

# Canton Observer

Serving the Canton Community for 24 years

HomeTown COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK  
Putting you in touch with your world

Thursday  
July 8, 1999

VOLUME 24 NUMBER 104

CANTON, MICHIGAN • 70 PAGES • <http://observer-eccentric.com>

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

© 1999 HomeTown Communications Network, Inc.

## IN THE PAPER TODAY

**Hospitalized:** A reckless driver was seriously injured following a crash Sunday at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads. /A2

## OPINION

**Random violence:** It can happen, even in "safe" communities like Canton. /A14

**In our mailbox:** Readers write on a variety of issues. /A14

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**What a mom!** Garden City resident Donna Mallard was treated to seven hours of pampering at a Northville salon after being selected as the winner of *The Observer's* recent A-May-Zing Mom contest. /B1

## AT HOME

**Living with history:** A landmarked house in Plymouth is great for a family. /D6

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Theater:** Heartland Theatre Company features "Mainstream," a new comedy by David MacGregor of Livonia at Playscape '99, a festival of new plays. /E1

## REAL ESTATE

**Outstanding:** American Institute of Architects honored Kenneth Newmann for his contributions. /F1

## INDEX

Opinion	A14-15
Obituaries	A12
Crossword	F8
Classified Index	F5
Autos	G10
Home & Service	G9
Jobs	F11
Rentals	F8
Community Life	B1
Sports	C1
Entertainment	E1
Real Estate	F5

## HOW TO REACH US

Newsroom: 734-459-2700  
Newsroom Fax: 734-459-4224  
E-mail: [tschneider@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@oe.homecomm.net)  
Nightline/Sports: 734-953-2104  
Reader Comment Line: 734-953-2042  
Classified Advertising: 734-591-0900  
Display Advertising: 734-591-2300  
Home Delivery: 734-591-0500



# District MEAP scores a mixed bag



**Scores for Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders dropped on the writing test but seventh-graders improved their reading skills on statewide exams given last year. Other MEAP scores remained steady with 1998.**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER  
[tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net)

Plymouth-Canton school officials are puzzled as to why fifth-grade writing scores dropped dramatically in the latest MEAP results.

District-wide, the number of fifth-grade students reaching the "proficient" level fell nearly 25 percent.

Fifth-graders scored 62.8 on the 1999 writing tests, compared to 87.1 percent last year.

"It was definitely a shock to us," said Verna Anible, the district's director of instruction. "We really don't have any explanation for it at this time. We've used the same instructional strategies all along."

Anible said she will be looking to the Michigan Department of Education for

answers. But, until then, Anible said she's not too concerned, noting the state average took a dip of nearly 9 percent. She'll also look at area districts to see if their scores also dropped significantly.

"Otherwise, we'll be looking deeper into our own programs to find answers," she said.

Brad Wurfel, a spokesman for the Department of Education, said they will look into the scores, "but we have only numbers, and haven't had time to evaluate what they mean yet."

On the other side of the spectrum, seventh-grade reading scores jumped 10 percent.

"We have a program whereby all our language arts classes have students read core novels to help them with reading," said Anible. "We also know that students comprehend novels differently than informational literature. So, we're teaching them how to gather that information, remember it and get meaning from it. Perhaps the increase in scores is a result of our efforts."

Fourth-grade math and reading scores, as well as fifth-grade science scores, remained basically steady.

The same can be said for seventh-grade math, as well as eighth-grade

Please see MEAP, A2

## A flag-waving 4th



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIERX

**Declaring their independence:** Amanda and Caitlin Ferry, 2 and 5, of Canton had curbside seats Sunday for the Good Morning USA Parade. For a story and more photos from the parade, which is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

# Schools get bonus from state

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER  
[tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net)

The Plymouth-Canton school district is receiving \$700,000 more in state funding than expected after the Michigan legislature voted to increase school aid funding.

John Birchler, the district's executive director of business and operations, said the district was expecting a \$190 per pupil increase in the state foundation grant. However, with the additional \$44 granted by the legislature, Plymouth-Canton schools will receive an increase of \$234 per pupil in state funding for the coming school year.

The school district currently receives \$5,986 per pupil from the state. The additional money will raise that to \$6,220 per student.

"That certainly is good news," said Birchler. "This year there was about \$70 million more than originally projected in the revenue dedicated to the state school aid fund. Next year there is expected to be \$225 million more."

The \$224 per pupil in the coming year means the district will get approximately \$3.8 million additional in state funding. Birchler is expecting to see an increase of \$170 per pupil the next year, which will generate more than \$2.7 million for the district.

While Plymouth-Canton is getting more money, so are the other districts statewide. Which means the local district is still lagging behind others in

Please see FUNDING, A6



## A REPORT ON DISTRICT COURT

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER  
[sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net)

For most people, exposure to Michigan's judicial system is limited to the district court.

Generally, that experience comes in the form of paying a traffic ticket. But not always.

"Joshua," whose real name was changed to protect his identity, recently pled guilty to a single count of hosting an open house party at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The misdemeanor charge carries a possible \$500 fine and/or

90 days in jail. Joshua avoided jail time, however, and received probation, court costs and a six-day work detail picking up road litter.

"I was nervous," 19-year-old Joshua said of appearing in front of Judge Ronald Lowe. "I was waiting to see what he would say. I was anxious to find out what would happen."

What was it like to be in Joshua's shoes? To answer that question, the

# Legal system a mystery to most - even for repeat offenders

Observer tracked his case as it went through the district court on May 11.

According to Greg Demopoulos, a Livonia attorney who acts as the district court's public defender on misdemeanor cases, Joshua is typical of clients he works with: Joshua's under 30 and doesn't understand how the court works.

"It's my job to make sure that all my clients get treated fairly," said Demopoulos. "We get a lot of first-time-offenders here."

That's where Joshua is a little different.

Coming into court on May 11,

he was already on probation for an open house party charge. He was cited on Christmas Day of last year when a neighbor called Canton Police about noise from a party in Joshua's apartment.

Two identical misdemeanor charges came in quick order for parties on Jan. 10 and 23 of this year.

"We were trying to live the college life without going to college," said Joshua, who shared the apartment with three roommates before moving back home to Livonia.

He said Canton Police warned them about holding parties at the apartment several times before issuing the first citation in December.

"We pushed the limit too far," said Joshua, who added that it was his first time on his own, "to see how far we could get with it."

Walking into the district courthouse, which sits at the corner of Haggerty and Plymouth roads, the teenager was apprehensive. He had mixed feelings about how things would work out.

"I don't feel bad about it because I



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNIGAN

**Return visit:** Defendant "Joshua" makes his guilty plea to a charge of hosting an open house party in front of Judge Ronald Lowe at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

## See related stories page A10

By 9:15 a.m. the attorney met with the county prosecutor for negotiations. Minutes later, Joshua went in front of Lowe.

Demopoulos explained the agreement with the judge as Joshua looked on.

"That's what you want to do," Lowe asked the teen, who answered with a soft "yes."

"I'll accept your plea," Lowe said.

The encounter lasted less than 10 minutes.

Please see MYSTERY, A11

**35TH DISTRICT COURT 1998 BUDGET**  
(Jan. 1, 1998 - Dec. 31, 1998)

Revenue - \$4.21 million

- Tickets, fines, fees - \$3.3 million
- Probate oversight fees - \$.91 million

Expenditures - \$2.86 million

- Salaries - \$1.25 million
- Benefits - \$.52 million
- Jail fees - \$.2 million

Excess revenue - \$1.06 million

Usually given back to five communities, but now being used for construction of new courthouse.



# Injured man charged with reckless driving

A 24-year-old Westland man was reported Wednesday in critical condition at The University of Michigan Hospital from injuries he suffered in a two-car collision he caused Sunday in Canton.

The five female occupants of the car he hit at the Lilley and Cherry Hill Roads intersection escaped with minor injuries, Canton police said.

The man, reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Lilley, was charged with reckless driving after he ran a red light and hit the westbound car driven by a 36-year-old Canton woman.

The man's car went 60 feet off the road after the impact, police said.

Police said seatbelts were the reason the woman, her children ages 7, 10 and 13 and a 13-year-old Garden City girl escaped serious injury. One girl had a cut on the head, but the only other injuries apparently were a sore

## COP CALLS

back and sore leg.

All were taken by the Canton fire department to Annapolis Hospital, with the man then reportedly being transported by helicopter to Ann Arbor.

The woman's vehicle had entered the intersection on a green light when it was struck.

Police, who are still investigating the accident, said alcohol wasn't a factor and that the Westland man has a good driving record.

## Eavesdropping

A 34-year-old Dearborn Heights man was charged Friday with eavesdropping at the Target Store on Ford Road after he allegedly photographed a Canton woman changing clothes in a dressing room.

The woman, 24, told Canton police she heard a shutter click

and looked up to see the man with a camera pointed at her.

The man jumped down and ran out of the dressing room but was stopped by two Target employees and turned over to store security, who called police.

## Tires slashed

All four tires on a 1992 white Ford Probe were slashed and three of its windows smashed early Friday morning in an incident that may be related to a romance gone sour.

Police said a resident of the 42200 block of Trent Drive told them he heard a noise around 4:15 a.m., found his car damaged and saw a pickup truck like the one driven by his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend heading away.

The man told police he earlier had received threatening calls from the couple.

Tire damage was estimated at \$400, that to the windows \$500. Police are investigating.

## Plymouth-Canton Community Schools MEAP results

A two-year comparison of the percentage of students with satisfactory scores between Plymouth-Canton students and statewide.

Math			Science		
	1998	1999		1998	1999
4th grade	80.1	78.4	8th grade	51.3	47.8
P-C	74.1	71.7	P-C	40.4	37.5
state			state		
7th grade	72.8	76	8th grade	29.8	28.5
P-C	61.4	63.2	P-C	22	23
state			state		
Reading			Writing		
	1998	1999		1998	1999
4th grade	67.2	67.6	5th grade	87.1	82.6
P-C	58.6	59.4	P-C	63.3	54.8
state			state		
7th grade	58.2	66	8th grade	81.4	81.2
P-C	48.8	53	P-C	69	63.5
state			state		

Source: Michigan Department of Education, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

## MEAP from page A1

science and writing. However, the science scores remain conspicuously low at 28.5 percent.

## Wayne-Westland MEAP, A6

"That's one area we keep addressing," said Anible. "We're spending a lot of time developing elementary science, hoping those children will move forward with

a solid science background to the upper grades. Improvements won't be found in just one year."

"We're confident that as we do more hands-on and investigative science analysis, the MEAP results in science will be stronger."

## MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170

REPORTING FOR DUTY Marine Pvt. Jeanette M.

Acevedo, daughter of William and Diane M. Acevedo of Canton, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Miss. She is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

## Canton Observer

Published every Sunday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoonmaker, Livonia, MI 48150. Periodical postage paid at Livonia, MI 48151. Address all mail (subscriptions, change of address, form orders) to P.O. Box 2004, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 591-0000.

Subscriber Delivery		Mail Delivery	
Monthly	\$3.95	One year (In-Citizen)	\$44.00
One year	\$47.00	One year (Out of State)	\$65.00
One year (In-Citizen)	\$36.00	One year (Out of Country)	\$85.00
Newsstand	per copy 75¢	One year (Out of State)	\$60.00

All advertising published in the Canton Observer is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department, Canton Observer, 36251 Schoonmaker, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-0000. The Canton Observer reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have no authority to lend this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.



by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.



## STAY OUT OF THE GARBAGE!

A dog who roams the neighborhood eating out of garbage bags and cans is a prime candidate for gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines. The condition is commonly caused by eating contaminated garbage. Bones and plastic found in the trash can also irritate the stomach lining. Vomiting and diarrhea are the most common symptoms of gastroenteritis. Your dog may also belch or drink more water. Some dogs will eat dirt, plants, or grass when suffering from an upset stomach. Additional causes of gastroenteritis include hair that accumulates in the stomach; certain types of plants and plant toxins; some bacteria and viruses; internal parasites such as roundworms; diseases of the kidney, liver, or pancreas; food allergies; cancer; or stress.

Be a responsible pet owner and keep your dog on a leash or securely restrained in your own yard. When your dog needs medical attention, please contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. Our reputation for expert, compassionate care is well-deserved - please don't hesitate to ask questions of our knowledgeable staff. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400. Both locations are open six days a week for your convenience.

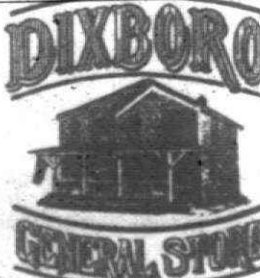
P.S. Young dogs tend to have more problems with eating out of the garbage, probably because they are more curious and love to chew on things.

## BARN & PORCH SALE

Our BIGGEST ever!

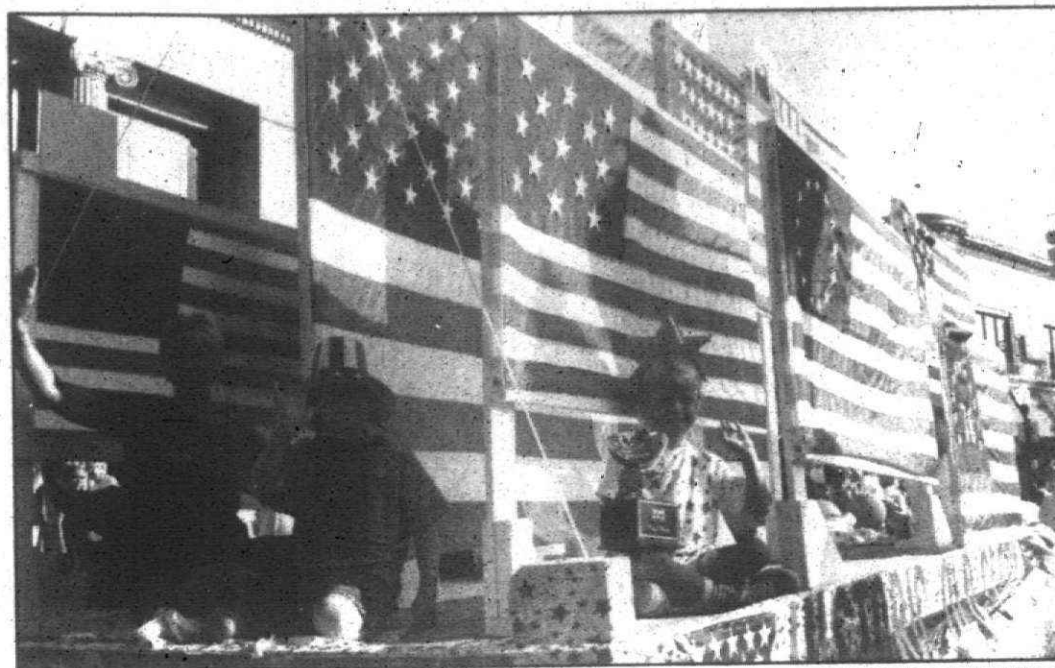
EVERYTHING IN THE STORE ON THE PORCHES IN THE BARN UNDER THE TENTS IS ON SALE!

Special Sale Hours: Wednesday July 7 Closed, Thursday July 8 10-9, Friday July 9 10-9, Saturday July 10 10-6, Sunday July 11 10-5



5206 Plymouth Road 1 1/2 miles east of US-23 Ann Arbor, Michigan (734) 663-5558

Door Prizes • Entertainment • Refreshments. Specializing in Handcrafted Wood Furniture, Upholstered Furniture, Antiques, Gifts and Collectables all in The Country Tradition.



History: The Vojcek family float depicts the many stages the American flag has gone through.

Colonial beat: Alexis Ford of Plymouth marches with the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.



## Rise and shine

Parade is early start for an all-American holiday

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Everybody loves a parade, and Sunday, July 4 in Plymouth was no exception.

The annual Plymouth Good Morning USA Parade was viewed by an estimated 12,000 spectators, despite a 7:30 a.m. start which makes it the earliest Fourth of July parade in the state.

"It was really hard getting up so early," said Nicholas Vipperman, 7, of Canton. "I liked the big balloons, they were my favorite."

"I liked the men with the suitscases," said Jessica Thoe, 7, of Plymouth Township, unaware that the organizer of the parade is Fred Hill, the leader of the Briefcase Drill Team.

Jessica's mom, Karen Thoe, said this year's parade outshined last year's spectacle.

"We came last year for the first time, and it was even better this year," she said. "There's a good mix of floats and bands and balloons. It's a pretty good parade."

Jack Wilcox, 82, of Plymouth

knows all about the parade. He's been around for all of the nearly 50 Fourth of July festivities, including organizing a few himself. He said the early start for the parade, begun a few years ago, was a good move.

"It's cooler in the morning, and everyone still has time to go to holiday picnics," said Wilcox, who was on his way to sit in the Creature Bleacher section. "Fred does a good job with the parade. He's very innovative."

Hill promised it would begin at 7:30 a.m., and it did.

The F-16 fighter jets didn't start the parade as planned, as they backed out because the start was too early for them.

One of three skydivers waving an American flag landed on Main Street near City Hall. The other two were blown off course by the wind and landed somewhere out of the city limits.

Ten minutes later there was a not-so-surprising late entry to the parade. A CSX train divided the entries.

"No problem, we always plan for something like this," said Hill as he barked on his walkie-talkie for the parade to remain in place until the train passed.

Ten minutes later everything was back to normal.

"Keep it moving," Hill screamed through his megaphone. "Let's keep a 40-foot distance between entries."

The parade marchers were as relaxed as the spectators while waiting for their turn.

"We love this parade because it has a real hometown feel," said Mark Logsdon of Sterling Heights, a member of the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps. "This is what a parade is all about."

Former Plymouth resident Keith Miller, better known as Poppy the Clown, has participated in the parade for several years with Clowns Around Redford.

"The kids are the most fun but we do have lots of fun with the adults, too," said Miller, carrying his bag of gags. "The toughest part is getting everyone to say 'good morning' at such an early hour."

After the parade, an estimated 800 people stayed for a Sunday service in Kellogg Park by the Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth.



Did you know? Each year there are more than 700,000 home fires nationally!

The running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain takes place July 7-14. This event made famous by Hemingway is where young men run through the streets of Pamplona ahead of bulls from the bull ring.

The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was by Colonel John Nixon on July 8, 1776?

There is still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Programs in the Youth and Adult Departments? Stop by the library for more information.

NPR recommends Here are some books for summer reading recommended by National Public Radio: "Viva Nova" by Louise Gluck "Into Thin Air" by John Krakauer

"Framing Youth" by Mike Males "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" by Robert Pirsig "A Clearing in the Distance" by Witold Rybczynski

Heard any good books lately?

Here are nonfiction books on audio tape available from the library:

"Life in the Fat Lane" by Cherie Bennett

"Miracles" by C.S. Lewis

"Mirror Image" by Danielle Steel

"The Pied Piper" by Ridley Pearson

"Relaxation Exercises" by Arnold Lazarus

Q & A: Q Who designed Michigan's Great Seal?

A Michigan's Great Seal was designed by Lewis Cass from the pattern of the Seal of the Hudson Bay Fur company. It was presented to the Constitutional Convention of 1835 and adopted on June 2 of that same year.

Changes in the seal have been made from time to time, however. In 1911, the legislature adopted the present seal in the original design. It has remained

unchanged since that year. Law forbids its use in commercial advertising.

The source for this information is Michigan History Magazine.

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

www.lifewell.com/events/summerguide

www.entireworld.com

www.factfinder.census

Hot topic of the week

Sunday, July 11, marks the United Nations World Population Day. In June 1989, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme recommended that the international community observe World Population Day. The day seeks to focus public attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, particularly in the context of overall development plans and programs and the need to create solutions to these problems.

the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.



Big balloon: A Teddy bear balloon makes it under the wires. The balloon was sponsored by Community Federal Credit Union.



Forward, march: Fred Hill, the world famous Briefcase Drill Team, makes its way down the parade route. At left, Laine Kostegian, 9, of Plymouth dons a nose, hat and flag to get in the spirit.

## It's Fun in the Sun Time!

at the Wonderful POOL & PATIO FURNITURE CENTER

Cornwell Pool & Patio carries the nation's most elegant brands and models of outdoor furniture - Winston, Lloyd/Flanders wicker and aluminum, Homecrest, Hatteras, Woodard wrought iron and more!

Lowest prices are just the beginning come in and be surprised!

Our 37th Year in Business

**CORNWELL pool & patio**

ANN ARBOR 3500 Pontiac Trail Ann Arbor, MI 48105 734/662-3117

PLYMOUTH 874 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170 734/459-7410

Store Hours: Mon., Thurs. & Fri. 10-8; Tues., Sat. 10-6; Sun. 12-4; Closed Wed.

## AIR TOUCH

Now you can. Platinum Agent

# NOW EVERYONE GETS A SUMMER BREAK.

\$9.99 a month FREE phone

Sign up today with a two-year service agreement and monthly access is only \$9.99 a month. We'll even throw in a free phone. It comes with six simple promises to help you do what you need to do while doing more of what you want to do.

ANALOG FOR CELLULAR STARTERS \$9.99

DIGITAL FOR FREQUENT CALLERS \$24.99

Call or Visit Us Today

## CELLULAR

Get connected.

1 (800) CELL-MOR www.cellmor.com

CANTON 42775 Ford Rd. In Canton Corners (734) 981-7440

ALLEN PARK Allen Road at Southfield (313) 381-1053

ROSEVILLE Gristiot North of 13 Mile (810) 294-8100

BERKLEY Woodward at 11 Mile (248) 547-4880

WESTLAND Wayne Road at Warren (734) 728-8790

ALSO VISIT CELLULAR & MORE INSIDE THESE OUR TUNES LOCATIONS:

Small print: New subscribers only. Not available in all locations. \$9.99 is for access only, reverts to \$13.99 after initial term; airtime is \$35 per minute. On 1/12000 digital access is \$49.99 and regular airtime charges apply. Each plan includes 10 minutes free AirTouch. Extra in package offering unlimited off-peak hours from Saturday a.m. through Sunday a.m. and 20 minutes of local to mobile calling. See product brochures for details. Credit for AirTouch Extra! appear on bill through 4th bill and package continues thereafter at \$10.99 per month until cancelled. All included airtime is home calling area only. Additional airtime, long distance, roaming, toll, and taxes extra. Phone model may vary by location. Credit approval and other fees, charges and restrictions apply. Offers end July 15, 1999.



THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
SIDEWALK SALE JULY 8, 9, 10

## NEW TOWNE CENTRE

Ford Road at Sheldon

Kohl's  
Borders Outlet  
Dots  
Eyeglass Factory  
Family Christian  
Stores  
Famous Footwear  
Fantastic Sam's  
Fashion Bug  
Frame Works  
General Nutrition  
Center  
Harmony House  
Household Finance

Jo-Ann Fabrics  
Lane Bryant  
Payless  
ShoeSource  
Sally Beauty Supply  
Sunnydaze  
Hallmark  
Weight Watchers



Eyeglasses • Contacts



**THE BEST PRICES  
IN SIGHT!**  
EVERYTHING IS ON  
SALE, OVER 1,000  
FRAME STYLES

Get 2 Pairs of Single  
Vision or BI Focal  
Eyeglasses  
starting at \$39.95  
Exam Included

New Towne Center • 44736 Ford Road  
734-453-9288

Partner to the Professional

COUPON WORTH  
**\$100**

**OFF**

ANY PURCHASE OF  
\$2.00 OR MORE  
LIMIT ONE PER CUSTOMER  
THROUGH JULY 31, 1999

**SALLY BEAUTY  
SUPPLY**

Partner to the Professional

NEW TOWNE CENTER  
734-459-1334

**Great  
CLOTHES**

**\$10**  
every day

**NEW  
CLEARANCE  
NOW**

**DOTS**

New Towne Centre • 416-1156

**Sun-Fun  
Savings**

**Fantastic Sams  
\$100 OFF**

REGULAR PRICE  
OF ANY HAIRCUT

Not Valid With Other Discounts.  
With Coupon • Expires 7-30-99

**Fantastic Sams  
1 MONTH TANNING**  
only \$9.95  
\$13.00 copycat  
per visit

Not Valid With Other Discounts.  
With Coupon • Expires 7-30-99

**Fantastic Sams  
1 MONTH  
UNLIMITED TANNING**  
only \$21.95

Not Valid With Other Discounts.  
With Coupon • Expires 7-30-99

**Fantastic Sams**  
Tanning Available

New Towne Centre • 459-5528  
Hours: 9-9 Mon.-Fri; 9-6 Sat.  
No appointment necessary

**FRAME WORKS**

We specialize in "Framing  
Memories." Bring in your  
treasured needlework,  
photographs, wedding, birth  
and graduation momentos and  
we will create collages to  
display these special  
possessions.

We have a creative and  
experienced staff to help you  
with your framing needs.  
Our shop carries original  
graphics, fine art posters,  
limited edition prints and a  
variety of decorative frames  
and accessories. Come see our  
new selection of vintage  
collectables and decorative  
accessories.

**FRAME WORKS  
SPECIAL COUPON  
\$100 Off**

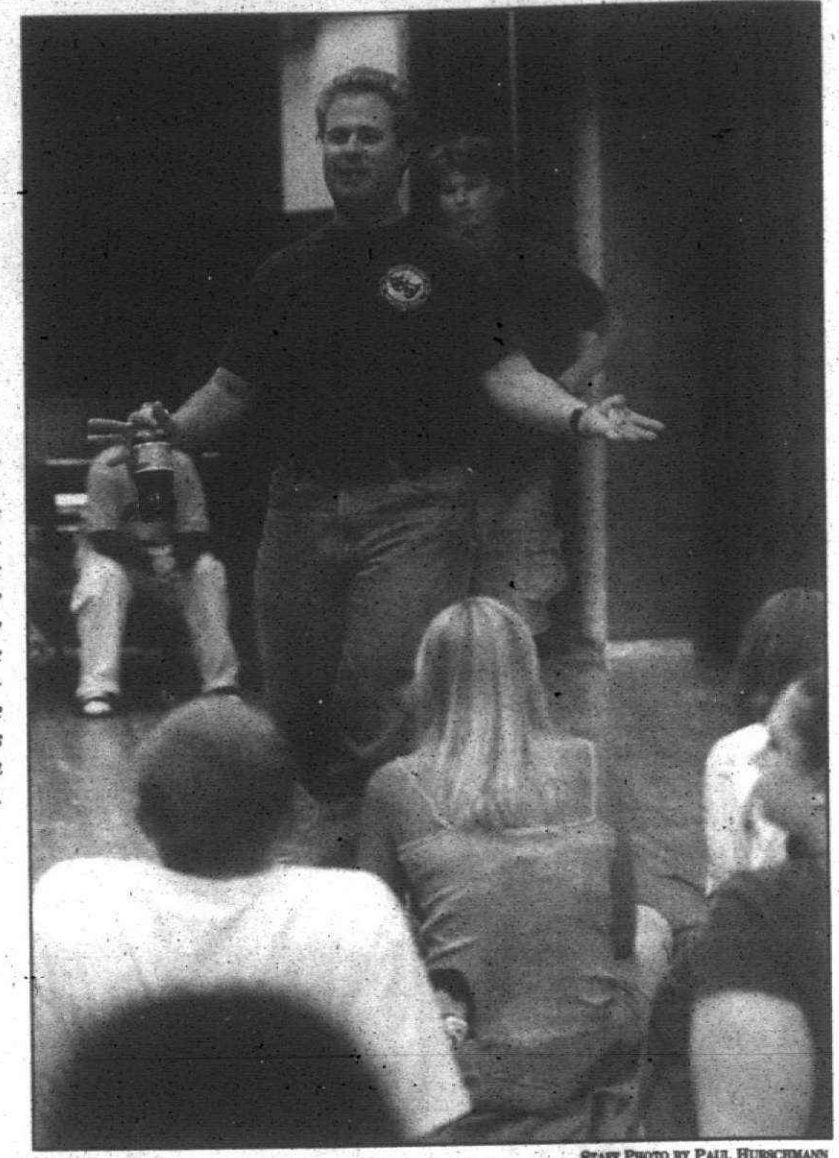
Any Custom Frame  
Frame Works II in Canton.  
Expires 7/31/99.

New Towne Centre  
459-3666  
44730 Ford Road Canton, MI 48187

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1999

(C)A4

Tips from a  
pro: Richard  
Laible talks  
about impro-  
visational  
comedy  
recently at  
Canton's Lit-  
tle Theater.  
Laible is a  
former Ply-  
mouth resi-  
dent and Ply-  
mouth Can-  
ton High  
School grad-  
uate who is  
now a mem-  
ber of the  
Second City  
comedy  
troupe. He  
met with stu-  
dents in Lane  
Sabourin's  
drama  
classes.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMANN

## Second to none Actor returns to class

Richard Laible, a 1977 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is an actor and improvisational comic who was a writer and creative director for Chicago's Second City. With his own Laible Productions, the former Plymouth resident now does corporate entertainment.

"I've been doing magic since third grade at Bird Elementary, and started to get paid for it in sixth grade," said Laible of his early career. "I did some acting in high school. I never got good parts. But, I was a smart ass, the class clown. My teacher said I'd never make it in show business."

Laible left home with his friend, Tim Meadows of High-

land Park, who is now a regular on *Saturday Night Live*.

Laible recently returned to Canton High School to work with Lane Sabourin's advanced acting class.

"I want to teach them to have fun, do the scene for each other and don't worry about the audience," said Laible. "The rest will come."

## The #1 Name In Comfort!

SAVE NOW ON GENUINE LA-Z-BOY RECLINERS!

The Only Recliners with these exclusive La-Z-Boy® features:

- Full-body support in all positions, both upright and reclined!
- State-of-the-art La-Z-Boy® reclining mechanism!
- Independently reclining back and footrest!

**"ANDERSON" A  
RECLINA-REST® ROCKER RECLINER**  
Popular tufted back style lets you experience genuine La-Z-Boy® reclining comfort and value savings!

**\$299**

**"FORTE" A  
RECLINA-ROCKER® CHAISE RECLINER**  
Sleekly styled casual look with an extra comfortable chaise seat for head to toe support.

**\$399**

**"DYNAMO" A  
LA-Z-TOUCH® CHAISE  
MASSAGE RECLINER  
WITH HEAT** Enjoy the  
ultimate full body massage  
with two heat settings.

**\$499**

**"LOGAN" LA-Z-TIME®  
RECLINING CHAIR**  
Now you can recline in high  
style with a elegant traditional look.

**\$499**

**Walker/Buzenberg  
fine furniture**

240 NORTH MAIN STREET • PLYMOUTH • (734) 459-1300  
Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10-9 • Tues., Wed., Sat. 10-6  
6 months same as cash available with credit approval • Sale ends 7/17/99

A5

The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1999

★-A5

# semi-annual clearance

(Be the first one in!)



## 30-50% off\*

- Dresses
- Designer
- Home
- Petites
- Clairewood
- Accessories
- Women's Shoes
- Ms. J
- Intimate Apparel
- Women's Sportswear
- Men's
- Children's

\*Savings off original prices of selected styles, as identified by signs. No adjustments made on prior purchases.

# Jacobson's

Birmingham • (248) 644-6900 Livonia • (734) 591-7696 Rochester • (248) 651-6000

**SHOPPING HOURS • MON-SAT 10-9 • OPEN SUN AT NOON**

Gift Certificates Complimentary Silver Gift Box Jacobson's Charge



# Wayne-Westland officials promise improvement

**BY JULIE BROWN**  
STAFF WRITER  
jbrown@homecomm.net

There were some highs and lows in this year's Michigan Educational Assessment program results, and Wayne-Westland educators vow to improve.

"There are some areas we showed some growth," said Sam

## MEAP RESULTS

Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction for Wayne-Westland Community Schools. He cited fourth-grade reading as an improved area.

"We saw some real growth in seventh-grade reading as well," Barresi said. Statewide, writing results on the test have been down. "Our writing is also down

state Department of Education with a committee's help.

Both Barresi and Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent, noted that 58 percent of students tested just below the top level in fifth-grade writing. That raises questions about the teaching process for writing.

"We take the MEAP results very seriously. Overall, I would continue to say we are making progress," Barresi said. "We would like our scores to be higher."

Baracy, the superintendent, has mixed feelings about the MEAP. "No. 1, we have some areas where we have shown significant improvement," he said.

Baracy believes in the MEAP, "provided it's used correctly." It's an evolving process so it does take time, Barresi said. Baracy noted there are other measures of student achievement, such as grades.

One local example of change is a hands-on elementary science curriculum planned for this year, following a pilot program the previous year. "The children will have an opportunity to explore this inquiry-based

approach," Barresi said. The math curriculum is also being revised.

"We're continuing to move forward," Barresi said. Both as a district and building by building, educators are looking at test results "to better prepare our children not only for the MEAP test but as contributing members of society." Baracy noted that Adams Middle School did particularly well on the MEAP.

Both educators emphasized that parents have a lot to do with children's success. "Parental support is one of the strongest factors in students achieving success in school," Baracy said. He and Barresi also encourage parents to read to children right from the start, take them to libraries, museums and other places, help them get a good night's sleep, help with homework and get involved in school activities.

Even talking to children while fixing dinner is a help, Barresi said. "It helps their language development."

Overall, we are seeing continued improvement in our scores, but we're still not to the point we want to be."

A new science curriculum, new textbooks and curriculum monitoring are essential, the superintendent said. "You can't change them overnight, that's the bottom line," he said of test results.

Baracy and Barresi agree there's some pressure on educators to generate good test results. "We've been playing catch up in some respects," Baracy said.

Barresi believes in the MEAP, "provided it's used correctly." It's an evolving process so it does take time, Barresi said. Baracy noted there are other measures of student achievement, such as grades.

One local example of change is a hands-on elementary science curriculum planned for this year, following a pilot program the previous year. "The children will have an opportunity to explore this inquiry-based

approach," Barresi said. The math curriculum is also being revised.

"We're continuing to move forward," Barresi said. Both as a district and building by building, educators are looking at test results "to better prepare our children not only for the MEAP test but as contributing members of society." Baracy noted that Adams Middle School did particularly well on the MEAP.

Both educators emphasized that parents have a lot to do with children's success. "Parental support is one of the strongest factors in students achieving success in school," Baracy said. He and Barresi also encourage parents to read to children right from the start, take them to libraries, museums and other places, help them get a good night's sleep, help with homework and get involved in school activities.

Even talking to children while fixing dinner is a help, Barresi said. "It helps their language development."

## Funding from page A1

the area, which has been Plymouth-Canton's main argument to the state in outlining inequities in the present system.

Birchler is quick to point out that while the amount of money appears large, it's only a small portion of the nearly \$109 million budget. He notes salary-related costs are approximately \$70 million, with a 3 or 4 percent increase each year.

"Salaries and the cost of doing business go up by millions of dollars each year," said Birchler.

Much of the new money will go to the general fund as the district continues to build its fund balance to open an elementary school in 2001 and a third high school in 2002.

## Outages hit township

**BY RICHARD PEARL**  
STAFF WRITER  
rpearl@homecomm.net

Two power outages during the July 4th holiday's hot, humid weather left 1,300 customers - including Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack without electricity.

Defective equipment at a substation affected 500 customers living southwest of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads from 5:42-11:30 p.m. Monday.

Included homes in the Pleasant View subdivision, where Yack lives.

Salts Road without electricity from 2-6:20 p.m., according to company spokesman Scott Simons.

Doctors at the Michigan Eyecare Institute have performed over 15,000 refractive procedures and helped thousands of people improve their vision. We own our FDA-approved Excimer Laser and will "match advertised rates for near-sighted LASIK performed in the state of Michigan."

Call for more information and a free screening.

\*Ad must be presented by the day of surgery; no reimbursements. Other discounts and special programs do not apply.

# Schoolcraft Board 'adjusts' McDowell's salary again

**BY KEN ABRAMCZYK**  
STAFF WRITER  
kabr@homecomm.net

Just a month after approving a salary increase for the Schoolcraft College president, trustees there have again increased his salary, to \$120,000, to make the position more competitive with other colleges.

Trustees voted 5-0 on June 23 to increase College President Richard McDowell's pay. In May, McDowell received a contract extension through 2002 and a pay raise for the 1999-2000 fiscal year of 3.25 percent, the same raise the college's four unions received for this year.

That placed his salary at \$114,066.

Trustee Greg Stempien, who chaired a committee to examine the president's salary, recommended to the board on June 23

## 'This is not a merit increase, but an adjustment.'

**Greg Stempien**  
trustee

that McDowell's salary should be increased to \$120,000 or about 5.2 percent.

"We felt the compensation was wholly inadequate," Stempien said. He suggested a base salary be established for the president at \$120,000 with a review every six months.

"This is not a merit increase, but an adjustment," Stempien said.

That recommendation was approved by a 5-0 vote, supported by Stempien, Brian Broderick, Dick DeVries, Mary Strom and Patricia Watson. Trustees Mary Breen and Steve Ragan were absent.

from me, too. Now if we had a new president, we would pay him more, who is an unknown quantity, than someone who's been here, who is a proven quantity."

A check with other community colleges of salaries for the 1999-2000 fiscal year confirmed Stempien's assessment that McDowell was earning less than other community college leaders. The president at Henry Ford Community College will earn \$120,126, while the president at Lansing Community College was recently hired at \$124,000.

Macomb Community College's president earns \$138,900. The chancellor at Oakland Community College - home to 24,455 credited students on five campuses last year - received a pay raise effective July 1 to place him at \$133,000.

Stempien was asked why this salary increase was not presented to the board in May during McDowell's evaluation, which also was completed a few weeks before the district's trustee election. Schoolcraft trustees gave McDowell high marks again for his job for the 1998-99 school year, stating that he exhibits "strong financial, marketing and planning skills."

In the district's board election on June 14, Stempien and Watson ran and won election to their respective seats.

"This additional information from Washtenaw came up, and some other members of the board felt it would appear that the board was giving Dick merit pay of this amount," Stempien said, referring to the 3.25 percent increase, so trustees decided to increase his salary again.



Schoolcraft president: Richard McDowell

# State issues grants to clean up dangerous abandoned tires

**BY MIKE MALOTT**  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE  
mmalott@homecomm.net

There are an estimated 20 to 30 million old scrap tires "on the ground" at present throughout Michigan.

Piled up in junk yards, they're a fire hazard. They can be a health hazard too, according to Kyle Cruse, coordinator of the Scrap Tire Regulatory Program in the state's Department of Environmental Quality. Because old tires trap and hold water,

creating a good place for mosquitoes to breed, they can produce those biting insects in numbers 4,000 times greater than a natural environment.

At the rate the state has been getting those tire piles cleaned up, it may take 40 to 50 years to get the job done.

But sites in Oakland and Wayne counties are next on the list. The state issued grants in June to owners of 11 scrap tire collection sites across the state to pick up and reprocess old tires. The \$828,000 in grant money is expected to clean up

some 700,000 tires statewide.

Harold Rayberg, owner of land on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, once the site of Farmington Auto Parts, received a \$74,550 grant to pay for the removal of 50,000 car tires, 1,000 truck tires and 12,000 rims. According to the terms of the grant, Rayberg will be reimbursed for the costs of removal when the state receives verification that reprocessing companies have turned those tires into new products.

The grants are made available under Part 169 of Michigan's Environmental Protection Act.

The grants are available for sites where tires accumulated prior to 1991 or where tires have been abandoned. The program is funded through a 50 cent fee tacked on to the cost of vehicle title transfers, Cruse explained. Half the money goes to clean-up

old sites. The other half goes to regulation of current tire disposal.

The act gives priority to collection sites near schools and residential areas. The Walled Lake site meets both criteria, Cruse

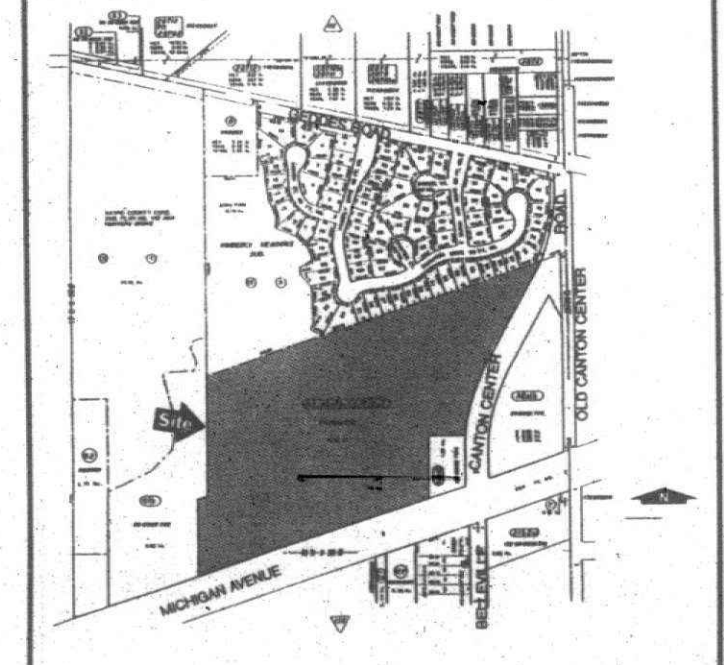
Detroit will get a \$11,552 grant to clean up tire piles on vacant lots throughout the city. Cruse explained that grant is part of an ongoing program in the city to remove abandoned tires.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 19, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

**RAHAM SHOPPING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SHOPPING CENTER IN EXCESS OF 200,000 SQUARE FEET AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.1 AND.**

**HOME DEPOT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SUPERSTORE WITH GARDEN CENTER AND OUTDOOR SALES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.18, 17.02B.2 AND 17.02B.5 FOR PARCEL NO. 129 99 0001 700.** Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue west of (New) Canton Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 15, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: July 8, 1999

## LANDSCAPING

It's not too late to LANDSCAPE!

With modern nursery techniques you can plant spring, summer and fall! Our staff of landscape designers are ready to help you plan the yard of your dreams. From a simple in-store sketch to a full on-site evaluation, we offer two levels of design services to meet everyone's needs.

We can help you do-it-yourself or have our experienced crews take the work out of making your yard beautiful! Our top quality plants and workmanship are backed with a 100% one year warranty.

Call our Design department today for a beautiful yard tomorrow!

**PLYMOUTH NURSERY and GARDEN CENTER**

9900 Ann Arbor Rd./Plymouth Rd.  
7 Miles West of I-75  
1.2 Miles South of M-14  
Corner of Goddard Rd.

734-453-5500

SHOWPLACE

SUMMER HOURS:  
Mon.-Sat. 9-6 • Sun. 11-5

Now thru August 31

**McLaughlin's**

THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL

**Heart's Desire**

HOME FURNISHINGS SALE

**Save 20% to 50% Storewide!**

Plus, enter to win your "Heart's Desire™" which is any 1 item you desire!

If you've had your heart set on that special living room, dining room, or bedroom, it's time to buy it now at our special once a year "Heart's Desire" Sale! During this annual summer event, we offer special additional storewide savings so you can have the home furnishings you desire at the best savings ever! Plus...choose your "Heart's Desire" in furniture and enter to win that item!

**We pay your sales tax! and 6 months same as cash!**

*\*On sales over \$500 w/deposit & app. credit*

**McLaughlin's Thomasville**  
HOME FURNISHINGS OF NOVI  
248.344.2551  
42200 Grand River, Novi

**McLaughlin's Southgate**  
HOME FURNISHING DESIGNS  
734.285.5454  
11405 Dix, Southgate

Say YES to *Lasik in Michigan*

LASIK eye surgery can help reduce or eliminate your need for contacts or glasses.

Doctors at the Michigan Eyecare Institute have performed over 15,000 refractive procedures and helped thousands of people improve their vision. We own our FDA-approved Excimer Laser and will "match advertised rates for near-sighted LASIK performed in the state of Michigan."

Call for more information and a free screening.

\*Ad must be presented by the day of surgery; no reimbursements. Other discounts and special programs do not apply.

**MICHIGAN EYECARE INSTITUTE**  
(248) 352-2806 or (800) 676-EYES Website: MICHEYECARE.com

Dr. Myers & Dr. Rubenstein at the Excimer Laser

**SUMMER CLEARANCE COUPONS!**

**20% off ANY DRESS**  
DRESS BARN ANY DRESS DRESS BARN WOMAN

**20% off ANY SHORT**  
DRESS BARN ANY SHORT DRESS BARN WOMAN

**20% off ANY PANT**  
DRESS BARN ANY PANT DRESS BARN WOMAN

**20% off ANY T-SHIRT OR TOP**  
DRESS BARN ANY T-SHIRT OR TOP DRESS BARN WOMAN

**DRESS BARN**

Also Dress Barn Woman!

For a store near you visit [www.dressbarn.com](http://www.dressbarn.com) or call 800-639-6064. 8-30 am to 5:00 pm EST. M-F

**LIVING TRUSTS ARE NOT WORKING AS PLANNED!**

**"ADVANCED" LIVING TRUSTS WORKSHOP**

What your attorney may not have told you about your estate plan...

Including:

- Learn why your Trust May Not work and how probate may be in your future.
- Saving taxes with your Living Trust
- Strategies for reducing risk & maximizing returns with Your Living Trust assets

Presented by **Paul Leduc**, Financial Consultant

**LIVONIA**  
Tuesday, July 20th  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening)  
LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY  
32777 Five Mile Rd. (E. of Farmington Rd.)

**CANTON**  
Tuesday, July 27th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)  
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1200 S. Canton Center Rd. (Between Palmer & Cherry Hill)

**PLYMOUTH**  
Wednesday, July 21th  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening)  
PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER  
525 Farmer Rd. (Between N. Territorial & S. Mile off Sheldon)

**NORTHVILLE**  
Wednesday, July 28th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)  
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
212 W. Cady (Downtown Northville)

All seminars free of charge. No reservations necessary. For information, call (248)540-8710.

Paul Leduc is a Registered Representative with Linco/Private Ledger, WSB • 555 S. Old Woodward #777, Birmingham, MI 48009. Securities offered through Linco/Private Ledger, www.linco.com

**BUILDING 100 YEARS**

**N.A. MANS CENTERS**

A Century of Professional Service

**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

Canton Location Only!

**SATURDAY JULY 10**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Classic Car Cruise!**

**GREAT DEALS on In-store Merchandise**

- Big AI from WOMC
- Entertainment, games for children and adults
- Door prizes

**Oldies 104.3 WOMC**

N.A. Mans is located on Ford Rd. just West of I-275



## Car raffle benefits 2 causes

Cancer research and historic preservation will benefit from a special raffle sponsored by the Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners Inc.

A new 1999 Mercury Cougar donated by Lincoln Mercury will be raffled Sunday, Aug. 22, at a "Salute to Edsel Ford and 60 Years of Mercury" show on the grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Piquette Plant Preservation Project (to save and restore the birthplace of the Model T).

Ron and Nina Wiswell of Canton Township are coordinating the show, which takes place the day after the Woodward Dream Cruise. Both events are expected to attract car enthusiasts from throughout the Midwest.

Ron is director of Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners and Nina serves as secretary of the club and show director.

The Wiswells are the original owners of a 1976 Cougar XR7 and a 1960 Mercury Monterey.

Ron's love affair with cars has been lifelong.

"My husband has been a car enthusiast since he's been a little kid and when you live with someone who loves cars and you go to car clubs and shows ... well the influence just kind of wears off on you," said Nina.

Raffle tickets for the new Cougar are \$50 and available by calling Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners at (734) 981-6462. The drawing will take place at 2 p.m. A limit of 3,000 tickets will be sold. Other prizes include \$1,000, second place; \$500, third place; \$250, fourth place and \$250 fifth place.

The show is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

The show will salute Edsel Ford, originator of the Mercury. From its inception in 1939, the Mercury had a strong image with its standard 95-horsepower, V-8 engine. The 1939 Mercury had several trend-setting features - lockable ignition and steering column, two-spoke steering wheel, taillight with side markers and others.

An original 1939 Mercury pilot-production car will be featured at the show along with many other vehicles produced by Mercury over the last 60 years.

Other cars to be showcased include the Edsel, Lincoln, Panther and other brands once sold new by Lincoln Mercury Dealers.

In addition to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, also benefiting from the raffle is the Piquette Plant Preservation Project which needs \$200,000 for the second stage of its restoration campaign.

The group has launched a national campaign aimed at seeking donations from auto enthusiasts, preservationists and citizens who appreciate the importance of the landmark

Piquette Plant which was constructed in 1904 at the corner of Piquette and Beaubien by Ford Motor Co.

The 66,000-square-foot, three-story, brick and wood New England Mill-style building measured 56 by 402 feet. The Model T went into production in September 1908 at the Piquette Plant.

For more information about the show or the preservation project, call Nina Wiswell at (734) 981-6462.

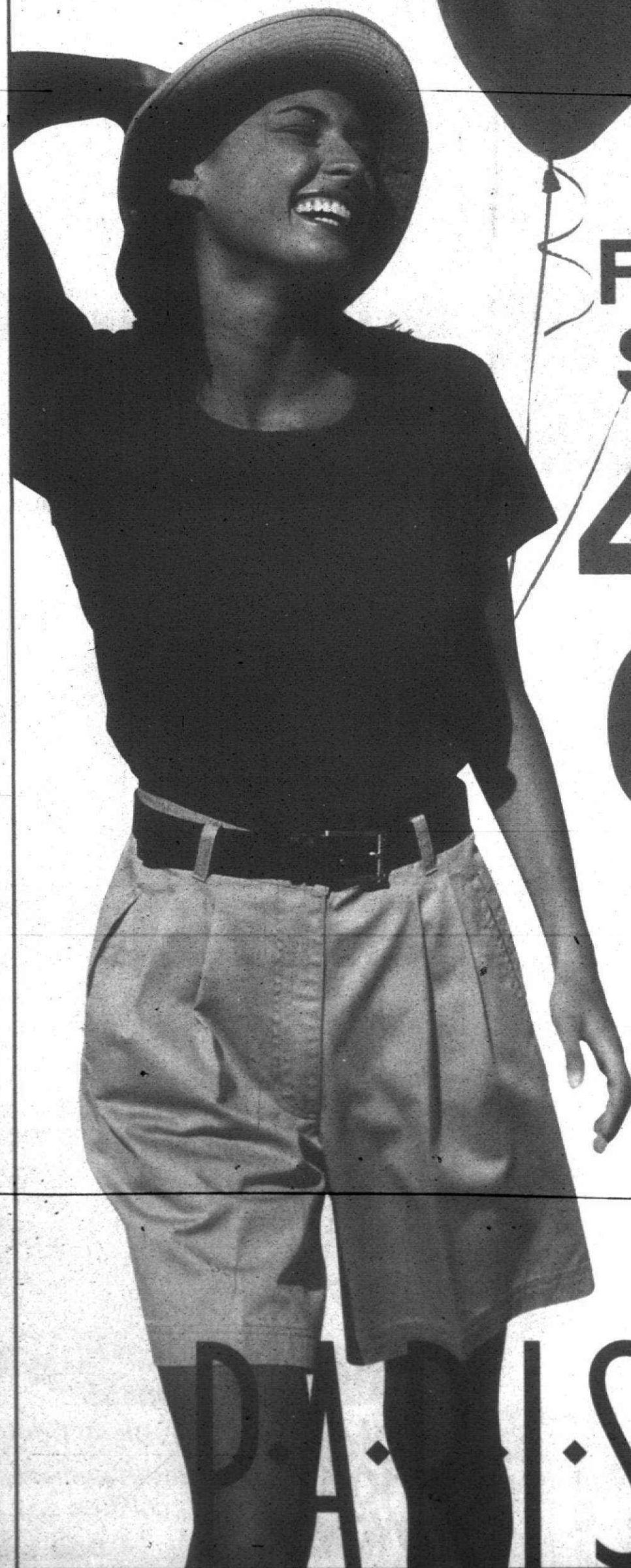


PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Helping out: (from left) Dr. William Peters, director and CEO of Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; Mike Kolb of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; Prof. Jerald Mitchell; and Nina Wiswell, show organizer, from Canton Township by the prize Cougar.

# REDBALLOONSALE

LOOK FOR THE RED BALLOON SIGNS AND TAKE AN EXTRA 30-40% OFF SPRING & SUMMER ITEMS ALREADY REDUCED 25-50%



# FOR A TOTAL SAVINGS OF 45 TO 65%

ON NAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE LIKE

- RENA ROWAN
- NINE WEST
- PRESWICK & MOORE
- TOMMY HILFINGER SHOES
- FINITY NATURALS
- TIMBERLAND
- FINITY STUDIO
- VIA SPIGA
- MAGGY LONDON
- COLE-HAAN
- CALVIN KLEIN
- DONALD PLINER
- JONES NEW YORK COLLECTIONS
- PARISIAN SIGNATURE
- JONES NY SPORT
- KAREN NEUBERGER
- BRIGHTON
- AND MORE
- ENZO

NOT ALL BRAND NAMES IN ALL STORES. ACTUAL SAVINGS MAY EXCEED PERCENTAGE SHOWN.

# PARISIAN

It's Vacation Time...

**Dittrich Furs Will Be Closed**  
July 4<sup>th</sup> thru July 18<sup>th</sup>

*Dittrich*  
Since 1899

Felicit Bloomfield Hills

**Choice**  
WINDOW & SIDING

- Windows
- Siding
- Roofing
- Chimney & Porch Repair

FREE ESTIMATES

6623 Middlebelt • Garden City  
734-422-0600

THINKING ABOUT CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING?

**LENNOX**

FREE ESTIMATES  
(734) 525-1930

UNITED TEMPERATURE  
8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA

**Photorama USA**  
GIANT USED CAMERA SHOW

250 Tables

Sat 10-4 & Sun 10-3, July 10/11  
SOUTHFIELD PAVILION  
Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Rd (Exit 11)  
South of I-696, or Northwest Hwy at Evergreen, Southfield, MI

Buy, Sell, Trade  
Everything Photographic.  
Alps to Zeiss, Nikon, Hassy, Images, Antiques/Collectibles, Darkroom, Etc.  
Info: 313-884-1955 Adm: 96/5 W/nd.

Sorry, we can't make price adjustments to previously purchased merchandise.

CALL 1-800-424-8188 TO ORDER ANYTIME. STORE HOURS: Laurel Park Place open Sun. 12-6, Mon.-Sat. 10-9.

FOR INFORMATION call 953-7500. CHARGE IT: Parisian Credit Card, MasterCard, Visa, the American Express® Card or Discover®.

LOCATED AT LAUREL PARK PLACE IN LIVONIA, ON THE CORNER OF NEWBURGH ROAD AND SIX MILE ROAD (TAKE THE SIX MILE ROAD EXIT OFF INTERSTATE 275).





STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**What A Mess:** Above, Rebecca Ramos, front, and Enriqueta Figueroa try out some messy, muddy hair-dos. Top right, Arlene Carter, 8, gets low in the mud during the limbo. Bottom right, a fire truck sprays water making a better mess for the dancing children.

# Mud Day '99

## Kids beat the heat in the cool ooze

More than 350 youngsters who played in the mud Tuesday morning didn't get scolded for a change.

That's because that day was designated as Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day in the Perrin Area of Hines Park on Hines Drive near Inkster Road. More than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water were mixed to make this area's messiest playground on a hot day with high humidity and temperatures rising in the 90-degree temperatures.

"We had a lot more parents here this year, so that was really neat," said Chawn Farmer, park

spokeswoman. Parents had been advised for their children to wear old clothes and shoes.

Children were separated into age groups for Mud Limbo, but the wheelbarrow race had to be canceled because too much water had been mixed with the top soil and created too watery of a mixture of mud. Still, the youngsters enjoyed races and Mud Limbo.

The day's events culminated with the selection of Mr. Mud, Jason Hawkins, 10, of Lincoln Park, and Mrs. Mud, Enriqueta Figueroa, 13, of Detroit. They also received gift certificates from Target stores.

### drapery boutique

Blinds since 1967

## VERTICAL BLIND SLATS

FACTORY CLOSEOUTS!  
P.V.C. & FABRIC SLATS

STARTING AT  
**\$1.00**

IN-STOCK VERTICAL BLIND TRACK AVAILABLE IN POPULAR SIZES AND GREAT PRICES!!

12119 LeVan • Livonia  
between Plymouth Road & Jeffries Freeway  
**1-734-591-6061 ext. 226**

Hours:  
10-5  
M-Sat

## Free! Family Attractions

- ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW**  
JULY 8-11  
Around the Food Court
- STEEL GRATITUDE BAND**  
JULY 10  
On Stage in the Food Court, 6 pm - 9 pm
- AUNTIE POOH'S STORYTIME**  
JULY 11  
In the Food Court, 1 pm - 2:30 pm
- \$\$\$ SALE OF THE CENTURY SIDEWALK SALE**  
JULY 15-18
- FUNNY MONEY HIPPO**  
JULY 17-18  
12 pm - 5 pm  
Shoppers step in and collect Mail Bucks for store coupons
- CARD, COIN, STAMP & SPORTS COLLECTIBLES SHOW**  
JULY 23-25  
Around the Food Court
- COUNTRY LINE DANCING & LESSONS**  
JULY 24  
On stage in the Food Court, 5 pm - 9 pm
- Heiken Puppets Presents THE ALL BEAR REVUE PUPPET SHOW**  
JULY 31 & AUG 1  
On stage in the Food Court  
Showtimes: July 31, 12 noon, 2 & 4 pm Aug 1, 1 & 3 pm

## WONDERLAND

The Who What Why Where Mall  
Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 - 9, Sunday 11 - 6  
Plymouth & Middlebelt Roads, Livonia 734-522-4100

— Tax-Deferred Fixed Annuity —

# 8.00%

Current first-year rate.\* Includes 3% bonus.

**Protect and grow your money over a long time.**

Now you can earn competitive returns on a conservative investment, with the

Huntington Access +2 Annuity. With a minimum of \$5,000, you'll get a first-year bonus of 3.00%, in addition to the 5.00% adjustable base rate. Thereafter, you'll receive the base rate, which is guaranteed never to go below 3.00%, no matter how interest rates may fluctuate. And

your principal is guaranteed by American General Annuity Insurance

Company. In addition, the interest you earn will be tax-deferred until the year it's withdrawn. So visit an Investment Representative at your local Huntington office, or call 1-877-9ANNUITY. But don't wait. Because this opportunity is only good through August 31st.

Call toll-free 1-877-480-2345 • www.huntington.com

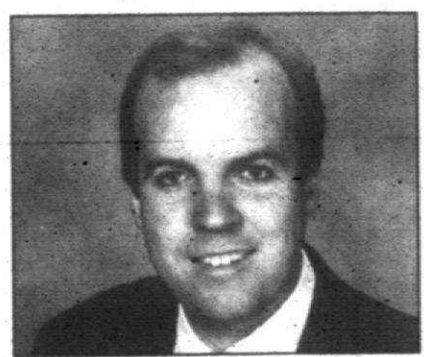


**Not FDIC-Insured ♦ May Lose Value ♦ No Bank Guarantee**

The Huntington Access +2 Annuity is issued by American General Annuity Insurance Company and distributed by licensed agents of FINCO through The Huntington Investment Company, a subsidiary of The Huntington National Bank. Policyowner funds are managed by The Huntington National Bank, a subsidiary of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. The Huntington Access +2 Annuity is not available in all states. The initial premium is guaranteed by American General Annuity Insurance Company, not by The Huntington National Bank or any of its affiliates. Withdrawals may be subject to federal and state income tax. Withdrawals made prior to age 59 1/2 may also be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. Each premium payment is subject to an early withdrawal charge for seven years after its receipt. Please refer to the contract at the time of purchase for more details. \*The current rate of 8%, effective June 28, 1999, includes a 2.00% bonus and is payable for the first policy year only. Rates are subject to change at any time. The minimum guaranteed renewal rate after the first year is 3.00%. Contract #: 11478 (6/99). Policy form #: A107-06-RM47-97. ® and Huntington® are federally registered service marks of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. ©1999 Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. Financial services since 1888. 01Y9CTP1ALL



## Michigan Otolaryngology Surgery Associates



Announcing the addition of  
**Dr. Paul Hoff, MD**  
to the practice

He is accepting new patients as of July 1999 for offices in Ann Arbor and Canton

5333 McAuley Drive  
Reichert Health Building • Suite 2017  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
**1-800-851-6672**





# TIPPING THE SCALES: Growing caseloads a problem

BY TONY BRUNCATO  
STAFF WRITER  
bruncato@oe.homecomm.net

The workload for district courts throughout Wayne and Oakland counties is rising, with most at a sizeable increase. Tougher police enforcement and changes by the Michigan Legislature are largely responsible, judges and court administrators say.

The courts are coping as best they can to operate within the budgets given them by the communities they serve.

District courts were developed to handle criminal misdemeanor cases, traffic infractions, preliminary hearings for criminal cases and small claims in the local communities.

Western Wayne County has some of the busiest district courts in the region, with the 18th District Court in Westland and 35th District Court in Farmington Hills. All three are in line to add a third judge, if legislation is passed and then signed by the governor.

"Our caseload is about 43,000 a year," said 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald. "We have an increased caseload, but not enough resources to take care of it."

The court handles cases for five communities: the cities of Plymouth and Northville; and Canton and Northville townships.

MacDonald said the State of Michigan, which governs the courts, expects judges to handle an average 13,000 cases a year.

The Plymouth court, which has tried for years to attain a third judge, technically handles 21,500 cases per judge.

However, Plymouth court officials bring in a visiting judge several days a week to help with the heavier caseload. That's not unusual for many of the busier courts in order to keep up with the demands.

"Otherwise the docket would suffer and the defendants would suffer," added MacDonald. "We can't do the job of moving cases along without another judge."

David Wiacek, court administrator for Westland's 18th District Court, said from 1997 to 1998 his court increased its docket by 8,000 cases.

"We're struggling to keep up," said Wiacek. "We could use additional judges in the region."

However, Wiacek isn't going to get the help he needs soon, for a good reason.

"We have no place left in this building to put another employee," added Wiacek. "The city council has tentatively approved a building addition in its proposed budget. We'll have to wait and see."

And just like his counterparts, Judge Richard Hammer in Garden City's 21st District Court, agrees the workload is getting tougher to handle.

"The number of cases are up. This is the heaviest volume of cases since I've been here," said Hammer. "I've budgeted for one more staff person, but I don't have the space to put that person."

Despite the fact that caseloads

in most courts are up while staffing levels haven't kept pace, most judges and court administrators like the idea that they have a voice in keeping their communities safe.

"Many communities take a state law and make it into a local ordinance for more control," said Ron Lowe, 35th District Court judge in Plymouth.

"Police officers and local communities feel that keeping the offense at the district court level will get more serious treatment than if it's thrown into the chaos in Detroit courts. Many of our cases would get lost compared to the type of crimes committed in Detroit."

For instance, anyone caught with more than a thousand dollars of stolen goods could find themselves being tried in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

However, it's no secret to most court officials that many times police will lower charges in order to be able to supervise a case locally. For example, when it comes to theft, many times authorities will charge a thief with stolen goods under \$1,000, despite the fact he may have stolen several television sets, a couple of computers and an entire collection of compact discs.

"We have people being charged with misdemeanors who could have been charged with a felony," said Joe Mysliwiec, a 15-year court administrator at Livonia's 16th District Court. "It's a way for us to have more control over justice, like making sure

there is restitution."

Westland judge Gail McKnight credits an aggressive police department for responding to the needs of the community.

"Drunk driving cases were up by 300 because of the mayor, council and police department recognized a problem," said McKnight. "We also take domestic violence cases seriously, and the number of those cases is up dramatically."

McKnight also points to the state legislature for an increase in work for her court and the availability for police officers to issue a multi-count ticket.

It used to be if a police officer wanted to cite a driver for three violations, the officer had to write three separate tickets. Many times the officer would let the motorist off with only one or two tickets.

"However, officers are now able to write multi-count tickets which means less work for the officer, but more work for the court," said McKnight. "And there are always increased demands by the state legislature for us to do more."

Every court administrator and judge will agree with that. "The changes from the legislature can boggle your mind," said Mysliwiec. "The state just tells the courts to implement changes without adding resources or staff training."

Mysliwiec said when he first began working in the courts 22 years ago, he saw one change a year.

"Now we see changes every six months," he added. "It impacts

Table with 7 columns: Year (1993-1998), 18th District Court, 21st District Court, 35th District Court, 47th District Court, 49th District Court, 50th District Court. Rows show New Cases Filed, Total Dispositions, and Ending Pending.

"The increase has been huge for us. I think it's the largest in the state," added Walsh. "I think it's happening in areas where there is a lot of business cases that have to do with contracts."

On the other hand, criminal statistics for 47th District Court have remained stagnant for the past few years. And traffic tickets are down dramatically.

"The state police are writing about 25 percent fewer tickets on the freeways, so our court is down substantially," said Walsh. "Traffic tickets are keeping 17th District Court in Redford Township busy."

"We're getting more requests for hearings on traffic tickets these days," said court administrator Judy Timper. "I guess everyone wants their day in court."

Walsh said while the caseload is slightly down, new state limits on lawsuits are on the rise. "The maximum limit for filing lawsuits in district court has risen from \$10,000 to \$25,000, which has increased filings in 47th District Court by 1,400 cases."

Walsh said while the caseload is slightly down, new state limits on lawsuits are on the rise. "The maximum limit for filing lawsuits in district court has risen from \$10,000 to \$25,000, which has increased filings in 47th District Court by 1,400 cases."

# Raising misdemeanor dollar amount keeps it local

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER  
loconnor@oe.homecomm.net

If a case starts there, it's more likely to stay there under new court guidelines.

In January, property crimes involving up to \$1,000 went from being felonies - handled by county circuit courts - to misdemeanors. Those cases, including probation, fines and community service, remain in district courts.

Before, a person charged with property crimes such as shoplifting and theft that involved more than \$100 was arraigned in district court. From there, his case went onto the county circuit court in Detroit or Pontiac.

Court observers don't see the change as a caseload shift but simply keeping up with inflation. The standard hadn't been changed in more than 20 years.

So far, district court caseloads haven't increased substantially, administrators say. Others predict the full effect won't be known for at least a year.

"Everybody was saying caseloads would jump ... I haven't seen it," said Joseph Mysliwiec, Livonia 16th District Court administrator.

One reason is authorities try to charge breaking and entering, vandalism and shoplifting under local ordinances, rather than sending those cases on to circuit court.

"Those cases might not receive the same attention there, whereas locally every case gets scrutinized to its fullest," said David Wiacek, Westland 18th District Court administrator.

In Wayne County Circuit Court (now merged with the former Detroit Records Court), judges sentence defendants for serious felonies involving rape, robbery or murder.

"All of a sudden there is a shoplifter who stole \$101 in merchandise before him," said Ray Walsh, Wayne County

deputy chief prosecutor. "You're probably not going to do as well with the judge's perception because of the lower category of crime."

"If we're trying to fashion a remedy, I'd prefer to keep it before the local judge."

At the district court level, cases are likely to move swiftly. Farmington Hills detective Matt Koehn handles retail fraud cases. In one week alone, he had three people plead guilty before a local judge.

Before, those defendants would've automatically had to plead not guilty and have their cases bound over to circuit court after a preliminary exam.

"I think it cuts down on the amount of time we're in court," Koehn said. "You can arraign

them and then they can plead guilty."

Witnesses, attorneys and even defendants don't have to drive to Detroit or Pontiac for a circuit court proceeding.

Instead the local court is absorbing most of the work. Here's a typical case:

On March 23: Police arrested Farmington Hills girl, 17, for retail fraud III after she put jewelry in her purse and tried to leave Kohl's. Total value of items taken was \$127. She was booked and posted bond.

On April 7: Prosecutor Sydney Smith authorized a 93-day misdemeanor warrant for the defendant on a charge of retail fraud III.

Before, those defendants would've automatically had to plead not guilty and have their cases bound over to circuit court after a preliminary exam.

"I think it cuts down on the amount of time we're in court," Koehn said. "You can arraign



sentencing date before Judge Fred Harris. She was referred to the 47th District Court's Probation Department for a pre-sentence investigation.

Brady continued her \$200 cash bond. The misdemeanor carries a 93-day or \$500 fine or three times the value of property stolen.

She was scheduled for sentencing at 8:30 a.m. June 10 before Judge Fred Harris.

"Usually we have the arraignment (and preliminary examination) and we're done," said David Walsh, Farmington 47th District Court administrator.

"Now we have the case for the duration."

## Mystery from page A1

"I'm glad it's over with," Joshua said. But his day in court wasn't over. Joshua's next stop was to the probation department for an interview. It was, perhaps, the most important part of the process.

Because of the volume of cases the court sees - it serves the townships of Canton, Plymouth

and Northville as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville - Lowe and fellow Judge John MacDonald rely heavily on the department's recommendations.

"We've been one of the top five busiest courts in Michigan for years and years," said Lowe. "That doesn't mean either judge abdicates responsibilities or blows off any case that comes

through the court, however. "In the end," Lowe said, "we give them the time they need. I don't believe we've ever shorted people the time they needed because we were busy."

With the probation department visit completed, Joshua and Demopoulos met at 10:35 a.m. They went over details of the teen's punishment in a tiny meeting room off MacDonald's

courtroom. "If you don't go (to the work assignment), you're looking at jail time," Demopoulos told Joshua. "They don't take any excuses."

Attorney and client headed back into Lowe's court shortly before 11 a.m. After a 20-minute wait, Joshua stood before the judge a second time.

Lowe scolded the teen after reading back the terms of his punishment.

"You just have too much contact with alcohol for someone that's not of age," he said.

With the sentence handed down, Joshua left the district court at about 11:30 a.m., some three hours after arriving.

He has learned his lesson," Demopoulos said later. "He won't have any more parties."

For his part, Joshua has seemingly turned his life around since the citations.

He attends Schoolcraft College, works part-time and helps his parents around the house.

"I'm back on the right track," the 19 year old said. "All the partying got out of hand."

For his part, Joshua has seemingly turned his life around since the citations.

He attends Schoolcraft College, works part-time and helps his parents around the house.

"I'm back on the right track," the 19 year old said. "All the partying got out of hand."

Table with 2 columns: District Court, Speeding fines. Rows include 18th, 17th, 35th, 21st, 35th, 16th, 47th, 49th District Courts with fine amounts for various speed ranges.

## Fine print: Where you speed, what you pay

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER  
loconnor@oe.homecomm.net

When crossing the city limit from Redford or Livonia into Farmington Hills, leadfoot drivers feel \$30 more weight on their wallet.

At Farmington's 47th District Court, speeding fines for 1-10 miles an hour over the posted limit on surface streets are \$110. In Livonia and Redford, the same ticket is a relative bargain at \$70-\$80.

The bluelight special on speed-

ing tickets goes to Garden City's 21st District Court, which charges \$55 for 1-5 mph over and \$65 for 6-10 mph over.

Why such a disparity? Three years ago, Farmington's 47th District Court officials did a cost analysis in terms of court, police and prosecutor time and resources spent with each ticket written. Court officials put the tab at \$167.

As a result, court officials increased fines from \$75 to \$110

for a ticket 1-10 mph over. Farmington's only one of the few statewide to do such a cost analysis.

"It's based on our belief that rather than taxpayers paying the costs, it's more prudent to have those who commit the violations pay more of the costs associated with this," said David Walsh, 47th District Court administrator.

In the Farmington area, traffic violations decreased from 27,607 in 1997 to 25,589 in '98. Part of

the reason: Michigan State Police wrote only 2,575 traffic infractions in '98 compared to 3,340 in 1997.

However, the number of people fighting tickets has shot up. Walsh said. He doesn't have "scientific proof" higher fines is the reason why but suspects they play a role.

"We definitely have more hearings," he said. A sum of \$24 on every ticket written - regardless of the municipality - goes directly to the state.

in the Farmington area, traffic violations decreased from 27,607 in 1997 to 25,589 in '98. Part of

the reason: Michigan State Police wrote only 2,575 traffic infractions in '98 compared to 3,340 in 1997.

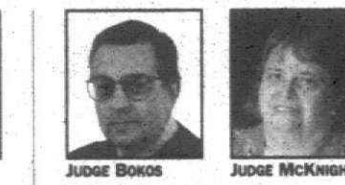
However, the number of people fighting tickets has shot up. Walsh said. He doesn't have "scientific proof" higher fines is the reason why but suspects they play a role.



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
18th District Court, Livonia  
Name: Judge Robert B. Brzdzinski  
Age: 62  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
\$4,573 longevity pay from local court budget  
Years on the bench: 17  
Education: University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan Law School  
Hobbies: golf and fishing  
I chose the law for my career because: The drama of a well-argued lawsuit always intrigues me.  
Justice is: Simply abiding by the Golden Rule - treat everyone as you would want to be treated regardless of race, national origin or religion.



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
17th District Court, Redford Township  
Name: Judge Kathleen J. McCann  
Age: 49  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
\$915 longevity pay from local court budget  
Years on the bench: 4 1/2  
Education: Livonia Stevenson High School; Hillsdale College, BA Degree with majors in English and History, minor in education; Detroit College of Law, JD Degree, 1978  
Hobbies: Reading, gardening, skiing, travel  
I chose the law for my career because: At its best, it is a profession where the wrongs of society can be righted. While the law is not always successful, such accomplishment toward that goal is fulfilling, and I find it to be an honorable pursuit.  
Justice is: That truth which endavors to state off despair. So long as the truth is the object of justice, then chaos, fear and discord may be diminished.



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
16th District Court, Westland  
Name: Judge Gail N. McKnight  
Age: 53  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
Years on the bench: District court judge since 1985; juvenile court referee, 1981-1984.  
Education: University of Detroit, BA Degree in journalism, 1967; Wayne State University, JD Degree, 1976  
Hobbies: My grandchildren, gardening and volunteer activities at the YMCA, Youth Assistance Program, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the United Irish Societies.  
I chose the law for my career because: Becoming a lawyer was a later-in-life decision. It is an excellent profession where I have a daily opportunity to make different decisions, and hopefully to make a difference in the lives of the individuals I deal with, and to fulfill my responsibilities to the citizens of Westland.  
Justice is: The fair treatment of all citizens irrespective of the status, race and religion. It is the making of impartial decisions in a timely, fair and respectful manner. It is making certain that all staff who carries out the court's orders treat all in the same manner. Ultimately, it means that the community of the judge will be a better and safer place to live and work.



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
21st District Court, Garden City  
Name: Judge Richard Hammer  
Age: 48  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
Years on the bench: 10  
Education: University of Detroit, BA Degree 1972; University of Detroit, JD Degree, 1975  
Hobbies: Active in a number of church, community and civic organizations, including Garden City Kiwanis and Garden City Chamber of Commerce; has served as a member of the board of directors of First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter in western Wayne County.  
I chose the law for my career because: Prior to appointment and subsequent election as district judge, served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan, a staff attorney for the Wayne County Circuit Court and an account executive for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.  
Justice is: N/A



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
35th District Court, Plymouth (includes cities of Plymouth and Northville; Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships)  
Name: Judge John E. MacDonald  
Age: 65  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
\$6,805 longevity pay from local court budget  
Years on the bench: 14 1/2 years  
Education: Attended University of Michigan; Wayne State University Law School  
Hobbies: Gardening  
I chose the law for my career because: I felt I could best serve my fellow man by resolving issues between people.  
Justice is: Very important to our democratic society. Those in charge of dispensing justice have a serious burden to treat all individuals fairly and justly.



**JUDGE PROFILES**  
47th District Court, Farmington Hills (includes cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills)  
Name: Judge Frederick L. Harris  
Age: 69  
Salary: \$113,192 state salary  
\$1,828.96 longevity pay from local court budget  
Years on the bench: 10  
Education: Michigan State University, BA Degree, 1952; Wayne State University, JD Degree, 1963; graduate/judicial studies National Judicial College (University of Nevada-Reno), Harvard University Law School, University of Virginia  
Hobbies: Grandchildren, golf, photography, music, reading  
I chose the law for my career because: I was inspired by my best friend to pursue the profession.  
Justice is: The constant perpetual wish to render everyone their due.

Art in the Park July 10 & 11, 1999 Sat. 10-6 • Sun. 10-5 Featuring over 400 Artists, Live Music and OUTDOOR DINING Plymouth Michigan

IMPORTER'S LIQUIDATION Authentic, handmade ORIENTAL RUGS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS Demand Liquidation by importer of Oriental Rug Exchange of Windsor Over \$750,000.00 Savings to 80% OFF Retail listings TWO DAYS ONLY! Saturday, July 10 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, July 11 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Don't miss this event! Free Delivery

Read Observer Sports 23-month CD 5.85% APY And if the rates increase, you can bump yours up. Protect and grow your money over a short time. Now you can get high returns, without having to commit your money for a long time - with a CD rate increases during the initial term of the CD, you can choose to increase your rate once during the term. So ask us about our 23-month CD special. Because in a short time, this special offer may be gone. Huntingdon Banking Investments Insurance Call toll-free 1-877-480-2345 • www.huntingdon.com







# Random violence No simple answer in its wake

Yes, it can happen here. If we've learned any lesson in the months since the Columbine school tragedy it's that random violence knows no boundaries.

So, why is anybody shocked or surprised when two young men from Canton go on a late-night shooting spree on Palmer Road — repeatedly firing an automatic weapon at homes and a car?

The suspects, Zachary Scott Woodyby, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, have been bound over for trial on assault and weapons charges in connection with the June 25 incident. A passing driver, Dawn Davis of Canton, escaped with minor injuries after her car was riddled with bullets.

Yet we heard only disbelief — in person after person — quoted in newspapers and on local television in the wake of the shooting.

It's almost as if everyone wants so badly to buy into the defendants' stories about being drunk and going off for some harmless target practice in the woods that they use their shock as a shield.

Maybe it's the fact that our suburbs are relatively safe places to live. And statistics for

violent crimes bear that out.

But there is a difference between safety and insulation. The barriers that once separated our communities from such turbulence are thankfully, largely gone. They are mainstream, melting-pot America. In many, you'll find a population representing cultures as diverse as that of larger cities.

We should celebrate this wide palette of beliefs and ideas. Instead, too often it becomes a flashpoint for anger, hate and violence. The list of communities it touches grows weekly. Suburbs outside Chicago and the college town of Bloomington, Ind. were added over the Independence Day weekend.

Canton is no different. There are no simple answers here. Teach our children values? Certainly that's part of the equation. But whose values? And until we can make values more than lip-service belied by our own actions, it won't mean much to kids who see through hypocrisy like Plexiglas.

One thing is clear: We can only begin to solve the problem when we look deep inside ourselves and admit that it exists.

And statistics for

# It's time to rethink the system

It's been 30 years since there were substantial changes in the Michigan court system. In 1969, through Public Act 236, the state established 101 district courts to handle local criminal cases and smaller civil matters. Twenty of those districts, with 38 judges, are in Wayne County outside of Detroit. Oakland County has 10 districts and 32 judges.

Almost everything that affects the legal system in southeastern Michigan has changed in three decades — except the courts themselves. Population has shifted, traffic patterns are different, as are trends in education, employment and technology. Even our views on crime and the way society deals with it are radically different than they were in the 1960s. After all, who ever thought the state would spend nearly twice as much on prisons (the 1999 corrections department budget is \$1.44 billion) as education (\$870 million)?

Recent changes in state law also play a role in how many people walk through the doors of local courthouses each day, particularly in heavily-populated suburbs. The limit on civil cases handled at the district level went from \$10,000 to \$25,000 several years ago. And more criminal misdemeanors are likely to be heard locally now that the property theft/damage limit has been bumped from \$100 to \$1,000.

The Observer urges the state legislature to move court reform to the front burner when it reconvenes in September. State representatives and senators will have this chance when the Michigan Supreme Court submits its report on judicial resources.

Specifically, the House and Senate must take up legislation that addresses a growing imbalance in the most basic level of the judicial system — and the part which has the widest impact on the majority of Michigan citizens — its district courts. While we don't believe a major overhaul is required, the court system must be given freedom to create additional judgeships where needed. That means doing away with the current reapportionment

system, which requires consolidation in some districts before others can be expanded. Partisan politics has rendered such redistribution unlikely, if not impossible, task.

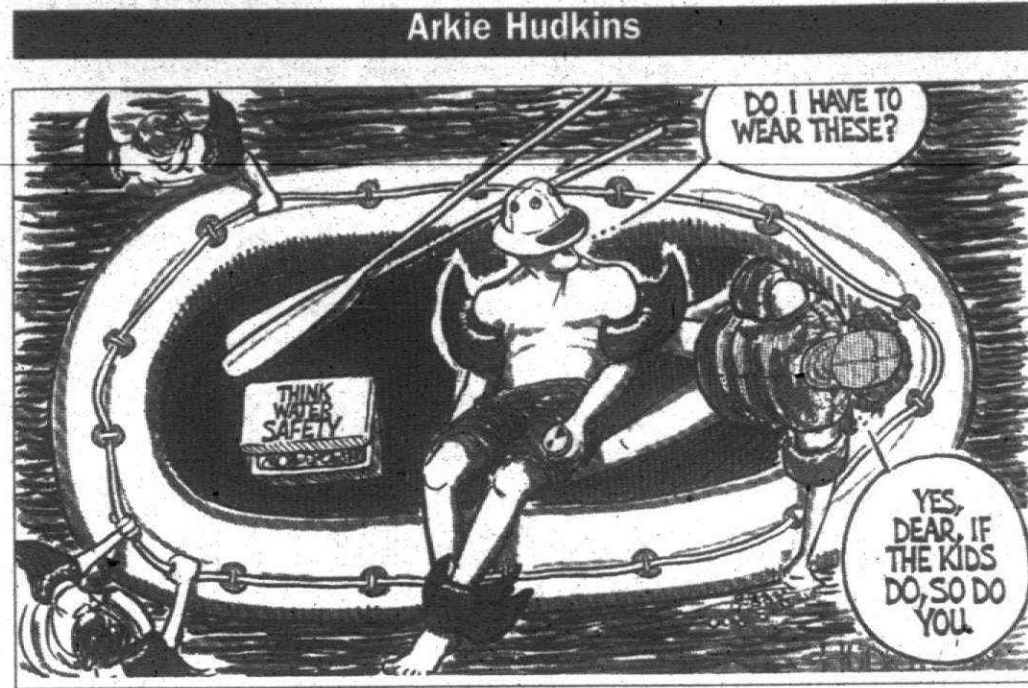
The 35th District Court — which handles cases in five growing communities, primarily in western Wayne County — would be a good starting point for adding a judgeship. So would the 47th District Court, which covers Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Caseloads in the 35th District (Plymouth, Northville and Canton townships; and the cities of Plymouth and Northville) have increased steadily over the last five years to nearly 42,000 in 1998. Two judges preside over criminal and civil matters for a geographic area that contains 84 square miles and nearly 140,000 people. The 35th District now handles 21,500 cases per judge, per year — far in excess of the state recommendation of 13,000. (The court brings in a visiting judge several days each week to help with caseload.) By comparison, Dearborn's 19th District Court has three judgeships with a smaller caseload, geographic area and population.

While caseloads have remained relatively stable in the 47th District, population has grown substantially within its boundaries. Its neighboring communities in Oakland County include multiple districts (48th, 50th, 52nd) with three and four judges serving combined communities with smaller populations and lower caseloads per judge.

Unfortunately, there is a tendency by municipalities to use district courts as highly principled but easily-disguised revenue centers. We see that every time a new courthouse is built or major expansion is approved for an existing one. That's one reason why we must take a cautious approach when adding judgeships.

But we see no reason why exploding growth in parts of southeastern Michigan should continue to be under represented on the district court bench.



## LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared. We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-2700 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

### Thanks for Parents' Day

The Plymouth-Canton Education Partnership and the Educational Excellence Foundation would like to thank the community sponsors of the third Parents' Day. Over 150 parents learned valuable child-rearing tips from the keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

Thank you to the following sponsors: Canton Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Target, Coffee Express, Extended Day Program-Child Care, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and East Middle School.

### The Parents' Day Committee

### What about our needs?

At the Bush visit to Livonia, Michigan, the dubious "honor" of hearing that he would uphold the "dignity and honor" of the office of the presidency as a dig at Clinton's personal behavior.

Bush is dishonoring the function of the presidency, Congress, and the needs of our citizens and residents by following the current ultra-conservative line of the Republican Party by stressing private "bedroom" sexual behavior over the needs of our nation. Such behavior may not be appropriate or desired, but what we need is presidential, administrative, judicial and legislative representatives who are concerned with the welfare, health care and education of our people, especially women, children, disabled, homeless, underpaid workers and our veterans and military families. The Republicans made sure that there were millions of dollars available for Star-studded legal and publicity comments and news releases at the same time as they stymied such necessary actions as adequate funding of health care, affordable housing and help for all levels of education from elementary school through university.

Republicans weren't always that way although they have a history of fighting or delaying necessary actions in Social Security, health care and education. At one time, there were progressive or liberal Republicans but they are now nearly extinct.

Anyone with a heart will have to abandon the party that once had such progressive and liberal folks like Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Eisenhower and LaFollette who are now mere distant memories. Concerned voters will have to either vote straight Democratic from the

local to the state and federal levels or else vote for independents, Libertarian Party, Green Party, Natural Law Party, Labor Party or others on the ballot because "compassionate conservatism" are only words, not action. The big money corporations, NRA and the greedy wealthy who want tax breaks that mostly help those who don't need it have all combined to fight or delay decent health care, affordable housing, reasonable gun control and the like. The Republicans concentrate on getting words like the Ten Commandments on school walls instead of taking guns out of the hands of kids.

There are no longer almost any realistic and concerned Republicans like former GOP President Eisenhower who had the courage to tell newspaper publishers at their convention that the gun dealers and defense establishment were taking bread out of the mouths of the poor, especially children, by putting profits ahead of caring.

Stanley R. Borenstein  
Ann Arbor

### More ethical, moral standards

The Free Press (June 28, 1999) reports that state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter "as head of the newly-appointed State Law Revision Task Force" has stated his intention to "target antiquated statutes for elimination."

It is our hope that Senator McCotter and the members of the task force will bear in mind that each targeted statute was, presumably, weighed carefully before being passed into law. Therefore, it is likely that a good many of those supposedly outdated statutes may have merit, may be worth retaining and, indeed, enforcing.

For example, the recent incident and resultant court case relating to the use of obscene/unacceptable/inappropriate language points up the need for consistent enforcement, not elimination, of the law. Should the issue find itself before the Michigan and/or the U.S. Supreme Court, then so be it.

The Republican party has stated again and again its position that many societal standards have degenerated much too far down "the slippery slope." Hopefully Mr. McCotter, as a Republican and the head of this new task force, will view each "antiquated statute" with an eye toward the benefits of returning to the more ethical, moral and wise standards upon which the country and this state were founded.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davis  
Livonia

## Canton Observer

Tedd Schneider, Community Editor, 734-459-2700, tschneider@oe.homecomm.net  
Hugh Gallagher, Acting Managing Editor, 734-953-2149, hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net  
Peg Kniespel, Advertising Manager, 734-953-2177, pkniespel@oe.homecomm.net  
Susan Rosen, Publisher, 734-953-2100, srosen@oe.homecomm.net  
Steven K. Pope, Vice-President/General Manager, 734-953-2252, spope@oe.homecomm.net  
Mark Warren, Circulation Director, 734-953-2117, mwarren@oe.homecomm.net  
Rick Fiorrelli, Marketing Director, 734-953-2150, rfiorrelli@oe.homecomm.net

### HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.

Philip Power, Chairman of the Board, Jeanne Towar, Vice President/Editorial, Richard Agnani, President

OUR MISSION: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories and communities they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."

— Philip Power

## POINTS OF VIEW

# Raving kids: What parents need to know

"My story starts at a local rave in my city. The cops had just busted up the scene, so we were going to drive to a friend's house close by, and my friend Kyle had just taken two gellabs of acid and three drops of liquid. When we got to my friend's house, Kyle became really withdrawn and started to worry me. Then he got really out of control... He started to freak out and kick the car seats trying to get up in the front seat. He was screaming out single words with no idea of what he was saying."

This is an actual account from a young adult who has frequented all-night dance parties, also known as Raves. The argument by Rave organizers is that Raves are a place where young adults can dance and become reinvigorated. The music is techno and the beat is contagious.

There is nothing wrong with the dancing aspect of Raves or the socializing, if that were all that was taking place. Drug use is also commonplace at Raves, and parents need to be aware that their teens are at risk.

One of the most abused drugs at Raves is Ecstasy. Ecstasy is a synthetic drug that acts simultaneously as a stimulant and a hallucinogen. Ecstasy belongs to a class of drugs known as designer drugs.

A designer drug is created by changing the molecular structure of an existing drug or drugs to create a new substance. The street names of designer drugs vary according to time, place, and manufacturer, and the names change frequently. Designer drugs are created in covert laborato-

### GUEST COLUMNIST



DARNELL JACKSON

ries and can be extremely hazardous.

Studies with rats and monkeys have shown that the use of Ecstasy

can cause brain damage by reducing the serotonin levels in the brain by 90 percent for at least two weeks. Serotonin affects thinking processes, mood, sleeping and eating habits, aggressive behavior and sensitivity to pain.

Users who take Ecstasy risk exhaustion and dehydration from a combination of the drug and nonstop dancing. Users have even died of heat strokes. Other harmful effects include: psychiatric disturbances, including panic, anxiety, depression, paranoid thinking, muscle tension, nausea, blurred vision, fainting, chills, sweating, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, tremor, hallucinations, reduced appetite and sleep problems.

Our children are increasingly living in a dangerous society. It is important that, as parents and concerned individuals in society, we know what's going on in their lives and protect them from situations considered part of the adolescent experience. An adolescent experience that can endanger our children's lives should alarm us and should not be brushed off. Talk to your kids about drugs.

To obtain a free copy of the parent's guide to raising drug-free youth, call (800) 626-4636.

Darnell Jackson is the director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan Department of Community Health.

# Legislature should help, not impede, family time

If you've paid any attention at all to politics in the last decade, you've heard an awful lot from our national and state leaders about how we need to return to "family values."

Educators (teachers, administrators and school board members alike) for years have admonished parents for not being more involved in their kids' lives.

After the recent string of tragic school shootings, child development experts everywhere told adults we have to start spending more time with our children. Talk to them, get to know them, find out what's going on in their lives.

Then a funny thing happened on the way to the state House of Representatives. The issue of parents being able to spend time with their kids got all ballooned up with other issues, like local control of school districts and the profits of Michigan's tourism industry.

Twice this year the state House has turned down a proposal by Rep. Scott



MIKE MALOTT

Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, to mandate that school districts take a four-day weekend over the Labor Day holiday.

The bill is already severely watered down from its original concept. Shackleton's final proposal was to mandate that four-day weekend only for the next three years. And the representatives rejected even that.

Originally, he had coupled the proposal with another bill forming a committee to review the school calendar, hoping that by the end of the three-year period, the committee could come to some conclusions about what, if any, rules the state should make regarding school calendars.

Even that is watered down from bills offered in previous years order-

ing districts to hold off the launch of the school year until after Labor Day.

Now, you might think I'm overreacting to this. It's just one darned holiday after all. And if parents want to spend time with their kids, they've got the rest of the year to do that, you might say.

But my point is that the rest of the year has become very busy for most families. We live in a society with an increasing number of two-income couples and single-parent households. The demands of the working world burn up a lot of time for those parents. Nationally, the number of hours worked per week is on the rise and the average leisure time of the individual is declining.

Kids' schedules too have become incredibly busy, with all the after-school programs offered to them.

So vacation time (when parents and children alike can wind down and spend the whole day goofing around with each other) is special. For many families, it may be the only time of

the year when parents can really get reacquainted with their children.

And most adults working in the private sector get only two weeks per year.

Perhaps those two weeks should fit easily into two and half months of the kids' summer time, but there are other considerations, like scheduling vacations with co-workers and getting reservations. There are only so many cabins and resorts and campgrounds up north to house all those vacationing families in a two-and-half-month time period.

It's a shame then that school districts in Michigan have taken to scheduling the return to classes ahead of Labor Day. The school year began to sneak ahead of the holiday when the state insisted on a longer school year. Now many districts start classes a few days before the holiday. Some have scheduled the return to classes a full two weeks ahead of Labor Day.

I could accept that it was necessary

to get in the longer school year except that many districts don't seem to have adjusted anywhere else. They still have week-long winter breaks and another week in the spring. Many give a week off at Easter. Most give two weeks off at Christmas.

What adult working in the private sector gets two weeks off at Christmas? Or a spring break?

So parents cannot use that time to spend with their kids.

Lawmakers must realize they can't just give lip-service to the idea of family values then put obstacles in the way for families to overcome.

They have to adopt policies that encourage parents and children to spend time together.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

# New Waterford Eccentric paper starts landing on doorsteps today

One of the most special things that can happen to somebody in the newspaper business is to be in on the birth of an entirely new newspaper.

Over the 30-odd years I've been in the business, I've been lucky enough to have been present at the creation of a new newspaper a fair number of times. But it's always a thrill when it happens. I suppose the birth of a newspaper is much like the birth of a new baby, with all the attendant effort, anxiety, pain and hope.

It also serves to remind us why we are in the business in the first place.

Our company specializes in publishing community newspapers that provide local news, information and advertising that are relevant to the daily lives of people in their own home towns. We believe that any company has to have a firm ethical and philosophical foundation in order to be successful. We sum up that philosophy as follows:

Our fundamental business purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the communities we serve, contribute to the business success of our advertisers, provide fulfilling careers for our staffers and earn a fair profit.

In carrying out this philosophy, we practice a special kind of journalism which we call "community journalism" to distinguish it from the kind of journalism practiced by the big city newspapers and TV stations with which we compete.

That's why on the masthead of our editorial pages, we run this statement:

"Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories and communities they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate and fair journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."

Today marks the first edition ever of the new Waterford Eccentric, designed to serve the needs of readers in Waterford Township, a thriving and rapidly growing community in Oakland County, just west of Pontiac. Delivered Thursdays and Sundays each week, it's one of the community newspapers published by HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper.

The founding of a new newspaper usually has to do with community residents and leaders wanting a real hometown paper and/or being



PHILIP POWER

dissatisfied with an existing paper.

In the case of the Waterford Eccentric, it turns out that a group of civic leaders approached us several months ago. They were unhappy with the existing newspapers circulating in the area, none of which were centrally concerned with Waterford residents or invested in meeting the needs of the community. They asked us to start a new newspaper, one that folks in Waterford could call their own.

Because HomeTown Communications already publishes a number of Eccentric newspapers serving communities throughout Oakland County, their request fell on receptive ears.

We ran the numbers and determined that a new Waterford paper had a fighting chance of being profitable. We found a good office location right next to the Blockbuster video store.

We looked for an editor and found a real star in Dan Dean, who had established his credentials with our company as a brilliant photographer and then editor of the Troy Eccentric, a sister newspaper in Oakland County. Dan and Justin Wilcox, the publisher of our newspapers in Oakland County, recruited a corps of reporters and an advertising sales staff, some already Waterford residents.

And now, after several months of detailed planning and frantic effort, a new newspaper has been born.

Our company philosophy lays down the marker by which we expect to be judged by our readers and the communities we serve. I hope you'll get in touch with your community editor or me, both when we meet that standard and when we don't.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com

# Save up to \$53,000 in Mortgage Interest.

## INTRODUCING THE BIWEEKLY MORTGAGE

The Great Lakes Biweekly Mortgage enables a borrower to pay off their loan principal earlier, which adds up to a substantial savings in interest and results in a faster build-up of equity.

Call a Great Lakes Bank mortgage loan specialist and ask them for more details about how you can save thousands of dollars in interest!

1-800-334-5253

Great Lakes Bank



### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:** How do you keep cool on a hot summer day?

"Give me a cold beer."	"We like to go swimming."	"I enjoy going swimming."	"I either go fishing or stay in a cool basement."
Dennis Goldsmith Canton	Carolyn Bonifas, with Colin and Carter Canton	Amy Welte Canton	Wayne Toland Canton

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.





# SAVE UP TO \$88.66 TO \$88.66

## WITH THESE BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE SPECIALS



24-PACK, 12-OZ. CANS

# COKE

Classic, Diet & Sprite  
plus deposit on both



**BUY ONE,  
GET ONE**

# FREE

**MEMBER SAVINGS \$6.99**

limit 1 FREE please with your Bonus Savings Club Card

<p><b>Tide Liquid Detergent</b> 100-OZ. BTL. LIMIT 1 FREE PLEASE <b>BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</b></p>	<p><b>Taystee Split-Top White Bread</b> 24-OZ. OR WHEAT 20-OZ. LOAF <b>BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</b></p>	<p><b>2-Liter Coca-Cola</b> ASST. VARIETIES, PLUS DEP. ON BOTH LIMIT 3 FREE PLEASE <b>BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</b></p>	<p><b>California Cantaloupe</b> JUMBO 9 SIZE <b>BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</b></p>
<p>ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Prego Pasta Sauce</b> 28-OZ. JAR BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>THORN APPLE VALLEY <b>Smoked Sausage</b> 16-OZ. PKG. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>PREMIUM SWEET <b>Grape Tomatoes</b> PINT CTN. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>NEW JERSEY <b>Fresh Blueberries</b> PINT CTN. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>
<p>4.5 - 5.9-OZ. PKG. <b>Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks</b> FRUIT BY THE FOOT OR FRUIT ROLL-UPS BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>19-OZ. PKG. <b>Eckrich Beef Bologna</b> OR REG. OR COTTO SALAMI BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>WHOLE OR SLICED <b>Fresh Mushrooms</b> 8-OZ. PKG. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>GENUINE U.S. #1 <b>Idaho Potatoes</b> 5-LB. BAG BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>
<p>21.1 TO 21.4-OZ. CAN <b>Tang Instant Drink</b> MAKES 6 QTS. ORANGE, OR ORANGE/PEACH BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>19-OZ. PKG. <b>Hebrew National</b> BEEF FRANKS OR KNOCKWURST BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>CERTIFIED ORGANIC <b>Baby Peeled Carrots</b> 1-LB. BAG BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>IN THE CORNER BAKERY <b>8" Lemon Meringue Pie</b> or banana, chocolate, coconut or key lime. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>
<p>SINGLES, REDUCED FAT <b>Red Baron Deep Dish Pizza</b> 18-OZ. PKG. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>48-OZ. PKG. <b>Bar-S Skinless Sausage</b> ASST. VAR. SMOKED BUN-SIZE BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>PREMIUM <b>Romaine Hearts</b> 3-PACK BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>IN THE FAMILY DELI IMPORTED <b>Krakus Polish Ham</b> BUY 1-LB., GET 1-LB. FREE</p>
<p><b>English Muffins</b> 18-OZ. PKG. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>64-OZ. BTL. <b>Powerade Sport Drink</b> ASST. VAR. BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</p>	<p>IN THE FAMILY DELI LAND O LAKES <b>American Cheese</b> BUY 1-LB., GET 1-LB. FREE</p>	<p>IN THE FAMILY DELI CAROLINA WHITE MEAT <b>Turkey Breast</b> OR VIRGINIA BAKED HAM BUY 1-LB., GET 1-LB. FREE</p>

**Don't be fooled by Triple Coupon\* offers - the extra savings is only a maximum of \$3.00. At Farmer Jack save on the items you use most. IT'S ALWAYS SAVINGS TIME AT FARMER JACK!**

\*based on 6 triple coupons up to 50¢  
This ad effective Thursday, July 8 through Sunday, July 11, 1999. We reserve the right to limit quantities to dealers. ©Borman's Inc., 1999





JACK GLADDEN

## Construction is fodder for a new game

If you're reading this column, you've probably been through them. Or, at least, you've tried to get through them. I'm talking about road construction projects.

Trying to get from one place to another isn't as easy as it used to be. Sometimes, it seems, it's almost impossible.

But those projects got me thinking, and I came up with another money-making scheme. I'm working on a board game (or maybe a computer game) called "The Road Construction Game." I still have to work out the details, but it will go something like this:

The board will be a road map, featuring freeways, major streets, subdivisions and, of course, railroad tracks.

Some of the players are commuters. Their playing pieces are little cars, like those in Monopoly. The object of the game is for the commuters to get to work and back in the shortest possible time.

Other players are road commissioners, road construction workers and railroad engineers. Their job is to try to block the commuters' paths and keep them from getting to work and back. The railroad engineers are minor, but important, players.

The road commissioners start the game. Each commissioner is in control of one sector of the map. He tries to get as many construction projects going in his sector as he can, but the projects cost money.

On his turn a commissioner draws a "dollar card." The cards range from "\$1 million: Close one city block for three turns" to "\$60 million: Close 8-mile section of freeway for entire game."

When a commissioner draws a card, he decides which street or streets to close and passes the card to a construction worker who sets up roadblocks in the appropriate areas. The roadblocks stay up for as many turns as the card allows.

Commissioners can play a project card immediately or hold onto it and combine it with other cards into one project. A commissioner could use two "\$1 million" cards and close two city blocks for three turns. As a point of strategy, commissioners should try to close as many freeways as they can early in the game.

On the commuter's turn, he draws a "move card." Those cards range from "Go one city block on this turn" to "Proceed directly to freeway and go to exit nearest your work or home."

The object of the commissioners is to anticipate the commuter's route and put roadblocks in his path so he has to turn around and take another street.

If a commuter draws a "one block" card on his turn, the commissioner tries to set up a project in front of him, so that on his next turn the commuter has to back up and try another route.

When a commuter approaches a railroad crossing, a commissioner can, if he chooses, pass his turn to a railroad engineer who draws a "delay card." Delay cards range from "train blocks roadway for one turn" to as many as six turns.

A commuter can decide to wait for the train to pass or he can turn around and try a different route. But if the commuter gets blocked by a train, a wily commissioner can play a project card behind him and block his escape route.

The game is won by the first commuter to return home or by the commissioner who sets up a road project that blocks the commuter in completely.

Come to think of it, this would make a good "travel game." You could play it in the car while you're stuck in traffic.

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

## New look for 'A-May-Zing' mom

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER  
smason@oe.homecomm.net

She admits she could get use to the "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" — having someone to do her hair, give her a manicure, pedicure and facial and even apply her makeup.

"I could get use to this lifestyle," said Donna Mallard, while nail tech Theresa finished her pedicure at Gerald's Salon in Northville. "I've never had a day with nothing to do."

"I've never had a pedicure before; it's just great."

"I'm glad you're enjoying it," responded salon owner Gerald Haynes, who was waiting in the wings to style her hair. "I've been thinking about the cut, but she has final approval."

The Garden City resident was treated to the works at the salon, some seven hours of pampering after being selected as the winner of The Observer's recent A-May-Zing Mom contest.

Her day started with a facial and waxing by skin care specialist Sarah, who also did her makeup, the manicure and pedicure before Haynes began cutting and styling her blond hair.

His plan for her "small (fine) hair" was to do a blunt cut to jaw bone level.

"I want to get it as short as I can and tie in the layers," Haynes said. "She needs a lot of body. The coloring will help. It swells the hair and gives it more body. It makes it easier for her to work with."

The Garden City resident also received a \$50 gift certificate from Fonte D'Amore restaurant in Livonia that she and husband Chuck will use to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, and \$200 in clothing from Bon Loot in Northville.

Her Bon Loot selection included two skirts, a Wind River butterfly dress, Van Saken sweater and a pair French Dressing jeans, a popular item at the store.

"They come in different colors and are nice-fitting," said manager Becky Lavine. "They're comfortable, have a light stretch and fit well and we have a waiting list for them."

"I wanted something to wear to work," said Mallard, who works in men's fragrances at J.L. Hudson's store at Westland Center. "I have to wear a blazer, so I'll get a lot of use out of them."

### Daughter's tribute

Mallard was nominated by her oldest daughter, Jennifer Zylla, who lauded her mother for still finding time to "love us individually, applaud our accomplishments, debate our quarrels, encourage our dreams" after her then 13-year-old son Chuck was paralyzed in a diving accident.

She knew of her daughter's intentions and became misty eyed hearing what she wrote.

"She said she was going to nominate me and gave me a really brief idea of what she was going to write," Mallard said. "I thought it was the nicest gesture, even if nothing came of it; I thought it was the nicest thing to do."

All the Mallard children — in addition to Chuck



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

At the end: More than seven hours after she entered Gerald's Salon in Northville, Donna Mallard walked out with a new look and wearing her new dress, just a few of the prizes she received for winning The Observer's A-May-Zing Mom contest. Joining her was her daughter, Jennifer Zylla, who nominated her mother for the honor.

and Jennifer, there's Lori and Julie who just graduated from high school — were still living at home when Chuck broke his neck while surface diving into a four-foot-deep pool with friends.

The spinal cord was compressed by the break but not severed, and initially Chuck could not move at all. But the injury, like that suffered by Detroit Lions player Mike Utley, eventually left Chuck a quadriplegic with some movement in his arms.

Initially rushed to Garden City Hospital, he was transferred to Henry Ford Hospital where he stayed for three weeks before being moved to Children's Hospital for a six-month stay.

### Making it work

The Mallards worked around work schedules to be at the hospital every day. The girls keep things in order on the home front.

"It was difficult in the beginning, quite a challenge, but everybody helped a lot," Mallard recalled. "If it hadn't been for the kids being here ... they were our support system. They kept things neat and cleaned and able to take on responsibilities around the house."

The Mallards didn't let Chuck's injuries interfere with family life. School activities — both Jennifer and Lori were on the pom-pom squads — and beauty pageants — Lori was in several — family vacations, two weddings ... the family did it.

Thanks to a wish granted by Rainbow Connection, the family enjoyed a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, giving them a chance to regroup.

"It helped to maintain the same lifestyle," Mallard said. "And it helped him. He didn't get the chance to sit there. It encouraged him to carry on."

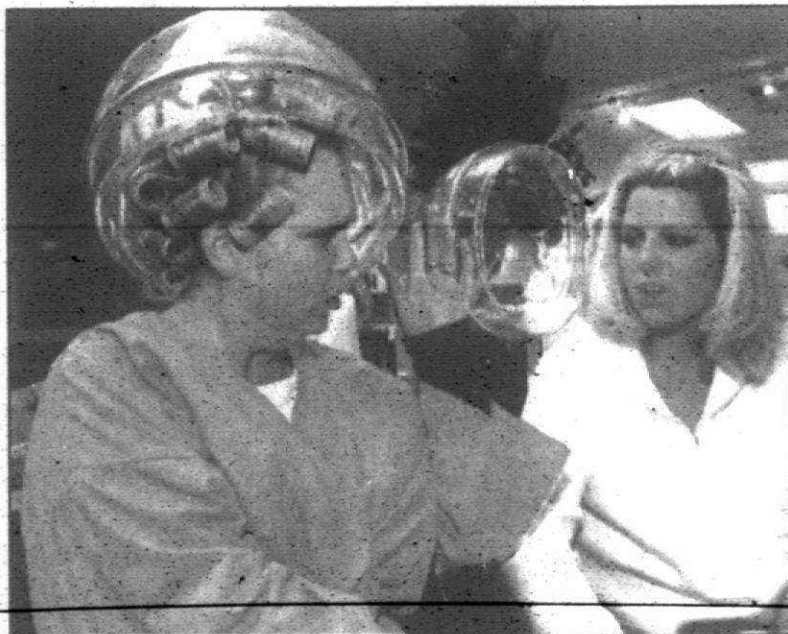


Finishing touch: A skin care specialist applies lip color in the final stages of Mallard's makeover.

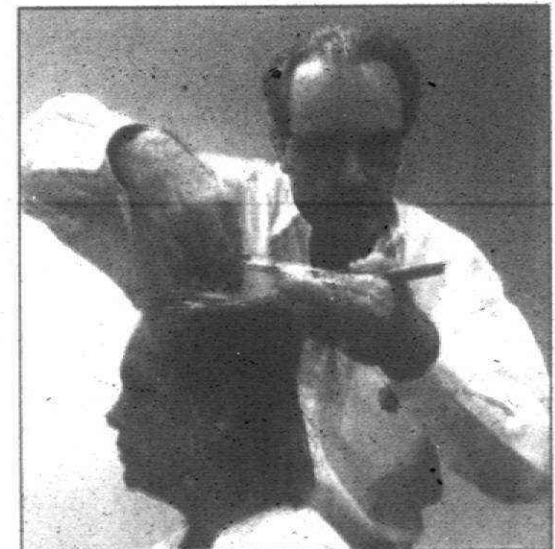
"We didn't want to neglect their needs, even though Chuck was our main priority."

A man of few words — "That's why Jennifer wrote the letter." — Chuck says his mother is his inspiration. Describing her as a caring person, he said he wants to live his life "the way she lives hers."

"She always has fun and does fun stuff," he said. "And her 'mom jokes' ... you can always tell when she starts, if it's a mom joke."



Chit-chat: Mother and daughter share a "quiet" moment while waiting for Mallard's hair to dry.



Snip, snip: With the manicure, pedicure and facial complete, it was salon owner and stylist Gerald Haynes turn to cut Mallard's blond tresses.

## Schoolcraft program helps college-bound women

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes college, sometimes just thinking about it is the first giant step — particularly for people who have been out of school a decade or more.

To help alleviate fears associated with that first giant step, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College presents "Thinking About College" 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in room MC200 of the McDowell Center. Schoolcraft College is on the east side of Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile.

The orientation costs \$5 and includes lunch. Reservations are necessary. Mail checks to: Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152.

Topics to be discussed include getting started,

### 'Thinking About College' is open to everyone but designed primarily for women age 30 and older.

finances, choosing a college path and time management.

"Thinking About College" is open to everyone but designed primarily for women age 30 and older. Topics designed for this age group examine questions about age, keeping up, improving career prospects and finding time for study.

The program was started by Jan Munday, who, like many women, grappled with questions about whether returning to college was the right thing to do. She began attending Schoolcraft in 1979 and has

since graduated from Eastern Michigan University. She is completing post-graduate work in Boston.

Women's Resource Center Director Nancy Swanborg said many student success stories began with someone attending the "Thinking About College" orientation, which has been offered for about 15 years.

"It's an excellent program," Swanborg said. "The evaluations are always very positive, and it's a great way to meet people."

Meeting people is one of the most important aspects of college, especially for those who haven't set foot inside a classroom for years, she added.

"Having a buddy is often really helpful," Swanborg said.

For more information about "Thinking About College," call (734) 462-4443.



# Catholics plan statewide computer link

The Michigan Catholic Conference will use today's technology during the early years of the Third Millennium to further the mission of the church, founded by Christ nearly 2,000 years ago.

"Within five years, we will link every one of the more than 1,000 Catholic parishes, schools, social services agencies, hospitals and other institutions throughout Michigan to a statewide computer network that will make it possible to deliver accurate, timely communications with each of them instantaneously," said Sister Monica Kostelney, MCC president and CEO.

Founded in 1963, the MCC is the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Michigan.

"Michigan's seven Catholic dioceses are now linked by computer, and many parishes, schools, and other institutions within each diocese have Internet capabilities," she said. "We hope to have everyone on line by 2003."

Nancy Kranich, manager of administrative services, and Ken Caron, wide area network manager, will implement plans for the statewide information network.

Kranich will be responsible for developing major new applications, including an interactive Web site and data base, and will oversee computer operations at MCC's Lansing offices.

Kranich was a programmer analyst and operations manager for several manufacturing, medical, insurance, banking and retail firms in Grand Rapids and Lansing before joining the MCC staff in 1989.

A business administration major at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Kranich also has an associate degree from Grand Rapids Community College and has taught data processing and programming at Lansing Community College.

Caron, until recently director of information at Lansing's largest law firm, will administer the MCC Areopagus Network activities. The network will connect more than 1,000 Catholic churches and other institutions throughout Michigan's 83 counties.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

**MCC's computer network is named after the rocky hillside in Athens where St. Paul stood in the year 55 and revealed the Resurrection to the Greek high court. The Areopagus was a place for hearing voices and sharing ideas, and St. Paul used its open forum to fulfill his calling as an apostle.**

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

**WOMEN'S AGLOW**  
Women are invited to bring a Bible, pen and paper to hear a talk by Penni Schwendemann, president of Canton/Westland Chapter of Women's Aglow, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, in the Community Room of Auto Nation, 39600 Ford Road in Canton. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Schwendemann at (734) 261-5268.

**SINGLE POINT**  
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a summer divorce recovery workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 for those who register the first night and \$15

**Wick-Wiesner**  
Alice Wick of Bloomfield Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Gail, to John Paul Wiesner, son of Greta Wiesner of Redford. Lisa is also the daughter of the late Charles Wick, and John is also the son of the late Ken Wiesner.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Groves High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed in child care.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Thurston High School, and attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed with Novi Industries.

**Garza-Nichols**  
Jose and Christine Garza of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Michelle Ann, to John Michael Nichols, the son of Sharon Nichols and James and Sally Nichols of South Carolina.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed as a flight attendant, based in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Jefferson High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Wayne.

A May wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

**Williams-Moss**  
Ed and Carol Williams of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lee, to Todd Michael Moss of Garden City, the son of Martha Moss of Dearborn Heights and the late Chet Moss.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as an information technology consultant at Stokpa and Associates.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has completed his master's degree program at Wayne State University. A lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, he

is a supervisor at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

A January wedding is planned at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

**Korpi-Willard**  
Al and Marlene Korpi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to Jeffrey Alan Willard of Northville, the son of Robert and Florence Willard of Bay City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is a teacher with the Northville Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. He is employed as a computer programmer.

A September wedding is planned at St. Maria Goretti Church in Bay City.

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Lark-Totosz**  
Dennis and Carol Lark of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Michael Totosz, the son of John Totosz of Farmington Hills and Kathryn Sutton of Alvin, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Edsel Ford High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is an assistant account executive in corporate marketing at Campbell & Co.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Shrine Royal Oak High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in history. He works as a tax consultant.

**Osandel-Stelmazek**  
Kenneth and Virginia Osandel of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, to Michael J. Stelmazek, the son of David and Nancy Stelmazek of Ferndale.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts degree. She is employed as a graphic designer by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in aviation. He is employed as a copywriter by Solomon-Friedman.

**Mulholland-Klotz**  
James and Phyllis Mulholland of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Suzanne, to David Michael Klotz, the son of Herbert and Mary Klotz Jr.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree. She is working in the human resources department at Community EMS in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Bishop Foley High School and a 1995 graduate of GMI-EMI with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at General Motors.

**Yoakam-Seitz**  
Ruth McCarthy of Livonia and Thomas Yoakam of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mark Seitz, the son of Allen and Lois Seitz of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She is currently a student at Madonna University in Livonia and works in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Monroe High School and a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University and is employed as a buyer at Whedco Inc. in Ann Arbor.

**Ellsworth-Zawacki**  
Leis and Bill Woodroe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ellsworth, to David Zawacki, the son of Rosemarie and Terry Zawacki of Libertyville, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She is a substitute teacher for Novi Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Lake Forest High School in Illinois and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in aviation. He is employed with Gateway Computers.

**D'Ortenzio-McGuire**  
Jerry and Renee D'Ortenzio of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dannon, to Daniel McGuire Jr., the son of Daniel and Rita McGuire of Plymouth and Nancy and Ted Nelson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a senior, majoring in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is currently working for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in the Kids' Time Program.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as the parks and recreation supervisor by the City of Northville.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of Computer Workstations and Printers. Specifications and Bid Packages will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Caswell, PCCS Director of Integrated Technology, at (734) 415-2705. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and reject all bids, as the judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
ROLAND THOMAS, Secretary

Published: July 1 and 8, 1999

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Peter and Tania Guoroguiy to grant a Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow a Gymnastics School with ancillary retail sales, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 9229 General Drive. The property is located on the west side of General Drive, south of Ann Arbor Road and north of Joy Road. Application No. 1589/0699. Tax ID No. 062-01-004-000.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.5 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned I-ND, Industrial District. Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on July 21, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Fort Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

MARCIA SAYES, Secretary  
Planning Commission  
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-2840, TDD users: 1-800-643-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).  
Published: July 8, 1999

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Asbestos Abatement for Four PCCS Buildings. Specifications and Bid Forms are available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Goby, PCCS Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, at (734) 415-2983. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and reject all bids, as the judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
ROLAND THOMAS, Secretary

Published: July 1 and 8, 1999

### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1999  
A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE**  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206  
All interested persons are invited to attend.  
Published: July 8, 1999

### WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1999  
Regular meeting called to order at 4:12 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodsie, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy.  
Agenda adopted.  
Minutes of regular meeting of May 24, 1999 approved.  
Minutes of study session of June 15, 1999 approved.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$714,347.57 approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for May, 1999 received and filed.  
Operations Manager's Report for June, 1999 received and filed.  
Request To Advertise For Bid; Portable Manlift approved.  
Award of Contract; Financial Advisor-Contract awarded to Bendzinski & Company of Detroit, Michigan.  
Flow Meter Maintenance Contract Revision; Martin Control Services approved.  
Request To Advertise For Bid; Phase 3(A)-Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection approved.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.  
THOMAS J. YACK  
Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.  
Published: July 8, 1999

## Urgent Care when you need it

The recently opened Henry Ford Medical Centers in Plymouth & Canton offer urgent care services. Both centers offer walk-in urgent care for the pediatric and adult patient. So if you are suffering from a sore throat, have a minor cut or an ear infection, come see us. Our urgent care physicians can treat many kinds of minor accidents and illnesses.

**Urgent Care Hours**  
Plymouth  
14300 Beck Rd.  
Monday through Friday  
7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Weekends and Holidays  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Canton  
6100 Haggerty Rd.  
Sunday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call:  
Canton (734) 981-3200,  
Plymouth (734) 453-5000.

Expect more from your medical center.  
www.henryfordhealth.org

Magnificent gold and silver artifacts... can easily show to appreciate...  
The New York Times

## ANCIENT GOLD

The Wealth of the Thracians

TREASURES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Now through August 29

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

A major exhibition of over 200 brilliant gold & silver objects, recently excavated in Bulgaria from 15 royal Thracian sites, dating from 4000 BC to 200 AD.

Tickets at the DIA box office: 313/833-4005  
Free tickets for DIA members  
5200 Woodward Ave. www.dia.org

Meritor

The exhibition is organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria & The Trust for Museum Exhibitions. It is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities. In Canada the exhibition is made possible by a generous grant from the Ontario Arts Council. Additional support is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the City of Detroit.

## Read Taste on Sunday

# Camp Corner Directory

Every Summer thousands of children look forward to camp...

.....Give them the opportunity to experience yours with an advertisement in our 1999 Summer Camp Corner.

For information contact Rich: 734-953-2069

**GIBSON'S SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

July 12-16 or July 19-23 Ages 4 to 15

Call (313) 537-9289 or 537-8688 Redford, Michigan

**FIRST & GOAL Youth Football Camp**

July 10-11 9am-3pm

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY Presented By: Suburban Youth Football Conference Open to All Grades 3-8 (248) 375-1388

**S.L.A.M! Kids' Sports Camps '99**

Presented in cooperation with The City of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department

July 12-16 9am to 3pm Beech Woods Recreational Facility 9 Mile and Beech Road Southfield Open to All Kids ages 8-14

Offerings: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Archery, Weight Training and Recreational Activities. Guest Speakers on topics specific to Women's Sports

Only \$75.00 Call Tuesday (248) 994-0971

## SIZZLING SUMMER FUN!

Warren's 14th Annual Art in the Park

Hourly Drawings - Win \$50 Gift Certificate!  
Food/Entertainment - All Ages  
July 24 & 31 (Sat. & Sun.)  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Holmich Park  
West of Town on 12 Mile Rd. - For info call 518-977-1287

**BALLOON RIDES** 2 Days a Week  
The Ultimate Adventure!  
Also the Ultimate Gift  
248-634-9400  
Children's Miracle Network  
Seven Lakes State Park  
Balloon Race  
July 23, 24 and 25, 1999

This summer there is so much going on it's hard to decide what to do & where to go! That's why the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has put together this special directory to make it easier...  
For more information about advertising please call Rich: 734-953-2069

## It's Strong! Premium Linked Account

5.30% APY  
12-month Premium Linked CD

4.75% APY  
Premium Linked Money Market

• Premium Rate Certificate of Deposit  
• Premium Rate Money Market

And when your CD matures, the balance will automatically move to your linked Money Market account. You don't even have to come in. Keep all or part of it in the Money Market or reinvest in another CD - whenever you want to. It couldn't be easier. Your investment couldn't be safer.

Branch offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Oxnard, Kalamazoo, Okemos, Durand, Channing, Okemos and Kentwood.  
Extended hours weekdays and full service Saturdays at most branches.

FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN  
Ask Us. We Can Do It™  
www.ffm.com

The minimum deposit to open the CD is \$10,000, which must be maintained to obtain the Annual Percentage Yield (APY). The minimum to open a Money Market account is \$2,000, but to obtain the above Money Market APY the minimum of \$10,000 must be maintained. APY or interest between \$2,000 - \$9,999 is 2.75%. The Money Market account must remain open for the entire term of the CD. Interest earned on the CD will be credited and automatically transferred to the Money Market quarterly. Principal will be transferred at maturity. Money Market interest is variable and is credited monthly. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal of CD. Interest and retirement accounts not eligible. Fees may affect earnings. This offer subject to change without notice. APY's effective as of July 1, 1999.



# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS

## WEEKEND

**FAMILY CAMP OUT**  
Canton Parks and Recreation Services and Media One are sponsoring a family Camp Out and Movie Night featuring "George of the Jungle." Tent set-up begins at noon on Friday, July 16, and tents must be down by noon the next day. There is no fee if campers pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. After July 14 there is a \$10 fee. For more information or to register call Canton Parks and Recreation at (734) 397-5110.

**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. Saturday, July 10, through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and seasonal items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kelllogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

**CREEPY CRAWLIES**  
Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17. The program, Creepy 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; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call the park office for more details at (248)349-8390.

## AROUND TOWN

**SENIOR HEALTH LECTURE**  
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Dr. Bharate Srivastava will present a series of free lectures devoted to seniors and their health. The next lecture will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The topic will be health issues of women, including osteoporosis, breast cancer, uterine cancer and nutrition and exercise. For more information, please call (734) 397-5444.

**RAGTIME CONCERT**  
The Fine Arts Series of First Presbyterian Church of Northville is presenting pianist Bob Milne 7 p.m. Sunday July 11 in the church's sanctuary. The concert is titled "An Evening of Ragtime," and features familiar tunes along with stories about their composers and the history of the songs. Tickets are \$10 adult (\$12 at the door) and \$35 family (\$40 at the door). Please call the church office at (248) 349-0911 for information.

**JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS**  
Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of golf lessons for youths ages 7 to 18. Classes will be assigned by age groups and skill levels. The lesson fee, \$50, includes instruction from PGA professionals, range balls, Parks and Recreation's Phasant Run T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Classes are July 14, 15, 21 and 22.

**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 at 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. There is a \$4 admission and \$6 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.

**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

## Spending his days on the run



Having a ball: Jordan Gergle, of Canton, rounds the bases during a spirit-ed game of kickball last week at the YMCA Day Camp offered by the Wayne-Westland YMCA. A list of other area day camps can be found in the Around Town section of the calendar.

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.

**SHOULDER 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 \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. The dances are for 21 and over, no jeans please. For more information call, (734) 981-0909.

**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. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2-6. The camp is for grades 2-6 and costs \$180. Call (800) 968-IDEA.

**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 seven 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 sav-

ings 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 it offers a 24-hour hotline of events and "What's Happening" in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540 and touch one for Calendar of Events.

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

**COUNSELING**  
Counselling Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

**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 Monday or afternoon free, bring along through Thursday, call 416-6196.

**Hospices of Henry Ford Health System** needs volunteers at 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) 682-2929.

**William Beaumont 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 work with patient transport, office support, information desk staffing, and several other areas in the medical facility. Interested students should contact Beverly Leneski, (734) 761-7995.

**Arbor Hospice** is seeking a student corps of volunteers to help the agency during the summer months as it plans its annual Charity Affair fundraiser. The agency is looking for energetic, outgoing individuals who can devote five or more hours per week, have transportation and would enjoy talking to local businesses and corporations. For more information, call Betty Streumich at (734) 662-5999 ext. 118.

**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.

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

**COUNSELING**  
Counselling Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

**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.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**CAMP MONARCH**  
The "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice is sponsoring a family-oriented weekend camp. Camp Monarch is a bereavement camp designed for young people and their caregivers who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and ends noon Aug. 15. The cost of \$75 per family includes housing, meals, and activities for the weekend; however, Camp Monarch is open to every family regardless of the ability to pay. For information call (734) 464-7810.

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

**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.

**AWARDS**  
Army Sgt. Maj. Paul M. Wanshon was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States. Wanshon is the brother of Mark Wanshon of Canton.

**CADET BRIAN MUNSON** has won the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award, the Presidential Academic Achievement Award, the Academic Honors Diploma and the National Honor Society Senior Honor Chords for the 1998-99 school year at Howe Military School. Cadet Munson is the son of Michael Munson of Canton and graduated on June 6.

# Seedlings provides summer reading for visually impaired

Visually impaired children in the metropolitan area are being treated to a summer reading program, thanks to Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia and a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.

Paula Korelitz and Jan Hankins, who both serve in Seedlings Board of Directors as part of the "Keep Kids in Touch" program, delivered the books to visually impaired students in a seven-county area.

Among the stops the women made were at the visually impaired programs at Hull School, Perrinville Preschool and Churchill High School.

Hankins, a Farmington Hills resident, began tutoring visually impaired students at Hull School in Livonia at the suggestion of Sue Ward, a third-

grade teacher at Hull and fellow Farmington Hills resident.

At Hull, Ward and Hankins shared "The Tenth Good Thing About Barney" with Ward's students Tiffany Taylor of Westland and Colin Beck and Ted Makos, both of Livonia.

Hull student and Westland resident

Sheena Hudson received "God, I've Gotta Talk to You" and "M and M and the Bad News Bears," while Autumn Marsh of Livonia was delighted with her print and braille book, "Tight Times" by Barbara Shook Hazen.

For Hankins, an alumna of Delta Gamma fraternity, well-known for its emphasis on community involvement and service for the visually impaired, it was a "Kodak moment" when she delivered "Keep Kids in Touch" books in the visually impaired classroom at Churchill High School.

One of the students, Jason Lippford of Romulus, recognized her voice as that of his classroom tutor eight years earlier.

He threw his arms around her in welcome and with tears in her eyes.



Reunited: At one high school, Jan Hankins was reunited with Jason Lippford of Romulus, the elementary student she had tutored at Hull School in Livonia eight years ago.

Please see SEEDLINGS, B6

# Cellular made simple.

Let the experts at RadioShack answer your cellular questions and clearly explain all the calling plan options. Then you can choose what's right for you. Choices. Solutions. Answers. That's why we're the #1 wireless retailer in America.

**FREE Car Lighter Adapter & Carrying Case!**  
And, Get Cellular Service for Only \$9.99 a Month!<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Free Cigarette Lighter Adapter and Free Case available only with one-year contract on rate plans of \$20 and above and purchase of available discontinued model phones. Offer good through 7/31/99 or while supplies last.

<sup>2</sup>Two-year service agreement required. New activations only \$9.99 for access only; reverts to \$13.99 after initial term; service is \$3.35 per minute for three months you will receive AirTouch Extras that include unlimited off-peak hours from Saturday a.m. through Sunday p.m. and 20 local minutes of Mobile-to-Mobile calling. Credits for AirTouch Extras appear on second through fourth bill and package continues thereafter at \$10.99 per month until cancelled. See sales associate for complete details. All included services in home calling area only. Additional airtime, long distance, roaming, toll and taxes extra. Credit approval and other fees, charges and restrictions apply. Not available in all locations. Offer ends July 31, 1999.



**1c**  
Mini cellular with extended battery

- 75 name-and-number memory
- Supports Caller ID
- Up to 165 minutes talk time
- Up to 40 hours standby
- #1-129 (Woodgarden)



\*Advertised price requires new activation, minimum service commitment with a local authorized carrier, and credit approval. Activation fee may be required. A monthly service fee, long distance fees and charges for airtime will be made. Fees vary depending on the plan you select. Carrier may impose a flat or pro-rated penalty fee for early termination. If you terminate service within 120 days of activation, to avoid a \$200 charge from RadioShack, you must return the phone. Offers/prices not available at all stores. Please inquire.

# Educators, join your colleagues and attend the: 2nd Annual Downriver Career Technical Consortium Mini-Conference

**When**  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Aug. 4-5

**Where**  
Crown Plaza (Detroit Metro Airport)

**Fee**  
• \$100 (DCTC members)  
• \$175 (Other & Wayne County school districts)  
• \$195 (all other)

**Deadline**  
July 28, 1999

**ON THE AGENDA**

- Curriculum mapping
- Brain-based teaching & learning
- Teaching & learning with technology
- Success Strategies for student learning
- Curriculum integration
- K-12 science & math strategies to increase learning
- Comprehensive Guidance & Counseling
- Technology for administrators
- Assessment strategies
- Writing across the curriculum
- 7 habits of highly effective people
- Career-focused high schools
- K-12 science & math strategies to increase learning & MEAP scores
- Flexible scheduling for middle & high schools
- Grant writing

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Dr. Willard R. Daggett  
"Essential vs. Nice-to-Know"

Dr. Richard Sagor  
"Using the Assessment Process to Motivate Students"

**2ND ANNUAL DCTC MINI-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Check enclosed  School contact person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

District/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Level:  Elem.  M.S.  H.S.  Central office  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call: (734) 692-7564

To register, submit this form and check to:  
DOWNRIVER CAREER TECHNICAL CONSORTIUM  
19370 VREELAND ROAD • WOODHAVEN, MI 48183

**IRESA**

## MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170

**GRADUATED**  
Keith S. Pund graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Pointe, N.Y., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The new lieutenant majored in environmental engineering. He is the son of David G. and Janet R. Pund of Canton. Pund is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Andrew Short, son of Carl and Mary Short of Plymouth, has graduated from the U.S. Military

Academy, West Pointe, N.Y. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central School of Redford, and majored in general management.

**BASIC TRAINING**  
Air Force Airman Jason J. Parkinson, son of Van and Jacki Parkinson of Plymouth, completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Parkinson studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. The airman is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School.

**DEPLOYMENT**  
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth and Gloria Miller of Canton, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nevi, son of Ray and Carolina Nevi of Plymouth, both recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise. The ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. Both are graduates of Plymouth-Canton High School. Miller is a 1989 graduate and Nevi is a 1991 graduate.

**AWARDS**  
Army Sgt. Maj. Paul M. Wanshon was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States. Wanshon is the brother of Mark Wanshon of Canton.

Cadet Brian Munson has won the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award, the Presidential Academic Achievement Award, the Academic Honors Diploma and the National Honor Society Senior Honor Chords for the 1998-99 school year at Howe Military School. Cadet Munson is the son of Michael Munson of Canton and graduated on June 6.

**DeMouchelles**  
AUCTION AT THE GALLERY

Friday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 18th at Noon

FREE VALET PARKING ALL SALE DATES

Featuring Part II selected items from the estate of George D. Wright of Farmington Hills, including oriental rugs, fine art, Bakelite and other decorative objects, silver, etc. Also featuring an antique Louis XV style monumental vase, fine European reproduction furniture, a Henry Seranton 19th c. bronze and marble clock set, bronze fountains and sculptures, Lladro figurines and contemporary cut crystal all from a Rochester, MI collector. From a Grand Lodge, MI collector: 19th c. oil paintings, 19th c. English music box, Staffordshire figurines, antique Asian porcelain & pottery from the collection of Prof. Richard J. Ross of Ann Arbor. Selected items from Wyandotte, MI a private collection: 19th c. and 20th c. English, French and American furniture and crystal chandeliers.

George Ann Arbor, all on canvas, each 20" x 24" x 30" Saturday 12:00

Cornelia Bell covered vase, Spain 19th c. 12" x 12" x 12" Saturday 12:00

Message Denver, English 18th/19th c. on canvas, 24" x 30" Saturday 12:00

James J. DeMouchelles  
Joseph DeMouchelles, C.C.  
Robert DeMouchelles, C.C.  
John DeMouchelles, C.C.

1-774 Home - Premium is added to each bill up to and including \$50.00 per bill. 1-774 Home - Standard is added to each bill up to and including \$25.00 per bill. 1-774 Home - Budget is added to each bill up to and including \$12.50 per bill. 1-774 Home - Economy is added to each bill up to and including \$6.25 per bill. 1-774 Home - Value is added to each bill up to and including \$3.12 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$1.56 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.78 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.39 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.19 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.09 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.04 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.02 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.01 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.00 per bill.

1-774 Home - Premium is added to each bill up to and including \$50.00 per bill. 1-774 Home - Standard is added to each bill up to and including \$25.00 per bill. 1-774 Home - Budget is added to each bill up to and including \$12.50 per bill. 1-774 Home - Economy is added to each bill up to and including \$6.25 per bill. 1-774 Home - Value is added to each bill up to and including \$3.12 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$1.56 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.78 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.39 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.19 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.09 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.04 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.02 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.01 per bill. 1-774 Home - Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Super Value is added to each bill up to and including \$0.00 per bill.

**Your Best Value in Retirement Living**

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan: Serving Seniors in the Metro Area

**Presbyterian Village Westland**  
Presbyterian Village Westland, on Cherry Hill just west of Merriman Road, offers Independent Living Apartments with a wide range of features:

- Single story patio apartments
- Full kitchens
- Spacious floor plans
- Emergency call system
- Recreational and social opportunities
- Two craft rooms
- 24 hour security
- Library & exercise room
- Free laundry facilities
- Evening meal 7 days a week
- Free pharmaceutical delivery
- Bi-weekly housekeeping
- Free local phone service
- On-site Oakwood Health Care Clinic

**Presbyterian Village Redford**  
Presbyterian Village Redford, off 6-Mile Road between Beech-Daly and Telegraph, is a fully accredited Continuing Care Retirement Community featuring:

- Independent living apartments
- Assisted living (private rooms)
- Secured memory loss unit
- Skilled nursing care center
- 24 hour staffing
- A variety of activities & programs

Make an appointment to tour Westland or Redford today and have lunch on us!

Presbyterian Village Westland  
32001 Cherry Hill  
Westland, MI 48186  
(734) 28-5222

Presbyterian Village Redford  
17383 Garfield Road  
Redford, MI 48240  
(313) 511-6187



# Your Invitation to Worship

Mail Copy To: OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS • 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150  
FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADVERTISING IN THIS DIRECTORY PLEASE CALL RICH VICULIN (734) 953-2069  
FOR CHURCH PAGE CHANGES, PLEASE CALL  
MICHELLE SHERIDAN/JEAN ETHERINGTON (734) 953-2160, THE FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION.

## BAPTIST

**BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE**  
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
734-525-3664

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

**JULY 11th**  
11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Freeman  
6:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Freeman

"A Church That's Concerned About People"

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI  
(Between Michigan Ave. & Van Born Rd.)  
(734) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

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

## CATHOLIC

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

23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan  
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121  
Priest's Phone (810) 784-9111

Mass Schedules:  
First Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
First Sat. 8:30 a.m.  
Sun. Masses 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass

**CrossWinds COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
"Serving the needs of the family in a caring & contemporary style"

Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:30 a.m.  
\*Resistant teaching & uplifting music

48781 Ford Rd. • Canton 734.91.8488

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187  
481-0444

REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

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

**Mt. Hope Congregational Church**  
3030 Schoolcraft, Livonia • 734-425-7200  
(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)

**SUMMER HOURS:**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
\*The Church You've Always Longed For\*

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth**  
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI •  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
\*Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.\*  
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.  
453-1676

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

**Brightmoor Tabernacle**

Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, pastor  
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 1-696 & Telegraph • West of Holiday Inn • 248-352-6200  
• 8-9 Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 pm "Family Night"

10:00 AM - Guest Speaker, Nikolai Zaloutski  
6:30 PM - A God Who Laughs and Cries  
Pastor Dave Kraai  
24-Hour Prayer Line 248-352-6205

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Nativity United Church of Christ**  
9435 Henry Road at West Chicago  
Livonia 48151 • 421-6486

Rev. Donald Lintinen, Pastor  
9:15 Adult Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
and Youth Classes  
Nursery Care Available  
-WELCOME-

**Tri-City Christian Center**  
Michigan Ave. & Hammon Rd.  
326-0330  
Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assit. Pastor

Two locations to serve you—

**LIVONIA**  
14175 Farmington Rd.  
(N. of I-96)  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am &  
11:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
(734) 522-6830

**CANTON**  
46001 Warren Road  
(West of Canton Center)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
(734) 414-7422

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.cocas.edu/~lcmcs>

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
20885 Middlebelt (corner of I-96 & Middlebelt)  
Farmington Hills, Mich.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30  
Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

**HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
9500 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-6424  
Rev. Lawrence Wilho

**WORSHIP WITH US - SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade  
913-937-2533

**LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD**

**PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
9415 Harrison - Livonia  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
School Grades - Pre-K - 1  
Church & School Office  
(734) 422-8930

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1380  
May thru October - Monday Night Services - 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Services 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: James Hoff  
Pastor: Eric Pfeiffer

**Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School**  
14750 Knoch • Redford Twp.  
313-532-8655

Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Grade K thru 8  
Phone for Enrollment Info  
WLQJ 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
18360 Hubbard Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8451

Mon-Fri. 8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes  
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages  
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available  
The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
8820 Wayne Rd.  
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)  
Livonia • 427-2290

Rev. Carter Thompson (Pastor), Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

## REFORMED

Reformed - Adhering to the Westminster Confession of Faith  
**Presbyterian Free Church**  
30025 Curtis Ave., Livonia 48154  
off Middlebelt between Six and Seven Mile  
Sunday Services - 11 am and 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7pm  
Pastor - Kenneth MacLeod - tel 313-421-8780

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

**New Service Times**  
Sunday Worship Services - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.  
Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

**FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH**  
291 E. SPRING ST.  
S. BROAD ST. at Main - 2 Blocks E. of I-96  
SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Closed for 1st week)  
Pastor: Frank Hayward - Ch. 483-0323

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

"1999" Trinity's Year of Prayer Countdown to "2000"

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.  
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South  
734-459-9550  
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor  
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service  
9:30 Contemporary Service 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 Traditional Service  
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
46250 Ann Arbor Road  
(1 mile West of Sheldon)  
Plymouth • 453-5252

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

**St. Michael Lutheran Church & School**  
3953 Hansen Rd. (West corner of Elmwood & Hansen)  
(734) 728-1960

Sunday Morning Worship Services  
Traditional Service 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Service 9:30 am  
Sunday School (Grades K-Adult) 9:30 & 11 am  
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm  
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Marie Walstrom

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

**ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA**  
16700 Newburgh Road  
Livonia • 734-484-8844

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.  
Family Worship 10:00 a.m.  
"We Are Family"  
Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor  
<http://www.urdml.com/~sttimothy>

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
9501 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
(between Merriman & Farmington Rd.)  
(734) 422-0494

**PLYMOUTH**  
Worship Service  
Sunday School & Nursery  
10:30 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Main & Church • (734) 463-6464

**PLYMOUTH**  
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Nursery  
Nursery Provided  
Dr. James Simons, Pastor  
Rev. Victor F. Halbach, Pastor  
Rev. Timothy Halbach, Assoc. Pastor  
Accessible to All Director of Music: Mackay

**CHRISTADELPHIANS**

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

## UNITED METHODIST

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST**  
30000 Six Mile Rd. (at Merriman & Middlebelt)  
Chuck Scoufal, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School  
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes  
Nursery Provided • 422-0038

**NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
29887 West Eleven Mile Road  
Just West of Middlebelt  
248-476-8860  
Farmington Hills

"Saturday at the Park"  
Contemporary Worship  
Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
43101 N. Telegraph Rd. (West of Middlebelt)  
(734) 453-5280

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
422-0149

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

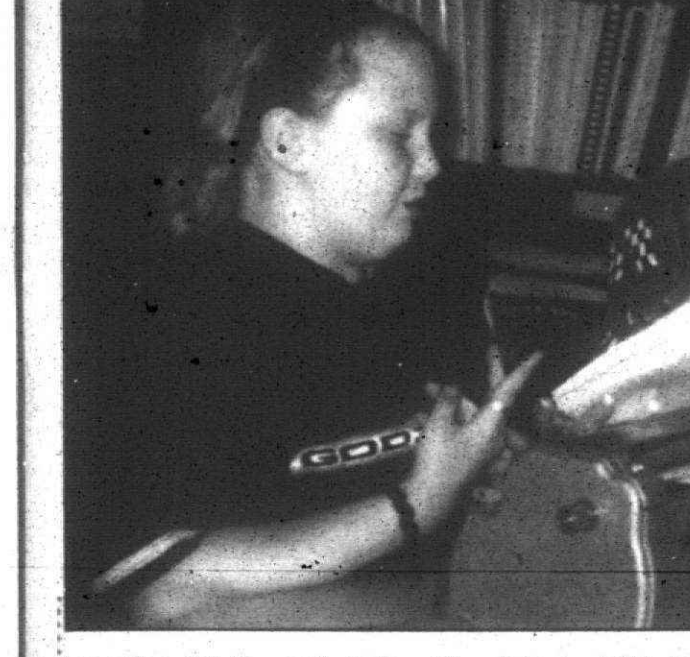
"Being Alone, Yet Not Lonely."  
Rev. Thomas G. Badley, preaching

**Contemporary Worship Service**  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Thomas G. Badley  
Rev. Malcolm Lay Conroy  
Rev. Richard C. Colley

Call us at [www.ubm.org](http://www.ubm.org)

## SEEDLINGS from page B5



Reunited: While at Hull, Hankins delivered "God, I've Gotta Talk to You" and "M and M and the Bad News Bears" to Sheena Hudson of Westland.

## Seedlings is hoping to make "Keep Kids in Touch" an annual project.

she reached up to hug the boy she had known as an elementary student.

Sam Rau of Westland, a ninth-grader at Churchill, received "A Gift of Magic" by Lois Duncan, while 10th-grader Bridget Cavanaugh of Redford received a Braille book with "Rescue 911" stories about kid heroes and 12th-grader Tim Kropp of Livonia has "The Trouble with Tuck" by Theodore Taylor to read this summer.

Korelitz, also a Farmington Hills resident, has been a volunteer and Seedlings board member since its inception 15 years ago.

As a former teacher of the visually impaired in the Detroit Public Schools, her passion and insight lend a special expertise to the daily mission of Seedlings.

While distributing the books, Korelitz had the opportunity to visit the elementary students she worked with in early intervention programs.

The children were thrilled to meet someone who remembered them as babies and preschoolers.

For Seedlings is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing high interest, low cost Braille books for children.

"Keep Kids in Touch" is a way of realizing its mission to increase the rate of literacy among visually impaired children by ensuring access to the same books as their sighted peers and making the books affordable.

The summer reading program was initiated as a way to encourage visually impaired children to keep their Braille skills current while providing the pleasure of new books for the summer.

Seedlings is hoping to make "Keep Kids in Touch" an annual project.

"Our charter has been so well received by teachers, students and parents, we'd like to obtain funding to offer this at a twice next year," said Seedlings founder and director Debra Bondie.

For more information about Seedlings, call (734) 427-8552 or send e-mail to [seedlink@aol.com](mailto:seedlink@aol.com)



Sharing: Paula Korelitz shares a print and Braille book, "Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy" by Marc Brown, with Kevin Andrews, a preschooler at Bussey Center in Southfield.

## NEW VOICES

Neil Harold Blevins and Dawn Marie Jordan of Wayne announce the birth of a son, Neil Harold II March 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Chuck and Trish Blevins of Westland and Roy and Sue Jordan of Westland.

Jack and Kate Boyd of Livonia announce the birth of William Vincent Charles April 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has two siblings, John, 9 and Tyler, 19 months. Grandparents are Mike and Betty Cassidy of Redford.

Michael and Nicole Tennis of Dearborn announce the birth of Logan Mitchell April 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Brandon, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Denise Wolfrom of Canton, Michele Tennis of Dearborn and Michael Tennis of New Hampshire.

Terrence and Staci Jones of Detroit announce the birth of a daughter, Teri Theresa April 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a sister, Amber Miles, 7. Grandparents are Stanley and Gladys Lee of Redford and Emmett and Carolyn Jones of Detroit.

Charles and Luvenia Wright of Redford announce the birth of Cameron Diaz May 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sisters Llekken, 11 and Bailee, 3. Grandparents are the Charles and Jo Wright of Southfield and Ken Hawthorne of Westland.

Bob and Brandy Holmstrom of Livonia announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Robert May 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two siblings, Charlie, 4 and Kelsey, 8. Grandparents are John and Naomi Gray of Wixom and John and Ruth Holmstrom of Novi.

Jodi Shupe of Taylor announces the birth of Clara Elizabeth Decker May 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Sherise and James Dasher of Taylor and Pat and Don Dudek of Garden City.

**VCA Public Service Announcement**

**999 Rabies Vaccines**

For Dogs & Cats. Examination Included.

Adult Dogs	Adult Cats
• DISTEMPER • LYME • PARVO • CORONA	• DISTEMPER • FELINE LEUKEMIA • FIP

Other Vaccines Available at Slightly Low Prices!

<b>Allen Park</b> VCA Allen Park Animal Hospital 3618 Allen Road 313-928-9100	<b>Garden City</b> VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City 18700 Woodward Road 734-425-4515	<b>Livonia</b> VCA Animal Hospital of Livonia 16710 Woodward Road 248-615-7670	<b>Taylor</b> VCA Southland Animal Hospital 3024 Evans Road 734-285-7500
--	---	---	---

www.vca.com

**I'M A SOMEONE**

One of you is Jewish, the other is not. Together, the two of you created a beautiful child. Now he's of an age to begin religious education and you've got a decision to make. Listen to what some adult children of intermarriage say:

"I'm half and half and on the fringes of things."  
"It's not like being Republican or Democrat. Every day, something arises that reminds me that I'm split."

Let your child grow up to be that special someone.

Make the connection...  
We're here for you.

THE INTERFAITH CONNECTION  
1-800-397-4876

**Here's a class you can't afford to miss!**

Learn all about a new Web site that can serve your organization. [mihometown.com](http://mihometown.com) provides **Free Web Sites** for non-profits, government agencies, schools, religious groups or community-based organizations. [mihometown.com](http://mihometown.com) features newsletters, calendars, instant contact with your membership and much, much more!

Put this powerful, multi-million dollar self-publishing tool to work for your organization—it's as easy as logging on to: <http://mihometown.com>

Click to create a site NOW!

Or, if you'd like first-hand information, attend one of our training sessions:

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Northwest Corner of Schoolcraft and Levan  
Exit 73 off I-96 Jeffries Freeway  
or call 734-953-2038  
Administration Building, Downstairs, Room 1104 (across from the student lounge)  
Thursday, July 8 - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 21 - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Classes are only \$15 and include:  
• TRAINING • MATERIALS • REFRESHMENTS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
**THE Observer & Eccentric**  
NEWSPAPERS  
HomeTown.com  
It's all about you.  
COMMUNITY PUBLISHING SYSTEM

**Coming Soon!**

Observer & Eccentric  
Part of HomeTown Communications Network™

**HomeTown SAVINGS CARD PROGRAM**

Subscribe or renew to your hometown newspaper and save on purchases from local merchants! Watch for more exciting details...

TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 734-591-0500 IN WAYNE COUNTY or 248-901-4716 IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Attention Business Owners: It's easy to participate in this traffic-building promotion! Call 734-953-2153 in Wayne County or 248-901-2500 in Oakland County and join the fun!

**HomeTown SAVINGS CARD**  
Observer & Eccentric  
COMMUNITY PUBLISHING SYSTEM



# Local chorus scales the musical heights

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

One sweltering summer night at Heritage Park in Farmington, the Spirit of Detroit Chorus gave a refreshing show of enormous energy, Broadway-like professionalism and showed the pizzazz that recently captured a first place in competition.

Judges at April's Grand Rapids regional competition awarded the Spirit of Detroit Chorus 644 points, the highest score ever awarded in the Region 2 competition. It was sixth time the local chorus won the regional competition.

Every time the group has competed at the regional level, it has won, said Pam Majewski, membership co-coordinator with Carol McKee.

"It's overwhelming," said chorus director LeAnn Hazlett. She also won the title of master director during the regional competition, because the chorus earned more than 600 points.

"I enjoy making a musical product where I can mold the music into what I want to hear," said Hazlett, who drives from Swanton, Ohio, weekly to practice with the group of 114 women who range in age from 14 to nearly 80.

Their backgrounds cover the same broad spectrum - from sin-

**"The lights go on and the feeling is incredible. There are 8,000 people in the audience, and it's like being a rock star. And all your friends are calling out 'Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.'"**

*Pam Majewski*  
—membership coordinator

gle to stay-at-home moms and an array of professions.

On their business cards, chorus members proclaims a mission statement: "Dedication to musical excellence." And members believe they embody that spirit.

"It's wonderful to realize that we're one of the best choruses in the world and that we're meeting our goal with so many wonderful friends," Majewski said.

Members live in almost every metropolitan Detroit community, but are mostly from Farmington Hills, Westland, Plymouth and Canton, as well as, outstate; Canada and Ohio.

### Practice, practice

For the next year, they'll exercise their vocal chords practicing for the international competitions in 2000 in Orlando, Fla., where they will compete with Sweet Adeline choruses from all over the world.

"When we go on the international stage, we realize that it's

something that a lot of choruses will never see," Majewski said. "The lights go on and the feeling is incredible. There are 8,000 people in the audience, and it's like being a rock star. And all your friends are calling out 'Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.'"

At the competitions they've become known as the chorus with ideas, using innovative props and costuming.

"I think choruses around the world are looking at Spirit and saying: 'What are they going to do next?'" said Majewski. The best part about being in the chorus is that members make everlasting friendships, she said.

### New members sought

Stressing that the auditions are "gentle," Majewski and McKee say they're always looking for new members.

The main criteria is a love of music, McKee said. Members don't even have to be able to read music.

Anyone interested in joining

the volunteer chorus should attend the group's weekly meeting 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Paul Presbyterian Church on Five Mile west of Inkster Road.

"There's a big spirit of sharing and a great love for each other and support," McKee said. "What was so remarkable is that here's a group of woman coming together, doing the best they can do with a spirit of love and a joy of singing."

### A local 'treasure'

They've become a local "treasure" and are regularly featured in newspapers, on television news shows and seen around metropolitan Detroit in summer music programs, such as the one at Heritage Park and in Livonia. They're also available for hire.

"We will sing wherever and for whomever and sometimes it's a full chorus and sometimes a small chorus and sometimes as a quartet," said Majewski. The price depends on the request.

Despite the group's size, members of the Spirit of Detroit Chorus manage to stay close-knit during good times and bad - with heart-warming stories about introducing each other to prospective spouses and singing at funerals.

One member was introduced to her fiancé by another member

and during a recent practice her fiancé proposed on bended knee before all the other members.

He wanted them to be present, he said, because without the Sweet Adelines he wouldn't have met her.

Another member, who joined just three months ago, was widowed recently. To her surprise, the group sang at her husband's funeral.

Anyone interested in hearing the Spirit of Detroit Chorus perform, the group's next public engagement is its annual show Saturday, Nov. 13, at Mercy High School in Farmington, that performance will also feature the 1998 International Championship quartet, "Rumors."

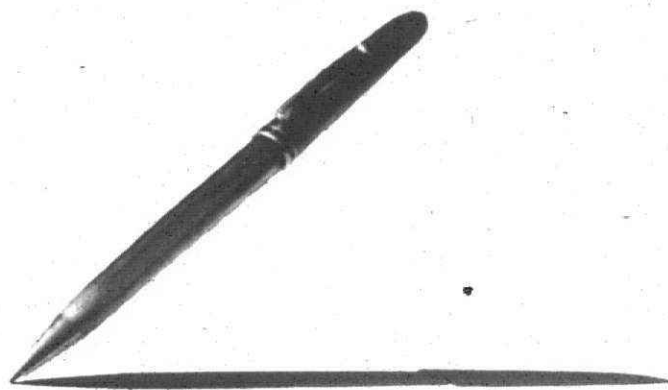
Call Majewski at (734) 495-1505 or McKee at (734) 459-3785 for more information.

**Michigan Farm Fresh Produce**

Michigan Bi-Color SWEET CORN 6/ \$2.99	Michigan HEAD LETTUCE 2/ \$1.00
Ice Cold Watermelon	Kentucky Vine-Ripe TOMATOES 99¢ Lb.

**NURSERY YARD SALE!**  
— extended one more week —  
**20% OFF EVERYTHING!**

**CLYDE SMITH & SONS**  
FARM MARKET & GREENHOUSES  
8000 Newburgh WESTLAND 734-425-1434  
OPEN 9-8 Monday-Saturday; Sunday 9-6



**WE DIDN'T CHANGE THE PENS,** but now they sign more small business loans across Michigan than they ever did before.

# A BEST FRIEND WHO WON'T STEAL YOUR BOYFRIEND.



Theo Westenberg, photographer/Ketwedy, model.

Adopt a pet today.  
For more information, call (248) 852-7420.



Detroit • Rochester Hills • Westland

**Two That Are Tough To Beat.**

Whether you're talking quality, features, or price, Cub Cadet Series 2000 lawn tractors come out on top against any competition.

Shaft driven!

Series 2000 Model 2185 with 48" deck

- 18 HP Kohler Command V-Twin OHV engine
- AutoHydro™ transmission with cruise control
- Direct drive shaft to transmission for long life and less maintenance
- 48" Quick Attach high-speed mowing deck
- Optional front bumper and agriculture tread rear tires

**\$111** /per month  
**\$4,078**

Free mulch baffle!

Series 2000 Model 2135

- 13 HP Kohler Command OHV engine
- 38" high-vacuum Quick Attach deck with mulch baffle standard
- AutoHydro™ transmission with cruise control
- Direct drive shaft to transmission for long life and less maintenance

**\$66** /per month  
**\$2,399**

— BELLEVILLE —      — COMMERCE TOWNSHIP —

All Seasons Landscaping      Wheels And Blades  
8124 Belleville Road      8055 Commerce Road  
734-697-1377      248-363-6683

**5 YEAR WARRANTY**      0% Interest for 12 Months\*\*      **Cub Cadet**



When NBD changed its name to Bank One, we also became one of the nation's largest lenders to small businesses. That's a lot of ink.

1-800-404-4111 [www.bankone.com](http://www.bankone.com)

**NBD is now Bank One**



## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Series is set

So — who says a tie doesn't mean anything?

The final softball standings in the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, and the ensuing match-up for the best-of-three World Series, were decided by a single tie, between the Western Division Diamondbacks and the Eastern Division White Sox. The tie meant nothing to the Diamondbacks; they won the West easily, posting a 10-3-1 record to outdistance the Athletics, Cardinals and Devil Rays, who were all 5-9.

In the East, however, the White Sox finished 10-3-1 — and that proved a bit short. The Blue Jays were division champs, posting an 11-3 record; the Phillies were close, too, taking third with a 10-4 mark. And right behind them were the Marlins at 9-5.

The Blue Jays and Diamondbacks will meet in the World Series, starting at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Field No. 1. Game Two is slated for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, with Game Three (if necessary) at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday (July 15). All will be at Field No. 1.

The CCJBSA's other eight teams will compete in a one-game elimination tournament. First-round games begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight, with the White Sox going against the Tigers (Field No. 2); the Athletics meeting the Cardinals (Field No. 3); the Phillies playing the Braves (Field No. 6); and the Marlins taking on the Devil Rays (Field No. 7).

Winners meet in the semifinals at 6:30 p.m. July 13, with the tournament title game set for 6:30 p.m. July 15.

### Hockey sign-up

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association is now accepting applications for its Mini-Mite program, which begins Aug. 1 at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth. Registration forms must be received by Friday, July 9.

The Mini-Mite program, for ages 5-8 years-old, will focus on learning to skate and basic hockey skills. Registration forms are available at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit on the Park in Canton, or on the hockey association's web-site: <http://sport.mlive.com/sport/canamhoc> key.

Cost is \$125 per player. For more information, call (734) 207-1002.

### Grand Prix package

The Detroit Historical Society has fewer than 100 special VIP passes remaining to the Detroit Grand Prix, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 8 on Belle Isle. For \$150, a VIP pass-holder will receive entry to a private hospitality tent; unlimited food and beverages; pit passes; a grand stand ticket for the race; and round-trip transportation from the Detroit Historical Museum (located at 5401 Woodward) to Belle Isle.

Also, \$50 of the cost is a tax deductible donation to the Detroit Historical Society, which supports the Detroit Historical Museum, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, Historic Fort Wayne and the Historic Moross House.

To reserve tickets, call Jennifer Richard at (313) 833-1405.

### Hockey offerings

The city of Plymouth Recreation office is offering ice hockey clinics and some late night drop-in hockey through the rest of the summer at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 526 Farmer in Plymouth.

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

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

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

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

# Junior Olympic regional at Canton



It wasn't exactly something that was campaigned for, but when the opportunity to host a major track and field event came knocking at the door of Canton's Mike Krafchak, he answered.

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR  
cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net

Something like this doesn't just fall into your lap. It's not possible.

Unless, of course, you're Mike Krafchak.

The Canton resident and longtime track/cross country supporter had been "away from the sport for a while," in

his own words. Then something happened, and people in the state associated with track and field figured out what to do.

Just ask Mike.

"The other area that had it (Jackson) ran into some problems, and I guess they just figured we were capable of doing it," was Krafchak's explanation of how Plymouth Canton HS became the site of the Region V USA Track and

Field Junior Olympics today through Sunday. "They knew we'd been able to pull off something like this before."

Don't underestimate the size of the task. More than 1,400 competitors, ages 8-18, from four states — Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Michigan — will descend upon the Canton track for the four-day affair. The main events are Saturday and Sunday; today will be the heptathlon and decathlon, and on Friday will be the heptathlon, decathlon, pentathlon, triathlon and, at the University of Michigan, the steeplechase.

Competition will be in four age divisions, for both males and females. The

top three finishers in each event will qualify for the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympics July 27-Aug. 1 in Nebraska.

This weekend's regional is by far the most prestigious track and field event for those of this age group in the state, and likely won't be matched for another five years — which is how often Michigan sponsors this event. The last time it was in the state, in 1994, it was in Melvindale.

This is the first time the Plymouth-Canton area has been the regional host, according to Krafchak.

"This is just a good thing for kids,"

Please see TRACK, C8

## Lightning strike

### SOFTBALL

A combined 26 hits enabled the Plymouth Lightning to overwhelm the Livonia Cyclones twice Tuesday, 11-2 and 11-1, in a Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League double-header at Plymouth Salem.

The Lightning, consisting mainly of Salem HS players, improved to 6-1 with the sweep.

Amanda Sutton was the winning pitcher in the opener with a five-hit, one-walk performance. She struck out six in her six innings on the mound.

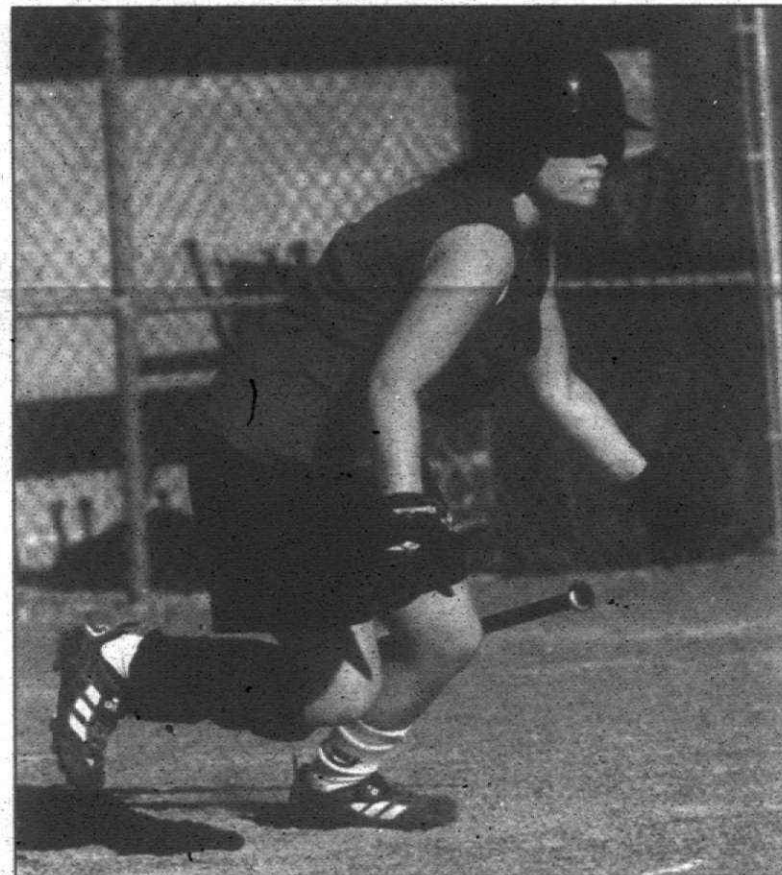
Four Lightning players had two hits apiece to pace the 11-hit attack. Amanda Bilkie led the way with two

doubles and two runs batted in; Jen Allen also had two hits and two RBI. Shae Potocki added two hits and one RBI, Katie Kelly had two hits, and Dawn Allen contributed a double and an RBI.

In the second game, Liz Dekarske tossed a one-hitter at the Cyclones. She walked two and struck out eight in six innings.

Jessica Chapman's three-run home run was the key blow in the

Please see SOFTBALL, C2



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Logging it out: The Lancers' Becky Mitchell sprints toward first base during Tuesday's game with the Farmington Diamonds, which the Diamonds won.

## Goal in sight

### Stibel aims for U.S. team

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR  
cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net

He discounts it now, like some possession he's had for so long its value is taken for granted. But while priceless to others, the ability to handle the pressure associated with major gymnastics meets has become commonplace to Doug Stibel.

Which is why his failure to make the U.S. team competing in the Pan American Games, though disappointing, is already history. Dwelling on such a negative would do him no good.

Indeed, Stibel — a Plymouth Canton HS graduate — doesn't merely dismiss the setback, as if it never happened. He insists on getting something positive out of it.

"I missed a couple of my routines," he said in evaluating his performance at the Pan Am team trials two weeks ago. "I was dealing with school, trying to figure out what I was going to do the rest of the summer, if I was going to take classes or not."

"Mentally, I was kind of burnt. I thought once I got there (to the trials) I could overcome it, but I couldn't."

Then he added: "It's kind of good and kind of bad. It was something I was shooting for. But the upside is, I've had more time to train and my routines are improved."

What Stibel is training for now is the U.S. Regional qualifier, which will be July 31 in Houston. The top 17 at that meet advance to the U.S. Team Trials in Sacramento, at which the top 14 finishers qualify for the U.S. team. The ultimate goal: the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Such mental discipline is commonplace for an athlete like Stibel, who competed at All-Around Gymnastics in Livonia through 1993. That's evident; all one need do is consider what he's accomplished in the past two years alone.

A three-time All-American at Ohio State, Stibel tied for second on the high bar at the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships last spring with a personal-best score of 9.775, and he finished sixth in the floor exercise. All this after missing six months due to a



Doug Stibel  
Gymnastic hopeful

fractured back suffered while training in January, 1998.

Stibel suffered the injury on his landing on a new mat after a practice vault. "Sometimes they're slick when they're new, and they can throw you," he recalled.

Which is just what happened.

Still, he continued to train and compete for OSU despite the injury. "It felt sore, but I never really thought it was broken," he said. He managed to make it through the NCAA season, but when he started training for the 1998 Pan American Team Trials last summer, the pain increased, finally sidelining him. He didn't return to training until last December.

While the time away didn't help, Stibel certainly proved his mental toughness — which he now dismisses.

"The gymnastics isn't really mentally draining right now," he said. "I wouldn't compete in the sport if I didn't have fun with it, if I didn't really enjoy it."

He loves to compete, and believes he's capable. He'll be in all-around competition at the upcoming regional qualifier, which is what he competed in during his last two years at OSU.

"Just watching the World University Games in (Mallorca) Spain this week, seeing what other guys are doing, I think I have a pretty good chance," Stibel said.

His more intensive training has helped, too. His collegiate eligibility is exhausted; the coaching he gets now is more one-on-one.

His back, while "sore every now and then," is not a concern. His future is, and gymnastics very likely will be a

Please see STIBEL, C8

### SOCCER

## Bucks get shot at Mutiny

BY BRAD EMONS  
SPORTS WRITER  
bebons@oe.homecomm.net

The Mid-Michigan Bucks, who get to take on the Tampa Bay Mutiny of the Major Soccer League Monday night in a U.S. Open Cup match (see related story), are chalked full of familiar names.

Co-owners Jim and Dan Duggan, Livonia natives who built the Saginaw-based Premier Development Team from the ground up in 1996, feature several players from Oakland and Wayne counties.

One of the most notable on the 17-0 Bucks is former Birmingham Seaholm star and Michigan's Mr. Soccer in 1997, Ryan Mack.

Mack, a forward who has five goals and four assists in 11 Great Lakes Division games, was a freshman



Scott Emert  
Former Madonna standout

starter on the Indiana Hoosiers' 1998 NCAA National Championship team.

Former Oakland University captain Chad Schowaker, in his third year with the Bucks, is a



Ryan Mack  
top prep player in 1997

dynamic force and fifth on the team in scoring.

Another former OU player, Michael Dodd, had two goals in the stunning 2-1 upset win over the A-League Minnesota Thunder in round No. 3.

Madonna University's

Scott Emert, the 1998 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year and NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, is another key player.

Redford's Tino Scicluna, who played for prep powerhouse Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day and was a two-year captain at Butler University, lends support on defense. His brother, Mario, who has played professionally in Malta, also adds support as a reserve.

All three goalkeepers are from area high schools including Alan Placek (Country Day), Eric Pogue (Troy Athens) and Mike Skolnik (Livonia Churchill).

Other key area Bucks include Paul Dorph, former OU captain and NCAA

See MID-MICHIGAN BUCKS, C3

## Owners riding high with the Cup qualifiers

BY BRAD EMONS  
SPORTS WRITER  
bebons@oe.homecomm.net

Coming off a successful stint with the World Cup Michigan Host Committee in 1994, Livonia native Jim Duggan, along with his brother Dan, wanted to continue to ride the wave.

And so far it's a script right out of Endless Summer, but it's even better in 1999.

Co-owners of the 17-0 Mid-Michigan Bucks, part of the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League (made up primarily of area collegiate players), the Duggans are creating quite a stir in the soccer world.

The Bucks, based out of the Saginaw area, are in the Sweet 16 of the U.S. Open Cup and will host the Tampa Bay Mutiny of the Major Soccer League at 7:30 p.m. Monday at White Pine Middle School Stadium in Saginaw Township, where a crowd of 3,000 is expected.

Please see BUCKS OWNERS, C3



# Lakers' rally can't catch Wolverines

The Wolverines built a 6-2 lead through two periods, but the Lakers kept chipping away at it, eventually closing to within 7-6 with more than four minutes left in their Metro Summer Hockey League game Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

But Ryan Ward and Bill Trainor (from Canton) led a late assault. Ward scoring twice and Trainor getting a goal and an assist in the final 89 seconds, to secure the Wolverines' 10-6 victory.

The result allowed the Wolves to even their record at 3-3. The Lakers saw their hold on second-place dwindle to a single point, their record falling to 3-2-1.

Ward finished with three goals and an assist to pace the Wolverines. Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) added two goals and two assists. Eric Hawkins (Redford/Catholic Central) contributed a goal and two assists, and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth), Brad Ferrier (Canton) and Matt Krupa each scored a goal. Marc O'Keefe (Livonia) had three assists and Varujan Krikor (West Bloomfield) added two assists.

Thomas Monnier (Catholic Central) was in goal for the Wolves.

The Lakers got two goals from Nick Anselm (Canton), a goal and three assists from Brian Jardine, a goal and an assist from Chris Libbett (West Bloomfield), and single goals from Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) and Ryan Law (Livonia). Matt Frick (West Bloomfield) contributed two

goals and an assist from both sides.

Lightning's 15-hit attack. Potocik added two doubles and two RBIs, while Jennifer Warnick, Kelly, Sutton and Dekarski each collected two hits.

Diamonds 4-9, Cobras 2-1: The Farmington Hills Diamonds improved their record to 7-1 in the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League Tuesday by sweeping a doubleheader from the visiting Livonia Lancers (Ladywood HS).

Beth Danielewicz, who will be

a freshman at North Farmington High School, was the winning pitcher in both games, tossing a one-hitter in the opener.

She struck out 12 and walked one in the first game. Danielewicz helped her cause by going 2-for-3 at bat with a double and two RBIs.

Sarah Reading also had two hits, scored a run and knocked in a run. Lori Tapper, Katie Wolk, Kelly McKean, Kristy Reinhardt and Meredith Reilly contributed one hit apiece to the Diamonds'

1999 season.

Amelia Araiza, McKeon and Danielewicz had the hits, and Stephanie Karros drove in a run with a groundout.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

## SUMMER HOCKEY

Brandon Hohem (Troy) was in goal for the Lakers.

**Broncos 7, Spartans 7:** This game was never assured, so it was appropriate it ended in a tie Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Broncos (1-3-1) led 4-1 late in the opening period and 5-2 early in the second, only to see the Spartans (1-4-2) battle back with four straight goals to go up 6-5 with 2:39 left in the second.

However, the Broncos' Tony Keshishian (Plymouth) knotted it at 6-6 with just 10 seconds left in the second, then Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) put them up 7-6 with 10:46 left in the game.

The final, game-tying goal came from the Spartans' Jason Lawmaster (Westland), his third of the game (with one assist), with 2:31 remaining.

Trevor Pregel (Redford) added two goals, Pete Mazzoni had a goal and two assists, Nick Lerner had a goal and an assist, and Chris Powrozniak (Redford) chipped in with three assists. Eric Pregel (Redford) was in goal for the Spartans.

The Broncos also got two goals and an assist from Scott Kale, a goal and two assists from Smyth, two goals from Gord Statham, a goal and an assist from both

sides.

Danielewicz and McKeon walked twice as did Wolk and Danielewicz scored two runs each; McKeon, Wolk, Melvin and Nicole Moundros accounted for four more runs.

Lasers 16-14, Cobras 0-4: The Livonia Lasers evened their Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball league record to 3-3 Tuesday with a sweep of the host Plymouth Central Cobras.

The first game was ended after three innings by the mercy rule.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

## Bulls 14, Wildcats 10: The Bulldogs opened up a 9-5 lead after two periods of their MSHL game Monday at Plymouth Cultural Center, then increased it to 12-5 early in the third before the Wildcats battled back to close to within 12-10 with 1:43 left in the game.

Goals by Matt Prater and Kevin Swider (Livonia) in the final 35 seconds secured the win for the 'Dogs, who remain atop the MSHL with a 5-1 record. Swider's goal, with 1:7 seconds left, was his fifth of the game; he had three assists, too. Prater also had two assists.

Other scoring leaders for the Bulldogs were Eric Bratcher with two goals and five assists; Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) with a goal and four assists; Corey Swider (Livonia) with a goal and three assists; Brad Yonemura (Garden City) with two goals and an assist; Darin Fawkes (Livonia) with two goals; and both Troy Milam and Adam Krug (Livonia) with two assists.

Ted Martens was in goal for the 'Dogs. The Wildcats, who fell to 1-4, got six goals and an assist from Sean Kase. Darin Silvestro contributed a goal and three assists; Mike Swistak (West Bloomfield) and Brent Besse each had a goal and an assist. Paola DeCina (Canton) had a goal, and Vic DeCina (Canton) got three assists. Aaron Jones (Troy/Brother Rice) and Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) were in goal for the 'Cats.

Lasers 16-14, Cobras 0-4: The Livonia Lasers evened their Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball league record to 3-3 Tuesday with a sweep of the host Plymouth Central Cobras.

The first game was ended after three innings by the mercy rule.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

Pitchers Tara Muchow (two innings) and Nicole Zabkiewicz (one inning) combined for six and eight walks, while fanning six.

The Cobras did not get a hit in either game.

Three innings by the mercy rule. Jamie Linden doubled twice and had two RBIs to pace the offense, while Tera Morrison contributed a two-run double.

Kerstin Marshall and Amy Sandrick had two hits apiece, and Marshall had an RBI.

## Bucks owners

Translation in surfer talk: This is the equivalent of the Tigers playing their Class A affiliate at Lakeland.

The Bucks laid claim to the biggest story in soccer's minor leagues by pulling off the upset of the year, a 2-1 U.S. Open Cup (Division II) Minnesota Thunder.

"It's the pinnacle for us — and it really hasn't sunk in yet," said Jim Duggan, the team's general manager. "We are a young team, and we thought we could beat a D3 Pro level team, and we thought we might be able to beat some A-League teams, but we weren't exactly jumping up and down about playing Minnesota, the runner-up in last year's (A-League) championship."

The Mutiny, 6-10 in the MLS and in fourth place in the Eastern Division, feature Colombian national star Carlos Valderrama, along with U.S. National Team players Dominic Kinneir and Steve Tritschuh, as well as All-Star goalkeeper Scott Garlick.

They will try and snap a five-game MLS losing streak tonight when they play at home (on ESPN) against the San Jose Clash.

"Who would have thought the first MLS game played in Michigan would be in Saginaw?" said Dan Duggan, who has dedicated the Bucks' season to longtime area soccer godfather Paul Sciana, who died tragically in a car accident this spring.

The last Division I team to play in Michigan was the old Detroit Express of the North American Soccer League, which

left the Silverdome after the 1980 season.

Founded in 1986, the United Soccer League fields 134 teams from five different leagues.

One step below the Division II A-League is the D3 Pro League, followed by the Premier Development League.

"We paid the franchise fee (in 1996) and it was our job to find a territory," Jim Duggan said. "They had teams in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Ann Arbor at the time. And since it was only a 1 1/2 hour drive from Detroit, we thought mid-Michigan was an up-and-coming soccer area."

So how did the Mid-Michigan Bucks, who pulled out a 4-3 shootout victory Saturday night over the Kalamazoo Kangaroos, become such a juggernaut?

"The continuity of the team is important," Jim Duggan said. "Fifteen of our 20 played for the Bucks before. It's a huge difference when you get guys to return. It usually goes in two-year cycles."

Defender Jeremy Aldrich, a native of Mattawan, Mich., and former standout at Butler, played last year for the Bucks before being picked up by the MLS' Miami Fusion.

"We get to pick the amateur talent, which the D-3s and D-2s can't have," Jim Duggan said. "It's a lot like college recruiting. In our level you have to have 10 or less pro players. Our team only has three."

"But I'd say at least six of our players by next year will go on and play at the A-League level."

After beating four teams in their own division, the Bucks knocked off the Austin (Tex.) Lone Stars of the D-3 Pro League in round No. 2.

Ironically, Premier Development League teams won five of eight U.S. Open Cup matches against D-3 opponents.

"Nobody from our league has ever beaten an MLS team," Jim Duggan said.

In 1997, the San Francisco

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 7)			
Bulldogs	5	1	0
Lakers	3	2	1
Huskies	3	1	6
Wolverines	3	2	6
Spartans	1	4	2
Broncos	1	3	3
Wildcats	1	3	2

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 4)			
Name (Team)	G	A	Pts
Brian Jardine (Lakers)	7	8	15
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	6	9	14
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	5	13	14
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	6	7	13
Mike Viglietta (Lakers)	6	5	13
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	7	5	12
Nick Jardine (Lakers)	6	5	11
Scott Curtin (Lakers)	1	9	10
Krikor Arman (Wolverines)	1	9	10
K. McNeelance (Broncos)	8	2	10
Eric Dolan (Lakers)	6	4	9
Brian Hales (Bulldogs)	5	4	9
Jay Storm (Huskies)	3	5	8
Jim Tudor (Huskies)	7	1	8

LEADING GOALKEEPERS (Through July 4)			
Name (Team)	GA	AA	SV%
Art Baker (Huskies)	1	2.03	
Phil Oser (Bulldogs)	9	3.57	
J.J. Weeks (Huskies)	6	3.98	
Brandon Hohen (Lakers)	9	4.24	
Ted Martens (Bulldogs)	13	5.47	
Tom McNeil (Spartans)	14	5.57	
Rick Mamon (Broncos)	15	5.98	

left the Silverdome after the 1980 season.

Founded in 1986, the United Soccer League fields 134 teams from five different leagues.

One step below the Division II A-League is the D3 Pro League, followed by the Premier Development League.

"We paid the franchise fee (in 1996) and it was our job to find a territory," Jim Duggan said. "They had teams in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Ann Arbor at the time. And since it was only a 1 1/2 hour drive from Detroit, we thought mid-Michigan was an up-and-coming soccer area."

So how did the Mid-Michigan Bucks, who pulled out a 4-3 shootout victory Saturday night over the Kalamazoo Kangaroos, become such a juggernaut?

"The continuity of the team is important," Jim Duggan said. "Fifteen of our 20 played for the Bucks before. It's a huge difference when you get guys to return. It usually goes in two-year cycles."

Defender Jeremy Aldrich, a native of Mattawan, Mich., and former standout at Butler, played last year for the Bucks before being picked up by the MLS' Miami Fusion.

"We get to pick the amateur talent, which the D-3s and D-2s can't have," Jim Duggan said. "It's a lot like college recruiting. In our level you have to have 10 or less pro players. Our team only has three."

"But I'd say at least six of our players by next year will go on and play at the A-League level."

After beating four teams in their own division, the Bucks knocked off the Austin (Tex.) Lone Stars of the D-3 Pro League in round No. 2.

Ironically, Premier Development League teams won five of eight U.S. Open Cup matches against D-3 opponents.

"Nobody from our league has ever beaten an MLS team," Jim Duggan said.

In 1997, the San Francisco

left the Silverdome after the 1980 season.

Founded in 1986, the United Soccer League fields 134 teams from five different leagues.

One step below the Division II A-League is the D3 Pro League, followed by the Premier Development League.

"We paid the franchise fee (in 1996) and it was our job to find a territory," Jim Duggan said. "They had teams in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Ann Arbor at the time. And since it was only a 1 1/2 hour drive from Detroit, we thought mid-Michigan was an up-and-coming soccer area."

So how did the Mid-Michigan Bucks, who pulled out a 4-3 shootout victory Saturday night over the Kalamazoo Kangaroos, become such a juggernaut?

"The continuity of the team is important," Jim Duggan said. "Fifteen of our 20 played for the Bucks before. It's a huge difference when you get guys to return. It usually goes in two-year cycles."

Defender Jeremy Aldrich, a native of Mattawan, Mich., and former standout at Butler, played last year for the Bucks before being picked up by the MLS' Miami Fusion.

"We get to pick the amateur talent, which the D-3s and D-2s can't have," Jim Duggan said. "It's a lot like college recruiting. In our level you have to have 10 or less pro players. Our team only has three."

"But I'd say at least six of our players by next year will go on and play at the A-League level."

After beating four teams in their own division, the Bucks knocked off the Austin (Tex.) Lone Stars of the D-3 Pro League in round No. 2.

Ironically, Premier Development League teams won five of eight U.S. Open Cup matches against D-3 opponents.

# Concealed falls

The third time wasn't the charm for the Concealed Security 12-year-old travel baseball team.

Concealed lost in the championship game of a tournament for the third time this season, 6-3, to the Ohio Thunder on Sunday in the finals of the Firecracker Classic at Halmich Park in Warren.

Concealed, which fell to 57-12 overall, struck out an unprecedented 14 times. Coach Lou Pirronello can't remember his team striking out more than six times in a game before.

Concealed managed three hits, scoring two runs in the first inning for a brief 2-0 lead. Two walks were followed by an RBI single by Scott Szyrka (Orchard Lake) a suicide squeeze bunt by Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) scored the second run.

Szyrka's triple brought home the third Concealed run in the sixth. Ryan Shay (Garden City), safe on an outfielder's error, scored the Concealed run.

Shay pitched "masterfully" in relief, according to Pirronello. He allowed no runs on two hits and no walks with four strikeouts after entering in relief of starter Steve Karchefsky, who struggled with control.

"The kids can't wait to play them (the Thunder) again," Pirronello said.

In the semifinals, Concealed rallied to beat Homer, Ill. 2-1.

Winning pitcher Chris Rassin improved his record to 7-3, allowing one run on one hit and two walks with eight strikeouts.

Rassin is someone Concealed didn't even think it would have available less than a month ago.

"He's a kid we hurting his last three weeks ago," Pirronello said. "It looked like he would be at least six weeks (out) and a fractured hand. But he got a second (doctor's) opinion and he's playing."

Shay's fifth-inning home run

with Rassin aboard after a single ejected a 1-0 Concealed deficit. Vojtkofsky and Eric Drieselman (Garden City) had two hits each to lead Concealed.

Drieselman pitched a stellar game in the quarterfinals, won by Concealed, 4-1, over the Ohio Merchants.

Drieselman, whose record improved to 9-1, allowed five hits and two walks with one strikeout.

Fifteen of the 21 outs came on ground balls.

"Eric doesn't strike many out but he has such a great circle change-up, he gets everyone to hit ground balls," Pirronello said.

Concealed's 11-hit attack was led by Szyrka, who was 4-for-4, including two doubles and a triple. Karchefsky was 2-4, and Mark Pitelka (Livonia) was 2-3 with an RBI.

Regardless of what happens in the NABF regional or possibly in AABC action,



# Making the grade

## Canton's Mortiere helps Close Encounters reach World Series

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER  
skowal@ecce.com

Close Encounters is the team's name. It's also what the players are assured of in national prominence when they participate in the Class A women's slow-pitch World Series.

If they don't bring home the top prize, at least they can say they came close.

The unlimited age team coached by John Powell has a long tradition of excellence and this year a trio of former Garden City High School stars are key players.

Close Encounters is strong up the middle where the Garden City contingent of shortstop Carolyn Shanks, second baseman Yvonne Jenks and center-fielder Jennifer Kintz roam. Kintz also pitches when needed.

There also is a Garden City connection on the coaching staff as Powell is assisted by John Slavin, a former resident now living in Canton. Joe Ayres is the other assistant coach.

Close Encounters is 7-2-1 in the Adray Metro Travel League, 4-4 in tournament play. Close Encounters placed third last weekend at a World Series Qualifier in Louisville, Ky. The third-place showing earned the team a berth in the 16-team national tournament later this summer in Lexington, Kentucky.

Powell, a bank vice president, has coached Close Encounters since its inception. The team won the Class B national title last year, which gave it an

### SLOW PITCH

automatic promotion to Class A competition this year.

Powell said the team chose Close Encounters as its name some 20 years ago because some of the team members back then enjoyed a movie title by a similar name.

Powell said sponsors include Dr. James Armstrong of the Southwest Medical Plaza, Wilson Paint and Decorating, Professional Garments and Sander's Building Services.

The player roster also includes a pair of players from Farmington: Daphne Rhodes and Heidi Lawrence.

Lawrence is a starting outfielder who bats third in the lineup. She'll hit "500 plus this season," according to Powell.

Heather Arioli (Grosse Pointe), Audra Ayres (Pinckney), Treva Blansett (Detroit), Christine Boguslawski (Detroit), Yvonne Davis (Chesterfield Township), Theresa Gibson (Rogersville), Colleen Kmiecik (Roseville), Kelley Line (Huntington Woods), Danielle Mortiere (Canton) and Wanda Peruski (Waterford) round out the roster.

Mortiere is a utility player and leadoff hitter with an above .500 on base percentage.

"She's a leader on the field, playing wherever needed," according to Powell. "She gets things started for us."

Shanks and Jenks, who sound more like law firm partners than a second-base combination, are four years apart

and didn't play on the same teams in high school or in college, at Western Michigan University. But they play as if they've been teammates for years, Powell said.

"We're very fortunate to have two outstanding ballplayers in Vonne and Carolyn," Powell said. "Both together are outstanding. They turned about four double plays this weekend alone. Their major asset is defense and they are very, very aggressive and exciting baserunners. They have a good knowledge of the game."

This is Shanks' first year with Close Encounters and Jenks played briefly for Powell a couple years ago. Kintz played for Close Encounters at last year's world tournament and this year became a full-time member.

All are hitting above .450 for tournaments, Powell said.

"Kintz is a power hitter, an excellent defensive outfielder," Powell said. "She's very capable of dominating the game with her hitting."

The players on Close Encounters range in age from 21 to 43. Powell thinks. Powell is positive about the low end of the age spectrum but not sure about the exact age of the oldest player, Theresa Gibson, because she's not telling.

The average age is about 26 to 28, and it would be much lower without Gibson, who seems to know the formula to the Fountain of Youth.

Most of the Close Encounters players started in fast-pitch in their teens and in college but are eager to play slow

pitch, which gives the fielders more chances.

"There's a strong interest by the younger players to play fast pitch because of the (popularity of the) Olympics," Powell said. "However, slow pitch is still very popular. It keeps everyone involved, unlike fast pitch, which is usually dominated by the pitcher."

"One thing about slow pitch is that even with a low-scoring game it's exciting. You don't have 'weak' positions. A lot of times people think the weak position is right field, but not in slow pitch."

Close Encounters plays Thursday night double-headers at Softball City in Detroit, on Eight Mile Road near Woodward Road.

They have a tournament remaining in Rockford, Ill. as well as the Michigan Invitational Tournament and state tournament to look forward to next month.

Close Encounters has won the Class B state title the last three seasons.

Powell said he loses a few players each season to retirement, other teams and some for reasons that men's team coaches can't understand.

"We lost two to retirement last year and over the years we've lost players to motherhood," Powell said. "We lost a girl to another team last year and then she was lost to them because she decided to have a third child."

He got involved in coaching softball after taking up the sport following his baseball career. He still plays twice a week in leagues.

"Some decide to play down in Class C because they prefer to play with friends or whatever," he said. "It's pretty demanding, a major time commitment (Class A and B ball). We have preseason practice and practice on a 'need' basis once the season starts."

In the last five years, Close Encounters has finished first once, second two times and third twice. All the new players have blended well, according to Powell.

"There's a lot of camaraderie on the team and for a new group they're bonding well," said Powell, counting the number of personalities he's blended.

He has police officers, nurses, public relations people, college students, sales people, accountants.

Peruski is the team's pitcher, and there's more to being a good slow-pitch pitcher than meets the eye, according to Powell.

Peruski and Jenks made the all-tournament team last weekend.

"People recognize the need for a good pitcher in slow pitch and she's a good one," Powell said.

The three Garden City players, Davis and Lawrence made the all-tournament team in Cincinnati last month.

Powell hails from Oklahoma, where he was a high school baseball star before going on to play at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

He got involved in coaching softball after taking up the sport following his baseball career. He still plays twice a week in leagues.

### NEWS OF NOTE

#### Women's golf

The 83rd Women's State Amateur Golf Championship begins Monday with qualifying at Tecumseh Country Club.

Although entries are accepted with a 23.4 index or lower, this year's tourney field will be the strongest in history with the highest index of 16.7 to make the field.

Thirty-four have an index under 6, while 87 are under 11, and 114 are under 16.

The 120-player field includes Kellianna Nagy (7.1 index), Megan Johnson (8.5), Heidi Aitama (10.0), all of Livonia; Priscilla Gilliam (14.4), Canton; Katherine Collins (3.9) and Laura Kowalski (4.8), both of Plymouth; Deborah Comstock (12.5), Redford; Nancy Coyne (7.1) and Lisa Chalmers (10.9), Farmington Hills.

Match play begins Tuesday with the finals set for Saturday.

#### Baseball classic

The 13th annual Wayne Baseball Association Late Summer Classic Tournament (ages 13-14) will be Friday through Sunday, July 30-Aug. 1, in Wayne.

The entry fee is \$200 per team. The registration deadline is Wednesday, July 21.

The tournament rules meeting and draw will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at the Wayne Baseball Building, 34630 Annapolis, Wayne.

For more information, call Jeff Auer at (313) 292-4175.

#### Hoop assistant needed

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball program is seeking a second assistant coach willing to work practice hours from 2:15-5 p.m., Monday through Friday; also scout and attend games.

Those interested should contact SC men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5254.

#### Dearborn Masters meet

A long-course (50-meter pool) Masters swim meet will be held at Dunworth Pool, located in Leavood Park in Dearborn, beginning with warm-ups at 8 a.m. Sunday.

There will be 13 individual events and a series of relays. Swimmers may enter a maximum of four individual events and one relay.

Cost is \$12. All competitors must have their 1999 U.S. Masters Swimming registration; those wishing may register at the meet for \$25 (effective through Dec. 31, 1999).

Events include the 200-meter freestyle; 50 backstroke; 100 butterfly; 50 breaststroke; 400 individual medley or freestyle (your choice); 100 back; 50 fly; 50 free; 200, 400 and 800 relays; 100 free; 200 IM or free; 100 breast; 50 free; and 800 free.

The cost includes a picnic lunch following the meet.

Dunworth Pool is located south of Ford, west of Telegraph, at the west end of Dearborn and Sheridan. For additional information, call Skip Thompson at (248) 683-2191.

#### Lake Michigan swim

The fifth annual YMCA Lake Michigan Swim will start at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, July 17 in Grand Haven. The 1.75-mile open water swim begins at the North Pier and proceeds north to the North Beach Pavilion.

Entry fee is \$20 if completed and mailed by Friday, July 9; late registrations will be \$25, and will be accepted through July 16. There will be no registration the day of the race.

Competition will be for males and females in six age divisions: 19-and-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-and-over. Check-in is 7:15-8 a.m. on race day, with a mandatory meeting from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The swim will end at 10 a.m.; all those still in the water will be assisted to the finish line.

All swimmers must report to the finish line, whether he or she completes the swim. Aids (snorkels, fins) may not be used, but goggles and wet suits are permitted.

T-Shirts are guaranteed to all competitors who register early. Trophies will be awarded to all age division winners; refreshments will be available to all swimmers at the finish line.

Registration forms are available at the Tri-Cities Family YMCA, 1 Y Drive, Grand Haven. For information, call (616) 842-7051.

# Top team

## Compuware wins 16-and-under qualifier

### SOFTBALL

Compuware won three of five games using the international tiebreaker and was undefeated in the 16-and-under girls National Softball Association qualifier last weekend in Warsaw, Ind.

The first-place finish gives Compuware an automatic bid, bypassing the state tournament, to the national competition Aug. 2-8 in Charlotte, N.C.

In the opener, Jessica Brubaker (Waterford) pitched a two-hitter in a 4-1 victory over the Indiana Sharks. She struck out six and didn't walk anyone.

Sarah Comstock (East Lansing) and Andrea Hilsey (Waterford), who had a triple and a double, were 2-for-2.

Chrissy King (Farmington Hills), Emily LaBar (White Lake) and Comstock drove in one run apiece.

Compuware won its next two games 2-1 in extra innings.

Beth Caruff (Richmond) also pitched a two-hitter against the Indiana Roadrunners. Melissa Wilson (Lake Orion) had two hits and scored a run. Carrie Shine (St. Clair)

knocked in the winning run in the top of the eighth inning.

In the bottom half, Lauren Monterey (Farmington Hills) made a putout in left field and threw to second base for a double play. The Roadrunners were retired on a popout.

Compuware needed two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to defeat the Chicago Windmills.

With Monterey on second base, Shine was safe on a fielder's choice. Hilsey followed with an RBI single and scored the winning run (after Shine was out at the plate) on a single by LaBar.

Lisa Copeland (West Bloomfield) and LaBar had two hits apiece.

Compuware edged the Indiana Storm in seven innings, 1-0. The winners had only two hits and scored in the fourth inning.

Wilson singled and moved up on

Copeland's sacrifice and LaBar's infield out. She scored on King's ground ball when the third baseman overthrew first base.

Caruff was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits while striking out six and issuing no walks.

In the championship game, Compuware had to come from behind to defeat the Roadrunners again, 6-4.

Compuware scored twice in the seventh inning to tie, 3-3, and scored three runs in the top of the eighth to win.

Hilsey was 3-for-5 with an RBI, and Lindsey Simko (Clarkston) was 2-for-3. Shine, who was named the Compuware MVP by the coaches, hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Stephanie Stavale (Brandon) and Monterey knocked in one run each. Copeland and King had one hit and scored one run apiece.

Brubaker was the winning pitcher, allowing nine hits, striking out three and walking one.

Another member of the Compuware team is Lindsey LaBar (White Lake).

### SWIMMING CALENDAR

July 25 at Big Portage Lake, located in the Waterloo Recreation Area in Waterloo. The 1.5-mile open water swim will consist of three half-mile laps.

Entry fee is \$15 if postmarked before July 20, \$18 for late entries. A USAT license will be required to compete in the swim. For those not possessing one, a one-day license may be purchased at registration for \$5.

Race day registration will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the park, or from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at the Tortoise & Hare Concept Store, located in the Traver Village Mall on Plymouth in Ann Arbor. Entries are available by calling (734) 652-1000, or by faxing (734) 662-3388.

The top female and male swimmers, the top female and male masters swimmers, and the top two males and females in each age group will receive awards. Age divisions are: 15-19, 20-24,

25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 and over.

#### Coastal Crawl

The Harbor Springs Coastal Crawl, featuring a one-mile, two-mile or three-mile open water swim in Little Traverse Bay, will be Aug. 1 at 7 a.m. at 20m Park, located on Bay Street in Harbor Springs. Check-in is 7:15-7:55 a.m.; there is a mandatory meeting at 8 a.m.

The three-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the two-mile at 8:45 a.m. and the one-mile at 9 a.m. Average water temperature for Aug. 1 is 65 degrees.

Entry fee is \$20, which includes a picnic lunch. Applications are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Marilyn Early, 6212 Emmet Hts.,

Harbor Springs, MI, 49740. Mail check and application to the Hammerhead Swim Club, c/o Erin Fortune, 3125 Valley View Trail, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 by July 28. Registrations are limited to the first 150 applicants.

A limited number of custom-designed T-shirts for the race will also be available.

Wet suits and flotation devices, or any device used to maintain body heat, will not be allowed. The races are open to all swimmers, but those under the age of 13 must provide written competency from their coach. Medals will be given to male and female age division winners. Divisions are: 12-and-under; 13-14, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, etc. (see as of Aug. 1).

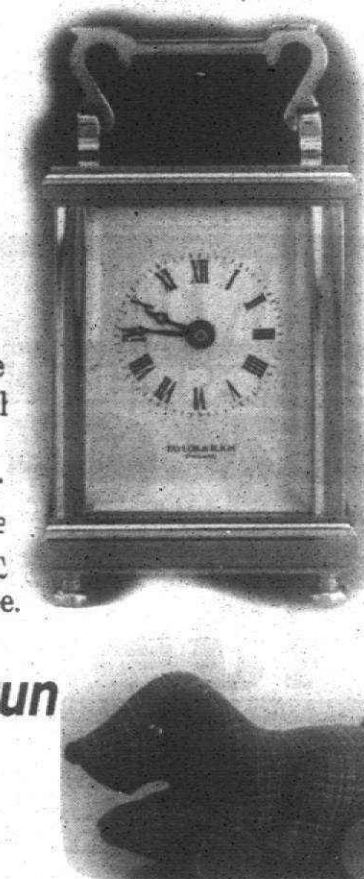
For more information, call Early at (616) 526-9824 or Fortune at (616) 526-6840.

# Got stuff?

Stuff you don't need anymore. Stuff that's been piling up in the garage, or the basement or attic. Get rid of it with a classified ad in your hometown newspaper. We're so sure you'll be able to sell your stuff with three ads, that if you don't, we'll run your ad three more times free. That's right—

**Sell it in three or we'll run it for FREE— three more times!**

How can you beat that? You can't! So, what you do is this: Tell us you want our special three-ad deal, then if, heaven forbid, your stuff is still sitting around after the first three have run, call us and let us know and we'll run your ad absolutely free in the next three editions of your



## "get Ku Ku with the Bird"

Saturday, July 10 vs Brewers

### Collector Card Giveaway

featuring Mark Fidrych and Jim Northrup

plus...Fidrych and Northrup will be signing autographs from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

First 10,000 fans

Sunday, July 11 vs Brewers

### Ty Beanie Baby Giveaway

featuring Ku Ku and an official Ku Ku Collector Card

plus...Mark "The Bird" Fidrych autograph session sponsored by Kmart and Coca-Cola from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Tiger Plaza

First 10,000 fans 14 and under including Bleacher distribution limited to 500

## TIGERS VS BREWERS

Fri	July 9	7:05	Fireworks Spectacular* (KON, WCSX, UPN-50)
Sat	July 10	5:05	Collector Card Set #3* featuring Mark Fidrych and Jim Northrup (Ballpark Brands)
Sun	July 11	1:05	Ty Beanie Baby "Ku Ku"

Postgame, weather permitting \*First 10,000 fans \*First 10,000 fans 14 and under including Bleacher distribution limited to 500

FOR TICKETS CALL **248-25-TIGER**

For season or group tickets call 313-963-2050

## BURTON'S

### Plumbing & Heating

#### BATH and KITCHEN REMODELING

- Licensed Master Plumber
- Ceramic Tile Installed
- Quality Materials and Workmanship

FREE ESTIMATES  
Visit Our Full Kitchen and Bath Showroom

(Same location since 1975)  
**34224 Michigan Avenue**  
**Wayne, Michigan 48184**  
**(734) 722-4170**

## DETROIT SHOCK FAMILY NIGHTS

### JOE DUMARS NIGHT

SATURDAY, JULY 10 @ 12-45 PM VS. WASHINGTON MYSTICS

- ICE DUMARS WILL BE HONORED AT THE GAME.
- MEET MATTHEW LAURENCE FROM TV'S "30210"
- FAN TOWEL TO FIRST 4,000 FANS COURTESY OF
- LIMITED EDITION CARD SHEET TO FIRST 6,000 FANS.

AS LOW AS \$9

INCLUDE: HOT DOGS, SODAS, HATS

WE GOT GAME

COME EARLY FOR SHOCKFEST: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
FIRST 300 FANS 18 AND UNDER AT SHOCKFEST WILL BE INVITED TO A PREMIERE AUTOGRAFAM SESSION

ON SALE AT THE PALACE BOX OFFICE  
**248.377.0100**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.PALACEINT.COM

## Walter's HOME APPLIANCES

### NATIONAL FRIGIDAIRE DAYS

Thru July 10th

When You Compare... You Will Buy FRIGIDAIRE

GET UP TO \$100 CASH BACK On Selected Appliances

<b>Frigidaire 16 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator</b> • 2 Full-Width Sliding Wire Shelves • 3 Cabinet Door Shelves • 2 White Crispers • White Dairy Door • Half-Width Freezer Shelf • Optional Ice Maker FRIGIDAIRE	<b>Frigidaire 18 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator</b> • 2 Sliding Full-Width SoftClose Shelves • Adjustable Dorr Bins • Clear Deli Drawer • 2 Clear Humidity Controlled Crispers • Clear Dairy Door • Full-Width Adjustable Freezer Shelf FRIGIDAIRE	<b>Frigidaire 26 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator</b> • PureSource Plus™ Ice & Water Filtration System • Crushed or Cubed Ice • Chilled Water Dispenser • 3 Adjustable Glass Shelves • 4 Gallon Adjustable Door Bins • Clear Dairy Door • Clear Vegetable Crisper FRIGIDAIRE
<b>\$399</b> End Cost After \$30 Rebate	<b>\$499</b> End Cost After \$30 Rebate	<b>\$999</b> End Cost After \$100 Rebate

FREE DELIVERY

**Now is the TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT SAVINGS!!!**

<b>Frigidaire Built-In Dishwasher</b> • Precision Wash System with 3 Wash Levels • Ultra-Quiet III Package • 5 Cycles • Delay Start FRIGIDAIRE	<b>Frigidaire Chest Freezer</b> • 5.0 Cu. Ft. • Manual Defrost • Temperature Control • Pocket Handle FRIGIDAIRE	<b>Frigidaire Cooktops</b> • Electric • 30", 32" & 36" Sizes FRIGIDAIRE	<b>Frigidaire Wall Ovens</b> • Available in Gas or Electric • 24", 27" & 30" Sizes FRIGIDAIRE
<b>\$329</b> End Cost After \$20 Rebate	<b>\$199</b> End Cost After \$20 Rebate	<b>\$299</b> End Cost After \$20 Rebate	<b>\$998</b> End Cost After \$100 Rebate

FREE DELIVERY

What You're Looking For In An Appliance Store

ALL STORES OPEN DAILY: 10AM - 8:30PM • BRIGHTON & LIVONIA STORES OPEN SUNDAY 12PM-5PM

BRIGHTON: 8180 W. Grand River, 1/4 Mile N. of I-96, (810) 228-9000

CANTON: 34915 Michigan Ave, 1/4 Mile E. of I-75, (734) 228-9600

DEARBORN: 21747 Michigan Ave, 1/2 Mile W. of Woodward, (313) 563-1900

LIVONIA: 34224 Plymouth, 1/2 Mile W. of Farmington Rd., (734) 427-7318

WLT 2006-98

6 MONTHS SAME AS CASH

## Coming Soon!

### HomeTown SAVINGS CARD PROGRAM

Subscribe or renew to your hometown newspaper and save on purchases from local merchants! Watch for more exciting details...

TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 734-591-0500 IN WAYNE COUNTY or 248-901-4716 IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Attention Business Owners: It's easy to participate in this traffic-building promotion! Call 734-953-2153 in Wayne County or 248-901-2500 in Oakland County and join the fun!







# Track from page C1

said the former Livonia Ladywood coach. "A lot of them don't have a lot of other options, and this is something they really look forward to. They plan their summer around it."

"I knew we could help. I mean, how can you turn down helping 1,500 kids?"

There wasn't much time to pull it all together. When first approached in late April, Krafchak immediately went to district athletic director Brian Wolcott to obtain the use of the school district's stadium. "I'm really proud of how the school district came through for us," said Krafchak.

Still, there wasn't much time to plan out everything else.

"Really, the last four weeks have been very hectic," Krafchak said, speaking on his car phone

while taking a break from setting up the track. "But everything's falling into place."

Had Krafchak not been able to help, and had no one else stepped forward, the event "probably would have been passed over to Ohio, and that would have given our state a big black eye."

There's no such concern now. The meet gets started at 9 a.m. each day, and is expected to conclude between 5-6 p.m. All the

regular track-and-field events — high jump, long jump, 1,500-meter run, hurdles, shot put, discus, pole vault — will be competed, as will a few not seen in Michigan high school competition, like the triple jump, the javelin and 3,000-meter race walk. There will also be relays.

Everything considered, it should be a captivating four days — certainly one that's worth the effort.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### ADRAY METRO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**Friday, July 9**  
Livonia's Ford Field: Hines Park vs. Troy Jet Box, 5:45 p.m. (2).

**Sunday, July 11**  
Livonia's Ford Field: Livonia Adray vs. Windsor Selects, noon (2).

Windsor's Mic-Mac Park: Livonia D.C.I. vs. Windsor Stars, 5:45 p.m. (2).

Tecumseh (Ont.) Lacasse Park: Michigan Rams vs. Tecumseh, 5:45 p.m. (2).

Panthers at Grand Lake, 7:15 p.m.

**Friday, July 9**  
Panthers vs. Michigan Rams, TBA.

**Saturday, July 10**  
Panthers vs. Delaware Cows at Livonia's Ford Field, 5:30 p.m. (2).

**Sunday, July 11**  
Panthers vs. Youngstown B.C. at Liv. Bicentennial Pk., 2 p.m. (2).

### GIRLS INCREDIBLE FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

**NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE**  
(double-headers start at 6 p.m.)  
Thursday, July 8: Diamonds vs. Lasers at

North Farmington; Lancer vs. Knights at Livonia Ladywood; Cyclones vs. Cobras at Livonia Stevenson; Thunder vs. Wildcats at Plymouth Salem; Hornets vs. Lightning at Farmington Hills Mercy.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(double-headers at 6 p.m.)  
Thursday, July 8: Livonia Gators vs. Farmington Hills Mustangs at Livonia Churchill; Livonia Red Sox vs. Franklin Ladybugs at Livonia Ladywood; Southfield Broncos vs. Livonia White Sox at Beverly Hills Country Day; Walled Lake Wings vs. Livonia Rangers at Walled Lake Western.

## Stibel — C1

part of it — for now on a competitive level, but then perhaps in developing talent.

"I'd like to get into coaching," Stibel said. "At least to see if that's what I want to do."

Whatever Stibel chooses to do, it seems certain that if he puts his mind to it, accomplishing it will be well within his range.

## Outdoors — C7

### SPECIAL SEEDS

Bring an old soup can for a special project and learn about seeds during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at Highland.

### CONSTELLATION HIKE

Explore the night sky and learn Native American folk lore during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Maybury.

### CREEPY CRAWLIES

Take a look at the amazing world of insects and other small creatures during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Maybury.

### SUMMER EVENINGS

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

### METROPARKS

#### METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

#### ALL AROUND

Take a guided hike and discover many of the things above and below us that often go unseen during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at Kensington.

#### BUG HUNT

Children ages five-12 will discover the miniature world of insects during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Indian Springs.

#### DAWN PATROL

Get up early and search for wildlife during this guided hike, which begins at 7 a.m. Sunday, July 11, at Kensington.

#### SMALL FRY SAMPLER

Ages four and five will learn how children and weeds grow during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Kensington.

#### NATURE DISCOVERY

Ages six and seven will learn what makes mammals different from other animals during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Kensington.

#### ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Ages eight-10 will discover what lives in flowing water during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Kensington.

#### 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

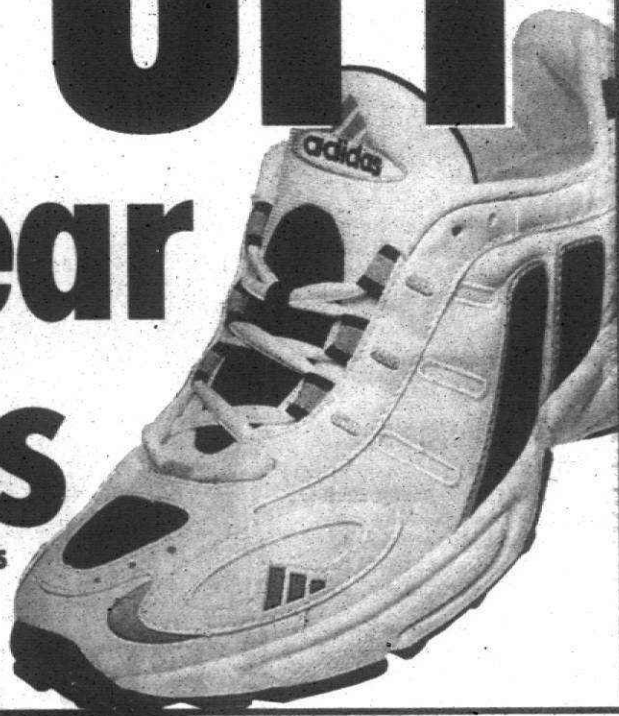
# THE SPORTS AUTHORITY July Clearance Continues!



# 50% OFF

## Athletic Footwear

## In-line Skates



• 100's of Styles for Men, Women & Kids  
• Reebok, Adidas, Nike & More  
• Hurry in for Best Selection!  
Select Styles

Up to  
**50% off**  
**SWIMWEAR**  
for Men, Women & Kids

Apparel  
**25% off**  
**GOLF & TENNIS APPAREL**  
Select Styles for Men & Women from Nike, Reebok, Columbia, Wilson & more

Apparel  
**25% off**  
**BODYWEAR**  
Select Styles for Women from Reebok, Adidas, Marika & more

Golf  
**25-50% off**  
**LOOSE WOODS**  
Reg. 39.99 - 199.99  
Save up to \$60!  
Select Styles

Our Lowest Price Ever!  
**2 For \$79.99**  
**HAND-HELD FRS RADIOS**  
MIDLAND Spook Easy Micro II - Reg. 2 for 99.99  
Save \$20!

For the Water  
**25% off**  
**WATER SPORTS**  
Pool Toys, Pool Games, Rafts & Towables  
Orig. 2.99 - 199.99  
Save up to \$50!

For the Outdoors  
**30% off**  
**TENTS**  
from Stansport & Great Basin  
Reg. 29.99 - 129.99  
Save up to \$39!  
Select Styles

In-Ground & Portable  
**30% off**  
**BACKBOARDS**  
Select Styles from HUFFY, Reg. 149.99 - 299.99  
Save up to \$90!  
While Supplies Last

Thursday & Friday only!  
**20% off**  
any single **SALE** clearance apparel or footwear item  
Expires 7/8/99. Offer good on in-stock merchandise only. Not valid on prior purchases or gift certificates. Must present coupon to redeem. Limit one coupon per transaction.

**7 GREAT LOCATIONS!**  
FLINT • (810) 230-8160  
CLINTON TOWNSHIP • (810) 791-0400  
LIVONIA • (734) 522-2750  
MADISON HEIGHTS • (248) 589-0133  
WATERFORD • (248) 738-5028  
UTICA • (810) 254-0650  
DEARBORN • (313) 336-6628

**THE SPORTS AUTHORITY**  
To find The Sports Authority nearest you, dial 1-888-LOOK 4 TSA  
For gift certificates, dial 1-888-325-GIFTS  
B908945



## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Guy Louis brings his musical family show, *The Chautauqua Express*, to Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. Show begins at 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY



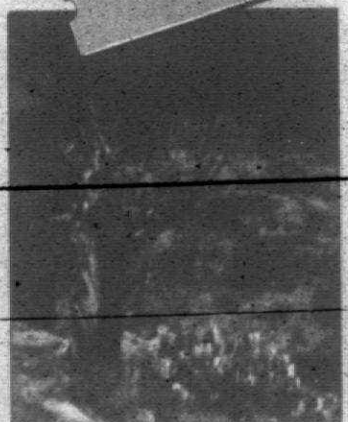
American Family Theaters' Broadway for Kids present the family classic "Aladdin" at noon at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$10 pavilion or \$5 lawn. Call (248) 645-6666 or online <http://www.palacenet.com>

### SUNDAY



See live animals including snakes, turtles and frogs at Nature Place at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Nature Place is open 1-5 p.m., the Institute of Science is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu)

**HOT TICKET**



**Hot Tix:** Works by more than 400 artists and craftsmen, including Norris Hardeman, are featured at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 10, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, July 11. For more information, call (734) 454-1314.



Conductor: Marin Alsop will conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's season opening at Meadow Brook this weekend.

# DSO

## KICKS OFF SUMMER SEASON WITH FANFARE AND BACHARACH

BY ALICE RHEIN  
STAFF WRITER  
[arhein@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:arhein@oe.homecomm.net)

Even casual classical music listeners are familiar with Aaron Copeland's heralded "Fanfare for the Common Man." Its contemporary namesake, "Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman," by American composer Joan Tower, has yet to attain widespread popularity within the classical world.

But Marin Alsop, who will conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's season opening at Meadow Brook this weekend, is eager to change that.

On Friday, Alsop, who is music director of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and the Concordia Orchestra in New York City, will lead the DSO in back-to-back fanfares.

"Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman" uses the same instrumentation as Copeland's. It's very different, but it makes the same statement," said Alsop, who just returned from an engagement with the London Symphony Orchestra. "I like to pair them together. The old and the new provide different perspectives."

### The wisdom of youth

Different perspectives could be the operative phrase for this weekend's offerings at Meadow Brook.

Friday's "Opening Fanfare" is billed as a "family fun night" with fireworks following the evening's selections of the fanfares, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 with Russian-born pianist Vladimir Feltsman, selections from Bizet's *Carmen* and Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" narrated

by WJBK FOX 2's Huel Perkins.

"Sometimes I think young people are the most open-minded creatures on Earth."

They are open to new sounds and new ideas," said Alsop, a native New Yorker whose own desire to become a conductor came at an early age after she saw Leonard Bernstein conduct a young people's concert with the New York Philharmonic.

She later was able to study with the great conductor for two seasons at Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

"That was a dream come true to have him as my hero all my life and then be able to study with him," said Alsop, who prefers her age be given as "a little over 40."

On Saturday, Alsop, who attended Yale and received her master's degree from the Juilliard School, will conduct the DSO and violinist Pinchas Zukerman in selections by Berlioz, Bruch, Adams and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

Of her two guest artists Alsop said, "It's nice to work with the upper echelon of performers and it's great for Detroit to feature them in a summer series. You may get people who only go to one concert for the year and they are going to get fine quality."

### Man, myth and legend

On Sunday, Alsop will lead the orchestra in a half-hour pops concert. Then, Mr. Music himself, songwriter Burt Bacharach, takes the stage to perform his greatest hits like "What the World Needs Now" and "I Say a Little Prayer."

Told that this concert was

Please see D50, E2



Guest artist: Russian-born pianist Vladimir Feltsman will perform with the DSO on Friday.

**WHAT:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Four and five-concert packages. \$40-\$185. Single tickets for July 9-10 concerts, \$13-\$45. July 11 Burt Bacharach concert, \$15-\$40. Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 576-5120, discounts for students under age 18. Visit the DSO Web site [www.detroit-symphony.com](http://www.detroit-symphony.com)

### THIS WEEKEND

8 p.m. Friday, July 9 - "Opening Fanfare," conducted by Marin Alsop. Program includes Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, and Joan Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman No. 1*.

8 p.m. Saturday, July 10 - "Beethoven Outdoors," features violinist Pinchas Zukerman in a program of Ruch's *Violin Concerto*.

7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11 - The DSO with Burt Bacharach.

**WHAT:** Playscape '99, a festival of new plays

**WHEN:** Thursday-Sunday, July 15-18

**WHERE:** Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (2 1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor

**TICKETS:** \$12 general admission to mainstage production, \$9 students. Staged readings \$5 suggested donation. Call (734) 663-0681 or <http://comnet.org/PNetwork> on the Web

### MAINSTAGE

"Mainstream," a full-length, original comedy - 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 15-17, and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 18.

### STAGED READING SERIES

"Talk Show," a comedy in two acts - 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

"Dance Like No One's Watching," a new full-length play - 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

## Heartlande showcases new works

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER  
[kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net)

Most theater companies pick up where Heartlande Theatre Company leaves off — after the play is polished and ready to go.

The process of creating new works is what excites Jan Radcliff, executive director of the theater company which is presenting "Playscape '99, Thursday-Sunday, July 15-18, at Performance Network in Ann Arbor. "It's exciting to get a play on its feet and see what it looks like," said Radcliff, a Birmingham resident.

Playscape showcases new, original works by local playwrights, which are presented and directed by local actors and actresses. Two of the three featured writers, M.V. Patton and David MacGregor, have been participating in Heartlande's New Plays Initiative. A new work by Kitty Dubin of Birmingham was also selected.

"This is the fifth year we're doing it," said Radcliff. "The plays are worth the money. They're sheer entertainment. What we do, I think is unique. We're the only theater completely committed to writers."

A theater company without a home, Heartlande works to develop works by artists such as MacGregor of Livonia, an instructor at Wayne State University, through its New Plays Initiative formed two years ago.

"It's good stuff," said Radcliff. "People come in with low expectations and they're blown away. This is a great way to support local artists."

Presenting new works is just part of the process. MacGregor and the other five writers in the group meet every two weeks.

"We run through an act or two and get feedback on what worked and what didn't," said MacGregor. "These people have a passion for the theater. I value that. When I write stuff it's a pretty solitary experience. It's validating to know you're not a lone voice in the wilderness."

In some ways, you could call Playscape a dress rehearsal. This year three works are being presented — "Mainstream," a full-length comedy by MacGregor and two works in process, "Talk Show," a comedy in two acts by M.V. Patton, and "Dance Like No One's Watching," a new full-length play by

Please see HEARTLANDE, E2

## MUSIC

# Bad Company working together again

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Riding in a taxi cab throughout the streets and tunnels of New York City, Simon Kirke is taking on the role of Mr. Mom.

Never mind that he, vocalist/guitarist Paul Rodgers, bassist Boz Burrell and guitarist Mick Ralphs have reformed to tour as Bad Company and cut a few new tracks. His priorities have changed temporarily.

"I'm going into a tunnel so bear with me if we get cut off. I'm in a New York taxi cab. It's amazing isn't it? I'm calling you from this cell phone. I have to pick up my daughter from school. If we don't get to do it all, we can get together later," Kirke said referring to an interview.

**WHO:** Bad Company featuring Paul Rodgers, Mick Ralphs, Simon Kirke and Boz Burrell

**WHAT:** Perform with special guest David Lee Roth

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday, July 9

**WHERE:** Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit

**NOW:** Tickets, \$25, \$35, \$45, are available at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (313) 983-6606.

The quintessential English gentleman, Kirke is even as polite and thoughtful when he describes Bad Company's make-up and break-up.

"I have to say straight-up it's been fantastic," the drummer said. "We're all a lit-

tle bit wary because when we sort of parted company all those years ago, it wasn't under the best of circumstances. We were a little bit cautious of working together again," Kirke explained.

The quartet was relieved of its reservations when a pay-per-view concert early in the tour went especially well, he explained.

"The vibe was just fantastic. I think there's a newfound affection and respect. It had been eroded away in 1980 or 1981, whenever it was," said Kirke, who along with the rest of Bad Company, will perform at Joe Louis Arena on Friday, July 9.

"We just got tired of each other basical-

Please see TOGETHER, E3



**Reunited:** The recently reformed Bad Company performs with special guest David Lee Roth on Friday, July 9, at Joe Louis Arena. The band released an anthology on Elektra Records.



DSO from page E1

almost sold out, Alsop said, "No kidding? He's coming around again. I'm sure he's happy."

Barach. The British band Oasis got the pendulum swinging by putting a picture of their musical hero on the cover of "Definitely Maybe," the band's 1994 hit album.

ing Barachar tunes. At least five of his songs appeared in the movie "My Best Friend's Wedding." And he, himself, had a cameo appearance in the Austin Powers' movies.

Appearing with the DSO is not at all out of character for the songwriter who has racked up more than a half-dozen Oscars and Grammy Awards for his songs and scores.

that made singer Dionne Warwick a star and gave countless hits to numerous artists.

upcoming appearances include the National Symphony in Washington, D.C. and the symphonies of San Francisco, Atlanta, Houston, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Vancouver and Toronto.

Heartlande from page E1

Dubin. "It stretches different muscles for actors and directors," said Radcliff. "They know they'll have

an impact on the works being presented. It's a collaborative effort. It's exciting for the writer to get feedback. That excitement,

that process is what keeps us rejuvenated." Staged readings, Radcliff believes, are an interesting art

form. "They're plays that aren't done yet, they're under cooked," she said. "But in some ways they reveal the magic of theater. The audience has to participate

play the human element is right there." MacGregor's "Mainstream" is a story about a Medieval English professor so obsessed with his research that he often sleeps in his office.

to life. "It's the evolution of an artist and a piece of work that's what's most exciting for us," she said.

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW JULY 9-10-11. SAVE UP TO 70% ON SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES. GIBRALTAR TRADE CENTER, INC.

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW JULY 9-10-11. YESTERDAY'S TREASURES, ANTIQUES, NOSTALGIA SELECT COLLECTIBLES, AND VINTAGE ITEMS. TAYLOR 1-75 & EUREKA RD.

Share Greenfield Village memories (PRNewswire) — Dust off those old photo albums. Clean out your desk drawers. Greenfield Village wants pictures of you and your family!

Share Greenfield Village memories. Photos taken in either the museum or the village between 1929 and 1999. Envelope with your picture. Contest will close July 23.

Together from page E1

ly," he added simply. "It was like a marriage that really got tired. We'd done a lot of touring, a lot of recording, endless tours, deadlines to meet. We had eight years of it and we just got tired of it. We said, 'Enough.' It was a pretty mundane reason, really. None of us found God or anything like that."

and things just fell into place. The label released "The Original" Bad Company Anthology earlier this year and suggested that the band do something to promote it.

"We found we got along really well. Then the suggestion was made of a box set or an anthology to commemorate the classic album. The record company suggested that we go out to promote the record but I think the truth was we kind of missed each other."

It also evoked creative juices. Besides hits like "Shooting Star" and "Feel Like Makin' Love," the two-CD set "Anthology" includes four new songs — "Tracking Down a Runaway" and "Hammer of Love" by Rodgers, and the Ralphs-penned "Ain't It Good" and "Hey, Hey."

certain magic suddenly reared its head again." He's unsure of the future of the band but would like to think that a new album is in the cards.

"That's being pretty pessimistic but I have to be realistic. We haven't played together for 20 years. The signs are very encouraging but I'm being a little cautious when I say that there are no plans for a new album because there aren't. But I don't see it being out of the realm of possibilities."

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

8; Sir Morgan the Knight stops by Camp Borders, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at the store, 612 Liberty St. (734) 668-7652. BORDERS (ARBORLAND) "Fight Club IV," a short story writing workshop geared for 14-20-year-olds, 4 p.m. Thursdays.

BOOK SIGNINGS Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 396 John R Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BORDERS (ANN ARBOR) Los Angeles Kings player Dan Bylsma discusses and signs his book "So Your Son Wants to Play in the NHL," 7 p.m. Thursday, July

19; Monthly business networking meeting featuring keynote speaker, Lisa Sawicki, president of the Ladies Publicity Group in Royal Oak, 9-10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) Amazing Clark's Puppet Show visit Camp Borders, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8; Sheila Landis Trio performs 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the store, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY Book discussion series at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948-0470.

AIR SUPPLY Thursday, July 15. Don McLean w/ Jim Messina Saturday, August 21. PETER, PAUL & MARY Friday, August 27. LAWN JUST \$12.50. ALL SHOWTIMES 8 PM.

1999 Birmingham • Bloomfield Cultural Arts Award Nomination Form. I (we) nominate the following as the person who has done the most to further the arts in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area: (Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Franklin)

Farmington Area Founders Festival, Inc. presents THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS 35TH ANNUAL FARMINGTON AREA FOUNDERS FESTIVAL July 4-10. Kids Day 7/6, Parade 7/10, Circus 7/8, Founders Sports Park, Car Raffle, Crafts.

Mackinac Island's Family Playground. Kids Eat Free. Mission Point Resort. Take the Family to the Coast for \$145. Reservations: 800-833-7711 • www.missionpoint.com

CELEBRATE OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SUMMER SAVINGS DAYS. HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE 1929-1999. CHILD ADMISSION FREE OR ADULT ADMISSION 1/2 OFF.

WIN TICKETS TO SEE TWO GREAT COMEDY ACTS. carrot top JULY 21 • 8 PM. "Weird Al" Yankovic AUG. 13 • 8 PM. Meadow Brook Music Festival.



# 7 days a week

## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**BRASS TACKS ENSEMBLE**  
A timeless production of Shakespeare's "King Lear," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 8-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Performance Network, 4051 West Washington, Ann Arbor. \$12.99 students/seniors; pay what you can for Thursday performances. (734) 663-0696

### 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 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Performance Network, 4051 West Washington, Ann Arbor. \$12.99 students/seniors; pay what you can for Thursday performances. (734) 483-7345

### YOUTH

**NOVI THEATRES**  
"Jack in the Beanstalk...a Parody," by Linda Wickert. Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 4511 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8.57 advance. (248) 347-0400

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**"ARTISANS AFTERGLOW"**  
The Ann Arbor Artisans' Market Art Fair Afterglow will be held 5-10 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 25. David Swain and his band play swing, blues, jazz and rock 6-10 p.m. Saturday, acoustic guitarist Ken King performs traditional and modern folk music noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, wide variety of arts and crafts will be for sale, at the City Market, 315 Detroit Street in Kerrytown.

**BEANIE BABIE SHOW**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

**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**  
\$6.50 free for children age 14 and younger. (734) 416-4872-0376/(313) 382-0406

**SAILING CHALLENGE**  
Bacardi Bayview Mackinac race begins in Port Huron, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17 and ends Tuesday, July 20 on Mackinac Island. The first boats are expected to arrive on the island in the early morning hours of Tuesday.

**DEPOT TOWN CREEKS NIGHTS**  
Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9. Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsiantown.com

**HOT COUNTRY JAM**  
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10. Ned Deorr and the Red Ryder Band, Steele Canyon, Tony Phillips, Kristyn Smith, Shalee Tennison, MB Owens and Midge Holler. Janis Leigh and the Luck of the Draw, Shane Minor, and Pam Tillis, at Heritage Park, on Paroee Road, between Goddard and Michigan Avenues, Taylor. Free. (734) 495-9157 or 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 9 p.m. film. Friday, July 9, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. films Saturday, July 10. Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 527-2660 or http://thetheatreorgans.com/mi/redford

**"SCI-FI SIGNALS"**  
11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 10. Hear local astronomer Mike Best give a lively history and update on UFO's, known as Dr. Carl Sagan with Humor. Best will use slides and video clips to illustrate his points and also readings by Ann Arbor authors Steve Pitlakis and Sarah Zettel at 1 p.m., at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750

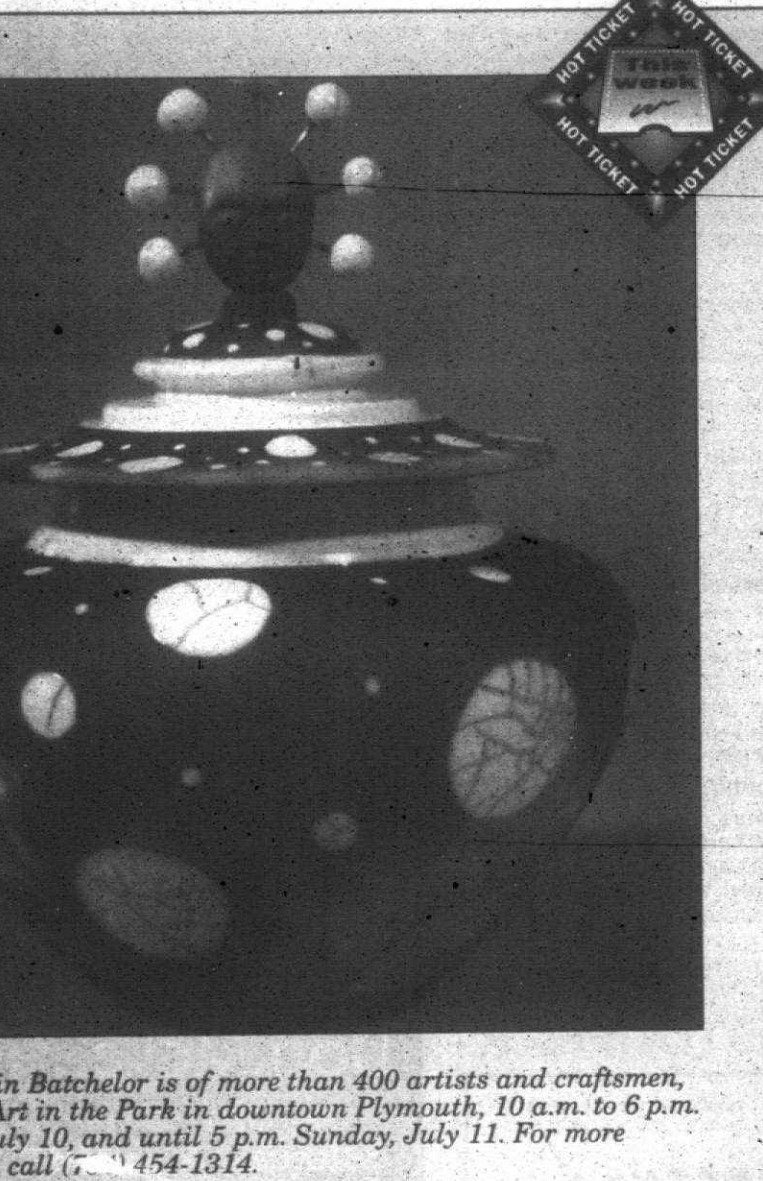
**SUMMER FESTIVAL**  
7 p.m. Saturday, July 10. Maza featuring Frankie Beverly, with special guests The O'Jay's, Gerald Levert, Next and Jesse Powell, at Chene Park Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$2.50. (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or http://www.co.oakland.mi.us

**KEVIN DEVINE**  
Hosts a children's concert as part of the Summer Reading Club. 4-11 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, West Bloomfield. 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at Lincoln Park, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (482) 682-2120; 8:30 p.m. Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin St., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 588-2914

**FARMINGTON AREA FOUNDERS FESTIVAL**  
Featuring Country Line and Square Dancers, Bonnie Temps Rouse, Muddypop, the Chasel Brothers, the Imperial Swing Orchestra, Straight Diggers, Forbes Brothers, Jill Jack, Black Market, and The Howling Diablos, through Saturday, July 10, downtown Farmington. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com

**WINHAWND RECREATION AREA**  
"Snoke Slakes," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8; "Special Seeds," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15; "Special Seeds," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the park, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake Township. Free. Motor vehicle permit required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 382-2287

**PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA**  
"Environmental Kids," 10 a.m.



Art fair Karin Batchelor is of more than 400 artists and craftsmen, featured at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 10, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, July 11. For more information, call (734) 454-1314.

Anderson and Robert Morgan 6 p.m. Saturday, July 17. \$35. (734) 483-4030

### 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, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. 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

**"SERIOUS MOONLIGHT"**  
Benefit celebration takes on a Caribbean flavor in conjunction with Cranbrook Art Museum's summer exhibit "Contemporary Art from Cuba," dancing, food, silent auction, and music by Blackman & Arnold, 8 p.m. to midnight, July 10, outdoors at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$85 advance, \$90, to benefit the art museum. (248) 645-3361

**THE THREE TENORS**  
7 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Tiger Stadium. \$50-\$350, to benefit Michigan Opera Theatre's New Century Fund Campaign to complete the Detroit Opera House. (313) 237-3433/(248) 645-6666

**DAN BRIERE**  
Of "Little Creatures" shows live animals including a monitor lizard and hedgehog, 7 p.m. Friday, July 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

**"MUSIC IN THE PARK"**  
Noon Wednesday, July 14, Harpeat, in Kellegg Park, Main Street, between Penitentiary and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Pens Theater. (734) 416-4442

**"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"**  
Joe Kingsley Band, old time favorites, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Livonia Civic Center Park, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road; Peterson Country Music featuring dancers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

**NOVI CENTURY BAND**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Heritage Park, Farmington. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND**  
7:30-9 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

**WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY**  
Pyramid II with Tyrone Hamilton, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Free. In case of

rain, concerts will be held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

### FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

**"CONCERTS ON THE LAWN"**  
The Edge plays jazz to rhythm and blues, funk, pop, reggae, and soul, 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

**GAZEBO CONCERTS**  
Simon & Garfunkel performs everything from folk to Handel, Irving Berlin and the blues 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

**"IN THE PARK"**  
Ak Margaritaville with Michael Fedorka, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Shain Park, Birmingham.

**"MUSIC IN THE PARK"**  
Noon Wednesday, July 14, Harpeat, in Kellegg Park, Main Street, between Penitentiary and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Pens Theater. (734) 416-4442

**"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"**  
Joe Kingsley Band, old time favorites, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Livonia Civic Center Park, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road; Peterson Country Music featuring dancers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

**NOVI CENTURY BAND**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Heritage Park, Farmington. (734) 453-9157 or http://www.wattsupinc.com

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND**  
7:30-9 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

**WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY**  
Pyramid II with Tyrone Hamilton, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Free. In case of

rain, concerts will be held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

**SHEILA LANDIS**  
Vocal/piano/bass/drums  
With Wendell Harrison, Gary Schunk and Ralph Armstrong, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

**PHILIPPE LEJEUNE**  
8 p.m. Friday, July 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15. (734) 769-2999 or kch@pc.net

**DEE DEE MICHEL**  
6:10 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
With vocalist Barbara Ware, 8:11-30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

**MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
Tom Saunders & the Detroit All-Stars, Scool Jazz/Prime, Alma Smith, Steve Wood, George Benson, Janet and Matt Michaels/Jack Landis, Brokenha, Barbara Ware, Dennis & April Tini, Naima Shamberg, Louis Smith, Paul Vormagen, Pistol Allen, Larry Nozoro, Ron Kischuk and the Tartar Sauce Jazz Band, Jim and Stefania's Oldest Living Saxophone Ensemble, Matt Michaels/Jack Landis, New Generation, Ed Nuccelli & The Plural Circle, Brooksidge Jazz Ensemble, Jim Wyse and Johnny Trude's Big Band, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College, on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Shells, Livonia. \$4 cover. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

**GARY SCHUNK TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**SCHUNK, STARRY DRYDEN**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)



MOVIES

Adam Sandler grows up with 'Big Daddy'

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER
'I know, I know,' Adam Sandler might have said to his agent around a year ago, 'his dopey characters sell. But the critics say I can't act because I haven't done anything with pathos. Hey, I can do pathos. Get me something with pathos. Then get me a dictionary.'

ter is just this nice, regular guy with a few problems... When the plan backfires — she takes up with some old guy anyway — he tries to return the ball like an unopened CD.

delivery guy (Rob Schneider) to "Big Daddy" aims more for the heart than the funny bone... "Big Daddy" aims more for the heart than the funny bone, and might have hit closer to its mark if Sonny didn't go through the whole film looking and sounding like he just woke up.

There are certain things that go together naturally — hot dogs and baseball games, Thanksgiving and turkey, and Michigan and waterports.

Collingwood used that philosophy when he was writing the poem "Red Dragon Tattoo." "If you're singing about tattoos and you don't have Korn in the song, then you really haven't covered your subject fully," the soft-spoken Collingwood said with a laugh.

There are certain things that go together naturally — hot dogs and baseball games, Thanksgiving and turkey, and Michigan and waterports.

Collingwood used that philosophy when he was writing the poem "Red Dragon Tattoo." "If you're singing about tattoos and you don't have Korn in the song, then you really haven't covered your subject fully," the soft-spoken Collingwood said with a laugh.

Another reference in the same song will have sentimental appeal to thirty-somethings — I brought a '38 Special CD collection/Some Bactine to prevent infection." Bactine?

This record, we recorded with a real actual band. It couldn't be any more different from the way the first record was done," he said.

The change, he added, was a reaction to that. "After the record first, it's usually the case. Bands who had a raw first album will try to build on it and do some more experimental things the second time around. I think a lot of people would have been really disappointed if we did the same album over again. I'd much rather make a different record and have it suck than make the same one. I can't stand when bands do the same album twice."

Last column
After seven years, this will be my last column for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. I have accepted the position as Senior Content Producer, basically, editor-in-chief, of Detroit City Search Co. Please feel free to e-mail me at cfuoco@citysearch.com. Thanks for reading!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 9
"AMERICAN PIE"
Coming-of-age comedy about a group of high school seniors who lose their virginity by prom night.

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

"WHITE BOYS"
Funny, honest and searing look at white wannabe gangsters in the heartland — and at America's youth struggling to find their place in a multicultural society.

"DEEP BLUE SEA"
Group of researchers working on a cure for cancer using materials from genetically enhanced sharks becomes stranded on a damaged and sinking marine research facility.

"NEXT TO YOU"
A teenage girl and boy who have grown up next door to one another have never made a love connection.

"BROKEDOWN PALACE"
Two high school girls set off on a dream trip to Thailand following their graduation.

"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.

"THE WOOD"
Comedy of three childhood friends reminiscing about years gone by the even of their friend's wedding.

"THE IRON GATE"
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine.

"THE RED VIOLIN (M)"
A violin with a mysterious past is rediscovered in a small town in Maine.

"THE IRON GATE"
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine.

"THE IRON GATE"
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine.

For artists, musicians, the Internet is a shortcut



Christina Fuoco
It is the age of cyber-everything. Where do the new technologies leave the poets, the artists, the songwriters and musicians?

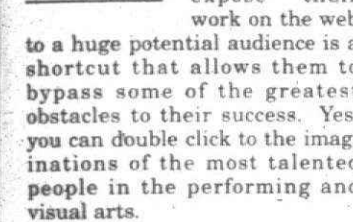
What? You don't have a computer or access to the internet? That's okay. If this were a technology column, I wouldn't be writing it.

used every imaginable special effect and technological trick to sell music in there that's exciting new CD format, are there any gimmicks left?

TV Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9, and, of course, in the rack at your better music stores.

Visual artists
An astounding number of visual artists are also getting their work exhibited on the web.

fortable with, whether you're the artist or the audience. I like having a choice of how I appreciate the arts.



Ann Delisi
Recording industry
There is, however, a very significant place for the artist on the internet.

What? You don't have a computer or access to the internet? That's okay. If this were a technology column, I wouldn't be writing it.

used every imaginable special effect and technological trick to sell music in there that's exciting new CD format, are there any gimmicks left?

TV Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9, and, of course, in the rack at your better music stores.

Visual artists
An astounding number of visual artists are also getting their work exhibited on the web.

fortable with, whether you're the artist or the audience. I like having a choice of how I appreciate the arts.

Van Gogh exhibit on its way to Detroit Institute of Arts

In June of 1890, during his convalescence in Auvers and just one month before his suicide, Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) wrote: "What fascinates me much, much more than does anything else in my métier is the portrait, the modern portrait."

institutions in the year 2000. Featuring some 50 paintings and drawings from an international array of public and private collections, "Van Gogh: Face to Face" will focus, for the first time, on van Gogh's evolving approach to the portrait throughout his tragically brief life.

during his sojourn in Arles in 1888. Roulin, together with his wife Augustine and their three children, were the artist's most frequent and loyal models during this period.

NEWSWEEK — "SOUTH PARK" HAS A GAG-TO-LAUGH RATIO EVEN HIGHER THAN THE NEW "AUSTIN POWERS."

UH-OH, THE CRITICS LOVE IT!



Table listing movie showtimes at various theaters like AMC Bel Air 10, AMC Eastland 5, etc.

"ONE OF THE BEST THRILLERS IN YEARS!"

Jeff Bridges gives a feverish, go-for-broke performance.

"A TOP-NOTCH, EDGE-OF-YOUR-SEAT SUSPENSE THRILLER."

John Travolta. The General's Daughter.

ARLINGTON ROAD

STARTS FRIDAY, JULY 9

Table listing movie showtimes for Arlington Road at various theaters.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Large advertisement for movie listings with columns for National Amusements, Star Theatres, and other venues, listing titles like 'The General's Daughter', 'Wild Wild West', etc.

ACDelco Motor City CruiseFest advertisement featuring a classic car and listing showtimes and ticket information.

"THE HIPPEST, FUNNIEST ACTION MOVIE OF THE SUMMER!"

Wildly imaginative and loads of fun!

"A KNOCKOUT. Will Smith and Kevin Kline are HILARIOUS."

A blockbuster with WILD LAUGHS and WILD ACTION.

WILD WILD WEST

NOW SHOWING AT THESE THEATRES

Table listing movie showtimes for Wild Wild West at various theaters.

ARLINGTON ROAD

STARTS FRIDAY, JULY 9

FOR SHOW TIMES CALL 979-FILMS

THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER

STARTS FRIDAY, JULY 9

Table listing movie showtimes for The General's Daughter at various theaters.



DINING

# The Fiddler preserves Old-World traditions

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Kurchersky had a dream — to preserve his Mom's recipes.

His dream began in the former Soviet Union where he studied hotel and restaurant management, eventually working as assistant manager in the largest restaurant (400 seats) in Moscow.

It persisted even as he and his family left in 1976, during the Russian-Jewish exodus.

"I came with no money and no English," he says. And, as he settled in metro-Detroit, learned English, worked as a painter and in a factory, and saved enough money to buy Kelly Hamburgers, in Hazel Park.

It was partially realized starting in 1983 when, with the help of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, he purchased a former Waffle House on Northwestern Highway in Southfield. It became the Sunrise Cafe. A string of five more Sunrise Cafes followed, all open for breakfast and lunch. He still owns three.

The dream was actualized last October when he opened The Fiddler, a full-service restaurant serving home-style Russian, Ukrainian Polish, Jewish and Middle Eastern foods on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Sadly, his mother died two months before.

His wife Maya is intimately involved with the restaurant, conveniently located next to her own successful skin care salon. "I tell him, it's your destiny to be next to me," she says with a smile.

She also contributed many recipes, including the best-selling mushroom barley soup. And Maya is responsible for the Fiddler's name and that of the Sunrise Cafes, both inspired by the

**The Fiddler**  
Where: 6676 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple in West Bloomfield Plaza; (248) 851-8782.

**Menu:** Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Middle Eastern and Jewish-style specialties

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. Live music, Friday and Saturday nights.

**Reservations:** Suggested on Friday and Saturday. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Here are some other local restaurants that serve Polish and Eastern European dishes.

■ **3 Brothers Family Restaurant**, Polish and American Cooking — 8826 Joy Road, east of Lilley, Plymouth, (734) 416-3393.

■ **Steve's Family Dining** — 40370 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, (734) 420-0368

■ **Amadeus Cafe-Patisserie** — 122 E. Washington (between Main & Fourth Ave.), Ann Arbor, (734) 665-8767.

■ **Jennie's Pierogies** — Pierogi, beet and cabbage soup to go, 6659 Middlebelt, Garden City, (734) 523-0911

■ **Polish Village Cafe**, 2990 Yemans (east of Jos. Campau, south of Caniff), Hamtramck, (313) 874-5726.

■ **Polonia** — 2934 Yemans (at Jos. Campau) Hamtramck, (313) 873-8432.

■ **Under the Eagle** — 9000 Jos. Campau (3 blocks south of Holbrook), Hamtramck, (313) 875-5905.

musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

"We cook at Fiddler like we do at home — all from fresh ingredients," says Maya, who spends her days off from the salon making sure that the recipes carefully described on the menu are being closely followed. We don't deep fry or use additives or preservatives," Michael says proudly. "We grill with no oil."

For instance, the potato latkes (pancakes) that lead off a hefty list of appetizers are detailed as "made from an old family recipe you're sure to remember. Served golden brown with sour cream or apple sauce or with mushroom gravy." The list includes blini (the traditional Russian pancakes), stuffed cabbage or stuffed pepper (vegetarian or with meat), Siberian pelmeni (paper-thin dumplings wrapped around seasoned ground beef and onion) and chopped liver announced as better than "the most famous delis in New York."

Most are in the \$6 range.

Vareniki combines Ukrainian-style dumplings filled with fresh Michigan tart cherries and served with cherry sauce and either sour or real whipped cream. Would you consider that a fusion dish? Although it's listed as an appetizer, it is often ordered for dessert, Michael reports.

Check out Michael's mom's recipe for Pozharski chicken cutlet, "two fluffy and delicate patties of fresh ground chicken breast served covered in our homemade mushroom gravy," as well as the legend behind it. Or a 19th century recipe for beef stroganoff, cited as "created in Russia for Count Pavel Stroganoff, a dignitary at the

Court of Alexander III." Or Veal Rasputin, a scallop of veal rolled and stuffed with mushrooms and onions, then grilled.

Other entrees, served with a side of vegetables or potato or rice, bread and a choice of soup or salad; include more robust versions of the ethnic appetizers as well as cornish hen, calves liver, lamp chops and short ribs. Prices are from \$9 to \$15.

Gourmet omelets are available at any time as are an assortment of main course salads, including Caesar, tuna, tabbouli and fattoush. A Russian summer salad contains sliced cucumbers, fresh tomato, red onions, garnished with garlic, dill parsley and cilantro.

Desserts include amaretto almond cheesecake, homemade blintzes and apple and cherry strudels. All but the blintzes are in the \$3 range.

As you might expect, two large paintings depicting fiddlers figure prominently in the decor of the simply-decorated neighborhood restaurant, where small vases of fresh flowers grace the tables.

On Friday nights, patrons can expect the lighting of Sabbath candles and passing around of a Challah bread. A fiddler and keyboard player entertain on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"We make kind of a club for Russian Jews," Michael says, 15,000 of which now live in metro Detroit. But he counts many regulars who are native-born Americans.

Like Sharon and Ken Singer, who live in Farmington Hills. "I enjoy everything," Sharon says. "It's like eating in my Mom's



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

At your service: Maya and Michael Kurchersky present some of the dishes featured at The Fiddler.

home. I've never had a bad meal there. Everything is quality food. My husband loves the stuffed cabbage. My granddaughter loves the potato latkes."

An empty storefront between

The Fiddler and Maya's Skin Care is being readied to handle Fiddler's growing take-out business and catering requests. And an application for a liquor license has been filed, Michael reports.

DETROIT'S PREMIER ENTERTAINMENT LOCATION PRESENTS

**FORBIDDEN HOLLYWOOD**  
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL SPOOF OF THE MOVIES!

★★★★  
"If there is a better show in town... it has to be the one that takes place back stage!"  
— Martin F. Kahn, Detroit Free Press

★★★  
"The show is two hours of fun... wonderfully wacky!"  
— Michael H. Margolin, Detroit News

LIVE JAZZ IN THE GARDEN THURSDAY-SATURDAY

THE CENTURY CLUB RESTAURANT NOW OPEN!  
Theatre & Dinner Packages Available. Join us for dinner before or after the show. Upscale cuisine in a comfortable supper club setting.

313-963-9800  
333 Madison Ave. • Detroit, MI 48226

**Mama Mia**  
Banquet Facilities Available

LIVONIA REDFORD ALLEN PARK

27770 Plymouth 19385 Beech Daly 15606 Southfield  
1 1/2 Bks. W. of I-75 Rd. Just East of Grand River at Allen Rd.  
(734) 427-1000 (313) 537-0740 (248) 383-0500

**DINNER FOR 2 \$12.99**  
CHOICE OF: VEAL PARMESAN, CHICKEN SCALLOPINI, BROILED SCROD, TENDERLOIN STEAK  
ABOVE INCLUDES: Soup or tossed salad, potato or pasta, fresh garlic sticks, bread & butter  
With Coupon Expires 8/1/99. Holidays Excluded. GST

**MITCH HOUSEY'S**  
EVERY THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY OLDIES MUSIC  
Now Appearing... Live THE SHOWCASEMEN

OPEN DAILY MON-SAT AT 11:00 AM

COCKTAIL HOUR MON-FRI 4-7 PM DAILY

FASHION SHOW Thursdays Starting at Noon

28500 Schoolcraft Opposite Ludbrook DR. LIVONIA (734) 125-5520

AMPLE LIGHTED PARKING BANQUET FACILITIES AVAILABLE

**PRIME RIB DINNER \$14.95**  
Includes: Salad, Potato, Vegetable and Hot Bread

**1/2 Off Second Dinner**  
When you purchase another regularly priced dinner entree of equal or greater value!  
With Coupon Offer Good Monday-Friday After 4:00 p.m. Can not be used with any other coupon, special offer, or early bird special.  
All Mitch Housey coupons good thru July.

**BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHES from \$5.95**

**DINNERS from \$6.95**

**'KISS' PHANTOM GOODBYE!**

FINAL 4 WEEKS TO SEE KISS LEGEND PAUL STANLEY AS 'THE PHANTOM!'

**The PHANTOM of the OPERA**

(416) 872-2222

www.livestheatre.com/phantom

Call 1-800-468-8888 for individual theatre travel packages to Toronto, call live! express or your local travel professional at 1-800-265-5888

The Windsor-Detroit Tunnel presents

**FESTIVAL EPICURE**

A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FOOD, WINE AND MUSIC

**JULY 9, 10 AND 11**  
FRIDAY 4 PM - 1 AM SATURDAY 12 NOON - 1 AM SUNDAY 12 NOON - 11 PM

FREE ADMISSION AT THE CIVIC TERRACE ON THE RIVERFRONT (Across from the Casino) WINDSOR, CANADA

Sponsored by the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel

Proceeds to Benefit the Kidney Foundation of Canada

FOR AN EPICURIAN WEEKEND GETAWAY CALL 1-800-HILTONS

**Hilton Windsor**

**THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITORS:**  
• BRICKHOUSE TAP & GRILL  
• BUBI'S AWESOME EATS  
• CAPRI PIZZA  
• CHANOS'S  
• COLIO ESTATE WINERY  
• ELAINE'S FINE FOODS  
• FARRON GOURMET BUTCHER SHOP  
• FIDELS HAVANA LOUNGE  
• GILLIGAN'S JUICE BAR  
• IRIE & MELLOW UNDER DE CORNER  
• NUCELLI'S FROZEN YOGURT  
• PARK TERRACE - HILTON WINDSOR  
• PATRICK O RYANS  
• PELEE ISLAND WINERY  
• PENALTY BOX  
• PIERRE BAGUETTE BAKERY  
• PITT FOR PASTA  
• PLUNKETT'S BISTRO-BAR  
• RUCH CREEK WINERY  
• SCHINCARIOL MARKET  
• THE BIG TOMATO  
• THE OLD FISH MARKET  
• W.I.D. CATERING  
• WALKERVILLE BREWING CO.  
• WOODY'S OUTHOUSE

**MUSIC SCHEDULE**  
FRIDAY, JULY 9TH  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM TRAIN 45  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM J.D. PROJECT  
8:00 PM - 10:30 PM REGULAR BOYS  
11:00 PM - 1:00 AM 8 GUYS NAMED MOE

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH  
12:00 NOON - 1 PM NEMESIS  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM LONG GOODBYE  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM BON TEMPS ROULLE  
9:30 PM - 7:30 PM 8 GUYS NAMED MOE  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM ALEXANDER ZONJIC & THE STAR BAND  
10:30 PM - 1:00 AM IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH  
12:00 NOON - 1 PM TRAIN 45  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM LONG GOODBYE  
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM REGULAR BOYS  
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM 8 FRIENDS

**WIN! WIN! WIN!**  
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA WILL BE RAFFLING:  
• A TRIP FOR TWO TO PUERTO VALLARTA FROM GOLIGER & TRAVEL PLUS 8 SIGNATURE VACATION  
• SET OF TAYLOR MADE GOLF CLUBS FROM GOLF GEAR  
• 4 PAIRS OF DESIGNER SUNGLASSES (DRUG BOSS, GIORGIO ARMANI, GUCCI, AND SERENGETI FROM NIGHT FOR SORE EYES)

www.festivalpicure.com hotline 973-5005

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE & COUNTRY MUSIC TELEVISION

**FAITH HILL**

WGS JESSICA ANDREWS

**This Kiss TOUR** JULY 14 • 8 PM

**ON SALE NOW**

THE PALACE BOX OFFICE AND ALL MEADOW BROOK CHARGE (248) 645-6666

www.palacenet.com www.faithhill.com

**FRANK'S**

AMERICAN FAMILY THEATRE'S BROADWAY FOR KIDS

**Aladdin**

Saturday, July 10 • 12 noon

TICKETS JUST \$10 PAV. & \$5 LAWN

On sale now at The Palace Box Office and all MEADOW BROOK CHARGE (248) 645-6666

Group discounts available Call (248) 377-0100 for information