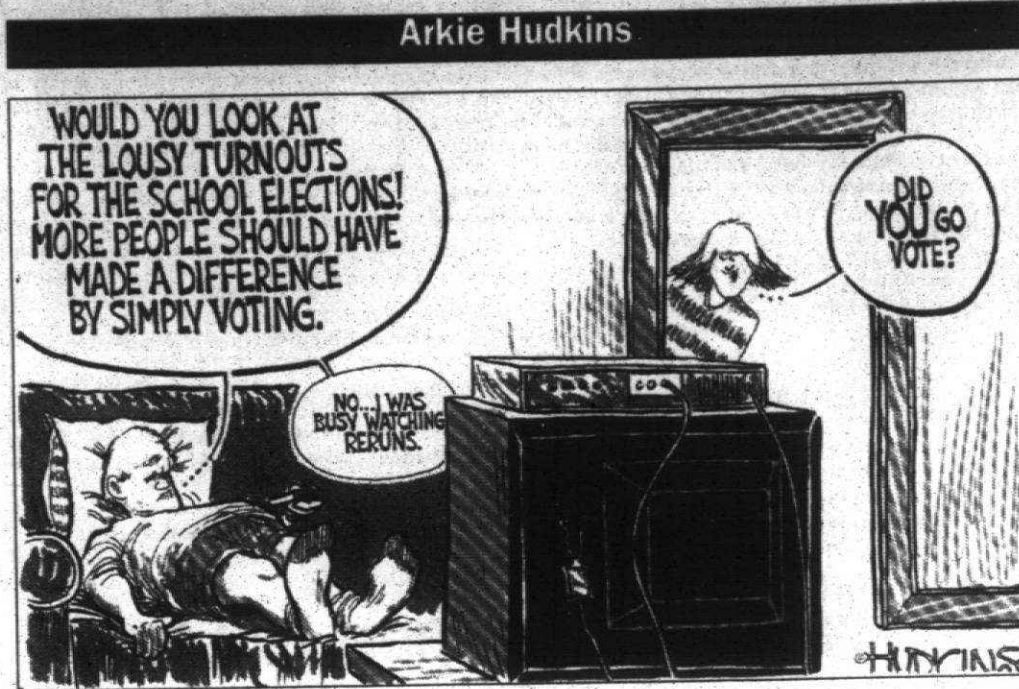
His studies show that about 60 percent of the seniors are casual, social gamblers who go to casinos without negative results. Nationally, however, individuals 65 and older account for 1 to 3 percent of all compulsive gamblers and in areas where casinos exist that rises to 2 to 6 percent.

When the casinos do open, and the problems among our elderly begin to surface the burden likely will fall on the state.

Nationwide, our churches have been woefully neglectful in fighting casino gambling, which most see as a moral problem. Only the United Methodist Church has stepped up to the plate with any significant amount of funds to fight the problem.

The Catholic Church, which is most effective in dealing with social issues, has compromised itself by sponsoring bingo and Vegas Nights. Other churches adopt position papers against gambling but do not spend any money to fight casinos or help gambling addicts.

But the state itself seems addicted to gambling revenues and so we may find grandpa and grandma not only hooked on gambling but pretty much left to fend for themselves.



Arkie Hudkins

LETTERS

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PE fits some needs

Your articles concerning physical education offered by the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools missed an important issue at the high school. There are six class hours a day at the PCPEP. A student following the "college preparatory program" curriculum does not have enough class time to fit in the required physical education credit, without dropping a class like foreign language or performing arts. After the core classes of English, math, science and history/social sciences, only two electives are left.

A year ago this was brought to the attention of both principals and the school board. A suggestion surfaced with the support of hundreds of parents, to give PE credit for participation in extracurricular activities. A compromise was offered by the school board to allow 1/2 PE credit earned for after school activities. A student still must take 1/2 (one semester) credit of PE to graduate from the high school even though it is not a state requirement. Educators are aware that students are dropping academic classes to avoid taking PE during the summer.

Your article cites a California study suggesting daily exercise increases MEAP scores. I have listened to principals and educators in our own school district suggest the same about students enrolled in the performing arts. The 1999 Program of Studies published by the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools has recommended course requirements called the President's Council requirements. This list of strongly suggested classes does not include PE but does stress foreign language and performing arts.

I am not suggesting dropping the PE program, but it should not be a mandatory class when other academic classes are dropped to fit it in a schedule.

I have enjoyed dozens of music and choir concerts at the middle and high school level over the years. I would never think to force every student at the high school to get on stage to play an instrument or sing a song before graduation. Conversely it is not fair to force students into a soccer technique class or football weight training just to graduate.

Students that have the desire for the arts should not be cheated by other mandatory classes. PE fits the need for some students but it should not be forced when it is not needed in the diet or there is no more room on the plate.

Dan Kompoltowicz
Plymouth

Voters send message

Well, the elections are over, and the results are in. The Schoolcraft incumbents got re-elected and the Plymouth-Canton incumbents got defeated. The former board president got the least votes of all.

Both Mr. Maloney and Ms. Blamer are sitting there blaming things that caused their defeat, as happening in the last two weeks, to the last two months. Maybe they should have looked at what they did during the last two years, if they wanted the real reasons. It seems to me that the voters were actually looking at their rubber stamping Mr. Little, instead of looking out for the voters (as they are supposed to be doing).

The action of this school board over the last few years has been disgraceful, since they have been little more than Little's pawns. Maybe the next school super will be informed that they work under the guidance of the board, and not dictating what the district will do.

Leon Suchorski
Canton

Enforce more old laws

I thought Phil Power's column "Culture dog wagged by tail," (June 10, 1999) was right on and to the point — i.e., how did the entertainment industry people "get to have such colossal influence over the culture which defines the world in which I and my family live?"

Now we come to the Detroit Free Press editorial regarding the "Cussing Canoeist," (June 12, 1999). This editorial feels sorry for the cussing canoeist, because he was convicted under a 19th Century Michigan law, and anyway "adults are more likely to be offended by what comes out of the mouths of children than vice versa."

Now folks, where does that leave us, when the Detroit Free Press and the American Civil Liberties Union think that the law regarding using vile language in front of children should be thrown out? Some say it's up to the families, religious organizations and schools to straighten things out.

I say, these groups have been trying, and it's proved to be a losing battle. I personally think we need more enforcement of these types of 19th century laws, perhaps even 18th century laws, and maybe somebody ought to investigate who finances the American Civil Liberties Union. Do you know, I don't!

Ralph C. Bolz
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Handcuffing developers won't solve 'sprawl'

One man's "urban sprawl" is another man's "economic development."

One person's "rampant development" is another's "job creation" and "low cost housing."

The issue of sprawl has been discussed for years, certainly ever since I've been covering suburban communities in metro Detroit. That dates the issue at more than 20 years old. Actually it goes back much further. It's the issue that never goes away, never gets resolved.

Sometimes that's hard to understand. Every time we drive by yet another field freshly cleared and bulldozed in preparation of yet another strip mall or subdivision, we often note with disgust that the construction never seems to end. We may wonder aloud why it's permitted to go on.

One city manager brought the issue into sharp focus for me not long ago by denouncing the entire anti-sprawl movement. Concern over urban sprawl, he argued, is just a political "ploy" used by inner-city interests to steal economic develop-



MIKE MALLOT

ment projects away from growing suburban communities. If they could redirect those projects back toward the urban centers, he contended, those inner-city officials

would reap the benefits — increased tax base and job creation and the boost to the local economy that goes with them.

His comments point out that the issue of sprawl is one of competing interests. "Sprawl" is not a negative for everyone — it represents a conflict between the rights of one and the rights of another.

Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, told me that sprawl has only recently become an issue for the general public. Yes, it has been around for years, but the public has come to recognize the issue and share the concern over it only in the past

two or three years.

We'll surely hear more about it in the future. Vice President Al Gore has promised to make an issue of it in his bid for the presidency. Gov. John Engler has shown increasing concern over sprawl of late.

And growth itself will increase the concerns. SEMCOG recently projected a 600,000 person increase in the population of southeast Michigan over the next 20 years, necessitating the development of thousands of houses here, not to mention the job-providing businesses and goods-supplying stores that go along with them. All that building will burn up 24 percent more land in the metro region, the report concluded.

But curtailing that growth would carry a price. One of the oft-mentioned ways to control sprawl would be to give SEMCOG more authority to determine where construction will occur and where it will not. Currently, when it comes to planning, SEMCOG is an advisory agency and the real authority rests with individual municipalities.

The effect of a regional planning agency controlling growth has been seen in western communities where the approach has been tried. The result is higher land and housing prices. Anytime you restrict the supply and allow demand to outpace it, prices go up.

That sounds fine, unless of course you are the one looking for a new house in the area. The Detroit area has always had an advantage over other industrialized sections of the country because of its low housing costs and its relatively low cost of living. Curtailing growth might end that.

State lawmakers have recently noted that much of what is fueling growth is the economic pressure on farmers. With very narrow profit margins, farmers are often better off financially to turn their land over to developers for new subdivisions. It's also a heck of a lot less work.

To eliminate the pressure, metro area residents are going to have to be willing to pay more at the supermarket for the food they eat.

There are costs to sprawl, too. Development in greenfields requires duplication of infrastructure that is already being underutilized in the already developed urban centers.

So there's the choice: sink money into housing and food, or into water and sewer lines.

But if we are going to make progress in dealing with urban sprawl, we cannot simply denounce the other side as the bad guys. New residents and developers aren't evil. Environmentalists and growth control advocates have very valid concerns about the loss of open land in the region.

We'll make no progress on the issue until we recognize it as a conflict between rights and interests, and then start making the hard choices about how we want our communities to grow. We must also recognize the costs our choices will carry.

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LETTERS

Hardly feels sorry

To the poor principal that has been working without a contract for two years. Isn't that awful?

When you make a little under or a little over \$100,000 per year with the best benefit package that I have seen around, it is hard for me to feel sorry for you.

Sure, you work hard but so do the people at big corporations that make big money. There is no big money for 40 hours per week.

I have always been a firm believer that if you can make money somewhere else, please go. What good is a dissatisfied person to themselves or to

the employer? Some principals are complaining that certain members on the board want to run the school system like a business. Do they want to run the schools like the federal government, spend 125 percent of the revenues coming in? That is why the nation is almost \$6 trillion in debt and sinking faster each year.

The balance budget that both parties are bragging about is non-sense. Senator Carl Levin wrote me that without using Social Security money to balance the budget we would have had a deficit of \$28 billion last year. I never took any government-ese accounting courses so I can't figure that one out. I do know that when

I'm broke, there is no one to bail me out. I have been on my own for over 38 years and at 76, I think of retirement some time but all my retired friends tell me to keep going as long as I can. I always remind myself of the old man in Ferndale that sold his business and went to St. Pete, Fla. He sat on a park bench and looked around. He came to the conclusion that they were all sitting around waiting around to die. He said to himself, I've got to get the hell out of here. Came back to Michigan, purchased some land, purchased earth moving equipment and built a golf course. He died with satisfaction of doing something.

I hope I can say the same someday.

Dean H. Lenheiser
Plymouth

Get involved in schools

I would personally like to thank everyone that helped and supported my campaign for the Plymouth-Canton School Board. I think the results indicated that voters want change. They want decisive action taken on merit pay, the superintendent selection process, new high school location, and school funding issues.

The process involved in solving

these issues will be sometimes lengthy and controversial. However, the process will be open. I will continually seek public opinion through the use of district town meetings and discussion with teachers and administrators. We derive common solutions from open discussion. The solution to these and other concerns will effect the education of all the district's students. The school board needs your input. Get involved because it is your community's future.

Steve Guile
Canton

A single ballot for education issues may be in our future

There's a disconnect going on in the news business. Increasingly, through a process called "devolution," tax dollars and the authority to spend that money are being transferred from Washington to state capitals around the country, including Lansing. The idea is state governments are closer to the people than far-off federal bureaucrats and, therefore, state governors and legislatures will make better decisions about spending priorities.

That's perfectly sensible. And you'd think that the news media, in response, would double and redouble the resources they devote to news coverage from Lansing.

Far from it. Over the past 10 years, the number of reporters assigned to cover goings-on in Lansing has dropped by nearly half. Both the great wire services (Associated Press, for example, the biggest) and the regional daily newspapers (the Detroit dailies and the Booth Newspapers, for example) have over the years reduced staff assigned to Lansing. Excepting public broadcasting, where Tim Skubi's "Off The Record" remains essential fare for insiders, TV and radio stations no longer count for day-in, day-out coverage.

The news media cite two factors. Budgets for news coverage are always under pressure. And readers, listeners and viewers supposedly aren't interested in Lansing news.

Be that as it may, HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper, has maintained for years a News Service that specializes in covering stories that may originate in Lansing but which have singular consequence for local communities.

It takes skill and experience to distinguish between the general Lansing story and the one that has concrete meaning in the daily lives of local residents. For years, Tim Richard performed brilliantly in the role. Earlier this year, Tim decided to retire up North, where the fishing is better.

His successor is Mike Mallot, who comes to the job with more than 25 years of journalism experience. You'll see his reporting in this newspaper. Watch for his byline; he's good.

An example comes from a piece Mike filed last week. In it, he describes a move in the Legislature to move annual local school board elections from June to November. Chief sponsor is House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Rackowski, R-Farming-ton Hills.

Rackowski argues consolidating elections would save money for schools, which have to reimburse municipal clerks for running separate school elections in June. And he adds that turnout in local elections is often less than 2 percent, would go up if school boards were elected in November, when voter turnout is higher.

School boards are vehemently opposed to consol-



PHILIP POWER

idation. Adding local school board candidates to the November ballot (already called a "bedsheet" ballot because of the number of candidates on it) would only insure that the outcome of school board elections would be largely random because nobody would know what the candidates stand for, let alone their names.

They've got a point. For newspapers like this one, detailed local coverage of school board elections is an important point of our responsibility. The big city dailies don't do it, of course. I'm concerned that if school board elections were consolidated onto the November ballot, local coverage would get lost in the shuffle of elections for president, governor, U.S. Senate and House, state Senate and House, not to mention various judges, initiatives and referenda.

Another idea is to consolidate elections for statewide education posts (State Board of Education and the boards of U-M, MSU and Wayne State University) into the June elections for school board. That would create a statewide "education election," allowing the public an opportunity to focus on Michigan's educational policy and spending. That's entirely lacking at present, which is a terrible state of affairs for an activity that consumes the largest share of state taxpayer expenditures.

State Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, has requested an opinion from Attorney General Jennifer Granholm whether such a change could be accomplished by legislation alone or whether it requires a Constitutional amendment. I suggest those who are concerned about the bad consequences of consolidating school board elections onto the November ballot urge the Attorney General's office to render an opinion before the Legislature returns for business this fall.

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"I enjoy the Birmingham Art Festival because of its exhibits."



"I like Art in the Park because my wife displays pottery."

"I enjoy Art in the Park because I like to see all the goods people make."

SCHOOLCRAFT NEWS

What's Happening at Schoolcraft This Week: June 28 to July

June 28: Recreational Golf - For beginning and advanced golfers, this course focuses on the pre-swing routine, the full swing, the short game, rules and etiquette. Equipment is provided or bring your own. The six-week class begins Monday, June 28 at 5 p.m. or 6:10 p.m. for a \$60 fee.

Junior Tennis Camps - This four-day camp is for tournament-level competitors and provides conditioning and drilling on serves, volleys, overheads, ground strokes and match play. The camp begins Monday, June 28 at 3:30 p.m. for a \$85 fee.

June 30: Assertive Techniques for the Workplace - Learn techniques to improve your ability to deal with difficult situations decisively, yet diplomatically. You will project a confident image, have the ability to sell your ideas, say no when you mean no and give and receive constructive criticism. Part of the American Management Association Certification Program, this five-week class begins Wednesday, June 30, for \$146 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Long Labor Day weekend defeated

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A longer summer vacation was the last thing on the minds of state representatives Thursday, June 17, before they recessed until fall.

The Michigan House turned down a measure mandating a four-day weekend for school districts across the state for the Labor Day holiday. House Bill 4099, sponsored by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, failed to pass muster in a 47-60 vote. It is the second time this session representatives have considered and rejected the bill.

With the school year getting

longer, as a result of a state mandate, many districts now begin classes in August. That means a shorter vacation season for families with school-aged children and for the northern Michigan tourism industry.

Shackleton argued it was a "family friendly bill," designed to give parents one last weekend with their kids before sending them back to school. He noted the bill would require that schools take off the Friday before Labor Day only for the next three years. Originally coupled with a requirement that the state create a school calendar study committee, that idea was dropped.

Opponents argued that the bill would reduce local control of districts by boards of education.

"We have local school boards that are elected. This bill is chopping away at local control," Rep. Doug Spade, D-Adrian, contended. "Next are we going to prevent the band from performing at the Memorial Day Parade so its members can stay home with their families on that holiday?"

Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, motioned unsuccessfully to have the bill amended to exempt year-round programs.

Opponents further argued that school boards can choose to start the school year after Labor Day,

but it should be their choice. They contended that if the state is going to mandate a four-day weekend for school districts, it should also mandate a long weekend on that holiday for government offices and businesses, so that parents are available to spend time with their children.

Here is how local legislators voted:

Reps. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia voted yes.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, voted no.

Scholarships available

Four \$1,000 scholarships are available for the 1999-2000 fall and winter terms at Schoolcraft College to students who themselves are in the U.S. military or have a parent or grandparent who served honorably in the armed forces.

To qualify, students must have completed one year of studies at Schoolcraft, have a 2.5 or higher grade-point average with no fewer than 12 credit hours per semester, and not have received excessive scholarships or grants.

The American Legion Post 390 in Rosedale Park is offering the

scholarships to qualified students. The award can be renewed if the recipient maintains a 2.5 grade-point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and is in a three-year program.

Application deadline is Friday, July 30. Applications are available in the office of financial aid in the McDowell Building and must be returned to that office.

For information, call (313) 462-4433. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

I-275 construction closes more ramps

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The exit ramp from southbound I-275 to Eight Mile is now closed to traffic for about 12 days so it can be rebuilt.

And Wednesday, an entrance ramp from eastbound Eight Mile to southbound I-275 was closed through July 1 so construction crews can replace that ramp as part of the \$49 million rebuilding of I-275.

Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said once the Eight Mile interchange is completed, crews will move to the Six Mile interchange and work on the ramps there, then follow with construction on the Seven Mile interchange.

Motorists are advised to use the Seven Mile exits while crews work on Eight Mile ramps. "And when the crews work on Six Mile, motorists will be able to use the Seven and Eight Mile

exits," Pannecouk said.

The closures do not affect the entrance and exit ramps on the northbound side of I-275 at Eight Mile. The loop ramps at all the interchanges will remain closed through November.

Work crews are paving the new southbound lanes for I-275 and working in a southerly direction. That side should be completed within the next four weeks, Pannecouk said.

"Starting next week, they will start on Five Mile and come back

north to pave two shoulders and a fourth lane," Pannecouk said.

Once paving is completed on the southbound lanes - scheduled for completion by mid-July - traffic in both directions will be crossed back over to the newly paved southbound side between Grand River and Five Mile Road.

At that time, construction on the Grand River interchange and the ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 will be completed.

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JACK GLADDEN

Nature's song worth hearing

A colleague of mine took a solo canoe trip a while back. He paddled along the shoreline of Lake Superior and, for a couple of days, saw absolutely no one. No people. He had no radio, no TV. The only sounds were the sounds of nature.

"It was great," he said.

We were talking about it in the picnic area outside the building here at work. We had to talk a little bit louder than we should have to hear each other over the traffic noises from the freeway and the sounds of drills and saws from the workers installing a new air conditioning system on the roof of the building.

Back inside, attempting to concentrate on writing this column, I tried to tune out the conversations of my co-workers, the sound of the press running in another part of the building, the ringing telephones.

And I wondered: Whatever happened to silence? What happened to those sounds of nature? They've been overpowered by man-made noises that seem to have become not only acceptable but necessary parts of daily life.

At home, in the morning, I can hear the birds singing in the backyard. But their songs are often drowned out by traffic noises from the street or airplanes making their landing approach to Willow Run.

At night, in the spring and summer, I can sometimes hear the croaking of frogs in the wooded area across that street and I can also hear the low rumble of traffic roaring along I-275

more than a mile away.

... in the car, or in her room, she has to have the radio on. The 'silence' gets to her.

In the car, driving to work, if the window is down, I have to turn the radio up to full volume to be able to hear the traffic and weather report over the noise

coming from all around me. Nothing specific, like a huge semi rumbling past or some kid with his stereo up so loud that the bass shakes his car and mine. Just generic noise.

The Teenager sometimes takes walks or jogs through the neighborhood late at night when it's dark and cool. She seems to like the quiet sounds of the night.

But in the car, or in her room, she has to have the radio on. The 'silence' gets to her.

I love to watch those joggers who, while running for their health and breathing in the outside air, have their Walkmans plugged into their ears so they don't have to run in silence.

Nature isn't silent. Anyone who has ever sat outside in a Florida marsh listening to hundreds of frogs croaking at the top of their lungs or gills or whatever they have knows that. Their decibel level can equal that of a teenager's car stereo. But it's the sound of nature.

I guess I'm just too much of a dinosaur. When I was a kid growing up there was no television, radio was the medium for daytime soap operas and nighttime dramas, the transistor radio hadn't been invented and car radios were rarities.

I liked to sit outside on the front porch when it was raining. Just sit and listen to the rain. Or lie in the back yard at night, listening to the crickets and looking for shooting stars.

If we ever went to the beach or to a lake, the sounds were the sounds of waves splashing on the shore or maybe gulls squawking as they flew overhead. No one brought radios or CD players along to shatter the sounds of nature.

The Feminist has a theory that if people aren't "distracted" by the noise of radios or stereos or whatever, they might have to think - or even be introspective - and they don't want to do that. She may be right.

It's just so noisy in here right now, I can't think about it anymore.

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Friends' paths cross at libraries

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

What are the odds that a college friend studying the same subject will get a job doing the same thing in a city right next door?

That's exactly what happened with Eva Davis, young adult librarian at Plymouth District Library, and Stefanie Halliday, young adult librarian at the Canton Public Library.

Within two years they went from being classmates at the University of Michigan School of Information to being colleagues who constantly exchange ideas and shop talk via e-mail and the telephone.

Davis, a Plymouth Township resident, decided to become a librarian while in college, but Halliday, of Ann Arbor, knew from childhood that she wanted to work among books.

Davis describes herself as outgoing while Halliday says she's more reserved. Davis attended college part-time while working full-time and Halliday went full-time and worked part-time. Davis spent her life growing up in Canton while Halliday, a "military brat," grew up in a variety of places.

Both decided working with young adults was what they wanted to do. When Davis was having trouble deciding what class to take, Halliday spoke up about the young adult class. Davis decided to take the class, and the rest is history.

"Young adult" refers to roughly the 12-18 age group, an age group both women say they enjoy working with. Their relatively young ages, Davis is 26 and Halliday is 25, make connecting with teens all the more easy.

"We like to think that it helps," Halliday said.

With dating, malls, car privileges and part-time jobs taking up a good chunk of most teenagers' time, trying to get them to come to a library may seem like a tall order.

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Common denominator: College chums Stefanie Halliday (left) and Eva Davis are back together again, so to speak, as the youth librarians at the Canton and Plymouth public libraries.

Teens go 'Down Under' with library programs

The Teen Summer Reading Programs at the Plymouth and Canton public libraries are designed specifically for the modern teen - who is Internet-literate, music-savvy and eager to learn.

The multi-media program encourages sixth-12th-graders to surf the Internet, listen to music and, of course, read. This summer's theme is Australia, dubbed "The Books Down Under." Plymouth and Canton teens

are welcome to participate at either library.

The program begins with registration June 21 and ends Aug. 6. It coincides with the children's reading program, which also is Australian-themed. The Canton Public library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, and the Plymouth District Library is at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Teens can listen to music, learn

about Australian culture, read books about Australia and read books by Down Under authors. Teens can either use the Internet at home or use any of the Internet terminals at either the library.

The library has posted fliers in public schools and in the library and have spread the message through schools' morning announcements.

The program offers prizes for regular

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Go to where?: Trying their hand at the life-sized game of Monopoly before it makes its "debut" at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland on Sunday are Dave Droste (front row, from left), Kerry Bissell, Jann Martin (back row, from left), the church's youth director, Anna Bonde and Kim Sparrow.

Monopoly game helps to finance mission work

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Youngsters in a Westland church's youth group have been making paper houses and buildings this spring in hopes of being able to repair real ones later this summer.

The paper edifices will be used Sunday, June 27, in a game of Life-Size Monopoly, a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland fundraiser at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Organizers hope it will enable the Westland teens to join others from across the country in a Workcamp Mission to fix up the homes of the needy and elderly in Nashua, N.H.

"We still need about \$1,300 (for the mission)," said Jann Martin, lay associate at the church. The kids got the first \$1,300 by hosting - under her direction - a dinner-dance fundraiser for adults in May.

Life-Size Monopoly will be played noon to 10 p.m. on a giant 30-square-foot Monopoly board at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, west of Newburgh.

For \$5 each per half hour, four people become human playing pieces on the board, competing against each other by rolling or throwing 18-cubic-inch dice.

They'll try to buy Boardwalk, Park Place, railroad, utility, hotel, building or house. They'll be aided by Chance while always facing the classic "Do Not Pass Go - Go Straight to Jail," which likely will put them in a

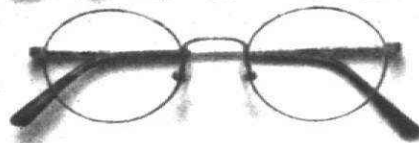
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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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GREENWOOD VILLA
Greenwood Villa will have a Gramma's Attic Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 9-10 at the complex, 7800 Nankin Court, Westland. A light lunch will be available each day.

ST. DAMIAN
Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 887-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A sin-

gle space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 463-5145 for more information.

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 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 for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, case 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space - 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-by-8-foot table - is \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH
Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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

Monopoly from page B1

Prizes will be awarded every half hour, but there also will be a drawing for Meijer gift certificates and a grand prize of dinner and movie for two from the Westland Jonathon B. Pub.

For more information, call the church at (734) 722-1735.

Tinkerer's task
The gameboard and pieces were designed by 20-year-old Dave Droste, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate and lifetime tinkerer who's a popular church youth group sponsor.

Early this year, Martin gave Droste the task of duplicating the game he daughter Nickie, 16, had seen at a Workcamp in North Carolina.

Droste, who plans to study engineering this fall at Henry Ford Community College, quickly realized the original plans were too costly - for example, the gameboard was to be covered with Plexiglas. Besides, he already was working as much as

86 hours a week at two jobs in Westland.

But he didn't back down. "I said, 'Sure!' I didn't know how, but I'd do it," he said.

Having learned Monopoly from playing - and always losing to - older brother Steve, Droste vowed that his project would "still turn out nice, still turn out good."

As far back as he could remember, Droste tried to learn how things worked - so much so that his parents' motto early on was "Hide the screwdrivers from Dave!"

They'd let him take apart appliances that he couldn't repair, but it wasn't enough, Droste chuckled. "In Grampa's car, I was always pushing the buttons. I didn't know what they did, but I would always be pushing them. Just a curious kid, always getting into things."

For the Monopoly project, he chose music for the board and used his drafting skills to pencil in the board design. Then

he began coloring the blocks with Magic Markers, because they dyed the fabric and kept it washable. They also were cheaper than fabric paint, which would flake off from use.

That phase took him a month of working four to eight hours at a time. It was "the biggest, most time-consuming project I've done," he said.

It's fun, though, it's fun, it's an experience," he said.

Roll of the dice
The dice originally were to be glued-together foam pieces colored with markers. But Droste, with auto chair foam and upholstery pieces from his full-time job at Phoenix Office Furnishings, got his grandmother, Gladys Seeger, to sew it together and iron-on big fabric dots.

The Kroger Co. donated 30 large and small grocery bags for hotels, houses and other game pieces. Droste's youth group drew in windows and doors and colored them with markers.

Markers also were used for the original yellow light bulb, orange jail and the cop in blue pointing to the jail.

If the Life Size Monopoly benefit puts the kids into the July 17-25 New Hampshire mission, said Martin, they'll stay at a middle school, work on houses with students from other states each day and re-assemble each evening for dinner, prayers and fun.

Adult sponsors - except Droste - will accompany the Westland teens.

"I'd love to go, but I can't take time off work," said Droste, who also toils 15-25 hours weekly at Mickey's Dairy Twist in trying to resolve the transportation problem that forced him from mechanical engineering at Eastern Michigan University a couple years ago.

However, he said, he hopes to join the kids in August near Graying for the Bass Lake Festival.

Librarians from page B1

Even those who came to libraries frequently as children lose interest as teens and don't begin using libraries again until

they have their own children, Davis said.

So getting teens into the library is a challenge they're willing to tackle - with a little help from the teens themselves.

Both librarians have advisory boards consisting of 12-18-year-olds. The boards provide input about what issues are hot with teens, what materials libraries should provide for teens and how libraries can draw teen readers.

The Teen Advisory Board at the Plymouth library told Davis the library needs to stock more music, and the library listened.

"They said they wanted more Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and Britney Spears," Davis said. "They check them out the minute we put them out."

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Huston-Bell

Robert and Margaret Huston of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, LeAnne Marie, to Sean Michael Bell, the son of John and Terry Bell of Chicago, and Diane Gorman of Colfax, N.H.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Lord & Taylor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Columbia College in Chicago with a bachelor of arts degree. He is currently working as a sculptor, focusing on special effects.

A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.



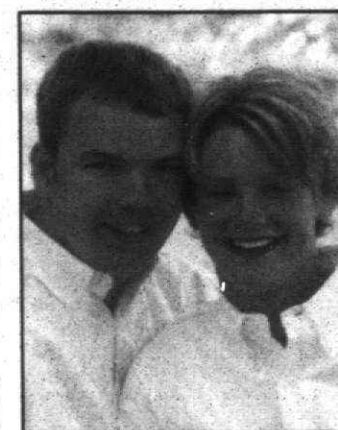
planned at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

Ellstrom-David

Karen and Richard Ellstrom of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mary, to Jonathan Scott David, the son of Cynthia and Roland David of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Fairlane Club and is the Dearborn High School girls' soccer coach.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Life Systems Inc. and is a coach for Loyola University of Chicago men's golf team.



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

Kimmet-Zaske

Jim and Kate Kimmet of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Christine, to Matthew Robert Zaske, the son of Bob and Carolyn Zaske of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and Western Michigan University. She is employed by B.F. Goodrich Aerospace.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Clarenceville High School and Western Michigan University. He also is employed by B.F. Goodrich Aerospace.

A November wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior



Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Lightfoot-Waller

Jean Roxenna Gee of Michigan and Edward Charles Batten Jr. of Florida announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Jean Lightfoot of Livonia, to Carl Monroe Waller II of Farmington Hills, the son of

Carl Monroe Waller of Virginia and Lois Ann Waller of Michigan.

The bride-to-be is employed by A.D.A.M. Her fiancé is employed by Pat Milliken Ford.

A June wedding in Farmington Hills is planned.

NEW VOICES

Dee and Trish O'Doherty-Chapman of Westland announce the birth of Gavin Shaun March 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins siblings, Andrea, Rachel, Tabitha and Kyle Chapman. Grandparents are Nancy O'Doherty-Ross of Livonia and Patrick Joseph O'Doherty of Lansing.

Stephen Holycross and Kara Gill of Livonia announce the birth of Rhyanne Lyn Holycross Feb. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lorinda Wallace of Garden City and Scott and Sue Holycross of Livonia.

Frank and Cindy Lena of Westland announce the birth of Kyleigh Madison March 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sandy and Jim Gillespie of Dearborn and Maria Lena of Dearborn Heights.

Gary and Jill Stuprya of Garden City announce the birth of Carter Michael Feb. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Bryan Boca, 13. Grandparents are Charlene Drouillard of Westland and Adam and Dolly Stuprya of Garden City.

Rich and Colleen Atkinson of Danville, Calif., announce the birth of Cameron Michael Feb. 25 at San Ramon Regional Hospital in San Ramon, Calif. He joins a 19-month-old brother, Kyle Richard. Grandparents are Tony and Sharon Conrad of Livonia and Dick and Katy Atkinson of Santa Ynez, Calif. Great-grandmother is Lena Pasquini of Lompoc, Calif.

Gary and Shannon Schmalz of Garden City announce the birth of Connor Lee Feb. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Cody, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Tom and Rhonda Parks, Larry Schmalz and Shelley Pearson.

David Feldman, formerly of Westland, and Sarepta Small, both of Houghton Lake announce the birth of Madison Eileen Feldman March 19 at Mercy

Hospital in Graying. Grandparents are Alex and Judy Nagy and Keith Feldman, all of Westland.

Steven and Sally Concatori of Westland announce the birth of Lukas Bradley Feb. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins five siblings - Ruthanne, 8, Becky, 4, Ricky, 2, Lindsey, 17 and Dustin, 14. Grandparents are Don and Carol Sanderson of Westland, James Concatori of Flat Rock and Maryann Haney of Garden City.

Kenneth Ray Washington Jr. and Robin Stone of Redford announce the birth of Kinnett Ray Washington III Feb. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Kiara N'Delika Stone, 3.

Jeff and Kellie Russell of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Lynn Feb. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dave and Ann Russell of Redford and Alan and Pat Dunbar of Canton.

Tony and Debbie Vieceilli of Westland announce the birth of Kaylin Carol Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Karen Vieceilli of Westland and Mel and Carol Ott of Sterling Heights.

Giming and Mei-Jung Wang of Westland announce the birth of Joanna Wang Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Koh-Chin and Hue-Chin Wang of Taipei.

Stewart and Crystal Napier of Garden City announce the birth of Austin Mathew Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pearl and Jacquelin Adkins of Inkster and Ron and Fran Kemp of Maryville, Tenn.

Heather Kall of Westland announces the birth of Christopher Ryan March 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Shelia Kall of Westland.

Chwalek-Mueller

Pattie and John Chwalek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Renee, to James Mueller, the son of Neil and Charlene Mueller of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She will graduate from Grand Valley State University in April with a degree in special education.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. He will graduate in April with a degree in secondary English education.

A July 2000 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



Kennedy-Berger

Bob and Ann Kennedy of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Andrew Morris Berger, the son of Henry and Elfriede Berger of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Ladywood High School, a 1993 graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1999 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy with a master of business administration degree. She currently is a personal trainer at the Livonia Family YMCA and plans to work in marketing.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Edsel Ford High School, a 1987 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a 1991 CMU graduate with a master's degree. He is attending Lawrence Tech-



nological University and is employed by Visteon Automotive.

A September wedding is planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Gates-Sholler

Chuck and Sylvia Gates of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen AnnMarie, to Jeremy Scott Sholler, the son of Kevin and Beth Sholler, also of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed at STMicroelectronics in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is serving in the Marines Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

No wedding date has been set.



Norman-Lynch

Anthony Norman of South Rockwood announces the engagement of his daughter, Christina Marie of Garden City, to Collin Michael Lynch, the son of Aubrey Lynch of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary Academy and Eastern Michigan University. She is pursuing a master's degree at Marygrove College. She is employed as a teacher by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Woodhaven High School. He is self-employed in plastering.

A November wedding is



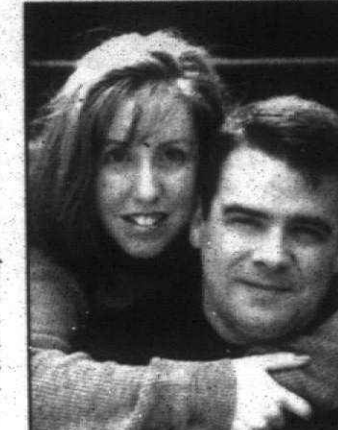
planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Daily-Turkisher

Linda Daily of Plymouth and Michael Daily of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Lyn, to Richard Ian Turkisher, the son of Robert and Nancy Turkisher of Vancouver, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in packaging. She is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Freightliner Corporation in Portland, Ore.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Manitowish Springs High School in Colorado and a 1988 graduate of Colorado State University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He is



employed as an applications engineer at Freightliner Corporation in Portland.

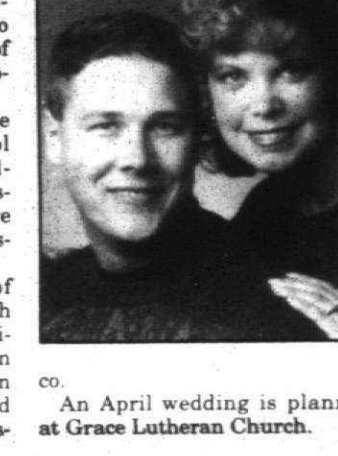
A September wedding is planned in Portland.

Groves-Cooper

Douglas and Judith Groves of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody, to Geoffrey Mark Cooper, the son of Olive Cooper and Frances Cooper of Birmingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Oakland Community College. She is employed as a registered nurse in surgical intensive care at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School and Northwestern Michigan University. He is serving in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, aboard the submarine USS San Francisco.



An April wedding is planned at Grace Lutheran Church.

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Southerners' hospitality, Copi are constants at St. Michael



STEVE KOWALSKI

Denis Southerners received a modest wage as a lunchroom/playground monitor over the last decade at St. Michael School in Livonia. As much as he handed out quarters, some days must have felt like volunteer work. The tradition began when he was assigned to his daughter's first grade class.

In their wildest dreams students probably never saw a tooth fairy who is 6-foot-4 and of the male gender with long hair in a pony tail. Southerners, who is moving to Gaylord, doesn't look like your typical lunchroom mother, or father, either. There is a hair code for males at St. Michael but principal Sister Carolyn Ratkowski gladly made an exception.

First hired as a monitor in charge of one class, Southerners became the lunch program supervisor in 1995 and was as well liked as predecessors Tina Szczepanik and Pat Repasky. It's people like Southerners and Sara Copi, a volunteer extraordinaire, who have made life for St. Michael students and faculty simpler.

At a creative end of the year class assembly, a teary-eyed Southerners received an extra-large thank you card and a jar full of quarters, one from each student. Kids would flock to Southerners on the playground, even those with all their teeth. He was the first to settle disputes among students (and lunchroom mothers) and the first to pick up a child after a fall.

Southerners is young enough to be a son of some lunchroom mothers, but he's more like their big brother. It's this close relationship that allowed him once to jokingly give a lunchroom mother a quarter on a day she forgot to wear a denture. He was the lunch staff's unofficial cab driver, insisted on paying half the dinner tabs though he was usually only one of 10 in attendance, and had a listening ear for all.

He lived blocks from school but drove out of his way to buy doughnuts. That stopped after realizing nothing could top the lunchroom mothers' homemade desserts.

The only way the lunch staff could have improved is if Southerners recruited Copi, who's been busy doing everything else. If there was an all-America team for volunteers, Copi would be captain. The last of her 10 children graduated last year from St. Michael and though she has slowed down, she's far from retired.

With a crew that big at home, chaperoning field trips must have been a breeze. "She volunteers for anything and everything," said St. Michael receptionist Cecilia Hartsock. Copi, married 33 years to Madonna University professor James Copi, is a commissioner for the school's Boy Scouts. Six of her seven sons earned Eagle Scout status, the highest ranking, and the seventh is working on it. Is that a record?

She's a talented photographer, which helped her produce the school's yearbook. She's still producing a memory book, the church's annual publication. "She takes pictures for every-

body," said her daughter Janene, engaged to Livonian Andy Kummer. "When she came to my shower - I can't believe this, but I do believe this - she forgot her purse but had her camera bag. She's always got a camera and is always at St. Mike's for something."

Memories mean everything to Copi, who has separate scrapbooks for all her children from birth on, and all the Boy Scouts. Parents often tell their children to get off the phone, and Copi is no different, only she's telling them so that she can get on.

"She's just incredible, and she spends more time on the phone than anyone I know, organizing things," said daughter Sherri Smith, 31. "She just likes to see people happy. We tease her about all the stuff she does and her comment is that it's not that big of a deal, nothing's ever a 'big deal.' She doesn't want credit for anything."

Copi babysits her only grandchild, Rachel Smith, 2, whose mother teaches at Stevenson High School. "I have piece of mind knowing she's the one watching her," said

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Volunteer extraordinaire Sara Copi



Sherri Smith. "She loves going over to grandma's house and is carried off to St. Mike's, whenever my mom is helping."

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WEEKEND

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.

BARBECUE
A chicken barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. - until everything is gone! Sunday, July 4 at the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6886, Ladies Auxiliary, 426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Cost is \$6 per person and \$4 for children under five. Carry-out service available. For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

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, July 10, at the concession building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road west of Beck 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) 949-8390.

BEANIE BABY SHOW
The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m., Sunday, July 11 during the City of Plymouth's "Art in the Park." The show is being held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 4-12 years old. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

BRITANNIA SOCCER CAMP
There will be a one-week camp taught by semi-pro European soccer players. The camp will be held 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m. July 12-16 at West Middle School in Plymouth for middle school students and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-23 at Heritage Park in Canton and 9 a.m. to noon at Central Middle School in Plymouth for elementary students. Cost is \$88. A T-shirt is included. Call (734) 416-4927 for more information.

CONSTELLATION HIKE
Maybury State Park will host a night program featuring a constellation hike at 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 16. Explore the night sky using star charts, binoculars, and native American folklore. Meet the Concession Building in the main parking lot. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. The

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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 Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

AROUND TOWN

GOLF FUNDRAISER
Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation invites you to a golf fundraiser on Tuesday, July 13 at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, beverages on the course, lunch at the turn, and a banquet with live entertainment. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. (four-person scramble). Banquet only tickets can be purchased for \$40. Banquet starts at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Canton Firefighter No. 2289 Charity Foundation.

ARTS COUNCIL
A class for discussion and interaction on art and love throughout history will be held from 8-10 p.m., through July 15 at the Plymouth Arts Council Center on Sheldon Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (248) 478-8788.

SUMMER ART CLASSES
Summer Art Classes in beginning basic drawing, still life, and figure and landscape using various media will be held starting the week of June 28. Ages nine through adult welcome. To enroll or for more information, call Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studios in Plymouth at (734) 459-1112.

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, 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). Call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will once again be offering their summer park program to city resident children. This year's program will continue through Friday, Aug. 6. Hours are from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following city parks will be used this summer: Kiwanis Club Park (Auburn and Junction), Rotary Club Park (Wing and Herald), Garden Club Park (Suther-

Celebrating the '60s



Soldier and flower girl: Co-Director Angela Space, 17, of Canton, applies makeup to Dan Jones, 17, also of Canton, backstage during the performance of "Celebrate the Century: The 1960's: Faces from the Wall." The Plymouth Salem High School students gave the special presentation in conjunction with the Plymouth Historical Museum at Central Middle School this month.

land and Forest), and Jaycee Park (Hamilton and Joy). Each park will have two leaders assigned who will have daily activities for the children. Some of those activities include: games, swimming, bowling, mini-golf, skating, stories and field trips. This is a free program. There are costs for the various off-park activities. Parents can register their children at the park nearest their home. For further information, call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

ADOPT A DUCK
The first-ever Great Canton Duck Derby is fast approaching. Participants can "adopt" ducks for the 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 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, autographed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 savings bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other

items. For information, call the parks and recreation office, (734) 397-5110.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Solid Rock Bible Church will hold a Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Vacation Bible School from 9-25 a.m. - noon from July 21-25 at 670 Church, Plymouth. There will be fun for all ages (5-12) with treasure hunt theater, craft cave, jungle gym games and bible learning adventures, outstanding music and hands-on activities. There is no cost and snacks are provided. For more information, call Beth or Shelly at (734) 455-7711.

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). Minimum of seven games. Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fee. 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 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. Aventura 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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce wants to remind you that we continue to provide a 24-hour hotline of events and "What's Happening" in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540 and touch one for Calendar of Events.

TOASTMASTER'S MEETING
Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent, or retiree, Toastmaster's is the best way to improve your communication skills. Toastmasters can help you lose the fear of public speaking and learn skills that will help you be more successful

in whatever path you've chosen. The MotorCity Speakeasy Club meets at 7 p.m., the first and third Monday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. For more information, call (248) 698-2691 or (734) 420-0747.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS
The Plymouth Recreation Division is now selling amusement park tickets to most major amusement parks in Michigan and Ohio. The tickets purchased at the Recreation Division Cultural Center Office will save up to \$6.70 at the gate. For more information, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at 455-6620.

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 Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, 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 mtg@medisonline.net

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice sponsors

grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS
Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A trained facilitator guides 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, new relationships, KidCare 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.

MODA
The Manic Depressive Association meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month at St. Joseph Mercy Health Care 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 Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEAD START
Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free, Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

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BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

Army Pvt. Kenneth R. McDonald entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, he will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations. McDonald is the son of Daniel M. and Elaine A. McDonald of Plymouth.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy M. Swanagan, son of Chris M. Swanagan of Plymouth and Michael W. Swanagan of Canton, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Sea Control Squadron 32, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. Swanagan was recognized for his superior performance of duty. During his assignment, he demonstrated initiative, playing remarkable dedication and initiative, duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. The 1996 graduate of Canton High School of Canton joined the Navy in January 1996.

SUPERINTENDENT LIST

Cadet Michael Clark, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Walter and Susan Clark of Plymouth, made the superintendent's list at Howe. He received the award by attaining a 3.5 grade point average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. He has been attending Howe Military School since August 1997. This is the second time this year he has been named to the superintendent's list.

HEADMASTER LIST

Cadet Brian Munson, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Michael Munson of Canton, made the headmaster's list at Howe. He received the award by attaining at least a 3.0

grade point average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Munson has been attending Howe Military School since August 1995. This is the third time this year he has been named to the headmaster's list.

COMMAND

Army Capt. Scott Swartzwelder recently took command of B Company of the 307th Engineering Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Capt. Swartzwelder graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1993 and received a master's degree in science engineering from the University of Missouri in 1997. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1989.

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SINGLE PLACE
Barbara Waltry and Mary Ann Mercieca will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. The Open Forum will feature "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Tony Valenti. There is a \$4 per-person charge. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

Summer Dance
Detroit Area Catholic Singles will have a summer dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at St. Edith's Church, Newburgh Road south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments, DJ, pizza and pop served the first 1 1/2 hours.

The dance is for singles over age 21, and proper attire is required. For more information, call Pat at (313) 277-6083, Bill at (734) 641-2398, Joanne at (734) 591-0258, Jane at (734) 284-8958 or Becky at (734) 459-4341.

Providence Chapter
The Felician Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary province in Livonia are conducting their 15th Provincial Chapter. Sisters who serve throughout eight dioceses in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana have come together as a community at the provincial in Livonia to discern their future as Felician-Franciscans.

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NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST
Church invites children to join its construction crew for "Under Construction" vacation Bible school July 12-16 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be stories and music, games and crafts for children ages 3 through those entering the sixth-grade. Children also learn the trade of Christian service. For registration information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

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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.

"LIVING ON THE EDGE"
Newburg United Methodist Church Youth Choir will perform "Living on the Edge" at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, following a week-long tour in Ohio.

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ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Veggie Town, 9:30 a.m. to noon July 12-16 at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Children between the ages of 4-10 will have fun with their favorite "Veggie Tales" characters. During the school, a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. A donation of \$7.50 per child (with a \$15 flat rate for families with more than one child) is requested. Registration ends July 9. For more information, or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST
Plymouth Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "In Search of Victory (Putting on the Armor of God)," 9:15 a.m. to noon July 19-23 at the church,

42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Children age 4 through sixth-grade will learn about the invisible armor that God offers His children to help them resist Satan. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and puppet shows. The closing program and a carnival will be at 6 p.m. July 25. There is no charge, however, a freewill offering will be taken to support the Collins family short-term missionaries to Bangladesh. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5534.

GARDEN CITY FIRST UNITED
Garden City First United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Jungle Journey," 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden

City. The school is for children ages 4 through sixth-graders. On July 30, there will be a picnic noon-1 p.m. for the children and staff and a closing program, followed by an ice cream social, for families and friends at 7 p.m. For more information or a registration form, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

ROSEDALE GARDENS
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats, visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking

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RUNNAGE SALE
St. James Presbyterian Church will have a runnagesale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other July 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a summer divorce recovery workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Friday, July 12-16, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 for those who register the first night and \$15 for those who are repeating the workshop and have the books. Free childcare will be provided. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

Timothy Lutheran
Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 and 21 and Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. There is no charge, but registration is required by June 30. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

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Singer-songwriter Chris Isaak 'hams' it up on stage

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Chris Isaak knows it takes more than good songs to impress an audience. The singer, best known for the hit song "Wicked Game," admitted he pulls out all the stops for his show.

"The most important thing is to have good songs and good music. But there's no reason you can't have an elephant and fire," said Isaak, calling from a Chicago-area venue.

During a 15-minute interview, Isaak is fixated on elephants, but does he bring the animal?

"We bring the wild suits; we do everything we can think of—anything and everything. It makes it fun. I tell people if they enjoy our shows, they should not only tell their friends about it, but exaggerate," he said, taking a minute to adopt a journalist's voice. "Probably, the highlight of the show is when Chris rides down on an elephant."

Isaak, who celebrates birthday No. 43 on Saturday, June 26, at Chene Park in Detroit, is cracking himself up.

He is thrilled about returning to Detroit, where shows have always gone well. Visits to Detroit have also proven fruitful to the multi-talented singer-songwriter-actor.

"The last time we were there,

my drummer and I wandered through the streets there and hit the shops," he said. "The kind of shops that we always hit are always goofy. We go to like a hardware store on our day off."

His recent Detroit purchase was an open-ended adjustable wrench.

"That's about it. I do a lot of lookin' but I don't buy much. I have a tremendous sales resistance or something. I love to look in stores. I like to look at stuff, but I don't feel an urge for stuff because I can't find the stuff I already have."

That is, until he saw a mirrored suit in a clothing store.

"We went into a store that was just wild fashions, kind of like, I don't know, it looked like pimps would shop there. I mean that literally," said Isaak, taking the time to enunciate every syllable of literally.

"There was like purple shoes made out of alligator with green belts and sequins on the things and sparkling."

When asked if he purchased the suits, the volume of Isaak's voice raises three levels.

"We all bought suits. We're wearing them on stage. They're fantastic. It's way cheaper than buying suits at home. Everybody looks like they walked out of 'Starsky and Hutch.'"

Isaak is touring in support of



his latest album, 1998's "Speak of the Devil" (Reprise), and has yet to set a date to record the fol-

low-up. Whenever someone asks him when he's returning the studio, he gives the stock answer

Birthday boy:
Chris Isaak celebrates his 43rd birthday at Chene Park in Detroit on Saturday, June 26, as part of CIDR-FM's "Riverfest."

"Oct. 19."

It sounds like I know what I'm doing because I don't have a clue.

Although, he explained, he recently wrote a song, "Winter Waves" for the Surfrider Foundation, "a clean ocean kind of thing."

"I was feeling bad because every time I change my oil, I just take it out there and I dump it off the end of the wharf to watch the patterns it would make."

"No, I don't," he added rather loudly.

He does know that after this tour in support of his latest album, he is returning to films. He will star as "Sailor Ripley" in the sequel to the 1990 David Lynch film "Wild at Heart." Nicolas Cage originated the role. The sequel was written by and will be directed by Barry Gifford, who wrote the novel "Wild at Heart."

He's not sure who his co-stars will be, other than the "guy who took a kick at Letterman's head. I can't think of his name (Crispin Glover). That's a horrible way to describe him."

Isaak, who appeared in "That Thing You Do!" "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me," and "Silence of the Lambs," said he's looking forward to returning to films.

"I always have fun doing films.

What's not to like?" he said. "It is cool. It's cool and, I don't know, I think I have a certain ability to show off, I have the 'ham factor.' Some people are naturally shy. Whatever the psychological reasons, I don't mind standing up on the stage. Get me one on one and I clam up."

Jokes aside, Isaak takes his fans seriously. He is one of the few performers who will sign every photo, T-shirt, whatever, that is thrust upon him.

"Tell them we always hang out after the show and say hi. It's not like you can't find me. We head to the front of the auditorium and we usually sign some stuff there—T-shirts or whatever," he said. "We hang out there until everybody splits. We'll take a picture, say hi, if they want to serve some peanuts, that's fine, too."

"I'll be the guy in the mirrored pants."

Chris Isaak, The Robert Cray Band featuring The Memphis Horns, Susan Calloway, and Stewart Francke perform as part of CIDR-FM's (93.9) "Riverfest" at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Chene Park, 2600 Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets are \$29.39 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 983-6611 for more information.

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Roth to defend title

Jeff Roth, a Plymouth Salem graduate now a golf pro at the Flint Golf Club, will defend his title at the Michigan Open, which begins Monday and concludes Thursday at the Grand Traverse Resort's Jack Nicklaus-designed The Bear.

The 41-year-old Roth is coming off his best season of professional play. He followed his win at last year's Open with a second in the Tournament of Champions, then he won the Michigan Section PGA to become one of eight state golfers to win two of the state's big three tournaments. He was also named state player of the year.

His win at last year's Open, his first in that event, was the most dramatic. It required a playoff against John Dal Corrobo of Forest Akers Golf Club in East Lansing and Scott Hebert of Grand Traverse Resort. Roth's score in the four-day championship was a five-under par 283. His winning share was \$14,410.

This year's Open purse is \$110,000.

Penguins win crown

The Arctic Pond Penguins of Plymouth defeated Jackson 6-3 in the championship game of the Bantam AA Metro Spring Shoot-out Hockey League June 12 at City Sports Arena. The Penguins reached the finals with victories over the Westside Wildcats, 10-1; Livingston, 3-0; Plymouth, 6-3; and St. Clair Shores, 3-0.

In the championship match, Chris Stevens, Adam Staber and Ryan Wischmeyer scored two goals apiece to pace the Penguins.

Other Penguin forwards are Nick Strauch, Josh Young, Ryan Branstion, Jon O'Neill, Jamey Messer and Mike Dugan; defensemen are Mike Tyrna, Ryan Droze, Tom Sculthorpe, Justin Maedel and Patrick Clark; and the goalies are Rob Thomas and Mike Rini. The team is coached by Criag O'Neill, Doug Wischmeyer and Don Strauch; Sandy Yates is the team manager.

Hawks soar

The Michigan Hawks under-nine girls soccer team proved best at the Warrior Classic Soccer Tournament, held over Memorial Day weekend in Dayton, Ohio. The Hawks were unbeaten in the tournament with one tie, outscoring their opponents 19-4.

Team members are Allison Eckler and Emma Petersen of Farmington Hills; Sara Ross of Canton; Kathleen Griffith of Livonia; Courtney Whalen of Redford; Katie Chaklos, Amanda Stanek, Alison Szczypka, Ayumi Suzuki and Jamie Fratto of Novi; Jeanette Dolmetsch and Kyle Richard of Northville; Jalese DeBiasi of Allen Park; Alyssa Wombwell of Grand Blanc; and Sloane Levin of Hamburg. The team is coached by Tiffany Graves.

Prep hockey boosters

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Ice Hockey Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The new Salem and Canton hockey coaches, Fred Feiler (Salem) and Dan Abraham (Canton), will be introduced; and fund-raisers will be discussed and planned, such as car washes, a golf outing and merchandise sales.

Volunteers are needed. Community members, seniors and teens are welcome. For further information, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

Hockey offerings

The city of Plymouth Recreation office is offering ice hockey clinics and some late night drop-in hockey through the rest of the summer at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Clinics will be every Friday, beginning June 25 and continuing through Aug. 27. From 1-2:20 p.m. there will be a hockey skating skills clinic, with no pucks or sticks, for all ages; cost is \$6 per person. From 2:30-3:50 p.m. each Friday, there will be a hockey skills clinic with sticks and pucks, for ages 6-and-over; cost is \$6 per person.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, through Aug. 27, there will be late night drop-in hockey from 11 p.m.-midnight at the Cultural Center for adults 18 and over. Cost is \$7 per player, with the first four goalies admitted for free.

For information regarding either, contact the Recreation office at (734) 455-6623.

Whalers drafting to rebuild



Perhaps the defining moment for the Plymouth Whalers' 1999-2000 season has already taken place: the new players' draft. The Whalers must fill several gaping holes in their lineup.

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There are five Plymouth Whalers who will be playing next year, which is a good news/bad news kind of thing. Because while they'll still be playing hockey, they won't be playing for the

Whalers.

Perhaps the top five players on last year's Ontario Hockey League regular-season champion, these five — forwards David Legwand, Harold Druken and Adam Colagiaco, and defensemen Nikos Tselios and Paul Mara — have had shots with the National Hockey League teams that drafted

them. All five could be regulars in the NHL within the next few years.

But while that's great news for them, it's not so good for the Whalers. There will be a lot of holes to fill.

Indeed, Pete DeBoer, the team's coach/general manager, estimated that of the players drafted, they will need "seven or eight to step in and play."

"This is a good year to be drafted by the Whalers."

The Whalers were the OHL's highest-scoring team last season, but most of that offense has departed. Of the

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A champions' run

Strong relief pitching gives CC a title

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How's this for creating your own identity?

Charlie Haeger, Redford Catholic Central's sophomore pitcher, threw 5 1/3 innings of scoreless relief as CC beat Troy, 6-5, in Saturday's Division I state championship game at Battle Creek's C.O. Brown Stadium.

Madonna University coach Greg Haeger smiles at the sight of his kid brother pitching at his alma mater, which he led to its last state title in 1987.

He also understands he might not have a chance to coach Charlie, who has already caught the eye of NCAA Division I college coaches and professional scouts, at Madonna.

Haeger scattered three hits, struck out three and walked one in relief of ace Anthony Tomey. A 23rd-round selection of the Cleveland Indians in the recent Major League draft, Tomey gave up five runs on six hits and a walk in 1 2/3 innings.

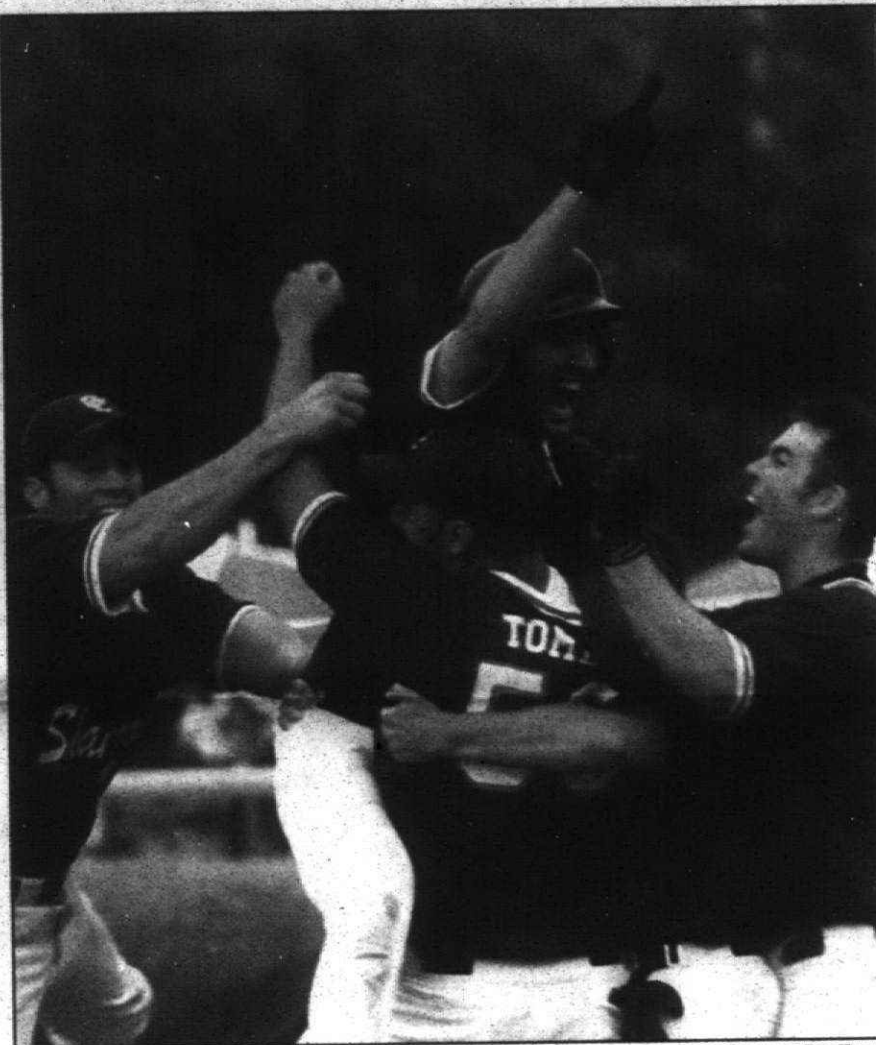
Haeger came in with runners on second and third and promptly struck out the first hitter he faced, the Colts' cleanup batter, to end the inning.

Troy pitcher Matt Lestan pitched courageously, allowing eight hits and three walks with two strikeouts. Troy, playing in its first state title game, finished 29-7 overall.

"We were feeling pretty good when we got on Tomey," Troy coach Paul Diegel said. "He's a great pitcher but he was up in the strike zone and our kids were kind of teeing it up. I could not be prouder of this group of young men. They certainly rose to the occasion. I thought it was a classic championship game."

Haeger hadn't pitched for more than two weeks after suffering bone chips in his elbow in a car accident. He threw one inning of hitless relief in a 12-1 semifinal win over Portage Central on Friday, which let the CC coaches know he was healed.

"I figured we had lost him for the season (after the accident)," CC coach John Salter said. "Friday was his test."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Celebration time: Bob Malek, of Canton, is mobbed by his teammates after apparently doubling in the winning run in the final inning. However, the celebration was premature; the runner was sent back to third when umpires ruled Malek's double bounced over the fence.

He's a quick healer."

Greg Haeger, a former University of Michigan pitcher and Detroit Tigers' farmhand, has been Charlie's inspiration.

"Ever since I've been 11, he's been teaching me mechanics; he knows everything about pitching, the way to play the game," Charlie said. "I threw with all my heart. It was the biggest game of my life, and I gave it all I had."

The Shamrocks scored the winning

run in the bottom of the seventh in a bizarre turn of events.

Senior Mario D'Herin started things with a one-out single to right field. D'Herin appeared to score the winning run on Bob Malek's double to left-center field but was called back to third base when the hit was ruled a ground-ruled double.

The next batter, Bryan Williams, was intentionally walked, which made

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Stars include Miss Soccer

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The more things change, the more they ultimately stay the same.

Whoever first put that thought into words wasn't thinking of girls soccer in Observerland, but they could easily have used it for proof.

Once again, four teams dominated the area: Livonia's Stevenson and Churchill, Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton.

Once again, Stevenson emerged as the area's top team, advancing to its third-straight Division I state final. Once again, Canton appeared to be the Spartans' toughest road-block en route to that title fight — only the Chiefs never got that far, losing for the second-straight year to Salem in the districts.



Jim Kimble
Stevenson coach

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And once again, Stevenson eliminated Churchill in the district tournament.

There were some differences, of course. The Spartans weren't nearly as dominating as they were when they won back-to-back titles in 1997-98, piling up two-straight undefeated seasons. They lost to Salem during the season, and were beaten by Rochester Adams in overtime in the state final.

And yet, after losing 10 seniors to graduation in 1998, what Stevenson accomplished this year was nothing short of remarkable. Jim Kimble coached them to a 16-5-1 record (two of the losses coming against the Illinois state champion and runner-up) and to within a few minutes of a third-straight state title.

It wasn't a team lacking talent, to be sure. Stevenson had the state's best player for the second-straight year in Andi Seid, a junior and team captain who anchored the Spartan defense from her sweeper position.

Seid succeeded Allison Campbell (now at Tennessee) as Miss Soccer.

Still, it took an exceptional coaching job by Kimble for Stevenson to overcome early-season losses to Troy Athens and Salem. He deserves the acclaim.

As do all the Observer's first-team selections.

Andrea Seid, Jr. defender, Liv. Stevenson: The team captain was selected Michigan's Miss Soccer after leading the Spartans to their third consecutive state championship game appearance.

Seid, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick, scored 10 goals and added nine assists this season.

"Andi is the backbone of our team," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "She is one of the finest players I've ever had to please to coach."

"I like to refer to her as a coach's dream and a forward's nightmare. She has certainly received the recognition she deserves."

Seid is a three-time first-team All-Observer selection.

Christen Shull, Jr. defender, Ply. Salem: This was a season during which defenders sparked at all the key times, and in the

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SUMMER HOCKEY

'Dogs rip Lakers

The Lakers will be the first to tell you the winner of the first game of the season isn't so important; it's who wins that last game that matters.

The Metro Summer Hockey League got its 17th season underway Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, with the opening game of the season featuring the two finalists from last year's championship game: the Lakers and the Bulldogs. The Lakers won that game a year ago, thrashing the Dogs 7-1.

On Monday, the Bulldogs got a bit of revenge.

With Kevin Swider of Livonia scoring three first-period goals, the 'Dogs grabbed a 5-1 lead after one period and coasted to a 7-3 victory.

Swider finished with three goals and an assist. His brother, Corey (also from Livonia), added two goals and an assist, while Troy Milam and Eric Bratcher also scored goals. Andrew Domzalski (Livonia) had two assists; Phil Osner (Livonia) started in goal and surrendered two goals before giving way to Ted Martens midway through the second period.

The Lakers got goals from Ryan Law (Livonia), Nick Jardine and Nick Anselm (Canton). Brandon Hothem and Lanny Jardine divided time in goal.

Huskies 14, Wolverines 3: The Huskies scored the first eight goals of the game, three of them by Jim Tudor (Canton) and two more by John Pietila, in walloping the Huskies Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Tudor finished with five goals and an assist, while Pietila had three goals and an assist. Jay Storm and Frank Bourbonais added two goals each, with Dwight Helminen and Phil Pietila scoring once apiece. Storm also had four assists, while Helminen and Ben Blackwood each collected two assists.

Art Baker started in goal for the Huskies; he was replaced midway through the second period by J.J. Weak.

The Wolverines got goals from Eric Hawkins (Redford Catholic Central), Bill Trainor (Canton) and Ryan Ward. Krikor Arman had two assists. Thomas Monnier (CC) and Mike O'Keefe (Redford) split time in goal.

Huskies 5, Broncos 4: With 9:33 left in the third period Tuesday at Plymouth's Cultural Center, the Broncos got the game-tying goal from Rob Poupard — his second of the game. Unfortunately for the Broncos, it didn't stay that way for long.

Just 28 seconds later, Jay Storm netted what proved to be

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKHART

Offensive force: Canton sophomore Anne Morrell put in 32 goals in leading the Chiefs to the WLAA championship.

Local stars lead East

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Who needs Comerica Park? As far as six area observant players are concerned, they'll stick with Tiger Stadium.

In Tuesday's Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game, the corner of Michigan and Trumbull looked mighty good.

The East squad, which scored a 12-7 win over the West, got some significant efforts from these observant players:

• Redford Union pitcher Joel Halliday, headed for Madonna University, started and pitched three strong innings to pick up the victory.

• Westland John Glenn's Dale Hayes, who signed after the game with Madonna, got the thrill of a lifetime when he deposited a pitch into the right field upper deck. He also pitched two scoreless innings.

• Livonia Stevenson's Roy Rabe, going to Saginaw Valley State, doubled and pitched a scoreless sixth.

• Farmington High right-hander Charlie Avery, who will play at Henry Ford Community College, picked up a save by blanking the West over the final two innings to go along with a strike-out.

• Redford Thurston's Pete Zigouras, going to the University of Detroit-Mercy, walked in the eighth inning and scored a run.

• Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski, named Michigan's Mr. Baseball the night before, singled sharply to right field and walked before leaving the game in the second inning with laceration to his left hand while sliding head-first into third on a Rabe grounder.

Rogowski, who signed a professional contract later in the day, left Tuesday night to report to the Chicago White Sox's rookie league affiliate team in Tucson, Ariz.

"I caught a cleat when I slid by the bag," Rogowski said. "It was disappointing to leave the game early, but I still had a good time and it was a lot of fun."

"The three homers were great."

BASEBALL

Besides Hayes' shot, two other homers were hit in the game.

Rochester's Brett Watties, Michigan State bound, was named East MVP after he reached right field upper deck in the opening inning with a homer. He also tripled.

Eastern Michigan University recruit Joe Felton of Detroit St. Martin DePorres also homered off the facing of the left field Coca-Cola sign.

The 6-foot-3, 178-pound Hayes, a left-handed hitter, was 7-4 on the mound for the Rocks, but he also hit 422 with two homers and 33 RBI this year.

"It was a bittersweet count — two-and-one — and I was swinging for it," Hayes said. "It felt great to hit one out."

"It also felt great on the mound. It felt so natural out there. And the atmosphere made it so fun. I feel privileged to play in a game like this."

Rabe, who has played summer ball with Hayes, was not surprised by the clout.

"Dale swings a good bat and he got it right on the barrel," Rabe said. "It was a good shot. I knew he could hit it, but I didn't know he could hit it that far."

Despite a first-inning error at third which led to the West's first run, Rabe was not in awe by the surroundings.

"I was not nervous at all," he said. "I've been in bigger games. This was just for fun. You just come out and hit the ball, throw strikes and get established with the fastball."

Avery called his Tiger Stadium outing "quite the experience."

"I was kind of nervous while we were taking infield and outfield and kind of in awe of everything else," the right-hander said. "It was more fun than nerve-wracking."

During a Connie Mack tournament game for the Michigan Bulls Friday at Madonna University Park, Avery threw nine innings and 134 pitches.

"I probably needed another day of rest, but I felt OK," he said.

Meanwhile, Rogowski's hand appeared to be OK after going down in the second inning. White Sox scouts Nathan Derst and Glenn Murdoch immediately beelined over to the 13th-round pick.

Now it's time to go to work. He will spend his first five days in a rookie orientation mini-camp.

"It might be a little nerve-wracking leaving home for the first time, but I'll be back home again," said the All-State football player (and wrestler) who turned down a grid offer at Central Michigan. "I'll miss football a lot, but this is an opportunity I couldn't turn down. It's going to be a lot of fun."

And the first baseman, who helped CC to the Division I state baseball title Saturday in Battle Creek, was thankful for his high school baseball honor.

"I'm very excited to get that award because there were a lot of great players here today," he said.

Who knows, maybe Rogowski and some of the other All-Stars may return some day, but it will have to be at Comerica Park.

WEEK AHEAD

ADRIAN METRO

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Friday, June 25

Livonia's Ford Field: Hines Park vs. Livonia Adley, 5:45 p.m.; Michigan Rams vs. Livonia D.C.I., 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

Livonia's Ford Field: Livonia Adley vs. Michigan Rams, noon; Livonia D.C.I. vs. Hines Park, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

Windsor's McRae Park: Troy Jay Sox vs. Windsor Selects 1 p.m. (2).

Livonia's Ford Field: Livonia Adley vs. Windsor Selects, 5:45 p.m. (2).

WOODEN BAT LEAGUE

Thursday, June 24

Partners vs. Sandusky Bay Stars at Livonia Bicentennial, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 25

Partners vs. Livonia D.C.I., TBA.

Saturday, June 26

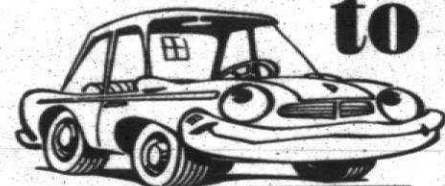
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PLYMOUTH RACE RESULTS

20th annual PLYMOUTH YMCA RUN

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Male overall: 1. Gerard Donakowski (Rochester), 34 minutes, 15 seconds; 2. Ian Bedford (Plymouth), 34:27; 3. Eric Bohn (Livonia), 35:03.

Female overall: 1. Susan Tatigian (Livonia), 41:44; 2. June Yeager (Washington), 42:25; 3. Carrie Smetzer (Morroe), 43:09.

Male 12-14: 1. Eric O'Shaughnessy (Plymouth), 48:25.

Male 15-18: 1. Jason Richmond (Livonia), 35:33; 2. Benjamin Salvette (Ann Arbor), 36:39; 3. Eric Feldt (Hamburg), 40:13.

Female 15-18: 1. Amy Dupuis (Plymouth), 47:33.

Male 19-23: 1. Japir Gill (Ann Arbor), 36:37; 2. Jonathan Grey (Canton), 45:15; 3. John Faunce (Plymouth), 46:46.

Female 19-23: 1. Vanessa Bodnar (Plymouth), 46:19; 2. Katie Bonner (Canton), 47:10; 3. Molly Noonan (Canton), 51:54.

Male 24-30: 1. Greg Thomas (Clio), 36:46; 2. Ben Goba (Canton), 37:33; 3. Herman Smith (Farmington Hills), 38:06.

Female 24-30: 1. Cheryl Halonen (New Hudson), 44:08; 2. Courtney Richa (Plymouth), 45:47; 3. Amy Tomlinson (Canton), 51:19.

Male 31-36: 1. Rich Hahn (Madison Heights), 36:58; 2. Dave Tholen (Birmingham), 39:31; 3. Kirk Ahlgren (Westland), 41:30.

Female 31-36: 1. Julia Buzzard (Plymouth), 47:07; 2. Denise Denomme (Canton), 50:11; 3. Janis Haggerty (Canton), 50:51.

Male 37-42: 1. Thomas McMahon (Westland), 36:53; 2. Uldis Vitulis (Canton), 37:37; 3. Michael McSweeney (Plymouth), 37:44.

Female 37-42: 1. Kathryn Murphy (Plymouth), 43:42; 2. Mary Lynn (Farmdale), 44:15; 3. Julie Findling (Plymouth), 44:25.

Male 43-49: 1. Craig North (Ann Arbor), 35:38; 2. Terry Elsey (Farmington), 36:28; 3. John Tarkowski (Garden City), 36:59.

Female 43-49: 1. Diane Himebaugh (Canton), 46:17; 2. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 47:42; 3. Celeste Peters, 47:48.

Male 50-55: 1. Victor Barkoski (Northville), 38:24; 2. James Robert (Plymouth), 41:54; 3. Dominic Vella (Livonia), 42:19.

Female 50-55: 1. Marianne Byrne (Westland), 51:54; 2. Barbara Fletcher (Livonia), 1:02:19.

Male 56-60: 1. Gerald Spiewak (St. Clair Shores), 42:50; 2. Daniel Gamble (Ann Arbor), 46:50; 3. Ed Nelson (Ann Arbor), 47:09.

Female 56-60: 1. Mary DeMatta (Novi), 54:25.

Male 61-65: 1. Joseph Bianco (Ypsilanti), 47:43.

Female 61-65: 1. John Sotir (Detroit), 58:29; 2. Tony Volino (Warren), 1:03:08.

SK AG-GROUP RESULTS

Male overall: 1. Gerard Donakowski (Rochester), 16:00; 2. Matt Schroeder (Birmingham), 16:30; 3. Japir Gill (Ann Arbor), 17:33.

Female overall: 1. Theresa Farah (Ann Arbor), 19:10; 2. Jenny Hampton (Novi), 19:51; 3. Deanna DeSilva (Ann Arbor), 20:02.

Male 7-11: 1. Brandon Barkoski (Northville), 21:35; 2. Anthony Scaparo (Canton), 25:10; 3. Derek Schmitt (Canton), 26:56.

Female 7-11: 1. Sarah Sulick (Cincinnati, Ohio), 23:49; 2. Sarah Kosteva (Canton), 25:20.

Male 12-14: 1. Alex Popescu (Canton), 19:29; 2. Gregory Ryan (Plymouth), 20:07; 3. Michael Knight (Canton), 20:35.

Female 12-14: 1. Stacey Schroeder (Canton), 27:05; 2. Caroline Bodnar (Plymouth), 32:55; 3. Anja Gilla (Plymouth), 32:56.

Male 15-18: 1. Eric Mink (Livonia), 17:53; 2. James Curtis (Plymouth), 18:51; 3. Dan Krawiec (Canton), 19:01.

Female 15-18: 1. Breehan Harcourt (Westland), 21:49; 2. Michelle Metz (Westland), 21:51; 3. Rachael Moratis (Plymouth), 24:06.

Male 19-23: 1. Nathan Breen (Brighton), 17:46; 2. Adam Barbara (Plymouth), 18:00; 3. Andrew McDonald (Plymouth), 19:52.

Female 19-23: 1. Hilary Green (Brighton), 22:10; 2. Katie Bonner (Canton), 22:20; 3. Vanessa Bodnar (Plymouth), 22:50.

Male 24-30: 1. Greg Thomas (Clio), 17:39; 2. Herman Smith (Farmington Hills), 18:16; 3. Roman Krzyzanowski (Plymouth), 18:52.

Female 24-30: 1. Tracy Cleaver (Midland), 21:07; 2. Karin Nelson (Plymouth), 23:29; 3. Diana Anderson (Plymouth), 25:55.

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players who will return for certain, DeBoer said the highest scorer would be Damian Surma (17 goals).

So there will be needs everywhere, but offense will be in great need.

"In the past, we had a few different holes at different spots," said DeBoer. "Still, when you go into a draft you just try and get the best player you can. But we do need to replace some scoring."

"Those (five) guys are all going on to pro careers. You don't replace them, you just try to bring in someone to fill the holes."

On Day One of the draft, held June 5, the Whalers took Stephen Weiss with their first-round draft pick (20th player taken overall), then picked Cole Jarrett (44th overall) and Steven Morris (61st overall) with their two third-round picks. Weiss was a center who last played for North York in Junior A; Jarrett and Morris were both Junior B players. Jarrett a defenseman for Waterloo and Morris a center/right wing for Stratford.

"They all bring offense to the table," said DeBoer. "Weiss isn't a big guy, not yet anyway. But he's just 15. He is a creative player, and he's smart with the puck."

Jarrett "is an offensive defenseman, one who can hopefully replace Tselios or Mara. He is a real good point shot." It will be a need for the Whalers; the last two seasons, Tselios and Mara have been defensive blunts who have anchored a solid power-play unit with their strong blue-line play. As defense is concerned, Jarrett comes from good hockey families: His uncle is Mike who played goal mainly for St. Louis.

Jarrett, who measures 6-foot 200 pounds, was the second of the Whalers two allowed average selections; Weiss, who is 165, was the first.

Now quickly they will develop over easy to decide. The Whalers drafted 17 players on the first day, then added eight on the Day Two Bantam session. "Our staff really likes all the kids we drafted," said DeBoer.

The European Draft will be held July, which could further aid the Whalers.

There were some other interesting selections for the Whalers. In the 13th round (273rd overall), they chose defenseman Shawn Goll, from Canton and the Junior B Wayne Wheels. They also picked a couple of players from the North American Hockey League champion Empower Ambassadors: Nate Ser, a defenseman from Southgate, in the fifth round (106th overall), and Bryan Thompson, a defenseman from Dearborn, in the 12th round (253rd overall).

Other first-day picks: Rob McBride, a defenseman from Junior B Guelph, in the fifth

round (88th overall); Aaron Molnar, a goalie from Junior B St. Thomas, in the sixth round (118th overall); Aaron McDonald, a center/left wing from Junior B Kitchener, in the sixth round (126th overall); Ryan Stewart, a left wing from Junior A Milton, in the seventh round (154th overall); Jan Pajerski, a defenseman from Burlington, in the eighth round (174th overall); Craig Corneau, a right wing from St. Catharines, in the ninth round (194th overall); Michael Komisarek, a defenseman from Junior B New England Coyotes, in the 11th round (234th overall); Tim Nicol, a goalie from Junior C Wharton, in the 12th round (250th overall); Stephane Gervais, a right win from Junior C Essex, in the 14th round (293rd overall); Scott Mifsud, a center/left wing from Junior A Burlington, in the 15th round (312th overall); and Pete Barker, a right wing from Honeybaked, in the 16th round (332nd overall).

In the opening round of the Bantam Draft on Day Two, the Whalers selected Tony Williams (ninth overall), a left wing from Junior B Chatham. They took Paul Drew, a goalie from Junior C Wallaceburg, in the second round (35th overall); Craig Conn, a defenseman from Junior B St. Catharines, in the third round (43rd overall); Nathan Onabigion, a left wing from Thunder Bay Bantam, in the fourth round (77th overall); Eric Main, a defenseman from Thunder Bay Bantam, in the fifth round (91st overall); Greg Campbell, a center from Junior B Aylmer, in the

sixth round (102nd overall); Jim Plut, a defenseman from Niagara Falls, in the seventh round (122nd overall); and Kyle Schutte, a left wing from Burlington, in the eighth round (142nd overall).

For a short time anyway, DeBoer was forced to put aside his plans for rebuilding the Whalers. He traveled to Toronto for Wednesday's Canadian Hockey League Awards presenta-

tions. DeBoer was one of three nominees for the Coach of the Year award.

"The others nominated (Don Hay of the Tri-City Americans in the Western Hockey League, and Guy Chouinard of the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League) are excellent candidates," said DeBoer, noting this is the first time he's been a finalist. "It's just an honor to be nominated."

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MSHL — C1

The game-winner for the Huskies with an assist from Keith Pietila. The Huskies improved to 2-0. John Pietila had their first two goals; Kyles Joncas and Dwight Blminen got the next two.

Baron Becker and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) scored goals for the Broncos; McNeilance also had an assist.

J.J. Weeks was in goal the whole way for the Huskies. Will Gimele and Rick Marnon (Canton) divided time in goal for the Broncos.

Spartans 9, Wildcats 4: Dave [unclear] scored three times for the Spartans, and Chris Powroznik (Livonia), Pete Mazzoni, Nick [unclear], Adam King (Livonia) and [unclear] Kustra added a goal and assist each in beating back the Wildcats Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Other goal-scorer for the Spartans was Jason Lawmaster. Brodhun (Livonia) added assists. Tom McNeil (Plymouth) was in goal the whole way for the Spartans.

Wildcats got a goal and an assist from Paul Khawam (Livonia) and Jeremy Motz also scored goals, and Darryl Schimmler (Canton) collected the game-winning goal.

Iron Jones and Dan [unclear] split time in goal for the Spartans.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Junior actors of the Ridgedale Players present the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Livernois and Crooks) in Troy. Tickets \$6, call (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



Fifes and drums, cannon fire demonstrations, a mid-1700s fashion show, and activities for children, are some of the highlights of the Colonial Life Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults; seniors age 62 and over, \$11.50; kids 5 to 12, \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY

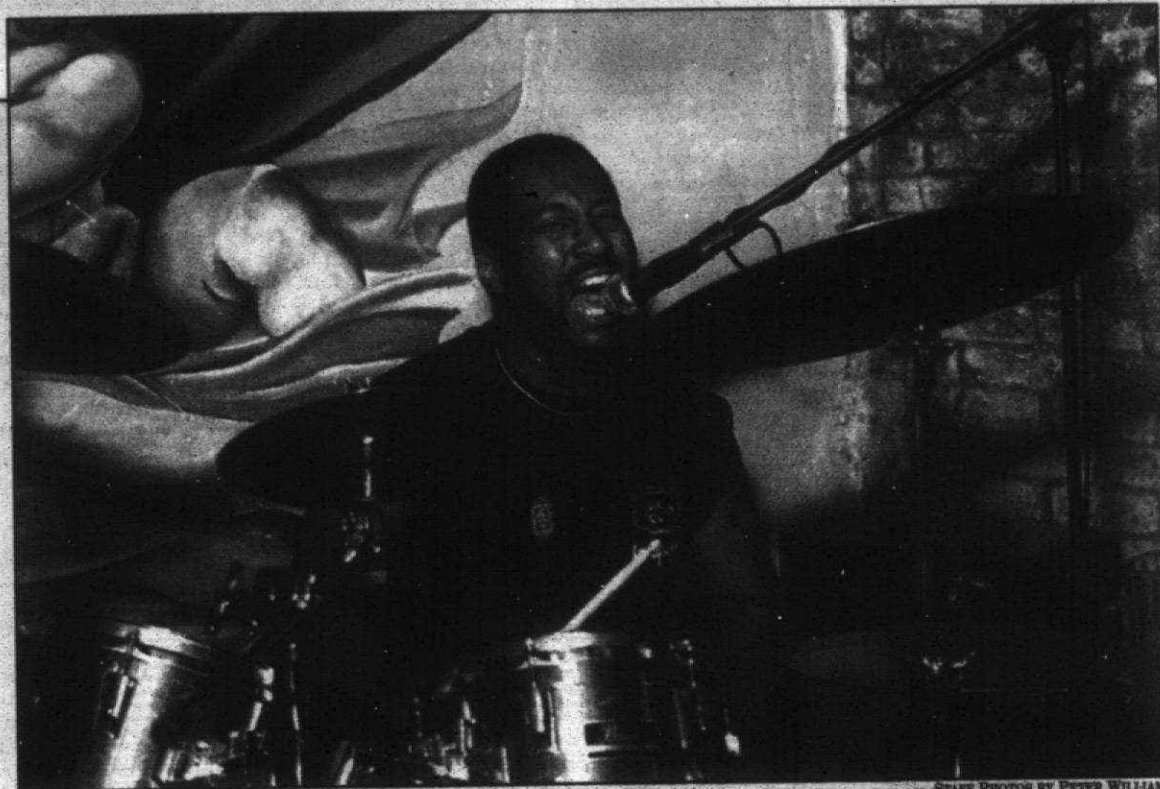


Duke Robillard, founding member of Roomful of Blues and formerly of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, performs at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

HOT
TICKET



Hot Tix: Bobby McFerrin performs with Astral Project at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$30, \$27, \$24, and \$21, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets are available at the Power Center box office on the corner of Fletcher and Huron streets in downtown Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday. Call the Festival office (734) 647-2278 for more information. The festival continues through Sunday, July 11. See schedule inside.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS

Beat: Mudpuppy drummer Darryl Pierce kept the beat moving all night long. Mudpuppy is the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year.



WHO: Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph
WHEN: 9:30 p.m.
Friday, June 25

WHERE: Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. Call (248) 305-5856 for more information.

Mudpuppy also performs as part of the Michigan Tastefest, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, on the Nestle Ice Cream Stage. Call (313) 927-1000 or visit <http://www.tastefest.org> for more information; and at 6 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Farmington Founders Festival in downtown Farmington.



Tapping: Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, taps away at the conga.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph has a lot to celebrate these days. It just released a live album, "One Night Only," and now it's part of a national advertising campaign for Corona Extra.

Corona and its marketing company, Fogarty Klein and Partners in Houston, chose Mudpuppy and 14 other bands to perform in the radio spots. Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, and his band play "A Song For My Friend" in the ad which runs from mid-June until December. More than 800 bands submitted material to the company.

"That really kind of took me aback. Of all the songs, I wonder why they picked that one. What does that have to do with beer?" he said with a chuckle.

"It's still great. I'm still kind of in shock. When I finally hear it on the radio, it'll be, like, real to me."

The Mudpuppy spot will run on five Detroit-area radio stations - WRIF (101.1), WPLT (96.3), CIDR (93.9), WJLB (97.9) and WKQI (95.5) - and will be in rotation elsewhere in the United States. The band, the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Band of the Year, plays for 45 seconds "undisturbed."

"It's a great thing for all the bands involved in that. Corona is behind this 100 percent. They're putting a lot of time



Warming up: Mark Thibideau, keyboards, Paul Randolph, bass and vocals, and Mark Pasman, guitars, do a soundcheck prior to their CD release party.

and effort into promoting the bands and helping them. It's promotion that you couldn't pay for."

"A Song For My Friend" was recorded at Harmonie Park studios, the former home to WXDG "The Edge" Edge Sessions, in Detroit on May 18. The Corona commercial isn't the first for Randolph, who frequently does session work.

"I recently did a Toyota spot for a dealership in Boston. I'm getting more of that kind of work. The thing about that stuff is you do it and then you kind of forget about it. They'll either use it or they won't use it. That's the nature of the business."

Please see MUDPUPPY, E2

OzzFest opens doors for new bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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For OzzFest veteran and Fear Factory guitarist Dino Cazares, the decision to rejoin the metal tour was a no-brainer.

Originally, the band wasn't slated to play OzzFest but when Judas Priest backed out, Fear Factory stepped up to the plate.

"We weren't planning on doing it but then they offered us the headlining slot on the second stage. We would have been happy to do the bathroom, if we could. It's definitely a good summer thing to be a part of," explained Cazares, whose band played OzzFest in 1997.

The 1999 OzzFest tour, which comes to Pine Knob on Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, features performances by some of metal's top acts on two stages - Deftones, Primus, Godsmack, and, of course, Black Sabbath.

Please see OZZFEST, E3



Black Sabbath

"Ozzfest" begins at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, and continues Sunday, June 27, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$49.50 pavilion and lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.ozzfest.com> for more information.

Friday, June 25:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

- Pushmonkey, 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- System of a Down, 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- Godsmack, 3:05 - 3:45 p.m.
- Primus, 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.
- Slayer, 5:25 - 6:05 p.m.
- Deftones, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
- Rob Zombie, 7:55 - 8:55 p.m.
- Black Sabbath, 9:15 - 11 p.m.

ON THE SECOND STAGE:

- Flashpoint, 11:25 - 11:50 a.m.
- (hed) pe, 12:05 - 12:30 p.m.
- Slipknot, 12:50 - 1:15 p.m.
- Puya, 1:45 - 2:10 p.m.
- Static-X, 2:40 - 3:05 p.m.
- Apartment 26, 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
- Drain STH, 4:55 - 5:25 p.m.
- Fear Factory, 6:05 - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

- Drain STH, 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- System of a Down, 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- Godsmack, 3:05 - 3:45 p.m.
- Primus, 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.
- Slayer, 5:25 - 6:05 p.m.
- Deftones, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
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MUSIC

Frog Island Festival shakes up Depot Town

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, June 25-27.

WHERE: Frog Island, on the Huron River in Ypsilanti's Depot Town district at the intersection of Huron and Cross streets.

TICKETS: \$17.50 per day in advance, \$20 at the gate, \$40 for a special non-transferable three-day pass available only in advance, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS. The Frog Island 24-hour hotline is (734) 487-2229.

Friday, June 25

- Motor City Street Band, 5:30 p.m.
- Beau Jocke & The Zydeco Hi-Rollers, 7 p.m.
- The Charmaine Neville Band, 8:50 p.m.
- Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas, 10:40 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

- Imperial Swing Orchestra, Noon
- Hot Club of Cowtown, 1:30 p.m.
- Johnny Johnson with George Bedard & The Kingpins, 3 p.m.
- Sonia Dada, 4:30 p.m.
- The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson, 6 p.m.
- Alberta Adams & The Blues Insurgents, 7:30 p.m.
- Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers, 9 p.m.
- Son Seals & The Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings, 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

- The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson, 1 p.m.
- Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All Stars, 2:30 p.m.
- Straight Ahead, 4 p.m.
- Bobby Watson & Vincent Herring, 5:30 p.m.
- Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison & Alphonse Mouzon, 7:30 p.m.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Blues guitarist Anson Funderburgh dedicated his group's newly released CD to Muddy.

No, not blues great Muddy Waters, but the 9-year-old dog Funderburgh lost to a tumor in 1997. Funderburgh's just a down home boy who loves his dog. Like Muddy. Rue, his 2-year-old female pooch, frequently travels on the band bus with Funderburgh, The Rockets and vocalist Sam Myers to some 200-plus dates a year.

Fresh from stops in Denver, Aspen, Albuquerque, Farmington, N.M., and Ohio, the blues group arrives June 26 to play the Frog Island Festival in Ypsilanti. Presented by The Ark in Ann Arbor, the three-day festival features zydeco, blues, and jazz by headliners such as Funderburgh, Son Seals & The Chicago



PHOTO BY BILL CRUMP

Highway blues: Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers roll into town with their new release "Change in My Pocket."

Rhythm and Blues Kings, Larry Coryell with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon, the Charmaine Neville Band, and Johnny Johnson (Chuck Berry's pianist)

with George Bedard & The Kingpins.

Funderburgh, Myers, drummer Danny Cochran, upright bassist J.P. Whitefield, and keyboardist John Street will be playing songs from their new CD, "Change in My Pocket." Funderburgh's 10th recording since 1981, the first with Bulls-eye Blues & Jazz.

"We're just starting to promote the new record," said Funderburgh in a phone interview from Denver. "We have a lot of work ahead of us. We try to play every night. We've made a lot of wonderful friends all over the country. We live in a pretty big town now."

Funderburgh's style is all his own but it's easy to tell he grew up listening to country and blues. It all started with his first guitar.

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THEATER

THE CENTURY THEATER

"Forbidden Hollywood," a musical spoof about modern-day blockbusters and silver-screen stars, runs through Sunday, June 27, at the newly restored 200-seat theater in the Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50); 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50); 8:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50); 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50) and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATER

"Angeliq," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angeliq, runs Thursdays through June 27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTheat.com

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 962-9800 or (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

PLANET ANT

"Lib," an original play by Kim Carney, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 27, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com

P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS

"The Boys Next Door," a play about four mentally handicapped men living in a communal residence, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 8-11 and Thursday-Sunday, July 15-17, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12. \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7245

RIDEALOE PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, suitable for all ages, performers are ages 12-18, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$6. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"AfterPlay," a comedy drama by comedian Anne Meera, through June 27, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 24, 26, and 27, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$7, all seats reserved. (248) 541-6430

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Pseudodrama," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Presented by the Guildings, youth theater. Tickets \$5, call (313) 561-1115

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

"Au Naturel," a one-act play festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 15138 Beech Dale, Redford. (313) 531-0554

ZETZHEIST THEATRE

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

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," continues through July 10, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pine St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance call (810) 977-3292 or (248) 268-3200.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FILM PREMIERE

"The Quest for the Lost Tribes of Israel," doors open 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, film starts 7:15 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theater in Detroit. Tickets \$36, available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 932-2889 or (248) 855-4482. A post film gala will be held with filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici immediately after the showing. Tickets are \$180, and include reserved seating and valet parking. Call numbers listed for information.

WOW

Featuring Golden, "Diamond Dallas Page," Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hank and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15, \$25, Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

RECORDS AND CD MUSIC

"E's RECORDS AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Royal Oak Eiks Mall, 175 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-4527

"GIRLES"

An art exhibit opening and variety of performances by a collective of women artists and performers, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, June 26, continues to July 31, at 1145-Greenwood, corner of State and Second, second floor above Continental Toy Store, Detroit. (313) 921-8691/(313) 821-2867

HUDSON'S FIREWORKS

Featuring Golden, "Diamond Dallas Page," Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hank and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15, \$25, Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

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CLASSICAL

"ART FOR HUMANITY" An evening of poetry readings, live music and visual art, also a silent auction, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Pennington Design Gallery, 275 St. Antoine, Detroit. \$25, to raise funds for programs to aid the homeless and mentally ill at the Detroit Central City Community Mental Health. (810) 751-2717

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MOVIES

John Travolta at his best in 'General's Daughter'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

A rock out in the middle of some mossy swamp might appear to be simply a rock. What can happen if the rock were turned over? We might discover myriad forms of revolting life clinging to its underside. In a sense, this is what happens when an investigator works to uncover a killer in the gripping murder mystery, "The General's Daughter."

As the movie opens, the investigator is posing as someone he is not. Take this as a clue of

sorts. Almost none of the characters in "The General's Daughter" are who they appear to be.

On a sultry night, Capt. Elisabeth Campbell (Leslie Stefanson) is murdered on an Army training field. Her arms and legs bound tightly to tent poles, the position of her unclothed body suggests a kind of crucifixion. Seemingly a fine officer and a gentle woman, it soon becomes clear that the former West Point cadet had another, much darker side.

Called in to investigate by the camp's provost marshal, warrant officer Paul Brenner (John Travolta) soon arrives at the scene.

rather stiff Madeleine Stowe) pursue the killer, a motley crew of suspects emerges. Not the least of these is Col. Robert Moore, a glib, fast-talking psychiatrist (and the murdered woman's mentor) played by James Woods.

One brilliant verbal exchange between Woods' and Travolta's characters simply crackles with wit, and is one of the memorable moments of the movie.

Other suspects include the general's right-hand man, Col. George Fowler (Clarence Williams III); local police chief

(Daniel Van Buren); the general's youthful aide, Capt. Elby (Boyd Kestner); the provost (Timothy Hutton); and the general himself (James Cromwell), who brings exquisitely measured amounts of both fearfulness and authority to his role.

West, production designer Dennis Washington, and director of photography Peter Menzies, Jr. add punch to the movie. Not that the film is always a pretty picture. Some of the images are utterly grisly as when an unfortunate character meets his death via an activated outboard motor,

and, a surrealistic nighttime rape sequence, illuminated by background explosives and a pale, ghostly light.

The entire film seems cobwebbed in a kind of yellowing light or mist that further enhances the nightmarish mood.

Although slightly confusing at times, the inventive cross-cutting and juxtaposition of scenes turns up the crispness and the pace. The effect is that "The General's Daughter" is a claustrophobic, dripping-with-moss world located at the slippery edge of hell.

Check out the summer festivals



ANN DELISI

Where can you go this summer to have a great time with out spending a lot of money or traveling hours? Here's a suggestion. Stay here. From the huge festivals that attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the small community handshells that become mini-Woodstocks with strollers as far as the eye can see, this season offers entertaining opportunities that aren't available any other time of the year.

Summer festivals are ideal for those not inclined to visit the clubs to enjoy performers they've heard much about. A couple of weeks ago, Detroit Public Television's BACKSTAGE PASS program featured a blues jam with Johnnie Basset and the Blues Insurgents as a preview to the band's concert at the Greektown Arts Festival.

Sure to grab plenty of attention at the annual TasteFest running July 1 through July 5 in Detroit's New Center Area, is Kimmie Horne. A smooth, sultry and sophisticated talent in the clubs, Kimmie's outstanding voice is now set to receive the

broadest exposure yet in appearances on BACKSTAGE PASS and at Detroit's biggest food and music festival.

"Kimmie Horne is an excellent example of what makes Detroit music innovative and unique. With no major record label behind her to narrowcast your music, bands and performers mix it up. To make a living, you'd better be able to develop a style that can accommodate jazz, pop, and rhythm & blues fans," says Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn.

We know what's in it for us when we go to a summer festival. Who can resist an atmosphere of good weather, positive moods, casual dress, and great sounds with no cover charge? But what's the lure for the performers?

"When you play a summer festival, it's a receptive audience. One of the biggest draws of an event like the TasteFest is music. You're reaching people that may not necessarily see you in a club. It's a thrill to look out at an audience with such incredible diversity in age, ethnicity and geography, knowing that every one is looking for a good time and new experiences," Pangborn adds.

This quest for new experiences carries over into indoor events as well. The Ann Arbor Summer

Festival has a reputation for offering premiere works of accomplished performers. Earlier this week, saxophonist Bradford Marsalis unveiled his latest sounds. Coming Friday, July 2, The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents "Dances for the Gods, Angels and Mortal Beings," which features Martha Graham's beloved "Diversion of Angels," a 1948 masterwork rarely performed outside of Graham's company. Also highlighting the evening is the premiere of Sparling's "Orfeo Suite," and his 1998 work "Chronicles and Small Comforts," which will be previewed in the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

Since we're all in a good mood, how about putting the top down on our imaginary convertible and cranking up the music? The long-awaited "New Pop Sunday" album from Sponge contains a few tunes that are irresistible when loud. The band shakes up the studio of Detroit Public TV in a summertime edition of BACKSTAGE PASS airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27.

After all, we can't just cruise through neighborhoods with the music blasting, can we? I'm sorry. I didn't know you lived there. I was young and immature.

I've grown up a lot in the past week.

Son Volt on the road, opening for John Mellencamp



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jay Farrar's sleeping patterns are inconsistent these days. Four buses aren't the most comfortable places to sleep, and at home he doesn't get a lot of rest either. But it's well worth it, he said. Farrar, the singer/songwriter of Son Volt, is the father of a 9-week-old son.

This year is one of adjustment for Son Volt and Farrar, a man of few words. The band is on the

road opening for John Mellencamp, including the Wednesday, June 30, date at Pine Knob. The roots rock/Americana group is used to playing clubs, so standing on stage in front of a 15,000-plus crowd is a bit of a change.

"It'll be different for us. It's something we haven't done much of in the past."

When asked if he's a big Mellencamp fan, Farrar sighed and said, "I've always been aware of what he's done. His longevity and success kind of speak for itself."

Son Volt is touring in support of "Wide Swing Tremolo," its

third album for Warner Bros. It was recorded in the band's rehearsal space, a former lingerie warehouse, which allowed Son Volt to take its time.

"In the past when you're recording due to budgetary restraints, we only had four weeks. We had the freedom and the time to try things the way we wanted. I'm not sure we'd do it again."

"Some of the songs were allowed to just sort of germinate a bit I guess, especially song like 'Driving the View.' We tried it with an acoustic approach the first time around, subsequently

we went electric."

To diversify the sound, Son Volt called upon three people to mix the album - Jack Joseph Puig (Verve Pipe), David Barbe and John Agnello.

"He definitely knows what he's doing. He has a very expansive collection of equipment," he said with a laugh about Puig.

"I just wanted to try different songs with different people. Hopefully they all go together."

Son Volt opens for John Mellencamp at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw

Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$39.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

The Ultimate Showcase

Embassy Music in Nashville is holding its annual The Ultimate Showcase, which gives unsigned Christian singers and songwriters the change to perform on Music Row in Nashville in front of industry professionals. This year's panel includes representatives of Sparrow Records, EMI/CMG Publishing, Muse Management, Gotee Records,

Atlantic Records and Benson. To receive an entry form, call (615) 345-2500 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323, Nashville, Tenn., 37217. The deadline is Monday, July 19.

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DINING

Customers are treated like family at Buca di Beppo

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for a dining experience packed with laughter, family fun and a funky, southern Italian atmosphere? Perhaps Buca di Beppo, one of Livonia's newest eateries, is the answer to your search.

As customers enter the restaurant's front door, they are led on an informal stroll through the

land. "I thought the pictures on the walls of our booth were very clever."

While you're waiting for your heaping platters of food to arrive, wander throughout the restaurant and check out The Cardinal's Room, The Pope's Table and The Grotto Table.

Diroff shared a feast with her niece, Tammy O'Connell of Eagan, Minnesota, and Suzanne



Special table: The Pope's Table seats 14 to 20 guests at Buca di Beppo.

bustling kitchen. If you choose, and the kitchen's crescent-shaped table is vacant, you and a handful of your friends can stay and dine here.

Most patrons, however, prefer the dining areas.

"We were in the Wine Room, sitting in the Gangster Booth," said Bernadette Diroff of West-

Duke, a friend from Garden City.

After several trips to peruse the menu on the wall and lots of discussion, the threesome reached agreement.

Their dinner consisted of a small Caesar salad (more than enough for four people), a heaping platter of rigatoni positano (sprinkled with chicken,

Buca di Beppo

Where: 38888 Six Mile Road, (between Haggerty and I-275), (734) 4-MANGIA, 462-6442

Hours: Open seven days a week, dinner only; 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday.

Reservations: Accepted before restaurant opens for that day. Advance reservations accepted during restaurant hours. No call ahead seating.

Menu: Classic southern Italian dishes are featured which include salads, pizza (marinara, pepperoni, vegetable rustic), pastas, entrees of eggplant parmigiana, spaghetti and meatballs (three baseball-sized meatballs), chicken cacciatore (an entire roast chicken) and veal marsala, and, dolci (spumoni, chocolate cannoli and a quart-sized bowl of tiramisu).

Non-smoking area: Entire restaurant is non-smoking except for the bar area.

Cost: All courses are served family style. Salads (a small Caesar serves four) cost \$6.95 to \$13.95; pizzas range in price from \$9.95 to \$17.95; pasta prices are \$7.95 to \$19.95; and entrees range in price from \$14.95 to \$19.95.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners' Club, MasterCard and Visa.

Carry-out: Yes

eggplant, marinara sauce and fresh mozzarella), and an entree of chicken with lemon.

When you dine at Buca's, dinner is served family-style.

Individual portions are not available, however your wait staff will be happy to pack leftovers in a paper shopping bag. The check, including alcoholic drinks, averages \$20 per person.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Dining experience: Matt Chuchman, Kitchen Manager, and Debbie Norman, Paisano Partner, at the newly opened Buca di Beppo in Livonia where the atmosphere sets the stage for a delightful dining experience.

Keep in mind that the Buca staff and all patrons are "family." So, if you happen to spot a delectable-looking antipasti or insalata at a neighboring table, it's okay to meander by and say "Hi!" and then ask for a taste.

"I thought the food was wonderful," said Diroff. "I loved the lemon chicken because it was very moist. I usually don't like to order pasta at a restaurant because I'm particular about sauces. However, I liked the marinara. It wasn't too strong."

A chunk of warm bread pudding from a nearby table of friendly diners, and a sizable portion of espresso-soaked tiramisu satisfied everyone's

sweet cravings.

"The bread pudding was the closest to my mother's that I've ever tasted," said Diroff.

"My mom loved cinnamon and raisins and she used a lot of them in her recipe. Buca's had large chunks of raisins. It was absolutely wonderful!"

Buca's menu reflects the soul of southern Italian food.

Recipes were developed by head chef Vittorio Renda, a native of Calabria, Italy.

Buca di Beppo translates as Joe's basement. Buca means basement, which is where the grandfather of Buca's president, Joe Micatrotto, opened his restaurant in Cleveland's Little

Italy. Beppo is slang for "buddy Joe." It is considered an honor to dine in Joe's basement.

Sauces made from scratch, a daily Mama's Special and a family-friendly staff add authenticity to the ethnic ambiance.

"We look for people who have that Buca spirit," said Lane Schmiesing, vice president of marketing. "Everybody on staff gets a 'green card.' It reminds them what we are about. At 3:30 everyday, the staff has a family meal."

Everything on the menu is available "to go." Buca management anticipates that "ten percent" of sales will be carry-out.

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

It's summer, and we're looking for suggestions for restaurants to feature on our Dining page. If you have a garden, or an interesting outdoor setting, let us know.

Also, be sure to let us know about anniversaries, menu changes, and specials.

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New summer hours begin Monday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Serving dinner Thursday-Saturday, beginning June 24, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth,

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April 29, 2000, 5:00 P.M., Detroit Opera House

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For subscription tickets and to receive a season brochure, call the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at 248-737-9980. After July 10, single ticket purchase is available at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers including Hudson's and Harmony House stores. To charge tickets by phone, call 248-645-6666.