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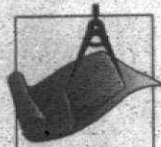
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Home Depot anchors development



A stretch of Michigan Avenue will join Ford Road as a commercial corridor with a new Home Depot store and an adjacent shopping center. The planning commission Monday gave preliminary approvals for both projects.

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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A 35-acre chunk of land at Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road is on track to become the centerpiece of a new major commercial zone in southwest Canton.

Home Depot plans to anchor the development with a 121,000-square-foot superstore on the northwest corner

of the intersection. The store would be flanked by a 172,000-square-foot shopping center which could include a supermarket, an electronics store and a drug store.

In a conceptual plan submitted to township planners, four additional "outlet" buildings would fit on the front of the property closest to Michigan Avenue. One combination mentioned consisted of two restaurants, a video

store and a tire store.

Construction should start late this year or early next on a Wendy's Restaurant, located west of the new development, and contractor's are obtaining permits now to begin building a 7-Eleven on the northeast corner of the intersection, across from McDonald's, according to Canton Township Planner Jeff Goulet.

Goulet said the stretch of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon Road and Beck Road is the ideal alternative to the busy Ford Road corridor.

"There's an increasing need for commercial development on the south-central side of Canton," Goulet said.

Home Depot would have stores in each zone, 4.5 miles apart. The new store, in addition to serving southern Canton Township, would cater to Superior and Ypsilanti Township as well as Belleville.

Michael Klingl, an architect working on the project for Home Depot, said the sister store on Ford Road would remain open. "It's a two-store market," Klingl said.

The Canton Planning Commission approved a special land use request for the property at Monday's meeting. The parcel is already zoned C-3 for regional

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Library work overdue

EXPANSION

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Delays in completion of final plans have pushed back an expansion of Canton's library.

According to Township Library Director Jean Tabor, work on a \$6 million, 21,000-square-foot addition will begin in late September and conclude by Nov. 1 of next year.

Plans had originally called for the expansion to be completed by July 4 of next year.

"Our architects have been swamped," Tabor said in explaining the delay in final plans.

While she would've liked to have kept the original timetable, she said the delay isn't a major disappointment. Tabor said she and her staff have actually used the time to fine-tune plans.

"We've been out looking at other collections and furniture," she added. "We've traveled to a lot of sites."

The 10-year-old facility will increase in size by more than two-thirds and feature new programming, training, audio visual, non-fiction, young adult and youth sections as well as additional seating and parking. The project is being financed through township building authority bonds.

The library will jump in size from 31,000 to 52,000 square feet. The facility sits on a 7.5-acre parcel on Canton Center Road north of Palmer.

"This is as big as we can get on this site," Tabor said in an earlier interview with the Observer. "This will serve the Canton community well into the future."

The library board considered several options before settling on expansion. A new building at the existing site, expansion of the present facility or construction of a new branch were bandied about.

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Star gazing: Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras and Luciano Pavarotti perform Saturday night. Pictured below, a bus full of Canton seniors arrives outside Tiger Stadium for the historic concert.

Bravo!

Seniors can't get enough of 'Tenors'

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Take three world-renowned opera singers, mix in 48 star-struck Canton area senior citizens and an 87-year-old ballpark on its farewell tour — and you get a magical evening.

Saturday's bus trip to hear the Three Tenors concert at Tiger Stadium drew rave reviews from the seniors. This despite steamy weather and upper deck seats that almost required opera glasses to see the two giant television screens flanking the stage where Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti held forth — let

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Fence law requires best face forward

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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If you're going to erect a backyard fence in Canton, the "ugly" side ought to be visible from your kitchen window.

Supporting posts, cross-members and hardware of all fences should face the homeowner, according to upcoming changes in the township's ordinance.

A three-foot buffer between an existing and new fence will also have to be maintained. Resident Arlene Ladell pushed for changes after feuding with a neighbor.

"It is the right thing to do," she told Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday. "I'm very happy with the changes."

The ordinance, which is being amended for the first time since 1991, is scheduled to go into effect July 27.

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tor Aaron Machnik agreed with Ladell that modifications to the ordinance needed to be made. But he said it's not a major problem in the township.

"It's not occurred enough that it would raise concerns that it's an out-of-control problem," he commented.

Problems for Ladell arose shortly after Green Wade and Barbara Brantley moved next door on Morrison Street off Ford. The couple erected a six-foot-high wooden privacy fence just inches away from an existing chain-link fence around the backyard of the home.

Ladell objected saying it ruined the serenity and beauty of her backyard. She said the area between the fences would also become an eyesore with grass and weed maintenance nearly impossible.

Wade fired back that it was his

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Two roadway shooters face Aug. 13 trial date

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Trial dates for two Canton men charged in connection with a June 25 township shooting will be set next month.

Zachary Scott Woodby and Timothy Regan Boster will appear before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George W. Crockett III on Aug. 13.

Woodby faces five felony counts including assault with intent to murder, three charges of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Crockett continued a \$250,000 cash bond for the 20-year-old, who remains in the county jail.

Boster, 21, faces three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Crockett reduced his bond from \$100,000 cash to \$50,000/10 percent.

"He was released July 16," said Boster's attorney Gerald Conley. "His mother put up \$5,000."

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on June 25.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was

heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Township police said as many as 11 shots from an AK-47 military assault rifle hit Davis' Chrysler LeBaron.

Police believe Woodby is responsible for firing each of the shots. Three adjacent homes and a day care were also struck with gunfire.

Conley maintains that Boster fired one shotgun round into the air and not at Davis.

"My basic theory is that he didn't shoot at the car or houses," he said.

His argument was buttressed by testimony given by Canton Police Detective Steve Miller at Boster's 35th District Court preliminary examination.

Miller testified that Boster likely only fired his weapon, a small caliber shotgun, once straight into the air.

Conley added that his client "freaked out" and ran when Woodby allegedly began firing at the township woman.

Amazingly, Davis was only slightly injured. A piece of metal shrapnel

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alone see the stars themselves. "I'm getting horse from hollering 'Bravo!' said Canton resident John Gall. "There's nothing like seeing these three guys in person."

"It's wonderful and the acoustics are fine. They sound beautiful," said Dona Bartanew of Garden City, who bought the \$60 ticket (including bus transportation) so that she could celebrate her birthday at the concert.

The seniors, like other opera buffs, found time between selections to debate the tenors' talents. While Pavarotti seemed to be the overall fan favorite — drawing the loudest ovations from the crowd of 35,000, Bartanew said she preferred Domingo's "lyrical tenor sound."

Many said the musical highlight of the evening was the medley of light-hearted selections that closed out the first half of the concert, with each star trying to outdo the other. For others, it was the well-known encores of "La donna e mobile" and "O sole mio."

However, Aretha Franklin's stylized version of the national anthem, which opened the concert, didn't win over some



First couple: Gov. John Engler and wife Michelle smile for a photo after taking in the performance from the front row.

and said the seniors were going, so we said "Why not?" she said.

Popular trip

Diane Neihengen, Canton senior program coordinator, said the concert generated a lot of interest among senior citizens when it was added to the calendar last spring. About 20 people were on a waiting list for tickets, and there would have been enough demand for two

full buses had it been a daytime event, she said.

The trip to Tiger Stadium was old hat for many, who had gone the previous Sunday to see the Tigers take on the Milwaukee Brewers.

In fact, the seniors group spends more time on the road each summer than entertainers on national tours. Day trips in June and July have included gambling in Windsor, a river

cruise and a landmarks tour in Washington D.C. Still to come are trips to the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend, Ontario (July 28), the Gerald R. Ford Museum and Grand Rapids (Aug. 18) and Stratford, Ontario (Sept. 9).

An extended trip to Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies is planned for July 29.

Getting ready

Concert-goers spent weeks anticipating the Three Tenors show and hours preparing for it by listening to recordings at home while carefully combing



Concert-goers: Goldie and John Gall lead a group of seniors from the Summit Center into Tiger Stadium for the Three Tenors concert.

through closets deciding what to wear. "I like to get dressed up to the nines like everybody else," said Lois Hrie of Canton.

Harold Mack of Canton said he played a Pavarotti tape from his collection Saturday morning to set the mood. He pulled a newspaper clipping from his pocket outlining the evening's "dress code." But Mack gracefully

dropped his jacket and tie on the seat back five minutes after settling into his assigned seat in Section 418. Mack, who grew up in the West, Grand Boulevard-Buchanan neighborhood on Detroit's west side and attended

Holy Redeemer Catholic School, said the concert afforded him one last trip to historic Tiger Stadium. (The Tigers will move into the new Comerica Park next spring.)

"I've been back to my neighborhood a few times, too, but, of course, it's all changed," Mack said wistfully.

For Jeanine Krogwiecki of Canton, the concert was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see in person some of the classical musicians she loves hear to on the radio. "I waffled a little bit when she saw the concert trip announced in the newsletter. Then I thought 'Who knows if

Canton senior trips are open to all senior citizens. A list of available trips and trip policies is available in the Parkview Room at the Summit. Registration for extended trips is handled directly by the travel agency. For more information, call the senior programs office, (734) 397-5444.

my family, I get mad," said Vorva. Vorva said that for nearly a year he's been receiving threats of physical violence by mail and telephone. He believes the threats are the result of the lawsuit he filed against the Plymouth-Canton Schools that held up a \$79.8 million bond issue.

"The shame is my kids can't go out and get the mail from the box because smut magazines are being sent to the house," said Vorva. "The kids love to go get the mail, but now they can't because I never know what's in it. I'm also afraid of getting a mail bomb sometime."

Former plaintiff offers reward to stop harassment

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Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he's had enough, and it's time to find out who's harassing his family. Vorva is so intent on finding who is behind the badgering that he's offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to prosecution of whomever is involved.

"When someone tries to affect

my family, I get mad," said Vorva.

Vorva said that for nearly a year he's been receiving threats of physical violence by mail and telephone. He believes the threats are the result of the lawsuit he filed against the Plymouth-Canton Schools that held up a \$79.8 million bond issue to build new schools, buy buses and advance technology.

Vorva insists he can take care of himself. But what has really

■ Jerry Vorva believes the threats are the result of the lawsuit he filed against the Plymouth-Canton Schools that held up a \$79.8 million bond issue.

upset him is the fact that his mailbox has been inundated with a hundred different kinds of magazines after someone put his name on subscription lists.

"The shame is my kids can't go out and get the mail from the

Vorva said that while some of the subscriptions have stopped, he's now getting overdue billing statements from the magazine companies.

"I figure these people have been blabbing about what they've done to people, and after about a year someone in the community knows who's doing this to me," Vorva said. "So, I've offered the reward to find the names of those who did this to my family. The person who tells

me can be anonymous, but to get the reward the information must lead to civil or criminal prosecution."

Vorva, a former Plymouth police officer, believes there's information out there about who is bothering his family.

"If you're patient, you eventually catch the bad guys," Vorva said tips can be given to his attorney, Stephen Boak, by calling (734) 455-4560.

Library from A1

Several factors led to the expansion option.

Residents like the library's current location, said Tabor. Constructing a branch made little financial sense, she added.

As for the expansion, Tabor said the project will go out for bids in mid-August. Bids will then be reviewed and a contract awarded by mid-September. Rewold & Sons of Rochester will be the project's construction management firm.

The library will grow in three of four directions.

On the building's west side, a youth room will be added. A "reading cube" will be closed in as well, said Tabor.

On the south, a training room will be added. It will house 20 computerized work stations where patrons, for example, will receive Internet training. An expanded audio-visual room will be added, too.

Expansion on the building's east side will be the largest. The adult and young adult departments will be housed there along with additional patron seating.

Other changes include a larger periodical reading area, increased storage space and an equipment room where patrons can make copies and do word processing. Space will also be provided for the Friends of the Library, who often hold book sales.

The look of the building will be substantially different. More windows will be added along the east side of the facility to take advantage of natural light. Skylights will also be added.

Patrons will notice a more segmented library, too. Youth and young adult areas, for example, will be more defined and self-contained.

Construction will mean periodic closures of the library. Tabor said work will be done in such a way as to keep that time to a minimum.

"I would hope that it's not more than two weeks," she added.

Patrons should expect some inconveniences such as dust and noise as well.

"It'll be exciting," Tabor said of the project, "but it will also be a challenge."

Trial from A1

grazed her right lower leg causing a scratch-like wound.

Canton officers apprehended Woody and Boster minutes after the shooting. Driving a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am, the duo crashed into a 1989 Ford minivan heading westbound on Michigan Avenue, police reports said.

Three weapons from the vehicle Woody was driving, including two shotguns and the assault rifle, were recovered. Numerous amounts of ammunition were also recovered by police.

Hospitals will start infant hearing tests

McPherson Hospital-Howell and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor will begin screening all newborns beginning in August to identify infants with hearing impairment so that they can receive treatment during the critical period of development.

The screenings will be provided free of charge to parents whose children are born at the facilities.

The \$17,500 screening devices were purchased with grants, fundraising, and donations from Michigan Renaissance Sertoma, a service organization with a national focus on assisting the speech and hearing impaired. McPherson will cover the costs of additional supplies needed for the screenings.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
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Home Depot

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commercial use, but a special land use status is required for regional scale shopping centers of this size.

Residents of the Kimberly Meadows subdivision, which borders the development to the north, voiced concerns at the public hearing on several issues ranging from noise and visual pollution to security.

A six-foot high berm with evergreens and deciduous trees is being proposed by developers to help shield home owners from the noise and traffic behind the stores. About 15 subdivision lots connect to the berm area. Some residents wanted more.

■ 'On a given night, someone could have access to 25 percent of our homes.'


Tim Goodchild, Kimberly Meadows homeowner

specifically, a six-foot high wall that would deter trespassers from entering their neighborhood.

"On a given night, someone could have access to 25 percent of our homes," said Tim Goodchild, a homeowner in Kimberly Meadows.

Commissioners had concerns of their own as well, pointing out that the parking area needed more plant material and that the development as a whole should "dazzle."


Commissioners approved the special land use request with a stipulation that the residents concerns be addressed when the project goes to site plan review.




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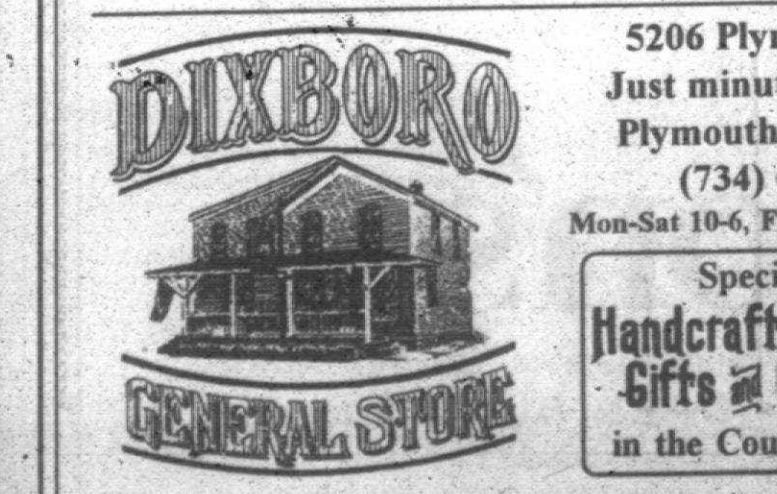
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Dispute: The township board revised its ordinance after resident Arlene Ladell complained about her neighbors built a wooden privacy fence (above) with the "bad" side facing her yard.

Fence law

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property and he should be able to use it as he saw fit. He noted that many similar fences in the township were standing.

"If the law applies to me, it should apply to everyone," Wade said in a May Observer article. "I'm not going to be singled out."

Wade was ticketed by the township May 28. Building Official John Weyer said he was cited for having a fence that exceeded a four-foot maximum along the side yard property line.

The citation is a misdemeanor offense punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine. Wade faces a July 22 pre-trial at 35th District Court in Plymouth on the ticket, Weyer said.

Wade said he intends to fight the ticket.

"If I have to take it to a higher court I will," he commented. "You're not going to invade me of my privacy."

"It's an act of rebellion," Ladell said of her neighbor's fence. "It's very unfair to us and the community to act like that."

Machnik, meanwhile, is hoping changes to the ordinance will avoid future hassles between neighbors.

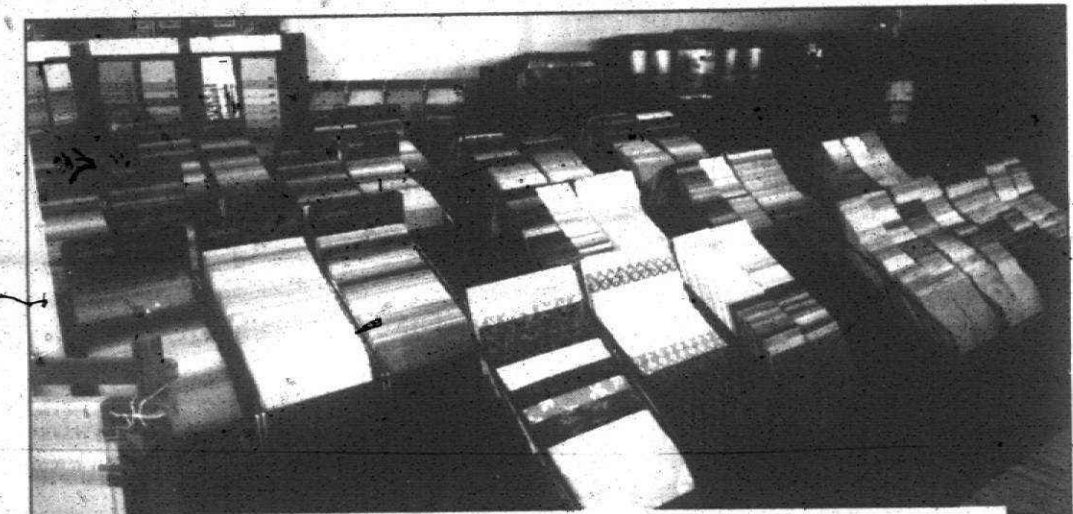
Current residents with "bad sides" facing neighbors will not be affected by the revisions. Machnik said each will be grandfathered into the ordinance.

"If the fence was to fall and the homeowner decided to replace it," he said, "they would have to comply with the ordinance."

Changes also affect opaque fences. The ordinance mandates that they should be "uniform in appearance from both sides."

Machnik feels the revisions are fair. But he's not completely wedded to them.

"If this goes into effect and has a negative impact on the residents, we'll go back and change it again," said Machnik.



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GALLERY DEALER

Law enforcement gears up for casinos

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Let the games begin, but someone will be watching.

As casinos gear up to open soon in Detroit, officials from local law enforcement agencies have outlined who will investigate what crimes now that casinos will be operating shortly in Detroit.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and County Prosecutor John O'Hair agreed to follow a legal protocol of arrest and prosecution that was outlined in a memo of understanding.

A copy of that memo was sent to county commissioners on July 15.

Detroit's first casino, the MGM Grand, is expected to open after the five-member gaming control board votes July 28 on whether MGM is suitable to operate a casino and whether to issue a license. A federal judge also must make a ruling on Detroit's casino process. Entrepreneur Don Barden claims in a lawsuit that Detroit's process of choosing casino developers was unconstitutional.

Crimes of embezzlement, tax evasion, public corruption, fraud committed against or by licensees, money laundering and racketeering will be investigated by Michigan State Police, and prosecuted by the Michigan Department of Attorney General.

The agreement allows the attorney general to defer prosecution of criminal violations to county prosecutors or the city of Detroit.

Other crimes, such as homicides, armed robbery or larcenies, will be investigated by the Detroit Police Department and prosecuted by the Wayne County prosecutor's office. City ordinance violations may be prosecuted by the city of Detroit Law Department.

A copy of the agreement was sent to Wayne County commissioners by Sheriff Robert Ficano. "It should be noted that the Wayne County Sheriff's responsibilities would not create any additional impact on the budget," Ficano said.

Chief Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor George Ward has met with Eric Eggen, assistant in charge of the casino control division of the state attorney general's office, along with attorneys from the U.S. Attorney's office, to discuss casino gaming in Detroit.

Ward said Wayne County prosecutors will continue to investigate criminal cases, but they won't be prosecuting black-jack tables or the casinos themselves. "The attorney general will be handling any gambling-related type of crime," Ward said.

Chris DeWitt, spokesperson for the attorney general's office, said that the attorney general's office will be the most prominent in prosecuting gambling-related cases.

"We have a casino control division that is working with the gaming control boards and criminal division of the attorney general's office," DeWitt said.

A state/local casino control task force consisting of representatives from these law enforcement agencies will meet regularly to discuss and act upon casino-related law enforcement issues.



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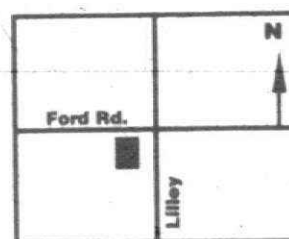
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Senator blames Engler for beach closings

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The blame for the number of beach closings experienced this summer in the southeast Michigan region rests with the state government, particularly the Engler Administration, according to state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

Beach closings — 27 in Oakland County in just the first week of July, compared to 24 for the entire month last year, and eight for the month in 1997 — result when the county Health Department identifies high bacteria levels in the lake water.

Peters says the number is on the rise and it's because the state has yet to begin using \$90 million from the statewide environmental bond approved by voters in 1998. The administration has proposed using \$3 million of

■ 'Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do.'

Gary Peters
State Senator

it per year for monitoring. Peters argues the bond money should be used for capital improvements to improve sewage treatment plants, pipes and septic systems to eliminate pollution sources.

Salaries, for activities like monitoring, should be paid out of operational funds, he contends.

And state needs to start those projects, rather than conducting further studies.

"Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do," Peters said. "I'll be working ... this fall to put environmental bond money for cleanup where it belongs. We

don't need more excuses or studies. We need to help communities address the problems of runoff, raw sewage overflows and sprawl that contribute to beach closings."

The administration argues the increase in closings is due to closer monitoring. Currently, Oakland County Health Department officials test water at 125 beaches over the summer. State environmentalists are calling for statewide water quality monitoring.

Much of the bacteria is fecal matter, deposited by birds and other animals and wildlife, then

washed into lakes and streams. But Peters argues that accounts for only about 20 percent of the contamination. The other 80 percent comes from human sources, such as sewage overflows and failed septic systems.

While the wording of the bond question prohibits the use of the money for addressing sewage overflows at treatment plants — under the reasoning that should be the responsibility of the local communities — the money can be used to address other treatment plant upgrades and non-point pollution sources, such as failed septic fields.

That at least would be progress toward cleaner water, Peters said.

Uncle Sam wants you ... for the draft board

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The Selective Service System wants you to serve on its draft board.

While Congress and the president haven't reinstated the draft for individuals to serve in the U.S. military, the Selective Service System is looking for people who want to serve as members of local draft boards.

Even though the United States hasn't drafted young men to serve in the military since the early 1970s and the Vietnam War, the draft boards continue to act as a part of the country's national defense.

"We've always had local draft boards," said Arthur Tesner,

state director of the Selective Service System. "If a draft ever became necessary, they would decide on deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service based on federal guidelines."

Approximately 2,000 draft boards nationwide would conduct these reviews. Approximately 20 local board member positions are available in Michigan. Members are uncompensated volunteers.

Prospective local board members must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and not an employee of any law enforcement agency registered with Selective Service; not be on active duty or a retired member of the armed forces; and not have been convicted of any criminal offense.

Tesner said people serve on the draft board because they are patriotic or just want to become

involved.

"It's all part of our national defense," Tesner said. The last time any draft boards met to decide on deferments or postponements was 1974.

The state of Michigan has 72 boards and five on each board.

Anyone who believes that they meet the standards for local board membership and would like to be considered for appointment, contact Region 1 Headquarters, 2834 Green Bay Road, Building 3400, Suite 276, North Chicago, Ill. 60064-3038; Attn: Laurie Stoffel, phone (847) 688-7996 or State Director Arthur P. Tesner, 2500 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing MI 48913.

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Lovely loosestrife is choking wetlands

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Dan Ballnik reached down and pulled a plant out of the ground, then displayed its roots to a small group of people gathered at the wetlands site.

"Look. Two roots and it's still growing," Ballnik said, showing a single plant of the purple loosestrife. Surrounding Ballnik and the group of about a dozen people were thousands of the plants, now overtaking many of the 200 acres of a wetlands mitigation site in Westland.

On Wednesday, Ballnik and other members of a habitat subcommittee of the Rouge River Advisory Council were giving state environmental officials a tour of the wetlands west of Henry Ruff Road and south of Michigan Avenue to show the loosestrife's invasion, problems with erosion and the lack of trees in creating a forested wetlands.

Wetland mitigation sites are manmade wetlands created with the intention to replace or offset the removal of other natural wetlands at other locations. Ford Motor Co. developed the Henry Ruff site about five years ago to replace 33 acres of wetlands removed near the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne so the plant could expand. At that time Ford designated nearly 66 acres of wetlands at the mitigation site.

Ford will need approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to modify its current permit.

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a European plant species which is an aggressive invader of North American wetland, lakes and rivers. Once established, purple loosestrife can become the dominant vegetation, forming monospecific stands which significantly reduce biodiversity and degrade habitat quality.

Michigan State University

Last year Ballnik, an environmental control engineer at Ford, Eric Pearson, Ford Land environmental manager, and Bill Craig, a member of the RRAC's habitat subcommittee and Livonia resident, reviewed why the original tree plantings failed. Ballnik eventually was assigned to the project by Ford in the fall of 1998.

Craig believes a consultant hired several years ago to do the work did not plant the trees at the site properly, leaving roots exposed in wetland areas. "A tree can drown as much as it can dry out," Craig said.

"They were planted in mud, they were planted in water. Planting trees takes time and that many man-hours aren't available."

Before volunteers replant trees, the loosestrife must be controlled.

Loosestrife is heavily loaded with seeds and blooms into small purple flowers. "It can be transported by water or birds," Craig

said. "It does well here."

Ballnik told Department of Environmental Quality officials he had sprayed the loosestrife with a herbicide earlier this month. He wants to defoliate the plant with beetles.

Next spring he wants to plant native woody vegetation, including pin oak saplings. He hopes to use student volunteers from the Wayne-Westland school district to assist Ford with the tree-planting projects, while educating them about the site.

This spring he planted silver maples, swamp white oak, black willow, pin oak, green ash, yellow poplar, bitternut hickory and red maple.

"Those trees wouldn't handle a heavy wash event," Ballnik said. "We need to slow the water down for the trees to get established. We may look at something like an annual rye." The rye will help keep the soil in place and help trees take root.

Once he discusses the wetlands with Ford officials, Ballnik

said he will ask the DEQ to revise the current wetland permit for the mitigation site. Ballnik wants the wooded wetland requirement for the approximately 200 acres lowered from its current 66 acres to a minimum of 33 acres and the balance of the site to contain small shrubs, such as willows, elders and bushes, and species native to emergent marshes and floating leaf wetlands, such as reeds and lilies.

Officials hope they can create a wooded wetland with a 300-400 trees-to-one acre survival rate after five years.

The entire mitigation site contains about 200 acres bordered by Boise Drain and railroad to the north, Merriman to the west, Henry Ruff to the east and trailer park to the south.

"It's struggling," Craig said. "But the ownership responsibility is being met by Ford. They're working and meeting with state officials to make it better."

Ballnik expects to meet with Ford officials about his proposed loosestrife control program and erosion control plans, then discuss the wetlands with state officials.

Barry Horney, a land and water resource specialist with the DEQ, said the wetland visit will help the state in making a decision at a later date, but added that he and other officials would ask many questions on any revisions to the wetlands.

"It seems they have a plan," Horney said. "We'll have to take a look at it and go from there."



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A pretty pest: Bill Craig of Livonia wanders through purple loosestrife, an attractive but invasive plant that has overtaken a wetlands mitigation site west of Henry Ruff Road in Westland. Ford Motor Co. designated a 66-acre wetland site there to replace wetlands removed for an expansion of a truck plant.

Granholm will speak at luncheon

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

This year's event will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives. Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nominations in one of six categories:

Arts/communication category honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.

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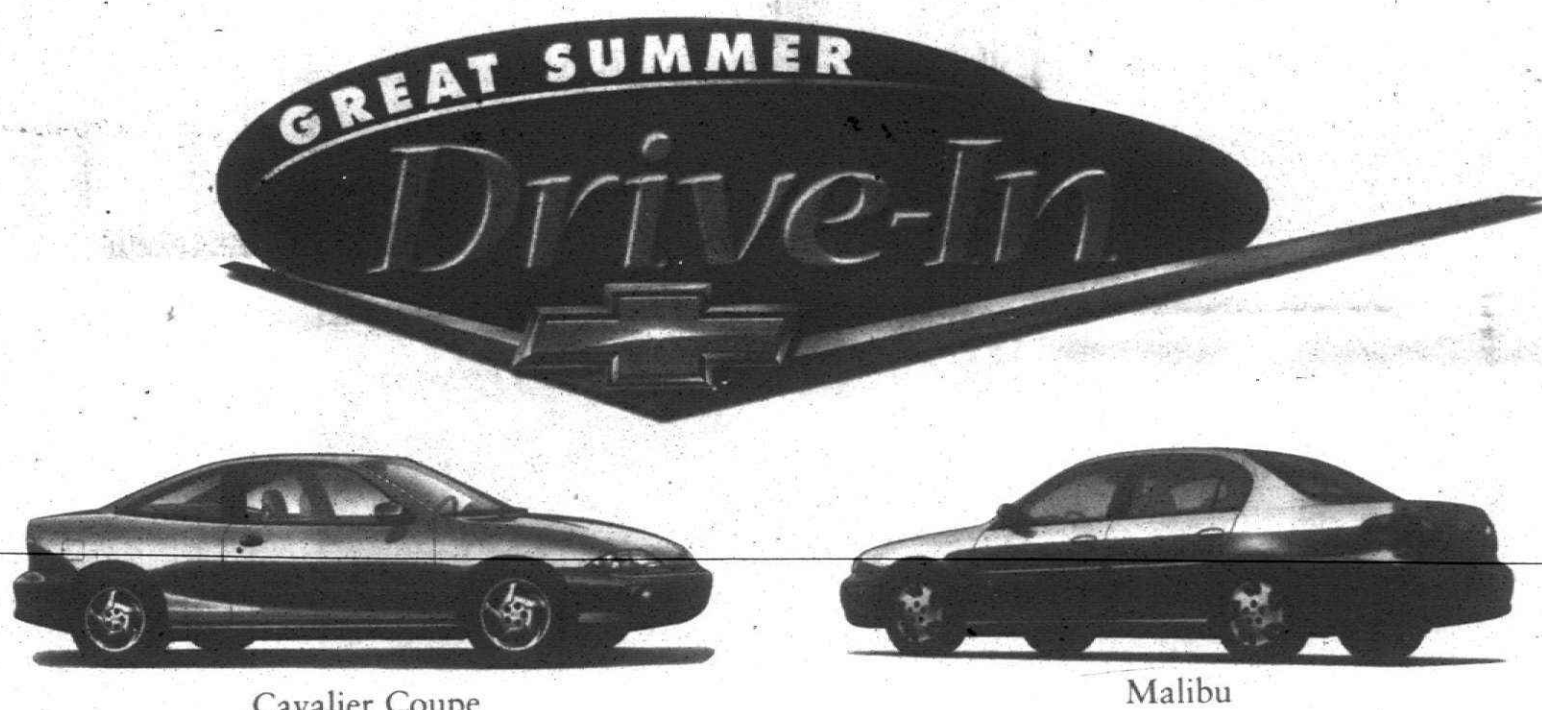
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Young woman category honors young women of today (age 16-23) who have demonstrated leadership qualities, service to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. A one-page narrative outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements along with a biographical sketch (two page maximum) should be sent to: Debbie Miller - WOAL, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, MI 48141.

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For safety's sake

Truckers say, 'Share the road'

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Stupid four-wheeler. That's what the driver in the big rig is apt to yell to the driver in the small car who just did something crazy and nearly caused an accident.

How often do these near-accidents occur? "I see some form of safety violation at least five times a day," said Gerry Gourlay, trucker for Canton-based A.D. Transport Express Inc.

Each week, Gourlay logs about 1,500 miles on his daily run from Roseville to an auto plant in Saginaw. Still fresh in his mind is the pick-up driver who just the day before on I-94 near Roseville had cut right in front of him, forcing him to hit his brakes.

"I blew the horn at him. He just turned and looked at me and smiled."

Road safety for both truckers and small vehicle drivers alike is the top priority of the Lansing-based Michigan Truck Safety Commission.

If AAA is known for "Bring 'em Back Alive," then the MTSC is known for "Share the Road, Michigan," a slogan now seen on billboards on Michigan freeways and heard over the airwaves via radio commercials.

Through the advertising, the MTSC hopes to promote better understanding and greater cooperation this summer between truckers and everyday drivers, especially with both now having to cope with endless construction zones.

One statistic shows how critical it is to get the "share-the-road" message out.

"Statistics show that more than 70 percent of large truck accidents involving cars are caused by the car," said Ed Gaffney, MTSC director.

"By understanding the special rules of the road involving trucks, we hope to minimize accidents and have a safe summer driving season."

The statistic gets even more critical when coupled with this: While the car driver is most apt to cause an accident, it's the truck driver who is most apt to survive.

"I've seen many collisions, and it's the truck that comes out ahead," said Dave Boljesic, motor carrier officer for the Canton Police Department. Echoes Gourlay: "If I was in an accident, I'd want to be in a truck."

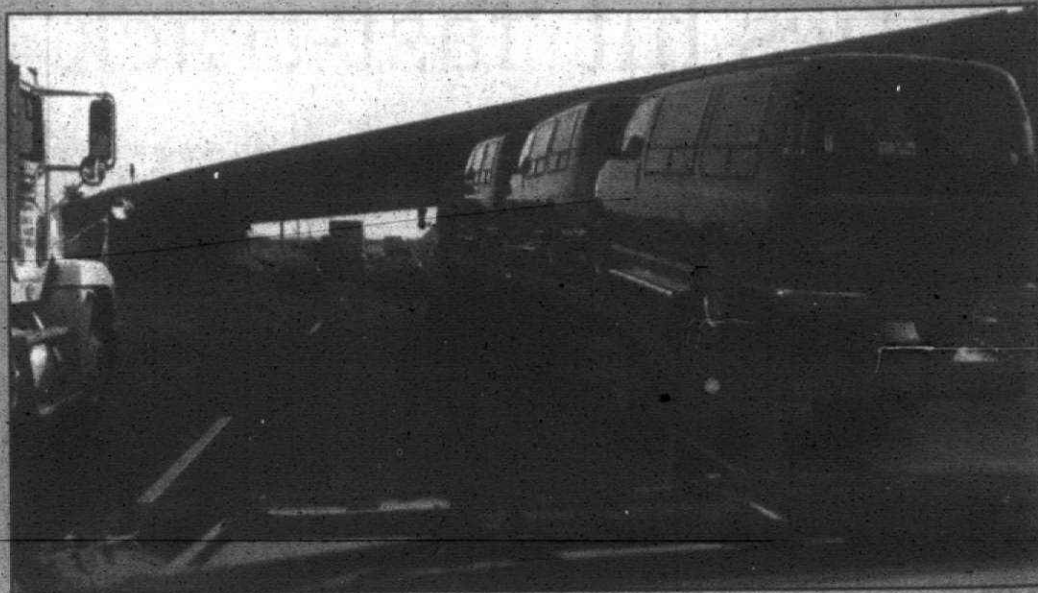
Veteran trucker

Gourlay, a proud ex-Marine who lives in Taylor and is close to retirement, has been driving trucks for 36 years. Four years ago he hooked up with A.D. Transport Express when the Westland company he worked for moved to Ohio.

He now spends his days driving a diesel-powered 18-wheeler, carting mostly auto parts around southeast Michigan. The top speed he can go in his tractor-trailer is 68 MPH.

On his daily trip from Roseville to Saginaw, his rig, stuffed with auto parts, can weigh up to 80,000 pounds.

Trucks that heavy take a long time to stop, something motorists don't realize as they dart in and out of lanes, forcing truckers to brake, said Richard Kaminski, also a trucker for A.D. Transport Express.



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Coming through: The driver of this car hauler signals as he merges onto I-275 from M-14 in the construction zone. It's helpful to truck drivers when other motorists are patient and let them merge. The Michigan Truck Safety Commission hopes to promote better understanding and greater cooperation this summer between truckers and everyday drivers, especially with both now having to cope with endless construction zones.

"I see potential accidents everyday," said Kaminski, who lives in Wayne. "People do stupid things around trucks."

Besides cutting in front of fast-moving but slow-stopping trucks, what are some of these "stupid" — and maybe even deadly — things motorists do?

They tailgate trucks, following too closely. Even after 36 years as a trucker, Gourlay is still mystified as to why motorists do this.

In doing so, they hide in one of a truck's blind spots, directly behind the truck. Other blind spots are the truck's right side near the tractor cab door, and the left side directly outside the truck driver's rearview mirror.

"They hang around the side of you; they get alongside you and stay there," Kaminski said. "We can't see in those blind spots."

From one such blind spot, on the right passenger side, drivers even make quick left turns in front of trucks, a doubly deadly deed.

Cutting in

Much to the frustration of truckers, drivers jump into the "safe" space truckers leave between

their truck and the vehicle ahead of them. This forces truckers into a temporary unsafe situation, first slowing down and then building up to a safe driving distance again. The slowdown also antagonizes drivers behind the truck.

"Your try to leave a distance, but cars jump in front of you," said Boljesic of the Canton police. "They look at it as an invitation to get in."

Gourlay calls it the "me-first" syndrome.

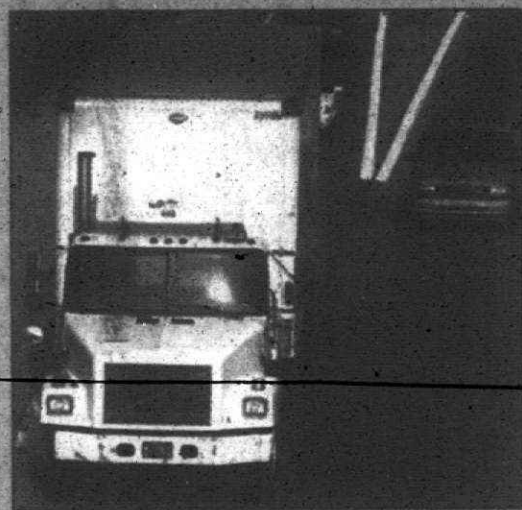
"Everybody is in a hurry. Nobody wants to follow. Everybody wants to be at the head of the line. But everybody can't be number one."

Motorists also fail to "hang back" while truckers swing out a bit to make wide turns.

They also fail to use their turning signals. "It's tough to read people's minds," Gourlay said.

But truckers also do their own share of deadly deeds. These include driving too fast (especially gravel truck drivers, which Gourlay agrees are the cowboys of the trucking industry), taking turns too fast, navigating circular freeway entrance and exit ramps too quickly, and some-

Please see TRUCKS, A10



Give 'em room: Above, trucks, like this rig entering I-96 from Newburgh Road, need to be given room to merge onto the freeway as they get up to speed.

On the road: Each week, Gerry Gourlay, at right, logs 1,500 miles on his daily run from Roseville to Saginaw. The ex-Marine, who lives in Taylor and is close to retirement, has been driving trucks for 36 years.

Through the glare: Far right, a trucker looks down on traffic from a big rig as the sun comes up going east on Michigan Avenue in Canton.



■ More than 70 percent of all fatal car-truck crashes nationally are caused by the driver of the car. Most of these accidents can be prevented if car drivers learn the best ways to "share the road."

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■ There is a record amount of construction projects going on throughout metro Detroit this summer. Because of this construction, frustrations may run high but safety should not be compromised.

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Critics hit 'fast-track' business tax phase-out

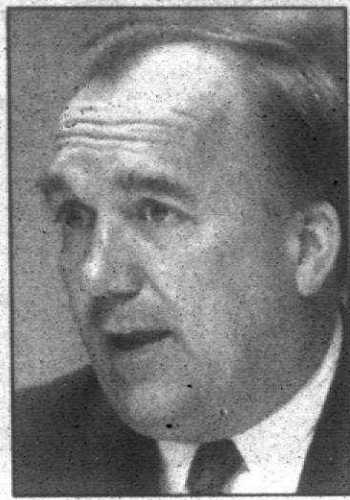
BY MIKE MALOTT
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Once it counted as "reform," but today lawmakers are reforming the Single Business Tax. Criticized back in the '70s for the hurried manner in which it was adopted — in one of the Legislature's famed late night sessions — the Single Business Tax is now slated to be phased out over the next 23 years.

And detractors are criticizing the "fast track" manner in which that decision was made.

Gov. John Engler signed three bills Wednesday, July 14, which would phase out the SBT and adjust sales and use taxes in a special ceremony at a small business in Southfield. Vetterstrom, a family-owned business specializing in the restoration of vintage Corvettes, hosted the event. Getting much of the credit from Gov. Engler were the sponsors of the bills, state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, and Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

"As we all know, when the cost of doing business is higher than it should be, it's the consumers



Gov. John Engler

who end up paying the bill," Engler said. "This phase-out is another important step to the long-term strength of Michigan's economy. By phasing out the SBT, we are removing the last significant business barrier and positioning Michigan for an even brighter future."

"Talk about turbo-charging our

economy; eliminating the SBT puts Michigan on the fast track to more jobs and continued prosperity," Cassis said of the measure at the signing ceremony. "Everyone, from families to family-owned businesses, will enjoy the ride ... We're getting rid of one of the most onerous, anti-competitive taxes in Michigan."

And just when opponents of the phase-out were claiming that it would benefit only a minority of companies and provide minimal relief, Cassis said the owners of Vetterstrom announced that the phase out will allow them to hire one additional employee. That's one additional family with a salary and benefits, Cassis said.

Phase-out gradual

House Bill 4745, the first of those signed, will drop the SBT by 0.1 percent each year, starting with Jan. 1 of this year, until it is phased out in the next 22 years. The bill contains wording that will suspend the phase out should Michigan's economy dip and the state's "rainy day fund" be depleted.

It also amends the SBT, until

it is phased out, to treat all companies doing business here the same. Previously, foreign firms weren't taxed.

House Bill 4744 and Senate Bill 544, Rogers' bill, mainly make technical adjustment to sales and use taxes needed as a result of the SBT phase out and making collections more fair. Among the changes was exempting all "rolling stock" from sales tax collection.

Critic's concerns

Ben Kohrman, deputy director of Media Relations for the House Democratic caucus, said his party has four main concerns with the SBT repeal plan.

For one, Democrats don't believe the measure will provide real tax relief. Only about a third of Michigan businesses pay Single Business Taxes, due to the exemptions that have been placed on the tax. Most of those are larger corporations.

Indeed, Public Sector Consultants confirms that about 75 percent of SBT revenue comes from roughly 5 percent of companies in the state, the largest 5 percent of corporations.

Under the phase out, some firms will pay even more single business taxes until it is eventually eliminated, Kohrman said.

Democrats also argue that if, as Engler contends, the state's economy is competitive and growing, then elimination of the tax isn't needed.

"I thought we already were competitive," Kohrman said.

Corporate profits are up in Michigan. In fact, Kohrman argues, they are reaching record levels. Personal and family incomes are stagnant however, he argued. So any tax relief provided by the state should have come from personal income taxes, he argues.

Cassis argues the state has already dropped the income tax once this year, from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent.

Finally, Democrats say an error in the wording of the bills would have applied the SBT to Canadian firms for business done elsewhere as well as business done in Michigan. With some \$83 billion in trade with Canada, it would be a mistake for Michigan to "start a trade war with Canada," Kohrman said.

also came out in opposition to the phase out.

"Perhaps the only thing worse than the decision was the manner in which it was made," he said. Jondahl pointed out that the tax presently produces about \$2.7 billion annually, which is about 30 percent of the state's general fund budget.

"What would you do, Jondahl, if you were in a position to decide what to do with the state's \$85 million surplus?"

"I would hope that you would ask for a major public policy debate ... and the participants in the discussion should include more than the Canadian business and government interests."

Yes, the bill was fast tracked, Cassis agrees. But she argues that the content of the bill did not change significantly during the legislative debate. She believes other complaints about the process aren't valid.

Had the state waited for more debate, she said, it either could not have enacted the cut for this year or would have had to go through a costly refund process.

The SBT, Michigan's main business tax, was a 2.3 percent levy on the value of a business adds to its product during production. The main components used to compute that value are labor, interest paid, depreciation and profit.

The SBT took effect in 1976 as a replacement for seven business taxes. The SBT returned the state to a value-added tax form of business taxation, which was used from 1953 to 1967 in the form of a business activity tax. Corporate income taxes, used from 1967 to 1976, proved unsatisfactory to the state because of instability in producing revenues due to severe cyclical fluctuations in the economy.

No public input

Lyn Jondahl, former chair of the House Taxation Committee,

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should. "Drivers have to eyeball what's going into their truck," Gourlay said. "If there's too much weight, the axles can collapse."

One of the biggest messages truckers want to get across to motorists is that trucks, when packed, creep along while building up speed. Gourlay has a 10-speed transmission, and it takes quite a distance for him to get from one to 10.

In fact, on turns, it seems Gourlay's truck, with a 53-foot trailer packed with aluminum wheel drums and his cab pushed by a 425 H.P. engine, struggles and strains a lot, yet barely budges.

"People get mad if you're not going fast enough," Gourlay said. "But it takes a long time to get going, as well as it takes a long time to stop."

Fighting fatigue

One of the biggest battles Gourlay said long-distance truckers have to fight is fatigue.

By law, truckers can't drive more than 10 hours a day. But at the end of their 10 hours, they often can't find a safe place to stop.

"If they don't get into a spot early enough, they won't get in," Gourlay said. "So they keep driving. That's our biggest reason for having accidents."

With his daycab driving job, Gourlay doesn't have to deal with finding a place to stop at night. But he understands how "performance can drop" after eight or so hours on the road.

For truckers, despite all the dangers, freeway driving is a breeze compared to the hassles they deal with once they turn off the freeway onto main or residential roads.

Headaches here include frequent stopping because of traffic lights, low-hanging tree branches and wires, low bridges, navigating tight corners and watching out for people getting out of parked cars.

"Freeways are safer than surface streets," Gourlay said.

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Visitors spent \$4 billion in metro area

(PRNewswire) Metropolitan Detroit played host to 16.2 million visitors in 1998, up slightly from 1997, the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau (MDCVB) announced recently.

Visitor volume rose 1.25 percent over 1997 when 16 million visitors came to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, according to preliminary numbers contained in the 1998 Tourism Market Profile Study, conducted for the Bureau by CIC Research.

The steady increase in tourist numbers correlates directly to the healthy economy and low unemployment, said Larry Alexander, acting president and CEO of the MDCVB.

"Additionally, the region is continuing to add new visitor attractions such as Great Lakes Crossing, and enhancing the quality of local events such as the North American International Auto Show and the Woodward Dream Cruise," he said. "These improvements to our tourism portfolio are certainly drawing new visitors and we can expect the numbers to continue to rise as more tourism products come on line in the next few years."

While visitor volume rose in 1998, visitor spending decreased slightly from the previous year.

Visitors spent \$4 billion in the local economy in 1998 compared to \$4.1 billion in 1997, a 2 percent decrease. Spending last year still remained significantly higher than it did throughout most of the decade. Alexander said the slight slide in spending is not surprising given a number of factors.

"The number of visitors from states throughout the Midwest, including Michigan, increased in 1998 over 1997 while international visitors — those who would likely spend more on their trip — decreased," he said. "That may be in large part because the origin market for the majority of our international visitors is Canada which has continued to experience a serious decline in the value of its dollar compared to U.S. currency. Therefore, its residents have had less motivation to travel to U.S. destinations."

He added that the average number of nights stayed by overnight visitors in metro Detroit declined in 1998, consistent with the national trend, which also accounts for the decrease in spending. Another factor that may have played a role is the August 1998 Northwest Airlines strike — responsible for the loss of both visitors and visitor spending during its duration.

Overall, visitor counts have cumulatively climbed 42 percent and visitor spending has increased 24 percent since 1992 when the first tourism market profile of the region was conducted for the MDCVB.

The majority of the \$4 billion spent in metro Detroit by visitors was spent on the area's two most popular visitor activities: shopping (\$1.2 billion) followed by dining (\$1.1 billion). Approximately \$720 million was spent on lodging, \$392 million on ground transportation and \$302 million on entertainment and recreation.

Top destinations Following shopping and dining, the top five most visited attractions by tourists were the Renaissance Center, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Greektown, conventions/events held at Cobo Conference & Exhi-

bition Center and the Somerset Collection.

The percentage of visitors coming to metro Detroit for vacation or to visit friends and relatives rose in 1998, at 79 percent compared to 74 percent in 1997. Visitors to metro Detroit on business trips or attending meetings and conventions dipped to 17 percent in 1998, from 21 percent the previous year.

Of the region's 16.2 million total visitors, 10.2 million were overnight visitors and 6 million were day visitors. The majority of the overnight visitors — 7.2 million — stayed in private homes while 3 million stayed in hotels and motels.

The largest market for overnight visitors was Michigan residents from outside the tri-county area. Michigan residents accounted for nearly 1.3 million — or 12.5 percent — of the 10.2 million overnight visitors.

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Wayne-Westland officials question MEAP results

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A school-by-school analysis of new state test results contains some startling — arguably suspect — data on Wayne-Westland students, local educators say.

Consider Edison Elementary in Westland, where the percentage of fifth-graders passing the state science test plunged from 71.1 percent in 1998 to just 11.3 percent this year.

Teachers didn't cut science out of their curriculum, so is a 60-point drop even possible?

"We don't have any explanation for that," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said Friday. "We are investigating that with the state to see if that's even accurate."

Edison also suffered a sharp decline in fifth-grade writing scores. Only 35.2 percent of students passed that test — down from 86.7 percent in 1998.

Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, has said that, overall, Wayne-Westland as a district is making progress in improving its Michigan Educational Assessment Program results, although "we would like our scores to be higher."

Wayne-Westland continues to lag far behind districts like Livonia, which serves north West-

land, and in some cases students are losing ground despite efforts to improve instruction. Consider:

- At Hamilton Elementary in Westland, the percentage of fourth-graders achieving a satisfactory score in reading plummeted from 58.7 percent to 38.6 percent.
- At Elliott Elementary in Westland, only 30.4 percent of students passed the fifth-grade writing test this year — compared to 76.4 percent last year.

Baracy said teachers are emphasizing writing in all subjects in an attempt to improve student skills.

And, in science, an upswing in scores is expected in coming years due to a new curriculum that includes hands-on learning, he said.

There's no doubt that the new curriculum will not only help students learn and retain the science material, but eventually it will help the MEAP scores as well, Baracy said.

OBITUARIES

HARRY R. REARDON

Services for Harry R. Reardon, 83, of Redford were July 10 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. Paul Rochleau officiating. Burial was in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Tilbury, Ontario.

He was born June 25, 1916, in Tilbury, Ontario. He died July 6 in Redford Township. He was a salesman.

Survivors include his sister, Helen Bailey of Leamington, Ontario; one brother, William Reardon of Tilbury, Ontario; one daughter, Bonnie Reardon of Beverly Hills, Mich.; two grandchildren, Joe (Melissa) Katchmar of Westland, Kim (Sean) LaDuke of Canton; and one great granddaughter, Aubrey Reardon-LaDuke of Canton.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, MI

48072. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ARTHUR ALBERT MECH
Services for Arthur Albert Mech, 70, of Plymouth were July 23 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1929, in Detroit. He died July 19 in Ann Arbor. He was a master set-up man at Kelsey-Hayes in Detroit. He retired in 1991 after 43 years with the company. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Eugenia Mech of Plymouth; one

brother, Henry Mech of Gaylord; one sister, Regina (John) Korzetz of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to The Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207-3496.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

KATHLEEN J. SIKORSKI
Services for Kathleen J. Sikorski, 56, of Westland were July 21 in St. Damian Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence Zurawski officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born Feb. 11, 1943, in Detroit. She died July 17 in Westland. She was in phone customer relations.

She was preceded in death by her father, Austin Schimmel. Survivors include her husband, Lawrence J. Sikorski of Westland; mother, Kathleen Schimmel of Farmington; five daughters, Nadine (James) M. Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., Regina (Richard) A. Lavagnino of Wyandotte, Kristin J. Lavagnino of Ann

Arbor, Julie J. Lavagnino of Ann Arbor, Carol (James) A. Staab of Cearn, Neb.; two sons, Gary L. Sikorski of Pittsburgh, Pa., Richard L. Sikorski of Dearborn; three brothers, Richard (Nancy) Schimmel of Canton, John (Rosemary) Schimmel of Canton, Michael (Susan) Schimmel of West Africa; two sisters, Paul Schimmel of Alpena, Mich., Joan Schimmel of Alpena, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in mass offerings or to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

GLADYS V. SCHROEDER
Services for Gladys V. Schroeder, 90, of Taylor were July 21 in the Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington with the Rev. John E. Maki officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

She was born Jan. 20, 1909, in Farmington. She died July 18 in Taylor. She was raised in Farm-

ington and moved from Farmington to Plymouth. She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington. She had been a member for almost 90 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth. She helped the ladies at her church sew cancer pads. She loved to sew. She also enjoyed family gatherings. She liked to play cards, collect newspaper clippings and read.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy H. and one son, John. Survivors include her two daughters, Anna Marie Eads of Taylor, Nancy (Frank) Johnson of Murphy, N.C.; one son, Everett (Theresa) Schroeder of Whiting, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salem United Church of Christ. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

DONALD R. RANK
Services for Donald R. Rank, 82, of Chelsea, Mich. were July 22 in Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home with the Rev. William C.

Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Grass Lake. He died July 19 in Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1934. He received his bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1938 and his master's degree in education at Wayne State University in 1952. He was employed by the Plymouth School District from 1946 through 1974. He taught math for four years and spent 25 years as principal in various Plymouth schools. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen J. Herter. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; one son, David (Virginia) Rank of Grass Lake; three grandchildren, James (Anna) Herter of Grass Lake, Christopher (Colleen) Herter of Canton, and Matthew Herter of San Diego.

Memorials may be made to Maple Grove Cemetery or Salem Grove United Methodist Church.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification
Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

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It is agreed by the Board to hold four Tuesday meetings at school sites and start at 7:00 p.m. whenever appropriate and possible. No further notice of such meetings shall be given to the members.

By-Law No. 0164.2: Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification
Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meeting, or by a majority vote of the Board.

Service of the notice shall be by:

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2. Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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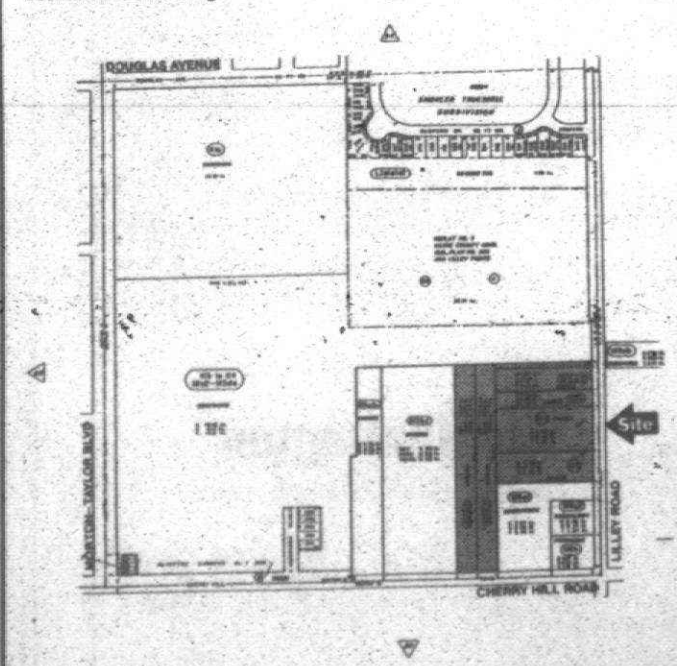
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 2, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 055 99 0008 000, 055 99 0010 000, 055 99 0011 002, 055 99 0012 000, 055 99 0013 000, 055 99 0014 000, AND 055 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilley Road. Second Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

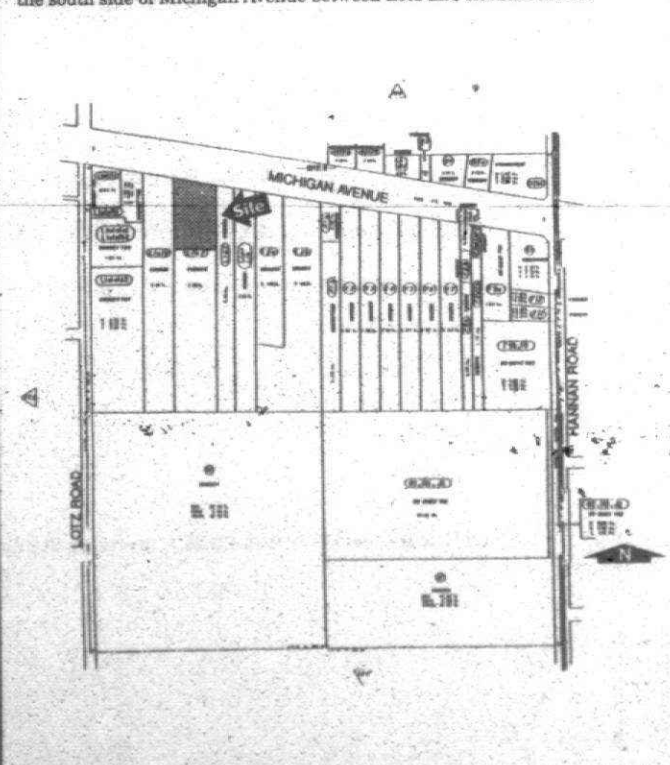
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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CANTON COMPANY REZONING. CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 141 99 0029 000 FROM L1-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
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Canton, MI 48158
(734) 397-543

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

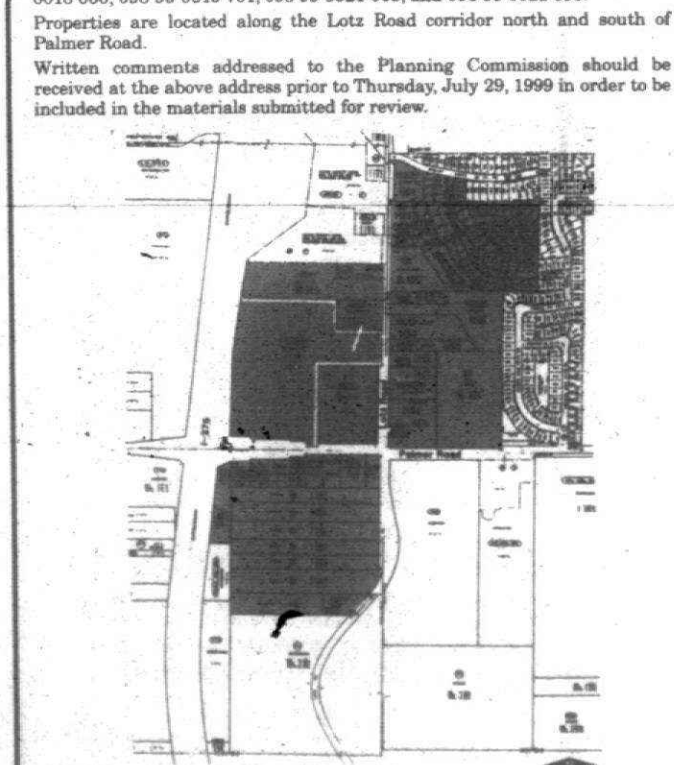
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 2, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

J.C. DEVELOPMENT FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT. CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 096 99 0008 001, 096 99 0006 002, 096 99 0008 701, 096 99 0010 705, LOT NOS. 514 THROUGH 520, BROOKSIDE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION #4, ALL OF AZIZ ESTATES SUBDIVISION #1 AND #2, PARCEL NOS. 096 99 0001 704, 096 99 0003 003, 096 99 0003 706, 096 99 0003 707, 096 99 0003 708, 096 99 0004 004, 096 99 0005 000, 096 99 0005 000, 096 99 0007 000, 096 99 0008 000, 096 99 0009 701, 096 99 0009 702, 096 99 0011 000, 096 99 0012 000, 096 99 0001 001, 096 99 0001 002, 096 99 0002 000, 096 99 0003 001, 096 99 0003 002, 096 99 0003 003, 096 99 0004 000, 096 99 0005 000, 096 99 0007 001, 096 99 0008 001, 096 99 0009 001, 096 99 0010 001, 096 99 0012 001, 096 99 0014 000, 096 99 0015 000, 096 99 0016 000, 096 99 0017 000, 096 99 0018 000, 096 99 0019 701, 096 99 0021 003, and 096 99 0021 006.

Properties are located along the Lotz Road corridor north and south of Palmer Road.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman



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- \$20,000 to the Accounting Aid Society to support the revision and republication of the society's "Michigan Nonprofit Management Manual."
- \$45,000 in grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to five nonprofit housing and business corporations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. These grants were made from the Foundation's Comerica Bank Community Economic Development Fund.
- \$24,000 in grants of \$2,000 each, to 12 teachers from the city of Detroit and Wayne, Oakland

and Macomb Counties, as part of the Foundation's Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards Program.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at 11:00 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to move to a closed session at 6:07 P.M. for discussion of pending litigation and purchase of property. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL - Closed Session
Members Present: Bennett, Burdzinski, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack
Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Star Spangled Banner.
ROLL CALL - Open Session
All members present.
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Salla, Lieberman, Zevakink
Also Present: Tim Cronin, Township Counsel
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Supervisor Yack deleted General Calendar Item 5, Agreement with Canton Waste and Recycling, Item G-11, Purchase of 4 x 2 Utility Vehicle for Ponds Maintenance, and Item G-12, Purchase of Zero-Turn Radius Rotary Mower. He also recommended adding General Calendar Item 5-19, Approval of Sale of Property to High Velocity Sports, and G-20, Approval Agreement to Conduct a Utilization, Space Needs and Business Plan Study and Related Budget Amendment to the agenda.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve of June 22, 1999 as presented. Motion carried.
Ayes: Bennett, Burdzinski, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Abstain: LaJoy
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve of June 30, 1999 as presented. All ayes.

CITIZENS' NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS
Dan McCausland, Haggerty addressed the Board on his concerns regarding Consent Calendar Item 1, regarding grass paver blocks within the Wayne County right-of-way at the Wyndehase Townhomes, located north of Cherry Hill and east of Haggerty. Mr. McCausland said that he had spoken with Canton and Wayne County Engineers and that he was dissatisfied with grass pavers being used as opposed to a more solid foundation for emergency vehicle access.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move Consent Calendar Item 1, Consider grass paver blocks within the Wayne County right-of-way at the Wyndehase Townhomes, located north of Cherry Hill and east of Haggerty, to the General Calendar, Item 28. All ayes.
Ron Lieberman, voiced his frustration with the amount of signs being illegally posted in the Canton community.
Director Machnik said that the Building and Ordinance Department would be doubling their efforts to enforce the sign ordinance especially in the areas off the freeway.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdzinski, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$ 413,387.72
Fire Fund	206	45,053.22
Police Fund	208	102,735.73
Community Center Fund	211	110,710.37
Golf Course Fund	219	36,567.60
Street Lighting Fund	319	15,597.73
Cable TV Fund	320	2,107.66
Community Improvement Fund	246	46,490.93
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	10,174.03
Special Investigative Fund	287	600.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	2,093.68
State Projects Fund	289	15,076.93
Downtowns Devel. Auth.	294	6,493.44
Retirees Benefits	296	9,074.83
Blg. Auth. Debt Fund	330	3,600.00
CAP Proj. Road Paving Fund	403	214,320.00
Blg. Auth. Construction Fund	469	2,498.46
Water & Sewer Fund	592	504,044.41
Trust & Agency Fees	701	6,072.00
Total All Funds		\$1,585,198.74

PUBLIC HEARINGS MEDIAONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, INC. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT APPLICATION, GRANT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing for MediaOne Telecommunications Inc. at 7:50 P.M. to hear comments on the MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. application for a permit for public easements and right-of-way to provide telecommunication services in Canton Township in accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance. Supervisor Yack asked for comments from the audience.
Timothy Cronin, representing MediaOne, requested approval of approval of the permit and the conditions of the permit as reflected in the resolution.
Michael Grover, representing MediaOne, said that the residents of Canton would be benefiting from this permit through lower phone costs due to competition between service providers.
David McIntosh spoke in opposition to the permit.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to close the public hear at 8:00 P.M. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the attached resolution #1 granting to MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. a five (5) year permit of access to public easements and right-of-way subject to the conditions stated therein. Motion carried. All ayes.

State of Wayne
Charter Township of Canton
Resolution No. 1
MediaOne Telecommunications Permit

WHEREAS, by action the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton adopted a Telecommunications Ordinance establishing minimal requirements for a Telecommunications provider seeking access to and ongoing use of the public easements and right-of-way; and
WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Ordinance established the conditions as allowed by Public Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1995, the Michigan Telecommunications Act; and
WHEREAS, by Applications dated April 12, 1999 MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. ("MediaOne") did file an application for a permit to allow MediaOne access to and ongoing use of the public utility easements and rights-of-way in the Township; and
WHEREAS, MediaOne did pay the \$10,000.00 application fee; and
WHEREAS, MediaOne has shown evidence of insurance as required by the Telecommunications Ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the following conditions are to be made a requirement of the Permit:

1. Must submit plans for approval to Canton Township Public Works and have permit amended for construction of any new lines or relocations of existing lines within the Township.
2. Must provide written specifications of how contractor will perform work, i.e. burial depth, open cut, bore, etc.
3. Must comply with Canton Township's General Conditions and Construction Requirements attached to the Permit as Exhibit "B".
4. Must notify adjacent property owners of new construction or relocations.
5. If a Township inspector notifies MediaOne of an area needing restoration or graffiti removal or of a resident complaint, MediaOne or its contractors will respond in a timely fashion to correct the situation.
6. Must comply with Canton Township's Standard Construction Notes attached to the Permit as Exhibit "C".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that subject to conditions stated in the permit, MediaOne be and the same is hereby granted a five (5) year Telecommunications Permit under the Charter Township of Canton Telecommunications Ordinance as provided by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1995.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bennett, Burdzinski, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Dated: July 13, 1999
Terry G. Bennett, Clerk
PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT TAX ABATEMENT FOR GROUP
ANTONLIN PRIMERA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LLC
Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 8:15 P.M. David McIntosh and Robert McCausland spoke in opposition to the tax abatement resolution.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzinski, to close the public hearing at 8:30 P.M. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzinski, to adopt the resolution granting an Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate for real and personal property to Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC, which shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years, expiring December 30, 2001. Motion carried. All ayes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF GROUP ANTONLIN PRIMERA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LLC INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on January 28, 1998, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approved a resolution on March 24, 1998, which established Canton Business Center - Building #1 located

on the northwest corner of Beck Road and Michigan Avenue as a speculative building for Ashley Capital; and
WHEREAS, Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a speculative building to be acquired and installed within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District; and
WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on July 13, 1999, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and
WHEREAS, construction of the speculative building occurred less than 9 years prior to, and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before June 3, 1998, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and
WHEREAS, purchase and occupation of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and
WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 8% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property situated thereon;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.
2. The application of Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District to wit: [Legal description is available in the Clerk's office during regular business hours] Parcel No. 128-99-0004-701.
3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years, expiring December 30, 2001.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Election Commission dated June 22, 1999 and further to attach them to the regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of July 13, 1999. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Warranty Deeds for (part of) parcels 071-044-00-0006-003, 071-053-99-0010-001 and 071-053-99-0011-000 granting the right-of-way to the County of Wayne, a Home Rule Charter County All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate funds for payment of summer property taxes on the Canton Southall Center property:
Increase Revenues: \$101-000-699-0000 \$39,166

Appropriation from Fund Balance		
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay - Land & Improvements	#101-000-971-0000	\$33,156
This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$712,903 to \$745,959.		

All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table for second publication the amendment to the Water Supply & Sewer System Ordinance No. 30 (M) that reduces the "City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control" service charge for all Canton commercial and industrial sewer users, to become effective August 1, 1999. All ayes.

Second Reading Summary of Ordinance No. 30 (M)

Amendment to Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY & SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES", PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(g) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING ORDINANCES AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.
The Charter Township of Canton Ordinance
Section 1. Amendment to Subdivision-Section 20
Ordinance No. 30(m) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows:
12.200 Section 20. Rates.

2. Sewer
G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates:
Meter size
Inches \$/Month

5/8	3.73
3/4	5.59
1	9.32
1 1/2	20.50
2	29.82
3	54.05
4	74.55
6	111.82
8	186.37
10	260.92
12	298.19
14	372.74
16	447.29
18	521.83
20	596.38
24	670.93
30	745.48
36	820.02
48	894.57

Section 2 Savings of all Pending Proceedings and Balance of this Ordinance

The balance of Ordinance no 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

Section 3 Severability

This section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 4 Construction of Ordinance

This section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

Section 5 Repeal of Conflicting Sections

This section provides that portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6 Effective Date

This Ordinance becomes effective August 1, 1999 after publication of the second reading.

Certification

I certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 13th day of July 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Complete copies of this ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the administrative changes to the Amended and Restated Host Community Agreement with Allied Waste to incorporate the revisions requested by Wayne County regarding compliance with the Wayne County plan for receiving of waste from other communities (Section 14, Plan Compliance). All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjust P.O. #16881 by an additional \$692 for a total of \$7,265 for the tents, tables and chairs for the 1999 Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park by the low bidder, All Parties Concerned Inc. All ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzinski, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Office Depot Tax ID #044-99-0017-707. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the resolutions granting special land use and site plan approval for McDonald's Restaurant located on Michigan Avenue between Lets and Hannan Road (Tax ID #141-99-0028-000). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to conduct the special use and approve the site plan for Quick Oil Change (Canton Center near Ford) (Tax ID #06-99-0006-705). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Dick Scott Kia Auto Sales (Tax ID #137-99-0018-703). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for One (1) 8 X 4 Utility Vehicle to Southlane Equipment Co., 37400 John R., Madison Hts., MI 48071 in the amount of \$8,980. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzinski, to award the bid for the Canton Southall Center Irrigation System Improvements to the low bidder Marc Dutton Irrigation Inc., 4720 Hatchery Road, Waterford, MI 48329-3627, in the amount of \$29,895. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for one (1) Trailer & Vacuum Assembly to Southlane Equipment Co., 37400 John R., Madison Hts., MI 48071 in the amount of \$17,350. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to create and fill three Maintenance Technician IV positions. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to fund the hiring of three new Maintenance Technician IV positions.
Increase Revenues: \$101-000-699-0000 \$17,234
Appropriation from Fund Balance \$101-000-699-0000 \$17,234
Increase Appropriations: \$101-265-706-0000 \$21,000
Salaries, Facilities Maintenance \$101-265-720-0000 6,300
Fringe Benefits, Facilities Maintenance \$101-265-977-0000 8,000
Capital Outlay Equipment \$101-265-818-0000 (18,066)
Contracted Services \$17,234

This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Budget from \$1,022,374 to \$1,044,608 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,215,289 to \$18,232,523.
All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to extend the Telephone System Maintenance Agreement with Allied Communications for a one year period beginning July 15, 1999 through July 14, 2000 for \$7,434. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the formal bid from Jack Doherty Supplies, Inc. for one Portaco Diesel Powered Hydraulic Unit and installation of the unit, for an amount of \$21,000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for one (1) 1999 Case SI 590 4WD Tractor/Loader/Backhoe from Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Company for a purchase price of \$65,000. All ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the disposal of one (1) 1992 590 Case Tractor/Loader/Backhoe via a trade-in to Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Company at a sale price of \$18,000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and fill the additional Mechanic II position for Fleet Maintenance. The position will be advertised in accordance to the policy/procedure. Interviews and testing will be conducted and the top applicant will be offered the position. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the adoption of the Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy, including the Product and Services Fee Schedule. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Access to GIS Data with Wayne County and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce and table for publication the First Reading of the amendments to Fence Ordinance No. 103 (b). All ayes.

FIRST READING SUMMARY

FENCE ORDINANCE NO. 103(b)

An Ordinance to Provide For The Regulation And Control Of The Construction Of Fences, Borders And Walls In The Charter Township Of Canton; Providing For Certain Definitions; Providing For Prohibited Acts; Providing For Permit Exceptions; Providing For Fence Permit Application; Providing For Certain Conditions; Providing For General Conditions; Providing For Nonconforming Fences, Walls, Borders; Providing For Building For Enforcement And Violations; Providing For Penalties; Providing For Construction And Appeals; Providing For Repeals; Providing For Severability; Providing For Savings Clause; Providing For An Effective Date.
The Charter Township Of Canton Herby Ordinance:
Section 1. Definitions.
This section defines the terms: Border, Cul-de-sac Street, Fence, Fence Height, Fence Permit, Front Yard, Nonconforming Fence, Rear Building Fence, Required Front Yard Area, Side Yard, Wall, Zoning Districts.

Section 2. Prohibited Acts.
This section provides for certain prohibited constructions or installations.

Section 3. Fence Permit Requirement; Exceptions.
This section provides for fence permits and exceptions for special events, snow fencing, and those fences exempt from permit.

Section 4. Application For Fence Permit; Contents.
This section provides for the contents required for applications submitted to the Department of Building & Inspection.

Section 5. Issuance Of Fence Permit; Conditions.
This section provides that the Building Official or his agent, shall grant and issue such fence permit and the conditions of such permit.

Section 6. Borders, Fences Or Walls; Construction; General Conditions.
This section provides for the general conditions for the Depth of Posts or Foundation for all borders, fences, constructed or reconstructed.

Section 7. Borders, Heights And Locations.
This section provides for conforming requirements to height, length, location of borders.

Section 8. Fences And Walls.
This section provides for placement, height and location requirements of fences and walls in Industrial Zoned Districts, Rural Agricultural Districts, Rural Residential, Rural Estate, Residential, Commercial Districts and all other Zoning Districts.

Section 9. Nonconforming Fences.
This section provides that nonconforming fences shall not be permitted to increase or change from the decision given on the permit application at the time the fence permit was issued.

Section 10. Building And Use Restrictions; Covenants; Disclaimer.
This section provides that the issuance of a fence permit herein is not intended, nor should it be construed to abrogate or modify the applicant's duties as contained in covenants and restrictions arising from a deed or other document.

Section 11. Enforcement And Violations.
This section provides for the procedure of enforcement by notice in person or by mail, the time period for a response and the issuance of a ticket.

Section 12. Penalties.
This section provides for the penalties for misdemeanor violation of this ordinance and fine.

Section 13. Construction; Nonapplicability; Appeals.
This section provides that the ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments.

Section 14. No Conflict With State Law.
This section provides that the ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any statute or regulation of the State of Michigan.

Section 15. Repeal.
This section provides that ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary of such conflict.

Section 16. Severability.
This section provides that if any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 17. Savings Clause.
This section provides that the repeal provided for shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 18. Effective Date.
This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon its second publication in the Canton Observer.

Note: Complete copies of this ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase offer from High Velocity Sports for the purchase of approximately 11 acres at the Canton Southall Center for a price of \$100,000 per acre with the terms outlined in the attached agreement, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this sale. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the agreement with AMS Planning and Research to conduct a utilization, space needs, and business plan study for \$26,800. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the grant agreement with the Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services:
Increase Revenues: \$101-000-659-0000 \$26,800
Contracted Services \$101-200-318-0000 \$26,800

This budget amendment increases the 1999 General Government Department budget from \$745,959 to \$772,759 and the General Fund budget from \$18,245,445 to \$18,272,245. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to accept jurisdiction for the installation and maintenance of grass pavers for emergency access to Wyndehase Townhomes and further authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Maintenance Jurisdiction Permit subject to a reciprocal agreement from the owner and contingent upon 1) partnering agency permits and approvals and 2) confirmation that the Public Safety Director has no reservations regarding the grass pavers. All ayes.

OTHER
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a joint study session with the Planning Commission and Biltmore Properties. The topic will be the Cherry Hill District.

ADJOURN
The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on July 13, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on July 27, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Couple charged in abuse case gives up teens

By TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth couple charged with sexually abusing their own daughters have given up parental rights to two of their three children.

A Wayne County probate court hearing scheduled for Monday was avoided when both parents decided not to fight authorities in taking away their children.

"The father voluntarily waived his right to his children," said Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll. "The mother was going to fight it down to the last minute, but when her attorney saw the evidence we had, she finally waived her parental rights."

Carroll said the 18-year-old daughter, who is mentally impaired, will live with her aunt.

who is the mother's sister. A teenage boy will be adopted by the aunt, according to Carroll. There is another adult daughter who is also part of the case.

A hearing in the sexual abuse case is scheduled for Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court. At that time the parents can either plea bargain the case or decide to take it to trial and a court date will be set.

Last month the parents were found competent to face charges in the case, which involves alleged sexual intercourse by a family friend and the father with his two daughters over a period of nearly 10 years. The mother is charged with taking photographs during the abuse.

The parents are being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$950,000 cash bond.

Q & A:
Q: When was the first singing telegram delivered?
A: July 28, 1933 in the anniversary of the first singing telegram. It is said to have been delivered to singer Rudy Vallee on his 32nd birthday. Early singing telegrams often were delivered in person by uniformed messengers on bicycle. Later, they were usually sung over the telephone.

The source for this information is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of Events."

Non-fiction selections
Here are some new non-fiction books available from the library:
■ "They Are My Children Too" by Catherine Meyer
■ "Eat Drink and Be Merry" by Dean Edell
■ "The Thinking Person's Guide to Sobriety" by Bert Pluy-men
■ "Hassle-free Health Coverage" by the Merritt editors
■ "Victory Deferred" by John-Manuel Andriote

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:
■ www.kidsdomain.com
■ http://builder.hw.net/plans
■ www.african.com

Hot topic of the week
■ Paperback Books! Paperback books were first introduced on July 30, 1935. Although books bound in soft covers were first introduced in 1841 in Leipzig, Germany by Christian Bernhard Tauchnitz, the modern paperback revolution dates to the publication of the first Penguin paperback by Sir Allen Land in London in 1935. Penguin Number One was "Ariel," a life of Shelley by Andre Maurois.

■ 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.

■ "Durable Goods" by Elizabeth Berg

Canton Observer OPINION

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Arts center Site is a key to regional uses

What makes a regional performing arts center regional? That could be a key question as a second study gets under way for the feasibility of such a project — with the working title of "Partnership for the Arts" — in Canton. The township board last week approved spending a \$27,000 state grant for the study, which will be conducted by AMS Planning and Research Corp. of Connecticut. A 1998 study showed that there is both interest and financial backing in the community to support the right concept if it has a strong business plan.

Already though, there is divergent thought about just what that concept should entail. The size and location of an auditorium are particular concerns, with some trustees eagerly eyeing the planned Cherry Hill Village development as the perfect "home" for it. A smaller theater would be a perfect anchor for the retail portion of the village, a mixed-use, new-urban style development which will take shape over the next decade on property surrounding the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

While the center is really just an idea in the exploratory stages at this point, the Observer believes an earlier "plan" to build it on land adjacent to the new high school slated for Beck and Joy roads is a more appropriate location. It's a site that will encourage a true regional effort, one that will benefit the widest

possible population and give the center its best chance for succeeding in a competitive environment. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who's background is in education, is a proponent of the school site. "I like the connection to the schools and the possibilities of students' use" for a state-of-the-art auditorium, he said last week. A project steering committee, which includes representatives from area arts organizations, hopes to make a presentation to the Plymouth-Canton school board this month and secure a commitment from the district for its participation in the project.

Because the surrounding uses aren't as densely residential, an auditorium at the Beck-Joy site wouldn't feel as secluded as one in Cherry Hill Village. A larger building could also lend itself to more uses and more innovative design. Perhaps there could even be two stages, one for smaller, intimate uses like community theater and a second for larger concerts or events.

Canton is a progressive community when it comes to quality-of-life projects and programs for its residents, and township officials see a new auditorium as a chance to build on that image. There's nothing inherently wrong with that. But in this case, it would be a serious mistake to put barriers — physical or perceptual — around a project that can benefit the entire region.

Slamming: It's customer beware

Several residents from western Wayne County recently complained about the practice by some unscrupulous phone service carriers or fly-by-night firms of telephone slamming, or the switching of phone customers from one carrier to another without the customer's knowledge. Residents appeared at a public hearing before a House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues, chaired by state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

One resident complained that a phone company "welcomed" her back to its phone service, even though she never changed carriers.

Another noticed a switch in the carrier after he was billed a long distance phone charge of \$8.43 for a call of five minutes.

Another wondered why a phone representative passing himself off as a local rep would ask him how to spell "Livonia."

State lawmakers are expected to consider stricter consumer regulations on the telecommunications industry once they return to legislative sessions, but they don't want to re-regulate a deregulated industry. Strict fines for slamming are already on the books, but more legislative discussion is needed about the responsibilities of billing companies or even companies involved in the service switches. Why shouldn't they bear some responsibility, so that consumers aren't stuck with the annoying inconvenience of straightening out a "slam"? Why should consumers be required to make phone calls to straighten out something they didn't order?

You would think some of the larger phone companies would do all they can to battle slamming since the industry has been deregulated. The threat of competition should make the utilities work harder to satisfy their customers, particularly when they call to complain about a bill. Locally, Ameritech recently changed the appearance of its bills to make them easier to read, and a new section on the bill will tell customers when a provider is being changed.

That still doesn't prevent a slam.

Residents who appeared at the hearing were well-informed about the issue of slamming. They had read their bills and letters they received from the utility companies. The task force hearing left us wondering about residents who don't understand the slamming process and how much more they have paid on bills due to changes in phone service that they haven't noticed.

Phone customers should educate themselves on this issue to help protect themselves.

Consumers should realize they have the option of selecting three different telephone companies — one to serve local telephone calls, a second to serve long distance calls within their area code, and a third to handle all other long distance calls.

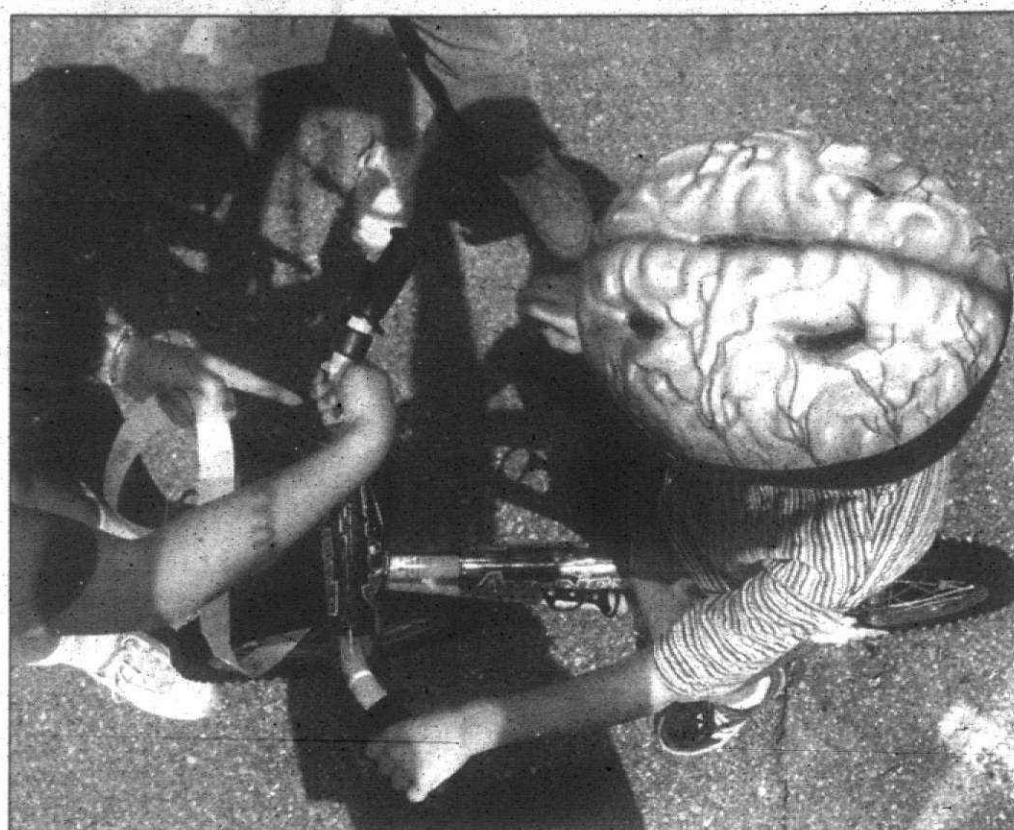
If you as a consumer don't understand the breakdown of what is and isn't provided by your telephone utility, you are a prime candidate to be slammed. And even if you have educated yourself on the issue, it doesn't eliminate the problem of slamming.

You cannot completely avoid slamming, but you can educate yourself to know your rights as a consumer.

Consumers should never sign anything without reading all documentation and checking the fine print. If they are not interested in switching phone services, they should tell telemarketers that, instead of just hanging up. People who just hang up run the risk of being slammed. Consumers who are interested should get the offer in writing.

Phone bills should be read carefully each month. If there are unfamiliar names or charges that can't be identified, call the company issuing the charges or call the local phone company right away. Consumers who have concerns or questions about telephone slamming may call the Michigan Public Service Commission, which is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, at its toll-free number, (800) 292-9555.

Putting a lid on head injuries



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Safety first: Bike helmets for children (and adults) are the best way to keep your summer ride safe — even if it's only around the neighborhood.

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

School board accomplishments

Just when I was feeling discouraged with events in our Plymouth-Canton community — such as the number of outgoing school district administrators and the lack of cooperation between the City and Township of Plymouth, specifically concerning the Sheldon Road underpass, additional firemen and recreation — several uplifting events occurred.

I was delighted to read of the long overdue accord between the city commission and the township board of trustees in the July 1 issue of the Plymouth Observer. Although I've been a resident of Plymouth Township for 22 years, I have always considered myself a Plymouth community resident. I voted for recreation and additional firefighters and have always believed the township should pay a larger share of the underpass cost so that each city taxpayer is not assessed disproportionately more. My husband and I have been long-time volunteer gardeners at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Plymouth and enjoy the small town quality of life in this community.

As an involved parent having one or more of our three children as a student in the school district for the past 21 years, I have grown to feel that Canton Township also is a part of my community. Years of school board meetings — some at various elementary schools — plus sharing with parent representatives from all the schools in the district as well as school personnel including the superintendent, assistant superintendents, principals, counselors and other staff members have led to this sense of greater community. Years ago organizations formed in Plymouth provided services for the area. Now Canton is blossoming with groups and services. I am disheartened when I read of competitive attitudes that are mean-spirited and encouraged by news of cooperation.

I was also delighted to read about the naming of the new (future) elementary school. Thanks to reading in the local paper that this topic was to be on the agenda at the June 22 school board meeting, I made the decision to

be there — to put in a good word if needed for one of the people being considered for this recognition. Although school board meetings are not how I like to spend my time, this one was worth attending. I saw members of the girls' basketball team honored for their high grade point averages and the girls' softball team honored for having the highest GPA in the state. I saw Dr. Little and Sue Davis present gifts to outgoing board members, Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, with deepest thanks for their service. I heard reports on the status of the new school buildings and on the choice of the interim superintendent.

I saw the school board members unanimously vote to name the new elementary school for George Dodson after hearing Anne Alatalo, E. J. McClendon and Rose Portelli give glowing accounts of Mr. Dodson's dedication and service to the children and staff and parents of this school district. The school board then voted to honor Sandra Sager by giving the Phase III building at P-CEP her name. What a meeting!

A couple of years ago I wrote a letter to the editor telling of the special place in my heart George Dodson has. I served as PTO president while he was Smith School principal. At the time of my letter he had just received praise from parents and staff for his morale-lifting service as interim principal at Gallimore Elementary. Naming a school for him is a wonderful way to honor a true gentleman who has been a teacher, the first elementary school counselor, principal, and — in retirement — interim principal and transportation department head, a man who lives his belief in the inscription on the rock he donated to Gallimore School, "Children; Our joy and our hope."

The Plymouth-Canton community has its faults and weaknesses. It also has much to celebrate.

Janet Sockolosky
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Three Tenors bring pride, but hit sour note of elitism

Who could possibly argue with the purpose and success of the recent Three Tenors' concert at Tiger Stadium?



FRANK PROVENZANO

Not only did the highly publicized event raise about \$13 million for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but it made a statement to the world that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural renaissance.

If it was noted once, it was noted a hundred times: Saturday's concert was the only North American appearance by Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo, thanks largely to the hefty donation from Ford Motor Co., and the persuasive charm of MOT board member Frank Stella, a close friend of Pavarotti.

The funds from the concert are earmarked to retire MOT's debt, and to establish an endowment. If any Detroit-based cultural institution deserves the money and recognition, it's MOT. Long before anyone was even talking about cultural renewal in the city, MOT had plans to renovate the theater gem at the corner of Broadway and Madison, a few blocks from the historic Fox Theatre.

Since the announcement last January of the Three Tenors concert, however, there have been striking signs that the appreciation of "culture" comes with a prerequisite price tag. How many metro Detroiters could afford to pay \$50 to \$750 for a ticket to the concert?

Granted, performers and concert promoters can set their prices, and choose their venue. Tickets to the Rolling Stones or Bruce Springsteen aren't inexpensive. The difference, however, is that no other concert in recent history has been billed as the type of "cultural event" as the Three Tenors performance. In a pluralistic society defined by the range as much as the quality of choices, the controlling measures taken by concert organizers are a strong reminder that the wall of elitism is firmly in place.

Rather than guarantee that those who couldn't afford a ticket would still be able to follow the event through media reports, concert organizers — Tibor Rudas, Olympia Entertainment and MOT — placed a price on admission even for the media.

While many large media organiza-



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Fairness questioned: Saturday's concert by Three Tenors did much to enhance the arts in Michigan. Unfortunately, many arts reporters and the readers they serve were left outside Tiger Stadium's gates.

tions pay for tickets to concerts and other events, most smaller media groups can't afford tickets to regularly attend events at the various venues in the area. It'd be the ultimate act of arrogance for smaller media organizations to choose only to review plays and concerts at those venues where

tickets were purchased. The media must be autonomous, objective and critical. Fairness comes with the job, not the ticket.

Essentially, concert organizers determined that the major dailies and television stations would be the most appropriate sources of information to

the public. Few, if any attempts, were made to work with media that have smaller circulations or relatively low ratings. For the media to simply accept the policy set forth by Tibor Rudas, promoter of the Three Tenors, is to accept that only those with financial resources should control so-called historic cultural events.

Again, the Three Tenors concert wasn't strictly about opera. The widely promoted "symbol of renaissance" behind the concert is not only news, it's something that everyone living in the area should care about.

If anyone needs reminding, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo are singers. They haven't stopped wars, negotiated peace or discovered a medical cure. Prima donnas? Let's just say they're prone to protect their public image.

Let's hope that the image of a few artists doesn't get in the way of a more clear-headed approach in proving that the symbol of renaissance requires foremost an open attitude to all people, not just those who can afford the price of admission.

Frank Provenzano covers the arts for The Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers.

Tax Abatements

A couple of years ago, I wrote a letter to the editor regarding tax abatements. I am against them because (companies) would have built them without abatements.

A year later (Bob) DeMattia had a full-page article on abatements, and he agreed that they would have built the buildings without the tax abatements. The article was in both the Detroit Free Press and the Observer.

We have location, location, location, so why do we give taxes away? We have expressways that go in four directions. Very desirable property.

I learned this lesson years ago from a very successful friend: When Royal Oak was building an expressway through his property, he told his son to go look for property to build a new manufacturing building.

The son found two parcels of land that would suit their needs. One was

very expensive. When the father asked his son which parcel he preferred, the son said the expensive one. The father said, "Then go buy it, as we'll make up the difference in a short time with the better location." I've used this advice in about 10 land partnerships over the years.

I live in Northville Township (my office is in Plymouth), and when OIS asked for a 12-year abatement, I was the only one that stood up and objected. What did we get from the richest

man in Michigan? Bill Davidson, owner of the Pistons and many other corporations? A bankrupt corporation. This is after the federal government gave him \$50 million, the state gave him \$20 million, and they purchased the land worth \$10 million for pocket change. Thanks a million. Now we will get property tax on a vacant building.

Plymouth Township just gave away \$127,000 last year. It is not mandatory to give tax breaks. Legal, yes.

The little guy that drives a Ford or Chevy pays for it while the big shot drives his BMW or Mercedes. Doesn't that sound just about even?

Wake up, trustees, or soon you'll be asking for more mileage as your budget will have shorts. I just don't understand your thinking.

Dean H. Lenheiser
Plymouth

Sea of change buoys economy

A quick glance at the recent headlines suggests something big is happening in Michigan's economy.

■ "High-tech firms find cash they need in Ann Arbor"

■ "Property values skyrocket, led by Livingston County"

■ "State's low unemployment rate sets new record"

Although I'm not one of those who trumpet that the business cycle has been repealed, I do sense that a basic paradigm shift in the functioning of our economy has taken place over the past 20 years or so. Three factors in particular deserve attention: venture capital, the stock market (stock options in particular) and high technology.

In the old days, the way you started a business was to go into debt. You mortgaged your house or you took the receivables from your little company to your local flint-eyed banker. And you hoped the resulting interest payments didn't kill your company.

Today, you take your business plan to a venture capital firm, where equally flint-eyed folks poke and prod at every detail before deciding whether to invest. And you hope they don't take too big a chunk of your equity.

The shift from bank debt to equity investment as the basis for financing companies is fundamental. Banks, prohibited since 1933 from making equity investments and therefore concerned primarily with getting their loans paid off, had no particular incentive to support your company through hard times. But venture capital firms take a percentage of your stock, hoping to make a big score when you go public, which means they have an incentive to work with you through thick and thin.

And today there are a lot more venture firms with a lot more capital to invest than even a few years ago. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the big accounting firm, \$11.4 million in venture capital was invested in Michigan in 1996, \$65.2 million in 1997 and \$114.5 million in 1998.

Linked to changes in the capital basis for firms is the amazing stock market. It isn't just that the market is at an all-time high. It's that you can cash in on the success of your little company by going public in a buoyant market, which also gives the venture capital firm a way to make its score and thereby justify the risk of its original investment.

Moreover, most newly formed companies today attract and retain skilled managers, engineers and computer jockeys, not by paying big salaries, but by granting stock options. In granting key employees the right to make a big killing if the stock price goes up, companies not only retain key people but create an enormously effective incentive system to motivate long



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hours and high output.

Certainly, stock options existed 20 years ago, but they were very limited in extent and offered nowhere near the opportunity of becoming an instant multi-millionaire they do today.

Unlike venture capital and stock options, new technology has always been the basis for successful firms. Water power and, later, gas and electricity formed the technological basis for the prosperity that accompanied the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries. The gasoline-fueled internal combustion engine and mass standardized manufacturing were the core technologies behind Michigan's automobile industry. Both were developed just after the turn of the century.

What's different today is that the technological leaps are far more numerous than in the past, in large part because they are the product of a self-conscious process of research, invention and development that is quite new. Scientists in university or government laboratories today understand that one important consequence of discoveries is the possibility that they can be turned into commercial successes.

This is quite new. Policy at the University of Michigan, for instance, used to be that the university owned the rights to any inventions dreamed up in its labs. But the U-M changed the policy five years ago so that scientists could claim a stake in their inventions, and it's likely the big venture capital boom in Ann Arbor is rooted in the change. Whether it's information technology or software or microscopic sensing or bioengineering, labs in Michigan are providing the technological underpinnings for all kinds of new companies.

I wouldn't argue all this prosperity will last forever. But I do think that we are witnessing today the outcome of fundamental changes in the way our economy works. And at least for the present, we are all the better for it.

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@oeonline.com

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QUESTION:

What is your favorite choice for summer reading?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



Denise Skopczynski
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Bob Bearer
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Jackie Doelke
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Jianwen Yi
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"We like anything to do with dinosaurs and Clifford."

"I love to read about NASCAR."

"I like self-improvement books."

"I like business journals and magazines."

GOP moderate campaigns for speaker

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In a horse race, being first "out of the chute" can translate to being first at the finish line. That philosophy led state Rep. Patricia "Pan" Godchaux, R-Birmingham, to announce last week her interest in running for the position of Speaker of the House in 2001.

"Well, you might say I'm not one of the obvious people to run, and I figure I need the time to do it ... I figured I would take the opportunity and be the first one out on all this," she said.

Godchaux explained that she filed with the Secretary of State's office in January to create a "leadership fund," an independent political action committee, to start her run for speaker. A campaign finance fund over and above her regular election account, the PAC will allow her to collect and distribute money to assist other GOP candidates in their quests for election a year from this November. In return for her support, those candidates will pledge their votes to Godchaux for speaker in January 2001.

Too early?

But it's too early to start campaigning, say other likely candidates.

"I recall that in the past this hasn't started until much closer to the election. We have a lot of work to do and we have a speaker, (state Rep.) Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo), who is doing good work," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck. "It's too soon to have members start thinking along these lines. Let's just say it could detract from the work of the caucus."

Already speaker pro tem, Birkholz is currently second in command in the Republican House leadership, and therefore seen as a front runner in the bid to succeed Perricone. She said she is sure she will be seeking a leadership role in the caucus next session. She won't make up her mind about exactly which post to try for until later this year, probably in the fall.

"Godchaux's getting out there first because she needs to be," said Rusty Merchant, aide to House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills. That's because he ranks Raczowski as second in command in current House leadership and therefore the most likely to succeed Perricone.

Raczowski also believes the race is starting too early and will actually hamper the efforts of the GOP caucus this year, Merchant said. While the floor leader is, indeed, interested, he won't

likely make a decision until this coming January.

Another likely candidate for Speaker next term is state Rep. Mark C. Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, although he has not announced a decision.

Godchaux explained she expects the caucus to pick the speaker from among its most senior leaders, and those four candidates will all be starting their third and final terms in 2001.

And if it sounds as if the race for speaker is starting awfully early, Godchaux says: "Part of the leadership race is providing leadership. You don't provide leadership at the last moment."

"What I'm offering is the choice of a different kind of leadership," she said. "Historically, if you were king of the mountain, you made the mountain look the way you want it to look. I would be more facilitating as a leader than controlling. I don't think that is what we have now. In fact, I know we don't have that now."

Conservative control

House leadership, she said, is currently controlled by what she described as a minority of very conservative Republicans.

"I felt, and a number of my colleagues felt, that there were a lot of times this spring when, if you

weren't with the caucus, you were against it," Godchaux said.

She said that much of what was done in the House in the first five months of the current legislative session was accomplished at the expense of the process. The leadership monopolized the agenda and allowed little time for discussion and input.

"Yes, we got a lot done, but what I'm saying is that we could have accomplished just as much, and perhaps we would have ended up in the same place, if we had allowed for more room for discussion in committee. We could have done the same amount and had a more open process," she said. "There were a lot of freshmen who were saying, 'This was not what we bargained for.'"

"Our leadership needs to facilitate everyone to participate so that (representatives) do not feel that someone else has not allowed an issue that is important to them to at least be part of the process," she said. "In the past, the leadership has really determined the whole agenda."

"Everyone comes to the House with an agenda and that's what I'm offering, an opportunity for each and every one of them to work on that agenda and not have to work around a leadership-dictated agenda."

County commission supports 4-year terms

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Wayne County commissioners support state legislation that calls for a change in terms of county commissioners from two to four years.

Wayne County commissioners approved a resolution July 15 that joins the Michigan Association of Counties in supporting legislation proposed by Rep. Rick Johnson, R-Leroy. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Gov. John Engler, state lawmakers and Michigan counties.

The office of county commissioner is required by state law to serve two-year terms.

The resolution said "considerable expense" is incurred through frequent campaigning and elections. A four-year term would provide "greater continuity in county government."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, person-

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ally would like to remove the time and expense that campaigns bring to candidates every other year, but she adds that she believes residents want the biennial elections.

"I think the people want us to be accountable every two years," Bankes said.

Bankes believes the state lawmakers probably won't lengthen the terms.

"As long as Congress and the state House remain at two years, it (county commission) will remain at two years," Bankes said.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, believes a longer term is more practical.

"It gives us more time to focus on our jobs," Husk said.

State lawmakers may discuss the bill when they return from their summer legislative recess.

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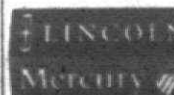
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JACK GLADDEN

Hot, hot, hot? Air, air, air!

The Feminist finally got so heated up that she decided to bite the bullet, face the music, beard the lion. She couldn't stand the heat, but didn't want to get out of the kitchen.

So she swallowed hard, tightened her belt a notch and announced:

"I think we should get some estimates on air conditioning!"

Whoa! I've been pushing air conditioning for years, but every time I brought it up, her eyes turned into dollar signs and started spinning like dials on an electric meter.

It was those 98-degree days in June that did it. Our west-facing kitchen was so hot that, even with no cooking being done and the ceiling fan cranking away, we'd sit at the counter with sweat dripping down our faces. The mornings were so hot that her make-up would melt off before she could get out the door to drive to work in her un-air-conditioned car.

So we called a reputable heating and cooling company, got the estimate and told them we'd think about it. We thought about it and discussed it, sitting at that kitchen counter under the churning ceiling fan.

Finally, we called the company and told them to go ahead. New furnace, humidifier, air conditioner. The works.

They said it would be a month before they could get around to us. I grumbled, but The Feminist assured me a month was not that long to wait and, besides, there would be plenty of hot weather around later in the summer.

"And now you won't be able to complain about mowing the lawn," she said.

■ 'We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s.'

"What does air conditioning have to do with mowing the lawn?" I asked.

"You're always complaining about how hot you get when you mow. You may still get hot, but now you can come inside and cool off."

"Yeah, well, I can see what's gonna happen," I said. "We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s."

"Stop being so grumpy." The month went by, the temperature stayed up and the grass just kept growing. The Feminist's makeup continued to melt and our kitchen-counter conversations were as hot as ever. Finally, AC Day approached.

"Hey, I'm off that Friday," I said.

"Good," The Feminist said. "You can be here in case they need anything." "So I get to sit around the house all day watching them work. I was thinking about going somewhere."

"Oh, well." The day arrived, so did the air conditioning people and ... the rain. It started to fall just as they got everything unloaded from the truck. Not hard, just steady.

They're drilling through brick walls, running electrical lines inside and out and trying not to fall on their faces as they walk across the kitchen linoleum with rain-soaked shoes.

The Teenager, who was always complaining about the heat, decided to spend the night with her cousin. The Feminist drove her there, while I sat at the kitchen counter under the fan, just in case the installers needed my advice.

They didn't. Eight hours or so later, they're done. The rain had stopped, and it had managed to cool things off a bit. That night we slept with the windows open. A cool breeze was blowing through.

The next morning The Teenager called us from her cousin's.

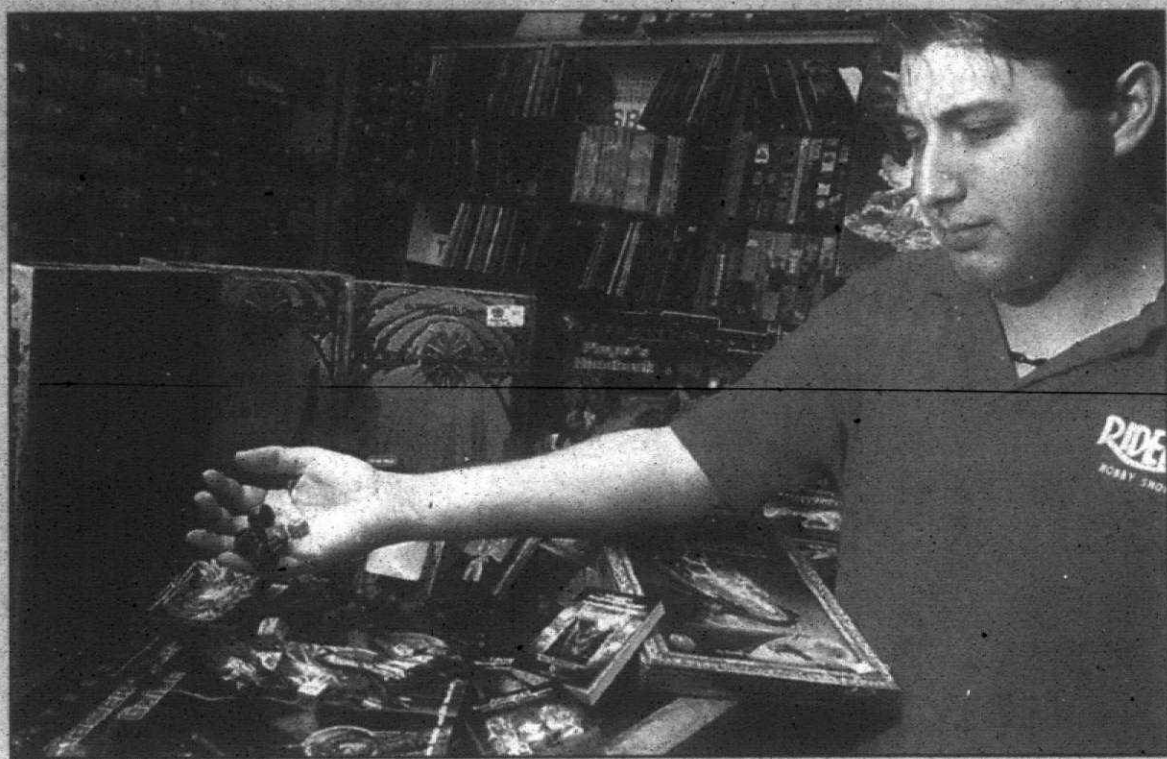
"Do you have the air conditioner on?" she asked.

"Nope," I said.

"Why not?"

"It's 82 degrees outside."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Hot sellers: Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store, says "Dungeons & Dragons" products sell very well, including the starter kit. King has played a variety of role-playing games, including D&D since 1984.

Happy Birthday D&D still finds favor with fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Enthusiasm for the game varies throughout metropolitan Detroit, but where "Dungeons & Dragons" is hot, it's really hot.

The game has a particularly strong following at Neutral Ground Detroit in Garden City. There, gaming groups meet several times a week.

"I've played just about every game out there," said Jeff Morrison, a Livonia resident and computer programmer who coordinates games at the store.

"Dungeons & Dragons" got its start in the 1970s. Players create elf, dwarf, halfling and human characters who fight with swords and bows and arrows, battle dragons and other beasts, search for treasure and cast magical spells - all in the players' imaginations.

Neutral Ground, 1858 Middlebelt south of Ford, offers gaming supplies and space for people to play. Players can either use

plain round tables or use three-dimensional set-ups containing miniaturized landscapes to give the game a more realistic feel.

The store also hosts tournaments tied in with the 22,000-person GenCon national gaming convention. The local tournaments draw players from all over the region.

Morrison has been an avid player since 1984 and is a judge for GenCon. In addition to D&D, he plays "Vampire: The Masquerade," a role-playing game involving vampires and "BattleTech," where players "drive" gigantic, nuclear-powered piloted robotic machines that fight one another.

Dash of escapism

So what's the appeal of the D&D?

"Escapism," Morrison said.

Another player, Jeff Eklonen of Southgate, agrees.

"(D&D) allows you to do things you can't do in real life," he said. Whether it's wielding a three-foot sword, casting magical spells or even

slaying monsters, most players thrive on escaping from reality for a while.

Whatever the appeal, D&D players tend to be a loyal lot. While some childhood hobbies end up shelved in a closet when people reach adulthood, D&D is one hobby that has some staying power.

Morrison said D&D players come from all walks of life.

"It really runs the gamut," he said. "Players can be everything from unemployed to computer professionals or police officers. Generally, most of them are college-educated and they tend to be well behaved."

"You don't have a lot of people who go around breaking a lot of rules."

A Romulus woman who asked not to be identified said being a female player has its challenges.

"Sometimes, you run into people who don't take you as seriously," said the woman, who has been playing for 10 years. It's a common assumption that females don't know as much about the game as males, she said.

"Sometimes, it can be helpful," she said, adding that female players can give better insight into female characters than male players.

Just one-fifth of players involved in GenCon are women. But Morrison and the other males playing at Neutral Ground agree that they'd like to see more women among the ranks.

Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store at 42011 Ford, said D&D products sell very well, including the starter kit.

"It makes it easier for young people to get started," he said. "There is

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All set: Curt Lithgow of Westland checks the tower to see if the games pieces were in place for a round of Warhammer Siege at Neutral Ground in Garden City.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARMICHAEL

Anniversary version aims at new fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five years ago, "Dungeons & Dragons" introduced the world to elves, dwarfs, wizards, swordplay and sorcery, and the world - mainly teenage and college-age males - fell in love.

Today TSR, the company that produces D&D products, is trying to capture a new generation of players, or "gamers" with a self-contained Adventure Game starter kit, retailing at \$10. The game's release is all part of a 25th anniversary celebration that includes a "Silver Anniversary" U.S. tour and a special anniversary edition of the game's basic box set.

The starter kit, geared toward those age 8 and older, was released in late April and has since sold out of its initial print run, said Keith Strohm, category manager for role playing games for Wizards of the Coast, the Renton, Wash.-based company that bought TSR in 1997.

The subsequent runs also are expected to sell well, and the company expects to sell 70,000-80,000 games by the holidays.

The game is most popular among the 12-16 and 19-21 age groups but is played by people of all ages. Strohm said he estimates there are 200,000 players worldwide.

Birthday celebration

A "Dungeons & Dragons" birthday celebration was launched July 10 in Spokane, Wash., and will continue through the summer at several United States locations.

The "TSR Silver Anniversary Tour" will hit the area 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Aug. 21, at Borders Books & Music, in the Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Blvd.

Events include appearances by celebrity authors and game designers with question-and-answer sessions, game demonstrations, game tournaments and contests with prizes.

There also will be a "Gaming through the Ages" art exhibit, featuring a historical look at the artwork and game tools associated with the D&D game over the past quarter century.

Admission to the celebration is free, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation at a local food bank.

Wizards of the Coast also publishes both the "Magic: The Gathering" and "Pokémon" trading card games.

"Dungeons & Dragons" was born in Lake Geneva, Wis., in 1974. In D&D, players create characters among others who can in turn be wizards, priests, warriors, thieves and even musicians or bards.

A "dungeon master" leads the players through the game by

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Camp lets kids know 'they're not alone'

BY SUE MASON
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When the buses leave for Camp Tamarack in Ortonville on Aug. 20, about 100 children will be heading for a weekend meant to change their lives.

The sixth annual Camp Phoenix Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22, is conducted jointly by Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Hospices of Henry Ford Health Systems. The weekend camp lets grieving children know there are others just like them.

"The universal saying is that the kids learn they're not alone," said Kathleen Dattolo, CHHCS's director of social work. "When they arrive at camp and see the number of kids who have lost someone to death, they see they have something in common."

The camp is for children ages 5-17 and features typical camp activities - swimming, hiking, hayrides, arts and crafts and campfires. But there's also time to explore and express their feelings through specialized group sessions and a chance to say good-bye and for closure at a memorial service.

said Dattolo. "We don't have a lot of weeping and crying, we have a lot of learning and celebrating the person who has died."

The camp was a positive experience for Kristina

■ 'The memorial is the hardest event, but afterward, the children say it is the most important.'

Kathleen Dattolo
Community Hospice

Walker's son, Kristopher. When her father, his grandfather, died in November 1997, she grieved and so did Kristopher.

But while she felt the loss should have pulled them closer together, just the opposite was true. Kristopher was furious with his mother. He threw things, screamed at the top of his lungs and was disobedient most of the time.

"My dad was really the only male role model in his life," Walker said. "But even though I knew how much he missed him, sometimes I felt like he was using my father's death as an excuse."

"I tried to talk to him, but I just couldn't seem to reach him."

Through CHHCS's Connections support group meetings and Camp Phoenix, Kristopher's anger slowly diminished. The camp, according to Walker,

made a huge difference in her son, who is now age 8.

"Because of the experience his life has completely changed," she said. "Once it was difficult for Kristopher to discuss his feelings. There was a lot of emotion involved. But now he can talk about Papa and smile."

The camp registration fee is \$25 per child. Activities are geared to the three different age groups - 5-8-year-olds, 9-12-year-olds and teens age 13-17.

By mid-June, organizers had already seen a 25 percent increase in enrollment. They credit that to the ability to reach more children because of the cooperation between the two agencies.

"We've sent out about 40 applications so far to those who've expressed an interest," said Jean Butrico Cooper, program coordinator for SandCastles, Hospices of Henry Ford Health System's grief support program for children and families. "This has been a great partnership and as a result, Camp Phoenix is getting recognized."

Parents interested in the camp can call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244 or Hospices of Henry Ford Health System at (313) 874-6881.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Oakwood Healthcare Center offers osteoporosis screening 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$10. OHA members are \$5. This event is open to the public and is free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. To register call, (800) 543-WELL.

BOBBIN LACE EXHIBIT
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will showcase the lacwork of the Great Lakes Group Inc., a non-profit organization of lac makers across the U.S. and abroad. The display, featuring handmade bobbin lace and tatting projects made by members of the GLLGI, is open to the public through Sunday, July 25, at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278.

BARBIE SHOW
The Barbie Fashion Doll Show returns from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5. Kids 4-12 are \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

FAMILY FISHING
Maybury State Park will again host Family Fishing in August. Bring the entire family and join us at the pond from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7-14. Park staff will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques and help beginners get started in this enjoyable sport. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if you do not have your own. Maybury Pond is located inside the Beck Road entrance to Maybury State Park, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. Park near the riding stable and follow the signs to the pond. This is a free event; however, a state park motor vehicle permit will be required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

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

FEATHERED FRIENDS
Maybury State Park will host a special hike for children and their families at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The program, Feathered Friends, will take a look at wild birds in the park. Explore how and where

they live through activities and a hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building, Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. The program is free of charge, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call the park office for more detail at (248) 349-8390.

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

AROUND TOWN

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS
Canton Parks and Recreation Services sponsors a series of golf lessons for people age 7-18. Classes will be assigned by age groups and skill levels. The lesson fee, \$50, includes instruction from PGA professionals, range balls, T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Classes are July 21 and 22.

MANDALA DRAWING
Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsors a mandala drawing workshop 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. No experience needed. Cost is \$35, which includes materials. To register, call (734) 416-4278.

WORKSHOP
The Great Lakes Lake Group offers a children's workshop for boys and girls age 6-12 to introduce them to this handmade tradition from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 23, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Denise Knight will teach a basic weaving technique that will enable students to take home a tiny project such as a snake-shaped bookmark. Cost is \$16. Call (734) 416-4278 to register.

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

HEALTH SEMINARS
Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth offers a free health seminar this month on growing older. The seminar "Challenges of Growing Older" is from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, July 29, at 14300 Beck Road. Call (734) 453-5600 to register.

Local teen attends medical seminar

Stephanie Florence of Canton participated in the recent National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Chicago. The 10-day seminar allows high school students from across the country to get a first-hand look at leading medical institutions and schools including the Northwestern University School of Medicine and the University of Chicago. Florence is a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia, a National Honor Society member and a volunteer at Angela Hospice. She is the daughter of Nancy Florence of Canton.



Stephanie Florence

can "adopt" ducks for the Friday, Aug. 13, event at Heritage Park. Adopt ducks at the parks and recreation office at the Summit and at summer events such as concerts in the park. Cost is \$2 for one duck; \$5 for three ducks; or \$11 for seven ducks. Each duck will be entered in the derby and be eligible to win prizes including round-trip airline tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. Call (734) 397-5110.

GOLF OUTING
Project Compassion celebrates the International Year of the Older Person with its 12th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 16 at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m. Carls, refreshments on the course, full dinner after golf, prizes galore, Toyota Camry hole-in-one contest and Pro Air tickets hole-in-one contest. Price is \$100 per person (\$35 is tax deductible). For more information or to register, call Project Compassion at (800) 626-9622.

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.

HUNTER'S SAFETY
The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park present the second annual Hunter's Safety Course 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 7-8. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. A Social Security number will be required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m. Class begins 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 non-resident. Call (734) 397-5110.

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

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 free parking at Christ Church, directly across Lone Pine with free shuttle service provided. In case of rain, many rooms of Cranbrook House will be open. For tickets, call (248) 645-3147.

FLEA MARKET
The Canton Historical Society hosts a flea market 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. A 10-by-10-foot space for vendors is \$15. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. The society will sell donated items inside the school.

SENIOR HEALTH LECTURE
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Dr. Bharata Srivastava present a series of free lectures devoted to seniors and their health. The next lecture is 1-2 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. Call (734) 453-1540.

CRATERS NEEDED
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet with two chairs and one 6- or 8-foot table available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

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

ADOPT A DUCK
The first-ever "Great Canton Duck Derby" is fast approaching. Participants now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Location in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-4549.

SUPPORT GROUPS
CAMP MONARCH
The "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice sponsors 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. However, Camp Monarch is open to every family regardless of its ability to pay. Call (734) 464-7810.

DISCIPLES OF LOVE
The Disciples of Love Prayer Group will have a potluck picnic 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia. All prayers groups are welcome, and participants should bring their friendship and a dish to pass. For more information, call Geri Soelz at (734) 8906 or Paul Tetrault at (734) 462-0344.

QUEST SPEAKER
Deacon Bruce Simpson, a Catholic evangelist from Florida, will be guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group's meeting beginning 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the University Center. The public is welcome. Call Cecile at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

VOICE OF PRAISE
Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne. The group of 12 singers from the Gardendale Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., will perform traditional, gospel, old-time gospel, contemporary and a capella music. The group is directed by David Dale, minister of music at the Lexington church. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-7410.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

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313-532-8655

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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
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421-8451

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YWCA seeks nominations for achievement awards

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon, presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

The awards luncheon will be noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives.

Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County

and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nomination in one of six categories:

- The arts/communication award honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.
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- The volunteer service award honors women who have made significant contributions to their community through their volunteer efforts.
- The young woman award honors young women ages 16-23 who have demonstrated leadership qualities, services to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. A one-page narrative, outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements, along with a biographical sketch (two-page maximum), can be sent to Debbie Miller, Women of Achievement Luncheon, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster 48141.

For more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bertal-Schou

Dr. John Bertal and Dr. Diane Darlene Schou of Cedar Falls, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with renewal of their vows with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on June 22, 1974, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Reeves

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The couple exchanged vows on 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 members at Niagara Falls.

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

The Hilliards have six children - Marie Harrington, Debbie Noe, Michelle Loveland, Diane Hilliard, Carol Bergin and Annette Hilliard - and six grandchildren.

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

mouth. She is the former Diane Darlene Wheeler of Plymouth.

They have one son, Paul Bertal Schou of Cedar Falls.

He is president and co-owner of Agricultural Custom Research Experimental Service (ACRES). She also is co-owner of Agricultural Custom Experimental Services (ACRES) and has her own consulting business, AIMM.

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Winning team

At golf outing: Carl Simms (left), Ed Mohlman, Jason Flynn and Dan Cornwell from Cambridge Services walked away with first place at the "Smiles for Children" charity golf tournament June 17 at the Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The club's board of directors designated \$20,000 from the annual benefit for the infant hearing screening program in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ABUNDANT LIFE
Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church, 2140 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at \$20 for a 6-foot table. For more information, call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

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

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore Catholic Church is

looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental

available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-

by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. For an application, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH
Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

ST. VALENTINE
Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

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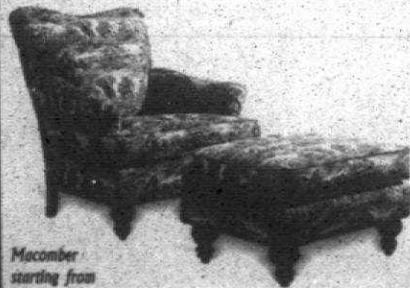
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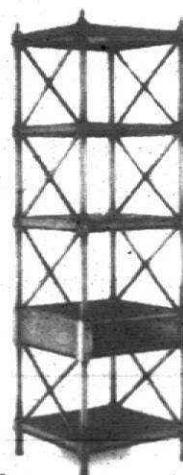


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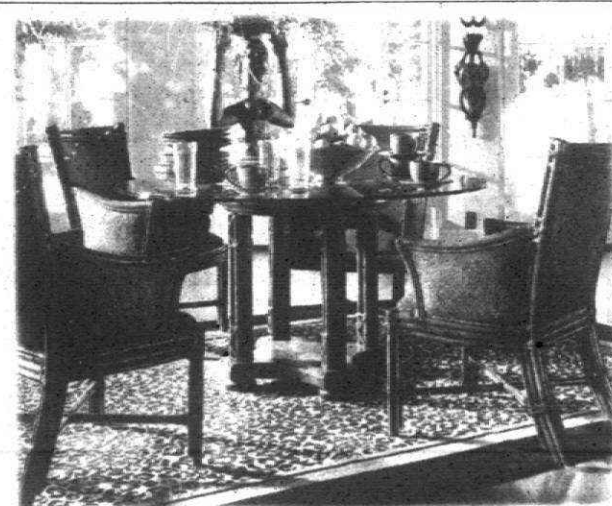
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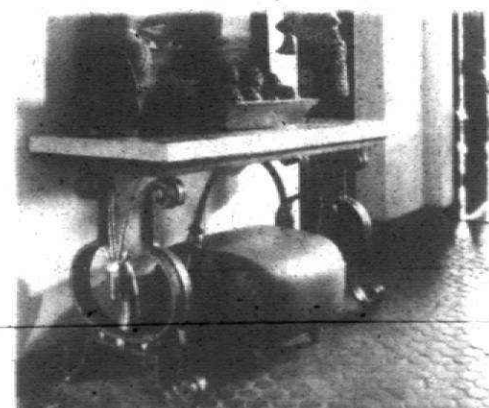
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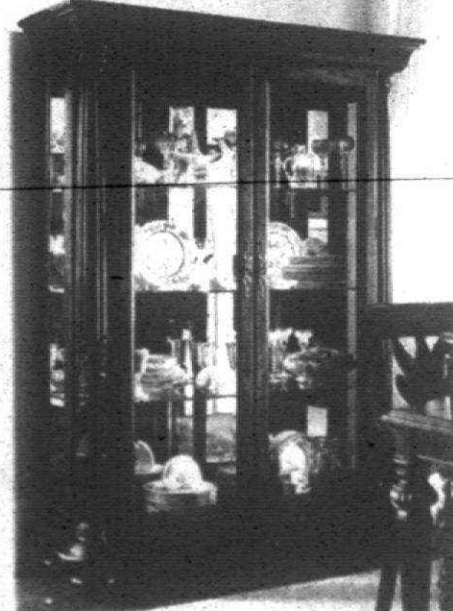
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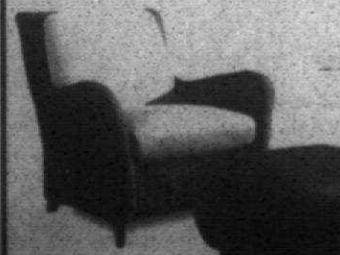
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Long drive winners

There's still one chance left to win a trip to Mesquite, Nevada and the RE/MAX National Long Drive Championship Oct. 20-23. But first things first, and first you've got to get to the district round of competition, which will be Sept. 25 in Hudson, Ohio.

Last Saturday in the first of two local sectional qualifiers at the Highland Golf Center in Highland, three golfers earned a spot in the district round of competition. Karl Lindh, of Canton, was the winner in the Open Division with a drive of 333-yards, 1-foot, 9-inches; placing second in the Open Division was Al McFarland of Westland with a drive of 312-yards, 1-inch.

Paul Rigsby of Highland took top honors in the Senior Division (55-and-over) with a drive of 279-yards, 2-feet, 1-inch.

The sectional was hosted by former Livonia Stevenson HS graduate Rob Peters. Peters said another will be held Aug. 14, again at Highland Golf Center (located on Lone Tree, west of Milford and across from Milford HS). A total of \$250,000 is up for grabs at the Nationals in October, with a \$75,000 first prize.

Tournament champs

The Michigan United States Specialty Sports Association Girls State Fast Pitch Tournament was hosted by the Canton Softball Center last weekend, with champions crowned in four age divisions. A total of 45 teams competed.

Here are the winners:

•**19-and-under division** — Bay City Classics (Essexville) over Finesse (Westland) in the title game;

•**16-and-under** — Rage (Portage) over Computware Orange (West Bloomfield);

•**14-and-under** — Finesse (Macomb) over Finesse White (Howell);

•**12-and-under** — Motor City Madness (Novi) over Plymouth Canton Thunderbirds (Canton).

Wings win again

The Canton Wings under-9 boys soccer team completed a clean sweep by collecting their second-straight championship. The Wings were a combined 17-2-1 for the fall and spring seasons, placing first both times.

Team members are Steven Betts, Michael Ciuffoletti, Phillip Creed, Ryan Fleisher, Bradley Harbison, Kyle Justus, Nick LaPorte, Matt Lewandowski, Dajon Mingo, Todd Peterson, Jerry Pitts, Kyle Sanders and Caleb Thompson. The team was coached by Greg Sanders, Kris Sanders and Ron Moise.

Oaks qualify

Team Mater, one of four teams divided from the Canton Oaks under-10 select soccer team for the 3v.3 soccer tournament in Birmingham, placed third in their division to qualify for the 3v.3 regionals later this year in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brandon Roberts, Eric Piowar, Robert Mater, Ryan Neu and Nicholas Plescia were members of Team Mater, which was coached by Chuck Thomas and Greg Sanders. Of the four teams (20 players) derived from the Oaks for the Birmingham tournament, three advanced to the second round of play.

Holes-in-One

•Joseph Lopata, of Canton, knocked down a hole-in-one on May 28 on the 14th hole at Falukwood Shores Golf Course in Howell. Lopata used a seven-wood to get his ace on the 172-yard par-three.

•Jerry Grady, of Canton, got an ace at The Majestic at Lake Walden Golf Course in Hartland on July 13. Grady got his hole-in-one on the par-three, 196-yard 16th hole, using a five-iron.

Keeper needed

An under-13 boys select soccer team playing in a Little Caesars division is searching for a keeper. Boys born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987 are eligible.

For more information, please call (734) 454-9072.

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.

Knights dash Lightning

The Livonia Knights moved a step closer to clinching the National League championship in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League by sweeping the Plymouth Lightning in a double-header Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, 3-2 and 8-3.

The Knights, who play a twinbill tonight at Churchill against the Canton Cobras, are now 12-2 in league play. They need a win to clinch at least a tie and a sweep to win the title outright.

The Lightning finished their schedule at 13-3.

A three-run fifth inning and the one-hit pitching of Meghan Misiak gave the Knights a one-run triumph in the opener.

Jenny Long and Sallie Kuratko both walked and Carly George delivered an RBI single to bring home the first Knights' run.

Christine Fones' fielders choice groundout sent Kuratko home and Sheila Gillies' sacrifice fly scored George.

The Salem-based Lightning also tallied both of its runs in the fifth.

Losing pitcher Amanda Sutton had a lead-off single. Two Knights errors followed, bringing home Sutton and Shae Potocki.

Misiak pitched seven strong innings to earn the victory. She struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Sutton, meanwhile, struck out six and walked three. She allowed four hits.

The Knights completed the sweep in the nightcap as Kuratko collected two hits and George added a two-run single to key a three-run fifth inning.

The Knights, who out-hit the Lightning 8-4, also tallied three runs in the first, one in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Winning pitcher Stacy Newcombe struck out one, walked two and hit three batters.

Losing pitcher Liz Dekarske fanned two and walked two. She also had an RBI single.

Lasers 17-15, Thunder 2-8: Also on Tuesday, the Livonia Lasers (10-4) rolled to a double-header sweep of the visiting Plymouth Thunder at Franklin High School.

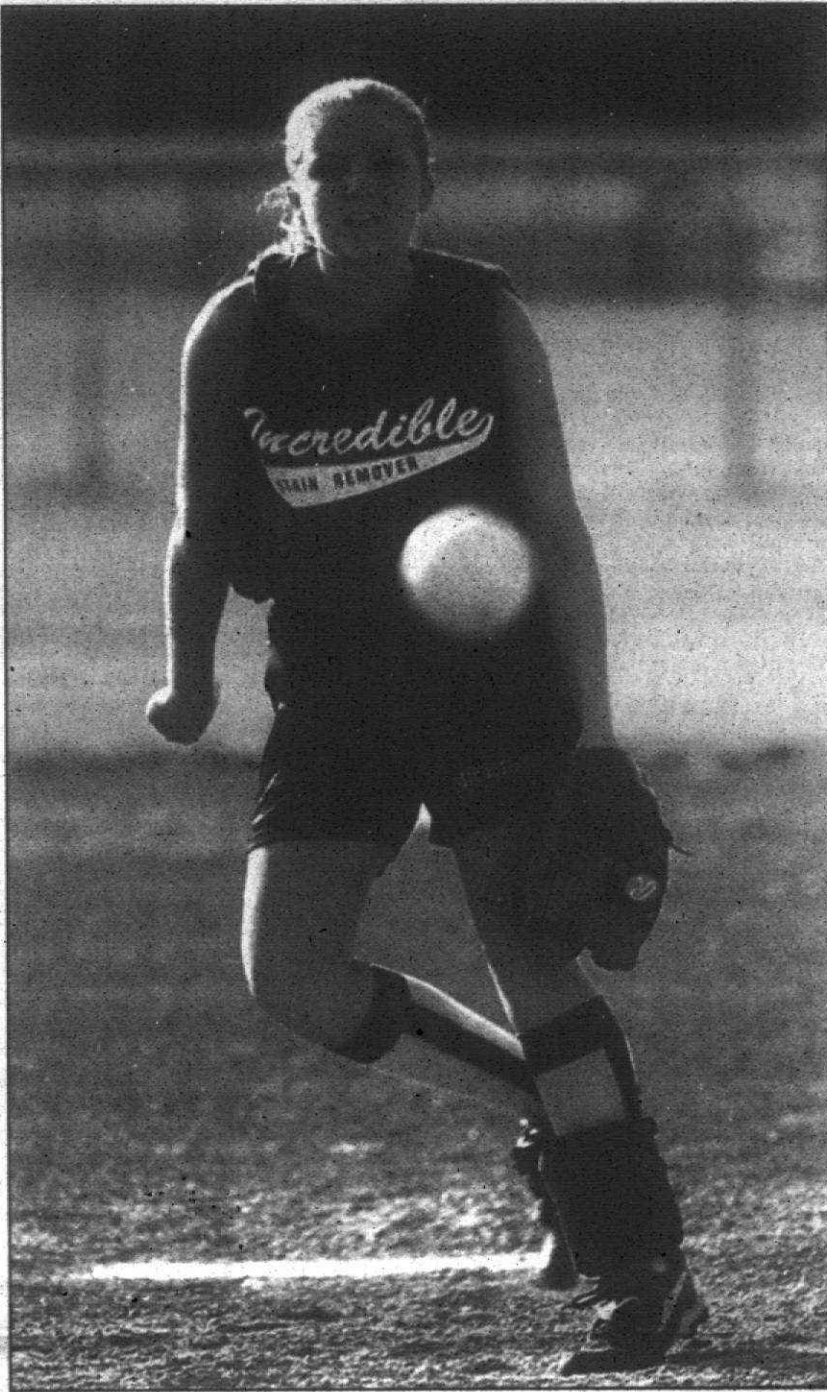
The first game went just four innings.

Jamie Linden, Kerstin Marshall, Kendra Andrews, Shari Drayer and Sara Knopsnider each collected two hits in the opener.

Andrews got things rolling with a two-run double in the first inning.

Knopsnider also had an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Nicole Zabkiewicz allowed just one hit (to Tudor). She struck out four and walked four in four



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Tough loss: Lightning ace Amanda Sutton surrendered just four hits and three walks while striking out six, and she singled and scored a run — but it wasn't quite enough for a victory.

innings.

She also got the win in the nightcap, tossing a three-hitter over five innings. She scattered eight walks.

Zabkiewicz also had a two-run double in the first inning, while Linden and Jeanette Bertrand each finished

with two hits and one RBI apiece.

•**ALL-STAR GAME:** The Incredible Girls Fastpitch League American and National League All-Star games will be at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, Saturday at Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

Bulldogs on top in MSHL

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The Bulldogs re-captured the top spot in the Metro Summer Hockey League, at least temporarily, by scoring the first six goals of Tuesday's game against the Wildcats en route to an 11-5 triumph at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The 'Dogs improved to 7-2-1, one point better than the Huskies (7-3-0). The Wildcats slipped to 5-5-0.

Eric Bratcher and Kevin Swider

SUMMER HOCKEY

(from Livonia) propelled the Bulldogs to the victory. Bratcher had four goals and three assists; Swider collected two goals and five assists.

Adam Krug (Livonia) added a goal and two assists, and Corey Swider (Livonia), Matt Prater, Brad Yonemura (Garden City) and Brian Halas (Canton) each had a goal and an assist. Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) chipped in with two assists.

Phil Osaer (Livonia) and Ted Martens divided time in goal for the 'Dogs.

Sean Kass picked up two goals and an assist for the 'Cats, and Tad Patterson (Canton) had two goals. Darrin Silvester finished with a goal and an assist, and Vic DeCina (Canton) had two assists.

Aaron Jones (Troy) was in goal for the Wildcats.

The MSHL season is entering its final weekend of regular-season play.

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Building a program Lady Ocelots still looking strong

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Take a lot of time in trying to describe just how things have changed with the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team. Get into the details, debate the reasons, give credit to every source imaginable, from the administration to the players.

Know what? It won't really matter. Because all that really matters is realizing that things have changed. They are better.

When Bill Tolstedt took over as coach just prior to the 1997 season, the team he inherited was a mish-mash of leftover players. "It was a unique experience, one that I don't want to repeat," Tolstedt recalled. Finding 11 players to put on the field wasn't always easy.

But the Lady Ocelots managed.

RECRUITING

After a 1-5-1 start, they jelled and finished that season at 8-8-1.

Last year, Tolstedt — with a full year to devote to the program — put together a more formidable squad. SC eventually moved up to the No. 12 ranking in the NJCAA, and the Ocelots finished with a 13-4-1 record.

Things figure to be even better this season. And how can one assume such a thing? Because not only does Tolstedt have a full complement of players once again, he's actually making cuts. Some of those who played on his team last season won't return, simply because the new recruits are better.

"We've upgraded ourselves," Tolstedt said in evaluating his roster

for the 1999 campaign, which kicks off Aug. 10 with the opening of practice.

He can say that after losing such stars as midfielders Annie Hagenah (to Madonna University), Julie Majewski (to Western Michigan University) and Lisa Tolstedt (to Indiana Institute of Technology), forward Dawn Koontz (to Indiana Institute of Technology), and defender Dianna Dean (to WMU or Indiana University), among others. All will continue playing at their new schools.

Even though so much is gone — Tolstedt has seven returnees — the SC coach is optimistic this season's squad will be even better. That's because, although they've "lost a lot of offensive punch from last year's team," they still "have a lot of tal-

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FOOTBALL

Twisters are raring to go

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The Wayne County Twisters, entering their third season in the Lake Shores Semi-Professional Football League, appear to be more than ready for Saturday's season opener against the Fremont, Ohio Stallions.

Game time is 3:30 p.m. at Academy of Detroit (formerly Cherry Hill High School).

The Twisters, sporting a 52-man roster, have put in 34 practice days since mid-March along with a two-hour scrimmage recently against the Monroe Timberwolves.

"You've got to be in shape or you'll get hurt easily," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. "We spend about 35 percent of our practice time conditioning. That limits injuries."

Coming off an 8-3 season from a year ago, the Twisters may have their most talented and deep team since Brothers started the program in 1997. The Twisters went 9-2 in their inaugural season.

These players, who range in age from 19 to 34 and in weigh anywhere from 155 to 325 pounds, simply do it for the love of the game.

Brothers pays for the jerseys and pants, but the players must provide their own equipment. Team members also sign both an injury liability waiver for the league and the team.

"We don't have any lawyers or doctors right now . . . I wish we had a doctor," Brothers said. "But we do have school teachers, law enforcement people, graphic designers and engineers."

"We usually get anywhere from 36 to 42 guys out each practice. We usually go three times a week. Sometimes we lose four, five or six players for various reasons. We have to work around weddings, funerals, vacations, jobs, schooling — you name it."

Former Westland John Glenn High player William Davey, a 30-year-old, 6-foot-5, 325-pound left tackle, missed four games last year when his Detroit Edison emergency crew was called out-of-state.

"They had that big hurricane in South Carolina and he was gone for about a month," said Brothers, who retired two years ago as a section supervisor and packaging engineer for truck operations at Ford Motor Co. "That's why we have 52 players. We try to get everybody in."

The 10-game season also includes a date Saturday, July 31 at Inkster High School against defending Lake Shore League champion the Motor City Cougars.

The league is divided up into two divisions with the Twisters a member of the North.

"Our league is really strong and

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARTLEY

Top recruit: Salem grad Kristina Senich could start at midfield for SC.

SANDLOT BASEBALL

Concealed Security captures national title

Lou Pirronello has taken several sandlot baseball teams to national tournaments, but until last weekend none came home a champion.

The Concealed Security 12-under Division of the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in thrilling fashion in Sylvania, Ohio.

The Dodgers beat Mansfield, Ohio, 10-5, in the championship game on Saturday behind the winning pitcher of Chris Rusin (Canton).

The players threw their gloves in the air like the Red Wings did with their sticks after winning the Stanley Cup, and managed to pick them up, too. Pirronello said the closest any of his teams came in the past was a fourth-place showing last year at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

"It was a good celebration and I don't think anyone left anything behind," Pirronello said. "What made the whole thing happen was the cooperation of everyone, from players to coaches and parents."

The Dodgers, 66-13 overall after recording a 4-1 record at the national tournament, return to the CABA World Series, which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb.

Rusin, who had two pitching victories, struck out five in the

championship game. Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield), named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, had a double and one RBI. Scott Szpyka (Orchard Lake) had three hits and two RBIs and finished with the tournament-best .733 batting average.

"Coach (Al) Shay dubbed him Mr. July," Pirronello said. "That's two World Series in a row he's picked his game up a notch, defensively and offensively. Hitting .733 against pitching like that... your average usually goes down."

"Bill Szpyka (Scott's father) spends endless hours giving those two batting practices. They're buddies and their success has to do with him working with them."

Rusin, Eric Drieselmann (Garden City) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) also collected two hits each.

Concealed scored all its runs in the first three innings, five in the first.

The Dodgers earned their way into the final with a 10-9 win over Joliet, Ill., in the semifinals.

Richard had three hits and four RBIs and Shay, who earned the save with two-thirds of an inning of clutch pitching, collected two hits.

Andrew Stafford and Alan Hagedorn (Westland) also con-



National champs: Concealed Security's 12-under team with its trophy. Front row, from left to right, Alan Hagedorn, Joey Levic, Andrew Stafford, Lance Latkiewicz, Jeff Richard and Matt Rodeghier; middle row, left to right, Scott Szpyka, Steve Karchefski, Eric Drieselmann, Mark Pirronello, Eric Wojtkofsky and Chris Rusin (of Canton); top row, from left to right, coaches Larry Wojtkofsky, Al Shay and Lou Pirronello, and Ryan Shay.

tributed two hits as did Eric Wojtkofsky (Wayne), bravely playing designated hitter despite wearing a cast on one of his hands.

Drieselmann was the starting

pitcher and pitched well into the seventh, according to Pirronello.

Defense played a role in helping the Dodgers get to the championship round.

Concealed opened the tournament with a 13-12 win over Baltimore, a team previously undefeated in 60 games.

Rusin was the winning pitcher, scattering 12 hits with six strikeouts and three walks in five innings. Shay earned the save, allowing one hit and a walk in one inning.

Rusin also helped at the plate with two hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Szpyka was 3-for-3 with three RBIs.

Mark Pirronello (Livonia) made a diving catch in the sixth inning with a runner on second base to help save the win. Baltimore was the team that eliminated Concealed from last year's CABA World Series.

That gave the Dodgers momentum heading into the second game against Lenox, Ill. The Dodgers mercied this team in the regional and would eventually beat it in the championship game, but this game had a different ending.

Concealed lost for the first time, 8-4, to New Lenox as Joey Patlevik suffered the loss on the mound.

Rusin had two hits, including a triple, and an RBI. Szpyka was 3-for-3 with three RBIs.

"We were so sky high after (beating) Baltimore, then played a night game against New Lenox, the team we beat in the regional, and they beat us," Pirronello said. "We didn't feel good at all about that."

That set up a must-win situation for Concealed against Mansfield, Ohio, in the final game of pool play. Concealed responded with a 6-5 win to advance to the semifinals.

Shay tossed a six-hitter with nine strikeouts and only two walks to earn the pitching victory.

Shay also helped his cause with three hits, including two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Stafford, Rusin and Szpyka had two hits each.

Stafford also came up with the defensive play of the game, going into the hole at shortstop to fetch a grounder with runners at second and third and two outs.

"If he doesn't make that play, we don't advance," Pirronello said. "Same with Mark's catch against Baltimore."

Pirronello said the Dodgers will carry a bigger reputation into this year's CABA World Series than last.

"I don't know if this makes us a favorite," Pirronello said. "People definitely know who we are. Stuff goes on the internet, we did well last year. We were the last team to fall out of the winner's bracket last year."

Pirronello and Al Shay are joined on the coaching staff by Pat Rusin and Larry Wojtkofsky. The team's roster also includes Steve Karchefski, Lance Latkiewicz and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills).

Jeremy Shay (Garden City) and Tyler Rusin (Canton) are bat boys.

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All seven teams will make the playoffs, but because of the odd number of teams, the Huskies will play one extra regular-season game and then sit out the first round of the playoffs.

The regular season ends Sunday, the first game of the playoffs is Monday, with the next two on Tuesday and single games on Wednesday and Thursday. The MSHL championship will be played at 8 p.m. Aug. 1; all games will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Broncos 9, Wolverines 1: The Broncos moved into a tie for third place at the expense of the Wolverines (now 3-7-0), who sank closer to the MSHL's cellar with Tuesday's loss at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) paced the Bronco attack with three goals and three assists. Scott Marlinga and Nick Field added a goal and two assists apiece, and Joe Jones and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) had a goal and an assist each. Baron Becker and Scott Kale also scored goals. Will Hamele and Rick Marnon (Canton) split time in goal for the Broncos, who are now 4-4-2. Matt Krupa scored the Wolverines' goal. Mike O'Keefe (Redford) was in goal.

Huskies 16, Spartans 5: A poor third period had cost the Huskies on Sunday night. They weren't about to compound that mistake with a bad start on Monday.

The Huskies poured in 13 goals in the first two periods against their MSHL foe, the Spartans, Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Pietila accounted for nine of the 16 goals, and John Pietila was responsible for five of those; he also had two assists. Phil Pietila added two goals and two assists, Ron Pietila had a goal and three assists, and Glen Pietila netted a goal and one assist.

Other Huskie scorers were Jay Storm, with two goals; Dwight Helminen, with a goal and four assists; Ben Blackwood and Kyle

Jones, each with a goal and three assists; Jim Tudor (Canton), with a goal and two assists; and Eric Jones, with a goal and an assist. Frank Bourbonais added three assists, and Keith Pietila had two assists.

Art Baker was in goal for the Huskies. The Spartans got a goal and three assists from Jason Lawmaster (Westland), and a goal and two assists from Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills). Mike Porter (Catholic Central) added a goal and an assist, and Chris Powrozniak (Redford) and Pete Mazzoni each had goals. Eric Pagel (Redford) and Tom McNeil (Plymouth) were in goal for the Spartans.

Wildcats 15, Huskies 12: And everything seemed to be going so well, at least for the Huskies.

After all, they had just managed to take over first place in the MSHL at the end of last week, and in their game against the Wildcats Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center they had opened up a 10-7 lead after two periods. But then things started to go awry.

The 'Cats scored five consecutive goals in a 9-22 span to turn things around and, even after the Huskies recovered and managed to re-tie it with 3-48 left, the momentum could not be shifted. The Wildcats added three goals in the final 1:46 — two by Brent Bessey — to surpass the 500-mark in the MSHL standings.

Sean Kass, who was leading the league in scoring entering this week's action, added four goals and five assists to his total for the 'Cats. Brent Thomas was their other leader on offense, pouring in five goals and adding three assists, while Bessey finished with three goals and an assist and Darrin Silvester netted a goal and four assists. Shaun Harrington (Livonia) contributed a goal and an assist, Daryl Schimmelpenneg (Canton) had a goal, and Jeremy Motz collected two assists.

The Huskies got four goals and

three assists from Phil Pietila. Dwight Helminen added two goals and three assists, Glen Pietila totaled two goals and two assists, Ben Blackwood had a goal and three assists, Jim Tudor (Canton) a goal and two assists, Ron Pietila a goal and an assist, John Pietila got five assists and Kyle Jones scored a goal.

Thomas Monnier (Redford Catholic Central) played goal for the 'Cats. Art Baker was in the net for the Huskies.

Broncos 8, Lakers 5: The Broncos opened up a 6-2 lead through two periods and held on against the Lakers in an MSHL game Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills) led the Bronco attack with two goals and two assists; Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) added two goals and one assist while Nick Field collected a goal and two assists and Tony Keshishian (Plymouth) got a goal and an assist. Other Bronco goals were scored by Gord Statham and Mike Mattila.

Rick Marnon (Canton) and Will Hamele split time in goal for the Broncos.

The Lakers got one goal and two assists from Nick Jardine (Bloomfield Hills); Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) and Nick Anselm (Canton) each added a goal and an assist, and Eric Doleah (Farmington Hills) and Jeremy Majszak (Canton) both scored goals.

Brandon Hothem (Troy) and Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) divided time in goal for the Lakers.

Bulldogs 20, Wolverines 5: This MSHL game was over almost from the drop of the puck.

The Bulldogs scored six unanswered goals in the opening period and had a lead of at least five goals the remainder of the game Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Kevin Swider (Livonia) did most of the damage for the 'Dogs, riddling the Wolverines for seven goals and five



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Point-producer: Dwight Helminen collected a goal and four assists in the Huskies' win over the Spartans.

assists. Eric Bratcher was nearly as tough, collecting three goals and eight assists.

Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) added three goals and two assists, Adam Krug (Livonia) had two goals and an assist, Brian Hajas (Canton) got a goal and three assists, Corey Swider (Livonia) chipped in with a goal and two assists, and Brad Yonemura (Garden City), Andy

Domzalski (Livonia) and Nick Martens each notched a goal and an assist.

Phil Osaer (Livonia) was in goal for the Bulldogs. The Wolverines got two goals and an assist from Eric Hawkins (Redford Catholic Central) and a goal and an assist from Jim Wheaton (Plymouth). Brad Ford (Canton) and Todd Bentley (Farmington Hills/Catholic Cen-

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 20)				
Bulldogs	7	2	1	15
Huskies	7	3	0	14
Wildcats	5	5	0	10
Lakers	4	4	2	10
Broncos	4	4	2	10
Wolverines	3	7	0	6
Spartans	1	6	3	5

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 15)				
Name (team)	G	A	Pts	
Sean Kass (Wildcats)	23	11	34	
Brian Jardine (Lakers)	14	15	29	
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	10	16	26	
Jim Tudor (Huskies)	16	9	25	
Darrin Silvester (Wildcats)	7	18	25	
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	16	7	23	
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	11	11	22	
John Pietila (Huskies)	12	9	21	
Eric Doleah (Lakers)	12	7	19	
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	12	7	19	
Phil Pietila (Huskies)	10	9	19	
Dwight Helminen (Huskies)	8	10	18	
Kirkor Arman (Wolverines)	5	13	18	
K. McNeilance (Broncos)	12	5	17	
Ben Blackwood (Huskies)	9	8	17	
Glen Pietila (Huskies)	4	12	16	

LEADING GOALTENDERS (Through July 15)				
Name (team)	GA	Avg.		
Phil Osaer (Bulldogs)	9	3.57		
J.J. Weale (Huskies)	17	4.29		
Art Baker (Huskies)	12	5.15		
Rick Marnon (Broncos)	28	5.55		
Brandon Hothem (Lakers)	23	5.70		
Will Hamele (Spartans)	17	5.74		
Ted Martens (Bulldogs)	23	6.61		

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ent coming in." The one area of concern for Tolstedt after last season was in goal. "My sense was, if we had a problem anywhere on the field, it was in goal," he said. "I knew we were suspect in that area."

Shannon Brooks will return from last year's team, but she'll face competition for the starting job from Kerrie LaPorte, who played at Livonia Churchill, and Wendy Jacobs, a 1998 graduate of South Lyon HS. Their addition give SC quality depth, something new goalkeeper coach Bob Roland will be impressed to develop. With the losses at midfield, one would think Tolstedt would be concerned. But the additions have allayed those fears.

Kelly Connell, from Plymouth Canton, and Kristina Senich, from Plymouth Salem, are "both strong players. They're going to be big pluses for us."

Indeed, Tolstedt is expecting both to step in and start. But they'll still have to earn it — because there is plenty of competition.

"I've always had a real strong propensity toward midfield play," the SC coach said. "I think we have the players there to keep us strong at that position."

Tolstedt has several new players who can move easily between the defense and attack. Like Lisa Abadi, an all-district player and team MVP at Dearborn Fordson; Mary Moore, another all-conference stand-out and team MVP at Taylor Truman; Danielle Shaffer, who signed with SC out of Linden last year but had a year-old ankle fracture that kept her

out of action; Sarah Gregory, a Plymouth native who played midfield at Dearborn Divine Child together with Sandy Burdick; another SC signer who was all-league and all-city, and Emily Alford, a forward/midfielder from Livonia Clarenceville, a school without a girls soccer team.

"She's going to be a real surprise," Tolstedt said of Alford. He had been tipped off about her after last fall, when Alford played club soccer for the Redford Blue Stars. "I saw her play for us indoors, and was very impressed," Tolstedt said. "She's very strong physically and very strong tactically, and she can protect the ball."

Other recruits, like Abadi, Moore and sweeper Regina Bander (from Farmington Harrison), possess "good skills and lots of enthusiasm," said Tolstedt. "They have a lot of intensity." Bander could develop into another Marina Vasquez, a Farmington HS grad who became SC's most improved player last season and is expected to challenge for a starter's role this fall.

As for Gregory, she "has a good understanding of the tactical aspects of the game," Tolstedt explained, then added, "And she has lots of speed."

What SC will have this season is defensive experience, which should give the seasoners a bit of time to cogitate as a unit. But don't take too much time developing — as Tolstedt said, "You know, I've got 15 candidates for the 2000 season already. Let's already gotten back."

There seems to be just one direction this program knows, and that's where it's heading.



Unbeatable: The Canton Conquest under-12 girls soccer team finished 12-0-0 in league play and won two tournaments, giving them a perfect 19-0-0 season. Team members are: *laying down, keeper Alicia Hay; front row, left to right, Katie Polera, Bailey Fagan, Colette Filman, Amy Fizick, Megan McCarthy, Molly Priebe, Erica Arndt, standing, left to right, coach Taylor Foley, Jennifer Little, Brittany Armstrong, Katie Raker, Nicole Hardy, Kristen Boylan, Andrea Johnson and coach John Johnson.*

Bublitz leads Clarenceville team at Flag City Invitational

Joe Bublitz of the Clarenceville Swim Club went six-for-six, not a bad average for first place finishes at the Flag City Invitational age-group meet held recently in Findlay, Ohio.

Bublitz, an All-Observer pick from Livonia Stevenson, took high-point honors for Boys 15-16. He also was on two first-place relays.

He posted a record-breaking performance in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:19.94. Other firsts came in the 100 butterfly (1:04.37), 100 freestyle (58.39), 50 freestyle (26.27), 200 freestyle (2:09.46), 100 backstroke (1:07.26) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.02).

Teammate Brett Meonis was runner-up for high point honors in the Boys 15-16 division after taking seconds in the 400 freestyle (4:43.13), 100 butterfly (1:10.79), 200 freestyle (2:12.13) and 100 backstroke (1:11.78). He also added a third in the 200 IM

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Michael Porth: first, 200 freestyle (2:03.83); 400 IM (5:04.66); second, 400 freestyle (4:28.33); 200 IM (2:25.92); 1,500 freestyle (17:52.71).

Nick Sosnowski: second, 200 backstroke (2:23.96); 100 butterfly (1:05.37); 200 freestyle (2:05.99); 100 backstroke (1:08.84); third, 1,500 freestyle (18:04.82); 400 freestyle (4:29.18).

Ted Burmeister: first, 200 breaststroke (2:44.93); second, 100 breaststroke (1:16.74).

SENIOR GIRLS
Rebecca Noehle: third, 200 butterfly (2:47.13); 100 butterfly (1:15.94).

BOYS 15-16
Michael Nemer: third, 100 breaststroke (1:23.33).

GIRLS 13-14
Stephanie Cummings: first, 200 backstroke (2:45.22); third, 100 backstroke (1:17.26).

GIRLS 11-12
Kathryn Kusoplos: second, 200 freestyle (2:40.29); third, 50 backstroke (39.09).

Courtney Green: second, 50 breaststroke (42.43).

OTHER C'VILLE FINISHERS
SENIOR BOYS

Jeffrey Pauze: second, 50 backstroke (41.51); 100 backstroke (1:33.45); third, 50 freestyle (38.03).

GIRLS 9-10
Mara Loniewski: first, 50 backstroke (42.22); 50 freestyle (34.83); second, 100 backstroke (1:31.44); second, 100 freestyle (1:16.42); third, 50 breaststroke (46.87); third, 200 IM (3:22.67).

Carly Burgo: first, 200 freestyle (2:45.15); third, 50 freestyle (36.01); 100 freestyle (1:16.51).

C'VILLE RELAY WINNERS
Senior Boys: Michael Port, Brett Meonis, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk — 800 freestyle (8:37.63); 800 medley (4:27.37).

Boys 15-16: Joe Bublitz, Brett Meonis, Michael Nemer and Jon Burmeister — 400 freestyle (4:20.91); Bublitz, Meonis, Nemer and Justin Ketterer, 400 medley (4:51.41).

Girls 11-12: Julie Ward, Courtney Green, Kathryn Kusoplos and Allison Goldsmith, 200 freestyle (2:13.15); 200 medley (2:31.51).

Girls 10-and-under: Mara Loniewski, Carly Burgo, Kristina Nawas and Anna Polkowski, 200 freestyle (2:25.25).

REGION V JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

July 8-11 at Plymouth Canton HS
(Due to technical difficulties, all of the results from the Region V meet were not immediately available. The following are the results from events held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 8-11.)

Thursday, July 8

Young women's (17-18 years old) pentathlon: 1. Tanya Jones (Ohio Assoc.), 3,902 points; 2. Rachelle Wardell (Lake Erie Assoc.), 3,769 points; 3. Akeya Terrell (Flying J's) — 3,513 points.

Intermediate girls (15-16 years old) pentathlon: 1. Desiree Jones (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,365 points; 2. Ahimsa Hodari (Ohio Assoc.) — 3,839 points; 3. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.) — 3,766 points.

Intermediate boys decathlon: 1. Eli White (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,428 points; 2. Justin Conly (Ohio Assoc.) — 4,192 points.

Friday, July 9

Youth girls (13-14 years old) pentathlon: 1. Jasmine Rogers (Ohio Assoc.) — 2,061 points.

Saturday, July 10

Intermediate girls
100-meters: 1. Lauren Williams (Detroit Cheatech TC), 12:01; 2. Katrice Walton (Maximum Output), 12:29; 3. Angel Dooley (Capitol City Stars), 12:33.

200-meters: 1. Katrice Walton (Maximum Output), 24:69; 2. Jennifer Lawson (Maximum Output), 24:90; 3. Latoshia Jollett (Detroit Cheatech TC), 25:15.

400-meters: 1. Jennifer Lawson (Maximum Output), 58:05; 2. Andrea Ulewellyn (Lake Erie Assoc.), 1:00:65; 3. Francesca Dorsey (Ohio Assoc.), 1:00:73.

800-meters: 1. Lauren Dozier (Swift TC), 2:27:10; 2. Gina Muzone (Main Attraction TC), 2:27:57; 3. Francesca Dorsey (Ohio Assoc.), 2:28:12.

1,500-meters: 1. Brittny Vollmar (Ohio Assoc.), 4:58:00; 2. Tera Duff (Miami Valley TC), 5:11:02; 3. Jennifer McKellar (Ohio Assoc.), 5:11:02.

3,000-meters: 1. Brittny Vollmar (Ohio Assoc.), 11:20:36; 2. Lisa Benjamin (Ohio Assoc.), 11:48:47; 3. Amanda Husted (Miami Valley TC), 12:17:99.

3000-meter race-walk: 1. Samantha Whetterholt (Miami Valley TC), 21:17:09.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Amanda Mullins-Hall (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 14:86; 2. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.), 15:03; 3. Courtney Johnson (Ohio Assoc.), 15:20.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Jillian Brown (Ohio Assoc.), 1:10:54; 2. Amanda Mullins-Hall (Cincinnati All-stars TC), 1:12:94; 3. Laniese Lucky (Ohio Assoc.), 1:15:55.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Detroit Cheatech TC, 48:83; 2. Maximum Output, 48:91; 3. Capitol City Stars, 50:72.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 4:03:90; 2. Main Attraction TC, 4:05:35; 3. Massie Heat TC, 4:27:24.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Miami Valley TC, 11:46:07; 2. Eastside Pride TC, 12:08:31; 3. High Jump, 12:08:31.

4x1600-meter relay: 1. Heather Byrne (Ohio Assoc.), 4:11; 2. Katie Young (Ohio Assoc.), 4:17.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Wise (Michigan Assoc.).

Long jump: 1. Zakia Harris (Lake Erie Assoc.), 17:11.5; 2. Keanna Fields (Lake Erie Assoc.), 16:11.5; 3. Taylor Washington (Maximum Output), 16:10.0.

Triple jump: 1. Jillian Brown (Ohio Assoc.), 33:75; 2. Amanda Austin (Ohio Assoc.), 30:8.5; 3. Latoshia Jollett (Detroit Cheatech TC), 25:15.

Shot put: 1. Becky Breisch (Michigan Assoc.), 47:1.50; 2. Jillian Warner (Ohio Assoc.), 40:7.0; 3. Tia Jameson (Ohio Assoc.), 36:7.75.

Discus: 1. Becky Breisch (Michigan Assoc.), 141:10.0; 2. Jillian Warner (Ohio Assoc.), 125:10.0; 3. Ashley Swainston (Michigan Assoc.), 120:9.0.

Javelin: 1. Jenna Rebersdorf (Ohio Assoc.), 93:4.0; 2. Jillian Warner (Ohio Assoc.), 86:10.0; 3. Miranda Bond (Ohio Assoc.), 84:0.0.

Long jump: 1. Daffarancia Moore (Ohio Assoc.), 20:9.0; 2. Rafael Manriquez (Ohio Assoc.), 20:9.0.

100-meters: 1. Johnnie Drake (Maximum Output), 10:74; 2. Theodore Dues (Capital City Striders), 10:90; 3. Lance Galliard (Maximum Output), 10:96.

200-meters: 1. Damon Sherrill (Detroit Cheatech TC), 22:06; 2. Johnnie Drake (Maximum Output), 22:45; 3. Lance Galliard (Maximum Output), 22:68.

400-meters: 1. Damon Sherrill (Detroit Cheatech TC), 50:69; 2. Steven Tucker (Maximum Output), 52:12; 3. Quincy Edwards (Ohio Assoc.), 52:33.

800-meters: 1. Abdi Adam (Toledo Alive), 2:01:04; 2. Vershawn Miller (Swift TC), 2:03:55; 3. Stephen Powell (Ohio Assoc.), 2:04:31.

1,500-meters: 1. Manvir Gilt (Raptor TC), 4:22:75; 2. Donnie Warner (Raptor TC), 4:25:44; 3. Stephen Powell (Ohio Assoc.), 4:30:41.

3,000-meters: 1. Abdi Adam (Toledo Alive), 9:17:01; 2. Michael Montgomery (Ohio Assoc.), 9:59:72; 3. Tyler Thompson (Ohio Assoc.), 10:03:27.

3,000-meter race-walk: 1. Brian Davis (Ohio Assoc.), 17:08:80.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jason Hodges (Ohio Assoc.), 14:48; 2. Brandon Woodson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 14:98; 3. Byron Winbush (Ohio Assoc.), 15:08.

400-meter hurdles: 1. Jason Hodges (Ohio Assoc.), 58:14; 2. Byron Winbush (Ohio Assoc.), 58:62; 3. Nick Spurluck (Lane 4 TC), 1:02:66.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 43:45; 2. Unity Life Striders, 45:40; 3. Excel TC, 50:95.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 3:33:21; 2. Toledo Alive, 3:39:54; 3. Capital City Striders, 3:39:95.

High jump: 1. Brandon Woodson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 6:4.25; 2. Joshua Voorhes (Excel TC), 5:8.75; 3. Charles Goodlow (unattached), 5:8.75.

Pole vault: 1. Michael Richmond (Ohio Assoc.), 10:5.41; 2. Erica Reese (Capital City Striders), 1:08.96; 3. Joe Hall (Ohio Assoc.), 1:09:68.

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4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 3:33:21; 2. Toledo Alive, 3:39:54; 3. Capital City Striders, 3:39:95.

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4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 3:33:21; 2. Toledo Alive, 3:39:54; 3. Capital City Striders, 3:39:95.

High jump: 1. Brandon Woodson (Lake Erie Assoc.), 6:4.25; 2. Joshua Voorhes (Excel TC), 5:8.75; 3. Charles Goodlow (unattached), 5:8.75.

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4x400-meter relay: 1. Maximum Output, 3:33:21; 2. Toledo Alive, 3:39:54; 3. Capital City Striders, 3:39:95.

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Falvos: A long legacy of athletic excellence

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Wrestling and baseball only seem to go hand in hand when a better rushes the pitcher's mound.

That's not the kind of play that attracted Jack Falvo to America's Favorite Pastime so those who knew him growing up are probably wondering what turned him on to baseball and softball.

Jack was strictly a wrestler as a kid, good enough to compete at Western Michigan University after earning all-state honors at Dearborn Fordson.

It had to be his cousin, Redford Township resident Mark Falvo, formerly the Dearborn Divine Child baseball coach who is now an assistant coach at Henry Ford Community College.

Switching his allegiance, he spends springtime coaching the Farmington Hills Mercy girls softball team, on which his daughter Dana plays, and summertime coaching the Michigan Lake Area Rams 10-under team, for which his son Jonathon plays.

Joining the cousins on the Rams' coaching staff are Nick Falvo, Jack's oldest son, and Tom Whiting. The Rams, with three players from Redford and three from Farmington Hills,

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be a big difference, and boy has there been. We've gotten bigger and better, and it's a pleasure to watch."

The Rams, financed by Dan Varon, recorded a 4-1 record to win the double-elimination district.

The Rams won their first two games Thursday, starting with a 25-8 victory over the Rochester Rockies. The final score is deceiving, very deceiving.

Remarkably, the Rams scored 18 runs in the top of the sixth to turn a 7-7 score into a rout.

"They were all base hits, no gimmicks," Mark Falvo said.

The win sent the Rams into the second round where they disposed of the Detroit PAL Pirates, 38-0, a game called after four innings because of the mercy rule.

Nick Davenport led the barrage with three hits, including two doubles, and Brandon Malinowski added two hits. Tom Whiting (Farmington Hills) led the Rams with five runs.

"We were bunting in the last couple innings just to get outs," Falvo said.

The Rams started Friday with a 7-6 win over the Grand Rapids Braves, scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth to break a 6-6 tie.

The Rams suffered their first setback, 8-1, to the Saline Hornets in the next round that afternoon, but with only one loss still received a berth in the district's championship game.

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The Rams rallied impressively throughout the game.

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"They were all base hits, no gimmicks," Mark Falvo said.

The win sent the Rams into the second round where they disposed of the Detroit PAL Pirates, 38-0, a game called after four innings because of the mercy rule.

Nick Davenport led the barrage with three hits, including two doubles, and Brandon Malinowski added two hits. Tom Whiting (Farmington Hills) led the Rams with five runs.

"We were bunting in the last couple innings just to get outs," Falvo said.

The Rams started Friday with a 7-6 win over the Grand Rapids Braves, scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth to break a 6-6 tie.

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ROYAL OAK ARCHERS will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 18, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

SAFARI 3D Detroit Archers will hold a 56-target safari shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven lanes and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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CLIMBING CLASS An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

NEWBURG LAKE CIRCLE Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile walk around the "new" Newburg Lake begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 17. Participants are asked to meet at the Newburg Point Nature Area in Livonia. Call Max Nernazi at (734) 421-4397 for more information.

SLEEPY HOLLOW Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at Sleepy Hollow State Park on Sunday, July 18. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph, north of Square Lake Road, in Bloomfield Hills. Call John Kalam at (248) 681-9160 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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Hardworking, Catholic DW, 48, 5'5", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWCW, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

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Catholic DW, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

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Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad# 4444

END MY SEARCH
Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DW, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 40, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

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Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, 5'4", who enjoys long walks, dancing and more, would like to meet a SWM, 46-56, with similar interests. Ad# 5614

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Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

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Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this SWF, 33, 5'8", because she is seeking for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

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SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

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Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

IT HAS TO BE YOU
Catholic DW, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWPM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

DISCOVER ME
Catholic SWPF, 32, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-45. Ad# 1475

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Dabco ends Velluccis' run

Mentadent: top stars

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Nobody on the Dabco Tool softball team spoke of creating a dynasty like the one they eclipsed Sunday when the team won the annual Farmington Founders Festival tournament.

The Dabco Tool players were too happy celebrating their new role as 1999 champions after ending years of frustration as they watched Vellucci win five straight titles.

"We've been playing in this thing for 12 years; it's just good to finally win," said Dabco Tool pitcher Rich Fruitman, who was named the tournament's most valuable player by his teammates.

"We came up short every year. We'd always make it to Sunday and then lose to Vladimir's or Vellucci (which played under the Computware name this year)."

Dabco Tool was undefeated but lost the first game of the finals to Vladimir's, 10-9. But it rebounded with a 15-11 victory in the winner-take-all contest at Founders Park.

"The best finish we ever had was third, so it's great to finally come through and win it," Dabco Tool player/manager Jeff Temple said. "It's the first time I've been on a championship team. To win the hometown tournament is a big thrill."

Dabco Tool defeated Sand's Lounge, Greene's and Vladimir's on Saturday and then Shamrocks in the winners bracket final Sunday while Vladimir's was fighting its way through the losers bracket, knocking out defending champion Vellucci along the way.

"It was still a rough road ahead with the heat and humidity," Vladimir's manager and tournament icon Mark McDonald said. "We had three more to get to the final to win it all."

Vladimir's defeated Shamrocks, 29-12, to earn the right to face Dabco Tool in the finals, but McDonald wished there had been a mercy rule in the losers bracket final.

"We had to play seven innings when the game was out of reach after the first inning," he said. "That played on our minds, because we were all gung-ho to get it done in five and play Dabco. That wore us down a little bit."

Vladimir's led all the way in the first game of the championship round, but Dabco Tool rallied with four runs

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in the bottom of the seventh inning to steal the momentum despite losing by a run, 10-9.

"We knew we could hit eventually," Temple said. "We were still up; we really thought we could take it. I think there was more pressure on them, because they had to beat us twice."

Dabco Tool started the second game with three runs in its first at-bat. Its lead grew to 7-0 in the third inning, and it doubled with a seven-run fourth.

"What gave them confidence was they came back and made the first game closer than it should have been," McDonald said.

"That made them believe they could keep the ball rolling, and that's exactly what they did. And they sorta held their breath when we had that big inning."

With Dabco Tool ahead 15-2, Vladimir's rallied to score nine runs in the bottom of the fifth to make the game interesting.

But Vladimir's never scored again, leaving runners at the corners in the sixth and going down in order in the seventh.

"It wasn't safe by any means," said Temple of the four-run, 15-11 lead. "But, if you give a team one big inning, you can usually hold them. I still felt confident, and I'm sure all the other guys did, too."

Fruitman, who has been refining his craft since he started pitching in the intramural softball program at Michigan State University in 1982, stopped Vladimir's when he needed to. Dabco Tool had a 20-17 edge in hits.

"I wanted to throw strikes and let the guys behind me catch the ball," he said. "I was trying to throw a knuckleball and let the wind take it and bring it in over the plate."

In the final game, Dabco Tool's Buddy Pope had four straight hits and ended up 4-for-5 with four RBI; Alex Sarafin was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Rob Dace had two hits and knocked in three runs.

Dean Temple, Duane

Horecki, Bryan Bosso, Jeff Temple and Fruitman added two hits each. Pope and Dean Temple also scored three runs apiece. Horecki and Bosso had single RBI on base hits.

"We were hitting the ball a lot better this year," Jeff Temple said. "Plus, Fruity was pitching real well. He had a shutout in one game and a couple others he only gave up four or five runs. That's why we voted him the MVP of the tournament."

Vladimir's Kurt Perry was 3-for-3 and Brian Smolinski 3-for-4; Greg Tome drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a double; Dave Timmis and Dave Tome had two hits each. Dave Schultz, Perry, Mike Gibson, Mike Rudin and Dave Tome had RBI singles.

"We knew we could chip away (at the 14-0 deficit)," McDonald said. "Our mentality was 'Cut it in half and go from there.'"

"The key was when we didn't get the big two-out hit in the bottom of the sixth (with runners at the corners). (Greg Tome, who hit a flyout to center field) didn't pull the ball enough. It would've been a home run if he pulled it a little more. When we didn't get that, it sorta deflated our momentum."

In Vladimir's 10-9 win over Dabco Tool, Timmis hit a pair of RBI doubles; Dave Tome had two RBI with a double and a sacrifice fly; Rudin drove in two runs with a solo homer and a sacrifice fly. Ronnie Bol, Dave Schultz, Greg Tome and Mike Petrovich had one RBI each.

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John McEnroe won't be there, but Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg will be in action. Add such players as Mats Wilander, Yannick Noah, Mel Purcell and court comedian Mansour Bahrami and you have an attractive field of senior tennis stars.

Officials are hoping that group of aging, but still competitive and very highly recognized, tennis players will serve up plenty of entertainment this week in the fifth annual Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions tournament at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

The Mentadent Senior Tennis Circuit tournament, that is combined with the Joe Dumars Celebrity Tennis Classic, began last night and is slated to conclude Sunday afternoon with championship finals in both singles and doubles play.

The first three senior tournaments were played at the Fairlane Tennis Club in Dearborn. Officials moved the tournament to Bloomfield Hills last summer and

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the players are happy to return to the regal BOH complex this year.

"I'm looking forward to returning to Bloomfield Hills," said Connors, who lost last year's singles championship to McEnroe. "The fans love the tennis and it's always been a great place to play."

Purcell, who is currently sixth overall in the senior tour standings, is coming off a second-place finish at the recent circuit stop in New York. A former Wimbledon quarterfinalist, Purcell has been a steady performer on the senior tour like he was as a regular touring professional.

"I played three tournaments since '94, and every year since then I've averaged about eight tournaments a year so basically you can say I've pretty much been a (senior tour) regular," said Purcell, who is the head tennis coach at Murray State University (Kentucky) during the winter months.

"I got to the finals of the

New York tournament about a month ago, beating (Andres) Gomez, (Guillermo) Vilas and McEnroe, so if you hang around long enough you're going to get a few good wins. You know, some weeks the guys aren't in the best shape as they are maybe the week before just being 40 years old. Some days you wake up feeling a little stronger than others.

"I've been lucky enough to make a few hundred thousand dollars on the tour. That's something I didn't think I'd be able to do when I retired in 1990," he said. "The tour's been a good thing for everybody who's been involved."

The top-seeded Connors plays his first match 7 p.m. Friday against the winner of Thursday's match between Vilas and Johan Kriek. Connors is the senior circuit's top player and has won two of the seven domestic events this season.

Borg is scheduled to play his first-round match 1 p.m. Thursday against John Fitzgerald. Borg and fellow Swede Wilander combined to win 18 Grand Slam titles during their playing days.

Outdoors

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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.

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.

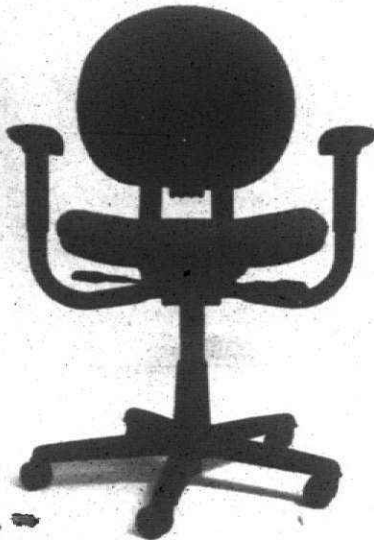
CREEPY CRAWLIES
Take a look at the amazing world of insects and other small creatures during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Maybury.

HAVEN HILL HISTORY
Learn about the park's rich cultural history and the habitat it provides during this 90-minute walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Highland.


SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST
Learn about grain harvesting and processing during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 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.



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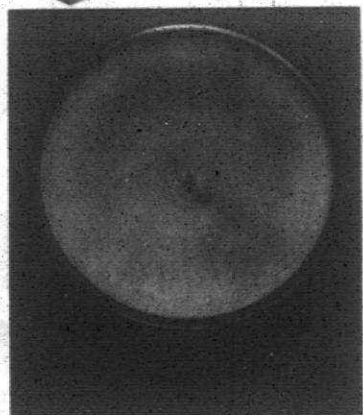
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Comedian Bill Barr performs 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, in the Canton Recreation complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Musical comedy impressionist Ron Parker will open the show. No charge; call (734) 397-5110 for information.



SATURDAY



Elizabeth Lurie of Farmington Hills will sell functional wares and this wall piece at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair on South and East University and Church streets. The fair, one of three, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by David Alan Miller, presents "A Song of Broadway" featuring vocalists Lisa Vroman and Brent Barrett 7:30 p.m., at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.



Cool jazz takes center stage at the seventh annual Birmingham JazzFest Thursday-Saturday. Free concerts will take place in the heart of downtown Birmingham at Shain Park, south of Maple Road, between Henrietta and Bates streets. Keyboardist Jeff Lorber performs 7 p.m. Saturday. Participating nearby restaurants are also featuring jazz performers. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 433-FEST. See schedule on page E4.

Musical: Brad Ellison (left to right) portrays Albert Peterson, M. Brian Ogden, Conrad Birdie, and Rebecca Hyke, Kim MacAfee, in Stagecrafters Youth Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Youth theater rocks with



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What do an Elvis-like rock-n-roll idol, his manager and secretary, an overpowering mother and a bunch of all-American kids in saddle shoes add up to? The fun, upbeat, family musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," book by Michael Steward, music by Charles Strouse, and lyrics by Lee Adams. Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is presenting seven performances of this entertaining show beginning 7 p.m. Friday, July 23. All performances are at the historic Baldwin Theater, 415 South Lafayette in Royal Oak. Additional performances are 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and Thursday through Saturday, July 29-31. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m., July 25 and Aug. 1. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youths 17 and younger. For information call (248) 541-6430. "We have a group of 36 very talented and energetic kids on stage and that many behind the scenes for this show," said director Deborah Landis-Sigler. "I'm really proud of what they're going to present to the public." "All of the actual work is being done by the kids," added youth theater chairwoman Margaret (Peg) Pierce (her daughter, Katie, is in the show). "Besides the actors on stage, the kids are also working behind the scenes on props, production, lights, sound, costumes and more. We feel it's important to give them experience in all

aspects of theater." "Bye Bye Birdie" also represents the first time Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is doing a full-fledged musical production instead of a more scaled-down children's show. "This musical is a big undertaking for these kids," Pierce of Royal Oak added. "Because of the size of the show, it's the first time we're having a youth theater production run for two weekends." Pierce, who seems to always be at the theater working at the sewing machine or putting together costumes from used clothing, has known many of the youths in the show since they were eight years old. Brad Ellison, 17, is one of these. The Royal Oak resident has acted with youth theater since he was eight. Since he graduated from Kimball High School this year, this is his last youth theater show. He plays Albert, the manager of Birdie, an Elvis-Presley-like heart-throb who's on his way to join the armed forces. Ellison is going to Oakland University in the fall, where he'll major in music theater. He's also busy rehearsing for the part of Joseph in Stagecrafters' upcoming production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although he's only 13, Justin Noroyan of Farmington Hills has many Stagecrafters productions under his belt. "I tried out for this play because I thought it would be a fun thing to do this summer," said the Warner Middle School student. He's happy with his role as the younger brother, Randolph, in the MacAfee family. "I like this role because the character is younger. He's not into the boy-girl thing yet," Noroyan said.

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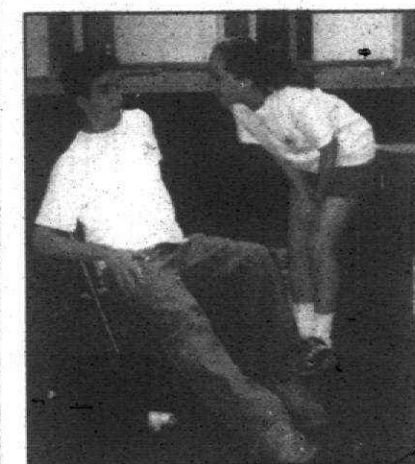
Family ties: M. Brian Ogden (on bike) portrays Conrad Birdie, who gets involved with the MacAfee family, played by Justin Noroyan (left), Brian Thibault, Shauna Mancini and Rebecca Hyke.

Young thespians 'act up' at Cranbrook

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Jessica Gorchow of Troy spent three summers studying acting at the Cranbrook Theatre School, but this year she's working in the costume department. "It was fun," said Gorchow about the summer program she attended in junior high. "It was a chance to meet kids that were not from my school. I was always interested in theater. You learn a lot through doing scenes from plays and attending classes. In the final week, you present a show. It's the best experience, it's a little stressful, but it prepared me for theater in high school."

Students in Cranbrook Theatre School's junior division, grades three through eight presented the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" July 20-21. On Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27, the senior division, grades nine-12, will present



Acting: Michael Williams and Heidi Bennett perform "The Tide that Binds" a short play by John Rutherford.

What: Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, presents "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27.
Where: Outdoor Greek Theatre, Cranbrook Campus, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.
Tickets: \$5 at the door. Call (248) 645-1576 for more information.

"Our Town." The performances are the culmination of the program that began the third week of June. Students in the junior division attend for five weeks, and the senior division six weeks.

"Students come from all over the metro area," said program director Joyce Morehouse of Bloomfield Hills. "Everyone gets a speaking part. Each child has one moment in the sun."

The philosophy is "learning by doing." Students attend classes and practice doing scenes from a variety of plays. They get a lunch break and chance to swim in Lake Jonah on campus, which is really a pool.

"We believe everyone can use theatrical skills," said Morehouse. "We're not interested in producing stars, but

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SUMMER THEATER

Shakespeare festival creates intimate outdoor setting

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The popular and critical success of Academy Award-winning "Shakespeare In Love," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the anticipation of the soon-to-be-released "Titus Andronicus" only validates what Shakespearean actors, scholars and admirers have known: The 16th-century bard from Stratford-upon-Avon with a gift for lush poetry and a turn of a phrase is eternally relevant.

The outdoor setting of this year's Michigan Shakespeare Festival, beginning tonight, and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 8, honors the tradition of theater to "reach out" past the stage and make drama accessible to anyone willing to listen.

Don't expect slick Hollywood productions. "The joy of Shakespeare is coming to terms with the language," said John Neville-Andrews, artistic director of the festival.

Set amid the rolling hills of Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, the festival is hardly along the beaten trail for metro Detroiters. Then again, Stratford, Ontario isn't exactly a spin down I-75.

The five-year-old festival, which expanded from two to three weeks this year, strives for authenticity.

What: Michigan Shakespeare Festival
When: Thursday, July 22 to Sunday, Aug. 8
Where: Ella Sharp Park, 3225 Fourth Street, Jackson
Performances:
"Hamlet" — 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Friday, 30, Sunday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 5, Saturday, Aug. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 8.
"Twelfth Night" — 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Sunday, July 25, Thursday, July 29, Saturday, July 31, Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7; 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Sunday, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8.
Tickets: \$10 and up.
For information, call (517) 788-5032
Volunteers for Shakespeare-In-The-Park
West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation needs volunteers for a Shakespeare-In-The-Park presentation of a "Midsummer Night's Dream."
The performance is scheduled 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Drake Sports Park, Drake Road south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. To volunteer, call (248) 738-2500.

Nine performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night" will be performed on a wooden stage with minimal props where the only amplification will be the sound of voices bouncing off the back stage wall. "(The Shakespeare Festival in Stratford)" started in the middle of nowhere with a few tents," said Neville-Andrews, who teaches drama at the University of Michigan, and is searching for local venues where

the plays could be performed after the festival.

"This is the way theater was performed in Shakespeare's time."

The 17-member cast will perform "close to nature," competing with the sounds of birds, planes flying overhead and hoots and hollers from a nearby baseball field. The stage is set at the bottom of a hill where actors look up at an elevated audience. The venue can seat as many as 300.

"We make it an intimate experience for our audi-

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Rebecca Hyke, 16, of Rochester Hills is playing the role of Kim, the typical American girl chosen to receive the "last kiss" from Birdie before he enters the armed forces.

"This is a fun musical to do no matter what role you have," Hyke said. "The show has good music; it's a cute story and it's

easy for all different people to relate to.

"We've worked really hard on it," added the Rochester High School junior. This is her first show with Stagecrafters.

M. Brian Ogden, 18, is playing Conrad Birdie. He gets to wear flashy costumes and sing a la

Elvis. He also performed the Birdie role in a production at Berkley High School.

"I'm having so much fun doing this show," he said. "I'm much more relaxed so I think I'm doing a better job the second time around."

Both Ogden and Dayna Jarac Dantzer, 17, of Warren who's

playing the role of Rose, are leaving for Western Michigan University in the fall. They're majoring in music theater.

Although he's got another year before he starts college, Brian Thibault, 17, of Ferndale already plans on acting being his main source of income when he's an adult. Performing Mr. MacAfee in this show, he hopes, will bring

him one more role closer to his dreams.

Other supporting characters are Shana Gagnon (Mayor's Wife) of Rochester Hills, Craig Hemming (Mayor) and Sara Lennox (Ursula) both of Berkley, Kristin Phillips (Mrs. Peterson) of Warren, Shauna Mancini (Mrs. MacAfee) of Sterling Heights, Blair Mellow (Hugo Peabody) of Huntington Woods, Sara Gerald (Gloria) of Madison Heights, Joel Pietrzak (Harvey Johnson) of Clawson and Chris Moultrup (Mr. Johnson) and Bianca Vorves (Sad Girl) both of Royal Oak.

The ensemble includes Carolyn Lusch of Redford, Erin Broley of Birmingham and Ashley Miles of Southfield.

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ence," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who directs the up-tempo farce "Twelfth Night."

"It's a challenge for our actors to make sure that the audience isn't distracted," she said. "If you can make Shakespeare personal and human, (then) doing modern theater is like falling off a log."

Eaton, who won plaudits for her directing of "The Tempest" at Planet Ant in Hamtramck in

May, recently cofounded, "Shakespeare," a company that produces and teaches the works of Shakespeare.

On weekends, the actors will have to shift gears quickly from farce to tragedy in performing "Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet."

"The plays are vastly different," said Eaton. "For actors with good concentration, the costume change affects a psychological

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change."

With many states having Shakespeare Festivals, Eaton believes there's an opportunity for collaboration among universities and equity theaters throughout the state to further develop the annual celebration of Shakespeare's work.

"When you pick up on Shakespeare's imagery and compare it to just about any modern play, you'll realize that modern plays aren't as deep," she said.

Next year, festival organizers expect to add several more plays and, hopefully, several sponsors.

Dedicated volunteers work to restore Wayne Theatre



ANN DELISI

Sometimes I can quell that awful tumbledown turmoil by reminding myself of the many successful renovations of aging theaters that have ushered in

exciting new eras as performance and cultural centers. Of course, with ample financial backing, any old lonesome prairie can be turned into a glittering entertainment district.

From the high-profile renovations of the Fox Theatre and Gem Theatre — to the community-based plans for such venues as the Civic in Farmington — success hinges on a sustained blend of vision, dedication and funding.

Major obstacle

But, more often than not, available cash is the major obstacle. As a result, theaters become dry cleaning outlets or

pharmacies, or have an eventual date with a wrecking ball.

At the risk of sounding like tabloid TV or one of those best-seller of the moment self-help books, there are fascinating stories that fuel every restoration project. It is a case of "Theatre."

The Wayne Theatre dates back to the 1920s, when it served as a showplace for vaudeville performers and film shorts. When the silent movie era had passed,

it became the first movie house with sound in a stretch from Detroit to Jackson, according to Bob Welch, one of the passionate members of a volunteer organization intent on renovation.

Virtually unused for decades, the dream of turning the Michigan Avenue structure into a cultural center is kept alive by an annual fund-raiser. Fittingly, it's a haunted house that thrives on performance rather than gore and special effects.

"I would love to bring in \$50,000 from our haunted theatre show, but competitors with advertising dollars are making it difficult to raise the support that we have in the past. Our show is

different than others because it's more theatrical and family oriented," says Welch.

One thing that makes the volunteer effort so noble is that there are no expectations that the Wayne will someday be a huge profit center.

Performing arts center

"My dream is that we can provide a performing arts center that can be used by the many colleges and high schools in the area. In addition to staging high quality productions, it could also be a venue for the visual arts," says Welch.

He adds that grants are being

sought to move the project along. Volunteers and fund-raisers can only take you so far.

It's easy to root for the folks who have worked to create a future for the Wayne Theatre.

"Sadly, Detroit architecture tends to be disposable. With so much work that remains to be done, the dedication of the members of the organization to restore the Wayne is admirable," says Lex Kuhne, who hosts the BACKSTAGE PASS segment about the theater.

Its destiny may not be as a money machine or a money pit. A niche as a center where young artists can develop and showcase their talent would be just fine.

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giving students new skills, although some kids do become professional actors."

Participating in theater, Morehouse believes, helps children learn to work together as a team, improves self confidence, and helps them speak clearly before an audience.

On Monday nights, the students showcase what they learned in classes that week by performing for family and friends.

The senior division concentrates more on acting than the junior division. All of the students work with a dance instructor to learn how to move on stage.

"I love the fact that we do nothing but concentrate on the theater during this time," said Morehouse who has taught English at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School for the past 13 years, and is a member of the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook.

"The students can focus and memorize something overnight. Most of us are doing this because we love theater," said Morehouse. John Rutherford is producing "Our Town" and is head of the senior division. "Everyone has a part, we work together as a team," he said. "This is my eighth summer I teach theater at Warren Fitzgerald High School. The summer program draws students from many com-

munities and varied backgrounds. We're all working together to do one thing, put on a play. It breaks down barriers and boundaries. Students improve their acting skills, and become more tolerant of others. Each year presents new challenges and accomplishments, we try to work on weaknesses and move students to areas that are less comfortable to them."

In college, Gretchen Alexandra played the part of Emily in "Our Town."

"I have wonderful memories," said Alexandra who is directing the Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, production of the play at the outdoor Greek Theatre.

"I enjoy seeing the play come to life," she said. "I love having the chance to work in theater. It is my passion and love."

A language arts teacher, Alexandra, who is assistant director of the senior division, enjoys watching the students grow. "The kids choose to be here," she said. "It teaches them how to focus, to work together as a group and meet deadlines. They learn how to present themselves well in front of people. Any kid would benefit from being here."

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DINING

Spanish cuisine served at new Hola! Tapas Cafe

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In Spain, even the smallest village has at least one spot where locals gather to enjoy tapas, drinks and conversation with friends. Now, on a larger scale, you can enjoy a fairly authentic Spanish experience at Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

Spanish dishes are today's "in" food. A Spanish-themed restaurant means a U.S. metro area is dialed into the world of international foods.

Make no mistake, I'm talking about Spanish cuisine, not Mexican, and there's a world of difference.

In mid-June, owner Nino Cutraro transformed Baci Abbracci in Pontiac from an Italian restaurant. He said "Hi" (Hola!) to decidedly Spanish. The little Xs and Os etched on glass dividers still speak to the hugs and kisses translation of baci abbracci, but a loving touch is OK in any language!

Interior face-lifts opened up the main dining room to the bar/dance floor and produced a female flamenco dancer in brilliant red dress on the wall. Gone are the white table cloths. Now terra cotta covered with white butcher block, tables offer the feeling of casual, a place to gather with friends, kick back and order rounds of tapas and a cou-

Hola! Tapas Cafe

Where: 40 W. Pike Street, Pontiac (248) 253-1300.

Hours: 5-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Menu: Spanish all the way from tapas (little dishes of Spain), four types of paella and entradas (main courses) prepared a la brasa (roasted), a la plancha (flame grilled) or a la sal (baked in salt).

Entertainment: Thursday DJ Salsa night at 9 p.m. Live Latin music Friday and Saturday evenings at 10 p.m.

Cost: Tapas \$3-8; Paella \$9-13; Entradas \$13-17.

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ple of paellas — food to be shared.

Tapas originated around the 19th century in Andalusia, the most-laid back region of Spain. It was a bartender's practice to top a sherry glass with a cover (tapa) to keep the contents free of flies. The custom progressed, and today, tapas are the rage of Spain. They can be as simple as a dish of olives, fried salted almonds, jamon Serrano or Manchego (traditional Spanish cheese) to an elaborately prepared hot seafood dish.

Hola! Tapas Cafe offers 10 tapas frias (cold) and 10 tapas calientes (hot). Tortilla Espanola is one of the cold, or more precisely, room-temperature tapas. This tortilla is nothing like the Mexican. It is more like an omelet with potato, onions and green peppers, akin to an Italian

frittata.

Among hot tapas, try Vieiras a la Plancha, grilled sea scallops with saffron sauce, topped with roe mayonnaise; Calamares Rellenos, stuffed squid with multi-colored peppers, onions and sausage in a light pescadora sauce; and Pincho de Solomillo a la Pimienta, grilled tenderloin of beef brochette rolled in cracked black pepper.

Having spent several weeks in Spain and some days in Valencia (paella's capital) recently, I've grown very fond of paella. In Spain, one of the ways you know paella is made to order is that the menu requests allowance of 30 to 40 minutes for its preparation and the minimum is a two-person order, priced per person. This is precisely what Hola! Tapas Cafe does for its four paellas: Mariscos (seafood), Valen-

ciana (chicken and pork), de Verduras (vegetable), and Fideau de Mariscos (macaroni-like pasta with seafood).

Pretty close to authentic! At one of Valencia's star paella restaurants, my husband Ray and I paid just under \$40 U.S. for dinner that included a sherry copa for each of us that came with tapas, paella Valenciana, a bottle of quality Spanish red wine and a shared flan for dessert.

At Hola!, without the sherry, you'll pay \$10 per person for the paella, \$30 for the most reasonably-priced Spanish wine and \$4 for the flan.

Close, but driving up the cost is the wine, which at its source was much cheaper. Handicapping for our airfare, your drive to Pontiac for a near-Valencia experience is priced fairly.

Among entrees, the most interesting is the Dorada a la Sal, red snapper baked in salt and served with alioli sauce. It, too, is made to order and requires a prep time of 40 minutes. Amuse your taste buds with tapas while you wait. On a low sodium diet? Don't fret. The salt crust is not eaten, it's just the medium used to bake this Mediterranean-style fish specialty.

Interesting Spanish desserts include two unique: Arroz con Leche, baked Spanish rice pud-



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGGFIELD

At your service: Executive chef Bradley Kimelman, (left) and sous chef Bud Saley prepare authentic Spanish cuisine at the new Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

ding. If your mother made better, you're lucky! Leche Frita is fried milk with vanilla and cinnamon, sugar laced with black raspberry sauce.

Behind all this authenticity is Cutraro's friend Chef Julia, a native of Vigo in the Galicia region of northern Spain. Chef Julia is director of the culinary school in Vigo, Spain's largest fishing port. She created all the recipes and taught Hola's

kitchen staff including executive chef Bradley Kimelman, a 1981 OCC culinary department graduate, who has been executive chef and general manager at a number of area restaurants before Hola.

Nino's brother Luigi Cutraro is banking on this because he's opening Sangria, a similar Spanish-themed restaurant in Royal Oak on Lafayette at the corner of Fourth Street, in a few weeks.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Here are some restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Shivers Cafe — 34365 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (in the Stark Plaza, on the southeast corner of Stark and Plymouth Roads), (734) 421-6090. Open year round. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 1:10 p.m., Saturday; 1:30 p.m., Sunday.

Menu: Bagel sandwiches,

homemade soups, salads, quiche and desserts (brownies, cookies, pies, cakes), ice cream, frozen yogurt and a selection of coffees, teas and juices.

Cost: Inexpensive. Credit cards are not accepted. Everything on the menu is available to go.

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Menu: Classic southern Italian

dishes. Cost: All courses are served family style. Salads (a small Caesar serves four) cost \$6.95 to \$13.95; pizzas range in price from \$9.95 to \$17.95; pasta prices are \$7.95 to \$19.95; and entrees range in

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