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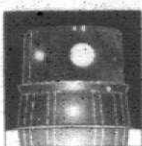
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Victim recalls hellish commute



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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At 2:30 a.m. Friday, Dawn Davis was enjoying a quiet ride home from her work as an assistant manager at Domino's Pizza in Wayne.

Just three minutes later, the 22-year-old was in a war zone. That's when two gunmen began shooting at her Chrysler LeBaron.

As many as 11 rounds from a military assault rifle hit the vehicle while other errant shots peppered nearby homes. Somehow, Davis escaped all but unscathed.

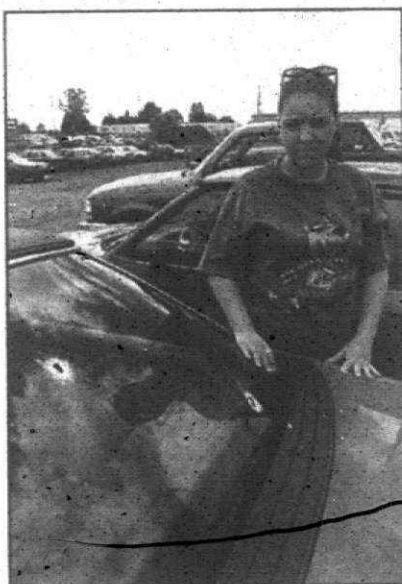
Zachary Scott Woodby, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, face a preliminary exam on multiple felony charges in 35th District Court Friday. Both are Canton residents.

"A piece of shrapnel grazed the back of my leg," the Canton resident said. "It made a 1 1/2-by-1/2-inch scratch."

"It was like a cat scratch." Bits of shattered glass shot out by the gunmen also hit her.

"The whole side of my head was throbbing," said Davis.

Please see VICTIM, A3



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN
Escape: Dawn Davis of Canton looks at two of the bullet holes that were left in her Chrysler LeBaron after Friday's shooting.

Roadway gunmen face exam Friday

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Two Canton men will face multiple felony charges — including assault with intent to murder — Friday in connection with a June 25 shooting incident at Palmer and Sheldon roads.

A preliminary examination for Zachary Scott Woodby, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, is scheduled for 35th District Court in Plymouth in front of Judge John MacDonald.

Woodby faces five felony counts including assault with intent to murder, three charges of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Boster faces three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm.

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said it's likely the duo will waive the exam.

"It's up to the defendants if they want to have it," he added.

The examination is held to determine if enough evidence exists to bind

the case over for trial at Wayne County Circuit Court.

If Friday's proceeding is waived, an examination will be held at the circuit court. Further court dates would be established at that time.

Both men were arraigned by video Saturday at 34th District Court in Romulus. Cash bonds of \$250,000 and \$100,000 were set for Woodby and Boster, respectively.

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Police two men were standing on the side of the road and opened up on the 22-year-old.

Davis' Chrysler LeBaron was hit 11 times, police say, with rounds from an AK-47 assault rifle. Amazingly, she was only slightly injured with a piece of metal shrapnel grazing her right lower leg.

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Police, builders team up

■ CONSTRUCTION THEFT

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The Canton Police department is stepping up its efforts to cut thefts from homes under construction.

The department held a 90-minute seminar Tuesday designed to equip builders with the tools to fight crime on their work sites. Township Officer Leonard Schemanske said simple precautions such as keeping detailed inventories and marking materials can go a long way to improving safety.

"The idea is to target-harden your work site," he told about a half-dozen local builders. "You want to make it as difficult as possible for crooks."

Officers and detectives helped Schemanske in making the presentation. A short question and answer session followed.

More than 50 thefts from homes under construction have been reported to Canton Police. Sgt. Chuck Raycraft said the actual number of incidents could be three to four times higher than that number.

"The weekend seems like the biggest time for these larcenies to occur," he added. "We're finding in most of these cases recently it's people familiar with the site."

Brian Kime, whose company has done projects such as Canton Club East Apartments, agreed.

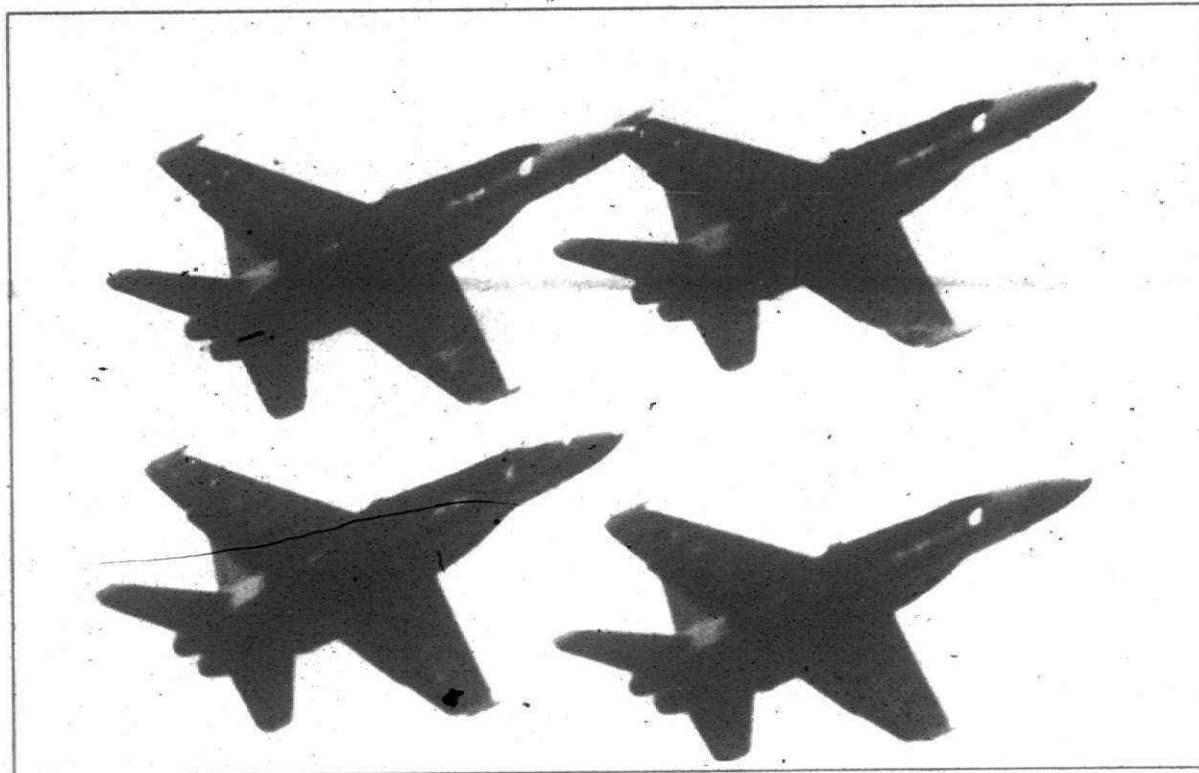
"I believe most of these thefts are in-house," he commented.

Such was the case on June 4.

Kime reported construction materials such as lumber and windows stolen from a work site. Canton officers later

Please see CONSTRUCTION THEFT, A4

Blue Angels over Canton



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Sky pilots: No, the township wasn't part of some not-so-secret military exercise Saturday. But many residents did get a glimpse of the legendary Blue Angels, who performed during the annual air show at neighboring Willow Run Airport.

Parade Sunday is real eye-opener

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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All is GO for Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees.

"Besides a little tweaking here and there, we're all set to go," said parade coordinator Fred Hill. "The parade is set to begin at 7:30 a.m., and of course, we're always on time."

Michigan's earliest parade route is on Main Street between Theodore and Hartsough. It begins with a flyover by F-16 jets, followed by a sky diving

team which will be waving an American flag as it makes its way to a landing spot in front of City Hall.

There are nearly 80 units this year, making it the largest parade in the nearly 50 years Plymouth has hosted a July 4th celebration. Along with 15 bands, Hill promises Civil War reenactment groups, Miss Michigan, helium-filled balloons, Steve King and the Ditties and, of course, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

Hill said there are still some seats left in the Bleacher Creature section, which will have a choice viewing spot

at Main and Penniman, across from the reviewing stand.

"It's an exciting way to watch and be a part of the parade," said Hill.

For \$10, parade viewers get a bleacher seat at the heart of the parade route, and get a Parade Pak to interact with various units as the parade goes by.

There's a sponge rubber clown nose for when the clowns appear; a red, white and blue inflatable baseball bat to shake at the Detroit Tigers' Paws as he passes; a red, white and blue straw

Please see PARADE, A6

Students contribute to museum display on '60s

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Students who aren't old enough to remember the 1960s — except to wear as today's fashions clothes that many of us would like to forget — are the architects of an exhibit about the 60s on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Plymouth-Canton high school students from Beth Savalox' class have put together memorabilia for the museum's "Celebrate the Century" display, depicting civil rights, the Vietnam war, plus counter and mainstream cultures of the era.

"It was a revolution. I don't think I

would have liked to live then because there was too much tension," said Angela Huettman, 16, of Canton. "It's an overall example of where our society came from. A lot of things changed during that period."

"It was a scary time with protests, the Vietnam war, the Detroit riots," added Angela Space, 17, of Canton. "It was a dangerous time, but a learning experience, for everyone who lived through it."

Students say they learned about the 60s from Vietnam veterans, watching old television programs and from talking with their parents.

The exhibit is wide-ranging, with the collection including something about

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music, hippies, Woodstock, children's toys, political issues, civil rights issues, Vietnam, and fashion.

"I learned so much about the times and my parents from reading their yearbooks," said Bridget Palumbo, 17, of Canton.

"We got a lot of donations like Barbie

dolls, old 45 records, things that parents and teachers had left over from the 60s that they just never threw away," said Palumbo. "Many people were actually embarrassed they still had things around and actually wore some of those clothes."

"I love the 60s, it's one of my favorite decades."

Savalox said it was fun getting students involved in learning about history by putting on the display.

"Students love the 60s because there's so much conflict, commitment and passion," added Savalox. "It's their parents' generation and something they can talk about with them. The history is relevant."

Police charge driver after crash

A 30-year-old Wayne man was charged with cocaine possession and drunk driving June 25. According to Canton Police reports, the man crashed his car into a light pole on North Haggerty Road in the early morning hours. Shortly after 6 a.m., police spotted him walking southbound on Haggerty Road. He was questioned about the accident, reports said. Police later found more than 20.5

grams of cocaine and 25.9 grams of marijuana in his vehicle. Police determined that the 30-year-old was legally intoxicated at the time of the accident. He registered a .13 on a breathalyzer test, reports said. In Michigan, .10 is considered intoxicated. **MDOP** A 21-year-old Canton man had about \$200 worth of damage

COP CALLS

done to his car June 24. Reports said the driver's side door window on his Ford Bronco was smashed either late June 23 or early the following morning. An 18-inch scratch was also left on the door. Police have no suspects for the incident, which occurred in the 4000 block of Oakbrook.

Larceny

More than \$200 worth of equipment and supplies were stolen from an Allen Park heating and cooling company June 24. Police reports said \$155 worth of steel and \$100 worth of tools were stolen from a construction

site in the 8000 block of Honey Tree. Police believe the items taken in the early morning hours from the apartment building.

Police have no suspects.

Retail Fraud

Canton Police arrested an unidentified man for trying to steal a pair of knives from Super Kmart on Ford Road June 24. Reports said the man placed a \$60 pocket knife from the sporting goods department in his front pocket. He then left the department and came back a short time later to take the second knife. Store loss prevention officers stopped the man as he attempted to leave the building. Reports said that he made no attempt to pay for the knives.

Boy, 12, now says incident a hoax

By SCOTT DANIEL
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Crying wolf has landed a 12-year-old Canton boy in hot water with authorities.

According to township police, the boy lied June 22 when he said two men held a gun to his head and tied him up after he walked in on a burglary. He told police the story was a fabrication on Tuesday.

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said the boy will be charged with filing a false police report. The misdemeanor carries a possible 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Such reports put police between a rock and a hard place, Schemanske said. He initially had doubts about the boy's story because of inconsistencies in it and in descriptions of suspects.

"What do you do with these cases," he said. "It's a tough call."

The boy told police the incident occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m. June 22 at his Canton Crossings townhouse.

Police reports said the boy was home alone when he heard noises coming from the den. He went

■ 'What do you do with these cases. It's a tough call.'

Leonard Schemanske,
Canton Police officer

downstairs to check on the noise and saw two men.

The boy said he tried to run away, but was tackled and thrown against a wall. The men then tied him up with electrical tape and fled out a rear door wall.

A neighbor heard the boy's call for help, untied him and called 911. But everything prior to the call, police say, was bogus.

Published news reports quoted the boy as saying he staged the incident to get out of trouble for poor grades and getting grounded by his parents.

The case has been turned over to juvenile authorities, said Schemanske. He feels his department did its job.

"Our job is to investigate and determine if reports are false," Schemanske said.

Gunmen from page A1

Davis fled from her car and made it over to the shoulder of the road. She stopped a passer-by, who then gave her a ride to the Canton Police station.

Two men, meanwhile, were seen running between homes south of Palmer. They then left the subdivision and fled southbound on Sheldon in a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am.

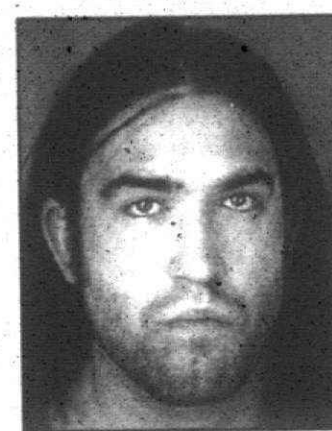
Canton officers eventually apprehended Woody and Boster on Michigan Avenue where they crashed into a 1989 Ford van heading westbound, police reports said.

Officers recovered a small arsenal of weapons from the men.

An AK-47, three shotguns, knives and more than 300 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the Grand Am and searches of Woody's and Boster's homes. One of the men was also wearing a bullet pouch at the time he was arrested, according to reports.

Shots from the assault rifle also struck three nearby homes and one business. Police couldn't determine if each were hit during the attack on Davis or prior to it.

Carol Pietz, director of Wee Care for Kids daycare, said one bullet hit her building. A small



Timothy Regan Boster



Zachary Scott Woody

hole was made in the roof by the projectile, which police were unable to recover.

"It definitely concerns me," Pietz said of the shooting. "If it had happened during a different time of day, it would've been very scary."

The daycare has served Canton for about two years. Despite the violence, Pietz still thinks the township is a safe place to do business.

"It could happen anywhere," she added. "I feel safe, pretty much. But it did make me wonder."

Like Pietz, everyone connected

with the incident is wondering why two men went on a shooting spree.

Police declined to speculate on motivation. But Schemanske thinks alcohol likely played a role.

Both men, he said, were heavily intoxicated at the time of their arrest. Exact blood-alcohol levels for Woody and Boster were not available at Observer press time.

"We have evidence of such," Schemanske said. "They were intoxicated. Now what level, were they stone-cold drunk, we don't know yet."

Victim from page A1

The question rolling around Davis' mind since Friday morning is why. Why did the two young men, whom she didn't know, want to shoot her?

"I don't want to kill them," said Davis, who recently moved back to the township from Livonia. "But I do want to know why. I want to know what was going through their heads."

Ironically, she left work at Domino's a little early Friday. Instead of taking the most direct path home to western Canton from the Michigan Avenue restaurant, Davis took the "scenic route."

She made her normal night deposit at a Wayne Road bank then began home. Davis drove down Glenwood in Garden City up to Hannan Road.

Finally, she made her way to Palmer Road, which she would drive across the better part of Canton towards home.

"I never take Michigan Avenue," Davis said. "I'm a backstreet person."

Just before arriving at the Sheldon Road intersection, Davis noticed a couple of repair workers on the side of Palmer Road. She then glanced at her clock - 2:33 a.m.

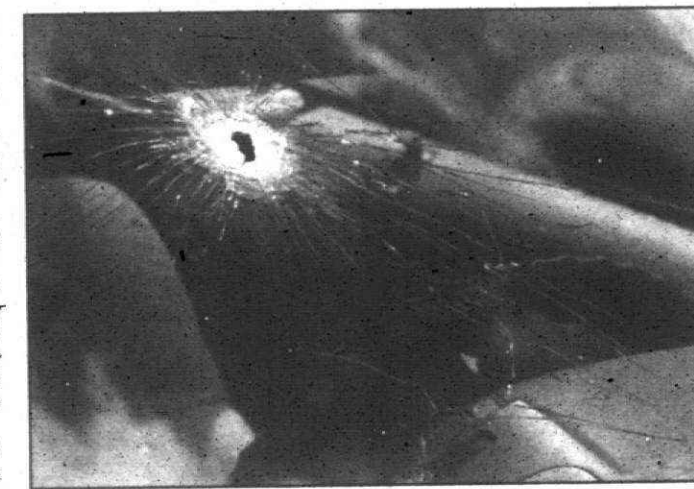
Seconds later, as she slowed for a four-way stop, all hell broke loose.

"At first, I thought I was driving through fireworks," Davis said of the gunfire. "I thought it was a bad case of fireworks."

It wasn't until glass started flying that she realized what was going on.

"When the glass hit me," Davis said, "that woke me up. That's when I got out of the car."

She abandoned the vehicle in



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Close call: A close-up view of one of the bullet holes through the driver's side of the front windshield. Police say the car, now in storage at Mayflower Auto Parts in Canton, was struck by 11 rounds, leaving bullet holes in the driver's door, destroying three windows and destroying the left rear tire.

the middle of Palmer Road, ducked down and crossed over to the street. Davis said that's when the real miracle occurred.

"When I got out of the car," she explained, "they could've shot at me and didn't."

"I feel like I'm here for a reason," she never saw either of her assailants.

"I couldn't tell you where the shots came from," said Davis.

She was able to stop a passer-by for help. She was then taken to Canton's police station.

Davis has since returned to work. She's just happy to have a chance to see her 3-year-old daughter grow up.

She's angry that that opportunity was almost taken away.

"Obviously they had no future before this started," Davis said. "What gave them the right to do this just because they had nothing better to do?"

The recent break-up of her marriage left her with little material wealth. The LeBaron was one of her few assets.

"It ticks me off that they trashed my car," Davis said.

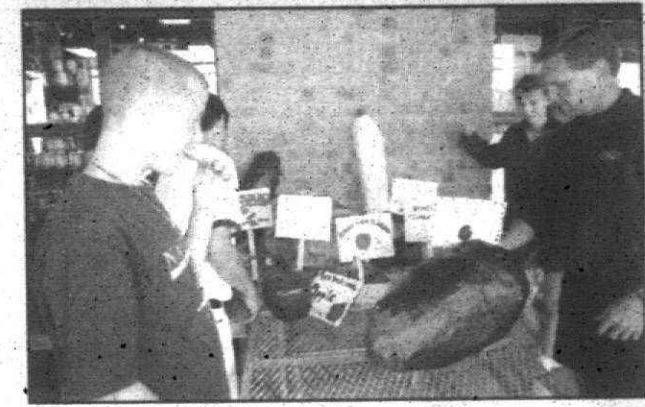
She isn't quite sure how she survived.

"Either it's a miracle," Davis said, "or they were really bad shots."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

On display: Krista Clapp, (left) and Amanda Dingman, both 13, from Canton, laugh while setting up their display at the Plymouth Market recently. Pictured at right, Jacob Alexander of Canton, 14, (left) watches as Plymouth Market co-owner Jim Tanski helps the kids display their artwork. Rachel Mote of Plymouth, 13, is at right rear.



Marketable art

Students create sculptures that look good enough to eat

Students in Jane Beaudoin's eighth grade art classes at East Middle School recently produced pop art giant Pariscraft fruit and vegetable sculptures, as part of a project made possible through a grant from Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

The students presented the larger-than-life veggie sculptures to Jim and Mark Tanski, owners of the Plymouth Market, located at Mill and Ann Arbor Road, where they will remain on display in the outdoor market portion of the store through the summer.

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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, and the name of the bid, 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.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JULY 8, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Bluylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfiers, Acceptance of Agenda

- Joseph Guido of 24350 Orchard Lake Rd. Ste 101 Farmington Hills Mi. is representing Electropolitan Inc. (George Marvaso). They are appealing Property on Haggerty, South of Ford Road, Ordinance 26.03 Schedule of Regulations for Commercial and Office Districts, they need a height variance. Parcels 050-99-0015-000 and part of 050-99-0013-000. (Planning)
- June Neuman of 2648 Woodgreen Ct., Canton MI 48188 representing June & Jeff Neuman of the same address. Are appealing 26.02 rear yard setback requirements. Parcel 471-110-01-0057-000. (Building)
- Faul & Tricia Hickman of 42133 Greenwood Dr. Canton MI 48187 are appealing Zoning Ordinance # 103 Sec. 6 They want to put a fence up, for the safety of their child. Parcel # 041-01-0009-000. (Building)

(April 8, 1999 ZBA Canceled due to withdrawal of Both Applicants)
(Approval of May 13, 1999 minutes)
June meeting Canceled

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PADGET TRUST REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 116 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 8, 1999 in order to be in hand.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES GROUP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCELS NOS. 114 99 0002 000, 115 99 0001 000, 115 99 0004 000 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know?

- July is National Ice Cream Month?
- George Washington took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775?
- The poem "America the Beautiful" by Katherine Lee Bates was first published on July 4, 1895?
- Michigan records over 200 fire deaths each year?
- Children under the age of 12 account for more than 20 percent of the fire casualties in Michigan annually?

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:

- www.lawguru.com
- www.mariner.org
- www.politicalinformation.com
- www.48hours.net
- www.airtravelcomplaints.com

Heard any good books lately?

Here are non-fiction books on audio tape available from the library:

- "The Anatomy of the Motive" by John E. Douglas
- "The Man Who Tried to Save the World" by Mark Oshaker
- "Disappearance of Fred Cuny" by Scott Anderson
- "Regency Underworld" by Donald A. Lon
- "Nazi War on Cancer" by Robert N. Proctor
- "Our Children's Toxic Legacy" by John Wargo

Q & A:
Q: Was there a real-life Uncle Sam?

A: This symbol of the U.S. government and of the national character in striped pants and top hat, was a meat packer and politician from upstate New York. "Uncle Sam" was born in Arlington, Mass., on Sept. 13, 1776. After serving in the American Revolution, Sam moved to New York and opened a meat-packing company. During the War of 1812, Sam's plant was awarded a military contract to provide beef and pork to soldiers, and Sam stamped each crate destined for military use with a large "U.S." When a government inspector made a routine tour of the plant, and asked what the U.S. stood for, an employee jokingly replied it stood for his employer, Uncle Sam! Before long, they were calling all gov-

ernment-issued supplies the property of "Uncle Sam."

The source for this information is: "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things" by Charles Panati.

NPR recommends
Here are some books for summer reading recommended by National Public Radio:

- "Citizen Soldier: the U.S." by Stephen Ambrose
- "Black Hawk Down" by Mark Bowden
- "The Lost Continent" by Bill Bryson
- "Sweet Machines: Poems" by Mark Doth
- "Philistines in the Hedge" by Steven Gaines

Hot topic of the week
The National Cherry Festival in Traverse City, Mich. takes place July 3-10. This is an eight-day celebration of the cherry industry with dozens of events for the entire family. Events include air shows, parades, music concerts, arts and crafts, sporting events and more.

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Derogis of the library staff. The library is at 1290 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.

Construction theft

apprehended a 37-year-old Inkster man in connection with that incident.

Raycraft said the man had been stealing from Kime for some time.

"He was basically redoing his whole house," he added. "The guy had the nicest house in Inkster. But it was all with stolen property."

Canton Det. Dave Schriener handled the case. He said the Inkster man, who worked as part of a sub-contracting team for Kime, was a carpenter. The culprit left shipping stickers on some of the materials taken making it easier to arrest him.

Thousands of dollars worth of materials were recovered, Schriener said. Some items were removed from the Inkster man's home.

"Had he taken the sticker off," the detective added, "we wouldn't have had cause (to arrest him)."

One of the biggest problems in combating construction site robberies is that most builders seem to have an acceptable level of loss, said Schriener.

Bruce Silver, who runs Silver Construction in Canton, seemed to agree.

"The small stuff you're always going to have," he said. "You can't stop it. It's the big hits

Golfers can win \$1 million

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Just two qualifying rounds remain in the Canton Chamber of Commerce's \$1 million golf tournament.

Players of all levels can take aim at earning a semi-finalist slot in the hole-in-one contest on July 17 and Aug. 7 at the Pheasant Run Golf Course driving range. Finals will be held in conjunction with the Chamber's Golf Classic outing at Fellows Creek on Aug. 12.

A little more participation in the shoot-out's final two qualifying rounds is sought by Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ryan Ambrozaitis.

"So far, it has been OK," he said of turnout. "But we haven't received as much of a response as we'd like."

Ten players will advance to the semi-finals from each qualifier. Players advance by getting closest to the pin with their shot. The semi-finals will then be held Aug. 7 at Pheasant Run.

The top 10 move on to the finals on Aug. 12.

Golfers will be shooting for \$1 million. The first player to hit a hole-in-one wins the money, which would be paid over 20 years.

"We took out an insurance policy from the National Hole in One Association," he added.

If nobody notches an ace, the player closest to the pin will win a television.

The event raises money for the chamber and the Special Olympics. The chamber is donating 30 percent of proceeds, which are earned through golfers buying shots, to Special Olympics.

The remainder of money will be used for day-to-day operations of the chamber. Much of the chamber's budget comes from the winter charity auction and the golf classic.

Last year's golf outing, for example, raised \$40,000.

"We're on track to exceed last

CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

year's revenue," said Ambrozaitis.

A total of 216 golfers are expected to participate. About 30 slots remain open.

The cost is \$150 per person or \$500 for a foursome. For the money, golfers get: 18 holes with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner and goodie bags.

The outing will be done in a best-ball scramble format. Contests will be held throughout the day.

Four closest to the pin and longest-drive competitions will be held. A marshmallow drive and putting contest are also planned.

"It should be a fun day of networking and interacting of community leaders," said Ambrozaitis.

For more information about the hole-in-one shoot-out of the Chamber Golf Classic, please call (734) 453-4040.

Bill would require losers pay in 'frivolous' lawsuits

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Think long and hard before filing that lawsuit. Under legislation pending in Lansing, the "loser" in a legal case would be required to pick up the attorney fees for the prevailing side.

Proponents argue the bill would cut down on frivolous lawsuits.

As examples of such cases, proponents cite a legal action brought against a beer maker for false advertising. A drinker filed because the beer, despite "implicit promises made in advertisements," did not bring him success with women.

The University of Michigan was sued by a student who received an F in German. The state has been sued when a visitor allegedly caught a cold in the drafty rotunda of the Capitol building.

Senate Bill 119, sponsored by Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, would require the loser in lawsuits to pay attorneys' fees for the winner in order to discourage such suits. The proposal would require the loser to pay the winner's attorney fees if the winner prevails on all counts in the case. Absent an outright win, the judge would have discretion as to which party would pay the legal bills of the other. Judges could limit costs if they believed the amount was unfair.

Businesses are largely in favor of the legislation.

"The sad and unfair aspect of this abuse is that the system is weighted in favor of the one who sues, at the expense of the one who has to defend. You can go broke in America proving that you are right," said Charles Owens, director of Michigan's branch of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Opponents include trial lawyers who contend the judicial system already has protections against frivolous cases. Currently, judges may award attorney fees as part of the judgment, but they are not required to.

"We may have a loser pays system in theory, but not in practice," Owens said. "This is due to an unwillingness on the part of most judges to discipline their peers when they bring forth a frivolous lawsuit and because the definition of what constitutes a frivolous lawsuit is weak."

Opponents, however, argue that not all cases that lose are necessarily frivolous. A loser pays system, they believe, would discourage cases which have merit from being filed if the plaintiff could not afford the defendant's fees should the case fail to win.

The bill has been sent to the Senate's judiciary committee for review. Action on the proposal is expected to come up in the fall.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

CANTON COMPANY FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 141.90 0028 0000. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.

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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall '99 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 3, for new and returning students. Summer registration hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Aug. 1 with the exception of July 5 when the office will be closed. From Aug. 2 through Sept. 3, office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7.

The convenience of fax-in registration for all students is available and will be accepted until Aug. 20.

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hat, and a megaphone. "I think a parade should be interactive, and this is a fun way to get people involved and raise a few dollars for the parade," added Hill. This year's parade costs approximately \$25,000, with most of the expense offset by 15 corporate sponsors who have donated \$1,000 or more. Sales of the Bleacher Creature seats, as well as commemorative flags which are \$150, help the even break even. Tickets for the Bleacher Creature section are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main Street, Plymouth. They can also be obtained by calling Fred Hill at (734) 459-3733.

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Teachers receive \$8,000 grant, computers from MediaOne

MediaOne, the broadband services arm of MediaOne Group, presented Plymouth-Canton's Lowell Middle School with four computers and a grant of \$8,000 as part of the company's nationwide C.O.O.L. Award for Outstanding Educators competition encouraging educators to use technology in the classroom.

An administrator and three teachers from Lowell Middle School were among the 16 teams from around the country to win a MediaOne C.O.O.L. Award for Outstanding Educators. The award program is part of MediaOne's Community Outreach and Online Learning (C.O.O.L.) initiative. The C.O.O.L. Awards program is designed to encourage educators to work as teams to develop innovative classroom applications for video on Internet technologies.

Winning team members from Lowell Middle School are teachers Lynne Formanczyk, John Shellhaas and Regina Tock, and school principal Roche LaVictor.

Their project involves the creation of a technology and arts class (Animated Graphic Arts) that will enable students to learn both computer animation and video production in a combined format. Research on computer animation will be conducted on the Internet.



Check presentation: Dpm Schena (from left), senior vice president at MediaOne; Charlie Jones and Tom Kimball of Salem High School; and MediaOne vice president Greg Cannon gather for the check presentation.

As part of the national C.O.O.L. Awards celebration, MediaOne recently provided the 16 winning teams with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where team members met with their Congressional representatives and received training on how to use the Internet as a productive research tool.

Plymouth Salem High School also was awarded a \$1,000 grant. Winning team members from

Plymouth Salem High School are teachers Charlie Jones, Tom Kimball and Nicole Shames, and assistant school principal Carolyn Anulewicz.

Their project involves students creating and maintaining a user-friendly website called "The Career Web," which will feature job and internship opportunities as well as student reviews of job shadowing experiences.

Elaine Weiss, longtime township employee, dies following illness

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Canton's Police Department has lost one of its hardest workers.

Elaine D. Weiss, 53, died June 22 after a long battle with cancer. She worked with the department and township as an administrative assistant for the better part of two decades.

"She was a very hard worker," said Capt. Alex Wilson. "She had a tremendous work ethic. She was terrific."

Weiss started off in the township clerk's office and then transferred to the fire department. After a brief stint there, she moved over to police.

"She worked closely with patrol division commanders," said Wilson. "She was a loving, caring person. She was an all-around great gal."

Services were June 25 at Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home in Canton and St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Michael; son, Daniel; daughter, Jennifer; a brother, Dennis; and sister, Christine.

County opens bidding for airport parking

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Companies interested in bidding on airport parking operations can once again bid on that contract, which expired last month.

Also, prosecutors were waiting to receive a resolution approved June 24 by Wayne County commissioners before pursuing civil action against the previous parking operators.

County prosecutors believe the county was overcharged \$1 million for shuttle van leases at the airport.

Earlier this week County Prosecutor John O'Hair would not comment on any civil action until he received the resolution from the commission.

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy found Wayne County paid as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA of Cleveland to lease 37 vehicles and found it would have been cheaper to purchase the vans. Dunleavy discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

Later prosecutors evaluated more than 100 leases and believe the county is owed more than \$1 million.

County commissioners approved a contract in late March conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated to range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days. Commissioners later set a deadline for a settlement or the contract would expire.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, first informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses, then informed commissioners in a letter June 16 that prosecutors believed the county has "substantial claims against APCOA for refunds for the excessive reimbursements on the vehicle leases, and absent a reasonable settlement, appropriate proceedings should be initiated for their recovery."

In late May, APCOA had

Golf event will benefit ALS

The Michigan chapter of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is hosting the organization's annual "Golf Invitational" on Monday, July 12, at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion.

The event is open to the public. The entry fee of \$185 per person includes lunch buffet and greens fee (shotgun start for four or five players). The event will feature several contests including a \$5,000 putting contest, closest to the pin contest, hole-in-one contest, longest drive contest and a dinner banquet with a live and silent auction, door prizes and more.

"Not only does the ALS Golf Invitational promise to be a day of nonstop fun," said Lisa Churilla, committee member, "but participation in the outing allows ALS of Michigan to continue its support of ALS patients and their families throughout Michigan and thus make a difference."

The ALS Association is the only not-for-profit voluntary organization dedicated solely to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (often called "Lou Gehrig's disease") through research, patient support, information dissemination and public awareness.

To register for the ALS Golf Invitational or to receive hole sponsorship and advertising information, please contact Lisa Churilla at (248) 799-3000 or the ALS of Michigan office at (313) 933-3257.

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Madonna to exchange with Mexican university

Madonna University in Livonia and Vasco de Quiroga University in Morelia, Mexico, have signed an agreement to facilitate the student and faculty exchange programs between the two institutions.

"This agreement will formalize a relationship between the two universities, which has been developing over the last few years," said Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University.

Students from Madonna Uni-

versity have visited Morelia and Vasco de Quiroga University on service learning trips since 1997. Earlier this year, Dr. Gerald Charbonneau, Madonna University assistant president of sociology and social work, completed a teaching grant at Vasco de Quiroga University.

Currently, Madonna University's Center for International Studies has affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Taiwan and the Peoples Republic of China.



Cultural exchange: Salvador Monroy (left), Mexican consul, Detroit; Sister Mary Francilene, president, Madonna University; and Raul Herrera Vega, rector, Vasco de Quiroga University.

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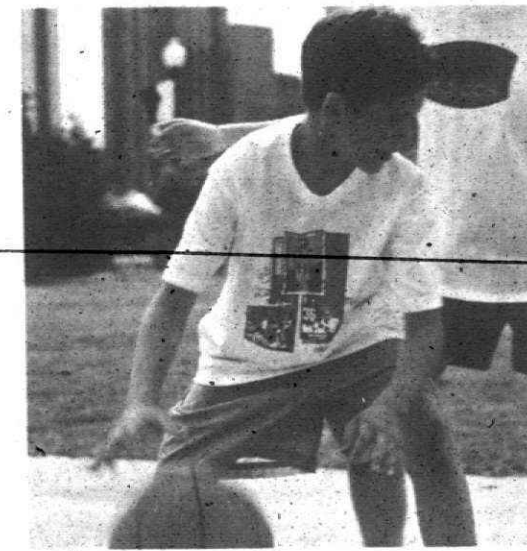
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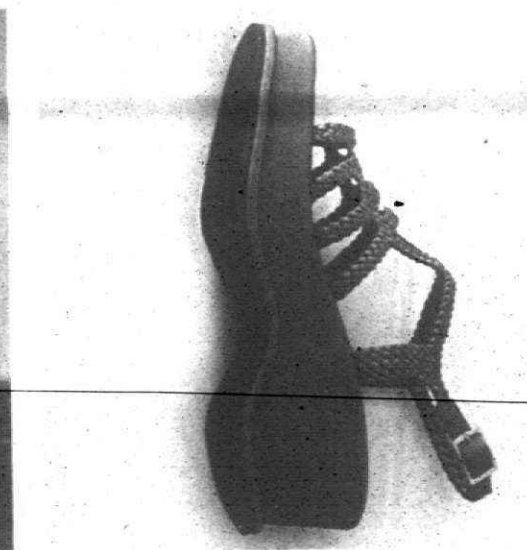
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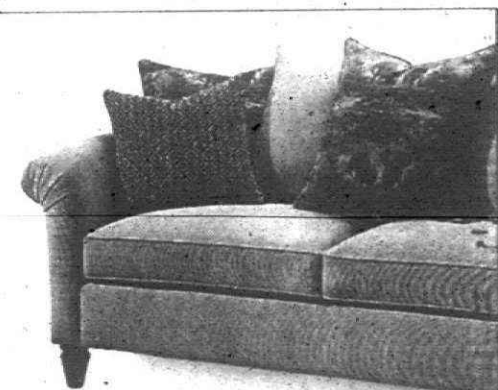
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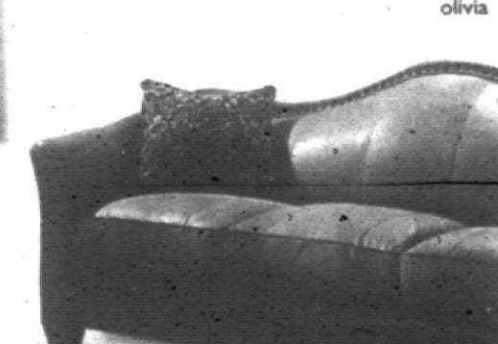
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Superintendent recognized as Wayne-Westland alumnus

Greg Baracy, who attended school in the same district he now heads as Wayne-Westland superintendent, has been named recipient of Wayne Memorial High School's 1999 Distinguished Alumni award.

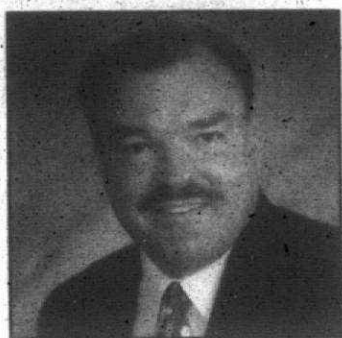
"It is a great honor," he said, "and I am very blessed the staff selected me."

Baracy is the first Wayne-Westland superintendent to have completed kindergarten through 12th grade here. He has been either a student or an educator here for more than 30 years.

He attended Jackson Elementary, Franklin Junior High and Wayne Memorial, which had no alumni arena or math and science wing when he went there. The school did have a larger student population then: about 2,300.

Because of his love for cars, Baracy helped start the Motor Sports Club at Wayne. He also played football but admits he was "just an average Joe." It was his high school counselor who encouraged him to become a teacher.

"It was a turning point for me," Baracy said. "He saw that teaching was a love I had - and



Greg Baracy

still do."

Baracy has been an educator for 26 years after graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in education. He received his master's degree in occupational education/administration from U-M and his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State University.

He has taught at the college level and served as a department chair, assistant principal, principal, vocational director and assistant superintendent for general administration before his current position.

"Education has been good to me and my family," Baracy said.

He still has plans for change in Wayne-Westland, including improving instruction, raising student test scores, monitoring finances and boosting the public's perception of the district.

However, he said the district already has "turned the corner" in recent years by starting programs like Camp Read-a-Lot, restoring middle school sports, buying new textbooks and winning voter approval of a \$108.3 million bond issue for building improvements.

In addition to being an educator, Baracy also serves on many civic and governmental boards and committees. His hobbies include golfing, collecting and refinishing antiques and tinkering with his 1926 Model "T" Ford. He was recently presented with a handmade wood replica of his car by Marshall Middle School students.

Baracy lives in Wayne with his wife, Gabriele, also a Wayne Memorial graduate. They have two children: son Greg Jr., who attends Wayne Memorial, and daughter Courtney, who attends Stevenson Middle School.

Tom's Oyster Bar headed to area

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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With a new liquor license in hand, the owner of Tom's Oyster Bar restaurants is hoping to soon build an eatery in Plymouth.

"We're shooting for the end of the year, but that's being fairly optimistic," said Tom Brandel, who currently has restaurants in Grosse Pointe Park, Royal Oak and Southfield.

Brandel owns a vacant building across from the post office on Penniman Street. He's already gutted the structure, and is making plans to update the electrical, plumbing and other mechanicals before starting on the design.

"When the project is complete, I expect the final cost to be somewhere in the range of \$700,000," said Brandel. "We'll probably hire in the neighborhood of 60 full and part-time employees."

While Brandel has owned the building since 1995, he said it was the liquor license which has caused the delay.

"I bought the building because I was positive I wanted to open in Plymouth," Brandel added. "The delay has been in transferring a liquor license. Last year the state made changes, so I was able to transfer a Class C liquor license I had from a previous restaurant in Grosse Pointe Park."

Brandel said he was driven to

Plymouth because he likes downtown areas, and in particular, downtown Plymouth.

"While the I-275 corridor is alive and well for restaurants opening in Novi and Northville, there's room for more restaurants in Plymouth," said Brandel.

Brandel has hired Leonard Else Design Associates of Waterford Township to lay out the new restaurant.

"We're going for a more traditional look for the exterior so it will blend in well with the other buildings," said Else. "I know Tom would like to put in an outdoor cafe if we can get city approval. We want to make the interior a cozy, friendly atmosphere."

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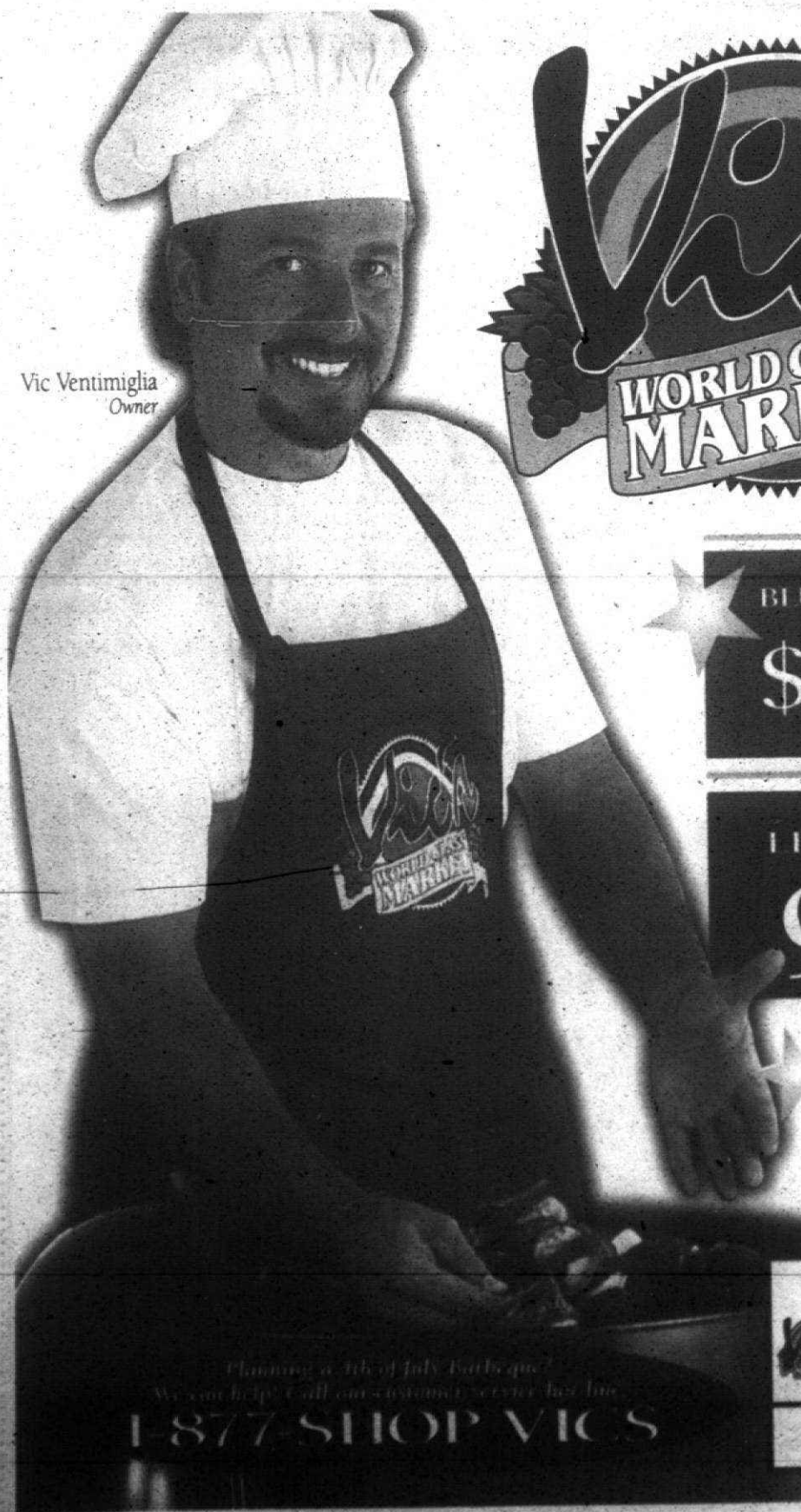
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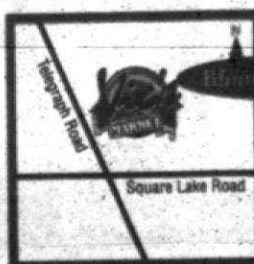
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\$60 million in roadwork under way

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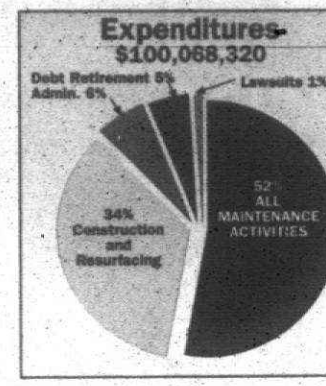
With the ribbon cutting Wednesday for Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Wayne County road officials took another step toward improving main thoroughfares in western Wayne County.

The county has planned \$60 million in improvements to about 80 miles of roads for this year. In western Wayne County, more than \$20 million of improvements are expected to 32 miles of roads and bridges.

That work touches communities from Canton to Redford, Plymouth to Westland.

The paving is substantially completed on the Five Mile Project (between I-275 and Levan), said John Roach, public information manager of Wayne County Department of Public Services. "Crews also have done prep work on Geddes between Beck to Sheldon (in Canton) and resurfacing will begin in July."

Sheldon from Ford to Warren also is paved, and work on Middlebelt Road was completed between Joy and Plymouth and I-96 to Five Mile.



COUNTY NEWS

Five Mile, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, October.

Joy, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, August.

Middlebelt, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Middlebelt, Plymouth Road to Joy, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Six Mile, Beck to Sheldon, August.

Redford, Five Mile, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface 1 mile, nearly completed.

Westland, Farmington, Ann Arbor Trail to Joy, resurface 0.26 miles, July 30.

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Duggan says he just outworks everybody else

By Ken Abramczyk
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Someone had to do something. That's how Mike Duggan viewed the deteriorating conditions of peeling paint, chipped tiles and rest rooms in disrepair in the Detroit public schools.

When David Adamany, interim chief executive officer for Detroit Public Schools, asked for Duggan's help to oversee Detroit school construction and repairs, the Livonia native and deputy county executive did what he always does: he went to work.

Nearly \$80 million contracts were approved two weeks ago for school repairs, or about 270 construction projects. The projects were financed in part from the \$1.5 billion in bonds approved by Detroit voters in 1994.

Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive, doesn't know why that money has not been spent for building repairs sooner, but Duggan found a level of bureaucracy existed that surprised even him.

To get a check out, you needed 17 signatures, Duggan said. "It now requires two signatures."

"It was a good news-bad news situation. The bad news is the buildings are in terrible shape, the good news is the funding is there."

It's just another project for the 40-year-old Duggan — similar to when he took the reins as the general manager for the SMART regional bus system, when he successfully pushed for a tax increase on car rentals and hotel rooms for new stadium in Detroit, and, most recently, when he joined other county officials in suing gun manufacturers and dealers in April.

How does he beat his detractors, opponents and critics? "I just outwork everybody," Duggan said. "That's all there is."

"I've been very lucky in my life. A lot of my classmates in law school went to L.A., Chicago or New York. I didn't. I didn't want to be anywhere but in Detroit, and I didn't want to live anywhere but in Livonia."

"I was more interested in improving life in Wayne County than moving where life is better."

Duggan said the county executive's staff has picked up some of his load while he oversees the school construction projects, but added that he "gets less sleep" because of his new duties.

Duggan hopes many projects can be completed by August but also knows that some schools have unusable gym floors and many have inefficient heating systems, which will take longer to fix.

Many of the schools were built in the 1920s and house as many as 20 doorways to enter and exit the buildings. "With that many entrances, it's easy for anyone to enter the school, and they can bring guns or they can bring drugs into the building," Duggan said.

"Those are the kinds of things we will look at."

Out of 270 schools, only two have security cameras. "That is not an acceptable situation," Duggan said.

Duggan has also moved to the forefront on other issues. When the state House and Senate voted for revisions to ease requirements to own guns, Duggan was part of a group. People Who Care About Kids, promising a petition drive to produce a referendum to repeal any laws easing gun restrictions.

Once lawmakers saw that the Tigers, Lions, elective leaders and prominent Republicans like L. Brooks Patterson were critical of giving 300,000 people the right to carry guns with them in public places, they backed off.

But that threat of a petition drive also evolved from Wayne County's lawsuit against gun dealers and manufacturers.

"When Prosecutor John O'Hair first came to me and said, 'We can do this,' I was pretty skeptical," Duggan said, thinking that any product liability argument used against tobacco lawsuits



Project manager: Mike Duggan has taken on several tough projects over the past few years and now he's considering a run for prosecutor.

wouldn't work in this case. "When people buy a gun, they know it's dangerous," Duggan said.

County prosecutors and jail officials talked with gang members. They didn't talk about any

black market for guns, but said that they went to gun dealers directly. County sheriffs videotaped gun dealers allegedly selling to people identified to the dealers as minors or felons.

"I was outraged," Duggan said.

"That was the turning point for me."

Wayne County filed a lawsuit in April seeking \$400 million in damages from 35 gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers. County officials believe that gun

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Mike Duggan
Deputy Wayne County Executive

manufacturers, distributors and dealers are liable for damages because they have acted with negligence by failing to supervise gun sales by dealers named in the complaint.

Duggan estimated that \$40 million was spent each year of county taxpayer money as the result of gun violence on everything from forensic investigations to county jails.

Duggan is confident that traditional Tiger fans will enjoy the new facility next season.

"It's a beautiful facility, with larger seats and more leg room," Duggan said.

Next year, Duggan expects to run for prosecutor. He has already formed a committee.

"I think the gun suit opened my eyes to what the prosecutor can do," Duggan said. Duggan noted that one accused gun dealer had closed up shop, and another had offered to settle the suit.

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Anti-tax group buoyed by judge's query

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All that construction drivers have to put up with when they are on the highways is something they pay for every time they fill up (gas taxes were

increased 4 cents a gallon in 1997 to pay for those upgrades).

But Taxpayers United (the anti-tax advocacy group based in Birmingham and headed by Bill McMaster) says the increase was illegal and is suing to have the money returned to Michigan residents.

A question asked by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Harold Hood in a June hearing on the case has given the group hope it can at least have the tax suspended temporarily.

McMaster argues that when the House of Representatives voted in a late night session July 17, 1997, to approve the gas tax increase, lawmakers forgot to vote to give the measure immediate effect. Nonetheless, McMaster contends, the state began collections in August of 1997 when it should have waited

until April of the following year. Hood's question, addressed to an assistant attorney general, was how the money would be returned to taxpayers if the court were to rule in the advocacy group's favor.

"We would simply suspend collections of the four additional cents a gallon for as long as required," the state's attorney responded.

If Taxpayers United can get the tax collections suspended, they plan to also try to have the entire tax thrown out. McMaster argues passage of the increase violated the Headlee Amendment of the constitution, which requires approval by voters of any new taxes.

Originally filed as one suit in Ingham County Circuit Court, McMaster explained the case has

been split into two separate questions, the overall legality of the tax and the question of immediate effect. The Court of Appeals is expected to rule first on the question of immediate effect. Once the hearing is completed, it typically takes several months for the court to complete deliberations. A three-judge panel is hearing the case.

The gas tax was hiked from 15 cents per gallon to 19 cents per gallon to raise money for road repairs. McMaster and five other state residents are listed as plaintiffs in the suit, including Dominic Vincentini of Oxford, Rose Bogaert of Dearborn Heights, Mary MacMaster of Orion Township, Laurel Pietrangeli of Warren and James Pietrangeli, who has died since the case was filed in 1997.

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On June 13, 1,000 graduates of Salem and Canton high schools collected their diplomas in two separate ceremonies that lasted slightly over an hour — just about as long as it took proud parents and grandparents to drive to Ann Arbor, navigate through the downtown area and find a parking spot. Fortunately, the graduation programs also served as fans.

Meanwhile, graduates from five other high schools — Farmington, North Farmington, Harrison, Milford and Lakeland — graduated two miles down the road from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the air-conditioned Compuware Arena. The Plymouth Township facility also has a sea of asphalt for a parking lot.

The district did use Compuware the first year it opened. Some school officials will tell you the acoustics were bad. Others didn't like the idea of the concession stands being opened during the ceremony. In addition, Hill Auditorium has been a 15-year tradition for Plymouth-Canton graduates and there is an aura about having commencements at a prestigious university.

In our opinion the school district needs to reconsider its options — and quickly. Hartland and South Lyon school districts are currently negotiating with Compuware Arena to have their commencements there next year.

However, all the pros and cons need to be weighed. Compuware is in our hometown, it's familiar to our residents and, most importantly, it's air-conditioned with a good parking situation.

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— Grover Cleveland
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— Will Rogers
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— Boss Tweed
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Two weeks ago we were asked to exercise that freedom in school elections that had direct and immediate consequences for our pocketbooks and for the quality of life in our communities. Yet in all of our Observer communities, less than 6 percent of the registered voters bothered to exercise this glorious right. In one community the figure was 2 percent.

As the above quotes show, voting has long been viewed both reverentially and cynically. We are all at least subconsciously aware that our representative form of government is what defines America. We all realize that we have been the leader in bringing elective democracy to an ever greater part of the world.

But we also know that politics can be a messy business. Deals are made in back rooms. Image makers manipulate the truth. Money distorts and corrupts the process.

Education has been a hot topic locally and nationally. Parents complain about test scores, lack of discipline, misuse of tax money, etc. The recent acts of violence in schools have created an outcry about declining values. Yet, when given the opportunity to vote on school leaders and taxes, voter turnout is shamefully low.

That makes it all the more important that we take our responsibility more seriously, especially in those elections in which we have a direct impact, in which we can directly confront and question all the candidates face-to-face, in which our vote really does affect the outcome.

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These low turnouts help create the cynical conditions we supposedly deplore. Special interests groups or entrenched administrators are able to get out their supporters without worrying that anyone else will show up to oppose them.

Of course, we do get lucky. The minority voters often elect dedicated, hard-working, self-effacing citizens who want to serve on the school board for the best of reasons. And the minority voters often decide wisely to support or reject a millage.

But the decision should not be theirs alone to make. As long as we believe, as Susan B. Anthony did, that our government depends on the "consent of the governed" then our vote is a public trust that we should always fulfill.

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An American salute: The Honor Guard presents the colors at the Heritage Park amphitheater last month during Canton's eighth annual Liberty Fest.

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Citizens' input healthy

Citizen involvement is vital to the health and running of our government and I wish to commend Mike Malott for his excellent column urging citizens to make their feelings on issues known to their elected officials.

Where to write or phone is a mystery to many people and the column mentions several sources for this information. There is yet another one entitled *They Represent You* prepared by the League of Women Voters of Livonia.

This pamphlet contains voter information for residents of Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Wayne and Westland.

Federal, state and county officials are listed with their postal and e-mail addresses and their office and fax numbers.

The League has distributed *They Represent You* to the public libraries and Chambers of Commerce in the above municipalities. The pamphlets may also be obtained by writing to the Livonia LWV, P.O. Box 51512, Livonia, MI 48151 or calling the league at (734) 421-4420.

Laura Callow
Livonia

Protect our rights

I have just finished reading the letter printed in the Observer on June 10 entitled "Ban The NRA."

I was thinking, after banning the NRA, an organization that is fighting for our rights to defend ourselves and our families, and then rewriting the Second Amendment (to the U.S. Constitution) to fit a Socialistic mindset, we had better change the First Amendment. After

all, we don't want citizens with opposing opinions to voice them in a "free press."

We had better rewrite the Fourth Amendment, so that our homes can be searched whenever, and our personal belongings, guns, knives, baseball bats, golf clubs and any other instruments of destruction can be seized.

We had then better rewrite the Sixth Amendment so that once all of these evil implements have been confiscated we won't have to bother with a speedy and public trial for the owner. Why not just throw them in our already overcrowded prisons. People that think like this don't understand the Constitution was formed to protect "We the People" from politicians and people with this mind set.

Joseph Perrin
Garden City

More information wanted

In referring back to an Observer column on electing of judges and our lack of knowledge regarding their qualifications I suggested that you print as a public service, the names of all the judges that we elect to office, to which office and when their term expires. I have not seen it and am very disappointed.

However, now we have just had a school board and Schoolcraft Community College trustee election that we know relatively nothing about. Most of us don't even know who is on each of those boards at the present time.

How nice it would be if you were to print the names of the present members of each of these two boards and when their term expires. That would be a start in helping us to watch what our elected officials are or are not doing.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Gunmaker lawsuits

O'Hair, Archer turn to barbarism in wake of shootings

It's sad to see late 20th century leaders descend to a barbaric concept of law as they either seek to right wrongs or, more likely, milk a sad event for political publicity.

But so it is with Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. And it's all the sadder because both are former jurists — O'Hair on the Wayne Circuit Court, Archer on the state Supreme Court.

They have announced their intention of suing gun manufacturers. It's a popular thing to do in the wake of shooting deaths, regardless of whether it's fair or whether it will work.

To her credit, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, whom I sometimes have criticized, is distancing herself from this brand of thinking. And freshman state Rep. Valde Gar-

cia, R-St. Johns, has introduced a bill to prohibit lawsuits against gun manufacturers.

I used the word "barbaric" on O'Hair and Archer because it's the same word used by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. in his classic treatise "The Common Law." Writing, in 1880, Professor Holmes traced the history of law back to the Greeks and Romans, then showed how it developed in later societies.

"In Edward the First's time (around 1300)," Holmes wrote, "some of the cases remind us of the barbarian laws at their rudest stage. If a man fell from a tree, the tree was deemed forfeit to the crown for pious uses). If he drowned in a well, the well was to be filled up. It did not matter that the forfeited instrument belonged to an innocent person."

From 1530 Holmes supplied this



TIM RICHARD

example: "If my horse strikes a man, and afterwards I sell my horse, and after that the man dies, the horse shall be forfeited."

He quoted a judge from the time of Edward I: "Where a man is killed by a cart, or by the fall of a house, or in other like manner, and the thing in motion is the cause of the death, it shall be deemed."

Holmes found the same kind of barbarism in Exodus (XII, 28): "If an ox

gore a man or a woman, that they die, then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit." Greek courts, two centuries after Christ, "still sat in judgment on inanimate things."

Holmes had an explanation: People wanted immediate vengeance on the object that caused the pain, whether it was a brute animal or a rock. "Liability seems to have been regarded as attached to the body doing the damage, in an almost physical sense," he wrote. I love his next sentences:

"An untrained intelligence only imperfectly performs the analysis by which jurists carry responsibility back to the beginning of a chain of causation. The hatred for anything giving us pain, which wrecks itself on the manifest cause, and which leads even civilized man to kick a door when it pinches his finger, is embodied in the

noxae deditio and other kindred doctrines of early Roman law."

Doesn't that fit the O'Hair-Archer gun suit?

All these examples are from chapter one, "Early Forms of Liability." Besides showing us how law develops, either upwards or downwards, Holmes has a larger point to make: "Precedents survive in the law long after the use they once served is at an end and the reason for them has been forgotten." In other words, case law becomes encrusted with useless rust.

In Detroit last month, a killing was performed with a tire iron. Taking the O'Hair-Archer thesis to its absurd conclusion, we should sue the manufacturers of tire irons. And no doubt someone will, if it becomes politically popular enough.

Tim Richard is a retired freelance columnist.

LETTER

Successful YMCA run

About 900 participated in our event-filled, perfect mild and sunny Father's Day run. We had 95 "winners" in the Tot Trot and Jr. Jog. Approximately 25 crawlers and toddlers participated in the diaper dash. Over 150 runners, walkers and strollers were in our one mile

run/walk. Over 380 people participated in our 5K Run/Walk and over 275 hardy runners finished our 10K Run. This year 82 brave and avid runners participated and finished our sixth annual Triple Race which consisted of a 1 Mile, 5K Run and 10K Run. It was thrilling to see so many runners and their families meeting at The Gathering to participate in our 20th Annual Run.

Local businesses donated food, beverages, services and information to the runners. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this run a success year after year. Close to 200 volunteers manned corners, served water along the routes, registered runners, served food and beverages and kept the finish line "running" smooth.

Dr. Thomas Morse, D.D.S. served as race director and as a main sponsor for our run. He not only donated his time, money and energy, but he recruited his patients and family members as volunteers. Dr. Morse has been involved with the run for the 15 years.

Ford Motor Company-Sheldon Road Plant was not only a main sponsor of the run, providing start-up money, manpower and pace cars to insure the success of the run, but the Ford Motor Company Sheldon Plant has been a sponsor for 20 years. They were the main sponsor for the first YMCA run. Mike Maupin was their representative on the Run Committee and pace car driver.

The other sponsors were: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #528, Buzz Rivera; Community Federal Union, Sue O'Connor; Gage Marketing Services, Terry Niles and Kathy Hinchey; Absopure, Bill Carbutt; Blackwell Ford Inc. John Blackwell III; Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, Valerie Olander; Avita Natural Artesian Spring Water, Terry Maurer; The Crier, Scott Goodwin; Image Ink, Kelly Leinbow; Jerry's Bicycle, Val Scofield; Plymouth Screen Printing, Ed Wertanen, Running Fit, Dave Peterson, Gatorade, Henry Ford Health Center, Mary Jo Dipple.

Committee chairs were: Dr. Tom Morse, routes; Tom LaBeau, awards announcer; Gail Borisuk and Susan Lucke, awards; Shirley Neiman and Arleen Zylka, refreshments; Joanne McCarthy, volunteers; Cindy Morency and Bobbie Pummil, cashiers. A special thanks to Terry Glenn, who was the race announcer this

year. A big thanks also to the behind the scenes man, the man for 15 years has been helping Dr. Tom Morse put signs in the early morning hours, and while runners coming in Dr. Robert Marquard, O.D. was cruising the race routes picking up all the signs. As always, an extra special thank you to the YMCA staff who for another year did a fantastic job!

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Our thanks also goes out to the City of Plymouth, the Plymouth Police Department, the Plymouth Department of Public Works, Plymouth Community Schools Department of Transportation, area churches and the people of the community.

We truly appreciate your generosity and cooperation and assistance. Thank you very much everyone!

The Plymouth YMCA Board
and staff,
Dr. Thomas O. Morse, D.D.S.,
1999 Run Director

An earlier primary will serve politicos, not the rest of us



MIKE MALOTT

March 7.

Michigan Dems say they'll try again this summer. After all, Michigan Republicans just moved up their primary election four weeks to Feb. 22.

The point of all this calendar jockeying is to get more attention for Michigan voters. The new date for the Democratic caucuses would have put Michigan Dems right behind Iowa and New Hampshire in selecting their presidential nominee. The Republican move would also make GOP voters here the first among major states to cast their primary ballots. With Michigan's primary balloting in late March as it had been, so the complaint went, the election and caucuses here were mere afterthoughts for most presidential contenders. Earlier ballots would get more attention for state voters, bring candidates to Michigan more often, and, well yes, convince candidates to spend more campaign money here, too.

Makes perfect sense. Unfortunately, it's all terribly wrong-headed. What it all means to you and I, dear voter, is that we get to endure at least another month of campaigning by 30-second sound bites and horse race stories from the media.

We already know who the front runner is (polls already show voters clearly favor George W. Bush over Al Gore). They also show few of us know what he stands for. Bad as that sounds, few of us know what Gore's platform is either, and he's been our vice president for six years.

These presidential contenders were both in town last week stumping for votes — and saying very little about their positions on the various issues.

Some will argue — as the political party leaders do — that it's still all for the good for Michigan. As long as the primaries and caucuses are set by the parties and the states, it is going to be

a competitive process. After all, we are electing someone to a very important position.

That's where I part ways. I say we overemphasize the presidency. We've built around the president a cult of personality in which charm and appeal count for more than policy. Only in such an atmosphere could the American public be so entranced with the president's every foible for months on end.

We've come to treat the president as nothing less than elected royalty.

Compare all this presidential election hoopla to the mundane way in which members of Congress are selected. There's a primary, held as late as August in Michigan. It's even later in many other states. The winners head straight off to the November ballot. The winner goes to Washington.

It is clear the framers of our Constitution thought Congress was the more important of the two. Yes, they are co-equal branches of government, but it was Congress that was vested with the power to raise taxes, regulate foreign and interstate trade, raise armies, declare war, launch programs and pass laws. The president is supposed to be the executive, the administrator.

We all seem to understand that at the local level. We all pay more attention to the city council because it does the decision making. The mayor or the city manager simply follow those decisions. At the state level, it's the Legislature that gets the focus of our attention. The governor gets plenty of attention, too, but most people seem to understand his job is to run the bureaucracy while policy is left to the House and Senate.

At the national level, however, our attention seems unnaturally focused on the actions of one man. And it has a strange influence on the way our country conducts its business.

Despite the nearly unanimous approval in Lansing, the consensus (as near as I can tell) is that the change will do little except spur other states to move up their primary balloting as well.

I'm willing to give credit where it's due. Leaders of Michigan's political parties, both Dems and the GOP, can give themselves a big pat on the back for further fouling up America's interpretation of its own Constitution.

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QUESTION:
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"I plan to see the fireworks and a movie. After that, we're going up north."



"I'm going to go up north to Traverse City with my cousins."



"Celebrating. We're going to go swimming at Murray's Lake."



"I'll go watch the fireworks at Greenfield Village. That's all."

We asked this question at the fountain in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Justin Strub, 12
Plymouth

Erica Strub, 9
Plymouth

Daniel Bruch, 7
Northville

Brandon Elstad, 7
Plymouth

Misuse of fireworks can lead to July 4 tragedy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The M-80's blast ripped through the afternoon sky in Hines Park from the explosive gripped in the subject's left hand.

It destroyed two fingers. Moments later, a second firework, equivalent to a quarter stick of dynamite, exploded, blowing off a left hand.

The subject was only a mannequin, but the exhibition put on by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Metro Airport Police and Westland Fire Department was graphic enough to demonstrate the power of Fourth of July fireworks at a press conference June 23 at Nankin Mills area in Hines Park

■ **'Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth.'**

David Carignan
Westland Fire Department

in Westland. A group of about 15 children from the Brightmoor Community Center in Detroit also attended.

"We realize it is a celebration of our nation's birthday, but if fireworks are not supervised, it can lead to tragic consequences, even death," said Sheriff Robert Ficano. "You can see the injuries to the hands. You would have turned a celebration into a tragedy for a family."

Ficano said 7,000 injuries

related to fireworks are reported nationwide each year.

Dave Carignan, deputy fire chief with the Westland Fire Department, said people should enjoy fireworks from a distance and parents need to oversee their fireworks. "Children have been known to get at fireworks," Carignan said. "A 7-year-old once went into his parents' room and got an M-80. It blew off half his hand."

"Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth."

Visual impact

Wayne County deputies and Westland fire officials highlighted the conference with the use of the mannequin to illustrate how a human can be injured from explosives. Airport police's bomb squad personnel assisted by planting the fireworks and lighting fuses.

From the first explosion, the mannequin sustained "injuries" of two destroyed fingers, while sweat covering its mid-section melted. That meant at least second degree burns on the stomach and mid-section.

A second blast ripped the mannequin's right hand off, knocking the mannequin over. More of the sweat suit melted and its wig fell off as the figure fell to the ground from the force of the blast.

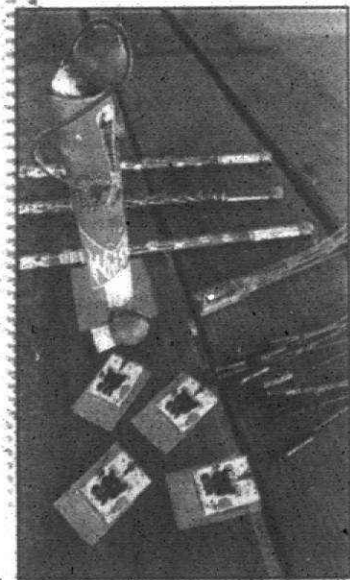
"You can just imagine the burns," Ficano said.

Legal and illegal fireworks also were displayed at the press conference. Michigan law permits the sale of sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices, but prohibits the sale, possession, transport or use of cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers,

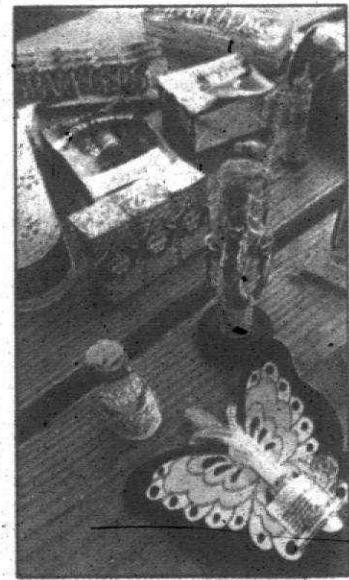


STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Brave soul: Using a mannequin, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano demonstrates the dangers of exploding firecrackers.



Dangerous goods: Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano highlighted what fireworks are illegal (left) and legal (right) at a press conference last week. State law allows sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices but bans cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers, M-80s or larger versions, such as M-250s or M-1000s, Roman candles and bottle rockets.



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Bottle rockets and firecrackers can fly in any direction before exploding and sparklers burn at temperatures hot enough to burn gold.

Westland Battalion Chief and EMS Coordinator Michael Reddy said finger and hand injuries normally result from fireworks mishaps over the Fourth of July weekend. "Don't let your kids play with them. Have an adult light them and keep back," Reddy said.

"Fireworks are not toys," Ficano said. "The biggest birthday celebration of the year is the Fourth of July. What we're trying to emphasize is safety and responsibility."

Ficano said people can check with local police departments to

see if a fireworks dealer is legitimate. The latest scam involves dealers who sell "permits" to fireworks purchasers which "allow" them to light those fireworks in a certain area.

People also should not purchase these permits, Ficano said.

Fireworks tips

Ficano outlined the following fireworks safety tips:

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have an adult present

- Ignite outdoors
- Have water handy
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Store in a cool, dry place
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- Light one firework at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers
- Dispose of properly

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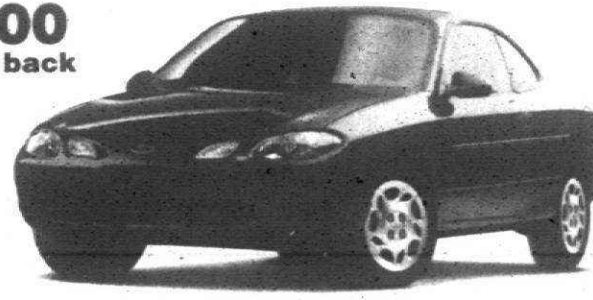
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Kicking habit: AA shows way

His beard was scraggly, his eyes hollow with deep circles under them. He had a pasty looking complexion as if he didn't get enough water in his diet.

The complaint "Steve" brought in to the counselor was that he was tired of drinking and knew he had to quit.

The psychologist worked up a *glow chart* with him to look at the various consequences he had suffered because of his 28 years of drinking.

The chart included DUIs, a lost driver's license four years ago, three job firings, a failed marriage, current relationship problems and a closed head injury from one of the many fights he had been in.

He even confessed that recently his 3-year-old daughter had said, "No more beer, Daddy."

As the therapist started to describe the route that many alcoholics, drug abusers and gamblers take towards recovery, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous, Steve began to shake his head and mumble.

"Nah, I'll just stop drinking."

Although he admitted that all of his friends drink, somehow he thought he could stop. AA would call this "stinkin' thinkin'."

Self-grandiosity walks hand-in-hand with addictions, providing a degree of arrogance that allows the person to believe in only themselves for solutions.

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This sort of "me" centered thinking translates to *I don't need help from others*. And maybe you even agree that the addicted person had choices, thus, chose to start and can choose to stop.

But addictions are cunning and con-

ning. More often than not, when the addicted person tries to stop without help, they'll cycle through the pattern of stopping ... starting ... stopping ... starting.

And on and on it goes. The mind can always justify starting again.

A fascinating concept came about on June 10, 1935, when two men, both heavy drinkers, joined together to start a program that was based on the premise that only an alcoholic can help another alcoholic.

The one fellow, Bill, began to write down all of the principles for sobriety, which he later published as a book. At first, he titled it, "The Way Out," then "The Empty Glass" and finally, "Alcoholics Anonymous."

When the Saturday Evening Post published an article about AA in 1941, the program took off.

Today, there are more than two million AA members, and all are familiar with the 12 steps of AA. Even the American Medical Association now defines alcoholism as a chronic disease, not failed willpower.

Back to Steve ...

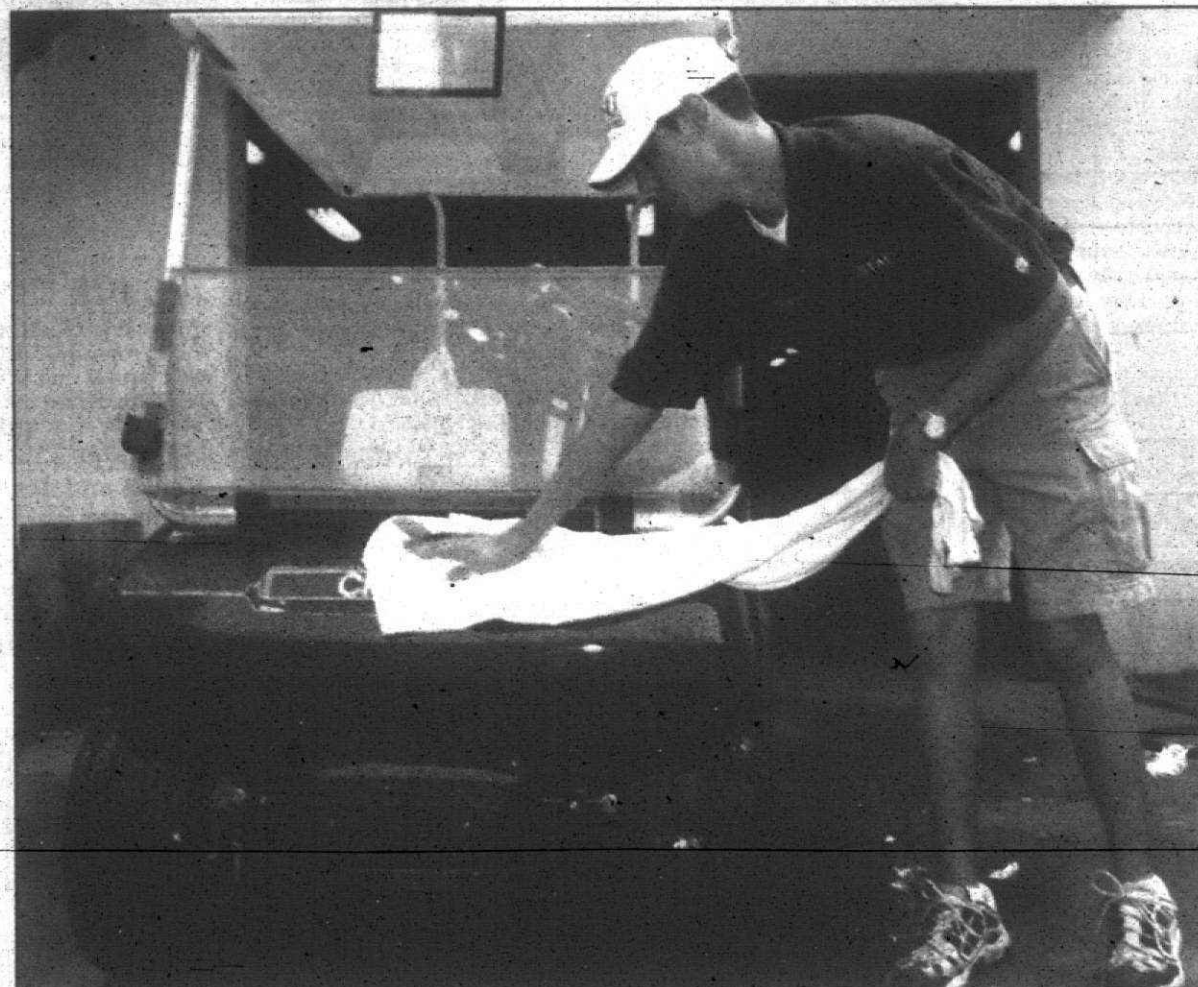
I think about him and his attitude of "I can do it myself," and then I think about this remarkable program and how it has helped hundreds of thousands of people by teaching principles through others who have been there.

It's such a simple program that it almost seems too easy to work. But ask anyone who is in AA whether they prefer to "just stop" or stop with the help of AA, and you'll know the power of the program.

If you would like to learn more about the program, call (248) 541-6565. It could save your life or that of someone close to you. And, of course, kids are the real winners when adults get help for addictions.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downsj@mail.resa.net.

A score 'fore' education



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Wash'n Dry: After caddying for four years at the Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, Stephen Porosky this year was promoted to cart attendant, which includes cleaning golf cart.

Duo caddy way to college

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Desiree Dinga and Stephen Porosky knew very little about golf when they became caddies a few years ago.

All that's changed now.

Dinga of Livonia holds her club's caddying record while Porosky of Redford Township, who finished his

high school career as golf team captain, earned conference all-division honors.

Their abilities and performances both on the golf course and in the classroom garnered the two National Honor Society students full college tuition and housing scholarships to the school of their choice through a unique program for caddies.

Dinga and Porosky were among 27

caddies in the state to be named Evans Scholars by the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation, the largest privately funded scholarship program in the nation.

Each scholarship is renewable for up to four years and is worth \$22,000 to \$65,000.

Evans Scholars Chapter Houses on 14 campuses, including Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, provide the living space. Dinga and Porosky will attend MSU.

Only caddies are eligible for Evans scholarships and only those who meet four criteria - caddie record, academic record, financial need and character - can win.

Jeff Coleman, golf service manager at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township, where Dinga works, said students must caddie at least two years, be in the upper 25 percent of their class academically, need financial aid and be recommended by three club executives - the golf service manager, the golf pro and the club president.

After applications are verified, caddies face intense questioning by The

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In demand:

Desiree Dinga, who is often sought out by club members to caddy, was the No. 1 caddy at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township last year.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tourney 'scores' in spinal cord treatment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of a benefit softball game are looking for a few women with good throwing arms, a competitive spirit and the desire to help a charity dedicated to finding treatments for spinal cord injuries.

The Steven Van Kerckhove Women's Softball Tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Claude Allison Park, Beech Daly between Six and Seven Mile roads in Redford.

Van Kerckhove is a 22-year-old Plymouth Township resident who was injured six years ago in a car accident. The spinal cord injuries he suffered in the crash left him a quadriplegic - paralyzed from the neck down.

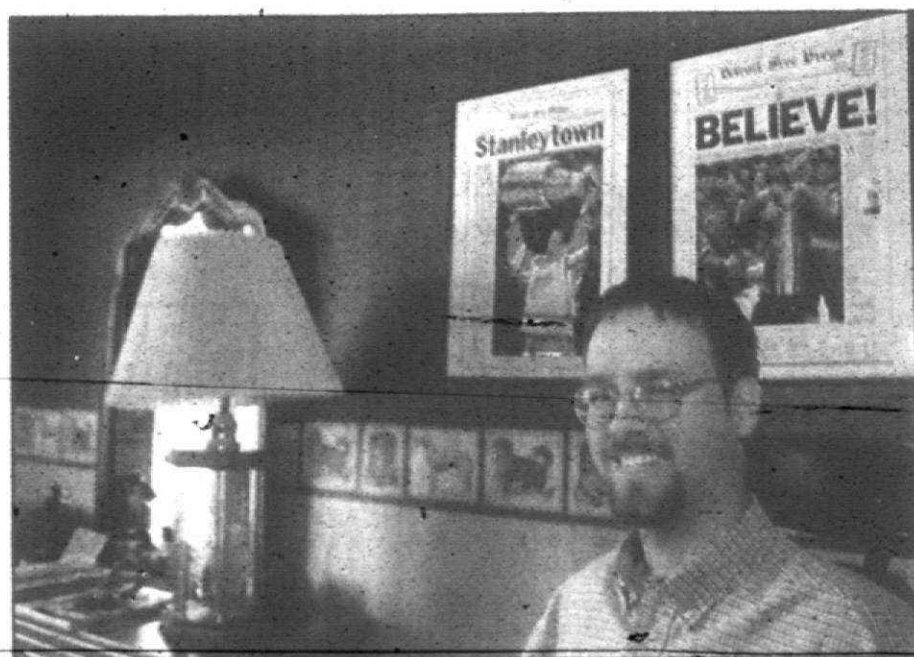
He spent two months after the accident in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's intensive care unit. He then went to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo., where he spent another five months in physical therapy, learning to adjust to his physical changes.

All that time spent recovering from the accident meant Van Kerckhove had to repeat his junior year at Catholic Central High School. He finally graduated in 1996 and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he is studying history and communications.

He's keeping his aspirations big. "He wants to work for the (U.S.) State Department," said his mother, Mary Ann.

Van Kerckhove gets around campus on a motorized wheelchair and is able to perform most tasks such as note-taking himself. He uses an adaptive arm brace to grasp the pencil.

But he still needs some help from his classmates when he needs to get something out of his backpack or pick up food in the cafeteria line. People are very



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

good about helping him out.

The Van Kerckhoves also made their home wheelchair-accessible and installed a home gym so that their son can exercise in the basement, accessible by way of a ramp in the garage.

Despite some small setbacks, such as repeating his

junior year and other minor physical problems, Steven's doing very well and has always been in good spirits, according to his mother.

"He's one of the most positive young men that I know," she said, adding that he knew he had two

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He believes:

Steven Van Kerckhove chose to live his life the way he wanted after an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down and it's his positive outlook that has served as an inspiration for organizers of an upcoming women's softball tournament.

Tournament from page B1

choices — sit around and feel sorry for himself or live life to its fullest. "He chose to live life the way he wanted. He's really done amazingly well."

Actor Christopher Reeve, who was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident in 1996, has helped bring spinal cord research to the public eye, making fund-raising easier, she added.

Van Kerckhove eventually wants to move out of his parents' home and live on his own, although he will always need to have help with certain tasks. He also is working on learning to drive a specially modified car.

Tournament organizer Patricia Soter, who is a friend of the Van Kerckhove family, said the desire to help Steven and others dealing with spinal cord injuries inspired her to establish the tournament.

"I just feel that I wanted to do something for Steven," she said.

Scholars from page B1

Greencoats, a panel of 53 men, all wearing green WGA sports jackets. Both Dinga and Porosky were surprised by the panel's size.

"I about died when I walked in there," said Dinga.

Both passed, with Dinga the only one of 26 candidates garnering all 53 votes.

Although she was one of only two females in the field that day, she was sent to Spanish. Dinga, a four-year student of the language, did it glibly.

"She's a heck of a young lady," said Coleman.

First ever winner

A magna cum laude graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who had a 3.91 grade-point average, she was news editor of the Stevenson Spotlight student newspaper and also a debate team member. It appears that she is the school's first-ever Evans winner.

She was Meadowbrook's No. 1 caddie last year, when she also smashed the club record for "caddie loops" — 18-hole rounds by a caddie — with 187.

That buried the 156-loop mark set the year before by fellow

'Caddying is a lot of fun. You get to meet a lot of different types of people.'

Desiree Dinga
Evans Scholar

and professor of music at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Porosky, who lives with his mother Mary in Redford (his father Ken lives in Dearborn), "really loves the game of golf," said Jason Ldy, the Western assistant golf professional who joined head pro Kevin LaFramboise and 1998 club president Tom Handyside in recommending him for the Evans scholarship.

Ldy said Porosky is a hard worker who often caddies in the mornings and works carts in the afternoons.

Porosky, to whom golf "came kind of natural," enjoys working with people and plans to earn a teaching degree in biology, so he can teach it in high school and also coach golf.

Hustle and desire

Caddying is a game of hustle and desire, according to Meadowbrook's Coleman. Caddies planning to do two loops a day start the first one at 7 a.m. and, soon as they finish, go to the top of the caddy list for the next loop.

Dinga, who like Porosky is often sought by club members, did two and sometimes three loops a day last year, Coleman said, putting her on the course almost all day. This year she also is working for him, washing golf clubs in the bag room or scooping up balls on the driving range.

"She was really driven," he said. "She really wanted the scholarship."

Her quality and quantity of loops earned her a Meadowbrook honors caddy award.

Even now, Coleman said, "She gets to the golf course first thing in the morning ... she's probably here 6:15, 6:30 a.m. She waits for the golf bag and goes to the

driving range with it" to meet its owner.

Once on the fairways, Dinga — one of only a small field of female caddies, carries the golf bag, gives the yardage on holes, suggests which clubs to use, reads greens and tells how the holes break, repairs ball marks and divots and keeps the clubs clean.

"Caddying is a lot of fun," said the 18-year-old Dinga who plans to major in engineering. "You get to meet a lot of different types of people."

After learning in 1996 that the son of her mother's friend and co-worker planned to caddie, she decided to try it. She needed a job, she said, and "didn't want to do baby-sitting."

Other than three nine-hole "lessons" from senior caddies — "They golf and you carry the bags," she said — learning to caddie came by doing it.

A Redford native who was 10 when her father Joseph died at age 50 of cancer, Dinga has been focused and disciplined since she was five," said her mother, Kathleen.

Her father was a tool and die maker who "thought so much of people with scholarships" that "he would be in his glory with all that she has done," said Kathleen.

"I wanted her to feel she could do anything," she added. "I didn't want her to be intimidated by anything."

To accomplish that, she took her daughter with her to real estate closings, estate sales and many other business transactions, so that the youngster would feel comfortable with them. Her daughter was a quick study. At the grocery store, Dinga would catch overcharges on items, her mother said.

Kathleen fully approves of caddying for youngsters, especially girls.

"It teaches them discipline and there's only a very small percentage of girls (doing it)," she said. "They're out in the fresh air. It's good exercise and a great job for a kid."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley
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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:

PRINTING OF FOUR SPECIAL EDITION FOCUS NEWSLETTERS

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, and the name of the bid, 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
Published: July 1, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by Group Antonin Prima Automotive Systems LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility to be located at 47440 Michigan Avenue - Ste. 130 within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 32, Township 2 S., Range 8 E., Canton Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds; E 117.91 feet along the E line of said Section and centerline of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed - width) to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide); thence S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 63.80 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide) for a Place of Beginning; thence continuing S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 1642.71 feet along said right-of-way; thence North 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds W 793.05 feet; thence N 28 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds E 608.47 feet; thence S 79 degrees 56 minutes 24 seconds E 214.70 feet; thence S 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds E 279.57 feet; thence N 70 degrees 26 minutes 32 seconds E 989.12 feet; thence S 63 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds E 942.68 feet; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds E 602.64 feet along the West right-of-way line of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed - width) to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 32 and containing 35.86 acres of land, more or less. Subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any; together with a non-exclusive 150 foot wide private easement for ingress, egress, and public utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner, Section 32, Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan; thence S 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds E 117.91 feet along the East line of said Section and centerline of Beck Road (60 feet wide proposed - width) to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide); thence S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 1706.31 feet along said Northerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (204 feet wide) for a Place of Beginning; thence continuing S 70 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds W 150.00 feet along said right-of-way; thence N 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds W 792.97 feet; thence N 70 degrees 26 minutes 16 seconds E 150.00 feet; thence S 19 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds E 792.08 feet to the Place of Beginning.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
Published: July 1, 1999

Meloche-Ward

Missey Ward and Victor Meloche were married May 1 at St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia by the Rev. John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of John and Joann Ward of Garden City. The groom is the son of James and Geraldine Meloche of Livonia.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1990 graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Detroit Diesel Corp. in human resource and development.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also is employed by Detroit Diesel.

The bride asked Liz Liberty to be her matron of honor with Jennifer Mayle, Leigh Vaughn and Lorraine Meloche as bridesmaids.



The groom asked George Teodorescu to be his best man with Nick Meloche, Jacques Meloche and Joel Meloche as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia. They are making their home in Westland.

Torpie-Morrison

Russell and Nancy Torpie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Ann, to Scott Allan Morrison of Novi, the son of Jerry and Janet Morrison of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at MotorResearch.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed at TRW.

An October wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



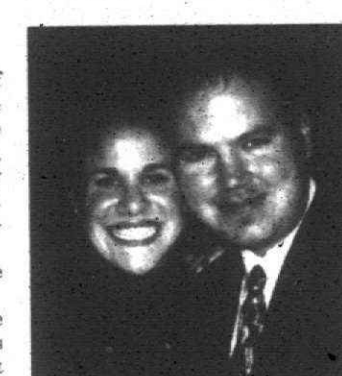
Cohen-Dorfman

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cohen of West Bloomfield and Marlene Cohen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jill, to Michael Randolph Dorfman, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Dorfman of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is attending University of Detroit School of Law.

A July wedding is planned.



Spry-Johnson

Tanya Renee Johnson and Brian William Spry were married May 1 at the Heritage Park wedding chapel by the Rev. Daniel K. Watkins.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Eudeh Johnson of Westland. The groom is the son of Joan Spry-Clark of Westland and the late Robert W. Spry.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School.

The bride asked Helen Pianowski to be her matron of honor with Tammie Johnson, Tania Passalacqua and Lisa Collins as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Kevin Korb to be his best man with Darrell Johnson, Doony Rundenza, Rob Keyandwy as groomsmen and



Jeff Johnson and Doug Abbott as ushers.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. They are making their home in Westland.

Mellis-Penn

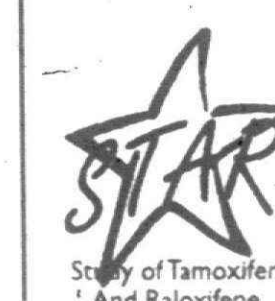
Jim and Barb Mellis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Kristin, to David Alvin Penn, the son of Alvin and Nancy Penn of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in engineering

chemistry. She will attend Princeton University in pursuit of a doctoral degree in molecular foundation.

Her fiancé received a music foundation certificate from Schoolcraft College. He is continuing his studies in musical education.

A July wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church.



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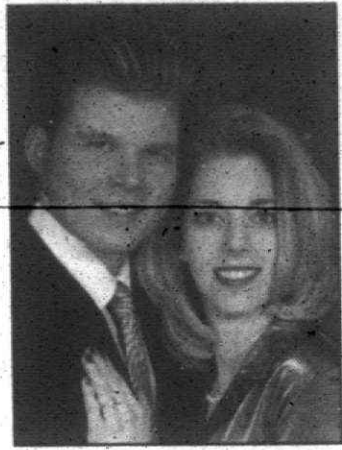
Beetler-Garrett

Dan and Sybil Beetler of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to William Patrick Garrett, the son of Bill and Claudia Garrett of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed as a physician's assistant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an industrial engineer by Ford Motor Co.

A September wedding is planned at Northville Christian Assembly.



Konjarevich-Anderson

Andrew and Janice Konjarevich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Lynn, to Michael Alan Anderson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, St. Petersburg Junior College and the University of South Florida with a degree in psychology. She is employed by Gateway Computers in Clearwater, Fla.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Illinois University with degrees in public health and education. He is co-owner of Apollo Hair Loss Clinic in Largo, Fla.



A May wedding is planned at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

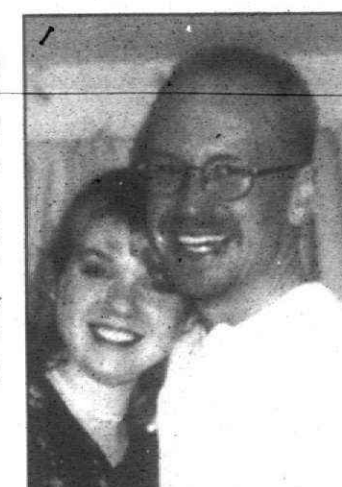
Kell-Garner

Howard and Dori Kell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather M., to Robert J. Fuchs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuchs of Alabama.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Ferris State University. He is working in construction with FMG Concrete Cutting in Brighton.

A September wedding is planned at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.



Messer-Wall

Edward and Deborah Baker of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh Messer, to Christopher John Wall, the son of Edward and Evelyn Wall of Midland.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works as a reporter for the Midland Daily News.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of H.H. Dow High School and a 1984 graduate of Alma College. He received his master's degree in 1989 from Oakland University. He is a Kelly Global Learning



manager for Kelly Services in Troy.

An August wedding is planned in Carleton.

Palazzola-Wines

Cheryl Gates-Beers of Clarkston and Paul Palazzola of Utica announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Palazzola, to Eric Wines, the son of Roger and Jeanette Wines of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Anchor Bay High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is an account executive for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Birmingham.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He is a CAD systems manager at Siemens Automotive in Auburn Hills.

An October wedding is planned at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.



Kehrer-Fuchs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehrer of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather M., to Robert J. Fuchs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuchs of Alabama.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Lariviere

Robert and Marilyn Lariviere of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass, followed by dinner at Mountain Jack's Steakhouse, hosted by their family.

The couple exchanged vows on July 2, 1949, at St. Luke's Church in Detroit. She is the former Marilyn Whitten.

They have four children — Robert, Donna, Mark and wife Lynn, and Paul and wife Jamie — and four grandchildren.

He has been retired for seven years, after working as a salesman at Federal Products Corp., a precision tool and gauge company, for 45 years. She is a homemaker.

Their interest include golf and family activities.



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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

SUMMER BIRD HIKES
■ Maybury State Park in Northville Township hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. The next hike will take place at 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, at the riding stable parking area on Beck Rd. 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Rd. These hikes provide a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. Each hike lasts one to two hours. The hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

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, 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.

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

CREEPLY CRAWLIES
■ Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families on Saturday, July 17, beginning at 11 a.m. The program, Creeple Crawlies, will feature insects and other small creatures. Learn about these small but interesting animals through activities and a guided hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building, Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck in Northville Township. The program is free of charge; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call the park office for more details at (248) 349-8390.

AROUND TOWN
■ Dr. David Schindler, is offering hypnosis to help quit smoking for \$30 each (normally \$120), not covered by insurance. The sessions are July 18 or 25 at 7 p.m. Availability is limited, please call (734) 591-5537.

CRANBROOK DINNER
■ An elegant evening of music and dinner to benefit Cranbrook House and Gardens is set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6. Cranbrook House and Gardens is located at 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. There is free parking at Christ Church, directly across Lone Pine with free shuttle service provided. In case of rain, many rooms of Cranbrook House will be open. For tickets, call (248) 645-3147.

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST
■ The annual Summer Grain Harvest at Maybury Farm will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 24. Learn how small grains and corn were harvested and processed in the past through demonstrations and hands on activities. All activities take place in the Farm Demonstration Building.

HUNTER'S SAFETY
■ From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 7 and 8 the Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park will be offering the second annual Hunter's Safety Course. All participants must be at least 12 years of age. Students will be asked to show proof of age before class. A social security number will also be required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m. and class will start promptly at 9 a.m. A parent/guardian meeting will be held prior to class. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. The class is held at Summit on the Park. Professional Development Center. The fee is \$20 resident/\$25 nonresident. For further information call (734) 397-5110.

SINGLES DANCES
■ Dances are held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster). Admission is \$6 before 8:30 p.m. and \$4 after. The dances are for 21 and over, no jeans please. For more information call, (734) 981-0909.

WALK IN THE PARK
■ Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville holds a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. every Saturday. The park is between 10 and 11 Mile, on Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

GOLF SCRAMBLE
■ The Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will hold a golf scramble July 10 at St. John Golf Center, 44115 Five Mile Rd., Plymouth. The cost is \$21 for nine holes with a cart. The time is 5:30 p.m. RSVP Carol at (734) 453-4011.

DEAN'S LIST
■ Jeff Bissone of Canton has been named to the Freed-Hardeman University dean's list for the spring semester. Bissone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bissone. He is a junior Bible major.

Anthony Irene Murinas of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievements for the spring semester. She is the

Year-end memories at West



Last dance: Sara Loewe, 13, dances with Kyle Smith, 13, (from left) Scott George, 13, dances with Courtney Arsenal, 13, and Courtney Sisler, 12, dances with Mike Soignet, 13, during an after school end-of-the-year dance last month at West Middle School.

must provide their own tables and chairs. The Society will be selling donated items inside the school. Donated items can be brought to the school from noon - 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. For information call 981-1475.

TECHNO MASTERS CAMP
■ Day camp is held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 26-30 at West Middle School for grades K-8. The cost is \$175, and students must bring a lunch. Call (734) 418-4927.

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 (Sutherland and Forest), and Joyce 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 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.

CAMP BORDERS
■ Camp Borders is a free 10-week program for children 7-12 years old. All metro area Borders Stores will offer a variety of educational and cultural events every Thursday at 7 p.m.

CAMP INVENTION
■ A one-week science and creativity day camp is held at Labister School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Aug. 2-6. The camp is for grades 2-6 and costs \$180. Call 1-800-968-IDEA.

ACT WORKSHOP
■ ACT college entrance examination workshop is offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. The workshop meets for five Tuesday/Thursday evening sessions from July 13-July 27 on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Cost is \$145 which includes books and materials. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

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.

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.

GARDEN WALK
■ The Sixth Annual Garden Walk - The Gardens of Northville will be held Wednesday, July 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from gardenviews (202 Main) and the Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 Main). For more information call (248) 348-3263.

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 give 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 Chase Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the 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. Seminars include facing anger, facing loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. Call Bernice at (734) 459-3353.

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER WORK
■ 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.

HOSPICES OF HENRY FORD
Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL
Hospital is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
Ann Arbor Healthcare System has a variety of summer volunteer opportunities available for students age 12 to 19 years. Teens may help with patient transport, office support, information desk staffing, and several other areas in the medical facility. Interested students should contact Beverly Leneski, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (734) 761-7995.

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 mtgts@mediaone.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.

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Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

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Hospital is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
Ann Arbor Healthcare System has a variety of summer volunteer opportunities available for students age 12 to 19 years. Teens may help with patient transport, office support, information desk staffing, and several other areas in the medical facility. Interested students should contact Beverly Leneski, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (734) 761-7995.

The U.S. - a nation of immigrants with common bonds



HOOKED ON HISTORY
We asked a young man vacationing in the U.S. from the Basque region of Spain, "What have you noticed so far that is most different?"

"Everywhere you go, you see the American flag," he answered immediately. "You don't see that many flags in my country."

We realized that most of the flags he noticed are up year-round. It's a sign that, despite gripes with our government, our populace has a good feeling about where we live.

If you live long enough, you can develop a perspective about things like this. We recall that patriotism hit an all-time low during the Viet Nam War.

Flags were hardly displayed, military personnel returning from combat received a cold shoulder, veterans were no longer invited to march in parades, and people stopped singing the national anthem when it was played at sporting events.

But patriotism is returning, albeit to a wiser public. It is not because our country has no flaws that we honor our heritage. Rather, we Americans - who certainly don't agree on everything - take pride in our energetic, countrywide debates as we strive to resolve even the most divisive issues.

That doesn't mean the course has always been peaceful. Take the Viet Nam War demonstrations, the mayhem in Waco, the Oklahoma City bombings, and so on. Time and again, though, we, as a nation, have struggled to achieve justice, and when it is not served, we demand changes.

Interesting concept

Of course, "we, as a nation" is a rather interesting concept in the U.S. We are such a mixture, not only of nationalities but of generations within them. To say that we are all descendants of immigrants is not a new thought. However, it is interesting to realize that each naturalized citizen and his or her descendants automatically inherit the history and heritage of our country.

After all, is it any more of a stretch to think that a newly naturalized citizen from, say, Mexico has a connection with the Puritans than it is for more me, whose first American ancestors immigrated here from Ireland in the mid-19th century?

A few years ago, we were guests at the silver wedding anniversary of friends from India. They came here in the 1960s with \$8; that was all the money with which they were legally allowed to leave. They worked hard and assisted their

relatives both financially and by opening their home to brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews so they could come to this country, too.

Don and I were moved as the couple's relatives, in tribute after tribute, spoke appreciatively about the blessings and opportunities they have in their adopted country - the U.S.

My father, the last immigrant in my line of ancestors, came from Canada. Much to the Canadians' annoyance, we don't seem to think of that as much of a jump. But it was. A veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he came here after World War II. My mother was American, and he felt opportunities to provide for his family were better here.

Owing his allegiance

My father never stopped loving his native Canada, but he quickly learned to love the U.S., as well. He was adamant that, since this country was providing a good livelihood for his family, he owed it his allegiance.

Furthermore, he had no right, he said, to complain unless he wanted up. And by golly, he took full advantage. He voted in every election. We complained about politics and politicians. But, as a citizen, he had the right.

So, what do we think on the millennium's last fourth of July - from where does our nation's strength emanate? It is not because we are all alike.

Way back in 1782, a French writer wrote prophetically about the future of our country, which was already a land of diversity. "What then is the American, this new man? Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world."

The global roles we have played in the 20th century alone, right down to our present intervention with NATO in Kosovo, bear out his vision of 200 years ago.

That's because, despite our differences, we possess a national profile. We Americans are an outspoken lot. That's how we find out about injustices and wrongs that both individuals and our government have committed. And when we do, we clamor for accountability and reform.

We do not find issues and crises resolved to everyone's satisfaction. President Clinton's impeachment and the current debate about our role in Kosovo are perfect examples. But, as a nation, we continually labor to improve conditions, and we keep seeking the voice of reason to guide us.

That's our strength - our inheritance from our ancestors; our legacy to our descendants.

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

St. Mary Hospital honors employees' years of service



Long-time employees: Honored for up to 40 years of service at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia were Deborah Moore, patient accounting (from left), and Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, 30-year employees; Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant, Sister Mary Frederick, senior vice-president, Sister Mary Frederick of Marybrook Manor and Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry, 40-year employees, and Margaret Becker, pre/post-operative care, a 30-year employee.

Employees who have worked at St. Mary Hospital since its opening in 1959 were honored at a recent awards banquet held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

More than 130 employees and physicians were recognized at the 14th annual Service Awards Banquet May 26.

Hospital employees were recognized for years of service from 10 through 40 years, based on service through Dec. 31, 1998.

Employees receiving 40-year awards were Sister Mary Modes, senior vice president; Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry; Sister Mary Frederick, Marybrook Manor; and Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant.

Receiving a 35-year award was Mary Dubay-Whaling, peri-operative services, while 30-year awards were given to Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, Margaret Becker, registered nurse, pre-post-operative care; Deborah Moore, patient accounting; and Rosemary Wengemann, laboratory.

Those receiving 25-year awards were Diana Beatty, Camille Brick, Carol Ann-Carr,

Susan Davison, Jean Gabriel, Katherine Galenski, Kathleen Houlihan, Cary Marakovitz, Claudia McClellan, Josevegas Mendoza, Virginia Montes, Mary Ellen Morris, Mary Skupski, Kathleen Stout and Theresa Underwood.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Jacqueline Allbee, Debra Armhein, Eileen Belknap, Joanne Block, Patricia Burns, Roy Chamblin, James Chiumino, Elizabeth Cornell, Joanne Danczak, Daniel Deary, Eileen Dorough, John Goldsworthy, Carol Graff, Donna Grima, David Karol, Robin Kopack, Colleen La Valley, Patricia Long, Patricia Machniak, Gary Martz, Annamma Mathew, Marcia Nichols, Karen Paison, Mary Pelz, Donald Perrie, Lorna Reid, Catherine Reinke, Barbara Rozinski, Barbara Sapelak, Marie Siegel, Julie Smith, Jo Ann Sopko, Marc Teter, James

Tumidanski, Christine Underwood, Lorraine Varless, Debra Waddell, Michael Ward, Donna Womack and Dr. Tsen Wood.

The 15-year awards included Denise Balke, Karen Bedell, Kathryn Borromeo, Mary Curtis, Sharon Cygan, Patricia Czach, Gregory Gallo, Barbara Bulowski, Anna Guziel, Janet Heib, Josann Iwanka, Marie Kaetz, Phyllis Kennedy, Dr. Daria Kiani, Bernadette Kidwell, Lori Kudirka, Julie Leo, Carol Lucy, Linda MacDonald, Siobhan Mardeus, Sharon McDonald, Dr. Veda Muthle, Leslie Perrine, Henry Quinn, Priscilla Roach, Marcelina Stone, Cheryl Southard, Roberta Swierca, Anne Walsh, Jay Wincakowski, Barbara Wysocki and Charlene Zupank.

And receiving 10-year awards were Amal Abdulhak, Maria Adamick, Mary Lou Anolick, Lourdes Aragon, Jane Bon,

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DEAN'S LIST
■ Jeff Bissone of Canton has been named to the Freed-Hardeman University dean's list for the spring semester. Bissone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bissone. He is a junior Bible major.

Anthony Irene Murinas of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievements for the spring semester. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Murinas of Plymouth.

GRADUATE
■ Elaine Kirchgatter, treasurer for Canton Township, graduated from the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute. The Institute is a three-week program, one week annually, offered through the Center for Public Service at Central Michigan University. The program consists of more than 100 hours of instruction in the duties and responsibilities of a municipal treasurer.

■ Brian C. Tiburzi graduated from Amherst College, Mass. He majored in mathematics and physics and entered Amherst college after graduat-

ing Plymouth-Salem High School. He is the son of Maryalce Tiburzi of Westland.

DEPARTMENTAL HONOR
■ Denise Krolczyk of Canton was recognized as the outstanding student in her major at Grand Valley State University. Krolczyk is a public and non profit administration major. She is the daughter of Vincent and Mary Ann Krolczyk of Canton.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
■ Phillip A. Worman of Canton was one of the active members recognized from Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society. Alpha Phi Sigma is a national Criminal Justice Honor Society in which students must have a 3.0 grade point average and a 3.2 GPA in their major to become a part of the honor society. A recommendation is necessary from an advisor for membership.

WRITING AWARD
■ Aaron Hoge of Plymouth was among 17 Madonna University students from various academic programs who were nominated by faculty to receive student awards for Excellence in Writing. The awards are sponsored by the Madonna University Writing Across the Curriculum (MACAW) program.

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Tent Troupe makes a stop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Tent Troupe, the only traveling tent theater in America, will make a one-day visit to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, on Tuesday, July 6.

The troupe will give two performances under the big top. The performances are free, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at intermission time.

A special children's matinee,

"Tent Troupe Tales," will begin at 2 p.m. and feature a variety of favorite folk tales, stories and songs from around the world. Pre-show activities will start at 1:45 p.m.

The matinee, for preschoolers through elementary-aged children, will include music, dance, pantomime and audience participation with stories from India, Africa, China, Sudan, France

and the Middle East.

The evening performance at 8 p.m. will feature the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." The play is light, comic and entertaining, but in a time of family values, it shows love, mutual respect, understanding and concern for family members.

The play, which appeals to the whole family, takes place in the

family living room where snakes are collected, ballet steps are practiced, xylophones are played and meals are eaten.

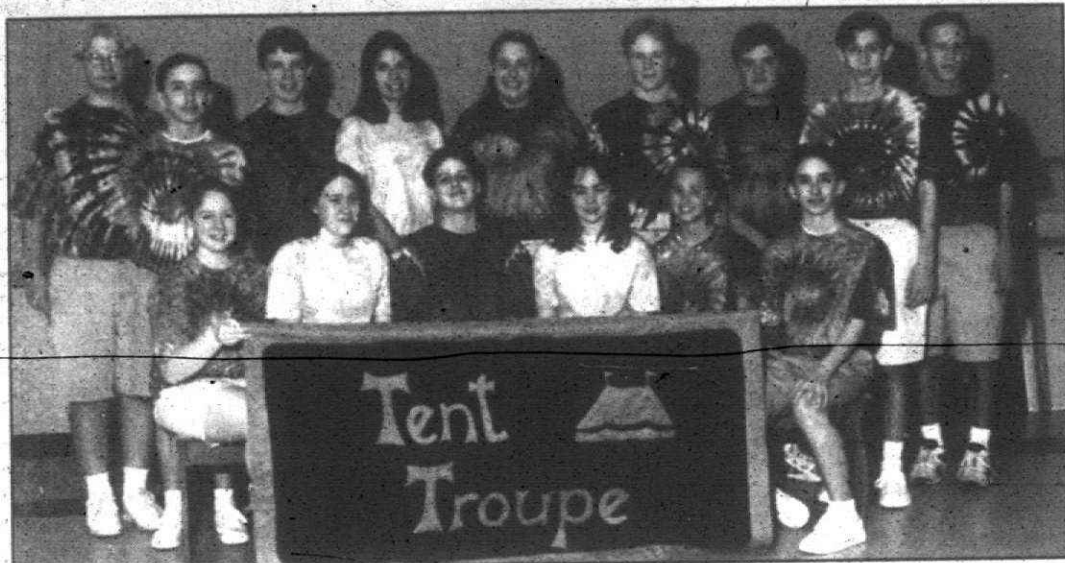
This is the 29th season for Tent Troupe, a group of 31 high school performers from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver

Springs, Md. In addition to performing, members do all of the setup work and sleep on cots each night. They raise two-thirds of the money needed for the trip before they begin, and the rest comes from free-will offerings.

And even though the hours are

terrible - the troupe's day starts at 5 a.m. - and the pay is nothing, there are more applicants for the troupe than there are openings.

For more information, about the performances, call the church at (734) 427-1414.

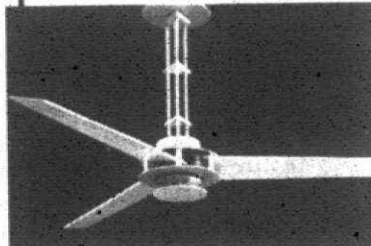


Real troopers: Members of Tent Troupe 1999 include Amy Farrar (front row, from left), Erica Fenstermacher, Ryan Martinez, Jenny Moser, Christina Pernia, Matthew Gardiner, Philip Holst (second row, from left) James Gardiner, Aaron Pannebaker, Ximena Levander, Carrie Breslin, Douglas Hogue, Chris McCabe, Brian Walker and Kevin Walker.

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East All-Star picks

Five Observerland players have been selected to compete for the East squad in the 19th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday, July 31 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

Heading the list is Nick Brzezinski, a 6-4, 245-pound tight end who helped Redford Catholic Central to a 13-0 record and the state Class AA title, along with 6-1, 165-pound wide receiver Ricky Bryant of state Class A champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

Brzezinski is headed to Duke, while Bryant is ticketed for Ohio State.

Other members of the East team include Redford Thurston's Scott Genord, a 6-2, 210-pound linebacker-fullback bound for Indiana; Westland John Glenn's Reggie Spearman, a 5-8, 180-pound tailback headed to Grand Valley State; and Livonia Clarenceville's Walter Ragland, a 6-1, 195-pound two-way back who sparked the Trojans to a 7-3 record and their first-ever state Class CC playoff berth.

Tickets, \$5 per person, can be ordered through Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorofare, Grosse Ile, Mi. 48138. (Checks, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, should be made out to: MHSFCA.)

SC adds City cage star

Michael Williams, a 6-7 forward from Detroit City High, has committed to play next season for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team, according to coach Carlos Briggs.

Williams averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds en route to Class D All-State honors. Williams led the Bears to the Class D state championship game before losing to Muskegon Western Michigan Christian.

Williams, who plays for Team Michigan AAU, recently captured MVP honors in the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Class C-D All-Star Game held at Flint Powers Catholic.

Williams joins three other SC recruits including Tony Jancevski, a 6-9 center from Plymouth Salem; Dwight Windom, a 6-5 swingman from Dearborn Heights Robichaud; and Oak Park's Robert Brown, a 6-5 transfer from Central Michigan University.

"Michael needs strength, but he's a big man who can shoot the ball and handle the ball very well — he's a wing player," said Briggs.

Last season, Schoolcraft captured its first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship.

The Ocelots compiled a 26-5 overall record before being ousted in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 12 title game against Cincinnati State.

Penguins spring champs

The Arctic Pond Penguins of Plymouth Township captured the Bantam AA Metro Spring Shootout Hockey League championship Saturday at Detroit's City Sports Arena by beating Jackson, 6-3.

Chris Stevens, Adam Staber and Ryan Wischmeyer each tallied two goals apiece for the winners.

Scoring a total of 28 goals in five games, the Penguins also defeated the Westside Wildcats (10-1), Livingston (3-0), Plymouth (6-3) and St. Clair Shores (3-0).

Other forwards include Nick Strauch, Josh Young, Ryan Branton, Jon O'Neill, Jamey Messer and Mike Dugan.

Members of the defense, which allowed just seven total goals, include Mike Tryna, Ryan Droze, Tom Sculthorpe, Justin Maedel and Patrick Clark.

Goaltending was provided by Rob Thomas and Mike Rini.

The Penguins are coached by Craig O'Neill, Doug Wischmeyer and Don Strauch. The team manager is Sandy Yates. Team supporters include Arctic Pond owners John Stanik and Ken Brandt.

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Ponke turns in top-flight effort

BY DAN O'MEARA
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When the 1999 Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament was reduced to a one-day event, Andrew Ponke of Farmington Hills was the main beneficiary.

The second day of competition was rained out Sunday, making Ponke, who was leading after 18 holes Saturday, the Championship Flight winner.

The 40-year-old Ponke shot 74 the first day at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia and won the tournament by one stroke over Westland's Jeff Pett.

Ponke's brother, Steve, was two strokes back and tied for third place with Chris Kiehler and Chris Zbanek.

"I kinda wanted to play the second day, even though I won," Andrew Ponke said. "I was ready to play, believe me! I thought I would need to beat 74."

It was to Ponke's benefit in another way, too, because of the rainout. He had a 12:51 p.m. tee time in Howell for a Publix tournament that afternoon. That event went as scheduled without weather being a factor.

"I would've made it either way," Ponke said, adding he would've been first off the tee early Sunday at Whispering Willows. "I was there at 6 in the morning, but I could see there was standing water on the practice green. I knew it was trouble."

Ponke, who went home and got a few extra hours of sleep before driving to Howell, was close to winning the O&E tournament last year.

O&E GOLF TOURNAMENT

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MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
June 26 at Whispering Willows

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Andrew Ponke (Farmington Hills), 74; 2. Jeff Pett (Westland), 75; 3. Chris Kiehler (Livonia), 76; Steve Ponke (Farmington Hills), 76; Chris Zbanek (Farmington Hills), 76; 6. Mike Obidzinski, 77; 7. Alan Menzies, 79; 8. Kevin Furlong, 80; Robert Johnson, 80; 10. Ken Kisz, 81; Chaz Komegay, 81; Alex McLuckie, 81; Mark Stefanick, 81; Jerry Thomas, 81; 15. Paul Rys, 82; 16. Rick Wheeler, 83; 17. Kevin Cavanaugh, 84; 18. Scott Glenn, 86; Tom Higgins, 86; 20. W.P. Worley, 87; 21. Doug Harnala, 88; 22. John Radziszewski, 94.

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Stephen Barker (Livonia), 79; R. Dale Cordes

(Union Lake), 79; 3. Andy Kumcz (Livonia), 80; 4. Paul Colucci (Livonia), 81; 5. Fred Emory, 83; Chris Hoffman, 83; Bob Viviano, 83; 8. Fred Gunderson, 86; Mike Small, 86; 10. Don Hoidin, 88; Lou Laurentius, 88; 12. David Scheuer, 89; 13. Bill Rice, 90; 14. Craig Nehasil, 91; Ken Shively, 91; 16. Robert Elmendorf, 92; 17. Wayne Bonus, 94. Tiebreaker: There was a playoff between Barker and Cordes for first place Wednesday evening.

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Jim Newsom (Westland), 86; 2. Dave Mack (Livonia), 87; Don Worthington (Redford), 87; 4. Bill Campbell, 92; 5. Matthew Juresek, 94; 6. Danny Winegarden, 96; 7. Roger Carver, 100; 8. Matthew O'Neill, 104; Tom Sokoloski, 104; 10. Jay DeOrdio, 107. Tiebreaker: There was a playoff between Mack and Worthington for second place Wednesday evening.

He finished one stroke away from being in a playoff for first place, shooting 150 (74-76). He has played in the O&E tournament for the last 15 years, but this is the first time he has won.

Ponke, who considers Whispering Willows his home course, didn't think it was going to happen for him this year either.

"My brother was pushing right behind me," he said. "I thought I'd have to catch him, because he was beating me. At 15 he was plus-2, and I was already at plus-4."

"You just have to be patient on that course. I only hit six drivers all day. You just have to respect the holes on

that course."

On the Nos. 11, 12 and 13 holes, it's tempting to use the driver, he added, but Ponke prefers to play it safe and lay up on those holes.

"Those are short par-4s," he said. "You can get birdies, but you also can get double-bogeys real easily."

Ponke managed to win despite a bad day of putting. He three-putted three holes, including the 18th.

"I thought that was going to cost me," he said. "I was thinking I'd have to win it the next day. I didn't think I had won it by any means."

If Ponke had to cite a key shot he made, it was his tee shot on No. 15, a

long par-3. Using a nine wood, he put the ball on the front of the green and two-putted.

"You can get a six or an eight real easy if you don't hit your shot," he said. "I just wanted to keep one in play."

Ponke, who is employed as a bartender at Bullwinkle's Bar and Grill in Redford, has a work schedule that suits his golf game. He can play golf during the day before he goes to work in the evening.

"It gives me the opportunity to keep playing golf," he said. "I'll play nine holes a day, 18 on Thursdays. I try to stay away from weekends, because it's so slow. The only time I play on weekends is in tournaments. The whole summer is geared around golf."

Ponke played baseball at Farmington High School and in Little League before that. He didn't take up golf until he was 23. He played softball, too, but got tired of that.

"I wish I had started earlier, but I don't think I had the patience for golf when I was younger," he said. "You have to be very patient in that game."

Ponke received a \$170 gift certificate and trophy for winning; Pett received a \$120 gift certificate and trophy as the runner-up. Kiehler and Zbanek each received \$80 gift certificates.

There was a playoff Wednesday evening between Stephen Barker of Livonia and R. Dale Cordes of Union Lake to determine the First Flight winner and runner-up. Jim Newsom of Westland was the Second Flight champion.

Itching to get back: Rutherford anxious

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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Mark Rutherford is getting the itch. Not from the Nov. 20 surgery to tighten up his shoulder, but from the desire to make up for time he feels is passing him by.

At the age of 24, Rutherford, a former standout at Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University, makes his second start of the season Monday for Clearwater of the high Class A Florida State League.

The same league where he made the All-Star team last season as he went 8-5 with a 2.65 ERA for the Philadelphia Phillies' farm team. In 119 innings, covering 18 starts, Rutherford allowed 94 hits while striking out 70 and walking only 20.

In pro ball, if your innings, hits and strikeouts are all in the same neighborhood, you're building a nice house.

But in pro ball, if you tread the same step twice you're not making progress toward the top.

"I don't really agree with (pitching in) Clearwater," the Eastern Michigan right-hander said. "I've told them I've already done all I can do in the Florida State League."

"I'm facing boys right now. I want to face the men in Double-A (at Reading). That's the way I feel."

"Sure, they're going to get some hits off me here. But I still should dominate. I feel I'm ready for the next step."

"They've told me they want at least three starts (here), so they can see if my arm's going to bounce back."

"I've had a little bit of trouble in my elbow, but nothing to stop my throw-

ing. Which I've heard happens a lot once you've had shoulder surgery."

Rutherford had his shoulder surgery because of irritation he felt during the season. It was examined and found to be loose. So he was sent to Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., for surgery to tighten it up.

"In the long run," Rutherford said, "I would have torn my labrum if I had kept throwing."

The labrum is a small lubricating muscle in the shoulder.

Spring training was a complete washing for Rutherford. He missed all of it.

But when Philadelphia started its extended spring training for rookies and players who would begin the year in short-season ball after the draft, Rutherford began building up the strength in his shoulder.

First came long-toss, then throwing off the mound, then throwing up to 100 pitches per session off the mound, the pitching batting practice and pitching in extended spring training games.

Then came another minor setback — a pulled hamstring muscle which put him out of action for two weeks.

He returned to training for more work and then pitched two innings for Clearwater, followed by a five-inning start where he left with a 4-2 lead (after registering four strikeouts, while allowing a homer and double).

"It felt great," he said. "I felt like my normal self. I was even throwing a cou-

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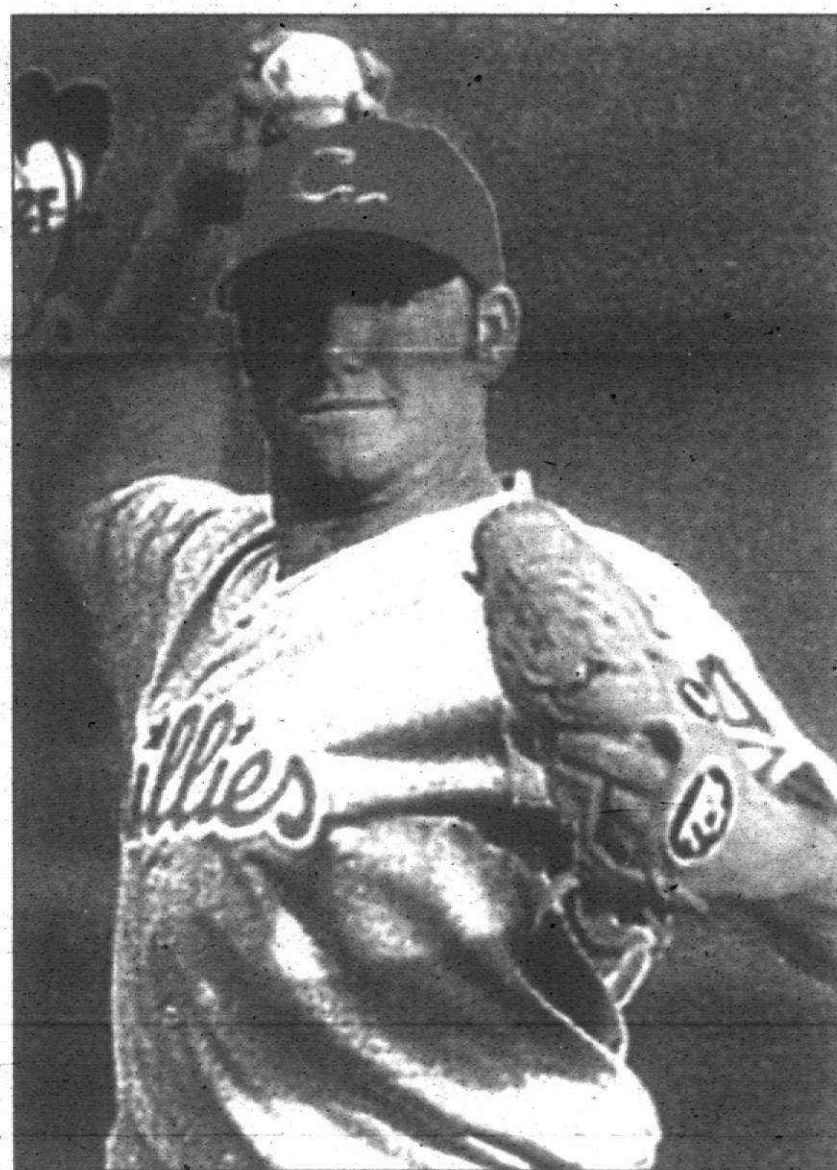


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On the mend: Livonia Churchill and Eastern Michigan University product Mark Rutherford, who plays in the Phillies' minor league chain, is back throwing after undergoing shoulder surgery.

NHL Blues take goalie in 7th round

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With Grant Fuhr soon headed for retirement, the St. Louis Blues were in the market for a future goaltender.

And during the seventh round of Saturday's National Hockey League draft held at the Fleet Center in Boston, Livonian Phil Osaer put on the Blues jersey and shook NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman's hand as the 203rd pick overall.

"It was one of the most painful experiences you can have — until they call your name," said Osaer, who played his freshman year at Ferris State. "But it was the best feelings I've ever had when you walk up to that podium. It was fun."

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Osaer had attracted interest of NHL scouts after playing his senior year of high school with Waterloo (Ia.) of the U.S. Hockey

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League, a Junior A circuit. (He attended Redford Catholic Central for three years before graduating from Waterloo West High.)

"I spoke with a few scouts and I was told by Central Scouting Services I was going to get drafted," said Osaer, who was the 13th goalie taken and the first by the Blues in two years. "I talked with a few teams, but I don't ever recall speaking with anybody from St. Louis."

Osaer's parents, Mark and Nancy, who live in Europe, along with his sister Michele and New York-based advisor Jordan Newman (who represents the Flyers' John Vanbiesbrouck), all shared in the special moment.

Osaer, the nephew of Livonia native and University of Maryland head foot-

ball coach Ron Vanderlinden, is 99 percent sure he'll be back in the nets for his sophomore season at Ferris State "unless something drastic happens."

As a freshman he saw limited playing time until late in the season when he donned the pads in a series against Michigan State, including a 2-1 victory, followed by a brief two-game stint in the Central Collegiate Hockey League playoffs against Ohio State.

"I had a tough go of it as an 18-year-old both physically and mentally," Osaer said. "It took me until Christmas to really get adjusted. The life was different, living in dorms and having all kinds of freedom for the first time in your life."

It became a quick maturation process for Osaer, who appeared in nine games (398 total minutes) for the Bulldogs, posting a 2-2 record. He had a goals-

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Phil Osaer-Ferris State
Drafted by St. Louis Blues

King's farewell tour comes to Canton

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
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Eddie Feigner, lead member of the world-famous King and His Court traveling softball team, will share the spotlight on Friday night at Canton Softball Center.

The King and His Court have toured the world for 54 seasons and this is the first with a woman, his wife Anne Marie Feigner, as a regular on the roster.

Feigner's significant other, a long-time amateur star and currently the Amateur Softball Association Junior Olympic Chairman for several states, grew up in Canton.

It might be one of the few venues where the King, a record-

breaking pitcher, isn't the most well-known player on the field.

Maybe it should be called The King and His Courtship.

The exhibition game against the Canton All-Stars begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available through the Canton Softball Center and the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association coaches. Adult tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate.

Student tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the gate. Family tickets (up to five children) are \$15. Children under seven years old are admitted free.

The event is a major fund-raiser

er for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Center.

The King has pitched in more than 11,000 games and shows, thrilling fans at one time with a 100 mile per hour fastball. He still throws harder than most accomplished pitchers half his age.

The King and His Court are the equivalent of basketball's Harlem Globetrotters.

Remarkably only three players at a time join the King on the field, leaving five positions vacant. Besides the King there is a first baseman, shortstop and catcher.

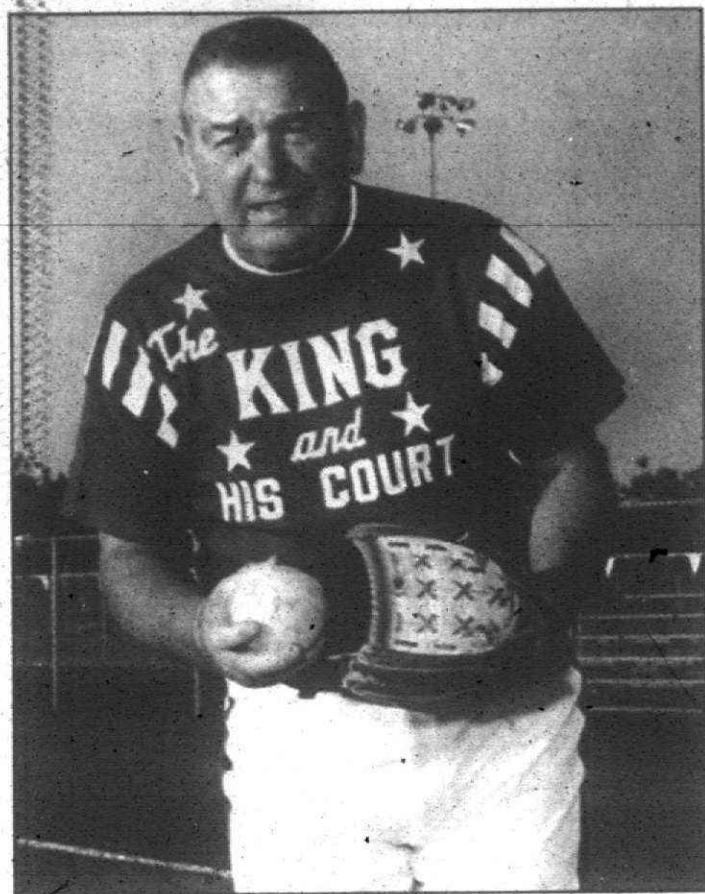
Anne Marie, whose maiden name is Dozbush, plays first base and catcher and occasionally pitches, along with being a switch hitter at the plate.

The King has recovered from triple bypass surgery and this is the final seven-month tour of his career.

The farewell tour began on March 20 in California and headed east, making stops in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and up the coast to the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kansas.

After Michigan, the tour heads to Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, the New England states and Nova Scotia. The Canadian Tour and Alaskan trip follows. All events are performed for charity.

The King has played more military shows than entertainer Bob Hope.



King ready: Eddie Feigner and his court will be coming Friday night to the Canton Softball Center.

WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES REQUEST FOR BIDS PORTABLE MANLIFT

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting bids for the purchase of a 12 volt DC powered manlift with a working height of at least 25 feet. Further, all necessary labor, materials, equipment, training and maintenance are to be provided. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by July 19, 1999 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking bids for sewer cleaning and closed circuit television inspection of the WTUA "Middle Rouge Parkway" sanitary sewer interceptors.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

INSIGHT INTO MISCARRIAGE



Jesus Martinez, M.D.



Duane Kreil, M.D.

Women who blame themselves for miscarriages should know that they are almost never at fault. About 70% of miscarriages are attributable to random chromosomal abnormalities, which are isolated incidences that have no bearing on future pregnancies. Fertilization is a relatively complex process that goes beyond the simple union of sperm and egg. If the 23 chromosomes of the mother and father do not unite successfully to create one embryo, it cannot survive. The majority of women who suffer miscarriages due to random chromosomal abnormalities have normal pregnancies the next time. Hormonal glitches are more likely to occur as women age, which explains why miscarriage rates are higher in women over age 35.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Isley Brothers perform with special guests Kool & The Gang, 8 p.m. at Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets \$45, \$35 and \$25, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611 for information.

SATURDAY



Visit the Primate House at the Detroit Zoo to see one of the zoo's newest family members, a Japanese snow monkey born on May 10. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 adults; \$5.50 senior citizens age 62 and older and students; \$4.50 children ages 2 to 12. The zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY



The Neville Brothers perform songs off their latest CD, "Valence Street," 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$25 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. Little Feet opens the show at 8 p.m. Fireworks follow the Neville Brothers set. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4 for a "Salute to America." Doors open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30 p.m., DSO concert with fireworks finale begins 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$18 adults, \$9 children ages 5 to 12, children age 4 and younger are free. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 645-6666, or (313) 982-6175. For more information, call (313) 982-6177.

A FLAVORFUL BLEND OF MUSIC AND FOOD TasteFest

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kim Henson is in an unenviable position. As the director of entertainment for the Comerica Michigan Tastefest, she has the job of making sure the musical acts mesh with the tastes of the 250,000 people who pour into the New Center Area on July 4 weekend.

But the Nashville-based Henson handles it gracefully and diplomatically.

"With the festival and the talent buying, we're certainly targeting that audience that's likely to come down and enjoy restaurants, enjoy a little nightlife, work, or live in this Detroit market."

At the same time, she has to please older adults, children, and those who rarely go to or fear Detroit.

"We also realize we're great family entertainment. We want to bring the young people with kids. We have a Cuban orchestra coming in that'll do salsa."

"You always want to make sure that you're being sensitive to changes in the market and who you're serving," said Henson, who also books the Clio Amphitheatre near Flint.

TasteFest — which runs Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, in Detroit's New Center Area — celebrates its 11th anniversary with 75 free stage performances and 35 restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties.

The list of headliners reads like a buffet of hip groups. Grammy nominees Fastball kick off the event on July 1, followed by David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears (July 2), jazz singers The Rippingtons (July 3), salsa group Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son (July 3), the R&B act The Dramatics (July 4), the ska band Reel Big Fish (July 4), blues singer Susan Tedeschi (July 5), and the Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (July 5).

Henson explained that there are no opening acts so the crowd will circulate among the restaurant stands while walking from stage to stage.

Alvarez's performance will be his first in the United States.

"He's a very predominate and well-

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Headliners: The Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (top photo), the local rock/pop band Brilliant (above) and the ska band Reel Big Fish (below).



Comerica Michigan Tastefest

The annual festival of food and music runs July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. The festival features a lineup of free national and local entertainment on three stages, a children's stage and activity area, and more than 35 Michigan restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties. Culinary and ice-carving demonstrations, add other free activities are also offered. For more information, call (313) 872-0188 or visit <http://www.tastefest.org>.

JBL SOUND STAGE

Fisher Building Parking Lot, West Grand Boulevard at Third Avenue

THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Fastball, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
Blood Sweat and Tears featuring David Clayton-Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son, a 12-piece Cuban Salsa Orchestra, 3 p.m. and The Rippingtons featuring Russ Freeman, with the Craig Chaquico Band, and special guest Paul Taylor, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
The Dramatics, 3 p.m. and Reel Big Fish, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
"1964 The Tribute" — Beatles Tribute Show, 2 p.m. and Susan Tedeschi, 4 p.m.

WELLNESS PLAN JAZZ SHOWCASE

West Grand Boulevard at Cass Avenue

THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Deborah Chenault with David Lee Trio, noon and 1:15 p.m., Original Moon, 4:30 p.m., and the "Phat Jazz Jam" featuring The Edge with Althea Rene and Lenny Price, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
The Articles, noon and 1:15 p.m., Sheila Landis and Rick Matie, 4:30 p.m., and Orquestra Sensacional, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
"Sisters in Jazz" featuring Marion Haden, Gayelynn McKinney, Ellen Rowe and Sheila Landis, noon, David Myles and Mylestones, 2 p.m., Tuxedo Junction, 4:30 p.m. and Randy Scott, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Starlight Drifters, noon, Bonne Temps, 3 p.m., Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty and Willie D. Warren, 5:30 p.m., and PsyFunk, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Thornetta Davis and Black Beauty, 12:30 p.m., Reverben featuring James Wallin, Jeff Fowlkes, Greasy Carlisi and Bobby East, 3 p.m., Immunity, 5:30 p.m.

KIDSHOWS

Fisher Theatre Lobby

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Eugene Clark, 1 p.m., Gary Rosen 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Storyteller Ivory Williams, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., and Gary Rosen, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., Jonathan Park, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Incognito, 3 p.m.

MUSIC

'Musical gravity' brings J. Geils Band together for reunion tour

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen years ago, ego clashes, attitudes and animosity put the brakes on the rock super group J. Geils Band: Harmonica player "Magic" Dick Salwitz says "musical gravity" brought the band back together for this summer's reunion tour.

But Seth Justman, keyboardist, said all it took was a couple of phone calls.

There was a manager by the name of John Baruck, who manages REO Speedwagon, who called each of us on the phone and said, 'I have a very simple proposition. Why don't you guys get together, rehearse your show and go on the road for like a month and don't worry about making records. Don't do

WHO: J. Geils Band

WHAT: Perform with special guests Toots and The Maytals

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14.

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

HOW: Tickets are \$37.50, pavilion, \$20 lawn for the July 14 show. The holiday week-end shows are sold out. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.patacenet.com>

anything, just play the songs you used to play and get together and have a good time and see how it all feels," Justman recalled.

"The whole idea that it was such a

simple kind of approach, I think, appealed to everyone. Amazingly enough, our schedules all coincided during this time period. Everyone just decided, hey, it sounds like a good time."

A good time, indeed — especially to Detroiters. The J. Geils Band is playing 18 shows in 13 cities. Three of those shows are at Pine Knob — 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14. The holiday weekend shows are sold out.

"The shows in Detroit should be amazing," Justman explained. "We consider that like the Mecca of rock 'n' roll — no question about it. We consider it our home. We know so many people

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Reunited: J. Geils performs two sold-out shows Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4, at Pine Knob. Tickets are still available for the Wednesday, July 14, show.

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

COMMUNITY THEATER

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-Saturday, July 15-17, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7345

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CUPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," continues through July 10, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays. In advance at 40 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH

NOVI THEATRES
"Jack in the Beanstalk...a Parody," by Linda Wickert. Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

SPECIAL EVENTS

AMERICAN SKI EXHIBITION
Night of family activities including live music, food, children's activities, artists' demonstrations, and view the Birmingham fireworks. 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook (Evergreen) on northwest corner of 14 Mile, Birmingham. Free parking and shuttle from Seaholm and Groves High schools. \$30 BBAC members, \$35 non-BBAC members, \$15 children ages 4-10. (248) 644-0866, ext. 107

CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL
Music, foods, United Moravian Society Dancers, Bohemian crystal, pastries, artifacts, garnet jewelry. 2:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10, and 1:30-8 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at Yack Arena, 3131 Second St. at Eureka Road, east of I-75. Wyandotte. \$5, free for children age 14 and younger. (734) 416-0376/(313) 382-0406

DEPOT TOWN CIRCLE NIGHTS
Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, July 1-Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

FUN & GAME SHOW
As part of the Westland Festival 1:15 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4. (734) 425-6072

HOT COUNTRY JAM
3-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Ned Doer and the Red Ryder Band, Steele Canyon, Tony Phillips, Kristyn Smith, Shaee Tennison, MB Owens and Midnite Holler, Janis Leigh and the Luck of the Draw, Shane Minor, and Pam Tillis, at Heritage Park, on Pardee Road, between Goddard and North Line roads, Taylor. Free. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com

REDFORD THEATRE
Film "The Adventures of Robin Hood," with guest organist Tony O'Brien. 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, July 9, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, July 10, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50, (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford

MICHIGAN TASTEFEST
Featuring various bands and "tastes" of area restaurants, Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, Detroit's New Center Area. (313) 872-0188 or http://www.taste-fest.org

BENEFITS

"JUST ZOO IT"
Gift of Life 5K Run and 1.5 mile Fun Walk to celebrate the gift of life and learn more about organ and tissue donation. 9 a.m. Saturday, July 17, rain or shine, 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Registration \$18 by July 3; \$20, includes zoo admission, two free tickets to the Detroit Rockers home opener Nov. 7 and commemorative t-shirt. Children under age 10 admitted free to the zoo before 10 a.m. (877) 966-6863

FAMILY EVENTS

DAN BRIERE
Of "Little Orphan Annie" shows live animals including a monitor lizard and hedgehog. 7 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Detroit Zoo, 2400 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12, \$8 children, \$5 seniors. (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237 to schedule admission

"CONCERTS ON THE LAWN"
The Edge plays jazz to rhythm and blues, funk, pop, rock, reggae and rap. 7 p.m. Sunday, July 11, on the front lawn of the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive. (248) 424-9022

"MUSIC IN THE PARK"
Non-Wednesday, July 7, Matt Watrobs, in Heliog Park, Main Street, between Pennington and Ann Street, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater. (734) 416-4ART

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"
A family-friendly concert featuring live music, food, and fun activities. 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook (Evergreen) on northwest corner of 14 Mile, Birmingham. Free parking and shuttle from Seaholm and Groves High schools. \$30 BBAC members, \$35 non-BBAC members, \$15 children ages 4-10. (248) 644-0866, ext. 107

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9, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$2.50, (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or http://www.co.oakland.mi.us

CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 524-3484

KEVIN DEVINE
Hosts a children's concert as part of the Summer Reading Club. 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0720

FARMINGTON AREA FOUNDERS FESTIVAL
Featuring Country Line and Square Dancers, Bonne Temples, Mudpudding, the Chisel Brothers, the Imperial Swing Orchestra, Starlight Drifters, Forbes Brothers, Jill Jack, Black Market, and The Howling Diablos. Sunday-Saturday, July 4-10, downtown Farmington. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com

GORDON RUSS
Magician and comedian performs 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA
"Animal Movies," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, "Sneaky Snakes," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at the park, \$200 E. M-59, White Lake Township. Free, motor vehicle permit required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187

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PHILIPPE LEJEUNE
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POISON DART
With Kirky-C, Redman and Bobby, DJ Chino, and Killa, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, July 4, Victory I Social Club, 15775 James Cousins, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 836-8686 (dance hall)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

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TIM GARRICK
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk)

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk)

GORDON LIGHTFOOT
With Steve Iott, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, 1600 Woodward and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD
DONNA DEMEYER AND MARC MAURIS
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"POET IN RESIDENCE"
Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sunday, July 11 (Kelllogg Park), at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

DANCE
BALLROOM DANCE PARTY
8-11 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the K of C Mag. Hunt Hall, 7080 Garding, Warren Avenue and Evergreen, Dearborn Heights. \$5, \$3 for dance lessons with Shirley Blair at 7 p.m.

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the Zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit. Entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26 (\$10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5). at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m. through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Fur to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world. "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit and The Glancy Trains, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 seniors and children age 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroitmuse.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies including "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week, "Whales" opens June 19, at the Center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. (IMAX films are an additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts. at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 4-5) through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and over, \$4 children ages 5-12.

MOVIES

New 'Tarzan' an all-around crowd pleaser

BY ANNIE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

It's hard to imagine that the studio that produced such unforgettable classics such as "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King" could outdo itself — but it has with the release of Disney's newest animated offering "Tarzan." This first rate film, a breathtaking spectacle of creativity, is an all around crowd pleaser. Why?

After 47 movie adaptations based on the Edgar Rice Burroughs classic "Tarzan of the Apes," this telling is original, compelling, humorous, touching and, well, it goes on.

MOM'S REVIEW

After Tarzan's parents are killed by a predatory leopard, the gorilla Kala (Glenn Close) adopts the orphaned boy even though he is clearly "different." Tarzan (Tony Goldwyn), in Disneyesque fashion, grows amidst the primates frolicking and befriending an array of colorful sidekicks, among them, Terk (Rosie O'Donnell) and Tantor (Wayne Knight). Likeable and funny in any guise, O'Donnell wins our hearts as Tarzan's self-proclaimed "best friend."

Civilization rears its head into the idyllic jungle, where Tarzan, finally stumbles on his own kind, a group of explorers eager to

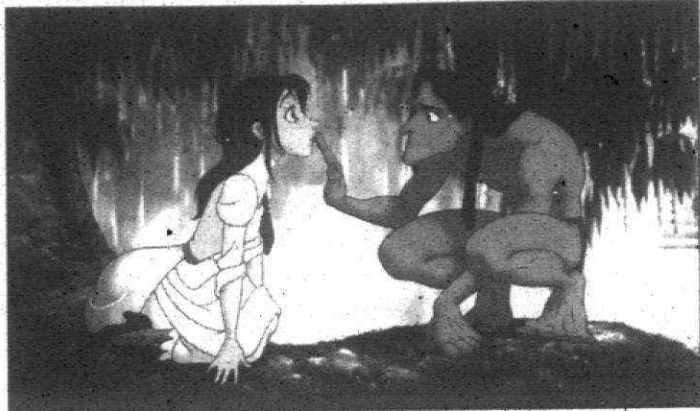
observe gorillas in their native habitat. Among them is the spunky wonderfully wrought Jane (Minnie Driver) who predictably becomes the Eve to Tarzan's Adam. She observes and teaches this apeman who straddles two worlds — the question being "which one will he choose?"

With "Tarzan," Disney introduces us to a step up from the old animation with "deep canvases" which give a 3-D sweep to Tarzan's vine swinging and acrobatics. The audience is drawn into the action as he surfs through the air with roller coaster-like effects.

Stumbling upon the accoutrements of civilization at the explorers' camp, the gorillas create their own kind of music an imaginative and joyous celebration of sound. Phil Collins' songs are destined for Oscar competition notably "You'll Be in My Heart."

There are few movies in recent memory that have left me feeling so satisfied and entertained as this straight A production of "Tarzan."

Annie Lehmann is a freelance writer and West Bloomfield resident. David Lehmann is her son.



Animated feature: After a close encounter with some angry baboons, Tarzan and Jane take a moment to get to know one another in this scene from "Tarzan."

Animated film not an ordinary cartoon

DAVID LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

With an excellent cast and great music "Tarzan" is sure to be a top hit for Disney. This is no ordinary cartoon. The animation is so rich, in colors, details, and sounds that it seems real.

Most of the cast members matched their characters especially Rosie O'Donnell as Tarzan's friend Terk. She was

KID'S REVIEW

bubbly, funny, outgoing and talkative like the real Rosie. Five-year-old Tarzan is brave and willing to grow up to be the best ape ever, but when he meets explorers, he realizes that he is really a man.

The movie is very emotional at times like when Kala (Glenn

Close), his adoptive mother, takes him to the hut where his parents were killed; when his adoptive father is killed and when Tarzan, holding his hand against Jane's, realizes he is human.

The music by Phil Collins is great and clicks in perfectly with the story.

From a nine-year-old's point of view — I would absolutely recommend "Tarzan."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 2

"MY SON THE FANATIC"
Contemporary love story set against a comic clash of generations and culture.

"SUMMER OF SAM"
Drama based on New York City's infamous summer of 1976, and how one gang becomes obsessed with finding the murderer who is stalking the Italian-American section of the Bronx.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 9

"TWICE UPON A YESTERDAY"
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. A forlorn lover in London gets the chance of a lifetime to turn back the

clock and relive a relationship that went wrong with a previous girlfriend. Stars Douglas Henshall.

"AMERICAN PIE"
Coming-of-age comedy about a group of high school seniors who lose their virginity by prom night. Stars Eugene Levy, Natasha Lyonne, Alyson Hannigan.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 16

"EYES WIDE SHUT"
Story of jealousy and sexual obsession. Stars Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman.

"LAKE PLACID"
A scientist, a game warden, a sheriff and an eccentric mythology professor

converge near a remote lake in Maine to investigate a gruesome fatality. Their adventure, laced with humor and terror, leads to a shocking secret beneath the anything but placid waters. Stars Bridget Fonda, Bill Pullman, Oliver Platt.

"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT"
Horror film about three college students, who in 1994 hired into Maryland's Black Hills Forest to shoot a documentary about a local legend, and were never heard from again.

"THE WOOD"
Continuity of three childhood friends reminiscing about years gone by the event of their friend's wedding.

Coalition helps independent filmmakers get job done

BACKSTAGE PASS



Chris McElroy
Segment producer

Are you a success? In the workplace, success may be defined by the ability to exceed a sales quota, or receive a promotion or a salary increase. All three can bring great personal satisfaction, especially if the reward results from our own ingenuity and effort.

In the arts, it gets more complicated. A work may be commercially viable but panned by critics. Favorable reviews may not lead to public interest. Or, in some cases, critical and public acclaim may come, but the artist loathes the project because it strayed from the vision or purpose.

I've heard a number of independent filmmakers define success with a simple equation.

Done equals success. It is an industry in which every project is filled with obstacles to completion. Where do you turn when the temptation to abandon production is at its peak? The answer may be a local support group for filmmakers.

No, it's not one of those twelve step deals. Although, given the challenges of the profession, maybe such a program should be available. The Detroit Filmmakers Coalition is a six-year-old non-profit organization that serves as a center for independent producers.

Chris McElroy, a segment producer for Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, takes viewers inside a classroom of budding filmmakers in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4. He's also a member of the group.

"The Coalition is a central connection for those who want to produce a film. For someone just getting started, there's

training available. A work-in-progress may need equipment and technical support. For completed films, the organization presents periodic screenings."

Even after funding is secured for a project, which often is the largest hurdle, the sheer complexities of filmmaking

inevitably lead to production obstacles. That's when the organization's resources can help keep the project afloat.

With all the things that can go wrong, what type of person accepts such a challenge?

"We have teenage students in our classrooms receiving training right alongside people in

their fifties," said McElroy. "It's a good mix of people who share a dream."

McElroy is one person who believes the completion of an independent film is, in itself, a success story. As a case in point, he praised the work of two women from Detroit who didn't allow their inexperience to stand in the way of their first film project.

Maazo Mengiste and Nicole Sylvester used the resources of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition to develop the skills to write, produce and direct a short film titled "The Stop."

It wasn't that long ago that it may have been necessary to

head for Chicago or New York to realize the dream of making a film because of well-established film cooperatives in those cities. More information about the Detroit organization is available by calling (313) 255-0098 or on the Web at detroitfilm.com.

Maybe there is a common way to define success in all professions. In the arts or other industries, the most interesting and successful people are those who appreciate the completion of a project because it gives them the opportunity to start something new.

By the way, this column is done. Until next week, of course.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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