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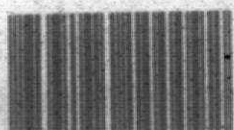
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Board OKs soccer, golf domes



Facilities for the sports complex at the Canton Softball Center are moving ahead. Township trustees Tuesday approved revised plans for indoor soccer fields and a companion golf driving range.

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An indoor soccer facility in Canton has moved one step closer to reality.

Township trustees unanimously approved revised plans for a 120,000-square-foot dome at their Tuesday

meeting. A companion 90,000-square-foot inflatable golf range/soccer building was included in those plans.

In March, Canton's Board approved the sale of eight acres for both uses at Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue near Beck. Plans now call for 11 acres at the site.

"That's primarily for parking," Developer Harry Limauro, a partner in Troy-based High Velocity Sports, said of the additional land. "Everything we're doing for this facility will be first class. We will offer things other facilities don't have."

Limauro is joining with Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, who coaches and plays goalie for the Detroit Rockers professional soccer team, in the project - the company's first.

"This is something we've always wanted to do," he said. "We've been at

it almost three years to get it done.

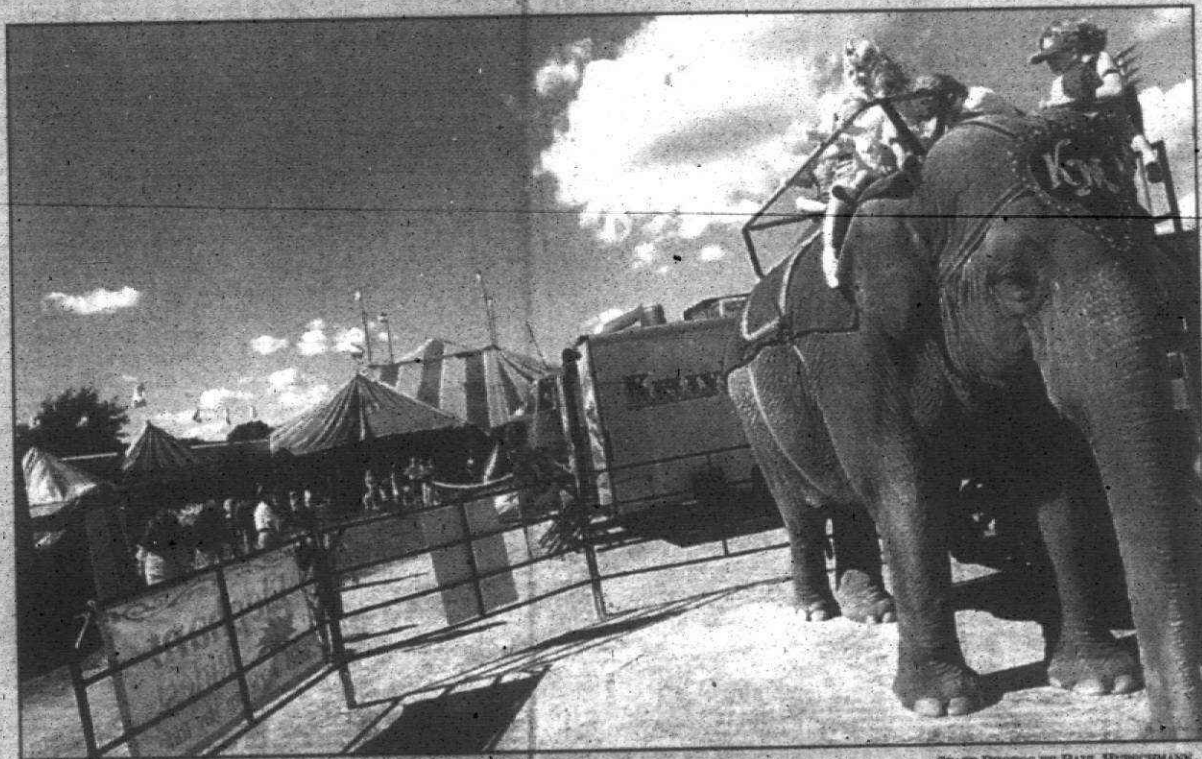
"We're very excited about it. I think the community is too."

The company was to be included in a sports complex at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. When plans shifted to the softball center, High Velocity had no problem changing gears.

The soccer arena will feature four fields. Two will be strictly used for soccer while the other two will be convertible for other uses such as in-line hockey, said Limauro.

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Travel by pachyderm



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A day at the circus: Misty Seibert of Canton and daughters Emily 4, and Alyssa, 2, sit atop an elephant Saturday while Pam Moorman of Livonia and son David, 2, and Heather Ruhala of Plymouth and son Patrick, 2, wait to climb aboard for a short ride at the Kelly Miller Circus. The circus, at Central Middle School, was a fund-raiser for the Plymouth Lions. At right, a clown bearing balloons entertains children under the big top.



Auto firm on road to Canton

MICHIGAN AVENUE

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A Tier I automotive supplier is setting up shop in Canton.

Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems will begin operations next week on Michigan Avenue. The Spain-based firm supplies Ford Motor Co. with interior components for several vehicles.

"We looked at a few locations and felt this was the best for us," said Gregory Trombley, chief financial officer for the company. "The job market is also very good in Canton. We've had lots of applicants."

Canton's Board of Trustees granted a 50 percent property tax abatement for two years to the firm at its Tuesday meeting. Several residents spoke against the move.

"Everyone wants to come to Canton Township," said Robert McCausland. "We don't have to bribe anybody."

He added that the abatement would take money away that could be used for essential services.

"With tax abatements and the needs of the community," said McCausland, "this doesn't make sense to me."

Trombley disagreed. He pointed out that the abatement was only for two years while many other companies get four, eight or even 12 years of tax breaks.

"We're adding tax dollars and jobs to the community," said Trombley. "It's working to both of our advantages."

Resident David Macintosh said

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Burger wars: Split decision on fast-food plans

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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The Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended approval of a site plan for a rebuilt McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan roads.

Commissioners were disappointed with the look of the proposed new building, however, and let the petitioner know, in no uncertain terms, the expectations they had.

In a separate vote, the commission denied a rezoning request for a proposed Burger King, also on Michigan

Avenue.

"Make us feel like we're getting the 'A' store," said commissioner Melissa McLaughlin, referring to the McDonald's project. "We'd like a Bloomfield Hills or Novi-type effort here."

Kerry Ferguson, construction engineer for McDonald's said the building's

design would be similar to the restaurant on Ford Road near Hix, in Westland.

"You're getting the 'A' building," Ferguson said.

The new facility will be smaller than

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Corporate park wetland clearing draws concern

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An environmental activist said last week he's asked the state to determine whether the owner of property just west of the Holiday Park Nature Preserve has cleared regulated wetlands.

A wooded section of from nine to 12 acres has been cleared, said Bill Craig, president of the Holiday Park Nature Preserve Association.

The property was cleared by J.A. Bloch & Co., which manages the land for the partnership owning it.

"They left the big trees" but cleared the ground around them, he said.

"The only way the preserve could have grown was into that property," Craig said.

"It's the last piece of property that could have been added" to the 540-acre preserve, he said.

If protected wetlands are involved, "They should have saved some of the natural features. They should have seen if it was regulated" before doing

anything.

Craig said he's asked the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to find out if the cleared area is wetlands and if they should have been cleared.

"The MDEQ will be out there checking that," Craig said.

According to state law, no permission was needed to do the clearing, as long as no trees six inches in diameter or larger were cut, said Sue Folsom of the Canton Township engineering department.

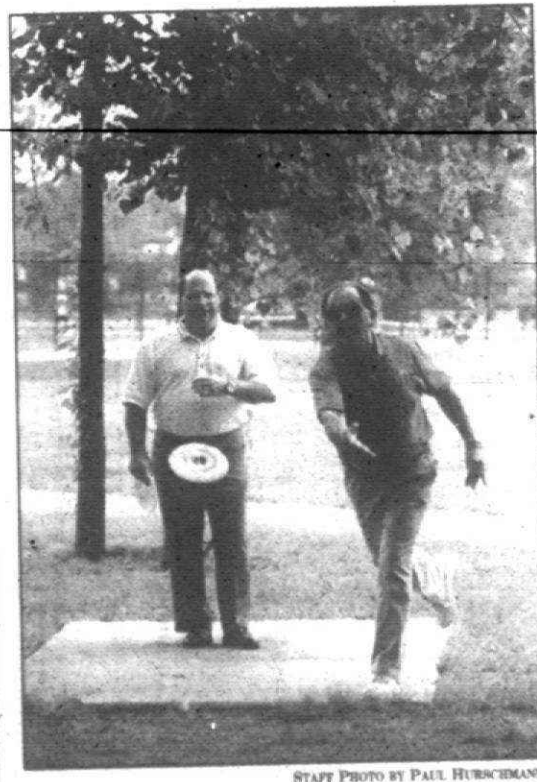
A property owner can clear regulated wetlands, she said, but no tree stumps can be removed, no land-filling done and no earth removed from the site.

Not involved

Burton-Katzman Development Co. of Bingham Farms, the developer of the new Koppnick Corporate Park west of the cleared area, was not involved in it, said company spokesman Chuck DiMaggio. The firm owns only the land

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Freedom Park now open



Fore! Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack watches as Trustee John Burdziak (right), tosses a disc on the new "Frisbee Golf" course following Friday's dedication ceremony at Freedom Park. The park is on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer roads.

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Legislator proposes reining in some local ordinances

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It's a question of fairness to businesses, according to state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. He doesn't want a firm to move into a Michigan community only to find out that some obscure local ordinance would restrict, hamper or even outright ban the enterprise.

He says his proposed "regulatory responsibility" legislation, House Bill 4777, would not overrule land use or zoning rules made by municipalities. Rather, he contends, he is simply attempting to restore the traditional division between the regulatory authority of cities and the state.

"The tradition in Michigan is home rule," responded Dan Gilmartin, director of state and federal Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League. He is concerned that, as written, the bill could prohibit residents from adopting rules in their own towns regarding the way businesses operate.

Examples of the types of ordinances that might fall by the wayside, according to Gilmartin, are restrictions on home businesses and local wetlands regulations, laws that are common among Michigan communities.

The two are scheduled to meet late this week to see if they can iron out their differences. Gosselin said he would like to have the support of the Michigan Municipal League when the bill comes up for consideration in the House this fall. He said he is willing to make adjustments to the proposal in order to get the Municipal League's agreement.

Gilmartin, too, said he will enter the discussions with "an open mind." But it is likely to be a tough sell.

"Our concern is its impact on home rule. We feel strongly it is best to make the decisions about how a community should be run closer to home. It is best for the community to make those decisions, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach by the state," Gilmartin said.

"It is clear that firms looking to locate in Michigan will be repelled by a patchwork of competing regulatory schemes," Gosselin said. "All the tax cuts and state regulatory reform will be for naught if business shuns Michigan as a 'Bosnia' of compet-

ing, overlapping and duplicative regulations."

Gosselin said his bill would take nothing away from local governments, just prevent them from passing ordinances on subjects traditionally covered by the state.

"I'm not trying to intrude on their authority. I'm just trying to define what is the area for local regulation and what is traditionally the jurisdiction of the state,"

Gosselin said. "We wouldn't allow a city to, say, adopt the death penalty. That's a decision for the state."

The representative cited two local ordinances he believes crossed the line from a local responsibility into the jurisdiction of the state government — Marquette's recent total ban of smoking in restaurants and "living wage" ordinances approved in Detroit and Ypsilanti. In

Detroit, voters approved a proposal in 1998 to require businesses to pay a wage of \$8.27 per hour with health benefits or \$10.33 per hour without.

"There are some 1,800 local units of government in Michigan," Gilmartin said. "Which means there are about 1,798 that didn't adopt ordinances that are so offensive to business," Gilmartin said.

As introduced, House Bill 4777

states that, "A local unit of government shall not enact an ordinance ... that ... regulates in any manner subject matter that is described by state or federal law (or) duplicates, extends, revises, or regulates in any manner the provisions or subject matter of a state or federal law."

That's a broad sweep, according to Gilmartin and could have an impact on any number of local ordinances. One example

involves wetlands. The state regulates wetlands of five acres or larger through the Department of Environmental Quality. Many communities have adopted ordinances extending protection to wetlands under five acres.

However, an aide to Gosselin said the intent is to change the bill to specifically name those subject areas for which local governments could not adopt ordinances.

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MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY

Killing with kindness takes a toll

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The Michigan Humane Society is an organization in conflict with itself.

The staff love animals, especially dogs and cats, and want to find homes for all.

Yet they kill, by lethal injection, some 30,000 animals a year and place only 10,000 in homes. Three out of five animals that enter the shelter alive come out dead.

The Humane Society has difficulty retaining employees who have direct contact with the animals because it's heart-breaking to see so many animals killed.

"The turnover is very high," said Lisa Aho, one of the society's three public relations specialists. "It's a low-paying job, and it's very stressful. No one is in it for the money."

Even the PR people aren't immune. "I'm taking (the animals') pictures and putting them in the paper, and I come back the next day and they're put to sleep," Aho said. "You see these animals getting adopted, and it almost makes up for it."

Yet employees and volunteers like Northville resident Mary Anne Callahan feel like they're doing God's work.

"More people need to know what is going on here and how much good is going on," Callahan said. "We're giving love and attention to animals. We're giving them a second chance."

Founded in 1877, the Michigan Humane Society takes in more animals than any other shelter in the state. The society's three shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit will accept any animal for any reason, unlike limited admission shelters that are often full and must turn people away.

The Michigan Animal Rescue League of Pontiac euthanizes animals only when there's a temperament or health problem. Rescue League cages are full, and people with unwanted pets are frequently turned away. Nevertheless, Rescue League Manager Kayla Allen praises the Humane Society for its open admissions and liberal euthanasia policy. "There will be no criticism for what they're doing from our end," she said. "We're a fan of the Michigan Humane Society."

Micki Main, the manager of the Humane Society's Westland shelter, said limited-admission shelters solve no problems by sparing the needle. "They're not getting to the issue," she said. "They're



STAFF PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS

Sad goodbye: Jeff Wallis takes in a sick dog to be euthanized.

just washing their hands of it. They're unrealistic about what they're doing."

The Humane Society cages are usually filled, too. The Westland shelter has an average daily population of 250 animals. But animals who have been there the longest, or are judged least adoptable, are killed to make room for more. Since the Humane Society's doors are open to all animals, it often has to kill one to make room for another.

Acho is an animal lover, owns two cats and decorates her office with cat and dog pictures. But she "would rather take in an animal and have it put to sleep than turn them away."

Operations Director David Williams feels the same way. "The reality is there are not enough homes and too many animals," he said. Better that unwanted animals are euthanized at the Humane Society than hit by cars, used as bait for fighting dogs or end up in a laboratory.

Some animals that come to the society's shelters are killed right away. These are the biters, the trained fighting dogs, the seriously ill, the cats that won't use a litter box. The Humane Society's rationale is that cage space is best reserved for animals who have the best chance of being adopted.

There is no set time limit after which all animals are killed. As of June 18, the Westland shelter had three cats that had been there five weeks.

The animals are dispatched with a shot of sodium pentobarbital. "It's like getting an overdose of an anesthetic," Acho said.

Workers who administer the shots have the worst jobs in the place. "It's very stressful," Acho said. "It takes a lot out of you." The people who do that job limit themselves to one day at a time. "You can't do that day in and day out or you'd go crazy," Acho said.

The corpses are stored in the "cooler" and ultimately hauled away and cremated en masse.

Restrictions lifted

The Humane Society has sometimes been criticized for excessive selectivity in choosing adoptive families.

But some restrictions have been lifted in the interest of adopting more animals and killing less.

The society used to refuse adoptions if the prospective owner said he would have a cat declawed or use a dog for hunting. But these deal-killers have been dropped. "We'd rather see a cat

adopted and declawed than end up in our cooler," Acho said.

Still, there are certain things one can say that will turn the Humane Society off on a proposed adoption. Acho won't say what those red flags are. "If too many people know of our policies they can mold their answers," she said.

Occasionally, people who want to buy an animal are turned away, but Acho characterized it as "pretty rare."

People surrendering animals to the Humane Society are asked if the pet has behavioral problems but often avoid telling the truth about it, Acho said. "They're afraid the animal will be euthanized. (And) they're hurting other animals by doing that."

Although many of the Humane Society's animals are turned in by owners, a good deal are stray and abused animals picked up by local authorities.

The Humane Society's Animal Rescue Division takes in about 6,000 stray and injured animals a year. If they are seriously injured and in pain, the animals are quickly dispatched. Animals with lesser injuries are treated and held for at least four days. Many of the strays are brought in by area police departments. Canton Township, for example, contracts with Critter Control to pick up strays. Critter Control takes them to the Westland shelter, Acho said.

The Cruelty Investigation Division responded to 4,000 calls in 1998 and removed 1,000 animals from bad situations.

The Detroit police usually call the Humane Society when they break up a dog fight or raid a crack house.

Just last April the society confiscated 21 trained fighting dogs, two alligators and two pythons in one raid. The Humane Society received 316 dog fight complaints last year and euthanized 150 pit bulls, Acho said.

Drug dealers often have guard dogs like pit bulls, Rottweilers, or even cougars and alligators. So police know to call the Humane Society before they raid a crack house, Acho said.

Most people in the unwanted pet business blame pet owners who let their pets reproduce and pet owners who don't take the time to correct behavioral problems.

"It goes back to irresponsible pet owners," Allen said. "The lucky ones reach the shelters."



Cute kitty: Marcus Sayger, Holly Sayger (middle), and Marina Sayger get a chance to pet a kitten up for adoption.

30,000 lethal injections a year

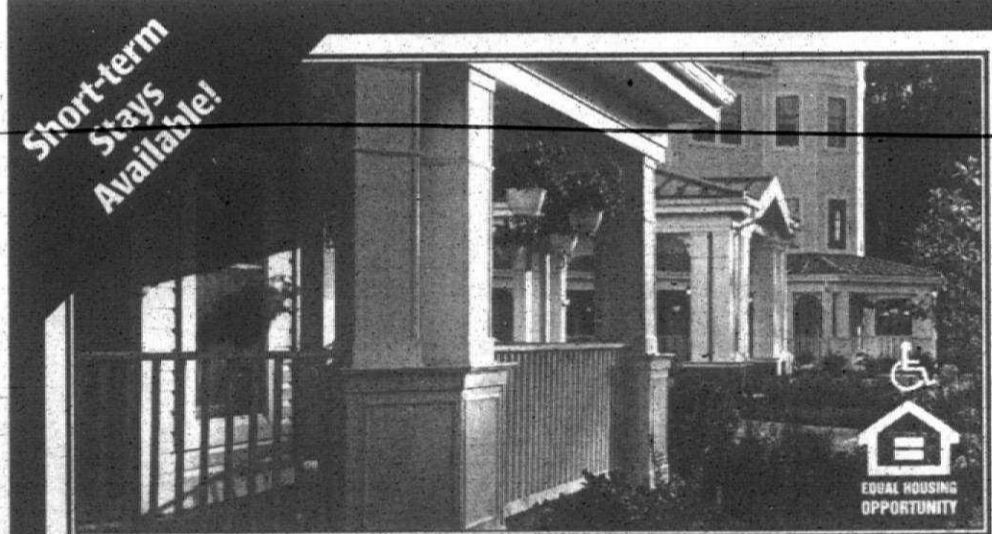
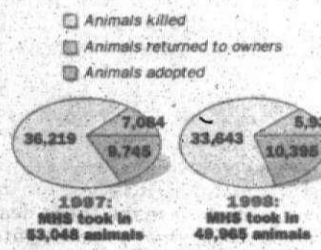
■ In 1997, the MHS took in 53,048 animals. Of that number, 9,745 were "adopted," and 36,219 were killed. Some 7,084 were returned to their owners (as in the case of strays that were picked up) or released in the wild (like squirrels and birds).

■ In 1998, the MHS took in 49,965 animals. Of that number, 10,395 were adopted, and 33,643 were killed. Some 5,927 animals were returned to their owners or released in the wild.

■ The Westland shelter took in 1,028 puppies last year and killed 36 percent (369) of them. Adult dogs fared worse. Of 7,066 admitted last year, 53 percent (3,800) were killed. Felines do worse than canines. Some 5,747 adult cats were admitted last year and 77 percent of them (4,445) were killed. Only 20 percent (1,126) were adopted.

■ The shelter took in 2,043 kittens last year and killed 64 percent (1,895). Only 28 percent (830) were adopted.

■ The Humane Society operates shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. The Westland and Detroit shelters are the busiest of the three. Each admitted about 20,000 animals in 1998, but Westland adopted more (4,231 to Detroit's 3,312) and killed less (12,352 to Detroit's 15,075). The Rochester shelter admitted 9,315, adopted 2,852 and killed 6,216.



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Republicans wary of Engler's 'satellite' school plan

BY TIM RICHARD
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House Republicans are giving the Engler administration a hard time on its efforts to let non-public school students take part in public school sports and clubs.

Lawmakers also are casting a wary eye at the governor's idea of letting school districts cross boundaries to set up competing "satellite" schools in other districts.

It's widely believed the House will strip the section allowing non-public students to take part in public school sports. Administrators fear that athletes with low grades will be "home" schooled, graded easily by their parents and become eligible for sports. "The day we adopt this, every high school dropout would become eligible for athletics," warned freshman Rep. Mike Pumford, R-Fremont.

"I'm bothered by the satellite school idea," said Rep. Patricia (Pan) Godchaux, R-Birmingham, as the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid took up the bill April 21. "We've tried to get school districts to collaborate. This will create an adversarial relationship between them."

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, agreed, recalling the bitter fight when Romulus School District set up a "charter" school within Detroit's boundaries. "There was animosity and acrimony. There were problems with recruitment and sports," he said.

"No one's pounding on my door, begging for satellite schools," said Rep. Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa, chair of the full House Appropriations Committee.

Replied Robbie Jameson of Engler's budget office: "The governor has had districts complaining they can't compete like charter schools do. This is a way to

provide choice for parents. It's another step in the choice-competition continuum."

Another Engler idea is to stretch out pupil counts over the year so that state aid could be cut to districts with high dropout and absenteeism rates.

Brian Whiston, who represents Oakland Intermediate School District in Lansing's lobbies, explained how it works. Historically, school aid was based on attendance on the fourth Friday in September. Then the state went to a blended count: 50 percent weight to February, 50 per-

cent to September.

This helped districts losing population but hurt suburban growth districts. So last year, Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, and then-Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, got it changed to 40 percent weight for February, 60 percent September.

Engler is proposing 20 percent weight for February and 10 percent weight for each of the eight months from September through May. "The funding would more closely follow the child," said budget spokesperson Jameson.

"This is going to add a lot of

administrative cost," predicted Godchaux. "You're telling us it's revenue-neutral." She noted that Proposal A, which made every district dependent on state aid, requires all 29 Oakland K-12 districts to submit reports. Prior to Proposal A, however, just three of 29 needed to report.

"It took 15 or 16 people added to the payroll to audit the reports," Godchaux said. (Proposal A cut property taxes and substituted a 2 percent rate increase in the sales tax to fund public schools.)

Pumford agreed with God-

chaux's criticism. "For five years, I was a school attendance officer. It's not a popular job. That's the reason I ran for the Legislature," he said to loud laughter.

Engler's plan would require nine separate head counts and 10 "supplemental" count days for each of those, Pumford said. "How many more staff will have to be added at the Department of Education?"

"Not many," Jameson replied. "Reports come in electronically."

Engler's effort is taking a stranger legislative path. Usually, policy bills are separately

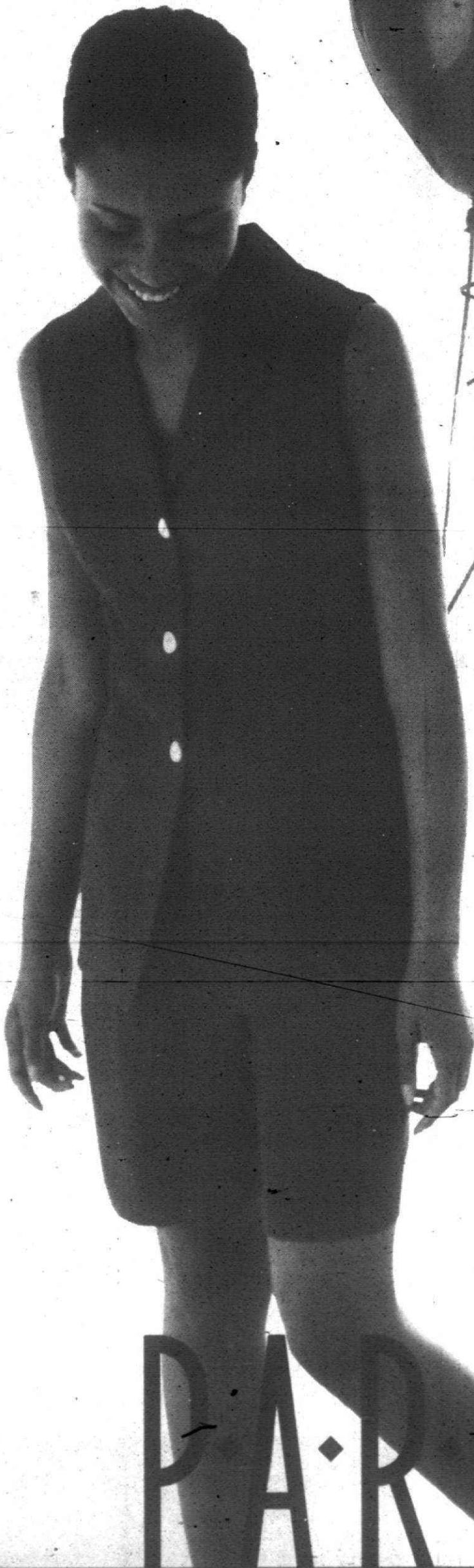
drafted and sent to the House Education Committee, as in the case of the Detroit takeover.

This time, Engler has put his policy proposals into a budget bill - the K-12 supplemental bill. It provides \$67.8 million more for K-12 schools in fiscal 1999 (current year) and \$120.1 million more for fiscal 2000 (beginning Oct. 1). That's why it's in the Appropriations Committee process.

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Wayne County is trying a "microsurfacing" technique used by the Michigan Department of Transportation to protect the road's surface and maintain its quality condition.

Wayne County commissioners awarded a contract July 1 with Terry Construction of Hamilton, Ohio, for \$176,540 to fill cracks and "micro-surface" Toledo Road from Eureka to Northline in Southgate. Scodeller Construction of South Lyon will be a subcontractor for the job.

Bob Mahoney, director of roads for Wayne County, wanted Wayne County to use the micro-surface technique after he observed its use on I-75 north of Mount Morris near Flint for a stretch of approximately 10 to 15 miles.

Mahoney said he's been impressed by the material.

"It's a liquid asphalt with a fine sand-type of aggregate," Mahoney said. The overlay is about 3/8ths of an inch thick. The county's contractors will try the method with rubber to act as a sealant in the overlay, Mahoney said.

"The first thing they'll do is seal all the cracks, then apply the overlay, which they will probably do at night," Mahoney said. "But as soon as they do a lane, they can let traffic on it."

When roads are sealed, the asphalt's "oxidization" process slows. Without a sealant and under normal conditions, asphalt deteriorates and cracks, then potholes are created. "If you keep that asphalt sealed, the material is fine," Mahoney said.

Mahoney hopes such work can extend the road's life.

"If you can buy five, six or seven years, it will put you ahead on the curve," Mahoney said.

If the process works, the county plans to use funds for the program out of the road maintenance budget, leaving more funds in the roads' capital improvement budget.

COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Parenting: How do you stack up?

How do you stack up as a parent? In their book, "The Seven Worst Things Parents Do," Drs. Linda and Joel Friel describe to their readers the common mistakes regular (not abusive or neglectful) parents make with their kids.

Read on and you may find that you already adhere to these common sense principles:

■ **Putting your marriage last.** The "good parent" may say, "I only have a few years to mold and shape these kids, so my marriage needs to be on hold."

The authors dispel this myth with a strong statement about showing children about being a good role model as to how wives' and husbands' relationships should look. How will the children see that model, if you are not nurturing the marriage in front of the children?

■ **Babying your child.** A 20-year-old who was the product of that thinking confesses that when she arrived at college she became lost and depressed because she had believed that nothing bad could ever happen to her. She ended up partying heavily and became pregnant.

She commented that, "I wish there could have been more structure and discipline (when growing up). I also couldn't cope with anyone saying NO to me."

Giving in to the child's whims or doing everything for them robs them of their self-esteem because they never learn how to be competent, and they don't have a chance to learn from their mistakes.

■ **Fail to give the child structure.** When we take on the parenting role, we are in essence saying, "I am the manager here, and I will do it consistently."

Lack of structure feels lousy to a child, even if they tell you they love it. It also gives them too much power. Pretty soon, they become the manager of the house!

■ **Be the child's best friend.** This stance comes about when we want to stay close to our child. But putting them on your level takes away your authority. Try the motto, "Be friendly, not friends."

■ **Pushing them in to too many activities.** Parents describe this as pushing everyone into fast forward 90 percent of the time. Decide what the child's type of personality needs, then find activities that match it.

Some children aren't competitive and see soccer and team sports as repulsive. You see these kids out on the field paying little attention to what's going on. These children may thrive very well taking art classes or gymnastics, where they don't have to compete against anyone.

Decide if you're putting them in the activity for your own gratification or for theirs.

■ **Expecting your child to fulfill your dreams.** It sets the child up for a broken spirit because they always must fulfill your agenda and expectations.

■ **Ignoring the emotional and spiritual life.** Without nurturing our children through conversation and being together, kids build relationships outside the family. Gangs serve that purpose nicely.

If the child isn't valued and heard at home, dollars to doughnuts they'll find another place to be accepted.

How'd you do?

To learn more about being a better parent, try attending parenting workshops. They not only work, but you find others there who are also committed to being the best parents possible.

Numerous parenting workshops will be starting this fall. Call the Family Resource Center at (734) 595-2279 to get on its mailing list.

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That's no doctor ... that's my dog

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bailey, a 3 1/2-year-old golden retriever, might not have a Ph.D. in medicine or even a laboratory coat but still has some healing powers modern medicine can't compete with.

She helps Alzheimer's patients with memory difficulties remember their childhood dogs, brings smiles to patients who haven't smiled in weeks and helps relieve stress for most humans who come into contact with her.

Bailey belongs to Julie and Richard Esker of Livonia and brings her healing powers about three times a month to Farmington Hills' Botsford General Hospital, where she visits with patients in a recreational therapy program.

She is part of the Farmington Hills-based "Dr. Paws" program, which links lovable canines with patients needing a dose of medicine that can't be found in a pill or syrup.

Dogs passing the program's screenings are labeled "certified therapy dogs" via special dog tags.

■ 'The patients were just so excited to have a dog visit them.'

Julie Esker
—therapy dog owner

"It really brightens their days," Julie Esker said of the patients after getting a dose of unconditional affection from dogs like hers.

Bailey went to a nursing home recently to visit Julie's grandfather and received rave reviews from other residents.

"The patients were just so excited to have a dog visit them," she said.

Some recent studies have shown that patients benefit from the attention of pets. The obvious benefit is they bring smiles to people's faces, but they can actually help reduce blood pressure as well, according to Theresa Seraceno, who heads the Dr. Paws program, a subdivision of Therapy Dogs Inc. She works for Botsford as a secretary of nursing administration.

Dr. Paws was founded six years ago and has since trained 50 dogs and expanded into hospitals across Michigan. The dogs visit Botsford patients two Tuesdays and one Saturday monthly.

Esker said she decided to get involved after seeing the Dr. Paws float in last year's Farmington Founders Festival parade. She wrote down the number and decided Bailey was a good candidate.

The Eskers' keep framed photographs of both of



The doctor is in the dog house: Julie and Richard Esker have turned their golden retriever, Bailey (at left), into a "therapy dog" for the Dr. Paws program and hope to include their other dog, Casey, after she gets a little older.

their dogs — Bailey and her younger sister Casey, 1 1/2 — throughout their home. The snapshots chronicle the dogs' lives from fuzzy puppyhood to their current ages.

"Our family has a hard time telling them apart," she said of the two golden retrievers.

Bailey, described by Esker as a "naughty puppy" took obedience classes and later passed the tests for Dr. Paws. Animals in the program must be observed on three separate one-hour sessions as they interact with other animals, people and the patients. In addition, they must be calm in situations involving

wheelchairs, Esker said.

Bailey passed the test, and if all goes well, could be joined by her baby sister, Casey, 1 1/2, in the program. Esker said it's still too early to put the rambunctious pooch into the program.

"Maybe we'll try her next summer," she said. Casey hasn't had obedience classes but has learned some obedience basics from her big sister — such as walking on a leash.

To volunteer yourself and your dog for Dr. Paws, call (248) 888-7488.

Couples celebrate 100 years of marriage

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

For Nick and Mary Markes of Livonia, who have been married for 50 years, the secret to a long, happy marriage is remaining friends with your spouse.

"I guess we just like each other," Mary said. "We just try and be considerate of each other. We disagree, but we don't fight."

From the moment Nick Markes and Mary Krall took their vows in front of more than 500 guests at the First Hungarian Lutheran Church in Detroit on May 7, 1949, they knew they were entering a life-long commitment.

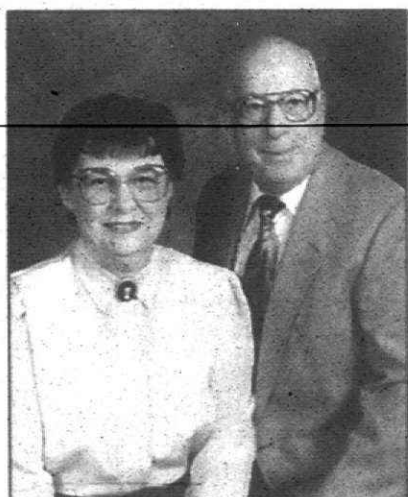
"That's what you did a long time ago," Mary said.

It appears to be a commitment shared by their two children, Ted and Karen, who celebrate 25 years of marriage this summer: Karen married Gerry Deren on May 3, 1974 and Ted married Patricia June 29, 1974. Both couples live in Livonia.

"It was a hectic time," Mary recalled.

Karen and Gerry have three children, Christopher — who recently was married in Las Vegas — Nicholas and Kelley, Ted and Patricia have two children, Sandra Chapman and Wendy Markes, who had the Marks' first great-grandchild, Kayla, in December.

A five-generation photograph was taken and included Mary, her mother Elizabeth Krall, Ted, Wendy and Kayla.



Break out the silver and gold: Mary and Nick Markes were married in 1949 (at left) and celebrated their 50th anniversary this year (at right). Their children, Ted and Karen, also celebrated wedding anniversaries this year; their 25ths.

Valuable lessons

Karen, who has never really even given much thought how her parents' marital stability has influenced her, says the key to weathering years of living with the same person is tolerance.

"All I know is you've got to put up with a lot of stuff from both ends," she said, adding that Gerry has had to learn to endure her flaws and she has to live with his.

When they were newlyweds, his job kept him away for roughly three weeks

out of every month. He still travels frequently for the computer company he works for, but they've learned to appreciate the brief time they have together.

"It's our quality time," Karen said.

Ted says he learned the value of communicating with wife Patricia from his parents.

"We've certainly been able to sit down and talk things out," he said. "I got that from my parents. If they had problems, they talked them out."

Just after Ted's and Karen's nuptials, the Markeses celebrated their

■ **'We just try and be considerate of each other. We disagree, but we don't fight.'**

Mary Markes
—Livonia resident

25th anniversary. But when the gifts were unwrapped and the honeymoons were finished, the house became empty.

"All of a sudden the house got real quiet," Nick said.

Not so this time around. The Markeses gave their children the gift of blackjack and slot machines for their anniversary — all wrapped up in a trip to Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant.

"It was expensive but beautiful," Nick said of the hotel.

Nice pool

Karen was awestruck by the resort's pool, even though she thought the water was too cold, and the hotel was quiet considering its proximity to a noisy casino. Gerry, however, marveled at hearing music while he swam.

"You never heard the casino until you walked into it," Karen said.

Ted said the trip was a special treat — because it was something he and his wife had talked about doing for some time.

The children threw their parents an anniversary party June 11 at the Holy

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Model train show chugs into church

The St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Men's Club and the Train Collectors Association will host a train show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at the church, at West Chicago and Inkster in Redford. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

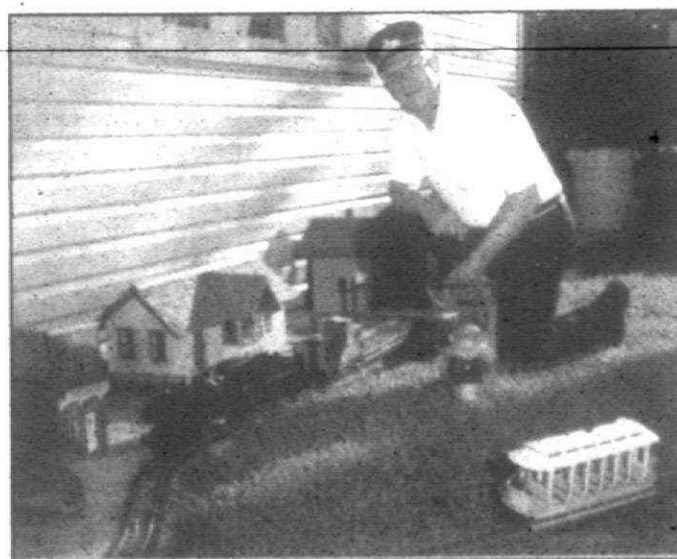
Participants can have their trains tested by the Trenton Train Club and see four train layouts in operation. The show will also feature a train parts dealer.

G&G Hobbies from Jackson will display a garden railroad setup.

Dealers from five states with train and toy items to buy and swap will showcase their wares on 200 tables. Door prizes will be given away every hour.

Prizes include train sets ready to run. Food and beverages will be sold.

For more information, contact Ray Nikolai at (313) 277-2419.



Hey Ray: Show host Ray Nikolai shows off one of the many different trains that will be available for purchase. For more details, call (313) 277-2419.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fulton

Pastor Ross "Lucky" and Donna Fulton of Broham, Mich., celebrated their 50th anniversary at a July 10 open house, given by the children, at the Bitely-Broham Community Club.

The couple exchanged vows on May 13, 1949 in Plymouth. They lived in the area until they moved to Broham in 1965. He also is a 1947 graduate of Plymouth High School.

They have six married children - Ross Jr. and wife Maryhelen, Kathleen and husband William, Randy and husband Tim, Violet and husband Kerry, Rusty and wife Diane and Rich and wife Kim. They also have 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



Reeves

Harlan and LaVerna Reeves of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary July 10 in a gathering at the Amvets hall in Westland with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows July 11, 1949, in Angola, Ind. She is the former LaVerna Bollinger.

He retired from the city of Westland 10 years ago, and she retired from Atlantic and Pacific Tea 11 years ago.



Hilliard

Robert and Irene Hilliard of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25 in a mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church and with family at Niagara Falls.

The couple exchanged vows June 25, 1949, at Our Lady Queen of Angels. She is the former Irene Papierniak.

The Hilliards are the parents of Marie Harrington, Debbie Noe, Michelle Loveland, Diane Hilliard, Carol Bergin and Annette Hilliard. They also have six grandchildren.

He is retired from General Motors, and she is retired from real estate and from banking.



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Clark

Wilbert (Bill) and Corrine Clark of Canton are celebrating their 55th anniversary in Las Vegas.

The couple exchanged vows on June 24, 1944, at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She is the former Corrine Schifle.

The couple has two children, Terry Clark and

Carol Gardner-Barringer, both of Canton, and five grandchildren.

Life-long residents of the Plymouth-Canton area, they are both retirees. They are active in the Plymouth Elk's Club, Vivian's Club and the VFW.

Their interest include bowling, golfing, volunteering for the Red Cross and bingo.

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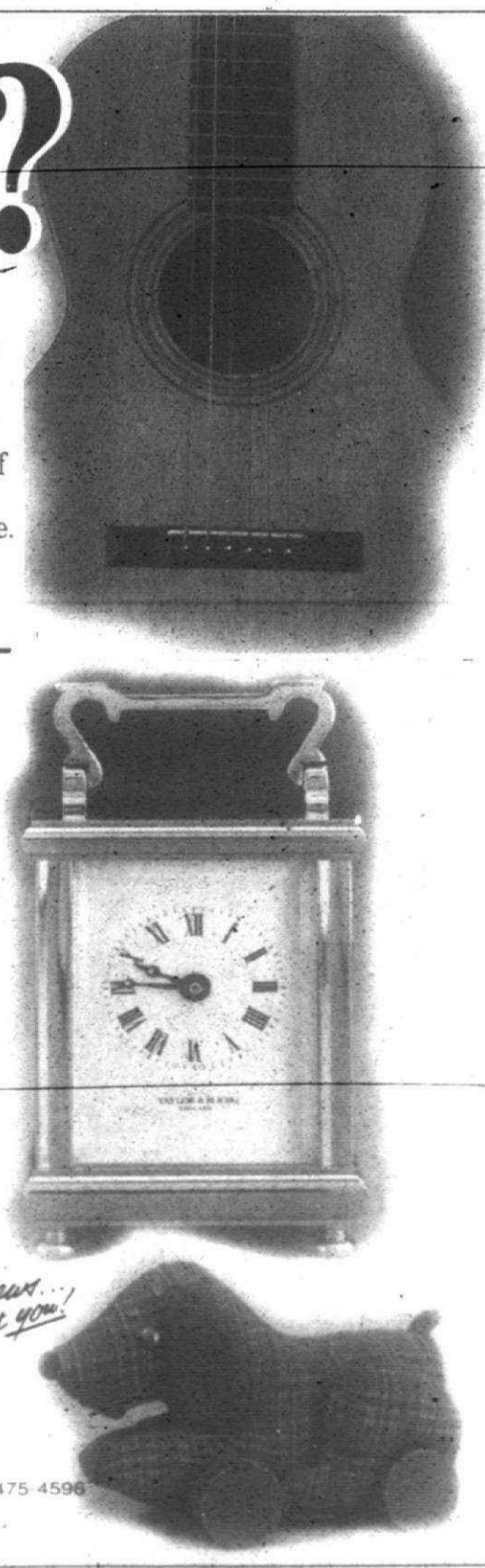
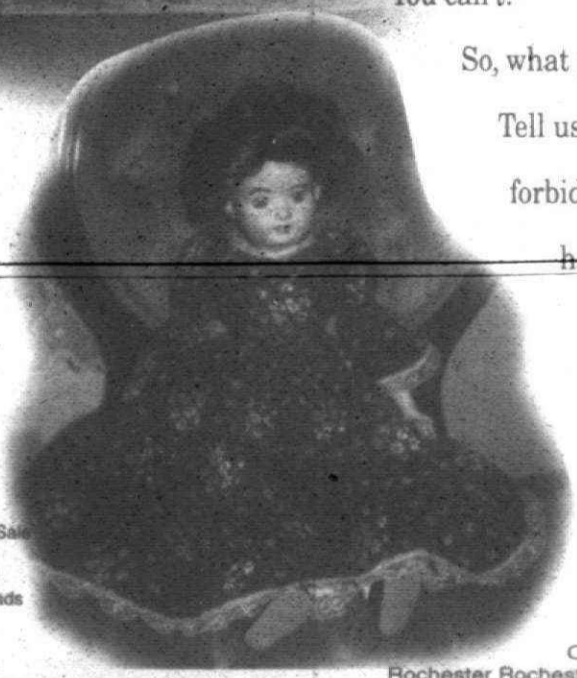
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Indians 2nd

The Michigan Indians, an under-10 boys Little Caesars baseball team, finished second in their 16-team division at the Riverview Invitational last weekend. The Indians opened by beating Windsor South Two, 12-0, on Friday; they followed that with victories over the Trenton All-Stars, 3-1, and Allen Park, 10-2, both on Saturday.

In the semifinals Sunday, the Indians defeated Windsor South One, 10-5. In the finals, the Grand Blanc Spirit bested the Indians 12-6.

Members of the Indians are Michael Brennan, Derek Brickman, Brett Glover, Benjamin Kosmalski, David Leins, Dan McNeish, Michael Popp, Damarii Saunderson, Matt Skaglin, Evan Tindall and Nathan Sarkissian. The team is coached by Mark Glover.

Medal-winner

Brandon Czekaj, a sophomore at Livonia Stevenson HS, made a highly successful trip to the USA Shooting National Championships in Atlanta, Ga. In the indoor men's air rifle competition June 15-16, Czekaj scored 552-out-of-600 on the first day and 560-600 on the second, finishing with a total score of 1112-2000 to earn a third-place medal in Class B. This was competed at 10 meters.

In the outdoor 3-position men's smallbore competition on June 19-20, Czekaj scored 1072-1200 on his first day and 1059-1200 on his second for a total score of 2131-2400, good for fifth place overall in Class B. This was competed at 100 yards.

The USA Shooting National Championships are by invitation only, broken down into six divisions: AA, A, B, C, D and E, with division decided by previous performance. Czekaj rated as one of the youngest shooters at the competition.

Czekaj will compete next at the NRA National Outdoor 3-position Smallbore Competition at Camp Perry, Ohio July 23-24.

Diamondbacks roll

The Diamondbacks, a 9-10 year-old G-Major baseball team in the Livonia Junior Athletic League, finished their season with a 15-0 record, outscoring their opponents by a combined 196-47. The Diamondbacks played in the Falcon Division.

Team members, all from Livonia, are Ryan Boyle, Blair Gaida, William Gillis, Joshua Jacunski, Luke Knochel, Matt Loney, Chris Mulcahy, Bryon Niemczak, Mike Niesyto, Ed Plozai, Danny Rozek, Ben Schroeder and Joey Thomas. The team is coached by Paul Loney, Gary Niemczak, Scott Rozek and Dave Schroeder; Tim Boyle was the team secretary and Dana Knochel was the equipment manager.

Falcons soar

The Livonia Falcons, a 9-10 year-old tournament baseball team, was the winner of the South Farmington All-Star Classic July 10-11 at Founder Park in Farmington. Offense ruled for the Falcons, who defeated Novi 26-5; Lakes A, 12-6; Garden City, 13-11 in the semifinals; and Lakes B, 22-6 in the final.

Those who were instrumental in the win were Matt Loney, Bryon Niemczak, Scott Sergosin, Ben Schroeder, Luke Knochel, Chris Mulcahy, Colin Marquadt, Ryan Boyle, Alex Chisolm, Sean Foreman, Andy Ring, Danny Rozek and Joey Thomas. The team is coached by Paul Loney, Gary Niemczak, Scott Rozek and Dave Schroeder; Tim Boyle is the team secretary, with Dana Knochel serving as equipment manager.

5th in tourney

Scott Wolfe, a sophomore-to-be at Livonia Stevenson HS, finished fifth in the boys 15-and-under division at the 29th annual Riverwood State Junior Tournament, held July 8-9 at Riverwood Golf Club in Mount Pleasant.

Wolfe's two-day total was 160. There were 29 golfers in his division.

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.

Timing it right

Junior Olympians hit lofty heights at regional

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For years, Salem and Canton high schools have taken great pride in their talents in track. Last weekend, the combined Plymouth and Canton communities proved those abilities, displayed year after year after year, were built on a sturdy foundation.

In April, Mike Krafchak was given what many would consider a no-way-to-win task: Take over the organization and planning for the Region V USA Track and Field Junior Olympics, a four-state affair that would affect more than 1,200 athletes.

This is the only time Michigan will host this event in a five-year span. When the Jackson community ran into difficulties, Plymouth and Canton were asked. Krafchak, a longtime track/cross country supporter, could not allow so many young people to be disappointed.

He accepted the challenge. And last weekend, he pulled it off.

The total number of participants, according to the Canton resident, was approximately 1,250. "It was a lot of work," he said Tuesday, nearly two days after the final event had concluded, "and we still haven't recovered, sleepwise."

"But it's also the kind of thing that's very gratifying when it works well. And this went pretty well."

It certainly demanded mass amounts of organization. On Thursday and Friday, events like the heptathlon, decathlon, pentathlon, triathlon and steeplechase were competed; indeed, the steeplechase, which

requires pools of water for runners to ford — something neither Canton nor Salem could furnish — created an immediate problem. Krafchak solved it by taking that particular race to the University of Michigan's track at 6 p.m. last Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday, the bulk of the track and field events got going at the Canton track at 9 a.m. The stakes were considerable: The top three finishers in each event would qualify for the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympics July 27-Aug. 1 in Nebraska.

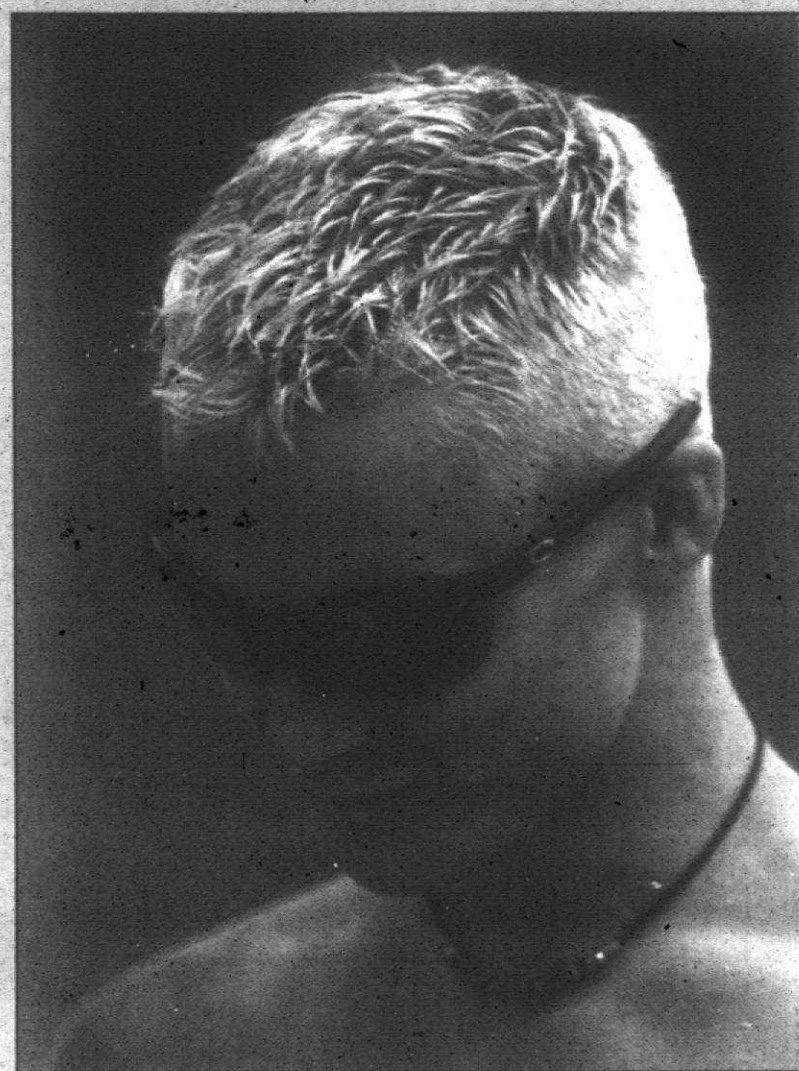
Which made last weekend's affair the biggest age-group track and field event of the year in the state.

Fortunately, it all went smoothly. "I know people got out of there Saturday and Sunday a whole lot earlier than they thought they would," said Krafchak, noting the ending times were before 6 p.m.

There were all sorts of budding track stars on the loose, such as: In the Midget girls division (11-12 year-olds), Amirah Carpenter, from the Ohio Association, won the 100-meters (13.68) and the 200-meters (27.13), and teammate Chelsie Sexton was first in both the 800-meters (2:30.93) and 1,500-meters (5:08.14).

In the Midget boys, Eddie Gore of the Lake Erie Association captured top honors in the 100-meters (12.99) and 200-meters (26.90), while Michael Thomas of New World Track Club was a winner in the 400-meters (58.21) and shot put (39-feet, 7.75-inches), and Michael Quick of the Michigan Association won the 1,500-meters (5:03.91) and the 3,000-meters

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Big time to shine: The Region V Junior Olympics, run at the Salem/Canton field, attracted some of the top track talent in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Bart Smith (above), of Somerset, Ohio, won three events; Manvir Gill (far left) and Donnie Warner (left), both Salem students, ran well in the distance events; Keanna Fields (right) of Akron, Ohio, excelled in the long jump; and the 400-meter run (below) was hotly contested.

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Former Spartan hosts Long Drive challenge

BY C.J. RISAK
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What makes the game of golf both exhilarating and frustrating at the very same moment is the combination of factors one must master to put together a decent score.

Imagine knocking in a hole-in-one and still failing to break 50 for nine holes. Believe me, it's happened.

So while getting part of the game down right is

great, it is still just a part of the game. Now, however, mastering one particular part can take you places in golf. We're talking long drives here — and not in a golf cart or even a car.

For the past three years, Rob Peters — a 1982 graduate of Livonia Stevenson HS who still lives in

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Livonia — has been running the sectional long drive qualifying events for the state. The object is simple: Hit it hard, hit it far, and qualify for the district event Sept. 25 in Hudson, Ohio, just east of Cleveland.

If you're still strking it then, you've got a chance to make it to the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, which is Oct. 20-23 in Mesquite, Nev. A total

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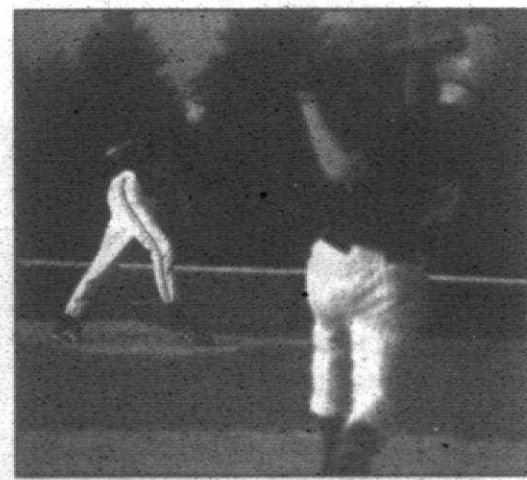


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A miss: Livonia's Mark Duffy slips a pitch past the Bulls' Ross Patterson.

Big hits

Livonia Travel blasts Bulls, 8-3

Dave Lusky's three-run homer Tuesday sparked host Livonia Travel to an 8-3 victory over the Michigan Bulls in a Connie Mack baseball game at Ford Field.

The game was scoreless through four innings. The Bulls took the lead with a run in the top of the fifth, but Travel never trailed after Lusky's shot in the bottom of the inning.

Livonia added five more runs in the sixth. Bob Malek's bases-loaded

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triple was the key hit in that inning.

Mark Flancbaum, Charlie Avery and Mike Barnett had RBI singles for the Bulls, who suffered their second loss in 30 games.

Kevin Lantzy had a pair of doubles and scored a run for the Bulls. Barnett and Malek also had two hits apiece.

Anthony Tomey pitched the first four innings for Livonia, but the win went to reliever Mark Duffy.

Bulls starter A.J. Rowe left with two runners aboard in the fifth and took the loss. Kevin Tomasaitis finished the game on the mound.

The Bulls, who were runners-up in the Welland (Ontario) Invitational last weekend, leave today for the AAU national championships and a nine-day stay in Orlando, Fla.

Late goal secures a tie for the Spartans

Jack McCoy (from Farmington Hills) knocked in a goal with just 32 seconds left to play to lift the Spartans to a 5-5 tie in a Metro Summer Hockey League game with the Lakers Tuesday at Plymouth Cultural Center.

McCoy's score capped a furious finish to a game that had been a tight throughout. The Spartans had the early advantage, opening up a 3-1 lead on Pete Mazzoni's goal with 10:19 left in the second period. But the Lakers narrowed the gap to a single goal by the end of the period, then got scores from Brian Jardine and Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) to go ahead with 7:09 left in the game.

Chris Powroznik (Redford) knotted it for the Spartans at 4:4 with 4:06 remaining, but Ron

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Lowrie netted his second goal of the game with 3:33 left to put the Lakers back on top — and set the stage for McCoy.

Mazzoni finished with a goal and two assists to lead the Spartans. Trevor Pagel (Redford) and Joe Kustra also scored. Tom McNeill (Plymouth) and Eric Pagel (Redford) were in goal for the Spartans.

Jardine finished with a goal and two assists to pace the Lakers. Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) also had a goal. Brandon Hothem (Troy) and Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) split time in goal for the Lakers.

Wildcats 24, Wolverines 5: The Wolverines' Todd Bentley (Farmington Hills/Catholic Central) scored 21 seconds into this MSHL game Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Wildcats scored at will after that.

Sean Keesiah led the attack for the Cats with seven goals and three assists, but he had plenty of help. Darrin Silvester contributed three goals and six assists; Brent Thomas had three goals and four assists; Vic DeCina (Canton) had three goals and two assists; Daryl Schimmlenneg (Canton) clipped in with two goals and three assists; Mike Swiatk (West Bloomfield) got two goals and two assists; Brent Bessey had a goal and three assists; Tad Patterson (Canton), Shaun Harrington (Livonia) and Paul Khawam each had a goal and an assist; and Jeremy Motz got three assists.

Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) was in goal for the Wildcats.

Bentley led the Wolves with two goals. Eric Hawkins (Redford Catholic Central), Ryan Ward and Brad Feiler (Canton) also scored. Thomas Monnier (Catholic Central) was in goal for the Wolverines.

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 13)

Bulls	5	2	0	10
Huskies	5	2	0	10
Lakers	4	3	2	10
Wildcats	4	4	2	8
Wolverines	3	4	0	6
Spartans	2	4	3	9
Spartans	1	4	3	5

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 7)

Name (team)	G	A	Pts
Eric Bratcher (Bulls)	10	14	24
Kevin Swider (Bulls)	10	7	23
Brian Jardine (Lakers)	9	12	21
Corey Swider (Bulls)	8	10	18
Sean Kass (Wildcats)	11	6	17
John Pietila (Huskies)	10	6	16
Rai Pietila (Huskies)	7	6	16
Jim Tudor (Huskies)	10	5	15
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	8	7	15
J. Lawmaster (Spartans)	8	6	14
Kyle Armer (Wolverines)	3	11	14
Eric Dolesh (Lakers)	8	5	13
Mike Viglietta (Lakers)	8	5	13
K. McNeillace (Broncos)	9	3	12
Darrin Silvester (Wildcats)	9	2	12

LEADING GOALTENDERS (Through July 7)

Name (team)	GA	SV%	GA Avg
Art Baker (Huskies)	1	100	0.0
Phil Cozer (Bulls)	9	93.7	0.2
J.J. Weeks (Huskies)	9	93.9	0.2
Rick Marson (Broncos)	18	89.6	0.3
Brandon Hothem (Lakers)	19	83.3	0.4
Will Hamel (Spartans)	13	65.7	0.4
Ted Martens (Bulls)	23	60.3	0.5

had two goals. Ron Pietila got a goal and an assist, and Ben Blackwood netted three assists. Art Baker was in goal for the winners.

Tony Keshishian (Plymouth), Kyle McNeillace (Livonia) and Scott Marlinga (Livonia) would get the Cats scored. Rick Marson (Canton) was in goal for the Wolves.

The Wolverines got goals from Ryan Ward and Brad Feiler (Canton), Mike O'Keefe (Redford) was in goal for the Wolves.

Tough competition made doubling in the Youth boys division even more difficult. Only one

Lakers 10, Huskies 7: In a game of goal-scoring surges, the Lakers withstood a five-goal surge by the Huskies in the first half of the third period and answered with a four-goal run of their own in the final seven minutes of the game to pull off the victory Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Brian Jardine, who had four goals and an assist in the game, scored twice in the final 6:59 for the winners. Nick Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Jeremy Majzak (Canton), who had three assists apiece in the game, had two each in the last 6:59.

Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) contributed three goals and two assists to the Lakers' total, while Chris Libbett (West Bloomfield) had two goals and an assist. Ron Lowrie also had two assists.

The Huskies, who trailed 4-1 after two periods and 6-2 with less than 12 minutes left, scored five times in a 3:04 stretch to take the lead. Dwight Helminen led the assault with two goals and an assist in that span. Other Huskie scorers in the game were Glen Pietila, with a goal and two assists; Mark Pietila, with a goal and an assist; Keith Pietila, John Pietila and Frank Bourbonis, with one goal apiece; and Eric Kilunen, with two assists.

Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Brandon Hothem (Troy) each appeared in goal for the Lakers. Art Baker was in the net for the Huskies.

Marlinga added an assist to his total, as the Broncos pulled away from a 3-2 lead after two periods with a goal by Tony Keshishian (Plymouth) and then, two more by Marlinga. Keshishian also had an assist, while Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) picked up a goal and two assists, and

Junior Olympics

The Youth girls division (13-14 years-old), Carla Grace of the Ohio Association was a double-winner, taking the 200-meters (2:25.64) and the 200-meter hurdles (29.73), and Jessica Ordway, also of the Ohio Association, got wins in the 800-meters (2:25.34) and 1,500-meters (4:55.56).

There were plenty of other winners (see results inside today's sports-section), but none bigger than the meet's organizers and supporters.

Asked if he'd submit to tackling such a difficult task again, Krachak replied without hesitation: "Oh yes, I'd do it again. It was worth it, for the kids."

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.

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: 16-and-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-and-over. Check-in is 7:15 a.m. on race day, with a mandatory meeting from 8:30-9:30 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.

SWIMMING NEWS

Pizzaman Swims
The Domino's Pizzaman Swims are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25 at Big Point Park, 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 \$18 for late entries. A USA Triathlon license is 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 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the park, or from 2 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) 662-1000, 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, and 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. 3 at Zim Park, located on Bay Street in Harbor Springs. Check-in is 7:45 a.m.; there is a mandatory meeting at 8 a.m.

The three-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m., with 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, 8212 Emmet His, 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 18. 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. (age as of Aug. 2).

For more information, call Early or Fortune at (616) 526-9824 or Fortune at (616) 526-6840.



On a pace: It may look unusual, but race-walking is as competitive an event as any at the Junior Olympics.

Long drive

A member of Long Drivers of America, Peters was asked three years ago to host sectional qualifiers within the state. "I've been around long enough to know what facility can host something like this, and what facility can't," Peters said.

The parameters are relatively simple. Anyone wishing to try to qualify pays a \$30 entry fee for six drives in the sectional. There are no limits to how many times someone may enter. The drive must land within the 50-yard wide grid.

On Saturday, Peters will host a sectional at Highland Golf Center, located on Lone Tree off Milford, across from Milford HS. "It sets up really well," said Peters. "I have 375 yards to work with, and one thing you have to be sure of, you've gotta have enough room. You can't have guys hitting balls over the fence out into a corn field."

Peters might be the only guy who could hit it that far at Highland. Saturday, by the way, is the first but not the only local sectional; there will be another Aug. 14 at the same location.

Remember what's at stake: a berth in the districts in Hudson, Ohio (that costs \$75) in September. And then a trip to Las Vegas for the nationals in October (no entry fee).

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MEN'S RACE RESULTS	
1. Dan Jess-18	20:49
2. Rick Brauer-36	20:56
3. Jim Marcano-24	21:19
4. Matt Daly-16	21:26
5. John DiGiovanni-15	21:17
6. Jason Bandlow-24	21:34
7. Timothy Watkins-20	21:57
8. Jeremy Butler-18	22:04
9. Todd Frerichs-31	22:22
10. Herman Smith-30	22:33
11. Max Anthouard-40	22:52
12. Pat Patterson-26	22:53
13. John Tarkowski-46	23:02
14. Kenneth Rowe-52	23:06
15. Patrick Miller-15	23:08
16. Andrew Gzaplicki-15	23:33
17. Sam Quirarte-35	23:35
18. Jim Hagemann-15	23:39
19. Don Balkwell-52	23:46
20. Dan Horvath-46	24:04
21. Jeff Haller-17	24:04
22. Doug Bajor-39	24:23
23. Kevin Afferbaugh-23	24:27
24. John Rivard-43	24:32
25. Phil Beuckelaere-47	24:35
26. Aaron Scheidies-17	24:41
27. Steve Broda-37	24:46
28. Larry Barnett-44	24:52
29. Greg Kocab-47	24:53
30. Dave Housman-32	24:56
31. Michael Kasper-43	25:01
32. Evan Terry-29	25:06
33. Leo Zehnder-56	25:11
34. Doug Bopp-43	25:17
35. Matt Beuckelaere-19	25:23
36. Andrew Kenerson-16	25:26
37. Mike Connolly-27	25:41
38. Kevin Sherwood-37	25:43
39. Darryl Parish-51	25:45
40. Miles Van Meter-15	25:50
41. Ron Marinucci-50	25:53
42. David Czapor-40	25:56
43. Jake Steiger-25	25:58
44. Mark Tremel-39	26:07
45. Bob Cipriano-39	26:08
46. Bill Smith-53	26:21
47. Anthony Lopetrone-48	26:22
48. Tony Pauza-45	26:26
49. Rich Detskas-52	26:37
50. John McInnis-35	26:39
51. George Croitor-53	26:50
52. Mark Bordeaux-34	26:53
53. Saito Yasuo-53	27:07
54. Scott Silvester-31	27:09
55. Kristofer Forsyth-23	27:13
56. Brian Atkins-17	27:15
57. Al Cavalitto-46	27:17
58. Joe Kemp-39	27:21
59. Brad Emons-44	27:24
60. Kent Mason-42	27:25
61. John Lee-41	27:29
62. Michael Jankowski-25	27:35
63. Charles Delaney-42	27:38
64. Michael Cook-39	27:39
65. Drew Mokris-15	27:40
66. Jim Kruse-55	27:49
67. Sean Murphy-17	28:01
68. Jerry Mittman-54	28:09
69. Tony Racka-31	28:11
70. Robert Stein-46	28:22
71. Jacob Siskosky-21	28:36
72. David Stone-35	28:41
73. Currell Pattle-55	28:48
74. Zvonko Kolar-32	29:03
75. Jack Carlton-57	29:09
76. George Kerr-49	29:48
77. Bob Zwald-41	29:51
78. James Dowd-48	29:54
79. Jerome Solomon-42	29:58
80. Todd Miller-29	30:13
81. Dan Dewey-52	30:18
82. Rick Kales-40	30:32
83. Mark Prendeville-49	30:32
84. Craig Richa-52	30:35
85. Chuck Chandler-25	30:38
86. Ron Teed-30	30:43
87. David Brandau-43	30:45
88. Dick Heilmann-47	30:47
89. Vic Leo	30:48
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106. Tom Wieske-47	32:43
107. Bob Rehn-51	32:44
108. Scott Millman-28	32:49
109. Jeff Woodruff-25	32:54
110. Hubbs Grimm-53	33:07
111. Doug Craig-49	33:09
112. Ken Warnick-42	33:12
113. Gene Grabowski-32	33:23
114. Patrick Shureb-11	33:31
115. John Desenberg-65	33:33
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127. Joe Domka-64	34:34
128. Larry Kolasa-60	34:36
129. David Cannon-43	34:39
130. John Baker-45	35:04
131. Bob Broner-36	35:10
132. David Panetta-61	35:34

133. Greg Stewart-31	35:36
134. Tom Tomek-38	36:06
135. Tom Horton-47	36:09
136. Don Wright-26	36:16
137. Bill Law-48	36:19
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150. Harry Kirk-44	39:25
151. Giordio Donini-55	39:58
152. Randy Cline-43	40:23
153. Emil Nomei-30	40:26
154. Arthur Wood-42	42:43

WOMEN'S RACE RESULTS

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2. Julie Mielke-19	26:15
3. Katherine Brinkman-24	26:41
4. Mireille Sankatsing-29	26:46
5. Kate Adams-19	27:06
6. Martha Ritchie-46	27:54
7. Maggie Zidar-49	28:27
8. Courtney Richa-25	28:33
9. Sarah Patrick-21	28:40
10. Anne Breuch-33	28:51
11. Melissa Peura-25	29:02
12. Beth Ristow-35	29:13
13. Katie Chongas-18	29:58
14. Ellen Adams-19	29:59
15. Mona Eichholtz-42	30:15
16. Diane Himebaugh-43	30:31
17. Elaine Brown-29	30:38
18. Jillian Harkey-15	30:45
19. Lisa Silvester-24	30:59
20. Krista Fish-33	31:03
21. Michelle Grochel-36	31:09

22. Kara Howell-23	31:09
23. Denise Denomme-36	31:12
24. Julie Browne-21	31:19
25. Julie Crociata-20	31:34
26. Martha Ramsdell-31	31:44
27. Susan Kuzel-41	31:45
28. Elizabeth Krenz-23	31:53
29. Nancy Broadbridge-46	31:56
30. Debbie Milton-39	31:58
31. Sally Kaezperski-30	32:04
32. Christine Coleman-32	32:05
33. Mary Joyce-35	32:05
34. Katie Mason-16	32:07
35. Ann Coyle-35	32:15
36. Debra Paige-45	32:34
37. Christina Koppel-29	32:35
38. Linda Rains-48	32:47
39. Michele Wierzbna-21	32:53
40. Katie Woodruff-25	32:56
41. Grace Tocco-42	32:59
42. Lindsey Patra-18	33:17
43. Laura Grabowski-29	33:24
44. Nancy Gavoor-33	33:51
45. Lauren Jones-20	33:55
46. Keely Jones-22	33:56
47. Karen Siegel-42	33:58
48. Christine Ohar-34	33:59
49. Robyn Melamed-19	34:03
50. Bev Govc-42	34:19
51. Robyn Veros-32	34:20
52. Sandy Richa-50	34:33
53. Sue Haapaniemä-44	35:06
54. Lisa Eklund-28	35:11
55. Jen Ruprich-28	35:21
56. Darrah Roberts-27	35:22
57. Bethany Verrill-24	35:36
58. Janet Wold-32	35:42
59. Carol Coburn-41	35:43
60. Emily Walker-18	36:02
61. Katie Talk-20	36:03
62. Katie Hallock-21	36:04
63. Corinne Gill-37	36:05
64. Janenne Howell-38	36:05
65. Janelle Horton-20	36:10

KIDS MILE RACE

1. Giovanna Van Meter-11	6:32
2. Spencer Moore-9	6:34
3. Andrew Kasper-12	6:48
4. Luke Bawulski-11	7:12
5. Lyfe Couhs-10	7:12
6. Andy Cipriano-12	7:25
7. Harry Kirk-12	8:01
8. Nicholas Ester-8	8:01

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



Join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by Neeme Jarvi, for "A Geiswinn Gala" 7:30 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 576-5120, discounts for students under age 18.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The Michigan Jazz Festival, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia, features 189 musicians, including Janet Tenaj, performing on four stages. No charge for admission. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for more information.

Forerunners: Tim Weisberg and Jeff Lorber headline this year's Birmingham JazzFest. Both are credited with defining the "smooth jazz" sound.



Birmingham JazzFest reaches for the stars

Weisberg, Lorber, local legends featured performers

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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For Alexander Zonjic, arguably the region's most-often heard and recognized jazz musician, the key to longevity is keeping it simple.

"This isn't my main gig. My focus is playing the flute," said Zonjic, as he sat at the sound controls in the Smooth Jazz radio studios in Farmington Hills, where he hosts a weekday morning-drive show.

Listeners on 98.7 FM have heard Zonjic's rapidly smooth on-air delivery, encyclopedic knowledge of jazz, not to mention his interviews with superstars such as Kenny G, Vanessa Williams and Harry Connick, Jr.

With seven albums over the last two decades, including the critically acclaimed "Passion," and recently released, "Pipers' Holiday," the local Pied Piper of jazz has also become a promoter and diplomat.

Zonjic has applied his straight-ahead philosophy of "keeping it simple" as the new artistic director for next week's seventh annual Birmingham JazzFest, presented by The Community House of Birmingham.

"My vision is for this festival to have an eclectic mix," he said.

The mix is highlighted by two of the forerunners of the "Smooth Jazz" sound, flutist Tim Weisberg, and keyboardist Jeff Lorber, a fusion-style musician and producer. Weisberg, widely known for his 1978 multi-platinum duet album with Dan Fogelberg, "Twin Sons of Different Mothers," also played with Jefferson Starship, and Loggins & Messina.

After the past several years of struggling to gain wider public appeal, this year's festival has an



AT THE CONTROLS: Alexander Zonjic, artistic director of the Birmingham JazzFest, has put together an eclectic line up of performers.

upbeat, eclectic feel with a line-up that features performers of jazz variants from fusion to the straight-ahead style of Marcus Belgrave to melodically mellow "smooth" rhythms of Weisberg, who also plays classical music.

There's also a few pleasant surprises, particularly Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, and the Chautauqua Express, a Saturday morning show for kids.

"The ideal at festivals is for people to come see their favorite act and see new stuff," said Zonjic, who also coordinates "Jazz on the River" in Trenton, and "Jazz on the Lake" at

St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake.

The festival takes place in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park, an upscale urban setting that also hosts a spring and fall art fair. Within blocks of the park are some of the area's most popular restaurants, where many local jazz musicians will be performing in conjunction with the festival.

While there's hardly a shortage of music in and around downtown Birmingham, organizers concede there's been a lack of big-name appeal during the previous six years of the festival.

"The jazz world shares the predicament with the classical world," said Zonjic. "There's a lot of quality performers but not a lot of marquee names."

For years, Zonjic has opened the Thursday-Saturday jazz fest to overflow crowds. But unlike in past years, when Zonjic leaves the stage this year he won't take his sophisticated sound system with him.

It's one of several fine-adjustments made by Arlene Kass, who is in her first year as director of special events at The Community House.

Hiring Zonjic was key in putting together the talent with a quality venue, said Kass. Some critics contend, however, that the festival's show-mobile stage and under-sized sound systems hasn't helped the presentation, nor the festival's reputation.

"Alex (Zonjic) has an intense interest in making the festival a mini Montreaux," said Kass.

"We realized that the festival was stuck in place," she said. "It hasn't grown in scope like we thought it would. Our goal is to make it a mini Montreaux, and for the park to be so crowded it's impossible to walk."

Birmingham JazzFest

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24

WHERE: Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road, between Henrietta and Bates Streets. Participating restaurants are located nearby. A trolley will make rounds to restaurants on Friday & Saturday.

ADMISSION: Free
For more information, call (248) 433-FEST.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

■ 7 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends

FRIDAY, JULY 23

■ 7 p.m. - Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars
■ 9 p.m. Friday, July 23 - Tim Weisberg, flutist

SATURDAY, JULY 24

■ 11 a.m. - Chautauqua Express for KIDS
■ 1 p.m. - Vocalist Kimmie Horn
■ 2:30 p.m. - Randy Scott, saxophonist
■ 4 p.m. - Jazz pianist Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars
■ 5:30 p.m. - Ken Navarro, guitarist
■ 7 p.m. - Jeff Lorber, keyboardist

Coming from the Capital Jazz Festival in Washington, D.C., keyboardist Lorber, a familiar performer in the metro area, has played at outdoor festivals since the late 1970s.

Three features of a successful festival, according to Lorber, include an appreciative audience, a quality sound system and a comfortable environment.

"The festival is a community in itself, musicians getting together to collaborate," said Lorber. "We play, of course, every chance we get."

For most musicians, it's as simple as that.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Buzz is the blues at international festival



Part of Bluesfest: The local blues band Black Beauty performs during the four-day Bluesfest International.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Craig Bender knows first hand the power of the blues.

Three years ago, he, blues fan Ted Boomer and Todd Smith, one of the owners of the Novi Expo Center, founded the four-day, two-country music party International Bluesfest. The trio has since watched the festival explode.

"We've been blessed," Bender said. "With our second year, we were 100 percent over our previous year. We're hopeful, but not that optimistic about this year. But we're pretty darn optimistic. The buzz is the blues."

This year, the International Blues-

fest runs Thursday-Sunday, July 15-18, at the Novi Expo Center and the Civic Terrace Festival Site in downtown Windsor. Featured performers include Shirley King, Buddy Guy, Buckwheat Zydeco, Rik Emmett, Big Rude Jake, Mudpuppy, Bugs Beddow Band, and Wailin' Inc.

More than 50 artists from six different countries perform during the Bluesfest, the world's only blues festival that concurrently takes place in two countries.

The International Bluesfest isn't limited to just blues, however.

Canada's Big Rude Jake is a popular jump blues/swing band, while Imperial Swing Orchestra is pure swing.



Canadian Big Rude Jake

"We really kind of go all over the board. There's so many different kinds of blues. For the longest time, people have the stereotype of a large black man with a guitar.

"Quite honestly, things have made a full-faced turn. There's all kinds of different blues," Bender explained.

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There is a different theme nightly in Novi. On opening night, Thursday, the \$5 admission is donated to the ENSURE Foundation to benefit Children's Hospital. The following night, the first 1,000 people receive a free commemorative tuxedo jacket, sunglasses and cigar.

"People are willing to pay for these tuxedo jackets by about midnight. It has all the acts on the back for the year," Bender said. "That's also Buddy Guy night that Friday. He's a four-time Grammy Award-winner. He has taught Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmy Page, also Eddie Van Halen."

Mardi Gras is the theme for Saturday, which features headliner Buckwheat Zydeco.

The same bands perform in Windsor throughout the four days. Big Rude Jake plays on Thursday, Buckwheat Zydeco on Friday, Buddy Guy on Saturday, and Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater on Sunday.

See chart or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for a complete schedule.

But there's more. Several sub-events surround the festival sites. The mobile Harley Davidson National Museum and the C.A.R.T. Museum will hold camp in Novi. Local restaurants Damon's, Oxford Inn, Beale Street Blues, Chef Louie's and Clubhouse Barbeque will compete during the Farmer Jack/pepsi Rib and Chicken Cook Off. Last year Clubhouse Barbeque took home the prize.

The weekend is capped off with the Motor Cities Blues Awards, named as such because "Windsor is the motor capital of Canada, just like Detroit is to the United States," Bender said.

Previous winners include Mudpuppy and Jocelyn B.

"It's just perfect. It's a perfect adult night out. You get a group of your friends and you just go have a good time. The buzz is the blues."

Bluesfest International

What: features more than 50 artists performing. Thursday: Sunday, July 15-18, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and Novi Expo Center. For more information, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com>.

Tickets are available at Fifth Avenue Billiards and Ballroom in Royal Oak and Novi, respectively. Local Colors Brewery in Novi, the Oxford Inn in Novi, Damon's restaurants in Canton, Sterling Heights and Wyandotte, and Mr. Allen's and Unique restaurants.

Novi

The Novi performances take place at Novi Expo Center, 196 and Novi Road, Novi. The telephone number is (248) 366-1060.

Thursday, July 15: Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5. All gate proceeds donated to ENSURE to benefit Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Bugs Beddo Band (6:40, 8:20 and 10:30 p.m.), Big Rude Jake (7:10 p.m.), Al Hill and The Love Butlers (9 p.m.), and Shirley King (11 p.m.).

Friday, July 16: Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Free commemorative tuxedos to the first 1,000 people.

Kristin Sayer (6:45 and 10:45 p.m.), Robert Jones (7 p.m.), Bugs Beddo Band (7:45 p.m.), Mem Shannon and the Membership (9:30 p.m.), and Buddy Guy (11:15 p.m.).

Saturday, July 17: Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Wallin' Inc. (6, 7:40 and 10:45 p.m.), Jocelyn B. (6:30 p.m.), Andy J. Forest and Tony D. (8 p.m.), Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton (9:45 p.m.), and Buckwheat Zydeco (11:30 p.m.).

Sunday, July 18: Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per family.

GRR (3 and 4:30 p.m.), Sun Messengers (3:30 p.m.), Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (5:15 p.m.), Rik Emmett (6:30 p.m.).

Dawn Campbell and Blue Fusion (7:20 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.), Mudpuppy (8 p.m.), Big Bill Morganfield, Pinetop Perkins and Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin (9:45 p.m.).

Windsor

The Windsor performances take place at the Civic Terrace Festival site, 300 Riverside Dr. E., Windsor. The phone number is (519) 977-9631.

Thursday, July 15: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Robert Jones (7:15 p.m.), Shirley King (8 p.m.), Kristin Sayer (9:15 and 11 p.m.), GRR (10 p.m.), and Big Rude Jake (11:40 p.m.).

Friday, July 16: Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Jo Serrapere (6 p.m.), Mudpuppy (6:45 p.m.), Andy Forest with Tony D (8:15 p.m.), Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton (9:45 p.m.), Tartan Army (11:15 p.m.), Buckwheat Zydeco (11:45 p.m.).

Saturday, July 17: Zeller's Kidsfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. features Baddest Axe in Town Contest (2 p.m.), and Battle of the Bands (4 p.m.). Tickets are \$5 per family.

Sunday, July 17: Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

JD Project (6:15 p.m.), Starlight Drifters (7 p.m.), Mem Shannon and the Membership (7:45 p.m.), Big Bill Morganfield, Pinetop Perkins and Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin (9:30 p.m.), The Hitmen (11 p.m.), and Buddy Guy (11:30 p.m.).

Sunday, July 18: Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Great Lakes Music Clinic (1 p.m.), Shakin' Hoodsos with Alberta Adams (2:45 p.m.), Rik Emmett (3:45 p.m.), Shakin' Hoodsos (4:15 p.m.), Imperial Swing Orchestra (5 p.m.), Al Hill and The Love Butlers (6:15 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.), Son Seals with the Billman Brothers (7:15 p.m.), and Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater with Johnny V. (10 p.m.).

Tiles celebrates release of 'Presents of Mind'

By CHRISTINA PUOCO STAFF WRITER

Chris Herin's voice barely raises above a whisper when he talks about working with legendary progressive rock producer/engineer Terry Brown.

It's somewhat surprising, given that some of Herin's earliest musical influences were King Crimson, Yes, Kansas, Jethro Tull and the band with whom Brown worked the most, Rush.

Just like his demeanor, Herin explained he managed to stay calm and cool during the mixing of "Presents of Mind" (Magna Carta), the latest album from his band Tiles.

"It was exciting, that's for sure. I guess the only thing that tempers the situation is the fact that you're there to work on your project or you're there to play your instruments. You can't be too excited and goofy about it and blow your opportunity, so to speak," said Herin, Tiles' guitarist.

"These guys have been around for awhile. You don't want to cross that life from your working relationship into too much of a fan aspect. You want to be courteous and respectful. I'm sure they definitely enjoy hearing the influences."

Brown's influence fills "Presents of Mind," the third album for the Downriver-based band. The first two albums, "Tiles" and "Fence the Clear" were by-the-book prog rock. But Herin explained the band took a few liberties with "Presents of Mind."

"We consciously stepped away from the philosophy we used on 'Fence the Clear,' which was to stay a little truer to our live reputation and not do so many overdubs. In theory, it isn't bad. We just thought in hindsight that songs of the songs were a little sparse in the arrangement area," explained Herin, who's in his "mid-30s."

"When we started to work on 'Presents of Mind,' we figured the CD will probably outlast the band so there's no sense in putting everything into it. That's where you probably hear a lot more backing vocals, more keyboards for background and texture, and lots of different acoustic instruments."

While recording at Stages Recording Studio, which recently moved from Novi to South Lyon, Herin took on mandolin, banjo, and "lots of different kinds of acoustic guitars."

When the recording was finished, Herin took the tapes to Brown's studio, Town Music

Studios, in Toronto where he mixed the record. Production wrapped up in late October.

"Presents of Mind" is Tiles' first album for Magna Carta Records, a prog rock label based in New York. The label released the album overseas first, offering it in Europe in February, South America and Argentina in March, and Japan in April.

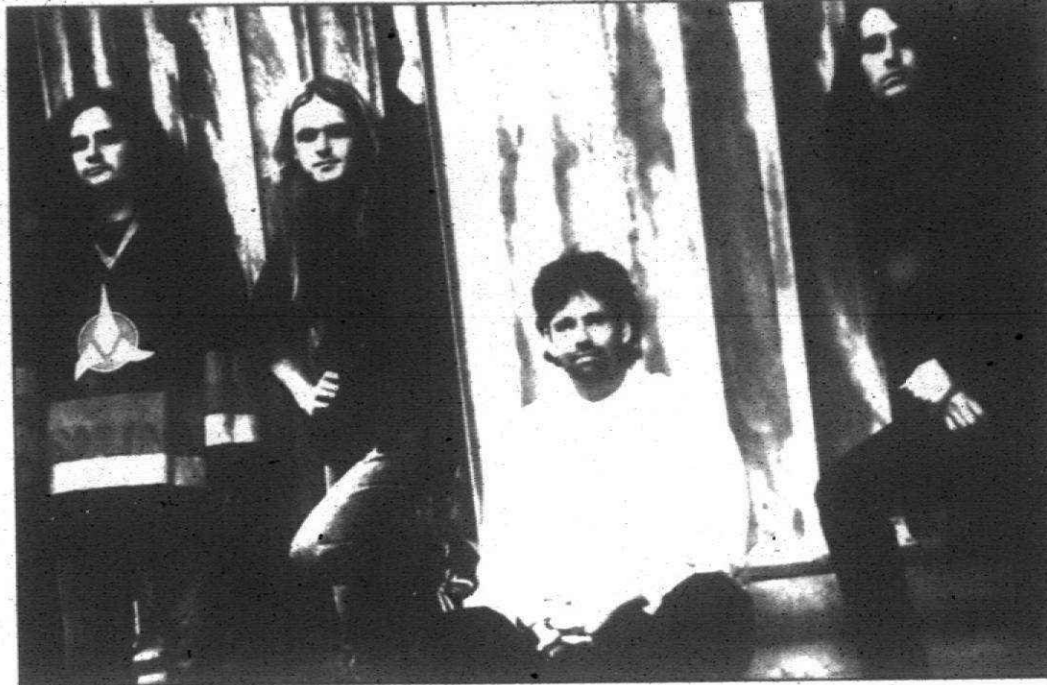
Herin explained that Tiles doesn't have a big following in other countries but "it keeps us in business."

"We've done about 4,000 in Europe," he said of sales of previous albums. "We've had a real good radio response in Europe. We've done lots of on-air interviews. They play a bunch of the songs, so I think that's really helped make a difference."

The United States has been slow to pick up on Tiles for several reasons, Herin explained.

"We haven't had a bad response here. The music that we play is somewhat more underground than what you hear on the radio. There's just so much music. We're competing with every single band that exists including all major-label bands. Classic-rock stations don't play anything new, that type of thing.

"As a genre, progressive hard



Celebrating release: The prog rock band Tiles celebrates the release of its new album, "Presents of Mind" with a performance Saturday, July 17, at Magic Bag in Ferndale.

rock-type stuff is underground except for Dream Theater. There are definitely some bands like that that are kind of mainstream. We straddle that line between regular hard rock and

maybe some of the more progressive stuff."

Tiles celebrates the release of "Presents of Mind" with a party and performance Saturday, July 17, at the Magic Bag, 22920

Woodward Ave., Ferndale. There is a cover charge for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

BIRMINGHAM JAZZFEST RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT

Here is the schedule for groups playing at restaurants in downtown Birmingham during Jazzfest. See related story on Entertainment front.

Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24
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■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Friday — Kristin Smith & Blackstone
■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Saturday — The Notebooks

Bates Street Cafe — 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832
■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Thurs.-Sat. — Charles & Gwen Scales
Big Rock Chop & BrewHouse — 245 S. Eaton, (248) 647-7774

■ 8 p.m. & midnight, Thursday — Larry Nozaro
■ 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., Thursday-Sat. — The Warren Commission
Dick O'Dows — 150 Maple, (248) 642-1135

■ 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Thursday — Mack Jazz Trio
■ 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday — Dan Cathane & Friends
Edson's — 220 Merrill Street, (248) 645-2150
■ 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Thursday — Mark Moultrup Trio
■ 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday — Rob Pippo Jump-Swing Quartet
■ 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday — Dwight Adams Quartet

Forte — 201 Old Woodward, (248) 594-7300
■ 9 p.m.-1 p.m. Thursday-Saturday — Ursula Walker & Buddy Budson
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■ 9 p.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday — Tim Flaherty Trio
Midtown Cafe — 139 Woodward, (248) 642-1133
■ 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday — Dee Dee McNeil Trio

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MOVIES

'Wild Wild West' offers cool summer fun

BY JON KATZ

Memo to Hollywood: Thanks, you can stop now. After "The Avengers," "The Mod Squad," "My Favorite Martian" and too many other disappointing attempts to resurrect Baby Boomer TV on the big screen, they've finally made one that does what it should do. "Wild Wild West" pays respectful homage to the original series while using the expanded format to its fullest.

Civil War America gave us Robert Conrad as a dashing Secret Service Agent James West and the late Ross Martin as his partner and master of disguise, Artemus Gordon. Their weekly exploits included diabolical villains, Conrad's bare-chested brawls and life-saving gadgets from some 19th century Sharper Image.

In this \$100 million version, Will Smith ("Men in Black") is West and Kevin Kline ("In & Out") is Gordon. They are "The Odd Couple on the Lone Prairie."

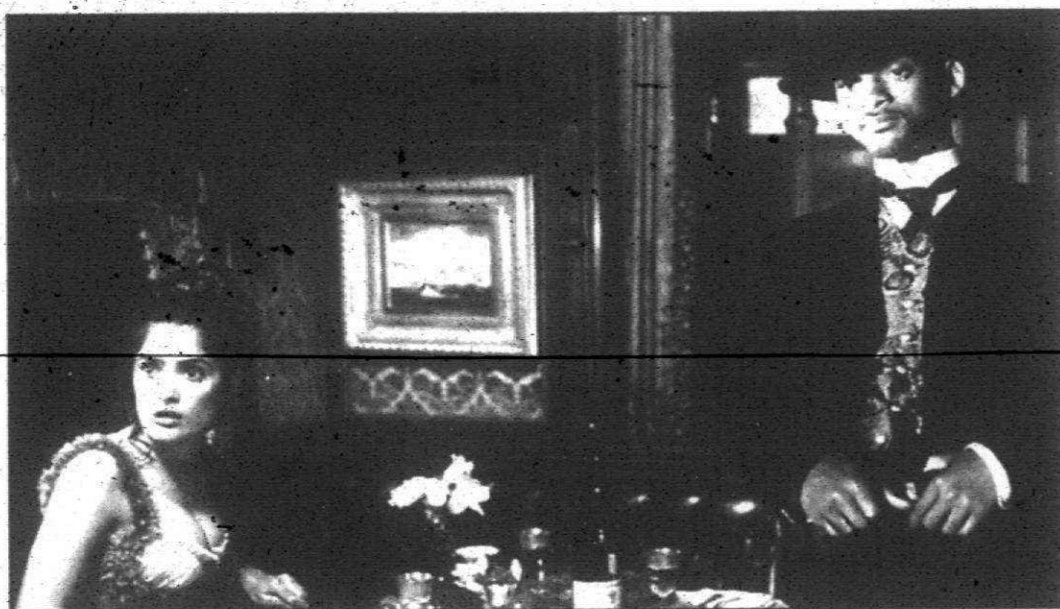
As a departure from the TV show, West and Gordon are not partners when we meet them. In fact, Gordon is not even a man when we meet them (master of disguise, remember?). They are thrown together by President Grant to bring diabolical villain Dr. Arliss Loveless to justice.

The signature sepiatone opening, theme music and tongue-in-cheek all have been retained from the TV show. Under Barry Sonnenfeld's caring and inventive direction, "Wild Wild West" offers a lot of cool summer fun.

West-admiring lines go when for himself as an actor. Instead, he uses his familiar charisma and humor to have a good time and give the viewer the same. "The Wanderer," a high-tech train with trap doors, sliding mirrors and such; and Loveless' ultimate weapon, an 80-foot, eight-legged erector set called Tarantula.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for National Amusements, Showcase, Star Theatres, and other venues. Includes titles like 'Wild Wild West', 'Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery', 'The General's Daughter', and 'The Blair Witch Project'.

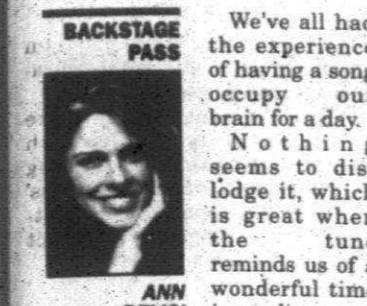


Adventure: Rita Escobar (Salma Hayek) and James West (Will Smith) star in "Wild Wild West," a fast-paced adventure sparking with comedy, action and fantasy.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Movie listings for 'Eyes Wide Shut', 'Lake Placid', 'Deep Blue Sea', 'The Blair Witch Project', 'Fight Club', 'The Wood', 'The Iron Gate', 'Mickey Blue Eyes', 'White Boys', and 'Twice Upon a Yesterday'.

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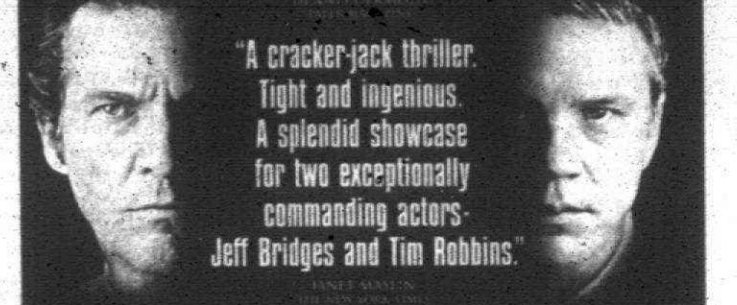
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These motivations for writing a song did not come from Bob Dylan or Paul Simon or any of the great lyricists and composers of this century, but from someone who offers promise for the next one.

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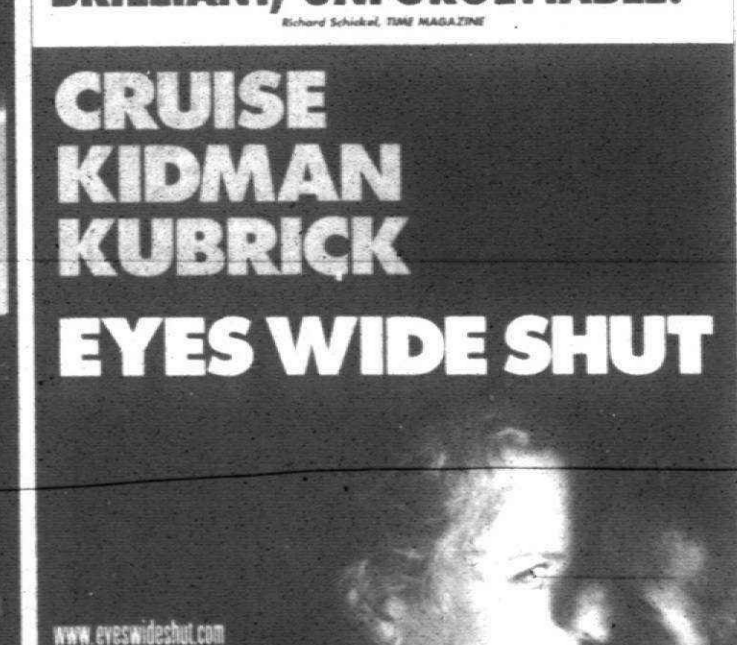


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Drama: Brad Pitt (left) and Edward Norton in a scene from "Fight Club" scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 6 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

