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Canton man dies in plane crash

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It will be eight to 12 months before the National Transportation Safety Board determines what caused the twin-engine plane piloted by Canton resident Paul "Sluggo" Myks, 40, to crash at the Marine City Airport in Cottleville Township Saturday.

The plane, a Beech King Air 65A90, was carrying nine skydivers, all members of the Parahawks Skydiving Center, when it took off about 8:20 a.m. It reached an altitude of about 200 feet before it crashed and exploded, killing all 10 people.

"Every reporter out there wanted us to have a cause by Sunday afternoon," said NTSB spokeswoman Lauren Peduzzi. "But we are very conscientious to maintain the integrity of the investigation."

Peduzzi said speculation about weather conditions may have been too strongly reported.

"Weather conditions are something we look at in any crash. It's part of a standard investigation."

Heat and humidity were in the low 80s at the time of the crash.

In addition to scrutinizing the wreckage site, the NTSB will be looking at maintenance logs, pilot history, flight

procedures, weights and balances and runway condition and configuration.

Peduzzi said the 3,100-foot runway used by Myks at the Marine City Airport was "pretty standard for a small airport runway."

A Marine City Airport spokeswoman said Myks had been flying his plane off that runway for more than two years. Larger Beech King Airs, carrying up to 23 parachutists, have used the same runway when it measured 2,200 feet, she said.

Pilot comments

Heat and humidity could have been factors in the crash, according to local

pilots. Runway length becomes important under hot and humid conditions, they said.

"The hotter it is and the more humid, it's like taking off from an airport in the mountains. The air is thinner, and it takes longer," said Doug Kitz, manager of Mettetal Airport in Canton.

The runway at Mettetal is 2556 feet long. "We have other King Airs occasionally, and they have no problem."

Kitze said Myks flew out of Mettetal in a "couple of different airplanes."

He did not have a personal relation-

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Parole hearing for Fisher up in air

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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When former Canton resident Dr. Charles Fisher pleaded no-contest to second-degree murder two years ago, he knew someday he'd be a free man.

That day could be Sept. 27, 1999.

The no-contest plea stemmed from the death of Fisher's wife, Ella Maria Mercado-Fisher, who was suffocated with duct tape in their Canton home July 15, 1984.

Fisher, 59, is serving time in Plymouth Township's Western Wayne Correctional Facility. He was scheduled to have a parole hearing in July, but the interview hasn't yet taken place, he said.

"I'm totally in the dark," Fisher said in a telephone interview.

The September parole date is the earliest Fisher could be released.

First, he has to get the recommendation of two parole board members based on two one-on-one interviews in coming weeks. If the recommendations of the board members differ, a third and deciding interview would be held, explained Matt Davis, a Department of Corrections official.

Manuel and Evelyn Mercado, the victim's parents, believe Fisher should serve more time. The Mercados, who live in Cape Coral, Fla., attended a parole board hearing in June to express their desire to keep Fisher locked up.

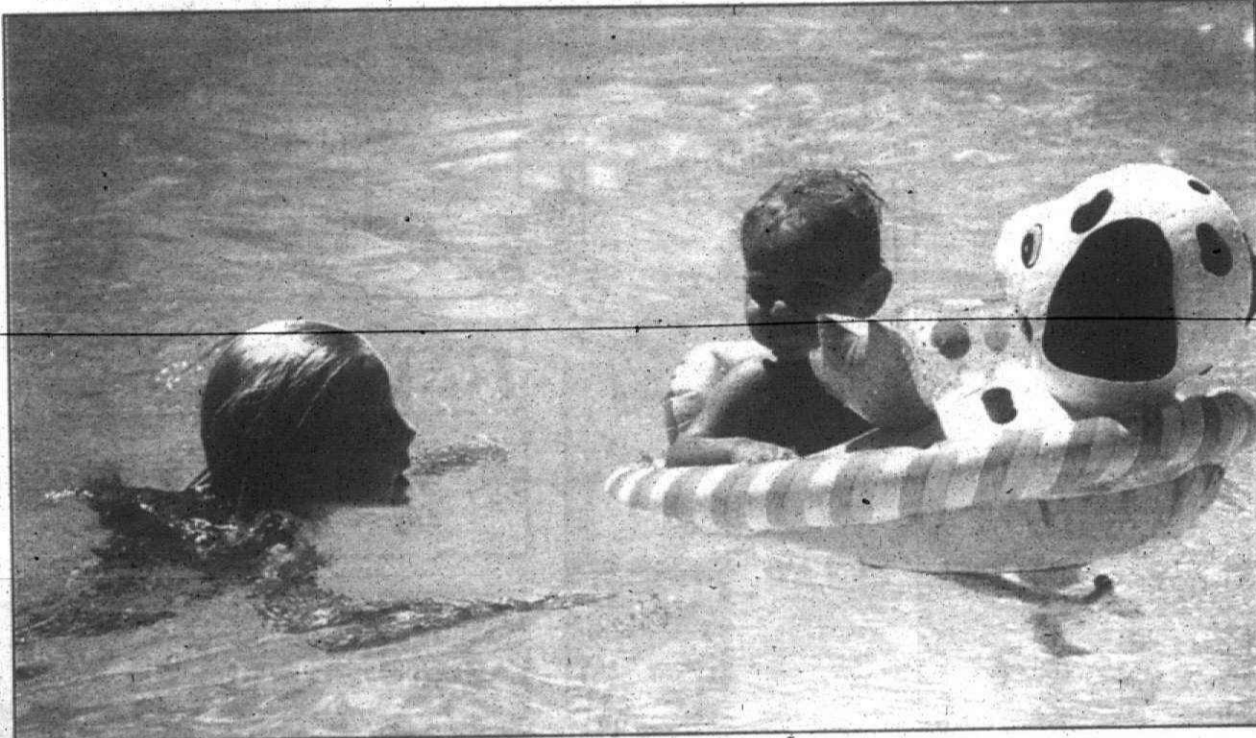
"Nobody knows the cruelty of the killing. People don't realize what kind of criminal this guy is," Manuel Mercado said.

"We were told he was supposed to serve a minimum of four years, eight months from his (Dec. 11, 1997) sentencing date," he added. "They defrauded us."

Fisher is credited with more than 10 years served, Davis said, and is receiving 840 days credit for "good behavior."

Before being transferred to the Plymouth facility July 1, 1999, Fisher, served 1-1/2 years at a halfway house, in Detroit, where he was able to work during the day outside the facility.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Splash: Quinton Mikula, 17 months, gets a push in his inflatable raft from neighbor Sarah Chambers, 11. Taking a swim is just one way to beat the heat.

Dog days

How to beat the heat of '99

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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Those dreaded dog days are here.

Halfway through another summer, the season's sweaty fingers move, push and pull our lives just as much as winter's frosty breath did six months ago.

Want proof? Just try getting your air conditioner fixed.

Waiting lists at local air conditioner repair shops average about 10-14 days when the weather gets hot.

Tom Knight, an owner of Community Comfort Service on Ronda Drive, said his business has averaged 60-80 service calls for central air units a week since the middle of June.

"We got our hands full ... one day we took 47 calls," Knight said.

One of them could have been from Maryrose Maltby, a Canton resident. Her air conditioning was out of commission for almost a week during a recent stretch of 90-degree days.

"We bought some portable fans while it was down ... It was very difficult to sleep," Maltby said.

Knight said one way to avoid air conditioning problems is to clean the air filter on a regular basis.

"Some people don't know where it is, others just don't have time," Knight said.

The hot weather has a delayed effect on ice cream stands, according to Daniel Voyles, a server at Canton Ice Cream Center on Canton Center Road just north of Ford Road.

■ 'On real humid days, the ice cream melts faster than people can eat it.'

Daniel Voyles
—Canton Ice Cream Center

Voyles said business actually decreases on sticky afternoons as folks tend to stay indoors.

"On real humid days, the ice cream melts faster than people can eat it," Voyles said.

But the lull is usually made up for in the evening. After-dinner rushes between 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. can produce lines of 30 people or more that wrap around the restaurant and out the door.

Swimming is another good way to stay cool. Attendance at Canton's Summit On The Park aquatic center increases 50-100 percent on hot days, according to Sean Fletcher, an assistant manager at the facility.

"On hot days we've had as many as 300 people here," Fletcher said.

Canton resident Vicky Howard's underground pool doesn't draw quite as many people, but then again, she doesn't charge admission for her backyard oasis.

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Rare Bluebird nests by resident's home

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Lorraine Haddix, a resident of the Fox Run subdivision at Beck and Ford roads, is not a bird watcher by avocation. She doesn't wake at early dawn, drape a pair of binoculars around her neck and head for the nearest woods.

But lately, she's been treated to quite a peep show. A few weeks ago a pair of relatively rare Eastern Bluebirds decided to take up residence in one of the decorative bird houses mounted on Haddix's backyard deck.

"I saw the birds flying about, starting to investigate the house. I watched them carrying straw and things in the house. The mother laid four little bitty eggs. Now she has four little babies."

The birds are beautiful, said Haddix, especially the male, who's a bright indigo blue with a red-orange breast. "The male is spectacular, you wouldn't believe. The female is more muted so

she won't be noticed when she's nesting."

The birds, which belong to the thrush family, are also great parents. "Both of them participate in feeding the babies and cleaning the house. The mother even cleans out the babies' stools."

Haddix said she heard on a WJR radio program that Eastern Bluebirds may be endangered.

Not so, said Carol Clements, a naturalist with Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Wayne County Parks. However, to have a nesting pair in this area is quite a treat, she added.

"They are not listed as endangered, but they are of special concern," said Clements. "Their numbers have been declining because of pesticides — they eat insects — and loss of nesting sites. They're cavity nesters, making their nests in hollows of trees and barn

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Gorgeous: Rare Eastern Bluebirds have made a nest at Canton resident Lorraine Haddix's home this summer.



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"I had a good job. I had a good relationship with my employer and with the community," Fisher said.

He declined to comment on the case or his pending parole hearing. Several media reports on Fisher's trial were inaccurate, he said.

"Over the years there has been a tremendous amount of misrepresentation of the facts," he said. "An article in one of the Detroit papers, for instance, stated that I pled guilty, and I never pled guilty."

Fisher's plea of no contest isn't an admission of guilt, but a defendant in a criminal case who pleads no contest is sentenced as if a guilty plea had been entered.

Legal definitions aside, Mercado still

wants a confession.

"I would tell (Fisher) to confess, to confess properly," he said.

During the trial, Fisher contended that assailants broke into their home on Thornridge street, tied the couple up with tape and then knocked him unconscious.

That verdict was overturned by Wayne Circuit Judge Claudia House Morcom at sentencing, however, because of "improper remarks" made in closing arguments by the prosecutor.

Fisher was convicted again in 1988 for

first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. After an unsuccessful attempt in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the verdict was overturned in the Michigan Supreme Court.

When trials in 1996 and 1997 resulted in hung juries, a plea agreement was worked out. After the no-contest plea, Fisher was sentenced to 12-1/2 to 19 years in prison.

Doug Baker, a deputy chief prosecutor for Wayne County, said his team didn't want to risk having the case thrown out of court after another possible hung jury.

"There wasn't really a precedent for trying someone five times. We thought we had some motivation to plead it out ... we could have convicted him," Baker said.

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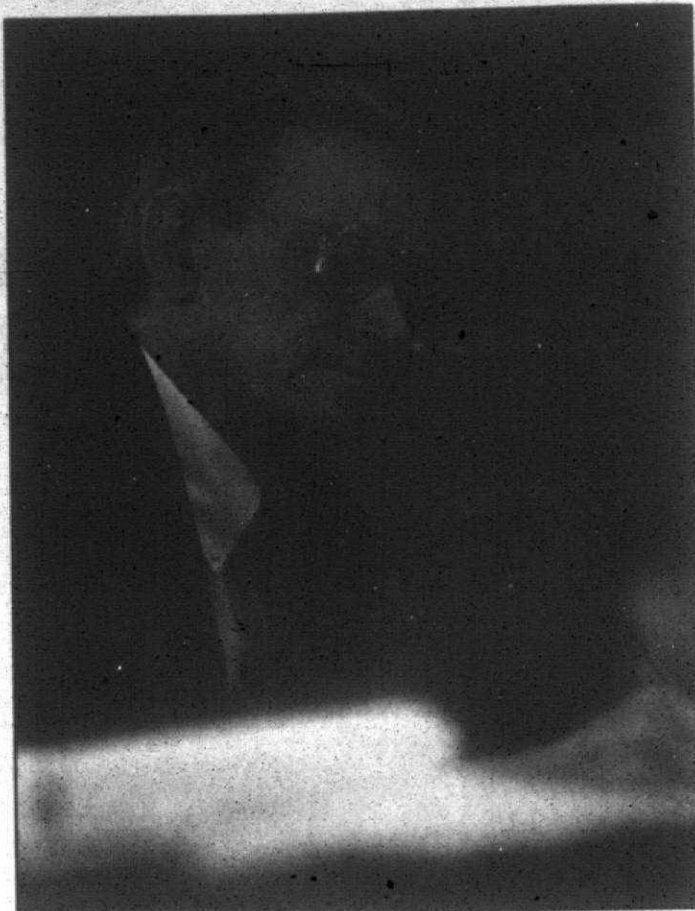
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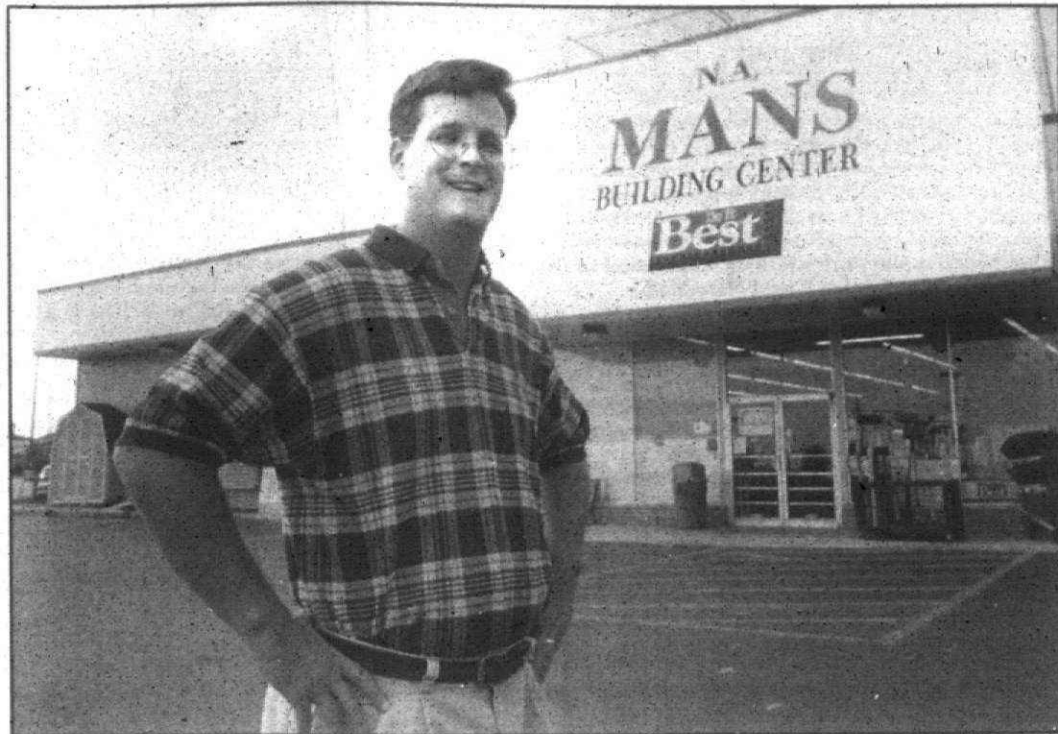
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Waiting: A parole hearing date for Dr. Charles Fisher is currently undetermined. He could be released as early as next month from prison, according to officials.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
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Veterinary Notes
CAT CLAWING & SCRATCHING
When a cat claws and scratches at furniture or draperies, old layers of the claw are loosened and often shed. The habit, while undesirable behavior, is a way for the cat to groom and mark its territory. Bad scratching habits can be prevented from developing in kittens by encouraging them to use a scratching post instead of the couch or curtains. A good scratching post will be covered with some loosely woven material so the cat can hook its claws into the fabric. Sisal fabric and even real logs provide good scratching surfaces for cats. Place the post in a prominent spot near the cat's normal sleeping spot, because cats scratch most frequently when they first wake.

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P.S. Cats are often declawed to eliminate scratching problems. Plastic claw covers are an alternative to having this procedure done.



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Steady: Doug Mans says the company's focus on customer service has kept the venture competitive over the past 100 years.

Still rolling N.A. Mans turns 100

By SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Not just any man can start and operate a business successfully, but N.A. Mans Building Centers have done just that for 100 years.

N.A. Mans Building Center, on Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley, started as a downriver lumber company in 1900 and has now given a century's worth of service to builders and home owners in Southeastern Michigan.

Douglas Mans, great-grandson of company founder Nicholas A. Mans, said the company's focus on customer service has kept the venture competitive well into an age where "box stores" like Home Depot and HQ outnumber family-owned hardware stores.

"We've got staff that have been with us for 15-20 years. They're very knowledgeable. They can walk customers through projects step by step," Mans said.

As more "box stores" (Mans' word for home improvement chain stores) "they're just that, their store is a big box, no personality," pop up, the Mans philosophy is to look inward instead of over the shoulder. Indeed, Mans only has to look out a back window from his Ford Road location to see an imposing HQ home improvement store lurking behind his own.

"Everywhere you look, there's competition," Mans said. "If you do your job the right way, you'll be successful."

Back at the turn of the century, competition was other family lumberyards.

"When we started, lumberyards were like drugstores. They were on every corner," Mans said.

Over the course of a century, hundreds of lumber companies and hardware stores have been streamlined into a handful of corporate franchises.

The company has come a long



Family: Brothers George (bottom left), Fred (bottom right), Nick (top left) and Paul Mans (top right) helped keep the business going strong.

way since the days of delivering lumber and coal by horse and buggy. In addition to lumber, the company now sells hardware, kitchen cabinets, windows, doors and other home improvement products.

"Our customers used to number in the hundreds, now they're in the thousands," Mans said.

The Mans family opened their Canton location in 1982. The new store was called "Mans Do It Center," a fine name for the '80s. By the next decade, though, social winds had changed, and complaints about the store's name trickled in.

"People were complaining that the name was sexist, 'Mans Do It Center,' why not Women's Do It Center?" Mans said.

The name changed in 1991. "Downriver, everybody knew who we were so they didn't take it as sexist. What happened is we came into a new market and

the name was taken a different way," Mans said.

The Mans' business began expanding considerably in the '70s, growing from one store in Trenton, to six, including outlets in Canton, Monroe, Hamburg and Maumee, Ohio. Just as the stores have spread out from Trenton, the fourth generation of the Mans family has fanned out as well in order to ensure that the stores are managed correctly.

Doug's cousin Chris runs the Hamburg store. Cousin Mike has the shops in Monroe and Maumee. Jim, Doug's brother, runs the original store in Trenton and Richard, another cousin, oversees company operations in general. Nicholas Jr., the founder's grandson and Doug's father, still stays involved as a buyer-sales agent in addition to serving as president of the company.

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Program helps resident improve health with walking, exercise

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Lu Stockton has walked 500 miles and lost 12 pounds and 10 inches since last year when Botsford Hospital initiated the Fast Trackers, part of an employee health program.

The Canton resident credits Botsford's Employee Wellness Program incentives for improving her health in general.

"I've always been up and down with my weight and my cholesterol sometimes runs high," explained Stockton, Botsford Rehabilitation assistant program coordinator.

Physical activity is the only way she can control her cholesterol level, which has dropped 40 points in six months.

Every six months the hospital also offers Stockton and other employees a health screening and risk appraisal, as well as free programs and discounts on health clubs and fitness classes outside the hospital.

"It has encouraged me to keep up with exercising and try different programs," said Stockton, 45. She also recently joined the Canton Summit on the Park community center's fitness program and is reimbursed by Botsford for some of those costs. Hospital employees are also paid portions of membership costs in weight loss programs, like Weight

Watchers.

Stockton is encouraged, too, by other people in the program who have been successful. For instance, Sue Brownell, hospital pharmaceutical supervisor, has walked 1,200 miles, which is the equivalent of traveling the perimeter of Michigan's lower peninsula.

"I'm definitely more fit and firmer," Brownell said. "I'm taking up weight lifting and I'm definitely stronger. You've got more energy and more resilience. I'm hardly ever sick and I've seldom get a cold. It improves the quality of life."

Each time the Fast Trackers reach a milestone, they're awarded gifts from Botsford like T-shirts, flashlights and walking tapes. Employees who reach the 1,200 mile mark are given a \$25 gift certificate to a store that sells athletic shoes. Stockton's goal is to reach 1,200 miles.

Stockton and Brownell are among more than 1,000 Botsford employees who have gotten involved in Botsford's Employee Health and Wellness Programs that was initiated in January 1998. Botsford has 2,500 employees.

In fact, Botsford was recently awarded the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Health and Sports rookie of the year, which was launched to honor work places that make an effort to get residents statewide moving and physically fit.

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"We have people over all the time," she said. "The Fourth of July, Labor Day, all the summer holidays."

Howard said she goes in and out of the pool all day.

"I have a million things I should be doing right now, but I'm not," she says smiling, calmly treading water in back of her Heritage Street home.

Inside the home, a good air conditioner can make any heat wave seem muted. A good barometer of summer's impact is the availability of air conditioning units. If appliance stores' shelves have more empty space than air conditioners, then it's a good sign that those dog days are here.

Greg Arnold, store manager at

ABC Warehouse in Canton, said this summer's air conditioner sales, after an early rush, are similar to last year's numbers.

"It got hotter earlier," Arnold said.

The Ford Road store sold between 300-400 units last month. But string a few 90-degree days together and air conditioners sell out faster than you can say: "It's not the heat, it's the humidity."

"We've sold a lot of air conditioning units, I'm almost out of them," Arnold said last week.

Up to 300 units can go in a week's time if the temperature is right, Arnold said.

Fan sales double. Jeff Clos, a small appliance manager at the store, said 13-20 fans sell during

a normal week. When it's warmer, they sell 40 or more.

Be careful when you venture outside though, exposure to high temperatures while exercising or even doing routine yard work can lead to heat exhaustion and, more seriously, heat stroke, said Canton Fire Inspector Greg Strys-Tellner. Dizziness and muscle cramps are common symptoms and should be taken seriously, Strys-Tellner said.

"The best thing to do is to just stay indoors on real hot days," Strys-Tellner said. "If you are outside, be smart, use sunscreen, keep hydrated, drink water instead of beer or soft drinks."

the Canton Public Library

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■ The Canton Public Library subscribes to more than 50 magazines for kids?

■ The first atomic bomb was dropped on Aug. 6, 1945, on Hiroshima, Japan?

■ The Mackinac Music Festival will be celebrated on Aug. 6-8 in Mackinac City, Mich.?

■ Aug. 7 marks the halfway point of summer?

Check out these baseball fiction titles.

■ "The Fan" - By Peter Abrams.

■ "Strike Zone" - By Jim Bouton.

■ "Play For a Kingdom" - By Tom Dya.

■ "The Sweetheart Season" - By Karen Joy Fowler.

■ "Done Deal" - By Les Standiford.

New books on tape

Here are some fiction and non-fiction selections on audio tape available from the library:

■ "A Cold Day for Murder" - By Dana Stabenow.

■ "The Courage to be Rich" - By Suze Orman.

■ "Dance Hall Of The Dead" - By Tony Hillerman.

■ "Degree of Guilt" - By Richard North Patterson.

■ "Easier to Kill" - By Valerie Wilson Wesley.

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■ <http://vg.com>
■ <http://www.digthenet.com>
■ <http://www.fordheritage.com/mustang>

Hot topic of the week

■ With support from the Friends of the Canton Public Library, the library is once again proud to offer the Story Wrangler Outreach program. Story Wranglers are trained volunteers who share their love of reading with the 3- and/or 4-year-olds in the local daycare/preschool facilities. The program runs from September through May. The Canton Public Library would like to express a sincere thank you to the hard working 1998-99 Story Wrangler Volunteers: Nita Patel, Lynda Kusuma, Laurie Loftus, Mollie Henderson, Ray Van Hoek, Vicki White and Eileen Yaskam.

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■ "Cries Unheard" - by Gitta Sereny.

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Bluebird: Lorraine Haddix' deck has become home to a family of rare Eastern Bluebirds.

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fence posts." The birds nesting in Haddix's backyard are most likely on their third and last brood of the season, said Clements. By late August or early September, they'll be off to spend the winter months in Florida. Meanwhile, they'll scour Haddix's yard for grubs and pluck whatever insects they can from the air. They like to feed in open

field areas, said Clements. Haddix and her husband, Woody, plan to make the birds' stay in their backyard as comfortable as possible. They want to see the babies grow up and fly away, all four of them. To ensure their future, they're keeping their new puppy, Coco, on a leash whenever she's outside. And for good reason. "She's a bird dog," said Haddix.

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ship with Myks but knew him as a customer. "He was a very nice person," said Kitz. Bill Hanney, 73, of Farmington Hills, is president of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville. A former World War II airplane mechanic and later a pilot, Hanney said "density altitude" is a factor that must be considered.

"With the extreme conditions, he (Myks) was in effect trying to take off from about a 6,000- or 7,000-foot altitude." A Beech Air King taking off in similar conditions on a 5,000 foot runway at Willow Run could have reached 600 feet in altitude before the end of the runway, he said.

Neighbors remember

Neighbors share a common sentiment about Myks: He was a devoted father. Besides his wife, Carlene, Myks is survived by his children: Jessica, 15; Chris, 14; and Brandon, 12.

On Tuesday, neighbors recalled the ener-

getic, athletic man who played a great game of street hockey with his children and was sometimes Rollerbladed down the tree-lined street with his dog, Spike, a black Lab.

"I do know he just loved his kids. You could just tell. Anytime he was home he was out playing with them, bike riding or playing street hockey," said Mike Modi.

"More people should pay attention to their kids like he did," said Rose Tomei, who lives next door.

Russ Hopper's two boys, Sam, 10, and Ryan, 7, played street hockey with Myks and his children. "It was a big thing about two or three years ago when they let Sam play with them. He was big enough. I'm sure Paul had a lot to do with it."

It was obvious to Jane Cyers that Myks children, Her grandson, Justin, 7, sometimes played with his children. "All I can say is they seemed like a real nice family. They did everything together. They just seemed so family. That's what is so sad."

Like so many other neighbors, Kevin Urban knew Myks best by observation. "He always played outside with his kids. That's one of the things that intrigued me about him. It seems he was a hands-on father."

A memorial service was held Tuesday for Myks at the Marine City Airport. The Myks family faced more memorial services for their son skydivers during the week. The family attended two services on Wednesday.

Like her father, Jessica Myks is adventurous. She was planning to take skydiving lessons next summer. When she asked her father about taking up the sport, she said he told her "maybe."

"I knew he'd say 'ask your mom.' Later, she hasn't played as much street hockey with her father and brother as in past summers. However, she and her brothers shared his passion for mountain biking and Rollerblading. "I think we kind of take after what he likes to do."

Students attend camp Read-A-Lot

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ing skills.

"We read books and got to play. It was fun," Jacquelyn said.

She attended reading camp at P.D. Graham Elementary — one of eight school building sites chosen for the summer program that ended last Friday.

"It helps children get that little extra push they sometimes need to become independent readers," teacher Laurie Pocock said.

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Turning her attention to Jacquelyn and 7-year-old Adam Ennis, Pocock spent time reading at length with these two students. She gave them much more attention than they'd receive in a regular classroom.

The trio also searched the book for words like "block" or "rock" that shared similar "sound chunks" — in this case

"ock." The pupils also learned to spell new words with the same sound.

Only students entering first or second grades this fall qualified for Camp Read-A-Lot, now in its second year. Teachers and paraprofessionals helped them one-on-one and in small groups.

District officials said students who attended the summer program last year appeared to have improved their reading skills when they returned to school.

"They take a book home every night," Pocock said.

Students attended reading camp for an hour and 45 minutes each day — Monday through Friday for five weeks. That's nearly 40 hours of help.

"It's a significant chunk of instruction," said Cynthia Swift, Wayne-Westland curriculum and staff development director.

The district charged a \$20-per-student fee.

"We wanted the parents and students to make a commitment to the program," said Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education.

But Perkins said students weren't turned away if they couldn't afford the fee.

Students earned a free book every time they read 10 books. Parents signed forms confirming home reading habits.

Parents also met with educators and took an active role in their children's education through Camp Read-A-Lot.

Educators say the program will not only inspire youngsters to read — but hopefully help them to improve their performance on state tests.

Other than P.D. Graham, other schools chosen as Camp Read-A-Lot sites were Vandenberg, Madison, Hamilton, Elliott and Patchin elementary schools, Franklin Middle School and Wayne Memorial High School.

Students from all Wayne-Westland schools could attend, regardless of whether their school was chosen as a campsite.

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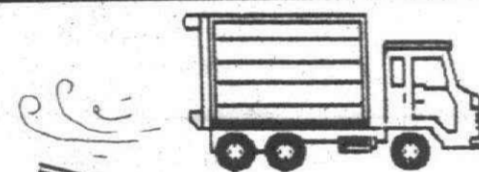
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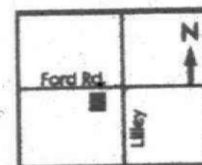
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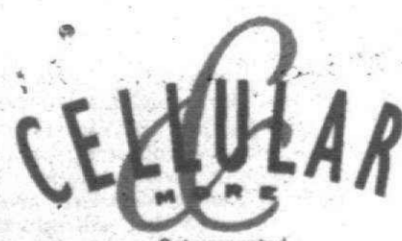
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County will offer new Head Start services

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Families of students enrolled in Head Start this fall can expect an umbrella of services. For the first time, Wayne County will administer the federally-funded program for 3- and 4-year-old children, taking it over from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency on Sept. 1. Sessions begin Sept. 27.

But more importantly, the county's arrangement with three community-based, non-profit organizations is expected to assist Head Start families seeking help, said Carolyn Gray, Wayne County's director of children and family services.

Children will receive assistance through Head Start with education, health, nutrition and literacy, while staffers will assist Head Start family members who have questions about health care, employment and housing. Head Start staffers have been trained to either provide that service or refer them to the right agency, Gray said.

"That family can receive those services under one umbrella without multiple stops," Gray said. Gray described the program as a "one-stop shop" for services. "It's unique that for the first time, children and families in one Head Start program, can use any of the services at the three agencies," Gray said. A family in Livonia or Redford with a need for mental health assistance could contact the Downriver Guidance Clinic for assistance, Gray said.

Wayne County will contract with the Downriver Guidance Clinic in Southgate, Starfish

Family Services in Inkster and the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Services Agency in Ecorse. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had notified Wayne County earlier this year that it was awarded a \$16 million grant for Head Start.

The program is available in 25 outcounty communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland. Currently the program serves 3,723 children outside of Detroit, the second largest in the state after Detroit. Gray hopes to increase Wayne

County's outcounty enrollment to 30,000.

"Federal funds have been made available to increase that enrollment number," Gray said. A prenatal care program also will be offered, Gray said.

Sally Vaughn, RESA associate superintendent, said that about 18 months ago, RESA took a long look at Head Start and decided that it was not the "best" program.

"Our focus is on K-12 programs, while Head Start is more of a community-based program,"

Vaughn said. RESA officials hope to emphasize more programs for the benefit of 500,000 elementary and high school students, Vaughn added.

That would include teacher recruitment, reading programs, and computerizing payroll and scheduling for local districts, Vaughn said. A recent job fair drew hundreds of applicants, while Mike Flanagan, RESA superintendent, serves on a gubernatorial board to promote reading programs in schools.

Gray said Wayne County is trying to hire former Head Start

staff members, who were former employees of Wayne County school districts paid by RESA. "They are interviewing and recruiting employees," Gray said.

Vaughn confirmed that several employees had already been hired. "They told us they would like the change to be as smooth as possible," Vaughn said. "Our goal is that parents and kids don't see the difference."

For information and eligibility requirements, people interested

in Head Start should contact their respective school district, as listed below:

For Livonia and Clarenceville districts, Sue Foley at (734) 523-9192.

For Plymouth-Canton School District, Jan Metzner at (734) 416-6105.

For Redford Union School District, Susan Jerome at (313) 592-3359.

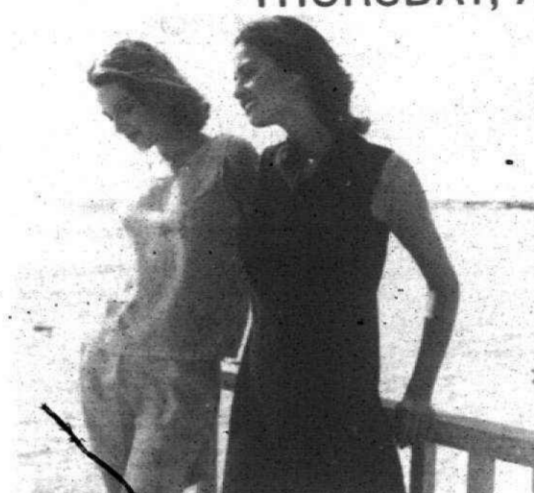
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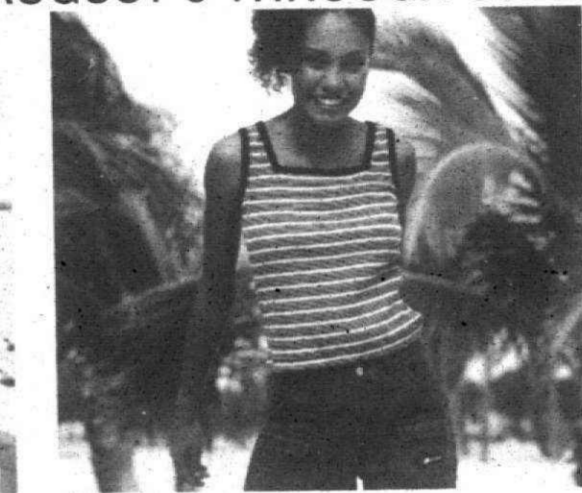
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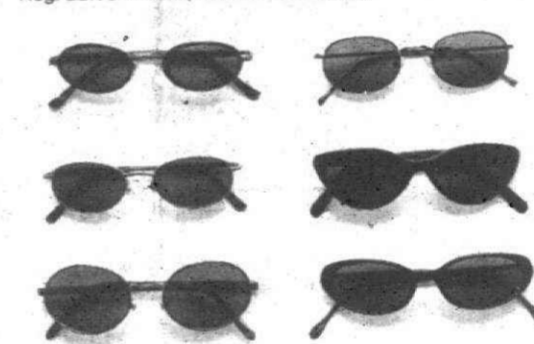
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Sam Florek leaves Schoolcraft 'a friend to many'

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For Sandra Florek, throwing fund-raisers for the Schoolcraft College Foundation is like throwing a wedding.

Florek organizes the Culinary Extravaganza, golf outings, the Madrigal Dinners and other events to boost the Foundation coffers, used for scholarships for Schoolcraft students.

"They're delightful and exciting, but it's like doing a wedding," Florek said. "You always worry about something going wrong."

If the Foundation's fund is like a wedding, then no one needs to worry about being stood up at the altar.

Sixteen years ago when Florek assumed her fund-raising responsibilities, that fund contained \$17,000. It has since blossomed to \$7.3 million.

That foundation fund will be left in good shape once Florek officially retires Aug. 31. Florek and her husband, Robert, have sold their home in Canton to move to Arizona, thus ending her 32-year working career with the college.

On the move

Raised in northeastern Pennsylvania, "Sam" Florek graduated from Penn State University, obtaining a bachelor of science degree in business in 1962.

From 1962 to 1964, she taught general business courses in Rochester, N.Y. Florek eventually returned to Penn State to get her master's in guidance and counseling, where she met her eventual husband, Robert. They married in 1965.

The Floreks moved to California, where she was employed as a state social worker. Her husband's engineering job at Bendix brought the couple to Michigan in 1966.

Sam Florek worked as a high school counselor in Brighton in July 1967 until she dealt with a typical Michigan "snow day." After dealing with that snowstorm, Florek looked in the telephone book under "colleges" and found Schoolcraft and scheduled an interview.

Within two days of her inter-



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Dedicated fund-raiser:
Sam Florek leaves a rich legacy of service as an administrator for Schoolcraft College.

view, she was hired as a counselor in the college's Student Services Division by Ed McNally, the vice president of student services, and John Webber, director of counseling. Florek also taught business classes.

In 1981, she moved into administration as assistant to the president for institutional advancement after College President Richard McDowell acted as her mentor. Later she was promoted to director of institutional advancement.

Promoting the college

Today, as dean of marketing and development, Florek has promoted the college through news releases, feature articles, publications and television and radio broadcasts. Florek and staff members have published catalogs, schedules and brochures.

Schoolcraft has been easy for her to market, Florek said. "We have a lot of students who come here and say, 'my brother came here, my mother came here,'" Florek said.

"If you don't have a good prod-

uct, you can't sell it."

Florek has organized graduation ceremonies, college anniversary celebrations and building dedications.

She has watched the college grow with the addition of the Women's Resource Center,

where she was the first counselor, helping women in returning to or entering the workforce. Florek developed many workshops there.

Schoolcraft remains a clean and well-maintained campus, Florek said.

"We have people here who are really committed. It's like a private college; you have a dedicated faculty, small classrooms and you're paying a nice rate," Florek said.

Florek remembers Penn State, which she described as a crowded university in dormitories and large lecture halls. "I didn't like that," Florek said. In contrast, Schoolcraft's size provides a closer-knit community atmosphere, Florek said.

Florek expects upgrading the college will be a continuing expense, necessitated by changing technology and interactive classrooms. "We're debt-free," Florek said. "Schoolcraft has made wonderful decisions managing tax dollars."

Volunteers elsewhere

Florek also has volunteered and served in local communities within the college's district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and part of Novi.

Florek serves on the Garden City Hospital Board of Direc-

tors.

Florek was president of the Livonia and Plymouth chambers of commerce, receiving the 1994 Athena Award from the Livonia Chamber in promoting business opportunities for women.

As a member of the YMCA Board of Directors from 1985 to 1991, she chaired the annual Invest in Youth auction for three years. She assisted the Straight Foundation drug rehabilitation program by raising funds for their counseling program.

Florek served on the Wayne County Private Industry Council and the Livonia Economic Development Organization.

Florek has enjoyed working with the Foundation's board. "It's been fun to work with those people," Florek said.

Florek said fund-raising isn't that difficult when she sells Schoolcraft College to potential donors. "All I had to do was give them more information about the college," Florek said.

But she doesn't want to take credit for the Foundation's success, and instead commends McDowell for the fund's growth. "Dick has been very committed and has been very positive," Florek said.

McDowell said Florek has been an "outstanding" administrator.

"She has very high standards, a great work ethic and she has always tried to do the right thing," McDowell said.

McDowell said Florek "always worked to make things better at the college" and believes in what she's doing.

"She's always looked at how we can make things better for students and how can we give them good information to make career decisions," McDowell said. "She's been an outstanding fund-raiser."

The Board of Trustees recognized Florek's efforts two years ago by establishing a scholarship fund in her name. "That was just the neatest honor," Florek said.

A board resolution honoring Florek in 1997 stated that Florek developed creative ideas and still found time to counsel students despite her busy schedule. "She is a friend to many on and off campus. Her career at the college has been exemplary. She is a unique person."

Florek now expects to keep in contact with the friends she has cultivated over the years at the college.

"I'm not ready to retire, so it's been difficult," Florek said.

Florek hopes to volunteer in Arizona, possibly working with a hospice there.

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And more: Dorothy Pitsch of Farmington Hills gets help from Jan Glovak, who worked with Pitsch on a six-month drive to gather wheelchairs for the rest of the world.

Donated wheelchairs send message of help and hope

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Handicapped people crawling on their hands and knees in Ghana, West Africa, have received the first shipment of wheelchairs collected during a six-month drive spearheaded by two Farmington Hills women earlier this year.

"So many people in the village wore flip flops on their hands from dragging themselves around," according to Wheels for the World Detroit-area chairwoman Dorothy Pitsch.

The stories from missionaries who delivered the wheelchairs in Ghana, West Africa, were heart-breaking illustrations of poverty and gratitude from the recipients, according to Jan Glovak, who worked with Pitsch on the drive.

Community effort

Earlier this year Pitsch and Glovak collected 631 wheelchairs, walkers and crutches to be distributed to handicapped people around the world. It was the largest collection of chairs from a single WFTW drive. The chairs came from 11 communities in the Detroit area.

"Many of these people wait for years and possibly a lifetime for a chance to receive one of these wheelchairs," Pitsch said. "We in this country take a wheelchair for granted and often dispose of them when they are no longer needed for personal use."

"I'm learning how important it is to get the message across to people in this country about how necessary it is for us to retrieve every walker, wheelchair and crutch and gather them into future drives," Pitsch added.

Wheelchairs are collected around the country during WFTW drives and then distributed to handicapped people in Third World countries. WFTW was established seven years ago by Joni Eareckson Tada, a mouth artist and Christian spiritual speaker, who became a paraplegic after a diving accident when she was 17 years old, more than 30 years ago.

Special stories

Each wheelchair that Pitsch and Glovak collected came with a special story about the person who once used it. Most were from family members who no longer needed them; others were found in attics, basements, hospitals, schools, garages and even on the sides of roads.

Two of the wheelchairs were specially tagged so Pitsch could learn about the recipients. One of the wheelchairs belonged to West Bloomfield resident, Alex Graham, 17, who died earlier this year from a rare form of bone cancer that was first detected in her knee. Her leg was amputated when she was 16 in a desperate attempt to stop the cancer from spreading.

Shortly before her death, Graham was called by the Make a

Wish Foundation.

Instead of the usual trip to Disney World, or celebrity visit, this teenager asked to produce a public service announcement that would explain the need for people not to stare at handicapped people. She pleaded with viewers to offer a smile and compassion instead of turning away or grimacing.

Pitsch wanted to learn about the person who received the chair from this special girl.

The second chair Pitsch wanted to follow was used by 18-year-old Larry Bredow, a quadriplegic who was physically and mentally handicapped.

His parents Kelsey and Larry Bredow, of Clinton Township, were sent by their church as missionaries to help fit the recipients in the chairs collected by WFTW. They met at Pitsch's house recently to talk about how devastatingly poor Ghana was and how the wheelchairs transformed the lives of the recipients.

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She talked about the dilapidated, tiny houses where the nation's lived; the common use of outhouses; and how running water was considered a luxury.

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Gracious man

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His first: Patrick Afriye in Ghana, West Africa, is presented his first-ever wheelchair from Larry and Kelsey Bredow. Patrick quit school because he lacked the mobility to continue attending.

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County plans 5% budget increase

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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County commissioners are spending these days examining County Executive Ed McNamara's \$507 million general fund budget.

It is a massive document of nearly 600 pages reflecting a 5 percent increase in general fund expenditures for the budget year of Oct. 1, 1999, to Sept. 30, 2000. County positions total 7,219, an increase of 151 "full-time equivalents" from the prior year's total of 7,068. Many of those positions (93) were proposed for the airports. The total of all funds in the budget is estimated at \$2.7 billion.

"No one can ignore the great things that are happening around us as a result of the economy and partnering efforts occurring throughout southeast Michigan," McNamara said in a letter introducing this year's budget to Commission, Chairman Ricardo Solomon.

County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the following areas:

■ **General Fund:** The county treasurer's integrated land information system will be replaced. A new system will interface with operations in the Register of Deeds and Assessment and Equalization Division. This new tax collection system is expected to be operational by the close of fiscal year 1999-2000.

■ **Department of Public Services:** Road work crews will have fixed more than 150 miles of poor roads, reducing potholes by half, and paving 10 miles of gravel roads and fixing several bridges.

McNamara said federal and state funds are "not sufficient" to make all of the needed repairs.

"We need to push for a nickel increase to the gas tax at the pumps, which will favor local governments and index the tax to grow with inflation," McNamara stated in the budget's cover letter.

■ **The park's property tax,** now in its third year, will pay for the completion of a new shower facility at the marina in Elizabeth Park in Trenton and

improvements to Nankin Mills in Westland, including interactive displays showing the background of the historic building.

■ **Wayne County will run the state's second largest Head Start program** which will serve 3,700 low income 3-4-year-olds at no cost to the enrollee. About \$16 million in federal funds will be matched with an estimated \$4 million of in-kind services from schools and social service agencies for an outcounty program.

The Kay Beard Building in Westland will be renovated to house other county offices.

■ **The sixth grant of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project** is expected in 2000 and will provide \$23.3 million to continue funding the design and construction of combined sewer overflow controls.

■ **Community development block grants** have increased by \$1.5 million due to additional federal funds to be distributed to Wayne County communities. Under the Urban Partnership Program, JEDD is working with

distressed communities to restore brownfields, redevelop commercial and industrial areas and build new housing and neighborhoods.

■ **On Oct. 1, Wayne County will assume control of the state's juvenile justice program** through a block grant program. The county will receive \$64 million from the state to provide delinquency services for more than 3,000 youths through a community-based program, using aggressive monitoring and intervention, drug testing, educational achievement and incentive-based provider contracts.

A new \$47 million detention facility will house nonconvicted youths 17 and under. Programs include education, medical, mental health, counseling, therapy and recreation.

This week commissioners were expected to meet with county officials to discuss airports, jobs and economic development, roads, environment, drains and sewers. They will deliberate on the budget Aug. 10-12.

Former Botsford owner honored

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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When people would ask where Botsford Hospital was, Botsford Inn owner John Anhut recalled the response was, "behind the Inn." Today more than 30 years after the hospital opened, the perspective is just the opposite.

"In terms of a compliment that is it," said Gerson Cooper, Botsford Health Care Continuum chief executive officer.

Cooper was on hand July 26 to honor Anhut, a trustee of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Foundation at a luncheon during which foundation officers gave \$125,000 to support after-school programs.

During the July 26 program, Cooper and Anhut, who has served on the hospital board since the facility opened in January, 1965, related the recent sale of the historic Botsford Inn to the hospital.

Anhut resumed operations of the inn last November after previous owner Creon Smith defaulted on a land contract.

"There is nobody who should have the inn but Botsford Hospital," Cooper recalled Anhut telling him last fall.

The inn has since been bought by the hospital. "This is a traumatic week," Anhut announced. "This is the week we close the inn for food and beverages. It's tough to say goodbye."

The inn has operated for the past 163 years and - at least under Anhut's leadership, has hosted approximately 50,000 functions.

"We've never missed one and I've got a story for everything," Anhut said. He later added: "Thank you for supporting for my 48 years."

Cooper said the inn will have a number of uses, including housing visiting medical students.

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with it."

Larry Bredow's chair went to a man named Patrick, who crawled on his hands and knees to get around.

Patrick, 22, quit school in the seventh grade because he was getting too large for his parents to carry. Through an interpreter, he told the Bredows that he planned to return to school and possibly become a teacher.

Patrick's upper body was strong, but his legs were like two twigs with sores on his knees from being dragged on the ground. The Bredows gave Patrick a picture of their "Little Larry."

Delivering their son's wheelchair was an important gesture for the Bredows. It was another example of how their Larry's life had meaning even though while he was alive he was helpless.

Yet, throughout his life, Kelsey said, they saw how God used him to teach them about true love, the generosity and kindness of people and so many other important lessons.

The Bredows said living in Ghana for a week and a half was a life-changing experience that taught them firsthand how truly poor these people are and their tremendous gratitude for the smallest gestures of kindness.

Three wheelchairs went to a

hospital that Kelsey Bredow described as being like a leftover from World War I with patients lying on the floor. These were the first wheelchairs the hospital had.

Warm greetings

When WFTW arrived they were greeted by the nationals who had been waiting for hours. The cost of a wheelchair to these people would have been the equivalent of 10 years' salary, Kelsey Bredow said.

"I was overwhelmed with what these poor people don't have and that these wheelchairs are a luxury," said Glovak, a Farmington Hills resident who was among those gathered at Pitsch's house to hear the Bredows' account of their missionary work.

"For us to get these chairs that are castaways ... how very rewarding to see someone in such need is receiving such a valuable gift," Glovak said. "What this really shows us is that this is something that we can't let go. We have to have another drive for another country."

Pitsch and Glovak are planning another drive next year. They have been accepting wheelchairs ever since the last drive ended in spring. Call Pitsch at (248) 661-3317 or Glovak at (248) 661-0964.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall '99 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 3, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7.

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

Students may enroll in day, evening and weekend classes, and non-admitted students must obtain a permit-to-register from the admissions office. Transfer students are welcome. There is no application fee.

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Laurel Park Place celebrates 10th anniversary

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

City planners had a lot of hope for what Laurel Park Place would do for Livonia's northwest section, and as the center celebrates its 10th anniversary, many observers say it has surpassed expectations.

It gives the city some identity, said John Nagy, Livonia planning director from 1970 until last May and now director of the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

"It set a high-water mark for development and made a state-

ment for those that would follow, because they would have to measure up to the standards set forth by Laurel Park."

To ensure that would happen, the Livonia City Council created a special vicinity control ordinance and an architectural control ordinance for the area. The ordinances required Livonia Planning Commission review and council approval for any development, even a sign erection or alteration.

"The ordinances saw that there was compatibility and harmony with all development so

that it would be complementary to the area and the basic plan that the city adopted for Laurel Park Place," Nagy said.

Schostak Bros. and Co. owns the center on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Newburgh. The mall features 73 stores, 10-screen AMC movie complex, an attached office center, a full-service Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, a Courtyard by Marriott motel and the Park Place Athletic Club.

The upscale center is anchored by Jacobson's and the only Parisian in Michigan. Other high-end retailers include Ann Taylor, Eddie Bauer, Franklin Covey, The Gap, Gymboree, Talbots and Williams-Sonoma.

"It's the west-side Somerset," said Karen Susalla, Laurel Park marketing director.

Planning began in the mid-1970s when the property was assembled by Angelo DiPonio, who owned Greenfield Construction in Livonia. Sam Franklin then joined DiPonio in working on the project.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUGUST 12, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday, August 12, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Clerk, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Acceptance of Agenda

1. James Mattern of 575 Arthur St. Plymouth MI 48170 is appealing Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulations Requirements for Agricultural and Residential District for Front Setback Requirements for property located at 7874 Rutherford Ct. in Canton, MI. The request is for a four-foot variance to the (Stratford) front setback. Parcel # 020-04-0058-000 (Building)

2. Dennis Krestel of 24350 Orchard Lake Road, Ste # 101 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336 (248-473-1100) representing Mr. Mike Brown of 67 Danforth White Lake MI 48366 (248-698-1116) for Property located at 8121, 8101, 8011, 8041, 8061 & 8081 Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187. Article Sec. 26.02 Schedule of Regulations-Requirements for Agricultural and Residential Districts. The Request is for a variance of 7 feet from the required 50 foot front setback in R-6 district. Parcel #006-99-0015-702 (Planning)

(Approval of July 8, 1999 minutes)

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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 July 27, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Bursak
Staff Present: Durak, Machnik, Santomuro, Abbott

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Supervisor Jack deleted General Calendar Item No. 5, *Reconsider Special Land Use Request for Cherry Hill Pointe Assisted Living Facility* from the agenda and added Item No. 17, *PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC WORKS*.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of July 13, 1999 as presented. All ayes.

CITIZEN'S NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS
Tim Purlong, Representing River Meadows Homeowners Association addressed the concerns of the residents of River Meadows regarding unfinished landscaping and drainage issues.

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

Expenditure Account	Amount	Balance
General Fund	101	\$478,993.80
Fire Fund	206	26,421.95
Police Fund	207	80,219.68
Community Center Fund	208	59,364.88
Golf Course Fund	211	55,584.79
Cable TV Fund	230	1,398.12
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	184.60
Special Investigative Fund	267	838.48
Federal Grants Fund	274	3,282.78
State Projects Fund	289	29,596.56
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	2,575.77
Retiree Benefits	296	12.00
CAP Proj. Road Paving Fund	403	6,143.50
Blg. Auth. Construction Fund	409	4,420.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$74,277.88
Total-All Funds		\$1,629,770.91

PUBLIC HEARING
Consider Tax Abatement For Spring Engineering & Mfg. Corp.
Supervisor Jack declared the public hearing open at 8:00 P.M.
Mr. Robert McCausland spoke in opposition to the tax abatement.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to close the public hearing at 8:15 P.M. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the application of Spring Engineering and Manufacturing Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property to remain in force and effect for a period of 6-years, expiring on December 30, 2008. All ayes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF SPRING ENGINEERING & MFG. CORP. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 196 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1993, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development district, as requested by the property owner; and
WHEREAS, Spring Engineering & Mfg. Corp. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be constructed and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and
WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on July 27, 1999, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 P.M., at which hearing the application, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded the opportunity to be heard on said application; and
WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before June 3, 1999, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and
WHEREAS, completion 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 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.
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. 196 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 Spring Engineering & Mfg. Corp. 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 Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:
Legal description is available at the Clerk's Office during regular business hours and the same is hereby approved.
3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and

remain in force and effect for a period of 6-years, expiring December 30, 2008.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the Fence Ordinance No. 103 (b) to become effective upon publication on August 5, 1999. All ayes.

SECOND 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 Requirements; Providing For Fence Permit Application; Providing For Certain Conditions; Providing For General Conditions; Providing For Nonconforming Fences, Walls, Borders; Providing For Building And Use Restrictions; Providing 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 Hereby Ordains:

Section 1. Definitions.
This Section defines the terms: Border, Cul-de-sac Street, Fence, Fence Height, Fence Permit, Front Yard, Nonconforming Fence, Rear Building Line, 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 permit requirements 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 & Inspections.

Section 5. Issuance Of Fence Permit; Conditions.
This section provides that the Building Official or his agents, 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 description given on the permit application at the time the fence permit was issued.

Section 10. Building And Use Restrictions; Covenants; Disclaimers.
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 fines.

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.

Fence Ordinance No. 103(b), was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48186.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND DIAMOND VENTURES, LLC (CO-LICENSEES) to transfer ownership of 1999 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 48555 Michigan, Canton, MI 48186. Canton Township, Wayne County form CLEATS INC. be considered for APPROVAL. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for APPROVAL. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Assignment of Interest regarding the Class C License at the Summit on the Park. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON to drop SUMMIT CUISINE, INC. as

co-licensee in 1999 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 4800 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48186. Canton Township, Wayne County be considered for APPROVAL. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from R.G.V.S. INC. to transfer ownership of 1999 Class C licensed business, located at 44292 Warren, Canton, MI 48187 Canton Township, Wayne County from HIMALAYA INC. be considered for APPROVAL. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Waste Disposal Agreement with Canton Waste Recycling for five years beginning August 1, 1999 and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP # 116-99-0002-000, 115-99-0001-000, 115-99-0004-000, and the north part of 115-99-0003-000 from RA, Rural Agricultural to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Final Site Plan for the proposed Creekside Villas Site Condominiums (Tax ID 096-99-0004-000). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP #116-99-0002-000 from RA, Rural Agricultural to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the Charter Township of Canton's legal publications to the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper and designate the Canton Observer as the legal newspaper of Canton Township. The contract will run from August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2001. Further, that the legal will be published in accordance with established guidelines.

Motion by Kirchgatter to amend the contract for 1-year from August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2000. Motion failed for lack of support. Original motion to award legal publication bid carried. All ayes on a voice vote.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid of 20 Draeger Air Cylinders from Pressure Vessel Testing, for a cost not to exceed \$9,890. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the bidding and to authorize the replacement of a warning siren at Canton Center and Warren Roads from West Shore Services Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$6,125. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award \$23,105 to Team Office Interiors for the purchase of workstations and furniture for the MIS Division. Further, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for this purchase:

Increase/Decrease	Amount
Appropriation from Fund Balance	\$101-000-699-0000 \$23,105
Increase Appropriations:	
Capital Outlay-Equipment MIS Division	\$101-258-977-0000 \$23,105

This budget amendment increases the Management Information Services Division budget from \$626,475 to \$649,580 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,292,479 to \$18,315,584. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the award of not to exceed \$50,000 to Beiton Information System for the purpose of database design and consulting services. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid for one (1) x 2 Utility Vehicle to Club Car Inc. in the amount of \$7,586.03. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for one (1) Zero-Turn Radius Rotary Mower bid to Commercial Lawnmower Inc., in the amount of \$9,750. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve an additional \$940 of funds for the installation of a vent system at the Historical Museum; and further that the funds be expended from Historical Commission Account #101-803-931-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Buildings. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to waive formal bidding for the emergency purchase of flag poles and netting for the Canton Softball Center and to Old Glory Flag Company (\$10,500) and Miller Net Company (\$5,450). All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the attached agreement with Cinnabar Telecommunications Consulting for consulting services in a not to exceed amount of \$17,580. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Golf Course-Phaenast Run budget:

Increase/Decrease	Amount
Food & Beverage Concessions	\$211-000-669-1000 \$45,000
Pro Shop Fee	211-000-642-0000 10,000
Total	\$55,000
Increase Appropriations:	
Supplies for Reale	\$211-756-726-0000 \$10,000
Food/Beverage	211-756-741-0000 45,000
Total	\$55,000

This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,515,024 to \$2,570,024. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the purchase agreement for three acres of land to be used for public works purposes. All ayes.

OTHER
The Board meeting scheduled for August 3, 1999 is canceled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be August 10, 1999.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. All ayes.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on July 27, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on August 10, 1999.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Publication: August 5, 1999

OBITUARIES

STEPHEN GNIEWEK
Services for Stephen N. Gniewek, 31, of Canton will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass. The Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. will officiate.

Gniewek was born Nov. 21, 1967, in Farmington Hills. He died July 31 in Cottrellville Township in St. Clair, Colo. He was a nurse.

Survivors include his father, Leonard Gniewek of Canton; two brothers, Paul Gniewek of Royal Oak, Matthew Gniewek of Westland; and two sisters, Jodee Remenap of Saline, and Teresa Chuldzinski of White Lake.

Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan-PICU.

MARY L. HARTUNG
Services for Mary L. Hartung, 86, of Rochester Hills were Aug. 2 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John "Doc" Ortmann officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 6, 1912, in Gallup, N.M. She died July 29 in Madison Heights. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Southgate Michigan Seniors. She was also a member of Older Person Commission of Rochester Hills. She loved photography, sewing, family gatherings, cooking and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Heinz; one brother, Walter; one sister, Annie; and one grandson, Brad.

Survivors include her son, Gary (Carol) Hartung of Rochester Hills; two grandchildren, Kurt (Nancy), Mark; three sisters, Katherine LaMothe of Plymouth, Jenny Rojas of Traverse City, Francis (Dale) Kaiser of Plymouth; and one brother, John (Joyce) Eskra of Northville.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

ROGER E. BERTOVICK
Services for Roger E. Bertovick, 52, of Canton were Aug. 2 at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel with the Rev. James P. O'Hagan officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

He was born April 25, 1947, in Detroit. He died July 31 in Livonia. He was an assembly line worker for General Motors.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Bertovick; two sons, Scott and Brian Bertovick; one daughter, Candice Bertovick; mother, Jean Bertovick; one brother; and three sisters.

WALTER E. STEINHILB
Services for Walter E. Steinhilb, 76, of Canton were Aug. 2 in Sainte Chapelle with Rev. Gary D. Headaph of St. Matthew Lutheran Church officiating.

He was born Nov. 12, 1922, in Tri Mountain, Mich. He died July 30 in Ann Arbor. He was a owner of his own business.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Steinhilb; three sons, Walter (Karen) Steinhilb, Richard (Catherine) Steinhilb, Michael (Arlene) Steinhilb; one sister, Elsie Ahonen; sister-in-law, Charlotte Steinhilb; five grandchildren, Michelle, Lisa, Aaron, Nicole, Lacey.

Memorials may be made to Perickton Center for Blind Children.

FLORENCE SHEPPERD
Services for Florence Shepperd, 97, of Canton were Aug. 3 in First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Jan. 21, 1902, in England. She died July 30 in Canton. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia J. (Donald) Richter of Canton; one step-son, Dennis Shepperd of Warren; one sister, Marian Ahlforth of Lewiston; six grandchildren, Mark (Maureen) Richter of Canton, James (Sharon) Richter of Indianapolis, Ind., Craig (Terry) Richter Monolulu, Hawaii, Scott (Shelli) Richter of Louisville, Ky., Dennis Hagan of Southgate, Jeffrey (Terry) Davis of Alexandria, Va.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

PHYLLIS L. BELLINGER
Services for Phyllis L. Bellinger, 75, of Canton Township will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Wik officiating.

She was born June 6, 1924, in Indianapolis, Ind. She died July 30 in St. Joseph Hospital. She was a salesperson for jewelry stores.

Survivors include her husband, Russell T.; three daughters, Sharon A. Sage, Jamie L. Ride, Elaine S. (Ronald J.) Toth; one son, Russell T., Jr.; and six grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

ELDEN DUANE CLEVENGER
Services for Elden Duane Clevenger, 59, of Canton were July 27 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. S. Alan Duse officiating.

He was born Dec. 5, 1939, in Monroe. He died July 24 in Ann Arbor. He was a die-maker.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Clevenger of Canton; and one son, David (Brenda) Clevenger.

ROY BRADLEY JONES, JR.
Services for Roy Bradley Jones Jr., 53, of Canton were July 26 in Uht Funeral Home. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He was born May 23, 1946, in Garden City. He died July 22 in Oakwood Hospital, Wayne. He was a mechanic, working with

air conditioners.

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Canton Police Department on right track

There's a saying in professional sports that goes something like this: If you're going to talk the talk, you better be able to walk the walk.

Considering several recent incidents, Canton's police department is living up to both ends of that credo.

Unlike many, the township's department actively promotes itself. Public Safety Director John Santomaro leads a staff that is increasingly media savvy.

Press releases on major criminal offenses are sent, generally, in a timely manner to news outlets. Other releases regularly solicit coverage of police programs and accomplishments.

The purpose, of course, is to glean a positive public image. Trust us when we say Santomaro and most Canton officials are acutely aware of the value of good public relations.

While the Observer has no problems with this approach, actions, as always, speak louder than words.

A recent incident involving township resident Mark Wilson is illustrative. Wilson

awoke at 4 a.m. on July 27 to the barking of a neighborhood dog. When he got up to investigate, he saw two men breaking into his van. A 911 call brought several Canton Police cars to the scene within three minutes, according to Wilson. A short time later, officers apprehended the would-be thieves.

"I think they did a great job," said Wilson. "They had great team work and were very efficient and professional. I was very pleased with the Canton Police Department."

While Wilson's incident is a good indication of how the department is performing, it's not the lone example.

On July 23, an 85-year-old Dearborn Heights man was killed in an auto accident on Ford Road near Beck. In that case, township police responded quickly, diverted traffic and processed the scene with precision using advanced surveying-like technology.

It was impressive. In our view, solid work such as this does more to instill public confidence in the department than any press release ever could. Good job, folks. Keep it up.

Have your pet spayed or neutered

Some are found in the street, emaciated and flea-infested. Some are brought in by their owners, who are unable or unwilling to care for them any more. Some are healthy. Some are seriously ill or dangerous to others.

They are dogs, cats, rabbits... and their chances of surviving for long at the Michigan Humane Society are not good.

In a July 15 Observer story, it was reported that in 1998 the Humane Society took in 49,965 animals and killed 33,643 of them by lethal injection because suitable homes were not found.

It's a sad story.

The Humane Society reports high employee turnover because of "compassion fatigue." Most employees (and hundreds of volunteers) are drawn to the society because they love animals. They expect to help match the perfect pets with the perfect owners. Often they do just that, and those are the happy endings they focus on to keep going.

But far too many healthy pets, including kittens and puppies, are put to death because irresponsible people allow their pets to reproduce wantonly.

The pet population continues to outpace the pet owner population. We take our unwanted or excess pets to the Humane Society and tell ourselves that they were adopted. We know that the Humane Society kills unwanted pets, but we pretend it doesn't happen.

We are an odd society indeed when we pamper our pets with birthday presents, professional grooming, baby-sitters and even graves. Yet we kill off our excess pets as if they were so much dirt to be swept off the kitchen floor. Do we believe that life has value only if it is convenient?

Humane Society employees and volunteers are doing the right thing in killing unwanted animals. Even the Michigan Animal Rescue League, an organization that limits its killing



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Sad but true: The Michigan Humane Society is forced to euthanize most of the animals it receives because suitable homes can't be found.

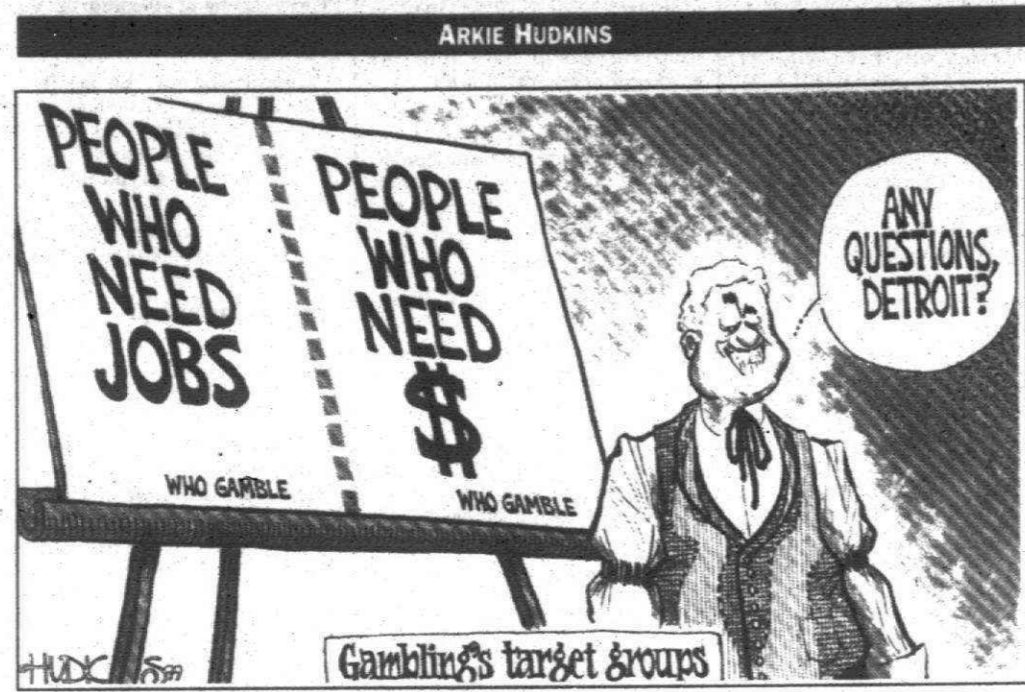
to sick and dangerous pets, praises the Humane Society for doing the thankless, heartbreaking work of killing healthy, unwanted pets.

Release them to the wild instead, you say? Don't tell that to Plymouth residents, where stray cats have overrun the Old Village part of town. The cats are more than a nuisance. They carry fleas and diseases. They can injure and infect humans.

Yet they're only acting in accordance with their nature. They don't know any better. People do. And some of us have abdicated our responsibility to see that our pets don't multiply like wild animals. People are responsible for the Plymouth cat problem, not cats.

The message from the Humane Society and other animal rescue organizations is repeated time and again - if you have a dog or cat, have the animal spayed or neutered. How many kittens and puppies have to be executed before that sinks in?

Owning a pet can sometimes be an onerous chore. But taking responsibility is part of being an adult. Pets don't cause their overpopulation problem. People do.



LETTERS

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Fence debate

This is in response to (the Observer's) opinion on the fence ordinance. We were surprised when our neighbors erected a six foot wooden fence beside our chain linked fence a few years ago. Like the Ladell's, we also got the bad side of the fence and we also got the maintenance!

None of which were our choice. The weeds were four feet tall before I just couldn't stand the sight of them anymore. So, I've been maintaining it for the past few years and believe me, it is very difficult to maintain!

I'm all for the three foot buffer between the new and existing fences. Maybe it would be an unpleasant reminder that they are indeed responsible for the maintenance of their own property. There are other alternatives to making a yard more private besides a six-foot fence.

If they feel the need to erect a six-foot privacy fence, how approachable will they be to remind them to maintain their property? What makes you think they'll want to maintain that part of their property they can't even see?

Cathy Vettesse
Canton

Punish the guilty

During the last few years, there have been a number of unfortunate incidents involving guns and the killing of innocent people, at our schools and in the workplace. Recently, another sad story has hit the airwaves - I'm referring to the guy that just this past week freaked out in Georgia and killed nine people in his office, after he killed his wife and kids. You talk about having a bad day on the "stock market!" Who speaks out for these innocent kids that had their heads caved in with a hammer and then drowned in the bathtub face down - so they wouldn't feel any pain. What a guy!

How does a person kill his own children? This guy had to be one very sick deranged individual. Do you feel sorry for him? No, you take him out of action before he strikes again. It's my understanding that he was a suspect in the murder of his first wife and his mother-in-law, why wasn't he charged by the local police? If they acted, maybe these kids would be alive today. The average person who has a bad day does not wake up one morning and

decide to start killing people. This guy had to be a "powder keg," just waiting/wanting to blow for a very long time. And no one saw this coming, yeah, right!

It's really amazing how the news media goes on a frenzy, blaming guns and yelling for stronger gun control laws when another story like this hits the front page.

Why blame guns? It could have been a hammer, knife, pick, bat or a list of many other items that can be used lethally to kill, if that's the intention of the individual. Why blame the manufacturers? They produce a product that if used correctly and legally serves multiple purposes: for hunting, sports shooting, self-protection and ensuring our "rights" as a free people against the possibility of tyrannical controlling government. I think that what our founding fathers had in mind with the right to bear arms.

Why scream for stronger gun control, when the federal government doesn't enforce the laws that are on the books right now. We can have a library filled with gun control laws, but if the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies don't prosecute and jail these people that break these laws, this is kind of a Catch 22, isn't it? Now the same people who make these laws will cry we don't have enough jails, then they want more tax money to build more "country clubs" that they call prisons. What's the answer?

Put the blame where it belongs! Believe it or not, it is true, guns don't kill - people do. Cars don't kill, the misuse and people not paying attention cause accidents that kill. The guns and vehicles of the world are just tools that are used to commit unfortunate acts of circumstances.

The answer is quite clear. If an individual kills, even the Bible tells us that it's an "eye for an eye." Regardless of the who, where, how, why and when, the person is still dead. Killing is wrong, thou shalt not kill, but it is still an "eye for an eye." The government controls many aspects of our personal lives. Many states still have the death penalty, if this one law serves its purpose and is a deterrent for murder/killing, is this not better for our country as a whole? Better wake up, people, the problems that face our communities have relatively simple solutions. Know what's going on inside your own home, know where and what your kids are doing and your neighborhoods. We can make a difference!

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POINTS OF VIEW

State should help hard-working students

I have a bias that isn't universally popular in Michigan. I think the state should do good things for kids who study, work hard, take the tests and pass them. It's the opposite of the "something for nothing" mentality.

And so I was doubly delighted when Gov. John Engler came up with a plan for up to \$3,000 in Michigan Merit Award Scholarships for any kid who passed the seventh grade MEAP tests (\$500) and the 11th grade MEAP tests (\$2,500).

(The House amended the plan, in

HB 4666, to award scholarships to kids who didn't pass MEAP but scored in the top 25 percent on a national, standard, college admissions test.)

Money would come from the state's \$8 billion settlement with the wicked tobacco companies. The scholarships wouldn't come from the pockets of taxpayers or the bread of the poor.

College tuition, adjusted for inflation, has quintupled since the Pleistocene epoch, when I clawed my way through university. So I see a certain



TIM RICHARD

measure of economic justice in Engler's Merit program.

And Engler absolutely did the right thing in giving kids an incentive to take the MEAP tests, which are more intelligent, relying on problem solving and comparisons, than the grunt tests they inflicted when I was in high school.

The Senate passed it 33-5 on June 9 and the House concurred 75-27 on June 10. The only area reps voting no were Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing. They did so for the wrong rea-

sons. Said Gosselin, who is taking over the old Dave Jaye-Margaret O'Connor role of voting against everything: "The state is now imposing the curriculum through a 'government-sponsored' test."

Actually, that's what the state should have been doing since 1837 when Michigan led the nation in guaranteeing a free public education.

Tim Richard is a freelance writer who is retired from this newspaper.

Audit doesn't tell true story of Willow Run's success

An Observer July 4 story ("Audit shows taxpayers picking up tab for Willow Run") created unwarranted wake turbulence at Willow Run Airport. I write to correct the record.

I am a Wayne County resident and have been in business in Wayne County since 1983. I took a strong interest in the story as a pilot who has landed and departed from Willow Run and utilized their services on numerous occasions. The article appeared lopsided and biased against Willow Run. It was based upon a dubious uncited "audit" that covers the period of Dec. 1, 1996, through Nov. 30, 1997 (which included a six-week GM strike).

The "audit" says that the "field work" was not concluded until "March 1999." This means that your story and the "audit" upon which it is based pertains to obsolete information that misled your readership as to what is currently happening at Willow Run. Your story was not about current events.

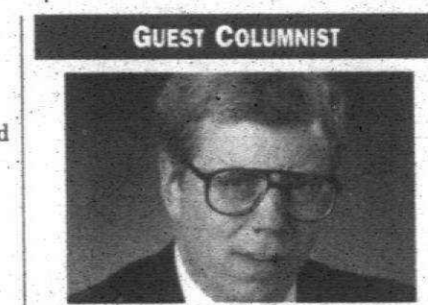
I know from experience that Willow Run is a well-run and essential commercial airport. It is truly a valuable asset of southeastern Michigan. Last year it was the third-busiest airport in Michigan (not the fourth-busiest as you reported), with 252,000 landings and takeoffs (or "operations"), not 151,000, as reported.

Furthermore, Willow Run is the number one airport in Michigan for automotive cargo. Its location is superb, being located on the NAFTA route with convenient expressway and rail access, and being near the ports of Toledo and Detroit.

Neither Willow Run Airport nor Detroit Metropolitan Airport receive any Wayne County general tax fund dollars. Willow Run's funding is derived from landing fees, fuel flowage fees, leases and federal and state grants. Cargo operations alone finance approximately 90 percent of Willow Run's operations and maintenance expenses.

To report that Willow Run has operated in the red since 1994 is not a true picture of its financial condition. Willow Run's cash flow from operations was in the black five out of the last six years, with the only exception being 1997. The article also wrongfully failed to disclose that the auditor charged over \$720,000 in depreciation against revenues for both Fiscal Year 1996 and FY 1997.

Three facts caused Willow Run's temporary cash shortfall in 1997. First, two of the airport's long-term tenants had gotten behind in their lease payments, but now are nearly current. Second, a catastrophic electrical equipment failure caused the



JEFFERY MECK

airport to incur \$360,000 in unanticipated expenses. Third, the GM strike caused a substantial reduction in landing and fuel flowage fees.

Wayne County's Department of Airports decided to loan money to Willow Run in order to make up the temporary shortfall. This was not a situation where the taxpayers "propped up" the airport, but rather its big sister, Metro Airport, lent a helping hand fully expecting Willow Run to repay the loan, with interest. To date, Willow Run has already repaid 90 percent of this loan to Metro Airport. It will be fully repaid by the end of 1999.

Willow Run's future is extremely bright. In 1994 Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara persuaded the federal government to provide 24-

hour U.S. Customs Service at Willow Run. That achievement resulted in a 93-percent increase in international operations over the past three years. Willow Run's operations have grown dramatically from 143,000 in 1996 to 252,000 in 1998, a 74-percent increase in three years.

Much was made in your news story regarding a \$510,000 cash flow shortfall in FY 1997, implying that the airport is in financial difficulty, when it is not. A simple and objective review of the current numbers certainly makes that clear.

This promising and ambitious project will definitely raise revenues and propel Willow Run into one of the premier non-airline commercial airports in the world for corporate usage.

Willow Run also contributes greatly to government coffers. Last year the airport paid \$800,000 to the state of Michigan in taxes, \$5 million to the federal government in non-excite taxes, and \$20 million to the federal government in excise taxes.

Willow Run also provides non-economic benefits to area taxpayers. The University of Michigan Hospital has two high-performance jets based at Willow Run Airport. They are used on a regular basis to transport critical care patients, such as those who are severely burned, into

the area for treatments at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Wayne County Auditor Brendon G. Dunlevy did not and cannot put a price tag on the value or importance of these life-saving missions. Med-Evac helicopters for U-M Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital also receive maintenance at Willow Run.

Dunlevy's so-called "audit" and the Observer article falsely depicted an emergency at Willow Run Airport, when none exists. In fact, Dunlevy's audit actually shows \$24 million in "Total Fund Equity" at Willow Run.

Wayne County Executive McNamara has a successful airport team in place with David Katz, director of Wayne County Airports; Sean Brosner, director of Willow Run Airport; Diane Walker, deputy director; and all the dedicated people who work for them.

They are personally responsible for transforming Willow Run from a white elephant that U-M sold to Wayne County for \$1 in 1977 into an economic jewel for southeastern Michigan.

Jeffery D. Meek is an attorney who lives and has his practice in Livonia. He is also a licensed pilot and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

'Narrow exemptions' matter

At first I thought the news report was wrong.

Debbie Stabenow was listed as voting with conservative House Republicans on two First Amendment issues. This is the same Debbie Stabenow who wants to run against Spencer Abraham for the Senate. This is the same Debbie Stabenow who has generally voted in a moderate to liberal way since entering the House.

Surely, she would not vote in favor of a constitutional amendment against flag desecration and in favor of posting the Ten Commandments in public schools.

So, I e-mailed her. Say it ain't so, Debbie. Say the press got it wrong again. At least explain how you could vote this way. Say you do understand the First Amendment and why it is so precious and needs to be zealously guarded and continuously reaffirmed.

Well, she wrote back. Her response was polite, timely, clear... and wrong.

On June 24, the House of Representatives voted to begin the process of seeking state approval for a constitutional amendment making it illegal to physically desecrate the U.S. Flag. Rep. Stabenow's letter says this was an emotionally wrenching decision and after weighing all sides concluded, "that our flag is such an important symbol of our country that, out of respect for those who have fought and died for our country, a narrow exemption is warranted." She adds, correctly, that free speech has never been absolute.

But political speech has always been an area where, short of advocating the violent overthrow of the government, the widest latitude has been upheld in legislatures and the courts.

If Stabenow wanted to honor those who have "fought and died" for this country, then she should have voted "no" on this amendment. Those soldiers fought and died for the principles inscribed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, not for a piece of cloth but for the ideas symbolized by the piece of cloth.

I've always been uncomfortable with flag wavers and flag burners. Neither impress me as having a firm grip on what American democracy and its tangential protection of minority rights is really all about.

Flag burning is offensive, but not nearly as offensive as a government that denies someone the freedom to make an "offensive" political statement. And desecrating the flag for political purposes is no more offensive than desecrating it for commercial purposes.

Stabenow calls this a "narrow" exemption. It isn't nearly narrow enough.



HUGH GALLAGHER

On the Ten Commandments, Stabenow's reply is more convoluted because it involves the convoluted nature of legislation. Stabenow included a news item that said the amendment to the juvenile justice bill was "unclear" to her and that what she voted for was to support the 10th Amendment, which reserves to the states powers not expressly given to the federal government.

Most Democrats and moderate Republicans were not similarly confused and voted against the amendment.

Her letter adds: "I agree with you that the separation of church and state is vital to our nation. And I am distressed that this issue was brought up during debate on juvenile justice issues. Unfortunately, this debate was more about ideology and symbolism than the actual language of the amendment."

She writes that she is confident that any local decision to post the Ten Commandments would be ruled unconstitutional by the courts. She also adds that she has voted against federal funding for "faith-based" organizations that require beneficiaries to participate in religious practices or instruction.

Fair enough. But it was apparent to others that this was, indeed, about "ideology and symbolism" not about saving our young from becoming criminals. She seemed to miss the symbolism.

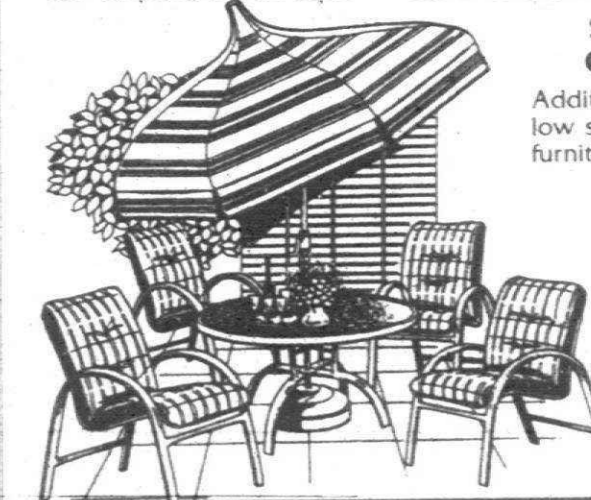
The Ten Commandments are a fine statement of ethical principles. But there are at least three versions that I know about (Jewish, Catholic and Protestant) and other faiths have similar statements of principle.

In the Catholic version of the commandments I learned as a child, the first three commandments deal with man's obligations to God, a clear violation of the First Amendment's prohibition against establishing a religion.

I appreciate Stabenow's reply, but I hope she takes a closer look at these central issues before she begins her Senate campaign in earnest.

Hugh Gallagher is the acting managing editor of the Observer Newspapers.

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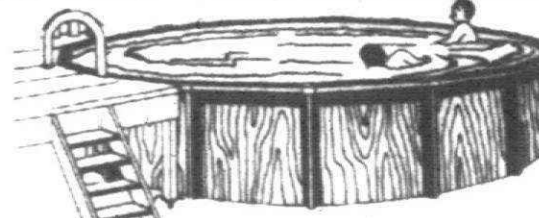
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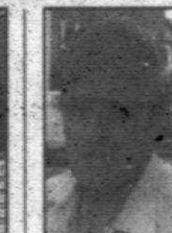
"I prefer Las Vegas, actually."
Mike Doughty
Plymouth



"I have no opinion on that."
David Mielcunsky
West Bloomfield



"No. It's going to cause corruption and crime and make it worse down there than it already is. Gambling is an addiction."
Susan Deeg
Canton



"I think it's one of the best things that has happened to Detroit or to any other municipality."
Zuch Vincent
Plymouth

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.

Tyndale College begins aggressive building campaign

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Farmington Hills-based William Tyndale College wants to quadruple enrollment. But before the school unrolls the welcome mat, some more building space is needed.

Right now, 650 students attend the nonsectarian Christian liberal arts school. William Tyndale College officials predict the student rolls will eventually swell to 2,500 in 10 years.

Applications for fall semester are already up 44 percent compared to last year, school officials say.

Such projections encourage college officials as they embark on an aggressive building expansion and a \$20.8 million fundraising campaign. School officials expect to break ground on a library and high-tech science building dubbed a "MindLab" next spring at the 12 Mile and Drake campus.

"We are looking at our future,"

said Ann Corwell, assistant to the president for communications and operations. "We're looking to grow the number of students."

Aside from quantity, William Tyndale College is seeking quality too.

Currently, the private college has an "open door" policy for incoming students.

"We've made great accommodation for people who are looking for a Christ-centered education," Corwell said.

In the future, more stringent standards may require students to have strong ACT or SAT scores and higher grade-point averages.

Tyndale has brought in a former Ford Motor Co. executive to oversee its new Presidential Scholarship Program, which is expected to lure above-average students.

College officials also expect to

Tyndale College expansion
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increase academic offerings, especially in hot job market areas such as technology and sciences.

The school hired a new direc-

tor of technology planning, Gary Oster, who has experience developing information systems in corporate and educational areas.

Oster will help develop both areas at Tyndale College where he teaches and direct activities at the school's library.

Tyndale College plans on retooling its accelerated degree program, which has become popular educational trend and is designed for students who work.

However, 18 to 19 other institutions have similar fast-track programs in the Detroit area, Corwell said. Instead of trying to compete, Tyndale College will likely focus on a smaller number of students.

"We're looking to slightly compress that program," Corwell said.

To aid fund raising, Tyndale College hired David Lepper as senior vice-president for development. Lepper will direct the Mil-

lennium Capital Campaign.

Lepper worked for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, which completed a campaign to raise \$100 million.

He spent 18 years helping raise money for the United Way.

The effort to raise \$20.8 million is the first part of a four-phase plan, which college officials hope to see bring in \$85-\$100 million.

Future building plans include a fitness center, cafeteria and more dorms.

To secure the first \$20.8 million, though, the college needs to introduce itself to a wider audience.

"Not a lot of people know about William Tyndale College," Lepper said. "Part of that is letting them know they have this premier Christian college in their back yard."

Area lawyers teach classes at Madonna

Judge Gene Schnelz of the Oakland County Circuit Court bench will be among the faculty teaching legal assistant courses at Madonna University in Livonia for the fall term which begins Sept. 7.

Schnelz will teach "Legal Interviewing and Investigations" on Tuesday evenings and the course "Domestic Relations" on Wednesday evenings.

A weekend workshop entitled "Computer Assisted Legal Research" will focus on the use of technology to conduct research and will be held on Oct. 22-23. The course will be taught by Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today.

She will teach the course "Legal Research and Writing II" on Thursday evenings. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna, will also conduct the introductory class, "Legal Assistant Orientation," on Tuesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Torts: An Overview of Negligence" on Wednesday evenings and a weekend workshop, "Arbitration and Mediation," on Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach "Legal Research and Writing I" on Thursday evenings.

Marty Champine, a Bingham Farms attorney, will conduct two courses, "Litigation" on Monday evenings and Law Office economics and Management on Tuesday evenings.

The director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program, Jennifer Cote, who is a Brighton attorney and chair of the ABA Approval Commission, will teach "Legal Seminar and Practicum" on selected Saturdays.

Other courses that will be offered include "Taxation I, Legal Issues for Older Adults" and "Constitutional Law."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of paralegals is expected to grow 36 percent or more through the year 2005.

Madonna University's Legal Assistant Program is approved by the American Bar Association. Registration continues through Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 7.

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Weather or not, graphics rule

"I think maybe we can turn the air conditioning off tonight," The Feminist said the minute I walked in the door. "It's supposed to get down to 62."

"I just heard 68 on the radio," I said, "with a high of 88 tomorrow."

"Well, I just heard 62, with a high of 82."

We obviously listen to different stations, and maybe 6 degrees one way or the other is nothing to quibble about.

Just to be ornery I checked my radio station again and got the same forecast: low 68, high 88. We watched the TV weather show and the pretty, perky meteorologist came up with some even different numbers. Close, but not a match.

That set me to thinking. When did weather forecasters start predicting exact numbers for high and low temperatures? It wasn't so long ago that a typical forecast would go something like:

"It should be pleasant sleeping weather tonight. Temps should be in the mid-60s. And we're looking at a nice day tomorrow. Lots of sun and temperatures in the low to mid-80s."

Now that's a forecast with a lot of wiggle room. If the low turns out to be 62 - or 68 - you can call that the "mid-60s." If the high is only 80 - or as much as 88 - that "low to mid-80s" pretty much covers it. But if you predict 68 and the low turns out to be 62 - or vice versa - you're WRONG.

The question is: How can forecasters predict what the exact high and/or low temperature is going to be during the next 24 hours or five or six days?

The answer is: They can't.

The next question is: Why do they do it anyway?

And the answer is: I don't know. But I have a theory.

Those digital things
It has to do with digital things - clocks, thermometers, speedometers - and graphics - pictures and icons instead of words. You can also add computers to the mix.

Digital things tell you that the time is 9:47 a.m., the temperature is 87 degrees and you are traveling at 52 miles per hour. Analog things tell you that it's a quarter to 10, it's almost 90 degrees and you're driving about 50.

Words can tell you that the temperature tomorrow will "probably" be in the "low to mid-80s," but that doesn't make for a nice, easy-to-read graphic like those that the forecasters flash on your TV screen. And the media have become addicted to graphics, form over content.

That five-day forecast, in graphic form, can only display so much: the day of the week, the high/low temperature, and a picture of a cloud or the sun (or both). There's no room to include concepts like probabilities, range of temperatures or likelihood of changing weather.

Computers can tell you, right to the nanosecond, when an airline flight should arrive or what the exact high temperature should be tomorrow. It's those *shoulds* that make the difference. They represent the vagaries of Human and Mother Nature. Computers can't predict them and graphics can't illustrate them.

Reduce to absolutes
Yet we persist in trying to reduce to absolutes things that can only be estimates at best. School bus schedules come to mind.

Last year The Tenth Grader's bus was scheduled to be at her stop at 6:37 a.m. - not 6:30 or 6:45 but 6:37. Never mind the fact that various clocks in our house might be reading 6:31, 6:36, 6:38. Never mind what the clock on the school bus said. Never mind traffic and weather conditions and other variables. The bus was supposed to be there at 6:37.

Whether it was or not, I never knew.

The point is that the more we try to convey ideas through graphic images instead of words, the more likely we are to confuse instead of inform. The more we try to reduce predictions to absolutes, the more certain we are to be wrong.

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Safe schools: Finding ways to stop violence

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

The rampage of killings at Columbine High School last spring spurred a flood of calls to local social service agencies about suspected violent kids.

Everyone wants to do something to keep it from happening locally, including one area church, which recently launched a forum to talk about what causes the violence.

Through it all, most local teens have kept a good perspective. Like Melissa Brown, a Plymouth resident, who graduated in June from Plymouth Canton High School.

Teaching kids not to be violent, she said, begins at home. Her school (Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton) is so big, with more than 4,800 students, it's hard, she said, to know what kinds of cliques are forming and the various behavior they promote.

"A lot of things that go on, we don't know about, and in a way that's scary," Brown said. "There are a lot of different groups in our schools, (and) you can't possibly know everyone and the activities they get involved in."

"A lot of times the administration and staff can't do anything, but really they shouldn't have to; it should start at home. With my brother, we never bought him guns, and he's not violent. He learned not to be violent at home."

And other teens, like Beth Harris, 16, a member of the youth group at Grace Baptist Church in Livonia, aren't fearful, because they don't think there is a lot of violence in local schools.

In the 11th grade at Franklin High School, Harris has "only seen two fights in two years and I've heard about a couple."

Maybe the good students are calmed because school administrators are weeding out violent kids, especially following the Columbine shootings.

Increasing awareness

By the end of the past school year, Starfish Family Services, a human service agency with 12 locations in western Wayne County including Canton, Livonia, Garden City and Westland, had up to 12 calls daily about students who were considered violent.

The number of calls, according to Bonnie Patrick, Starfish clinical program officer, skyrocketed after the Columbine shootings. School administrators, teachers, parents and other students wanted to report suspect behavior that ranged from threatening and harming other children to carrying weapons in school.

"While there's an increase in reporting and awareness, there's also an increased awareness on children's part that they can get a lot of attention by saying certain things," Patrick said. "Teachers can't necessarily know which are serious threats and which are not. They have to take all threats seriously."

In a response to the flood of calls, Starfish is establishing training programs dealing with the warning signs of anger and violence, as well as groups for parents teaching them what to do, if their children have outbursts, according to Chuck Ragain, Starfish chief director for development and communications.

Starfish also is available to conduct workshops at schools and organizations.

The Family Independence Agency, schools, other

agencies, churches, law enforcement agencies and courts refer children to Starfish. More than 50 percent of its clients are children, some as young as 5 years old who have out-of-control behavior. Their outbursts are against siblings; school children and pets, and their behavior runs the gamut from trying to set fires at home to physical abuse of anyone who comes near.

"With many of our clients we are dealing with anger management issues, impulse control issues and conduct disorders," Patrick said. "All of those diagnoses have a potential for children to act out in a violent way in home and at school."

"We need to look at the degree of anger that the child or adolescent displays and if they are capable of responding to outpatient therapy."

When parents get involved in the treatment, Starfish works with the entire family to deal with anger and violence issues. A Starfish program called Lifespan deals with more difficult clients who have tendencies toward violence.

Increasing requests

Likely the same number of problems existed in the past, Patrick added, but people are more conscious about what could happen as a result of anger. Cases that may have been ignored in the past are being reported.

"This is not a new thing for us, but there are increased requests," Patrick said. "Everybody in the country with any kind of sensitivity has responded very strongly to the violent occurrences in Littleton."

When the child's problems are so severe that Starfish staff can't guarantee the child or family members safety in the home, the child is placed in residential facilities until his or her behavior can be corrected. Then they are allowed back in the home under close monitoring.

"Many children exhibit violent behavior toward other people and many attempt violent behavior to themselves," Patrick said. "The suicide rate is increasing every year. That's part of what we want to address in our agency presentations."

"If they don't turn those violent tendencies outward they tend to turn them inward."

Starfish has also launched a "Kindness is Contagious" public awareness campaign, funded by J.L. Hudson's Circle of Giving earlier this year.

Posters and teaching materials were placed in schools and libraries with messages to stop bullying, curb child abuse and support mutual respect and kindness among children and between children and adults.

"It teaches kids not to use put-downs, not to say mean and hurtful things and to communicate in a more positive way," Ragain said. "It teaches kids to communicate in a more positive manner and to stress kindness as opposed to communicating in negative ways."

Learning not to be violent is also the goal of a program at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Voices for Peace recently began with a sign-up sheet at the church, asking if anyone was interested in discussing violence.

"We're hoping to build support in the church community and moving it out to the community," said Heather Perkins, Christian education director. "The group will address questions like what creates all the anger, violence and frustration."

She plans to use surveys to identify opinions.

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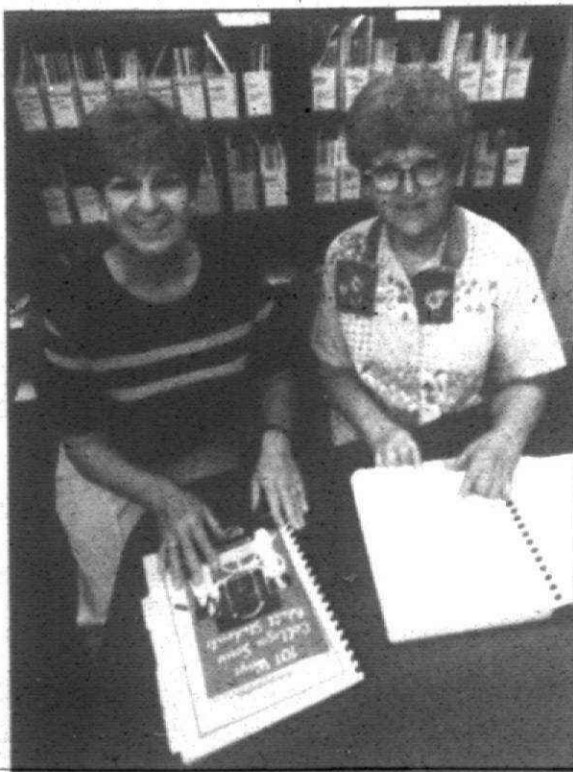
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Volunteers are an integral part of WRC

Well worth it: Both retired, Bev McGurk of Farmington Hills (left) and Veronica Foley of Plymouth have found their volunteer work at Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center a rewarding experience.



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When Veronica Foley retired from the telephone company in December 1989, she was looking forward to leaving the work world behind.

But the Plymouth resident quickly made a discovery about retirement: She didn't have enough to do.

Nine years later, she has something to do. She spends her Friday mornings volunteering at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

"I saw a notice for the (informational) meeting in the newspaper," Foley said. "I was always interested in what they do there, so I went to the meeting and signed up on the spot. I knew it was the right thing for me."

A peer counselor at the resource center, Foley and her Friday morning cohort, Bev McGurk of Farmington Hills, work with men and women who are thinking about entering or re-entering college and come to the center for help.

McGurk, like Foley, knew she needed something to do something after working for General Motors for 30 years.

"I knew I couldn't stay home all the time; I need contact with people," said McGurk, who has worked at the center for 3 1/2 years. "I had a friend who volun-

teered at Schoolcraft and I got in touch with the center, but had to wait two years for the classes."

The peer counseling classes are offered six hours a week for eight weeks on an as-needed basis. Volunteers work on listening, communication and problem solving skills and receive information about the resources and services available through the center and at the college.

"The volunteers are an integral part of the program," said Barbara Campau, WRC volunteer program coordinator. "They're very reliable and responsible and important to us because we depend on them to be here. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without them."

The volunteers usually number between 45 and 50, but that changes from year-to-year and semester-to-semester and have a variety of backgrounds. Homemakers, social workers, members of law enforcement, the educational community and sales help out at the WRC.

After a hiatus of several years, Campau is conducting an informational meeting for people interested in volunteering 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Please see VOLUNTEERS, B2

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Volunteers

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People interested in attending should call Campau at (734) 462-1400, Ext. 5524, for more information.

Volunteers are very important to the program, Campau said. They are the first person someone sees when they walk into the center. Volunteers are the first ones to greet them and meet them.

Volunteers like Foley and McGurk help men and women who are entering or re-entering college, researching new careers, getting information on available services or needing help through a difficult situation.

In addition to peer counseling, the WRC offers financial aid for education, a program for women in transition, divorce support group, career information and help with community and campus resources and referrals.

After training, volunteers are assigned to work with a mentor, a more experienced volunteer, until they feel confident to talk to their own. Campau seeks a weekly commitment from volunteers. For McGurk and Foley it's three hours on Friday mornings, a shift they've worked together for almost three years.

Wonderful is a word the women use often in talking

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE
SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Patrick Gallagher, to grant the Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow an Antique Furniture Restoration Shop, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 40674 Ann Arbor Trail. The property is located on the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Morgan Ave. applicant No. 1593. Tax I.D. No. 027-01-0087-000.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 11.2 of the Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned C-1. Neighborhood Shopping District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on August 18, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The telephone number is 734-455-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE
SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from William Moutakas for the United Assembly of God Church, to amend the Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow a Gymnasium Building, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 46500 North Territorial Road. The property is located on the north side of North Territorial Road, east of Beck Road and west of Eaton Estates. Application No. 1594, Tax I.D. No. 034-99-0001-000.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Amended Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 11.2 of the Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned R-1-H. Single Family Residential District.

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YW challenge

Campaign aims at week free of violence

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is issuing a challenge to residents, government agencies, the media, schools, businesses and community groups - to live for one week without perpetuating, participating in or observing violence.

A national campaign, "Week Without Violence," will be held Oct. 17-23 throughout the country. It will focus attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking to heighten awareness of the opportunities people have to prevent and avoid violence and help bring to life a vision of safer and healthier communities.

The focus will be on a different issue each day of the week:

- Oct. 17 - A Day of Remembrance
- Oct. 18 - Projecting Our Children
- Oct. 19 - Making Our Schools Safer
- Oct. 20 - Confronting Violence Against Women
- Oct. 21 - Facing Violence Against Men
- Oct. 22 - Eliminating Racism and Hate Crimes
- Oct. 23 - Replacing Violence with Sports, Fitness and Fun

YWCA's nationwide have a long history of empowering women and families, fostering racial justice and preventing violence. Through 374 local member associations in all 50 states, the YWCA represents more than one million women, girls and their families.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides a wide range of programs and services, including child development and child care, prenatal healthy living choices, parenting and coping skills, youth mentoring, teen counseling, outreach to young children and youth who are at-risk and recreation.

For more information about the YWCA's "Week Without Violence," people can call Corinne Vincent at (313) 561-4110.

"The situation in Columbine is what started this, but it's not just that one incident that created concern and interest," she said. "I think we all feel we need to give children and youth a place to be a part of something and brainstorm ideas we can all connect with."

"We don't know what the answer is, but we're hoping we can make a difference."

Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Call the church (734) 422-0149.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907.
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (734) 464-2746 or (734) 459-2281.

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. (248) 366-9493, press #8.
Class of 1959
A reunion is being planned for October. (888) 452-7222.

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1989
Sept. 25 at the Athenium Hotel in Detroit. CT '89 Reunion, P.O. Box 11658, Detroit 48211.

DETROIT CENTRAL
Class of 1949
Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. (248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496.

DETROIT CHADSEY
Classes of 1930-1950s
Noon Aug. 10 at Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights. Bring your own food. (313) 563-5753.
Classes of 1934-49
A reunion is planned for Aug. 10. (313) 582-2372.

DETROIT EASTERN
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DETROIT HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1949
Sept. 18 at Vladimir's Restaurant in Farmington Hills. (734) 464-9172, (810) 737-4612.

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1969
Oct. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per person or \$110 per couple (\$100 per couple, if purchased prior to Sept. 25). (313) 659-0122 or Mackenzie '69 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 04056, Detroit 48204.

DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
Classes of 1916-50
A reunion lunch is planned for Sept. 18 at the Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. (248) 474-9402.

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion. P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244.

DETROIT REDFORD
February-June Classes of 1974
Sept. 18 at the Magr. Alex Brunetti Activity Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Cost is \$45 per person. (734) 421-0852.

LIVONIA BENTLEY
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
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Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farmington. (734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254 or at NOWANDTHEN.COM/REUNION or ALUMNI.NET.

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Nov. 26 at the Livonia Elks Club. (734) 421-0852.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel. (248) 344-4457, (734) 416-5013 or JHefNew@aol.com.

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25. (313) 884-1243 or (810) 791-2171.

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. (313) 274-3214.

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September. (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170.

Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com.

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214.

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Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 366-9493, press #2.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Conway-Rensink
Jim and Joellyn Conway of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Michael Rensink, the son of John and Phyllis Rensink of Orange City, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of Miami University. She is employed as a marketing specialist at Teligent Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Mississippi State University. He is employed as a golf professional at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

An October wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Copi-Kummer
James and Sara Copi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Janene Marie, to Andrew Edward Kummer, the son of Frank and Christine Kummer, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University with a degree in marketing. She is employed by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Anquetil-Rice
Anthony and Marlene Cosgro, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlette Helene Anquetil, to Scott Douglas Rice, the son of William and Cathy Linn of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Oakland Community College. She has a real estate license and is employed with Lormar Stern Development Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in California for five years and attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a journeyman electrician for Valassis Communications in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

Gottler-Dykema
Michael and Jeanette Gottler of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L., to David C. Dykema, the son of Peter Dykema of Hickory Corners, Mich., and Carole Dykema of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School with a master's degree in nutrition and dietetics. She is a registered dietitian for Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He works as an outside sales representative for United States Office Products in Kalamazoo.

A September wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

Panian-Molin
Martina Amanda Molin and Asher Alan Panian were married May 8 at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Bruno and Margit Molin of Canton. The groom is the son of Joseph and Darlene Panian of Orchard Lake.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Athenium Hotel in Greentown before leaving on a honeymoon trip in the Mediterranean. They are making their home in Waterford.

Coshatt-Anderson
Anthony Marshall Coshatt and Shelley Lyn Anderson were married April 24 at Tropicana Hotel Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of John and Carole Anderson of Plymouth. The groom is the son of James and Terry Coshatt of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Dr. L. Reynolds and Associates.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed at Michigan Concrete.

The bride asked Stacie Fernstrom to serve as matron of honor. Tim Coshatt served as best man.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas and at the home of the bride's parents. Following a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, they are making their home in Canton.

Howell-Gaschler
James and Sandi Boykin of Charleston, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie LeAnne, to Steven Earl Friedrich Gaschler, the son of Herbert and Denise Gaschler of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Hanahan High School and is attending Trident Technical College where she is pursuing an education degree. She is employed by Dunes Properties of Charleston Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He attended University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is serving in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear power instructor in Charleston, S.C.

An October wedding is planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Charleston.

Johnstone-Tomé
Diane Tomé and Steven Johnston were married March 27 at Mother Mercy Chapel in Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Orlando Bruni and the late Rudy Tomé. The groom is the son of Rosa Anderson and Douglas Johnston.

The bride asked Denise Tomé to be her maid of honor with Sylvia Johnston, Jessica Tomé and Janet McCerrie as bridesmaids.

The groomsmen were Joseph Madaffer, Gregory Tomé and Derek Attard.

A dinner reception was held at Club Venetian. The couple honeymooned in Anaheim, Calif.

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WEEKEND

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. Donated items can be brought to the school noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Call 981-1475.

Festival
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church is sponsoring a festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at 321 S. Ridge, Canton. There will be a trash and treasure sale, games, food and crafts for sale. For more information, call Kevin at (313) 562-7496.

Farm Stories
Maybury Farm presents farm stories. "Crazy Cows" will be the topic for August Farm Stories for kids at Maybury Farm. The program begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and is repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville Township. The program is free of charge, 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.

Beanie Baby Show
The Beanie Baby Show returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, 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 and 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 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.

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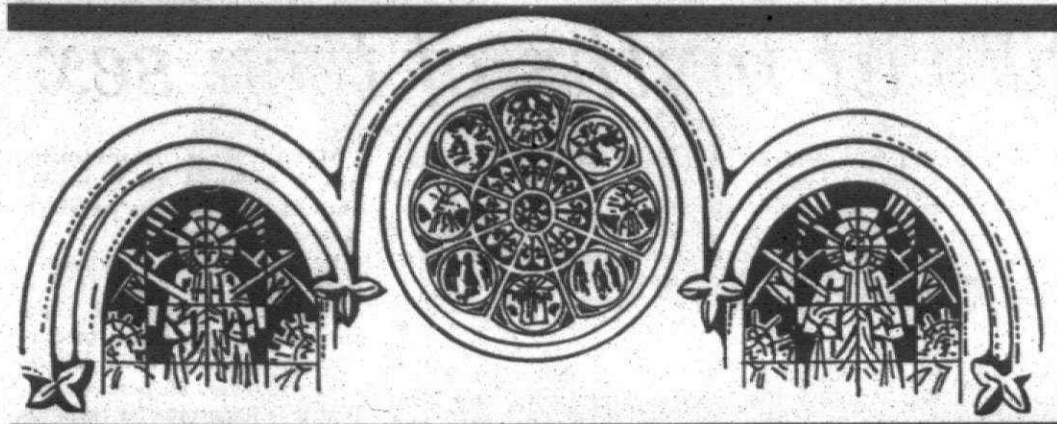
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DESPERATE NEED

An automobile in good running condition and a window air conditioner are needed for a church-sponsored refugee family. People interested in donating can call (734) 455-2116.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have its annual rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6, and 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. Items will be half off and a bag of clothing will cost \$1 on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit local charities and be matched by AAL Branch 1733.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

will have fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet for T.G.I.F. 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Box Bar & Grille, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and for the Concert in the Park (jazz night) 7-9 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Rosen visits Calvary, First Baptist

The founder of the Jews for Jesus evangelistic agency, Moishe Rosen, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, and at 6 p.m. Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Wayne.

Jews for Jesus use music and drama in a Jewish style with a Christian message to make the point that being Jewish and believing in Jesus go hand in hand.

"As Jews, we've found it necessary to express our Y'shua (Hebrew for Jesus) in ways that are natural to us as Jews," said Rosen, the organization's first executive director. "We write our own songs and drama with the hope that our fellow Jews will want to know why and how we can be Christians and yet maintain our Jewish identity."

Raised in Denver, Colo., where he, his parents and brother attended an Orthodox synagogue, Rosen was 21 when he and his wife Cecil, who also is Jewish, came to a personal relationship with God through Y'shua.

Four years later, he was ordained to the ministry and in the late 1960s, developed a form of evangelistic literature, called broadsides, pamphlets that use humorous illustrations and eye-catching themes to make a statement about Jesus as the Messiah. The subject matter ranges from current movies and seasonal celebrations to popular products, such as home computers.

The Jews for Jesus has permanent branches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Fort Lauderdale as well as more than 70 chapters in 30 states.

It also has international branches in Johannesburg, London, Odessa, Moscow, Paris and Tel Aviv.

"Our message is no different than that of the rest of evangelical Christianity, it's just that it reflects our culture and heritage as Jews," said Rosen.

For more information, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022 or the First Baptist Church at (734) 721-7410. Calvary Baptist is at 43065 Joy Road, Canton. First Baptist is at 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

Moishe Rosen

have a brunch at noon Sunday, Aug. 8, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A concert will follow, featuring the voices of cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan. Donations are \$12 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL

The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Farmington Hills Library, 92737 W. 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Elaine Eason will share the joy of knowing Jesus as the giver of living water. Participants will learn how connected they are to the One who wants them with Him. For more information, call Karen at (248) 682-3733. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Tom Blount of North Goodland Baptist Church in Brown City, Mich., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will sponsor a Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-3170 or Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

will have a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Shop or rent a table. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool to eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3-4-year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically-based environment. For more information, Please see RELIGION, B5

Temple Baptist hosts 'Love, Money' seminar

A recent Gallup Poll found that 56 percent of all divorces are related to financial tension in the home. People are all too familiar with the staggering number of people who have financial difficulties.

Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township is offering an opportunity to families to become better equipped to deal with the issue with its "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money" seminar Saturday, Aug. 21.

Presented by Roger Gibson, participants will learn:

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Gibson is the author of the book, "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money," and works as the seminar development director for the Gary Smalley Relationship Center in Branson, Mo. He leads the "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money" seminar with the Eagle Family Ministries of Bentonville, Ark.

He also conducts weekly radio interviews nationwide and was a recent guest on "Money Matters" with Larry Burkett in Atlanta, Ga.

The cost of the seminar is \$20 per person before Aug. 10 and \$25 per person thereafter. People can register for "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money" by calling (888) 548-4858 or (734) 414-7777.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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ALDERSGATE UM

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend a castle adventure set in merry old England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

WARREN ROAD FM

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 9-13, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will have its vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. Aug. 9-13 at the church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. The program is for children age 3 through the sixth-grade. Students will explore God's Promise in an "Jungle Journey," filled with the crafts, Bible stories, rain forest rhythms and an ice cream social. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

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call (248) 348-9031.

■ St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, is accepting applications for enrollment in preschool through eighth grade in the upcoming school year. The school offers full day kindergarten, small class sizes, structured environment, "Saxon Math" and "Accelerated Reader" programs, computers in every classroom, competitive athletics, sports clinics and before- and after-school care. For more information, call (248) 474-2488.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia, is accepting applications for enrollment in the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten pro-

gram for children who will be age 4 on or before Dec. 1 meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The preschool program for children age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained

meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For tuition fees or more information, call (734) 421-1470.

■ Registration is taking place now for kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program

at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.



Special guests: Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber were among the "Veggie Tales" characters that made an appearance at Paul's Presbyterian Church's recent vacation Bible school. Posing with the cartoon characters were Kyle Grant (from left), Brady King and Cameron and Karen Barsey.

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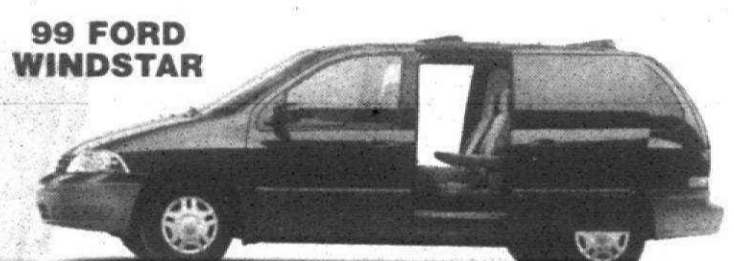
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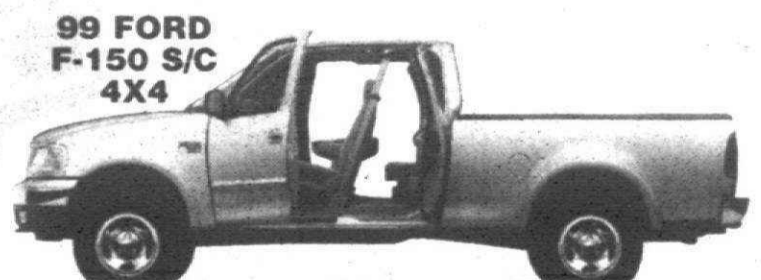
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Open tennis results

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Open Tennis Tournament finished with a match that matched last week's weather — a real scorcher.

In the men's 18-50 age bracket, Dave Verdemar and Arthur Milewski, both of Livonia, survived Saturday's preliminary rounds to meet in the finals. In a match that went to the tiebreaker in each set, Verdemar finally emerged with a 6-7, 7-6, 8-6 triumph.

In the 17-and-under girls division, a pair of Livonia Ladywood students paired off in the final. The winner: 15-year-old Andrea Holonecky, who defeated 16-year-old Anne Kemp in the final, 6-1, 6-0.

In the 14-and-under boys division, Vinlesh Shukla of Livonia defeated Nick Reale, also of Livonia, in the final by a 6-1, 6-0 margin. Both are 14.

Double-winner

Kristen Polanski, a freshman-to-be at Livonia Stevenson, finished first in a pair of PowerBilt Junior Tour golf tournaments in the 13-and-under girls age division.

Polanski won the tournament at Katke Farms, located at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, by shooting a 48 for nine holes in the rain-shortened event July 23. Last Thursday at Pilgrims Run in Pierson, Polanski fired a 96 to claim top honors in her age division.

Her previous best finish was June 16 at Emerald Vale in Manton, where she finished second by shooting a 107.

The two wins qualify Polanski for the PowerBilt Tournament of Champions Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Show time

Ryan Ybarra, a Wayne Memorial HS student from Westland, has been selected for the Griffey International All-American Baseball Talent Showcase regional, which will be at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti Sept. 10-12.

Ybarra is one of the few players chosen to display their baseball skills at one of the 16 regional sites. Players will demonstrate, by position, their ability to hit, run, throw and field, and will undergo tests for strength and speed — including hand strength, bat speed, arm velocity and upper-body strength.

A panel of baseball professionals will evaluate the players. Reports are sent to all college coaches and pro scouts; a high percentage of those who attend the Griffey Talent Showcases win college scholarships and/or are drafted into pro ball.

Blade Raid champs

Skateland West's 13-14 inline hockey team proved best in their age division at the Blade Raid '99 Tournament, held last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Skateland West team of Steve Meek (Westland), Mike Benton (Westland), Justin Loos (Canton), Karl Clements (Westland), Anthony Brilati (Plymouth) and goalie Dennis Dolan (Garden City) won three games in last Saturday's extreme heat before play was suspended by adverse weather. The finals were played Sunday.

MIAA scholar-athletes

Mike Allison, a junior-to-be linebacker at Alma College from Livonia Stevenson, certainly had a successful sophomore year.

That was proven when Allison was named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's academic honor roll for the 1998-99 school year. To earn such an honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average as well as participating in varsity athletics at an MIAA school.

Alma, a school with an enrollment of 1,400, placed 69 student-athletes on the MIAA's listing.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editors C.J. Risak and/or Brad Emms, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

One 'hot' performance

All-Stars appreciate chance to play with the best

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
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Whether the experience lasted one play or four quarters, five Observerland players enjoyed their time in the 19th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday at Michigan State University.

Their only regret was on the scoreboard, but All-Star games are about having fun, not winning and losing.

The five were members of the East, which suffered a 35-9 loss to the West under partly cloudy skies at Spartan Stadium. The West set All-Star records for points and margin of victory, winning for the ninth time against the East's 10 victories.

Westland John Glenn tailback Reggie Spearmon was injured on the first play of the East's opening drive, which ended with an 8-yard pass to Dearborn



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Pleasure to play? Being selected to play in the high school all-star game has to be considered an honor, even when you're injured early in the game — as Westland John Glenn's Reggie Spearmon was on his first play (above), a pitchout. Or when you play defense instead of offense, as Clarenceville graduate Walter Ragland (22 at right), and there are 35 points scored against your team.

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

Edsel Ford's Kevin Zureki. Spearmon fell out of bounds on the downs marker with his shoulder after a short carry and watched the rest of the game wearing an ice pack for precautionary reasons.

Joining Spearmon on the East were Detroit Catholic Central tight end Nick Brzezinski, Redford Thurston linebacker Scott Genord, Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant and Livonia Clarenceville cornerback Walter Ragland.

"When I got up I felt my shoulder stinging," said Spearmon, a Grand Valley State signee not used to sitting out games, though he still cheered on his teammates. "It's not good. I ain't used to that."

He also isn't used to wearing No. 10 instead of the No. 2 he sported at Glenn. The sooner players mailed in their background information, the sooner they got to pick a number.

Utica Ford quarterback Craig Krenzel, bound for Ohio State, got his information in earlier than Spearmon and picked the number before Spearmon had a chance.

He doesn't link the injury to the new number.

"I'm not superstitious," Spearmon said, smiling.

Zureki, an Eastern Michigan University signee, accounted for all of the East's scoring. His 46-yard field goal in the first half was a new All-Star Game record for distance.

Brzezinski caught a pass but spent most of his time blocking, an art he learned well at CC, winner

of the last two Class AA state championships.

He doesn't think the heat had an effect on the two teams' play.

"It was nice and breezy and the training staff kept us cold with towels (on the sidelines)," Brzezinski said. "We started off real well moving but couldn't click after that. All the schemes are different and you don't have enough time to mesh. Everybody was real cool, you read about them and finally get to meet them. Everything went great, except we lost."

Bryant, headed for Ohio State University, caught a pass and had another nullified for having a foot out of bounds. Krenzel, an OSU signee, dropped a pass into Bryant's hands on the drive leading to the East's touchdown.

"Craig had to scramble and get away from the guys rushing," Bryant said. "It was a backside post (pattern) and the ball was hanging up there. I just ended up with it."

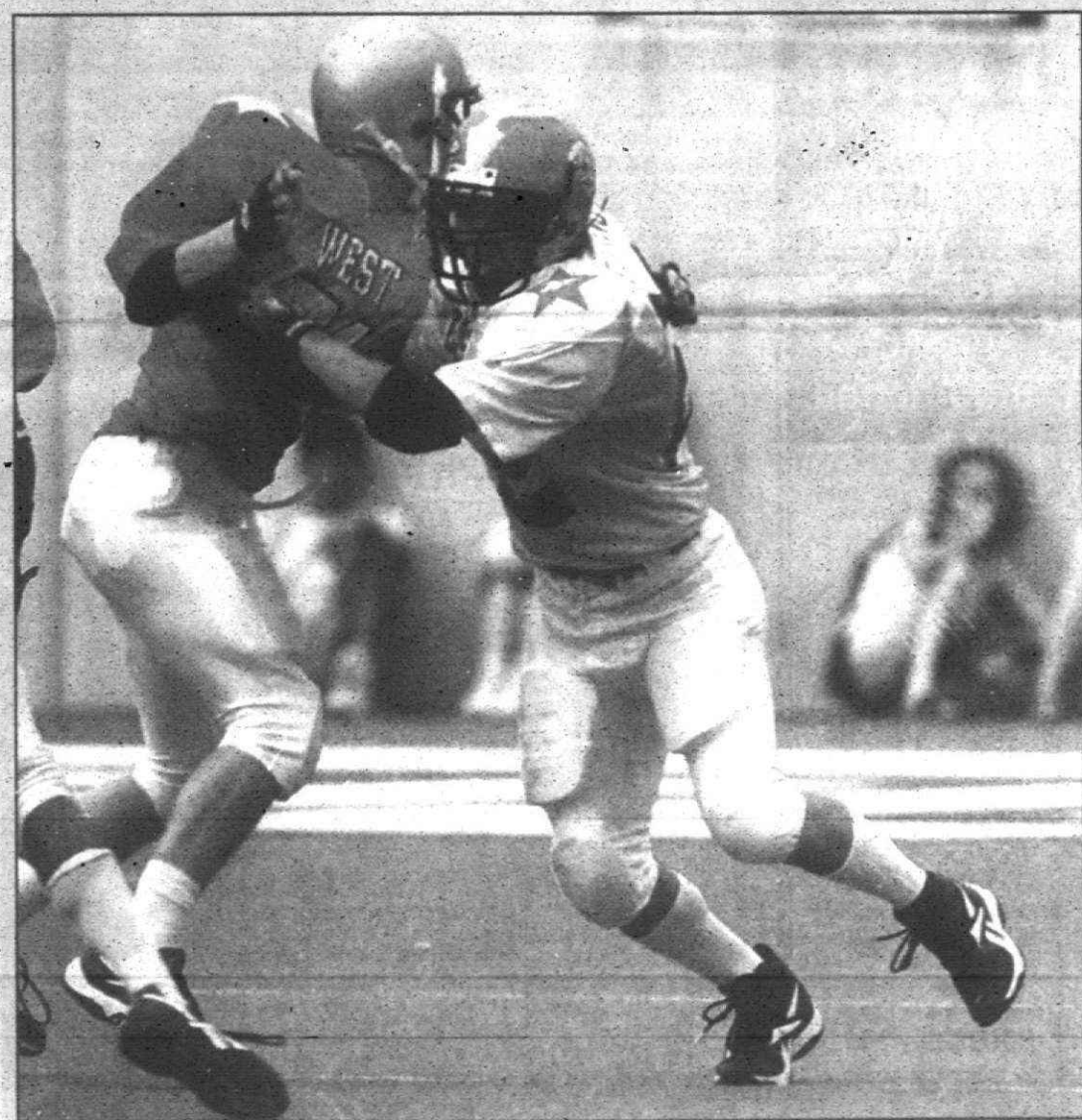
Bryant isn't used to losing. He was a key member of Harrison's two-time defending Class A state champion team, but wasn't too discouraged about his final high school game ending with a loss.

"An All-Star game is for fun," he said. "I'm going to the next level and that's what's important."

Genord and Ragland played on the East defense and each had a good time despite the final score. Genord was in on several tackles but was upset about dropping an interception opportunity, which may have resulted in a touchdown.

A pass from the West quarterback went in and

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Lakers gain another title

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For the second-straight year, the Lakers entered the Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs as a longshot after finishing fourth during the regular season with a .500 record (5-5-1).

And for the second-straight year, it didn't matter — the Lakers won when it counted most.

A four-goal opening period got them started in the MSHL final Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Three more in the final period — two of those by Chris Libbett (from West Bloomfield) — insured the Lakers' 7-5 victory over the Wildcats.

The Lakers' title came over a team that had reached the championship game in a similar manner. The Lakers upset the regular-season champion Bulldogs in an overtime, sudden-death shootout last Wednesday,

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with Libbett getting the game-winner. The Wildcats, who finished third in the regular season with a 6-5 mark, rolled past the second-place Huskies 13-7 Thursday.

In Sunday's final, the 'Cats had the early advantage, getting goals by Sean Kass and Brent Thomas sandwiched around a score by the Lakers' Nick Anselm (Canton) in the first period.

But their 2-1 advantage didn't last. The Lakers scored three times in the last five minutes of the period, with Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) netting two of them, to take a 4-2 lead into the second period.

Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) played well in goal for the 'Cats in the second period, keeping the Lakers off the board. But so did both Lanny Jardine (Bloom-



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On a break: The Lakers' Nick Anselm, who had a goal and two assists, goes to the attack with Darrin Silvester in pursuit.

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FOOTBALL

Late stand lifts Twisters

Two second-half touchdowns got the Wayne County Twisters out in front, but it required a final-second, goal-line stand to keep them there Saturday at Inkster HS against the host Motor City Cougars.

The Cougars found themselves facing a 14-0 deficit early in the fourth quarter, but a 67-yard touchdown pass narrowed the deficit to 14-6 with half a quarter to play. With two minutes left, the Twisters problems had multiplied: The fired-up Cougars had driven to the Twisters' 1-yard line.

But the Twisters awoke, just in time, turning aside the late challenge to record their second-consecutive victory in the Northern Division of the Lake Shore Football League by a 14-6 margin.

The win did not come easily.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rangers in final

The Livonia-based Rangers will go up against the Ukrainian Sport Club in the first-ever Metro Detroit Soccer League's Premier Second Division Cup final at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brighton's Dibrova Park, located at 8400 Malby.

Admission is \$2 per person.

The Rangers posted a 9-1-1 regular-season record in the MDSL; the Brighton-based Ukrainian Sport Club was 8-2-1.

The Recreational final will pit the Plymouth-Canton based Red Wings, who were 10-1-1 during the season, against the Ukrainian Recreation Sport Club (from Brighton), which was 6-3-3. That game will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Dibrova.

The last championship match

of the day will be in the Over-30 Division, between the Express F.C. (from Royal Oak), who were 5-4-1, and the unbeaten (10-0-0) Ukrainian Over-30 Sport Club (from Brighton).

The MDSL Premier First Division Cup final will be at 5 p.m. Aug. 15 at Dibrova. Semifinals will be played at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Whitman Park in Livonia (located on West Chicago between Farmington and Merriam, in Livonia). Semifinals are between Dearborn-based Iraqi Olympic Club (7-1-0) and the Detroit-based African Stars (4-3-1), and Macomb County's St. Paul (6-1-1) and Bosnia SC (3-4-1) of Hamtramck.

PCMA membership

Equipment sale

Association will have its annual used equipment sale from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Those with used equipment for sale should arrive at 9 a.m. to tag their equipment. The PCMA will keep 15 percent of the sale price of each item sold.

Call (734) 254-9198 for further information.

Coaches wanted

•Livonia Franklin HS is in need of a freshman head coach. Any prospective candidates should call Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman at (734) 529-9317.

•Livonia Ladywood HS is searching for a junior varsity tennis coach for the upcoming school year. Contact the Lady-

wood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for more information.

•Walled Lake Central has an opening for an assistant boys' soccer coach for the fall season. If interested, contact athletic director Dave Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074.

Baseball tryouts

•The WaCo Wolves will have tryouts for next year's 11-and-under team Saturday and Sunday. Times and locations will vary. The team will play a 60-game (or more) schedule, with national tournaments included. Call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4687 to arrange a tryout.

•The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will have its fall sign-up for its 12-and-under and tee ball teams from 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Community Library. The PCJBL will have its first meeting from 7-8:45 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Plymouth Community Library, at which board member nominations will be conducted. Those nominations will be voted on from 7-8:45 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Library.

•Varsity high school players are being considered for a team competing in a fall baseball league that gets under way Aug. 14. Those selected will play a 13-game schedule. All-star players will be given the opportunity to participate in a wooden bat tournament. Those interested should call coach Kevin Tardivi at (248) 443-0113 or coach Jim O'Donnell at (248) 641-3792, between 8-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Tough to beat: Catholic Central graduate Nick Brzezinski (left) spent most of Saturday's game blocking, but the all-state tight end did latch on to one pass.

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out of Genord's hands and all that was between him and the end zone was about 40 yards of turf.

"I was going to the flat and the ball came right to me," said Genord, an Indiana University signee. "I had my hands up and dropped it. I wish I had it over."

The two teams practiced three times a day, starting with a 7 a.m. wake-up call, Genord said. Tougher than the practice and games were the sleeping arrangements in the dorms, but the experience was well worth it.

"Fans were blowing hot air at ya (in the dorms)," Genord said. "The practices" were a lot harder than expected. They worked your butt off. Everyone was surprised.

"This was a lot better than a high school football game. Everyone is good. You get found slack in this game and you pay the price."

Ragland made a name for himself in high school as a running back but he played weak-side cornerback as an All-Star.

"It was a big deal. I wanted to have a good time and win, but there's nothing you can do," said Ragland, who will continue his career at Adrian College. "It's sad to see the final score" but you have to move on. Going from a lower class school (Class C) and to get a chance to play against these guys, all-stars, is a great feeling."

Greg Hudkins, the new head coach at Clarenceville, was an assistant coach for the East. Hudkins is a former assistant coach for Monroe coach Ralph Carducci, the East's head coach.

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field Hills) and Brandon Hothem (Troy) for the Lakers; with Hothem taking over for Jardine midway through the period (Jardine started the game, Hothem finished it), the Wildcats scored just one goal, registered by Kass. That failure to take greater advantage of the Lakers scoring lapse (they went 24-9 without a goal) was costly.

Indeed, the Cats' inability to get scoring from more sources proved pivotal. Kass finished with three goals and an assist, and Thomas scored twice as the

pair accounted for all five Wildcat goals. Daryl Schimmler (Canton) contributed two assists.

The Lakers got goals from five players, with Libbett (two goals and two assists) and Sutherland (two goals and one assist) leading the attack. Anselm added a goal and two assists, Mike Vianta had a goal and an assist, Jeremy Majasak (Canton) had two assists and Eric Doleah (Farmington Hills) had a goal.

Libbett's two third-period

goals and one by Doleah were the difference. The first of Libbett's goals, with 8:08 left to play, increased the Lakers lead to 5-3; after Thomas scored for the second time for the Cats to narrow the margin to 5-4 with seven minutes still remaining, Doleah and Libbett iced it for the Lakers. Doleah scored with 6:45 to go, and Libbett netted his second of the game four minutes later to make it 7-4.

Kass' third goal, with 2:35 to play, came too late to save the Cats.



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Defending champ seeks Highland title

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Kurt Pauli of Farmington Hills is the reigning king of athletics competition in the annual Scottish Highland Games, but even he admits his title could be in jeopardy.

Unlike good King Duncan of Shakespeare's MacBeth, he'll be on guard against all challengers Saturday during this year's event at Greenmead in Livonia.

But the organizers of the Detroit games have pulled out all the stops for their 150th anniversary and lined up a formidable group of international stars.

Pauli has won the local games the last four years, but the competition this year includes three-time world champion Ryan Ferie of California, 1998 world runner-up Petur Gundmonsson of Iceland, Scotland's Craig Anderson and five-time Canadian champion Harry MacDonald.

"Of anywhere in the country, it's one of the best fields you'll see," Pauli said, adding he's hoping for third or fourth place this year. "The guy from Iceland is actually a two-time Olympian in the shot put, so he's very good in the stone put."

"You just try to throw the best you can; that's all you can do. A lot of us in North America see each other many times throughout the season, so we're used to it. Except for the guy from Scotland, all the other guys know each other very well."

The 27-year-old Pauli has been a professional Highland Games competitor for nine years. He has done eight of about 20 expected competitions this year, winning at Alma and Edinboro, Pa. A trip to Iceland is planned for later this month.

Pauli has followed in the footsteps of his father, Jim, who competed for 25 years and retired a few years ago. He judges competitions now. Pauli's brother, Jason, will travel from Buffalo, N.Y., to

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compete this weekend.

"(His dad is) probably the top judge in the country right now," Pauli said. "Sometimes we do all three; my dad is judging, and my mom is keeping score."

Each contestant will have to do five events this weekend — the caber toss, stone put, 28-pound weight for distance, hammer toss and 56-pound weight for height. Winning requires more than just brawn, too.

"Technique is pretty much all important," Pauli said. "It takes basic strength and you see big guys out there, because that's what it takes. But it comes down to technique to determine the winner."

"Consistency is the way you win. You want to stay in the top three in each event. It becomes a game of who makes mistakes. If you come in fourth or fifth in any event, you're not going to win."

"It's like the decathlon; you have to be good at everything."

Pauli, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 255 pounds, is actually on the small side as Highland Games athletes go, he said. The average weight for an athlete is 285 pounds.

"I haven't been this big all the time," Pauli said. "I was pretty skinny when I graduated from high school."

"My body metabolism slowed down (in his early 20s), and I was able to put on weight that I was never able to. I gained weight specifically for this. The implements being what they are, the athletes have to be bigger to control them."

Pauli's training regimen consists mainly of weight lifting in a neighborhood buddy's garage, mostly in the off season.

"Right now I just did my third (of seven) games in a row," he said. "During that time, I'm basically

resting a lot.

"I do a little lifting and throwing workout during the week, one day of each, and I'm competing every weekend."

"In the winter and spring, I generally do a lot of weight lifting to get strong and stay in shape."

JUST THE FACTS: Kurt Pauli, 27, has lived in Farmington Hills for five years. He grew up in Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh. His job as an electrical engineer for GSE Scale Systems brought him to Michigan.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Greenmead, and the athletic competition starts at 9 a.m. The daylong event concludes at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the gate. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge with an adult.

WHAT'S IN A NAME: You don't have to be Scottish to participate in the Highland Games, but Pauli does have some Scottish roots on his mother's side. Her maiden name was MacQueen.

"It seems everybody, if they look far enough back, will find some (Scottish ancestry) in their background," Pauli said. "That's why the games are so popular. If you get in the right area with Scottish and Irish, you get a lot of people."

THE CABER TOSS: Most people are familiar with the caber, a Gaelic word meaning tree trunk, according to Pauli. It can be 17 to 22 feet long and weigh 120 to 180 pounds. One end is smaller than the other, because that's the way the tree is shaped.

The athlete picks up the smaller end, interlaces his fingers and rests the caber against his shoulder. He makes a short run, stops and pulls upward. Momentum takes the caber forward, and the bottom end flips over.

"It's an accuracy event," Pauli said. "The goal is to flip the caber end over end, so the end you're holding lands directly facing away from you in a 12 o'clock position. If you don't put an even amount of power on it, the caber will go up and fall off to one side."

A HEAVY WEIGHT: The stone put requires the athlete to throw an actual stone, usually weighing 23 pounds at the Detroit Games. The 28-pound weight is a round, steel ball

attached to a handle by a chain link.

The hammer toss involves a 16-pound, Scottish hammer, which Pauli describes as a shot put, on the end of a wooden handle. The 56-pound weight has to be thrown one-handed (same as the 28-pound weight) over a bar like a pole vault standard.

Pauli's personal bests are 42 feet in the stone put, 75 feet in the 28-pound weight throw, 135 feet in the hammer toss and a height of 16 feet, six inches in the 56-pound weight throw. It's hard to gauge a personal best in the caber toss, because the length and width of the caber always differs.

A LITTLE HISTORY: Of the Celtic peoples living in the British Isles 2,000 years ago, the tribe known as the Gaels came to dominate Ireland. Hence, the reference to Gaelic language and culture as the historic underpinnings of Irish society.

Around 500 A.D. another Celtic tribe called the Scotti crossed from the north of Ireland into the western islands and highlands of the land the Romans called Caledonia.

The Scotti brought with them their Gaelic language and culture, as well as Christianity. Though smaller in number, the Scotti and their ways prevailed over the Picts, another group of Celtic people indigenous to the land.

The Scotti eventually gave their name to the nation we know as Scotland, which was later made a part of the United Kingdom (Great Britain) through union with England in 1707.

Following the Reformation, the lowland Scots, having more in common with their Anglo-Norman neighbors and favoring closer ties with Protestant England, came to dominate Scottish society during the Enlightenment period and into the industrial age.

The hopes for an independent and Celtic Scotland were dashed by the defeat of a highland army at the battle of Culloden Moor in 1746.

That was followed by the infamous Highland Clearings (highlanders were cleared off the land) of the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

But the highland Scots, ironically, have prevailed again if only to serve the present age as the most identifiable representatives of historic Scotland and its ancient traditions that are embodied in the Highland Games.

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Jack Everly conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with fireworks, 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Gates open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

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Hot Tix: The Highland Games on Saturday at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at Eight Mile Road, offers three stages of entertainers including 20 bagpipe bands, pipers, drummers, and over 200 Highland dancers. Gates open 8:30 a.m. and close after 6 p.m. ceremony. Admission \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. Call (313) 886-4703 for advance ticket information. On the Web visit www.highlandgames.com

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On a media tour of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, Barrie Borovsky, vice president, food and beverage and property administration apologizes for being hoarse, and unable to speak very loudly.

"We had a pep rally," said Borovsky. But what his voice lacks in volume is made up in enthusiasm. On Tuesday, July 27, just two days before the opening, Borovsky who lived in Redford and moved to West Bloomfield when he was 12, is a man in a hurry. The clock is ticking and he's got a lot to do.

Details are important to him, even something as seemingly small as an MGM sticker on a waste basket. He takes a minute to look at the just attached sticker, nodding his approval, pleased with how it looks.

He's excited about the casino, and walks quickly as he leads reporters through five kitchens and three restaurants, proudly pointing out many state-of-the-art features that will allow the staff, called "cast members" to feed up to 8,000 guests a day.

Bob Strom, executive chef, and a resident of West Bloomfield, follows and sometimes takes the lead.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not only for the people who are such an important part of our team but for guests who will, I promise you, be absolutely delighted," said Strom. "Even those who aren't here to enjoy the experience of gaming at one of the best facilities in the world will be drawn to the MGM Grand Detroit Casino. It will be one of the best places to

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Borovsky grew up in the hospitality industry, working at a family-owned business, Schaefer Lanes in Dearborn. He's home after being away for 15 years working as assistant vice president of food and beverage at MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

This isn't Strom's first casino opening. He helped open the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City and the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

"I've sampled every buffet in Atlantic City and Las Vegas and

none of them comes close to what we will have here," he said. "In three months, the competition will be flying in from Las Vegas and Atlantic City to copy what we have here."

Glamor

Glamorous is a word used frequently to describe the MGM Grand Detroit casino. The former IRS office building at the Lodge Freeway, between Michigan Avenue and Abbott, was completely gutted to create a magnificent Art Deco-inspired interior that mirrors the great movie palaces of the 1930s.

Lights from 2,351 slot machines flash inviting guests to try their luck at Monopoly, Wheel of Fortune and Elvis. You can play the 5 cent slots or gamble on one of the \$500 slot machines. Beneath your feet is a wild geometric patterned carpet that reflects the honey-gold color scheme throughout the casino.

It's easy to lose track of time; there aren't any clocks around. Dealers take bets at 83 gaming tables including blackjack, craps, roulette and baccarat. Care is taken to make sure guests have "a Grand time." After awhile it gets a little annoying. How many ways can you put the word "Grand" into a greeting? You'll be surprised.

The elegant lobby is your gateway to two floors of games. Take the escalator to the second floor where you'll find most of the games and slot machines. Three restaurants — Neyla A Mediterranean Grill, The Hollywood Brown Derby, the MGM Grand Buffet, more slot machines and table games can be

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Weird Al Yankovic

Yankovic normally a funny guy

Weird Al Yankovic performs 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com on the Web. Visit Weird Al Yankovic's Web site www.weirdal.com

BY ARA TOPOUZIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Believe it or not, talking with "Weird Al" Yankovic is like speaking to any other person. During a telephone interview with this well-known comedian/songwriter who will be performing Aug. 13 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, the same question kept coming up in the back of my mind. Why would anyone want to be called "weird?"

"I live in Hollywood. My name is like an oxymoron because they are more weird than I am!" said Al. To friends and fans Yankovic is known as "Weird Al," a name he adopted in college.

Yankovic looks a little bit different these days. He had laser surgery and ditched his glasses. The mustache is gone, and he styled his frizzy hair.

"If Madonna's allowed to reinvent herself every 15 minutes, I figure I should be good for a change at least once every couple of decades," said Yankovic. "I am the new AL2K!"

Yankovic, who follows a long line of comics including Spike Jones, Stan Freberg, and Allan Sherman, has never disappointed audiences. His concerts are filled with new surprises and feature material from past recordings and his new album.

Yankovic's recently released 10th album, "Running With Scissors," is already 16 on the Billboard charts. On the album, Yankovic capitalizes on some major musical and motion picture releases.

His first track is a parody of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace." "The Saga Begins" is to the tune of "American Pie," and it's hilarious. Yankovic searched the Internet and found hundreds of "Star Wars" Web sites where he obtained information about the latest trilogy.

He had enough information to write "The Saga Begins," released six weeks after the movie was in theaters.

"I suppose I could've done 'Pretty Fly For A Jedi,' but this movie is an instant classic and I just felt it needed to be paired with a classic rock

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WORLD MUSIC

Festival showcases 'African Rhythms' at Orchestra Hall

African Rhythms Summer Festival

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

WHERE: Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

TICKETS: \$15 to \$25, call (313) 576-5111.

Schedule

■ Sam Mangwana and Abdullah Ibrahim Friday, Aug. 6

■ Ladysmith Black Mambazo Saturday, Aug. 7

■ Africa Fête featuring Baaba Maal, Oliver Mtshkuzi, the group Kulajan with Taj Mahal and Toumani Diabate Thursday, Aug. 12

BY ARA TOPOUZIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

On a break from a sound check where he is getting ready to present a concert in New York City, Congolese singer Sam Mangwana calls from his manager's cell phone.

He speaks in a tense, monotone voice until the conversation turns to the meaning of his music. Then, he opens up a little, but the tension is there. For Mangwana, music is an expression of his heritage and the struggle for liberation in Africa.

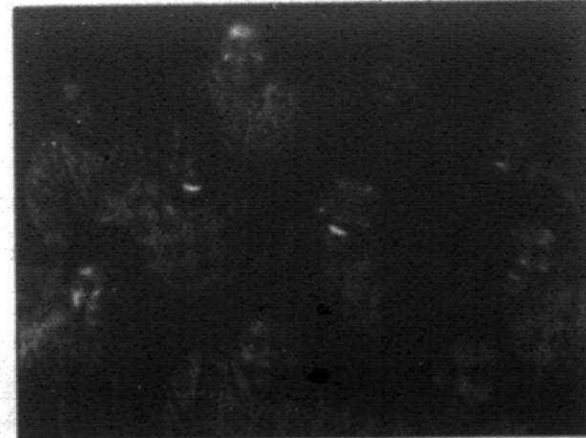
"World music is a stage where musicians can explain their feelings," said Mangwana who is

one of the featured artists at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's second annual African Rhythms Summer Festival, Aug. 6-7, and Aug. 12 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. "As an artist, I am waking up Africa with my music. We want peace, without peace we'll never move forward as a nation."

Also performing is pianist Abdullah Ibrahim, and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a 10-piece a capella group from South Africa.

Deciding which African musicians from around the world to feature at the festival was no

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Ladysmith Black Mambazo

COMMUNITY THEATER

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found on the third floor.

Plan to wait if you want to eat at the casino. Waiters of an hour to an hour-and-a-half are expected at the MGM Grand Buffet during the opening. Check in to make a reservation. They'll let you know when your table is ready. Neyla and the Hollywood Brown Derby were filled the first week of operation. See dining stories on page 8E for more information about the restaurants.

It's hard to believe, but this 425,000 square foot facility, which cost approximately \$210 million, is just an "introductory" casino. The permanent one on the riverfront is scheduled to open in about four years. That facility will also include a hotel. MGM Grand, Inc. has also announced plans to develop a hotel and casino resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

The seven MGM Grand Detroit Casino investment partners include Mycell Sowell of Southfield, an attorney and senior partner in the law firm

Sowell & Evelyn. Partners will receive, on average, 11 to 16 percent of annual profits. The partners are owners of Partners Detroit, LLC, a separate corporation in partnership with MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

Casinos to open soon

Two more casinos are scheduled to open in downtown Detroit this fall. The Greentown and MotorCity casinos.

The Greentown Casino is on Monroe Street in Trappers Alley. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe owns 50 percent of the casino and Monroe Partners LLC owns 50 percent. It will offer 75,000 square feet of casino space on two levels with a Greek theme and decor. Gaming facilities will include 2,300 slot machines and 90 tables. For more information visit the Web site www.greentowncasino.com.

MotorCity Casino, a Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. and Alwater Casino Group joint venture, will open in the former Wonder Bread Building and the

adjacent area bordered by Grand River, Elm, Trumbull, Spruce and the Lodge Freeway service drive. It will offer 75,000 square feet of casino space over two levels with a buffet on the third floor and upscale restaurant on the fourth floor. The permanent facility will be on the Detroit riverfront. For more information visit the Web site www.detroitentertainment.com.

We'd like to hear about your experiences at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino. What did you think of the casino? Is it what you expected? Were you lucky or unlucky? Did it meet your expectations? Please include your name, what city you live in and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Send your comments to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 35251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax comments to Wygonik at (313) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homedomain.net

Have a "Grand" time at the casino

Here's an overview of how some of the games work at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

■ **Blackjack** — Everyone plays against the dealer, who gets two cards and gives two cards to each player. The object is to draw cards that total 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over (or busting). If the player does not go over 21 and the dealer does, the player wins.

■ **Baccarat** — There are three betting options: Betting that the player's hand will win, that the banker's hand will win, or that both hands will tie.

■ **Let it Ride/Stud Poker** — Players try to get a good five card poker hand by using three cards and the dealer's two cards. Players cannot show their hands to other players.

■ **Pai Gow** — Game from the Orient played with three-dimensional cards or dominoes. In Pai Gow "Card of Nine" the house/player odds are nearly even. Because the game is so even, the house charges a five percent commission on all winning bets.

■ **Roulette** — Action is quick and intense as

you wait for the ball to drop in red or black, even or odd. Bets are placed with casino chips or special colored roulette chips. The player determines the value of the roulette chips at the time of the buy-in. Payoff is determined by how many numbers the player's winning chips have covered.

■ **Pai Gow Poker** — Hybrid game derived from American poker and the Chinese domino game Pai Gow. A traditional deck of 52 playing cards is used, plus one joker. After a randomly-generated number or roll of the dice determines which player receives the first set of cards, the dealer delivers the cards by counting counter-clockwise. Each player receives seven cards. Payoffs are even money and the house collects a five percent commission on all winning wagers.

■ **Craps** — A crew of three dealers works on the crap table, which uses the roll of dice to determine the winners. There are a wide variety of bets that can be made and guests are welcome to participate in as many or as few different bets as they choose.

Dealers are available to help with the rules of the games and assist guests in how to play.

*Information from the MGM Grand Detroit Casino

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easy task. Hours of research went into preparing for the festival.

"We listen to a lot of CDs. Decisions are based on the popularity of the musicians and their repertoire of traditional and contemporary African sounds," said John MacElwee, vice president of marketing and communications for the DSO.

Mangwana and his eight-piece band will perform music from his native Congo. Mangwana began his musical career performing with several African jazz and rumba groups. As one of the innovators of Congolese rumba music, known as soukous, Mangwana's sounds are a combination of swinging rhythms, guitars, and vocals to create music that is popular throughout Africa and the West.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is known worldwide mainly due to the collaboration of Paul Simon's

album "Graceland." Joseph Shabalala formed the group in 1964 after recruiting musical friends and family members.

To date they have recorded close to 40 albums and sold over three million records worldwide making them the number one recording group in Africa.

Shabalala's first musical experience was with a choral group The Blacks. Shabalala eventually took over leadership of the group and became its main composer.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is known for traditional Zulu singing. Their first album, "Shaka Zulu," released in the U.S., earned them a Grammy Award in 1987.

"In Zulu singing there are three major sounds," said Shabalala. "A haunting ululation; a grunting, puffing sound that we make when we stomp our feet; and a certain way of

singing melody. Before Ladysmith Black Mambazo you didn't hear these three sounds in the same songs. So it is new to combine them, although it is still done in a traditional style. We are just asking God to allow us to polish it, to help keep our voices in order so we can praise him and uplift the people."

Abdullah Ibrahim started playing piano at the age of 7, and became a member of the Jazz Apostles, which recorded South Africa's first jazz album in 1960. Ibrahim went into self-imposed exile from South Africa because of apartheid in 1962, and moved to U.S. Duke Ellington heard him perform and arranged recording sessions. Ibrahim was also sponsored by Ellington at the 1965 Newport Jazz Festival.

A diversified musician, Ibrahim has recorded for many labels ranging from being a piano soloist and head of a large

band to his septet Ekaya. Ibrahim, who visited South Africa in 1976, has returned home several times since its liberation from apartheid. He is recognized as the dean of South African jazz. "African Symphony," which Ibrahim recorded with the Munich Radio Orchestra, is scheduled for release this year.

The African Rhythms Summer Festival concludes Aug. 12 with the inaugural performance of Africa Fête, a national tour featuring Baaba Maal of Senegal, Oliver Mtshali of Zimbabwe, the group Kulajan with Taj Mahal, and Toumani Diabate of Mali.

In recent years Orchestra Hall has filled the slow days of summer with jazz and world music performances.

"We want to bring more people to Orchestra Hall and the summer is the perfect opportunity to try new events," said MacElwee.

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song," said Yankovic. "Besides, both the song and the movie begin with a long, long time ago. It just seemed custom-made."

Before he bought a laptop computer, Yankovic said he used to carry a notebook everywhere. When an idea came to him he wrote it down. He tries to record his original material first, then the parodies. Yankovic obtains permission from the original writers of the songs he parodies.

The law is on his side, and he is not required to ask for permission, but Yankovic said he feels it is important to maintain a good relationship between himself and the artists and writers. He also does not believe that, in order to be funny, one must be vulgar or insulting.

Yankovic has come a long way since 1979 when he recorded "My Bologna," a spoof of "My Sharona" by the Knack, in a radio station bathroom. The song became an instant hit after it was featured on the "Dr. Demento" show where Yankovic recorded a live version of "Another One Rides The Bus" to Queen's "Another One Bites The Dust."

Classic Yankovic hits include "Eat It," "Yoda," and "Like A Surgeon."

"There's always the pressure and challenge of trying to top myself each time out," said Yankovic. "I feel like I'm making a comeback with every album I do."

Any chance that he'll produce serious music? "No, I love what I do," said Yankovic. "There are enough serious musicians out there. It never ceases to amaze me that I get to be 'Weird Al' full-time."

'Belles' strings family values through telephone

SRO Productions presents "Belles" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Aug. 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 and 15, at Theburgh, Southfield's historic center on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children and may be purchased at Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, or at the Adult Recreation Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive. For more information, or to charge tickets by phone, call (248) 827-0701. BY ROBERT WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

The six Walker sisters of Memphis are talkative ladies. Which, in itself, is not highly unusual. The fact that they do so entirely on the telephone in Mark Dunn's comedy, "Belles" provides plenty of oodles of fun in SRO Productions' splendid show. The title, of course, is reference to the incessant ringing of phones and the notion that we are about to listen in on the lives of some charming Southern beauties.

Charming they are not.

Borderline chaotic is a more apt description. And no wonder, as the play progresses we learn their dead father was alcoholic and abusive. Most every family has a skeleton or two hidden away, of course. What playwright Dunn has done is rattle the bones about for comic effect — with serious overtones of how families bond together to work out their problems.

The mother is still alive and well (with assorted ailments). One daughter, Peggy, played effectively by Paula Myers, dotes after her — and sets off the evening's fun with a call to her sisters about their sick mother. As one sister notes, "Peggy can make a hangnail sound urgent." When they finally settle down, it turns out to be nothing more than bad tuna.

In the course of calls to each other, we learn the daughters have a few problems of their own. Margaret Gilkes is terrific as a middle-aged, new-age, spacy, poetic type. She calls herself "Dust" because she is, "but a particle floating in a shaft of light."

She goes through men like a gambler in a casino on a losing streak. She even is about to hit on sister Roseanne's husband.

Kathy Booker, as Roseanne, creates a riveting characterization of a harried, hyper, desperate soccer mom in the midst of a troubled marriage. She says, "It's no use going to my minister, he won't console me — I'm his wife! Then, there is Audrey, played mirthfully by Janet Ginn. Her husband is a good 'boy who spends most of his time hunting. But he is good at woodworking. In lieu of a son, he has carved Audrey a wooden dummy (she is a ventriloquist) which she has somehow lost in a seedy bar. Paige, played nicely by Nicole Ludwig is the youngest. She is having "man" problems of her own — mainly trying to decide which one to date.

Tamara Griess gives a solid performance as Anece, who has run away to Philadelphia to get away from the family. Single, alcoholic and in analysis, she finally resolves her bitterness toward her mother (for the pain caused by her dad) a moving,



On-stage: SRO Productions presents (left to right) Janet Ginn, Nicole Ludwig, Tamara Griess, Margaret Gilkes, Kathy Booker and (sitting) Paula Myers star in "Belles."

mesmerizing scene. Director Dennis Broadhead and crew do a good job of staging six acting areas on a relatively small stage.

Though a bit choppy at times (to some degree, it's inherent in the style of the play) we come to see that no matter their problems,

this indeed is a family — at least if the phone bills account for anything.

Send us your theater schedules

By KEELY WYONIK
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The curtain will soon be rising on the 1999-2000 theater season. If you participate in a local community theater group, we'd like to hear from you.

Over the next couple of months we'll be behind the scenes interviewing people who are involved in community theater in the cities our newspaper serves. We want to know what shows you'll be presenting so that we can share this information with our readers.

Send theater schedules to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric

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Here's a glimpse of what's ahead.

■ The Village Players of Birmingham, entering their 77th season, has announced its 1999-2000 season. Tickets are \$14/play; season — 5 shows for \$55, 3 shows for \$36. For information, call (248) 644-2075.

The five-play season is filled with classics and community theater favorites.

■ "Back to Backch & David" — A collection of hits by composer Burt Bacharach and lyricist Hal David, Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1 & 2.

■ "The Man Who Came To Dinner" — A classic comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Nov. 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

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GEM AND CENTURY THEATRES

"Forbidden Hollywood," the smash hit musical spoof of the movies continues through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit, \$24.50-\$34.50, (313) 963-9800

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

RAH/KIVA Productions presents the hilarious "Strange Love and Unusual Sex," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, Aug. 5-7 and 12-14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 8 and 15, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

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"When You Coming Back, Red Ryder?" 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Aug. 12-14 and 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22, in Andy Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, \$8.56, (313) 317-6594

COMMUNITY THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS

"The Flowering Young Belle of St. Petersburg" or "Spot Acting You're Killing Me," a musical murder mystery by Andrew Lark, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the playhouse, 1185 Tenken, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, \$10, available at box office on day of performance. Proceeds benefit the Avon Players Building Fund. (248) 606-9077

ELIPISIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Sundays, gala performance 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5:30 p.m.). at the TruBlood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$12, \$9, (734) 974-9747

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the University of Michigan Quad Auditorium, off East University between Hill and Willard, Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Building, off Evergreen, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave., and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 3777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK

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"Shadow Play," Aug. 13-29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, gala performance 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5:30 p.m.). at the TruBlood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$9, (734) 975-0417

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Bettes," through Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Historic Park "The Burgh" northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield, \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

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MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumpelstiltskin," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville, \$6, (248) 349-8110

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Tenth anniversary celebration features Disney Spectacular, shows from Disney, 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8. Offerings include "Mickey's Rock-A-Brooks," hourly 1-4 p.m. each day, "Disney Doodles," hourly 1-4:30 p.m. each day; Mickey and Minnie Mouse Meet & Greet, 5-6 p.m.; and "Belle and Beast Meet & Greet" 1-5 p.m. The mall is in Livonia at Six Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of I-275. Sweet Lorraine's restaurant will be giving away samples of their cuisine.

"ALL BEAVER BABY SHOW"

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, \$5, \$2 ages 4-12, (734) 455-2110

DEPOT TOWN STREET NIGHTS

Hundreds of cruise notes rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 463-4444 or



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Bagpiper: Mike Jacobi plays the bagpipes at the Highland Games hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. The bagpipe competition begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7. Massed pipes and drums will be featured at the noon welcoming ceremony, and 6 p.m. closing ceremony.

St. Andrew's Society hosts Highland Games

Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a group formed on Nov. 30, 1849 by 35 Scottish immigrants to "help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage," the Highland Games have been held in metro Detroit for the past 150 years. Detroit's Highland Games is the longest running festival of its kind in North America. This year, the games will be on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Event proceeds are used to fund gift-giving throughout the year. Think of the games as a showcase of all things Scottish—music, dance, history, and food. The games will feature three stages of entertainers including 20 bagpipe bands, pipers, drummers, and over 200 Highland dancers.

150th Annual Highland Games

When: Saturday, Aug. 7. Gates open 8:30 a.m., closing ceremonies 6 p.m.

Where: Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, Livonia.

Admission: \$10 at the gate.

in advance, (248) 625-8473/(248) 888-1684 (TTY) or <http://www.coakland.mi.us>

FIESTA MEXICANA

Authentic food, cultural exhibit, merchandise, pageants, entertainment by Ballet Folklórico and Mariachi. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free, (313) 843-2940

JAZZ AND ALL THAT POETRY

Featuring Jack Meets Jesus with Marc Maurus, M.L. Lieber and The Magic Poetry Trio, Spike, Jim Brail, and Justaposition with Cindi St. Germain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10, (313) 831-1250

LIVONIA WOODCARVERS SHOW

Features more than 100 carvers, also supplies and books, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 7-8, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia, \$1, \$5 per family, (734) 421-8310

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson, \$12, \$8 ages 12 and younger, (517) 788-5032 or <http://www.michiganfestival.org>

NOVI ART FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center. Free. Call (248) 347-3830

"HENRYFOUL TO PENNY WHISTLES"

The garden tea party features the Scottish/Irish music of Finnara's Wren, 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Cohn Amphitheater, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wirt Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$3 includes admission to the tea party if tickets are purchased

STORYTELLING

With Letton Williams 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Art Factory, 220 Felt Street, Ann Arbor, \$5, advance registration recommended. Appropriate for ages 14 and older. Enhances the invitational exhibit "Identity" continuing through Aug. 29 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-8004, ext. 101

MR. WIZARD'S WORKSHOP SCIENCE SHOW

1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

WACKY WATER WEEKEND

Pool party, Dragon Dash 8K run/walk, beach party, outdoor movie, fishing, paddle boat races, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, in Lake Orion, (248) 391-0304

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS

Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 6, at the bandshell, Northville, (248) 349-7640

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Alberta Adams with R.J.'s Blues Crew, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Groves High School, 1515 Groves Road, Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903

CONCERTS ON THE COURT

Music series featuring Tino Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association. (248) 952-5533

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Robert Penn performs blues music, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile, (248) 424-9022

DEARBORN SUMMER MUSIC

Dearborn Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, in Crowley Park. Free, (313) 943-2360

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

Henry Ford Community College Big Band with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Ford Dearborn Community, (313) 943-3095

GAZEBO CONCERTS

Shells Landis Quartet, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 424-9022

"MUSIC IN THE PARK"

3 Men & a Tenor, family oriented comedy, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Shain Park, Birmingham.

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"

Guy Lewis and the Chautauque Express, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia; Steve King & the Ditties, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 466-2540

WINE AND MUSIC FEST

Features Radium, Jazzody, Susan Calloway, 60 Second Crush, The Articles, Jill Jack, Gangster Fun, and Bootsy X, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the corner of Nine Mile and Allen, Ferndale, Free, (248) 546-1632

SECOND FRIDAY CABARET

Joe Serrapere, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Mulheide Plaza at Bryant Library, Dearborn. Free, (313) 943-3095 (jazz/blues)

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Gemini, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward, www.imaginationtheatre.com

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS CONCERT

Straight Ahead, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Hines Park, Nankin Mills area, Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor, W. Westland, (734) 261-1990

"SUMMER BOUNTY JAZZ PICNIC"

3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, ethnic dishes, performance by Mike Karoub's Cello Jazz trio, in gardens of 1999 Detroit Symphony Designer Showhouse, Palmer Woods, \$50, a portion of proceeds benefit Detroit Symphony Orchestra education and outreach programs. (313) 576-5154

BROWNSTOWN SUMMER FESTIVAL

Featuring the Marvelettes and Platters, Friday, Aug. 13, and Shaggy and The Drifters, Saturday, Aug. 14, Thorn Park, Telegraph and King Roads, Brownstown Township. Free, (734) 459-9157 or <http://www.watsupinc.com>

FARM STORIES

"Crazy Cows," storytelling for kids, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Maybury Farm Demonstration Building, in Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile, west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248)-349-8390

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Russian inspired programs by pianist Sanjay Modi 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, and pianist Anthony Bonamici 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free, (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA

With special guests the Jivin' Lindy Hop, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$37.50, \$50 and \$75, (248) 433-1515

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND

7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. All ages and \$29.50, pavilion only. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

JIM PARAVANTIS & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300

THE STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9500 (west-end swing)

MARK MOULTROP TRIO

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150

LARRY NOZORO AND FRIENDS

7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at La Biscetta Italian Grille, at Eckles Road between Newburgh and Haggerty, 30405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, \$15 minimum charge per person. (734) 254-0400

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

LUIS SMITH QUARTET

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAI TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 351-2925; and at the Shelby Twp. Park Art fair, 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, (810) 731-0300

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, (313) 336-6390

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA QUINTET

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums/guitar/vocals)

PAUL VORNHAGEN

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Borders, 1122 S. Woodward, Dearborn, (313) 965-0558

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With Dan Kotton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 594-7300

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9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

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FRANCES BLACK And the Black Brothers, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$15, (734) 761-1800

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8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$15, (734) 761-1800

ANN HOLBREITH AND JIM CVETIC

6:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181

JAZZ

MARCUS BELORAVE 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free, (313) 963-9800

TABILIMAH BEY

Adult workshop 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne, (313) 538-4257

GEM JAZZ TRIO

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free, (313) 963-9800

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CHICO HAMILTON QUARTET

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$20 advance, (248) 645-6666/(734) 662-8310

BILL HEID QUARTET

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7:15 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Cheez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian Jazz/American standards)

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 223-1700

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER"

Featuring Gordon Camp Group (2 p.m.), Jango (3:30 p.m.), Tim Bowman (5 p.m.), Eric Marienthal (6:30 p.m.), and Bob James (8 p.m.), Saturday, Aug. 7, and Paul Ventimiglia (2 p.m.), Norma Jean Bell (3:30 p.m.), Brian Hughes (5 p.m.), Alexander Zornic and Friends (6:30 p.m.), Ramsey Lewis (8 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 8, Elizabeth Park, Trenton (734) 261-1990

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Ross Amucci/Horace Sanders/Hood Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 11:15, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change, (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays, (313) 965-2222

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MOVIE

Detroit Film Theatre showcases film as artwork

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For Elliot Wilhelm, film is synonymous with artwork.

"We treat the screen and theater as if it were a gallery," said Wilhelm, curator for the Detroit Institute of Art's department of film. "Everything presented is presented for a reason."

Wilhelm considers the Detroit Film Theatre, which begins its silver anniversary season on Friday, to be an integrated part of the museum. The theater was the first of its kind in the U.S. devoted to showing film as a form of art.

Films have been shown in the

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auditorium since it was built in 1974. But it wasn't until the 1970s that a true and lasting connection between film and art was made at the museum. At a time when commercial multiplexes replaced theaters that focused on independent or foreign films, the Detroit Film Theatre opened its doors in 1974 and became a haven for contemporary work, classics, and films from around the world.

According to Wilhelm, Detroit was one city that continued to support such work. With a grant from the Regional Film Centers,

the DIA was able to support a film series that would transform the museum's auditorium into a place for artistic expression through the medium of film.

By the mid-1980s cable television and videocassettes provided easier access to older films and classics. In response, the Detroit Film Theatre concentrated on contemporary, more eclectic films. Embarking on a silver anniversary, the theater's mission remains the same.

The films chosen this season, 43 works shown between August and December, were chosen



Tribute: Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu star in "The Last Metro" one of Francois Truffaut's features which will be shown, as part of a retrospective, this season at The Detroit Film Theatre.

based upon a filmmaker's passion to bring their stories to life. Wilhelm chose only films which showed evidence that "someone really wanted to make (the) movie," and those that expressed "there was a passion behind it."

"We kind of look at the DFT as an ongoing film festival," said Wilhelm. One of the greatest compliments he has received, he said, occurred when a patron purchased a ticket and then asked "What's playing." Wilhelm said that instance demonstrated that DFT patrons have established a trust in the film series and do recognize it as art.

"The films are all on screen for a reason," he said.

For the 1999 season, the DFT will feature a retrospective of the complete work of Francois Truffaut. Forty years ago, the filmmaker debuted his first feature, "The 400 Blows," which marked a period referred to as the French New Wave. That period was marked by a group of French critics-turned-filmmakers who aimed to show life as it was through the lens of a movie camera. Shooting on location, rather than in a controlled studio environment, the end result spurred a rebirth of foreign films for American audiences. With 21 features and two short films, the DFT honors Truffaut as "one of our greatest filmmakers," said Wilhelm.

All showings at the Detroit Film Theatre are held in the Detroit Institute of Arts 1,150 seat theatre. Films are presented Friday through Monday. Tickets cost \$5.50 and are available both

at the door and in advance. Senior citizens, full-time students and DIA members can purchase tickets for \$4.50 with identification. Films are recommended for adults. Children under 5 will not be admitted. To purchase tickets or receive complete schedule information, call (313) 833-2323.

A few highlights of the 1999 Detroit Film Theatre Series include:

August
Twin Falls Idaho (110 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday Aug. 20-21; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22

The first feature film from director Michael Polish, "Twin Falls Idaho" is described as a contemporary urban fairy tale about conjoined twins struggling with dependence and loneliness. Wilhelm described it as a combination of suspense and a love story.

September
Stop Making Sense (88 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18; 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19

Jonathan Demme directed this film in 1984 to feature the Talking Heads 1983 tour. Setting a new standard for performance films, the Detroit Film Theatre debuted the film 15 years ago and will now show the anniversary release, which has been remastered under the supervision of Demme and Talking Head's own David Byrne.

"I was quite anxious to see what the reaction to the film would be 15 years later," said Wilhelm. "I've seen the film

recently and it's just as good as it ever was."

October
After Life (118 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24

Japanese Director Hirokazu Kore-eda's film introduces 22 people of various ages who have died and are now making the decision of their lives.

"They find themselves at the bureaucratic entrance to the next world and have three days to pick one memory of their lives to spend eternity with," said Wilhelm. The film follows a few characters and how they make that decision.

November
Last Night (93 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14

Don McKellar's directorial debut asks the question: "What would you do if this was the last night on Earth?" The sci-fi feature explores human nature in the present. McKellar wrote, directed and acted in the film that shows how a group of people choose to spend those last hours.

December
The Apple (85 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5

At age 17, Samira Makhmalbaf, takes his audiences into a Tehran with this feature film. He shows life in a neighborhood where one man, denounced by his fellow neighbors, has kept his daughters locked inside their home for their entire lives.

Music has always played an instrumental role in my life

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I can still picture it.

On a warm July night, I gathered with a small collection of close friends in a cozy living room to relive memories of the past. The melodic tones of James Taylor echoed in the background while our conversation turned — as it inevitably would — to musical preferences.

We each took turns admitting what the first album we ever purchased was. The answers gave tell-tale insight into the past and personalities of everyone present.

Some seemed to have impeccable musical taste from the formative years, naming Beatles albums with a sense of pride. Others revealed answers with their hands cupped over their ears, giggling furiously. As my turn came around the circle, I cringed on the inside and admitted that my first purchase was "Hunting High and Low," by the Norway-based trio known as a-ha. I was 8 years old when I got the cassette and I played the

single "Take on Me" until it wore out. Music, whatever the variety, has always played a role in my life. "Take on Me" was only the first song on the soundtrack that makes up my life.

New position

Just weeks after that conversation I landed a new position at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. I am the newest addition to the entertainment staff. Coming from a position I enjoyed as staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric where I wrote about police, local government and suburban life, the transition has been a big one. But I am more than up to the challenge of covering popular music in the Detroit area.

My friends responded to my new job with a mixture of cheers and congratulations — most of it came from my musician friends hoping for future coverage. But anyone who has known me for any length of time quickly recognized that an opportunity such as this is something of a dream-come-true.

As the youngest of three daughters, I was stumbled into

the world of popular music with the help of my sisters. My eldest sister, Paula, talked me into learning the name of and instrument played by each member of the band Journey in 1982. She tested me with our Atari video game featuring those band members.

My sister Michelle introduced me to the music video by replaying a videotaped copy of Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It" until I knew it by heart. Though I rarely admit it, this was my first taste of popular music.

Just as music has continued to evolve, my listening habits have taken a turn. I grew to appreciate how musicians like Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley revolutionized rock and roll, and how television and film incorporated the sounds and styles of megabands like the Beatles.

Heavy metal

I experienced a brief period I refer to as "The Heavy Metal Years," which encouraged me to learn to play guitar. As the mid-1990s grunge era came and went, I entered a phase of alter-

native music appreciation. The works of Jack Kerouac drew me into pop and early jazz. And traveling to Great Britain introduced me to the wonderful world of Brit pop. I can't listen to Blur without reliving at least a little bit of life in London.

Now age 22, I consider the world of music to be wide open. Through entertainment journalism, I hope to get a grasp of it and make it accessible to readers who have the same passion. As the Michigan finally winds its way back on the musical map — thanks these days to such acts as The Verve Pipe, Eminem and Kid Rock — I anticipate my work covering popular music will be a wild ride. And I hope to reach out to local musicians and bands who will make the next wave in this sea of musical styles, as well as bring national acts closer to home.

Keep in touch

If you're a local musician or member of a local band playing in the area, please contact me by e-mail at scasola@ec.homecomm.net, by phone at (734) 953-2130, or send press



Introducing: Stephanie Angelyn Casola is the new popular music writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She's looking forward to working with local clubs, musicians and bands to cover the popular music beat.

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'Phantom Menace to Society' misses Second City standards

The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit presents its 16th original live-comedy revue, "Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs on improvisational comedy set, free of charge, after every performance (Fridays and Saturdays only after the late show). Ticket \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; \$17.50 Fridays; and \$19.50 Saturdays. To buy tickets call (313) 965-2222.

BY BOB SADLER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Second City Detroit is celebrating its fifth year in Detroit at the corner of Woodward Ave. and Montcalm. The troupe's 16th revue, "Phantom Menace to Society," opened July 15. While there are some bright spots among the two dozen sketches, the show draws more than a passing comparison to the feature film referenced in its title.

This "Phantom Menace" is a slow-developing, erratically written piece with sharp acting performances interspersed with some characters that are annoying.

Opening with "Salvation," a

song and dance number, all six cast members join in a satirical romp about how the construction of Comerica Park and downtown casinos magically trigger a rebirth for all Detroiters. The lyrics may have been funny, but the sound mix from first-time musical director John Edwardowski rendered the vocals too difficult to hear.

The first true laughs of the night are delivered by a fast-moving sketch called "To Serve and Protect" in which Keegan-Michael Key and Marc Warzecha (acting in his second mainstage revue) bring life to police officers faced with four traffic stop scenarios. This sketch is vintage Second City, with its snap-of-a-finger transitions between four drivers and their varying reactions to similar storylines developing in a parallel universe.

The primary recurring sketch in the show puts a wacky spin on the real-life confrontation between Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and would-be casino developer Don Barden. Key and Antoine McKay, acting in his second mainstage revue, play the clashing titans with great intensity. Dueling through a success-

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evokes memories of a Second City legend from the Detroit area — Gilda Radner. Woods also gives a strong performance later in the show as a Meijer store trainee opposite McKay as her over-the-top drill sergeant wannabe boss.

Marc Evan Jackson, who made the transition from musical director to mainstage performer, proves to be a strong supporting performer in a variety of sketches, playing half of a gay couple opposite Warzecha in a variation on the usual breakup. He opens the second act as a guy facing the clash of his role as a parent vs. being "one of the guys."

Warzecha's characters over the course of the night proved to be annoyingly similar (think of Lenny in "Of Mice and Men"), but his highlight of the night was his take as a less-than-intelligent Al Gore preparing for a debate.

For each of the highlights mentioned, there are also a number of sketches that were simply a swing and a miss. Out of 24 sketches, almost half fall flat. That is just too high a percentage for a Second City show.

Overall, for the price, a night at the movies may be time and money better spent.

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DINING

Andiamo Osteria opens with innovations in Royal Oak

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In the 10 years since opening his ever-growing succession of popular Andiamo restaurants, CEO Joe Vicari has managed to capture market share on the east, north and west sectors of metro Detroit. With the opening of his second "Andiamo Osteria" in Royal Oak, the most southern location, he's gotcha covered.

Royal Oak is the most innovative of the eateries. First of all, it's Royal Oak. A stretch of three blocks along Main Street, south of 11 Mile Road, has taken on the look of Miami's South Beach. There's no ocean, no sand, no palm trees, but on the weekend, you can't see the pavement for the throngs of people.

Akin to South Beach, yes, but Andiamo Osteria has a stylish New York feel. No neon signs, no head-turning eye candy. Just soothing earth tones that sing a distinguished harmony.

Main Street in Royal Oak is about people having fun. Nowadays, that's mostly eating. What the dining scene lacked was a restaurant with an upscale "look," yet a casualness that puts diners at ease — sleek style, casual tablecloths, wide windows, classy bar and a variety of seating from high-top tables to comfy booths.

Andiamo Osteria has brought this to Royal Oak. You'll feel

comfortable here in jeans and a pressed shirt, although your greeter, operating partner Paul Kelly or Joe Vicari, will be nattier.

You'll quickly pick up the beat that service is professional, food is serious, weekend entertainment is top-drawer and everyone is dialed-in to giving you a great dining experience. To put it in Vicari's words, "we offer upscale dining that's not at all stuffy."

What's amazing is that 75 percent of diners who have "discovered" Andiamo Osteria since its opening in May, are first-timers to an Andiamo.

But herein lies a benefit. It's not yet as crowded as Andiamo West. You can get a table and not stand three-deep at the bar. It's also more casual.

While the theme at an Andiamo is Italian, they are not cookie cutters. Signature dishes are on every menu, but new for Royal Oak are antipasti Gamberi con Melanzana al Forno, fresh shrimp, sauteed oyster grilled eggplant in a light sauce.

Also inaugural are Insalata al Salmone, mixed greens tossed with raspberry vinaigrette, topped with an array of grilled vegetables and grilled salmon; Capellini al Salmone, fresh seared Atlantic salmon with spinach, mushrooms, tomato fillet and onions in a white wine sauce atop imported angel hair

Andiamo Osteria
Where: 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-9300.
Hours: Lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; Dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and until midnight Friday and Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts. Housemade pastas, signature sauces and veal dishes are specialties.
Cost: Lunch entrees \$5.95-\$16.95; Dinner entrees \$12-21.
Reservations: Accepted, but only for four or more on Friday and Saturday.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Andiamo Uncorked
Operating partner Paul Kelly suggests pairing these wines with the most popular Andiamo Osteria dishes.
■ **Insalata alla Salmone** — 1996 Van Duzer Riesling, Oregon; 1996 Talbott Logan Chardonnay
■ **Farfalle con Bocconcini di Pollo** — 1996 Ornellaia Le Volte, 1997 J. Lohr Riverstone Chardonnay
■ **Filetto di Manzo alla Andiamo** — 1995 Batasiolo Barolo, 1996 Beaulieu Cabernet Sauvignon
■ **Filetto di Vitello alla Fiorentina** — 1997 Veramonte Primus Merlot, Chile, 1994 Produttori Barbaresco
■ **Pesce Bianco alla Andiamo** — 1998 Mezza Corona Pinot Grigio, 1997 Farina Frascati

pasta; and Bucatini alla Vodka, imported bucatini noodles tossed with pancetta, tomato, basil and onion in a vodka sauce.

Debuting too are Petto di Pollo alla Modenese, chicken breast breaded and topped with prosciutto, tomato sauce and fontina cheese and Pesce Bianco alla Andiamo, whitefish baked on a seasoned plank and served with Duchese potatoes.

And catch this! Ribs. Costo-

lette di Mailale alla Rosa are marinated baby back ribs, glazed with Osteria B.B.Q. sauce. How do say finger lickin' good in Italian?

Executive chef Steve Kucla and Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani, Andiamo's corporate executive chef, worked for over four months to create and perfect new dishes. They were offered as specials at other Andiamo locations to get diner opinions.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

At your service: Executive chef Steve Kucla (left) and operating partner Paul Kelly present (from left) Linguine Con Verdure di Stagione and Filetto di Vitello alla Fiorentina at Andiamo Osteria.

Once positively reviewed, they made it to the new Royal Oak Andiamo Osteria menu.

Kucla has worked in an Andiamo since the first, founded by Vicari in 1990. "After attending restaurant management school in Kentucky, I trained under Chef Aldo," he explained. "My mother is Italian and when I first worked as a chef, I phoned her for recipes. Now she calls

me." Matching the stylish ambiance, flavorful signature dishes and new menu items is the wine list, specially selected by Paul Kelly. If you can't decide on a wine, try one of the four flights, two-ounce pours of three different wines. Once you decide on the wine you like, you can either order it by the glass or bottle.

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Cost: Entrees \$14.95 to \$26.95

■ **Hollywood Brown Derby**

Open: 6-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday.

Seats: 170 people, including private dining room

Reservations: Recommended.

Menu: Steakhouse fare, fresh seafood, two pasta dishes, and roasted chicken. Some dishes served tableside. A highlight is the three pound whole Maine lobster.

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