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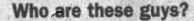
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Filling the bill: Some real, live ducks add excitement to what was a rather dull wait for the rubber ducks to cross the finish line in Heritage Park Friday night, as the First Annual Great Canton Duck Derby debuted. At right, Kelsey Poyer, 21, shows off her temporary tattoo after visiting the face-painting table sponsored by D & M Studios of Canton. For more photos from Friday's festivities, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observ-



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# Interim chief faces full agenda

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An old debate and new issues are crowding the calendar for Ken Walcott, who will lead Plymouth-Canton **Community Schools for the** next six months.

#### **PLYMOUTH-CANTON**

#### BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER volander@oe.homecomm.net

Ken Walcott was hungry for a challenge when he took on a six-month interim job heading Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. And, with slightly over a month in the seat, Walcott certainly has his plate full.

As the nationwide search for a new superintendent continues, an old debate has regained steam over where to locate the third high school in proximity to the other two existing schools. Also at issue is the changing of school boundaries due to the construction of the new Discovery Middle School in Canton and staffing concerns due to last year's buyout of teachers and a flurry of resignations. School is set to begin Aug. 31 with most of the posi-tions now filled.

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# Guests, staff sing praises of inn manager

#### BY SCOTT NEINAS WRITER

Many benefits

Anyone who can keep 250 guests happy must be doing something right. And Maria Wyatt, generał manager of Mar-riott's Fairfield Inn at Ford Road

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**NEW HIGH SCHOOL** 

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After years of a public stance that a new high school will be built on the cor-ner of Joy and Beck roads because

that's what voters were promised in the 1997 bond vote, the current Ply-mouth-Canton school board is poised to

change its position. Plans are to build

the new school closer to the two exist-

ing high schools at Plymouth-Canton

six educators and administrators to the

board Tuesday may have swayed what

support remained for building the new

school on the western edge of the'com-

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School Principal Gerald Ostoin said in

reading the recommendation to the

board. "Because the location is perma-

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tion. Therefore, we believe that the

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The committee summarized that to

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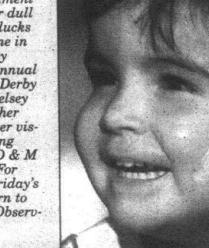
and Haggerty, does just that. Wyatt was nominated by hotel employee Richard Dennis for the Can-

gible away from the experience. They're not taking anything but a memory home with them. I think our guests come back because of us," she said, referring to her staff.

Some of the things Wyatt does for visitors are truly gallant, no matter what they're accustomed to.

"She goes out of her way to help the guests any way she can," said Dennis. "I hate to use this cliché, but she goes

above and beyond the call of duty. Wyatt said she and her staff try to "nice little



#### **REAL ESTATE**

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ton Observer's "Everyday Hero" designation. The Observer is highlighting people around the township who put the "service" in customer service.

Wyatt says deteriorating customer service standards over the years have made her job both more challenging and more rewarding.

'It makes my job easier because people kind of expect bad service. It doesn't take much to impress a guest," she said.

"But when someone pays for a hotel room, they're not taking anything tan-

When it comes to trash, Michigan

shouldn't be a dumping ground for

other states and countries, according to

Canton Republicans Loren Bennett and

Earlier this year, the state legislators

introduced senate and house bills,

respectively, to stop or at least slow the

flow of garbage from outside Michigan's

and could only become law if the U.S.

Supreme Court changes its mind about

waste shipments. In 1992, the high

court ruled that such shipments are

protected under the Constitution's

Washington," said Bennett, "and show

them in strong terms that we're very

"We're trying to send a message to

"I hope they do the right thing," he said. "It seems like the kind of issue

interstate commerce clause.

serious about this issue."

Patterson agreed.

Both bills are currently in committee

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER-sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

Bruce Patterson.

borders.

ide guest that they wouldn't expect" like birthday cakes, a ride to the airport, even gifts

"If a guest is having a bad day, she'll have flowers sent up to their room," Dennis said.

Wyatt says the key to providing good customer service is anticipating the needs of the guest.

#### The things that can't be anticipated, Wyatt takes care of on the fly. Like the time she ran to a toy store and bought baby presents for some Road in Canton. Please see HEROES, A2 Legislators seek to slow



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANS

This way, please: Maria Wyatt checks in a customer and directs him to his room at the front desk of the Fairfield Inn on Ford

# Man shot in foot, cops say charges likely for 2

#### BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

A Canton man suffered gunshot wounds to both feet Tuesday after arguing with two men.

The incident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. at the DeSwan Motel on-Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road. The Canton man was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Garden City following the incident.

"His injuries didn't appear lifethreatening," said Canton Police Sgt Jerry Hardesty

The two suspects, both Canton men, were being held by township police pending charges. Neither had been arraigned by Observer press time Wednesday

Police responded to a 911 call from the motel at 1:39 p.m. Tuesday Upon arriving, police met with the victim, whose name is being withheld, in the motel lobby

#### The incident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the DeSwan Motel on Michigan Avenue near **Belleville Road.**

The two suspects were taken into custody minutes later without incident, police reports said. Both appeared to be intoxicated at the time of the shooting, police said.

The argument began over a cell phone, according to reports.

A small caliber rifle was used in the shooting. The same suspect fired both shots. Hardesty said

The second suspect will likely be charged with assaulting the Canton man

"Prior to the guy being shot," Hardesty said, "it's our belief that the other guy committed an assault."

states should have a say in."

flow of out-of-town trash

Sauk Trail Hills General Manager Laurie Kendall, who runs a Canton landfill, thinks the legislation will have a difficult time passing.

The concept isn't legal," she commented. "Interstate commerce has been supported by the courts."

Nationally, Michigan is among the top four states in importing trash. Nearly 15 percent of waste going into state landfills comes from other regions.

According to Bennett, the state faced "severe" landfill space shortage in the late 1980s. Since then, recycling efforts and opening of new landfills has created a glut of space

"There was an oversiting of landfills," Bennett said.

Consequently, imports have shot up. That's not true in Sauk Hills' case, however. The landfill imports less than one percent of its waste from outside of Michigan annually, said Kendall.

# Rusty Nail has call in to carpenter after incident Heroes from page A1 guests' grandchildren. They were visiting their "They were visiting their"

A 23-year-old Walled Lake man was charged with malicious destruction of property Saturday in connection with an incident at the Rusty Nail bar on Ford

According to township police reports, the man entered the bar at about 1 a.m. The bar refused to serve alcohol to the 23-yearold because he appeared to be

intoxicated, reports said. The man then left and kicked the door on the way out. Reports said the blow broke molding around the door and caused an estimated \$500 damage

Police were called to the scene. Officers found the man minutes later in a nearby parking lot, reports said. He was arrested without incident.

#### Drugs found

Canton officers arrested a township man after discovering marijuana on him Sunday. Officers were dispatched to the

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intersection of Barr and Denton roads shortly after 3 a.m. for a reported accident. Police found a 1993 Ford Tempo in a ditch.

Moments later, officers spotted a man stepping out of the weeds, reports said. Police approached and questioned him. They later found marijuana on his person and arrested him.

The 33-year-old Canton man has a Sept. 14 appearance date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth for possession of marijua-

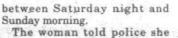
Graffiti

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#### A 51-year-old Canton woman's

van was spray-painted with graffiti Saturday. Police reports said the words

"jack ass" was painted on the vehicle, which was parked at her home in the 40000 block of Fair Oaks. The incident occurred



thinks an ex-girlfriend of her son's may be responsible. She said several incidents, such as unwanted deliveries and obscene phone calls, have occurred since the relationship ended about a year ago.

#### **Bike stolen**

A 13-year-old Canton boy reported his bicycle stolen to

township police Saturday. The Brookshire Street resident rode to Blockbuster Video on Ford Road at about 6 p.m. and

left his bike outside. When he returned minutes later, the bike was gone. The bike is valued at \$150.

Police have no suspects. Numbers

Canton Police received 278 calls for service for the weekend of Aug. 13-15.

A total of 23 traffic crashes were reported, one with injuries Fourteen calls were made for family/civil trouble and 13 for malicious destruction of proper-

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grandchildren here for the first time," Wyatt said. "They didn't know their way around.' Dennis said Wyatt's genuine

ness sets her apart from the rest. "Maria's never too busy for a guest, you won't see her hiding in an office all day. I've never worked in an environment like that," Dennis said.

Dennis added that Wyatt treats the employees just as good as the guests

"It makes you look forward to ing in to work." After working in the catering

industry for 14 years, Wyatt decided she needed a change. Wyatt's career with Marriott

started eight years ago when she applied for a job at the company's Courtyard hotel at Metro Airport.

"As soon as I walked through the door at the airport Marriott, I knew this is what I wanted to do," she said.

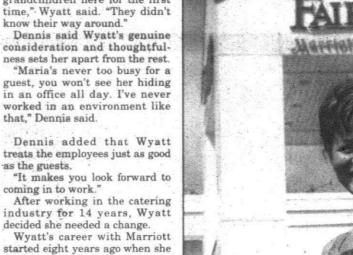
Wyatt lives in Southgate with her husband Danny and their two daughters, Kaitlin,3, and Kiersten, a 6-month-old

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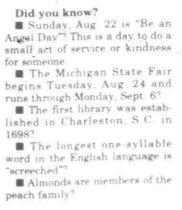


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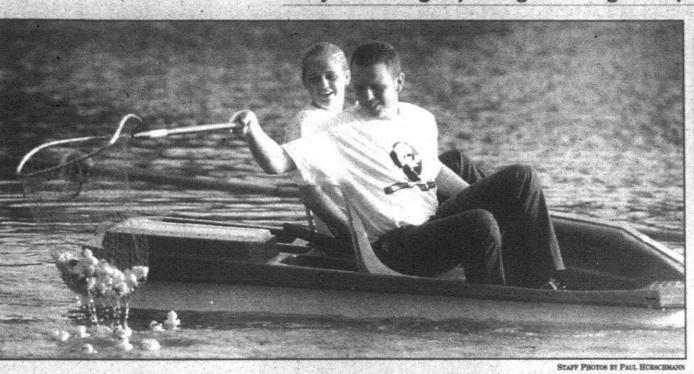




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Derby watchers get quacking at Heritage Park ponds



Ready, set... A closeup of the ducks as they are corralled in the pond before the start of the event. Throughout the summer, ducks were available for "adoption" at park events and through the parks and recreation office. Below, Canton Parks and Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates and his crew wait patiently for the winner to cross the finish line

Helping hands: Kim Yount and Kevin Dare of the Canton Community Grounds Maintenance Crew "rescue" several ducks who got off course due to the firehose that was used to prod them along toward the finish line.



## **CANTON CONNECTION**

#### **Tops at Concours**

Robert and Judy Ann Kohl of Canton took home the trophy for Most Significant Ford Car for their 1955 Thunderbird at the Concours d'Elegance show Aug. 2 at Meadow Brook Hall and Oakland University

Some 270 vintage and classic cars were entered at the 21st annual event this year. A 1937 Bugatti Type 57 SC owned by Ralph Lau-ren and restored by Paul Russell of Essex, Mass.,

The Kohls and their car were featured in July 29 story in the Canton Observer.

#### Grand opening

Lynch's, the dance apparel store, has opened at 7399 Lilley Road (at Warren).

In addition to traditional dance wear, the store sells theatrical makeup, clown supplies, sequins and trims, tiaras, appliqués, novelties and other items. There is a large selection of Halloween costumes and accessories for sale or rent.

The Canton location is a second store fo Lynch's, which also has a Dearborn location. A Grand Opening and Back to Dancing School

all dance shoes and 20 percent off regularly sales during the contest period.

priced leotards, tights, unitards, skirts, skate dresses and legwarmers The Canton store phone number is (734) 207 8842

#### Engler appointee

Lita Popke, of Canton, has been reappointed to the state Board of Ethics by Gov. John Engler Popke has been an attorney with the Detroit law firm of Weisman, Trogan, Young and Schloss since 1994.

The Board of Ethics takes and reviews com plaints of unethical conduct by public officers and employees, conducts inquiries into the alle gations and makes recommendations to the pority as a result of its findings. Popke will serve on the board until February of 2003

#### Mary Kay award

Dawn Otten-Sweeny of Canton is a recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award given at a recent Mary Kay Inc. business seminar in Dallas The award is given to Mary Kay independent Sale Aug. 25 to Sept. 4 will feature 10 percent off | sales directors for exceeding \$650,000 in product

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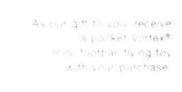
Hot topic of the week

The Michigan State Fair is the oldest state fair in the country and the second largest paid admission event in the states More than 500,000 people of all ages are expected to attend this year's fair, which runs from Aug 24 through Labor Day (Sept 6)

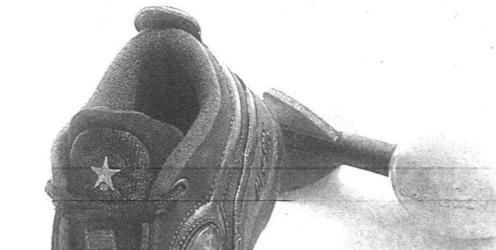
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But if that isn't enough to keep Walcott, 58, consumed during his 2 1/2 - 3 hour drive from his home in Norton Shores, near Muskegon, there's always the ongoing financial dilemmas caused by Proposal A that plagues the burgeoning Plymouth-Canton district.

"The learning curve is extremely steep," Walcott said Monday, acknowledging that the decisions he helps make in the next five months, such as the location of the third high school, will have "ramifications for the next 30-40 years."

A former superintendent of Mona Shores School District. Walcott was sought out by a search firm hired by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. He has more than 30 years experience in education, the last seven as the superintendent of Mona Shores School District, which is about one-fourth the size of Plymouth-Canton. He left the district in July of 1998.

Since then, Walcott has been an educational consultant for URS Greiner Woodward Clyde. The company is a private architectural firm that works with school districts and other government agencies. In addition to designing Lake Orion High School, the company was responsible for designing the Hong the same as Little's salary. Kong Airport.

When approached by a "headhunter" to consider the interim job in Plymouth-Canton, Walcott



II 'I like challenges and I have a fire in my belly.'

> Ken Walcott, interim superintendent

said he was up for the new opportunity. "I like challenges and I have a fire in my belly," he said

Walcott began his duties at Plymouth-Canton on July 12, working with departing Superintendent Chuck Little for a week before Little left for his new position at Indiana University. His contract extends until Jan 12, when the school board expects to have a permanent superintendent in place. He is being paid \$10,000 per month -

"Right now I'm concerned with the whole equity issue with gan. three new buildings planned for 2002. The older buildings have roofs that are starting to leak

and boilers that aren't working," Walcott said. "It's going to be a concern in a growing district, such as this one."

Next month, Walcott plans to bring a complete facility overview to the board of education on the building disparity. In the meantime, he's waiting for school to start. After a

month to familiarize himself with the district, he will be able to see the district at work in two short weeks. "The most important work we do here, and I've told the administrators this, is out there in the classroom. We're here to service them." he said. As far as teacher shortages are

concerned. Walcott isn't troubled by it. "I think we filled most (of the positions). Am I concerned? No. Not as of right now."

Gerald Meijer of St. Peter's Lutheran School in Plymouth has been hired as principal of Bentley Elementary while announcements are expected next week for principals at Allen Elementary and Central Middle School. Assistant principal Jerry Morris also recently resigned. Walcott is living at an apart-

ment complex in Canton throughout the week until his contract expires January 12. His wife, Kay, occasionally joins him Walcott has four daughters and four grandchildren, whom he enjoys spending his weekends with on his boat on Lake Michi-



New digs: Ken Walcott in his office, during an interview with the Observer. The former Mona Shores superintendent has been interim superintendent in Plymouth-Canton since July 12

### Trash from page A1

Small amounts are gathered Connecticut and Canada, she from New York, Kansas, Illinois, said.

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Bennett acknowledged her point. He noted that a Riverview landfill, which is the state's closest to Canada, imports as much Arbor Hills landfill sits to

Canton's north in Salem Township. General Manager John Myers said his facility imports about 25 percent of its waste. The bulk of that flow comes

"It's very location dependent,"

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

from Canada. Myers thinks it's possible federal laws could "It's hard to say, but there is

activity in Washington." he added. "It could happen."

Bennett thinks landfill space should be saved for Michigan trash. He believes it will extend the life of landfills and protect the state's environment.

"Why spend money to (recycle) only to sell space to Canadian residents," Bennett added. Patterson explained that the

legislation isn't calling for a ban. "But we have to have a say." he said. "States should have some say in what goes in and out

The bills, Patterson said would give Michigan regulatory powers to say from whom trash would be accepted and how

he commented.

"We have a responsibility to balance environmental needs of the state with commerce." he trade so that it's not a free-for

Bennett introduced a similar measure in the senate's 1997-98 session. But the bill died in com-

Hearings on the new bill will take place sometime this fall. said Patterson. It's too early to tell if and when the house or senate will vote on the bills



BY MIKE MALOTT

Claiming MichCon wants to "encourage greater personal accountability among consumers," the gas utility company is seeking permission from the Public Service Commission to cut the time customers have to pay their bills and increase the

Commission moves ahead on choice plan Utility customers may be turing orders issued in 1998, on Energy with two options. If service to about 2 million and either company chooses to vol-1.6 million customers, respecallowed to choose alternative a voluntary basis. On June 29, the Michigan untarily implement the cuselectric power suppliers begintomer choice program, the utilining Sept. 20. Gov. John Engler said he will Supreme Court ruled that the continue to support commission

# MichCon stresses 'customer responsibility' on billing

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fees required for reconnect after service has been shut off. "The idea of fostering greater

new to Michigan having gained Michigan Gov. John Engler's welfare reform strategies," with the PSC by MichCon Vice President Howard Dow.

Jennifer Granholm calls that an have joined in to support the to the PSC actually closed on insult. She argues the company request, according to Chris Aug. 10, personal responsibility is not is just trying to increase fees to DeWitt, a spokesman for its consumers, and she has filed Granholm's office. widespread support over the last an objection to the proposed ew years as a major theme of change in the Billing Practice ally two years old, little publicity Rules.

according the paperwork filed approved, it would apply to all received no public comment and utilities in Michigan that supply a call for written input brought gas and electric service. Detroit no objections. The time period

Michigan's Attorney General Edison and Consumers Energy for submitting written comments \$26 left when you are paying

Although the proposal is actuhas been given to it. A public If the change were to be hearing earlier this year

orders to begin "the creation of a

"The next step is to codify

those orders into law so that

new facilities can be built to

power the state's growing econo

Consumers Energy is the util

ity unit of CMS Energy Corp.

CMS intends to voluntarily

implement those orders "which

approach to deregulation

provide a sensible and balanced

including the full recovery of

stranded costs," according to a

press release issued by the com-

competitive market.

'Engler said.

pany Tuesday.

Amy Messano, a spokeswoman

for MichCon, said the public notification process is strictly up to the PSC, but notification of this proposal followed standard procedures Despite the attorney general's

objection, MichCon will proceed with the request, which the PSC can now consider. Messano said she expects the PSC to rule by the end of the year. The starting date for the change, if approved, would be set by the PSC.

The intent is to get a small group of customers "who have en gaming the system" to pay bills on time, Messano said. Some customers know that MichCon does not cut off service for two or three months, she said. In combination with a 21day billing cycle and a current five-day grace period, they put off paying their gas bills for long periods of time. She estimates MichCon lost \$12 million last year as a result.

"Most other businesses have 17-day billing cycles. Some utilities in other states have 10-day billing cycles," Messano explained. "We just want to modernize our billing system and get on a level playing field with other businesses ... If you have

bills, and another business has a 17-day bill, who is going to get paid first. It's not us."

She said the change will have no impact on the utility's programs to help low income customers and those who have trouble paying their bills.

"This is for those who can afford to pay but don't," Messano said

Granholm argues the change will create customer confusion and will hit low income customers hardest.

She argues the proposed increases in deposits for new customers could "double the size of required deposits" and "create a significant barrier to universal access to gas and electric ser vices essential to quality living."

Specifically, the changes would cut the billing due dates for utility payments from 21 days to 17 The grace period for late payments would be cut from five days to one.

Deposits for new customers would increase from twice the monthly average bill to three times the peak monthly bill. If the customer has been disconnected once in the last three years, the deposit required for reconnection would also increase to three times the peak monthly

The Michigan Public Services Detroit Edison and Consumers they choose to "voluntarily implement" the customer choice program previously ordered by

order determining that it has power in Michigan. the authority to proceed to implement its electric restruc-

commission "lacks the authori-Commission has requested that ty" to order the utilities to allow other power companies to com-Energy notify it by Sept. 1 if pete and to mandate that the companies offer an experimen-

tal "retail wheeling" service. The Michigan Supreme Court concluded that the decision to provide a new service lies withutilities have already indicated in the province of the utility's they will comply with the pro- management, not the commisgram which will allow electrici- sion's. After that ruling, Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy indicated they would proceed line Tuesday and issued an allow other companies to sell

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ty's CEO must file a statement by Sept. 1 to that effect, including an affirmation that its board of directors has approved the implementation.

Once customers have begun taking open access service, this service is no longer a new service under the Michigan Supreme Court decision and the commission can regulate the rates, terms and conditions of service. If either company chooses not to implement the cus-The commission set the dead- anyway with the state's plan to tomer choice program, then the decision of whether to require the companies to do so will rest with the Michigan Legislature. Detroit Edison and Con-

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# High school from page A1

cation the east site (closest to between classes the two high schools) would maintain a strong core curriculum; be more cost effective than the west site (on Beck Road), 24 meeting. Three trustees where students would have to be bused on campus; would maintain optimal teaching conditions; and would continue safety and consistency in discipline.

The committee stressed that in just about all areas, having the new high school built on the far reaches of the property would most likely eliminate course offerings, require some duplicate classes, create schedule conflicts, and force teachers to lose out on cooperative planning and sharing time because of distance.

New figures for busing students from the current high site is the one for me," said schools to a west site location newly-elected board member indicate it would cost the district \$80,000 for two buses to transport students, and increase the

The board is expected to vote on which site it wants to build the new high school at its Aug. appear ready to support the east site

#### **Board** reaction

"I've been ready to vote east for three years," said Trustee Roland Johnson, who at times during the battle over location remained a lone soldier in supporting a site close to the present high schools. "Tve had three kids go through the schools and I'm happy with it."

"I think construction costs of same, but service and curriculum are important, so the east Steve Guile

"I support east because we' have to vote the big picture of current 10-minute passing time cost and the impact of students," Trustee Darwin Watts. "I'm not possibility."

'I've been ready to vote east for three years. I've had three kids go through the schools and I'm always been adamant that she account," said board member happy with it.'

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Roland Thomas.

said board vice-president Elizabeth Givens. "I want to look

site) for.

#### Undecided The other four board mem-

bers, who have continually either site will be about the stressed a west site school, refused to tip their hands as to how they'll vote Tuesday. However, the curriculum and cost factors are giving them something to think about.

Plymouth-Canton school board member Beck roads. But she does con-

going to say how I'll vote at this time, but there are some things down the road and see what else that supported my views that I we can use those acres (west already came to the table with." "Last spring we didn't have all the information and we only knew of one location (to build)," said Susan Davis, board president. "There are a lot of other factors involved, like future use

of the land and cost for transportation. Now we have all the facts we didn't have last spring." When asked directly if she now supported an east site, "I still think there's a lot of Davis said "I need to think about misinformation out there," said it a bit more, but it could be a helped sell the \$79.8 million Mark Slavens, an attorney. bond issue to voters on the premise the school would be legal and ethical implications built at the corner of Joy and cede there are some good reasons to move the school.

"From a curriculum standpoint it looks like it's easier to deliver, assuming east is a 10minute walk (from the existing facilities)," admitted Mardigian. "If we decide on an east location, what are we going to do to make it a more personalized setting for students? I'm not quite ready to vote east on Tuesday. There are still a lot of unanswered ques-

"I want to get all the informaeast site can be reached in the 10 minute passing period. Other factors, including site studies, financial and curriculum impli-

Trustee Judy Mardigian has cations, need to be taken into "However, I still think there are with this decision. I want to do what's best for the children of this community."

#### Voters promised

While most who attended the session were educators in favor of the east site, there were those who still favor a west side location, as presented during the bond vote.

"Whenever I asked where the new school would be, the only answer I ever got was Joy and Beck." Paul Schrauben told board members. "There's a sign at Joy and Beck. I voted for Joy tion in before I make a final and Beck. If I had been told the decision, like finding out if it the east site was the choice, my vote would have been no."

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through a series of five fundraising "shoot-outs" held before the golf outing. The \$1 million was put up through an insurance policy, and a portion of the Khollman, Kelley Anne Petproceeds will be donated to the Special Olympics, said Ryan Ambrozaitis, chamber executive director.

This year's golf outing at Fellows Creek was a success, Ambrozaitis said.

"We had 216 golfers and the event sold out six weeks in advance. The Hole-in-One Challenge got exposure on (TV channel) Fox 2."

way things went," Ambrozaitis rell said. "David Griffin (event chairman) did a fabulous job with it.' The golf outing and annual

Hole-in-One Challenge," part of dinner auction in March are the Other winners at Thursday's

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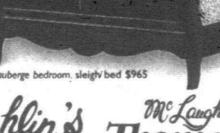


# House leader says he learned basics in the Army!

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE



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"Please ..." state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, retorted, his voice dripping with

He was talking about his status as a reservist in the U.S. Army. Having joined at age 17, with the approval of his parents, Raczkowski went to basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Benning, Ga., between his junior and senior years at Harrison High School in

Farmington Hills. Today, he's a company commander with the rank of captain He is paratrooper and nathfinder qualified. He goes to training one weekend a month and for one 18day exercise each year

with Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, a fellow reservist as well as a fellow state lawmaker. .. He's a Navy man,

Raczkowski said. leeper than party affiliation.

Raczkowski, "Rocky" to friends and constituents because they post of House majority floor leadhave trouble pronouncing his last name, "Ratch-koff-sky," takes obvious pride in his military involvement. His office in Lansing sports a number of army-oriented toys, including a stuffed bear wearing camouflage and a mechanical infantry soldier, which crawls and shoots a machine gun. But he's serious

"The military is boot camp for the body," he explains. "People ask me why I went to law school but he does admit he's interested if I don't intend to be a lawyer. in running for House speaker in to hear out all views. Law school is boot camp for the the year 2000. He hasn't made a

The army has also taught him until January. Rep. Pan God- those you lead, but it does. You leadership skills, skills he said chaux, R-Birmingham, has have to have their respect," he



that gave him a sense of kinship ington Hills, decorates his office with army type toys, a reminder of his service in the Army Reserve.

Apparently, some rivalries run he is now using in his role as a already announced her interest state legislator. In his second in that post. "I enjoy politics," is his only term, he has already risen to the response to questions about his

er. That puts him second in com- plans. Current House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Towncaucus, he said, and his job is to

ship, is often criticized for his leadership style, as being too dic-Essentially, he's in the center of tatorial. He's been accused of all the activity, offering up each pushing the GOP agenda too said. "An A.B. Dick press, we quickly at the expense of hearing still have it. It sits off in the corout the minority view. Raczkowski won't comment on Raczkowski says he doesn't Perricone's style, or on the criti-

cisms, but he does say his leadical ambitions, it puts people off, ership style would be different. He said he believes there is time "You don't think of the milidecision, he said. And he won't tary teaching you compassion for

reads and writes Polish, the reserves? although he grew up in Farmington Hills

"They (mom and dad) achieved the American dream ... They came here with nothing, just the shirts on their backs, and a will- him up or out, he said. ingness to work hard. They

And that is how he approached

when we won, it gave me the opportunity to prove to them that young people should not be underestimated. They are a great wealth, if we challenge them. If you don't challenge them, you lose a whole generation. If you challenge them and expect more out of them, you will get more out of them."

"I started that in 1993 with \$500 in my pocket and going to an auction in Ohio where I bought one printing press," he ner. It's going fairly well. We are

Raczkowski recently moved the business from Eastpointe to Madison Heights. Called Mainline Communications, it special izes in printing, marketing and advertising, producing everything from business cards to annual reports. The business now has about 3,000 square feet of space and three employees. He's still actively involved in the operation of the business.

tions. He's quite open about his hopes of starting a family and

having kids. But he hasn't met members have only a few years Raczkowski is still quite young the right woman yet. And how to push for their agendas. That to be in such a leadership role in will be do that given all the time means they act more often state government at 30. Born to he spends working on his busi- according to their conscience. immigrants, Raczkowski speaks, ness, in the legislature and in

"I don't know," is his only answer. Of course, with term limits in

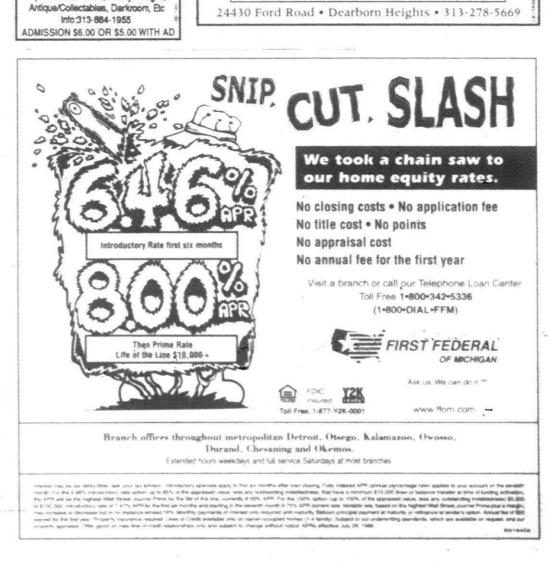
half left to serve. That will force said he already tries to be open Raczkowski campaigned for

term limits and he still strongly post, he also tries to be receptive supports them. He believes campaigning in his first attempt they've changed the way the leg-view from all across the state. at state office at age 24. He lost islature operates. There is less to Jan Dolan, but came back as pressure on members to vote accessible," he said. "My phone the underdog the next time with the party line. Vote trading, number is listed and I take calls around and won the seat at age which Raczkowski said is dis- at home. And for that there is a tinctly different than compromis- price. The price is that when I

Even though he has limited time left in the House, Raczkowski explained his desire to shy away from conversations about future political ambitions. effect, he has only a term and a "It makes you a target," and he to residents of his district. Since he is in a statewide leadership to residents seeking to express a

"I've made myself extremely

winning, this young little snot unethical. The result is that talk. And it takes me about four from Farmington Hills. And there is less party discipline and hours to cut my lawn." Limited time offer! Free Tuition' Want to Crack the tax code? We cover everything, from completing a basic 1040 to the skillful handling of complex schedules. Learn about recent changes in tax laws, as well as proven tax-saving strategies. Once you've graduated, you may even have the opportunity to interview with H&R Block.\*\* Call for the flexible course times and convenient locations in your area and enroll today! here is a \$99 fee for books and materials. Free tuition offer is good at participating H&R Block locations. "Completion of the course is neither an offer nor a guarantee of employment @1999 H&R Block Tax Services, Inc. #180/5/99 AA EEO/M/F/D/V 1-800-TAX-2000 www/hrblock.com/tax HINKING ABOUT FURNACE NEW LENNOX FREE ESTIMATES MICRO DERMABRASION (734)525-1930 UNITED TEMPERATURE 8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA The Laser Associates We are the first in Wayne County to offer the latest in skin care technology for the Photorama USA treatment of active acne, age spots, sun GIANT USED CAMERA damaged skin, fine lines, and wrinkles. stretch marks, and more. SHOW , Come see why they call Power Peel the Sunday, August 22 10am-3pm "Lunch-time Face Lift" in California. THE NOVI HILTON Make your appointment today at Haggerty Road at 1-275 & 8 The Laser Associates Mile Road, West of 1-275 & 1/4 mile N.of 8 mie Rd., Novi, Mi Buy, Sell, Trade \$50 OFF The first session through August Everything Photographic Alpa to Zeiss. Nikon, Hassy. Images





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Still, his "first love," he said, is his business

growing it (the business) slowly.

Raczkowski has other ambi-

# Group issues 'wake up call' on local governments

#### BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE nalott@homecomm.net

Citizens Research Council of Michigan, the oldest independent public policy research group in the state, has issued a "wake up call" to local government.

There are too many local units of government, too many school districts, and too many special purpose units of government, like intermediate school districts and community colleges. That makes them inefficient. They overlap and are left to fight over limited resources. The taxation and financial structure for local government, as a result, is highly complex and confusing, even for those who are familiar with how it works

"Local officials are going to have get past the fight to protect their turf," said Eric Lupher, senior research analyst for the CRC and author of the report. "This will probably require action from the state, if we really want it to happen. But left to their own devices, local governments probably will not move

toward regionalization." That's probably not what the Michigan Municipal League expected to hear when it called for the report during a Symposium on the Future of Local Government in Michigan back in June. It asked for five papers from a variety of researchers, including CRC, across the state on the challenges facing local government in the coming centu-

What the CRC produced was a report called "A Bird's Eye View of Michigan Local Government at the end of Twentieth Centu-

Local government was primarily designed in the last century and has been highly resistant to change, the report states.

"Despite the advances in communications and transportation, the geographic area of most local governments in Michigan continues to reflect the distances horses could travel in a day," the report concludes.

Michigan has a large number of local units and "the structures of many local units, particularly townships and counties, reflect the 19th century emphasis on a diffused executive function."

Michigan has 2,884 local units

of government, ranking it 14th among the 50 states. Michigan ranks seventh among the states in terms of general purpose local units, including 83 counties, 1,241 townships, 273 cities and 262 villages.

"Special-purpose local units include 564 school districts, 54 intermediate school districts, 28 community college districts, 14 planning and development regions, and 263 special districts and special authorities," the report concludes.

The report notes that a number of reforms have been proposed in recent years which would simplify local government, eliminating the village form of government, eliminating the distinction between cities and townships, providing more services on

a countywide basis, eliminating intermediate school districts and further consolidating school districts to reduce their numbers.

"The number of school districts has experienced a 92 percent decline since the turn of the cen-tury," the report stated. "It is argued that further reductions would lead to greater economies and efficiencies. Since Proposal A, school districts are much less dependent on property taxes. Consolidation would allow districts to reduce administrative costs to concentrate more dollars on classroom needs.

Additional improvements could be made if, "The number of local governments competing for limited resources could be reduced and small local governments could consolidate with

other units to expand the base of local resources," the report concludes.

It also suggests that adopting government structures "led by an executive" would be more efficient. Elimination of overlap in the power granted to various forms of local government is also recommended.

For its part, the Municipal League has yet to respond to the report. And phone calls to the organization this week were not returned.

Strong advocates of home rule, the Municipal League typically argues that the ability of local governments to set their own policy is often what gives communities their local flavor.

# County sponsors one-day teachers institute on youth violence

A one-day institute will be conducted for teachers and administrators on youth violence and intervention methods from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Annex, Room 3, 33500 Van Born Road, in Wayne.

Instructed by Eastern Michigan University's Comprehensive Education Assistance Center,

this class will explore the planning process and response guidelines for teachers and school administrators when confronted with violent acts by youths.

The class will explore bomb procedures, weapons discharge, acts of domestic terrorism including weapons of mass destruction. hostage situations and response capabilities should the affected school require law

enforcement tactical intervention.

The program will be built around an incident command structure that interfaces with law enforcement and fire response personnel.

The class will be taught by Skip Lawver, an assistant professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Technology, and William Dangler, a retired

Ypsilanti Township fire chief.

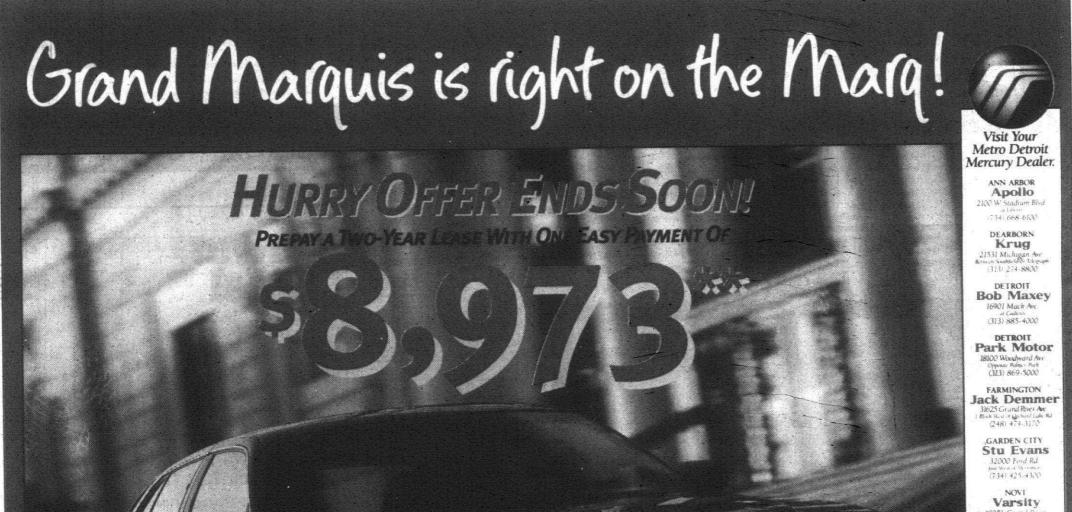
Lawver is the program coordi-nator for EMU's Public Safety Administration Program, directs tactical training program for law enforcement at EMU and teaches Special Weapons and Tactics classes and hostage rescue courses for law enforcement.

Lawyer also teaches courses on foreign and domestic terrorism, arson investigation, haz-

ardous materials and incident command. He is also working with various law enforcement agencies as they prepare response plans for school systems across the state. Lawver is also the project administrator for Youth-At-Risk, a grant funded program

Dangler teaches courses in the Public Safety Administration Program, including emergency preparedness planning, incident command, foreign and domestic terrorism and issues in emergency preparedness. Dangler is also a response person for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is currently training across the country on terrorism issues

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JACK GLADDEN

# How quickly adults forget

Why can't they be like we were .... Perfect in every way? What's the matter with kids today?

ye Bye Birdie" fans will rec-Sightly too 66

lyrics from that rock 'n' roll musical of the early '60s. The lament, of course, goes back to the beginning of mankind. Or, at least, to the second generation.

When Cain slew Abel, Adam probably shook his head and wondered, "What's the matter with kids today? So much violence.

Now anyone who has ever been the parent of a teenager knows that having such a creature around can sometimes be an unnerving experience. Often it can be quite maddening. Yet, just how different are kids

today? Were we, the adults, really "perfect in every way" when we were their age? Or, as we become more curmudgeonly in our middle years, are we losing both our patience and our memory

Case in point: A colleague of mine noted that while residents and officials in Plymouth decry the practice of teenagers "cruising" in that western Wayne County community, anoth-er group of people is practically deify-ing the very same activity with the "Woodward Dream Cruise."

The Dream Cruisers, of course, date back to the '50s and '60s when driveins were the hangouts and drag racing down two-lane streets was a common (and illegal) practice. But that was then and this is now. That was us and this is them.

One of my favorite songs is "Okie from Muskogee." It's a favorite because of the lines that go:

We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee

We don't take our trips on LSD And white lightnin's still the biggest thrill of all

Never mind that "white lightnin' was just as illegal as marijuana. It was the drug of choice of the good ole boys. Marijuana was the drug of the long-haired hippies. Besides, white lightnin' was then and marijuana was

#### Then and now

Any time some "enterprising" writer comes up with a story about archaic laws that are still on the books somewhere, one of them is cer tain to be a law against "spitting on the sidewalk." That was then. Now Plymouth police apparently have decided that "sitting on the sidewalk" is equally abhorrent. That was the case when a 15-yearold teenager was ticketed, fined \$210 and sentenced to 32 hours of community service for sitting on a downtown sidewalk. Technically, he was charged with "obstructing" the sidewalk. Some cynics tend to believe he was ticketed for being a teenager in Plymouth. That colleague who brought up the Dream Cruise also made another point about modern society: "They've made it illegal to be a teenager."

# COOL FOR SCHOOD

Kids favor brand names for back-to-school duds

### BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

arrying a stack of designer jeans and shirts at Mervyn's California, Scott Osinski, 11, believes that clothes definitely make a difference in social status at school. The sixth grader from Belleville was shopping at the Westland store recently when he explained his logic.

"If kids wear geeky sweatshirts that their moths buy, they usually don't get any friends," Osinski said. His mom said she allows Scott and his twin brother, Sean, to pick out most of their own clothes

Another Mervyn's shopper, Brittany Ivan, 12, agreed with Osinski.

"Kids pay attention to clothes," said the Belleville resident. "People judge you by your clothes."

For the first time this year Brittany and her brother Josh won't be wearing school uniforms. Uniforms provided an easier routine every morning, because there wasn't any choice involved, but they were also more expensive.

And since there were dress down days at their previous school, their mother Brenda explained, her kids had to have the costly uniforms, as well as the other clothes.

Brittany said she was bored by the repetition of wearing the same thing everyday and was looking forward to what she could wear this school year. "I got tired of the uniforms," she explained.

During an informal survey of area shoppers combing the racks of garments, mostly jeans, days before the school bells will ring in the new millennium school year, most mothers either guided their children away from designer clothes or begrudgingly paid the inflated prices.

#### Looking for logos

Standing outside the dressing room at Mervyn's, Sharon McGuire of Garden City was waiting for her daughter and son to emerge with their most recent picks. She was looking for anything with the Nike and Adidas

10-year-old (son), I can ste



Robin Maslyk was disappointed with the styles offered in young girls' dresses for her daughter Lauren, 8.



Which ones?:

Checking for school clothes at the Meijer store in Canton, Heather Quinlan (photo above), 10, confers with her mother Nancy about a pair a jeans. Over in the shoes section, Angela Sunyog (photo at left), 9, tries on shoes under the watchful eyes of her mother Lynn, brother Joshua, 5, and sister Jessica, 11 1/2.

> Wayne, likes baggy shorts, flare pants and B.U.M. Equipment shirts. Her eight-year-old sister. Sara added khakis to Kelli's list

#### Now and then

Before we get too despairing of "today's" teenagers, think back

"West Side Story," that classic tale of rivalry and violence among teenage gangs, was brought to the screen in 1961, and before that it was a Broadway musical.

"Rebel Without a Cause," the James Dean classic promoted as "a challenging drama of today's teenage violence," was released in 1955.

"Reefer Madness," that hekey melodrama about teenage marijuana addiction, was first released in 1936 under the title "Tell Your Children.

"Confessions of an English Opium Eater," telling the story of how opium could destroy your life, was published in 1821.

And, oh yes, "West Side Story" was loosely based on - you guessed it -"Romeo and Juliet," that ultimate Shakespearean romance that centered around the rivalry (and violence) of teenage gangs.

Yeah, teenagers can be pains in the behind. They can be obnoxious. Infuriating. Frustrating and maddening. But the truth is they always have

been

And we used to be them

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logos. "My away from the name brands, but my 14-year-old (daughter) has gone to the dark side," McGuire said followed with a laugh. "I couldn't steer her away

In Mervyn's children's department, Julie Dumtie, 5, was shopping with her mother, Sara, and brother, Michael, 7. Although she was wearing a hot green dress, Julie said she prefers pants for school.

Michael was a fashion statement in a B.U.M. T-shirt and Pipes shorts. In fact, the second grader prefers Pipes pants, too.

Lyn Taylor of Canton, who was shopping with her children, Jessica and Angela, at Meijer in Westland said tries to avoid designer clothes. But, every now and then something market for flared and carpenter jeans. Angela, a fourth grader, wanted Nike shoes. Their five-year-old brother, a young girl, she added. Joshua, will wear whatever mom buys.

Jessica, a sixth grader, was in the

slips in.

Down the aisle from the Taylors, Eric Sopko, a second grader at Hulsing Elementary in Canton, was shopping with his mother, Karen and younger sister, Rachel. He wears only solid or stripes shirts, without designs. He also prefers long shorts and Nike shoes.

"It's inappropriate to have shirts with dinosaurs and stuff," he added.

His sister, Rachel, likes anything

with Barbie on it. Undaunted by the task ahead, Karen Sopko was ready to forge on.

"We've just begun," she said. "We're going to hit Kohl's and Target, too.

The styles were much too mature for

"She's not going to wear anything that's here," Robin Maslyk said. "My girl loves to wear dresses and I don't think these dresses are appropriate for this age bracket.

"We're not into the fads and for the most part, not the things that will come and go. We're into the tradition-

Her brother, Todd, is going into kindergarten and will wear what mom decides ... Case closed.

Maslyk wasn't ready to give up either.

"We stop and browse everywhere. because there's always that one piece that you find," she said.

Kelli Clevenger, a 10-year-old from

Robby Stone, 7, also of Wayne has simple tastes: "I like my glow in the dark shirt with a dinosaur on the front.

He also prefers baggy shorts and break-away jeans, pants with snaps from waist to shoe, for easy changes that are especially popular among athletes.

The bad news, he said, is that his mom doesn't like either fashion style.

Heather Quinlen, a 10-year-old fifth grader at Tonda Elementary School in Canton likes anything with Tweetie Bird on it. Last we k, she was checking the Tweetie Bird jeans. She already has Tweetie Bird shortalls and T-shirts.

Please see CLOTHING, B2

# Angel Care cares for parents who grieve



BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER e.homecomm.net

The needlework of strangers has touched Mary Piontek profoundly. Among her most precious possessions is a small handmade quilt and a blanket, the work of strangers made to comfort those who grieve.

The quilt, no bigger than a foot square, and blanket are for her son Andrew who was stillborn at 26 weeks on March 17

"He was presented to me in his own special blanket," Piontek said. "It meant so much to me that someone would take the time to make a quilt for someone who died

The blanket as well as making the cap and gown for her son's burial have inspired the Redford resident to form Angel Care, an organization committed to comforting grieving families

Angel Care volunteers make, collect and distribute handmade blankets and burial gowns to St. Mary, Henry Ford, Providence and Huron Valley hospitals.

"They might not take the pain away, but a family can look at it and know someone else cares," she said

Please see ANGEL CARE, B2

N 8 2

Several miles away at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, 15-year-old Davé MacFarland of Livonia said he likes American Eagle. The Stevenson High School student made a point of noting that he doesn't buy the ever popular and sometimes expensive, Tommy Hilfiger clothes, because the colors are too bright.

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His friend, Rob Grisius, 15, said his school wardrobe will mostly consist of khakis and

Lindsay Vierk, 13, came to Laurel Park Place from Grosse He with her mom. Her fall wardrobe will consist mostly of eans, vests and T-shirts. She likes Hydraulic and Roxy, "because they fit me real well." "And they're not as expen-

sive," her mom whispered. On the other hand, Cindy Nehmeh of Livonia, said her 13vear-old son. Adam, will only look at Tommy Hilfiger clothes. "That's the only thing he wants," she said. "That and Michael Jordan with the shoes." Standing nearby, Adam was wearing a Tommy Hilfiger tank top and Tommy long shorts. The clothes in the bag he was holding all had Tommy Hilfiger logos.

A few feet away, Stefano Giamarco, a 13-year-old Northville middle school student, was shop-

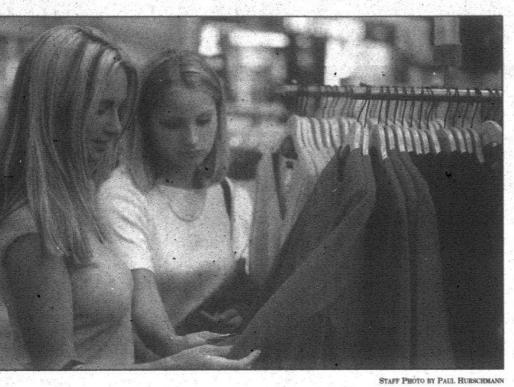
Listings for the Crafts Calendar ST. THEODORE should be submitted in writing St. Theodore Catholic Church is no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information. call (734) 953-2131.

#### SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

#### ST. DAMIAN

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



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What do you think?: Alina LaFleche (left), 24, of Livonia helps younger sister Gina, 16, with her back-to-school selections at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

brother. Nicholas. The boys have

looking for crafters for its annual

8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Table rental is \$20. For more

information, call Mary at (734)

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan

Catholic Church's 16th annual

craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity

Center, 17500 Farmington Road,

able by calling (248) 477-8942 or

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harge. Call (734) 453-5145 for

School PTSA is accepting appli-

cations for its eighth annual fall

craft show10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct.

23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh

Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1.

For an application, call (734)

The Livonia Stevenson High

School Booster Club is accepting

applications for its annual Holi-

day Happening Craft Show 10

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the

nigh school, 33500 Six Mile

Road, Livonia. A single space

(booth) costs \$60. A limited num-

ber of spaces with electricity are

available at no extra charge. For

an application, call (248) 478-

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LIVONIA STEVENSON

agreed Stefano added

the kids are into grunge, they "Those people I don't go near,'

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call

#### ST. EDITH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or

space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when application is received). For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

Angel Care from page B1

Piontek, who started out by making several gowns for Huron Valley Hospital, has a half dozen volunteers who make everything from angel gowns for burial to caps, gowns, bonnets and booties in sizes for "teenie tiny micropreemies to full-term babies."

The volunteers come from far and near. Her neighbor has been making full-sized clothing, while a woman in Pennsylvania who was touched by the idea has been crocheting gowns and blankets.

"Some volunteers have been touched by infant death, some by the idea," Piontek said. "One woman who called said she didn't want to sound naive, but she didn't realize babies died."

The volunteers are making gowns that fit babies as small as 12 inches long and weighing only ounces to a full-term 8-pound infant. Caps fit infant heads as small as the size of a large wal-

"I tell my volunteers that these are something money can't buy,' Piontek said. "From my own personal experience, especially with a teenie tiny baby, you can't go to the store and buy clothes."

Some of the Angel Care patterns Piontek has found on the Internet, and some are actual doll patterns. While Piontek points out that doll clothes don't fit well, she admits using her daughter's dolls that are about preemie size to gauge if the gowns will fit.

Each gown and blanket comes with a tag, attached by a fancy diaper pin, that contains the angel story. The cards are meant to be a keepsake for the grieving family.

"I try to make everything keepable," said Piontek. "If the family chooses to bury their child in the gown or wrapped in the blanket, they can keep the card to create a memory."

Piontek got the angel story from her good friend and source of encouragement, Ruth Ann Thill, founder of Afghans for Angels. Like some of her patterns, Piontek found Thill on the

Afghans for Angels has two chapters in north central Iowa which make and distribute baby plankets to local hospitals to give to parents who have suffered the loss of their infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant

"She's my good friend; I e-mail her every day," said Piontek. "She's helped me with ideas and encouragement. She gave me the angel story that appears on the Angel Care tags. It says it all."

The hospitals have responded positively. Officials at Huron Valley thought her inquiry to do the gowns was "wonderful," while the chaplains at Providence have called asking for the patterns so they can help. Henry said Piontek who learned to cro-Ford requested more full-term chet from her grandmother

How to help

In addition to volunteer Angel Care is in need of gowns, booties, caps, bon nets, blankets and fancy liaper pins. Clothing is needed in all sizes, and blankets can be

n any form. The organization also accepts donations of fancy diaper pins, fabric, yarn, trims and patterns. Patterns are available by sending a stamped, self-

addressed envelope to Angel Care, 15911 Kinloch, Redford 48239. For more information call Angel Care at (313)

534-6496 or by e-mail at damary@voyager.net or www.mihometown.com/oe/ angelcare.

St. Mary Hospital "luckily"

hasn't had to use any of the

Angel Care gowns and blankets

to date, but Janet Sabo, nurse

manager of the maternity center,

is "sure they will be appreciated

Different volunteers have pro-

vided the center with items, such

as caps and knit hats at Christ-

mas time, but nothing at the

this woman" when Susan Klotz,

nursing manager for labor and

delivery at Henry Ford Hospital

The staff has always tried to

have something, whether it was

gowns provided by a few church

groups or hospital T-shirts and

blankets, for the families, but

Mary brings in," Klotz said.

certainly not as nice as what

"It's nice to know we have a

supply," she added. "It's like a

treat for the nurses when Mary

brings in the gowns. They tend

to get personal when things

don't go well, and this way they

can pick out a special outfit for

Piontek hopes to get non-profit

status for Angel Care and even-

tually have chapters in other

states. An Angel Care brochure

has generated an average of two

"I think people are finding out

about Angel Care and think it's

a neat idea. This is a lifelong

thing with me, even if it ends up

with me just crocheting stuff,

calls a day about volunteering.

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in Detroit, received Piontek's let

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"I'm very impressed with Mary: she more than anyone else understands the needs of grieving families," said Sabo. "I applaud her for taking her own grief and making it into some children. The answer was a "we need

#### Boehnlein





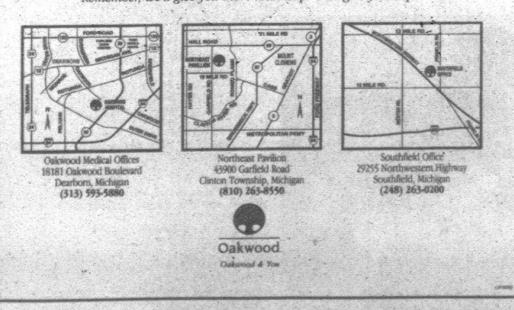
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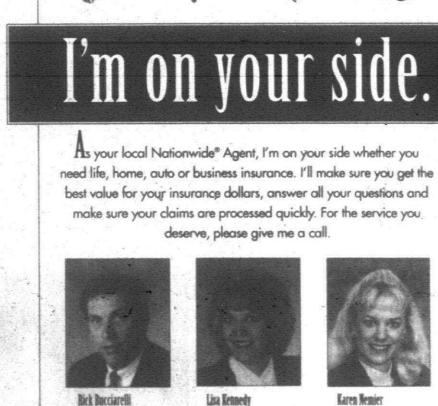
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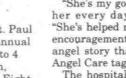
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#### **ANNIVERSARIES**



Arnold and Rita Kalis of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an anniversary Mass at St. Richard

Catholic Church and reception The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 27, 1949, at St. Casmir Church in Detroit. She is the former Rita Nowrocke. The Kalises have six children

Charles and Margaret Drury of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 9 at a barbecue with family and

The couple, who moved to Redford 48 years ago, exchanged vows July 9, 1949 in Detroit. She is the former Margaret Sirola and worked as a keypunch operator for IBM before raising her

Children include Robert of Hatteras, N.C.; Maureen, of Auburn, Calif.; Mary Beth of Howell, Pamela of Highland and the late Richard, who died in 1997. They also have six grand

Albert and Dolores Boehnlein of Garden City are celebrating their 50th anniversary on Aug. 21, at a reception at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City following a Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

The couple married on Aug. 20, 1949, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the for mer Dolores Kruse. They have 11 children Juliana (Seth Olinka), William, Thomas, the late Joseph Boehn

lein, Mary, Margaret (Paul Slicker), Robert (Debbie), Dorothy, Therese, Frances and David and four grandchildren - Paul II (Slicker), Jacob (Olinka), Charlotte and Sarah.

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owned by George and Nancy Mary Ann, Dolores, Harry, Harm, provided three Arabian Barbara, John and the late Lucille - and eight grandchil-Love Idol - and volunteers for the event

A retired truck driver, he is interested in fishing. A retired ers and have made numerous custodian, she is interested in crochet. They also are active in the Westland Senior Citizens and their children and grandchildren

Westland Summer Festival parade. Nancy, a psychology at Schoolcraft College, also teaches training the parade horse in the college's equine program. The riders included Jared Hymen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hymen of West Bloom field, on Tarifa, Elana Kaminen,

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kaminen of Oak Park, on Diamond, and Joe Lutksy of Ferndale on-Idol. Jared, with the help of Dee Hodges of Northville and Melis-

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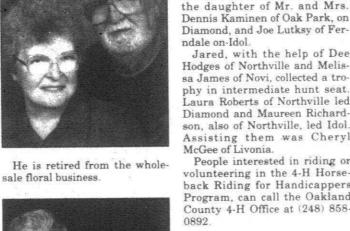
sa James of Novi, collected a tronhy in intermediate hunt seat. Laura Roberts of Northville led Diamond and Maureen Richardson, also of Northville, led Idol. Assisting them was Cherv McGee of Livonia.

volunteering in the 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program, can call the Oakland County 4-H Office at (248) 858-





My ribbon: Joe Lutksy (top photo) shows off the ribbon he won with the help of his horse Idol and volunteers Maureen Richard son (center) and Cheryl McGee. The warm weather was reason enough for a refreshing drink of lemon ade for rider Elana Kami nen and her mount, Diamond, which got help with the cup from volunteer Laura Roberts (center) and program organizer Judy Bolis of Holly.

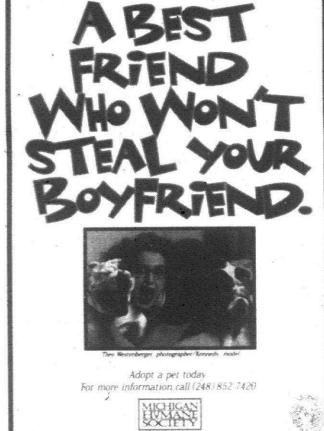




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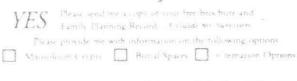
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WEEKEND **TENNIS TOURNAMENT** 

Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting a U.S.T.A. sanctioned youth tennis tournament for ages 12-18 years old, on Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22 at the Fish Hatchery Tennis Courts. Entry fee is \$35 for residents; \$38 for school district; and \$42 for non-residents. Applications are available at the Northville Parks & Recreation Office, 303 W. Main, Northville. For more infor nation, call Northville Parks & Recreation at

#### 248) 349-0203. **CEDAR POINT**

Canton Parks and Recre tion Services is sponsoring a family trip to Cedar Point for Canton residents. Saturday, Aug. 21. Cost is \$29 per person, which cludes admission to Cedar Point and bus transportation. Bus leaves Sumnit on the Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leaves Cedar Point at 8 p.m. Space is limited. Register person, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Can on Parks and Recreation ervices, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Registration ends Aug. 20, or when all tickets are sold., Canton residents can register until Aug. 16, then anyone can register. For more information, call (734) 397-

5110KID'S GARDEN DAY

Maybury Farm will host it's third annual Kid's Garlen Day 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21. Join us at the farm for a variety of un activities, stories and crafts in and around the gardens. Learn about plants and planting, and which animals might be the farmer's garden elpers. Activity stations will be located throughout the farm. Maybury Farm s located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is equired for entry to the park, but there is no addiional charge for Garden Day activities. For more office at (248) 349-8390.

**BIRDS OF PREY** Maybury State Park will host a program entitled "Michigan Birds of Prey" at p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Members of Bird Rescue of Huron Valley, a licensed bird rehabilitation organi zation, will conduct a preentation with live birds of prey. Learn about the habits and habitats of these graceful and majestic birds, and meet some of them close up. This program will be held at the Farm Demonstration Building. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. The program is free of charge; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry call the park office for more details at (248) 349-8390.

**CPR SEMINAR** There will be a CPR sem-

CAMPUS NOTES

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE AWARDS

Cheryl Benko, a Canton resident, received a

\$2,000 President's Scholarship for Study Abroad,

awarded to a foreign language major to study

award. Benko was required to have a minimu

abroad for at least one semester. To receive the

3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.5 GPA in

her French major at Western Michigan Universi-

mouth, MI 48170.

inar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft This seminar will be con lucted by the Plymouth Township Fire Department. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be

SKATIN STATION II Skatin Station II is holding a "Girls Skate Free" night from 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. All ages are welcome. ART AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring its 28th Annual Artists and Craftsmen Show from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 and from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The donation is \$2 per adult, \$1

for seniors and students

#### and children under 12 are

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

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST Maybury Farm will host its annual "Honey Harvest" from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 11-12, each day at the Farm Demonstration Building. There will be continuous demonstrations of honey extraction as the beekeeper harvests the bee's golden crop. Ask the beekeeper about his work, and view the beekeeping tools and equipment on display. Honey will be available for purchase. Maybury Farm s located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park

motor yer permit is required for entry to the park, but there is no additional charge for Garden Day activities. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390. APPRAISAL CLINIC Canton Historical Soci-

#### ety presents DuMouchelle

Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Cherry Hill School located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Appraisals will be given by appointment only. Limited o three hand carried items. Cost is \$7 for a verbal appraisal and \$10 for a written appraisal. All proceeds go to benefit the Canton Historical Society. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, call Marie Gentz at (734) 453-5297. **GOLF OUTING** 

Oakwood gift shop not just for patients

GALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

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New displays: Jessica and Laura Reginek visit the gift shop at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn while volunteer Edna Carpenter helps them pick out a gift. The gift show recently added Beanie Babies, crafts and other new displays as part of its community outreach effort.

their first annual golf outing at noon, Sunday, Sept. 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth 9781 ext. 320. (located on North Territorial, 1 1/4 mile from Gotfred-INLINE HOCKEY son). Cost is \$90, which Fall Inline Hockey classincludes scrambles, a es are now available for \$5,000 putt for dough, and boys and girls, ages 5-17 a BBQ dinner. Proceeds years old. until Sept. 24 at help the needy children of Skateland West, 37550 Bolivia. A mission to bring Cherry Hill, Westland.

medical supplies, toys and Cost is \$125, which clothing to those in need. ncludes eight games, eight For more information, or practices, a jersey, and a for registration call Keeley party. For more informa Kielman at (248) 245-0377. tion, call (734) 326-2801.

#### **AROUND TOWN** MEETING ket fundraiser from 10 a.m.

Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting, Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Plymouth District Library to continue efforts to estab lish a new parish in the area of M-14 and Napier. as part of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information, call (734) 458-7655.

#### rental, call (248) 477-7375.

CRAFTERS Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 26th "Festival of Fashion '99" beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schooleraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3738.

share. Cost is \$5 per famiy. RSVP with Diane Ratkovich at Catholic Social Services, (734) 971-

KINDERMUSIK Village Music in Ply-

mouth's Old Village offers professional instruction in Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program for newborns to age 7. Registration is now open for all levels and early sign up is encouraged for classes eginning the week of Sept. 6. For more information and registration materials, call Norma Atwood at (734)

354-9825. Registration is in progress for fall Kindernusik programs at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton. This internationally recognized program supports all areas of child development and teaches social skills while introducing your child to music. Classes are available for infants through seven years. The semester begins the week of Sept. 7 and concludes the week of Dec. 19. For more information, contact the Conservatory at (734) 453-7590 ext. 703 to

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ■ The Plymouth Communi- at (734) 420-3331. New v Chamber of Commerce offers a 24-hour hotline of pcoming events. Call (734) 453-1540. CRAFTERS NEEDED

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

New Morning School has penings for the fall 1999 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introduc tory preschool class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Classes meet weekly on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. Music, art, fingerplay, story time and snacks are centered on a weekly theme. A variety of activities and play equipment will be available. There is also special one-on-one time for the parent and child plus the opportunity for children to take their first steps toward socializing with other children. Both parent and child will benefit, as our class offers time for parents to discuss ideas and answers to developmental questions. New Morning is certified by the Michigan Department of Education. For more information, contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning school is located

Garfield Co-op has open-

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

Suburban Children's Coop Nursery has openings now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, uth and We

n New Morning School has vacancies for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Openings are available in the Primary/Kindergarten program and the Middle school, grades six through eight. New Morning is the only pre-K through eighth grade school operating as a parent cooperative in the State of Michigan. New Morning is recognized for its individualized educational approach that fosters independent learning, urtures self-esteem and . eaches positive interperonal skills. Classes begin Aug. 31. Before and after school day care is available. New Morning is

mation and a tour of the

| facilities, contact the school Morning is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

VOLUNTEERS The American Red Cross announces the rejuvenation of the HEROmobile program. The plan is to ild public awareness of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter by honoring local heroes who have unselfishy responded to emergencies, which in turn may have saved a human life. The Red Cross is looking for volunteers who would like to assist with this project. No experience necessary; training will be provided. The objective of each team is to present the Badge of Courage award or Certificate to a chosen recipient at their worklace, church or school. Each team will include a speaker, someone to present the award, a photogra pher and a spokesperson.

f you are interested or would like to get more information, call Cathy Kocian at (313) 833-2685. YOUTH COMPETITION The Plymouth Symphony

Orchestra proudly announces a partnership with Evola Music of Canton as the host location of this seasons "Youth Artist Competition." In addition to the orchestral instruments, piano contestants will also be permitted. Auditions will be held in December and the winners will perform in the youth concerts in February of 2000. For an application and information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

#### FOSTER CARE Judson Center Foster

Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily care to children that have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes, and beds are always velcome and extreme helpful to our children and their foster parents. Foste parents can be married or single and receive financia assistance from the State of Michigan. A foster parent orientation will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. . For more information, or to reserve your space, call (313) 794-5653 ext. 244

### SUPPORT GROUPS

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

The Airline Ambassadors Bolivia Mission is holding

Joshua Tolbert, a Canton resident received , To submit your academic honor or graduation the Premio Joan Coromines for exemplary acaannouncement to Campus Notes, send the materidemic achievement in the study of Spanish lanal, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plyguage and literature at Western Michigan Univermouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main Street, Ply-

> Melissa Pavy, a Plymouth resident received the Excellence in Russian Award in recognition of academic achievement in the study of Russian at Western Michigan University.

SCHOLARSHIPS

No.

Puja Parakh, a Canton resident, received a \$200 General Motors Equal Opportunity Commission Scholarship, awarded for academic performance or financial need at Western Michigan Uni-

versity. She is a sophomore majoring in manage- Canton and Catgleen M. Gable, David C. ment. She is the daughter of Ranjana and Vijay | Weaver, and Dorothy H. Watson all were Parakh

Sara K. Schoeneman, a Canton resident, received a \$100 Haworth College of Business donations from WMU staff, faculty and alumni of Jane and Dick Schoeneman.

Ljupco Blazeski, Russell Flynn, Kenneth B. Middlebrooks, Kimberly Ann Pick, Renee Regina Ratliff, Jason Bradley Trowere of named to the dean's list for the spring semester at

**Detroit** College of Business Thomas S. Asuma, Melissa R. Bacyinski, Achievement Award, a scholarship supported by Kristie L. Hoffman, Kelley M. Larsen, Stephanie E. Layng, Stacia E. Markley, Dawn Western Michigan University. A sophomore M. Putnam, Kellie A. Titus of Canton and majoring in finance, she is the daughter of Mary Deanna K. Bondie, Katherine B. Collins. Alyssa L. Hafemeister, Adam M. Matusz, Joshua W. Atickney of Plymouth were all named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the winter semester

Westland

Her fiance' is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High school, a 1991 graduate of Northwestern University and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan Mateo, Calif. School of Business. He employed as director of marketing at Siebel Systems in San Arbor is planned. Forms for announcement available

at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road. REGISTRATION ings for children 18 months

request enrollment materi-Call April at (734) 522-

licensed by the Michigan

Department of Social Services and certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more infor-

FORM The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

Use additional sheet if necessary

storytelling and more. Main dish and drinks are provided. Bring a dish to CALENDAR

following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions

Event: Date and Time:

Location: Telephone:

Additional info.:

FLEA MARKET

The Livonia Historical

Society and Commission

are sponsoring a Flea Mar-

4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12,

cal site, Greenmead, locat-

o benefit Livonia's Histori-

ed between Eight Mile and

Newburgh Roads. Admis-

sion is \$1, children 12 and

refreshments will be avail-

able. Village open for tours

Catholic Social Services

of Washtenaw County with

Adoptive Parents Together

(APT) is sponsoring their

fist annual picnic from 11

There will be games, art,

a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday,

Sept. 18 at Ford Lake.

from 1-4 p.m. For more

information or for space

APT KICKOFF

under free. Food and

**Bencik-Boudreau** 

Boudreau.

William and Diane Bencik of

Livonia announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Kristin,

to Jason Boudreau, the son of

Judith Boudreau and James

The bride-to-be is a 1989 grad-

uate of Livonia Stevenson High

School, a 1993 graduate of the

University of Pennsylvania and

a 1997 graduate of the Michigan

State University School of Osteo-

pathic Medicine. She has com-

pleted a one-year internship at

Hills and is in her second year of

versity of Michigan Mott Chil-

Livonia announce the engage-

Rose, to Scott Thomas Sata, the

The bride-to-be is a graduate

f the University of Michigan.

Michigan Technological Univer-

ity. He is employed by General

An October wedding is

Sarah M. Hubner of Westland

announces the engagement of

her mother. Catherine Ann, to

The bride-to-be is employed at

Her fiancé is employed at the

Michigan Employment Security

lanned at St. Colette's Catholic

ames Sata, also of Livonia.

dren's Hospital.

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roducts Corp.

hurch in Livonia.

**Hubner-Waters** 

George Robert Waters.

DTI-ATT in Livonia.

Botsford Hospital in Farmington

#### ENGAGEMENTS

#### Morano-Pianga

Dale and Robert Yessian of Canton and John' and Joan Morano of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leanne Morano, to Jason Anthony Pianga, the son of Diane and Tony Pianga of

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is currently studying veteri nary technology. Her fiancé is a graduate of

Westland John Glenn High School and is employed by Draw-Tite as a robot technician. A September wedding is planned at Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

#### Christy-Jacunski

Donna and Bob Clark of Wyandotte announce the engagement of their daughter. Amanda Beth, to Jonathan Jacunski, the son of Steve and Charlotte Jacunski of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. She is employed by

Guardian Life Insurance Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Ingersoll

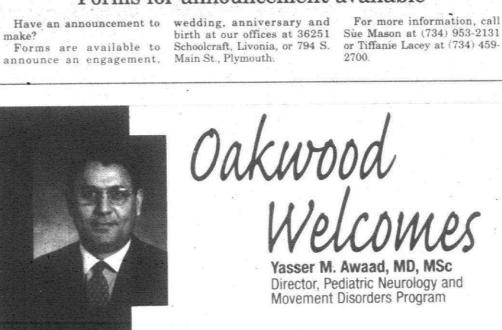
A May wedding is planned at Victorian Wedding Chapel in Waterford.

#### **Roberts-Dahlberg**

Sherry Roberts of Centralia, Ill., and Doug Roberts, also of Centralia, announce the engagement of their daughter. Lesli Nicole, to David Michael Dahlberg, the son of David and

Judy Dahlberg of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Centralia High School and a 1996 graduate of Illinois State University. Licensed as a cosmetologist in California, she is employed as a stylist at Festoon Saloon in Berkeley, Calif.

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Dakwood is pleased to welcome Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc, and the new Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program. Dr. Awaad brings his medical expertise and more than 21 years of experience to Oakwood where he will care for infants, children and adolescents with a variety of neurological problems including: headaches, seizures, head trauma, learning disorders, cerebral palsy and many other diseases. Dr. Awaad also specializes in the evaluation and management of children and adults who experience tics. Tourette syndrome, dystonia, spasticity and other movement disorders.

Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal Bactofen pumps

In Addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders program. Dr. Awaad is also joining Oakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Dakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.



Pediatric Neurology and **Movement Disorders Program** 



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a pediatric residency at the Uni- Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. He is completing a three-year surgical resider Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate cy in podiatry at Botsford Hospi-

of Lincoln High School in Stock- tal. ton, Calif., a 1993 graduate of A September wedding is the University of California- planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Davis and a 1997 graduate of Church in Farmington.





#### Mushna-Myers

Cliff and Connie Mushna of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen, to John Myers, the son of Linda Myers of Woodhaven and Ron Myers of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Michigan State University She is employed at Masco Corp. n Taylor. Her fiancé is a graduate of

Birmingham Groves High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed at EDS in I rov. A September wedding is

planned at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford.

#### Moore-Raymor

Larry and Nancy Moore of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki, to Bud Raymor, the son of Jerry and Mary Raymor of Ann Arbor. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a Realtor with

Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke in Plymouth. Her fiancé ia a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School

and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. He is employed as a paralegal with A.L. Bemish P.C. in Plymouth. A September 2000 wedding is

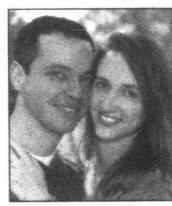
lanned at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.

#### Chupac-Nader

Nicholas and Barbara Chupac Westland announce the ngagement of their daughter. Mary Barbara, to John Paul Nader, the son of Anthony and ouise Nader of St. Clair

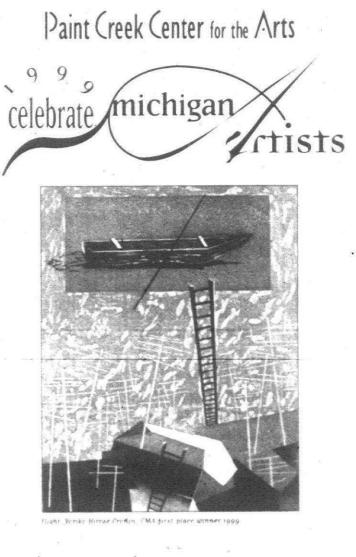
The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of John Glenn High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in telecommunicaions. She is employed at Qwest communications in Illinois. Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate

of South Lake High School and a raduate of Michigan State Uniersity with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He works at Sun Microsystems in Church



Illinois

An October wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic



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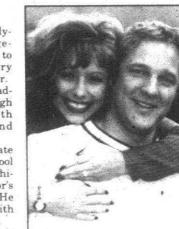




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For more information, call

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VICES NEW BEGINNINGS

(734) 728-4549. SPECIAL MEETING Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Plymouth Public Library, 705 S. Main St., to continue efforts to establish a new parish in the area of M-14 and lanier Road as part of the S Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information call (734) 458-7655.

An automobile in good running

day, Aug. 21, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. 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

WELS is the third largest Aldersgate United Methodist

Listings for the Religious News Road. Preschool has morning should be submitted in writing and afternoon sessions for 3-4no later than noon Friday for the year-olds. Kindergarten is a full next Thursday's issue. They can day program three days a week be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, For more information, call (248) Livonia 48150, or by fax at 348-9031 (734) 591-7279. For more infor-St. Paul's Lutheran Church mation, call (734) 953-2131. and School, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, is **BIENNIAL CONVENTION** accepting enrollment for Representatives from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and preschool-eighth grade. The school offers full day kinder-Peace Lutheran Church, both in garten, small class sizes, struc-Livonia, were among more than 400 laymen, teachers and pastured environment and beforeand after-school care. For more tors of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod who attend the information, call (248) 474-2488. St. Paul's Presbyterian

and 150 years of WELS as a church body. Lutheran church body in the United States. Begun in 1859 when three German pastors met in Milwaukee, Wis., it has 1,239 congregations in North America. MOM TO MOM SALE

The convention kicked off a two-year celebration of 2000 years since the coming of Christ

55th biennial convention at Martin Luther College in New Ulm,

Church will sponsor a Mom to

**RAINBOW FESTIVAL** St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/pierogi dinner of Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug. 21 and pork chop dinner on Aug 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing.

DESPERATE NEED

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#### **RELIGIOUS NEWS**

Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Satur

condition and a window air con ditioner are needed for a churchsponsored refugee family. People interested in donating can call (734) 455-2116.

BIBLE CONFERENCE Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Wilbur Hurt, an evangelist from Indianapolis. Ind., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Min istries of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. Northville, will offer the five week series, "Getting It Right the Next Time" with Jacque Martin-Downs and Lynn Vaughn, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays Aug. 26-Sept. 23. The series costs \$40. For more information call Single Place Ministries at

#### (248) 349-0911.FINE HONORED

Congregation Beit Kodesh will honor Nate Fine at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the synagogue 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livo nia. Fine has retired after 32 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. There will be a special kiddish following ser-

#### The Rev. Phil Seymour will

discuss "Dreams, Visions and Images" when New Beginnings a grief support group, meets at ' p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 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 Khne at (734) 462-

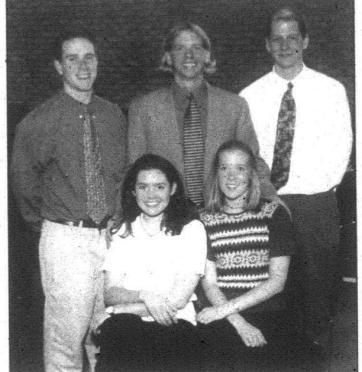
#### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool to eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile

Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livoniā, is accepting enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten program 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 uition fees or more information

call (734) 422-1470. Registration is being accepted for kindergarten classes offered by the 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 informa-

tion, call (734) 513-8413



Helping out: Among young people serving summer internships at Trinity Presbyterian Church are Julie Cieslak (front row, from left) Shannon Allen, Joel Kilpatrick (back row, from left), Philip Woods and Roger Kiska

Few people haven't heard sity of Michigan, where she is about the destructive choices majoring in linguistics. A native teenagers have made in Col- of Livonia, she spent last year orado, Georgia and Kentucky. But many teenagers around the istered with Campus Crusade for world invest some of their sum- Christ. She is considering the mer vacation helping others and making a positive impact in the world community.

Youth interns can make a difference

Teenagers from trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth have traveled to Appalachia, Mexico, Haiti and Russia to make a difference in the lives of others.

house for a needy family and conduct a vacation Bible school for area children. Twenty other students went to Reynosa, Mexico, to build two houses. One student is serving in Russia, teaching English as a second language, while another went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to help put plumbing in a Missions club-

An active summer youth ministry requires adult involvement, so every summer Trinity's youth director hires interns to help ith summer activities

This year is no different, with Shannon Allen and Roger Kiska working with senior high school students and Julie Cieslak and Joel Kilpatrick working with junior high schoolers.

Allen is a senior at the Univer-

studying in France and has minmission field as a vocation. Kiska is from Winnipeg, Mani-

toba, Canada. He received a degree in the history of Christian thought from the University of Manitoba and recently graduated from Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in Chris-This summer, 10 students tian thought. He hopes to continwere in Salt Lick, Ky., to build a ue studies in Christian apologetics and health law

> Cieslak grew up a Trinity Presbyterian. A sophomore at Hillsdale College, she is studying nistory and business and is considering the possibility of attending graduate school. This is her first year working as an intern.

> Kilpatrick also grew up at Trinity. He is pursuing an associate's degree in science and plans to continue studies in nursing and science. He worked with the junior high department past two years and would like to go into missionary service.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township. For more information about its programs or internships, call (734) 459-9550.



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A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Sept. 24 golf outing at Brae Burn

Golf Course in Livonia, Sept. 25

dinner at the Holiday Inn-Livo-

(734) 455-2594 or (810) 227-5622

Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farm-

(734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254

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GARDEN CITY EAST

As space permits, the Observer

& Eccentric Newspapers print,

without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the

information to Reunions, Observ-

er & Eccentric Newspapers,

36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia

48150. Please include the date

of the reunion and the first and

last name of at least one con-

tact person, and a telephone

Nov. 26 at the Best Western

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON

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(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-

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#### **CLASS REUNIONS**

#### Class of 1989

A reunion is planned for Oct. 15. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636 LIVONIA FRANKLIN Class of 1984 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 JHeyNow@aol.com Class of 1984 Nov. 5 at The Excalibur in Southfield. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub. com Class of 1969 Oct. 2 in Livonia. Classes of 1968 and 1970 invited. (800) 770-1231 or at ww.classmates.com Class of 1989 Nov. 26 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per person, due by Oct. 1. (734) 261-9295, (734) 454-175mail at kks@pollardlaw.com or sharlene@staffcos.com

**GARDEN CITY WEST** MERCY Class of 1949 A reunion is planned for Septemnoon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Marriott Inn in Livonia (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 (248) 349-8589. Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion for June Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West 2000 (248) 851-7620 (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-Class of 1989 Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford. HENRY FORD TRADE (313) 621-8350 Class of 1979 Is planning a reunion. Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 344-8767 Class of 1994 Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic A reunion is being planned. League in Westland. (248) 476-3270 (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214 Class of 1959 12:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in South Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. Lvon.

#### (248) 344-8767 NORTH FARMINGTON

#### Class of 1969

Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites in Southfield (248) 360-7004, press #2 Class of 1979 Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. (248) 737-4419 Class of 1978 Nov. 27 at Big Daddy's in West Bloomfield. (248) 366-9394, press #4

#### PLYMOUTH SALEM

Class of 1973-74 A reunion is planned for Oct. 9. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

#### PLYMOUTH SALEM/CANTON

Class of 1989 Nov. 27 at Burton Manor in Livonia. jeni@optimalinc.com or P.O. Box 633, Farmington 48332-0622 REDFORD UNION

#### Class of 1979

Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807 Class of 1964 A reunion is planned for October; all former RU students wel-

#### come (734) 427-1327 Class of 1989 Is planning a reunion. (313) 532-9414 or

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# OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

#### Crossfire finish 2nd

The Canton Crossfire, an under-14 boys soccer team, finished second in the Gold Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival last weekend.

The Crossfire opened their tournament run with an 8-0 blanking of the Centerville (Ohio) Fire, but they lost their second match to the Medina (Ohio) Rangers 5-3. The Canton team rebounded with a 4-0 triumph over Pacesetter Cup from Sylvania, Ohio, a win that qualified the Crossfire for the finals. They lost 3-0 to the Michigan Wolves in the title match.

Members of the Crossfire are: Jake deVries, Brandon Dugan, Steve Gizicki, Zak Gressmen, Kevin Justus, Kevin Kwiatkowski, Ross Maltby, Mike Nagy, Michael Newton and Matt Tomasso of Canton; Phil Callega and Roger Sacks of Livonia; Peter Bierznyski and Adam Warner of Plymouth; Brandon Noble of Westland; Quinn Branson of Chelsea; and Mike Wilkinson of Ypsilanti. The team is coached by Jim deVries and Rob Newton; Jeff Maltby is the team manager.

#### **Cruiser wins gold**

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim team sent 18 swimmers to the 1999 Long Course State Meet last weekend at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and they propelled the Cruisers to a 13th-place finish in the 45-team field.

Best individually among the Cruisers was Nick Dixon, competing in the boys 11-12 year-old division Dixon finished second in the overall point totals, capturing the gold medal by placing first in the 100-meter backstroke and second in the 50 back, 200 freestyle and 400 free. He was also third in the 200 individual medley. Dixon finished with a top-eight placing in 11 of his 12 events, posting personal-best times in all of them.

Ben Dzialo, a 13-year-old swimming in the 13-14 division, also enjoyed a strong meet with a second in the 200 butterfly and a fourth in the 100 fly, and a fifth in the 50 free, a sixth in the 100 free, and a seventh in the 200 free and 800 free. Dzialo also had personal best times in all his races.

Amy Mertens, swimming in the 13-14 girls division, placed fifth in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events with personal bests in both.

Robert Cyrek, Greg Calabrese, Alex Marinica and Dixon placed fifth in the 200 medley and 200 free relays, and Cyrek placed seventh in both the 11-12 boys 50 back and 50 free.

Dzialo and Dixon will both compete at the Central Zone meet in Indianapolis this weekend. Top swimmers from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and North Dakota will compete. All told, the Cruisers collected '27 medals and 42 personal-best times in 45 events at the state meet. The Central Zone meet will mark the end of the summer session. Registration for the fall session will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Plymouth Salem HS pool. Fall practices begin Monday, Sept. 13.

# **Rocks will still contend**



#### BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

To be sure, some of the names have changed. And, if the current members of Plymouth Salem's golf team have their way, some of the results from last season will be altered, too.

But most of the 1998 campaign they'd like to repeat. And why not?

Salem won its first-ever state regional championship when they finished first in the Temperance Bedford region last October. The Rocks also proved best at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, winning that title as well.

A restructured state regional tournament, with both Salem and Plymouth Canton reassigned from the very tough Brighton region to Temperance Bedford, made the state tournament a more reachable goal. Now the object is not just to qualify for state, but to make it pas the tournament's first day.

But: First things first. And first and foremost, the Rocks must replace some impressive talents if they hope to even match last season's results.

It can't help a team's chances to lose players the caliber of Adam Wilson and Erik Krueger; Krueger finished fifth individually at the state tournament with back-to-back rounds of 76, he was first in the WLAA Tournament with a 75, and he tied for medalist honors at the state regional with a 77.

And although the finish to Wilson's career wasn't as spectacular, he was the model of consistency. Wilson was second to Krueger at the WLAA Tournament with a 76, and he had rounds of 79 at the regional and 80 at the state tournament. Wilson plans to walk-on at Michigan State, while Krueger will do the same at highly-regarded Brevard Community College in Boca Raton, Fla

The good news for Salem is, everyone else is back.

"We're losing those two guys and that's it," noted Salem coach Rick Baker, Adam's father. "The returning guys are real good.'

The Rocks will still have impressive depth and a lineup good enough to bat-tle for the WLAA championship. Four

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Plymouth Salem, was a consistent scorer for the Rocks last sea-son, playing at the WLAA, regional and state tournaments. Chiefs could reign aga

Senior leader: Mark Doughty, one of three seniors returning for

## BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Two years ago, Plymouth Canton provided the biggest surprise of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys golf season. The Chiefs, never a before a major contender in the conference, surprised a whole lot of people by



did, qualifying for the state tournament for the first time ever by finishing second at the Temperance Bedford regional.

The object now is obvious: Keep building. Stay among the WLAA's title contenders, recapture a state tournament berth by finishing among the top three at the regional, then make some noise at state.

# SOCCER PREVIEW Despite new lineup, SC will flourish

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS WRITER cjrisak@oe.hom omm.net

If a coach brings back six players from his previous soccer season - and that team was 18-4 it would seem there would be good reason for optimism.

But if those six guys are all on one team, scrimmaging a team of all newcomers, and the veterans are losing 1-0 at halftime, the optimism would diminish substantially. Right?

Of course - unless you're Schoolcraft College men's coach Van Dimitriou.

That's because it isn't a matter of the veterans slipping. It's that the recruits are darn good.

The Ocelots coming back from last season's squad, which lost in the NJCAA Inter-Regional Tournament, are not guaranteed of anything. "Not one of them has a starting position made," said Dimitriou.

Returning for SC are keeper Eric Anderson (from Brighton), midfielders Dave Lotarski (Dearborn) and Naum Popovski (Livonia Stevenson), stoppers Mike Slack (Livonia Churchill) and Joel Wizinsky (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), and utility player Matt Shaw.

All, according to Dimitriou, are capable of helping guide the Ocelots back to the NJCAA Tournament, which they qualified for in 1997. SC has recorded back-toback 18-win seasons.

Making a run at a national title will require something more, however, and Dimitriou believes he might have the proper mix - if he can sort through the 20-plus players he has trying out.

Starting in the back, Anderson is being challenged by Plymouth Canton graduate Doug Koontz, whom Dimitriou thought "has the edge" in early workouts.

Ben Davis, who started in goal at Canton the season before Koontz came in, may also be part of the equation.

On defense, Dimitriou likes Paul Ansara (Novi) and Aaron MacDonald (Plymouth Salem) at marking back, with Sergio Mainella (Stevenson) or Tom Stark at sweeper. Mainella could also play at midfield or forward.

Flack and Wizinsky are both ood choices at stopper.

Vikings won the tiebreaker, a better sixth-player score --at the WLAA Tour-

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

#### **Canton cross country**

The new coach for Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team is Bill Boyd, replacing Mike Spitz. Boyd has announced that the Canton cross country team will be meeting for practice at 10 a.m. weekdays in front of Canton's Phase III gym.

Anyone interested in joining the team may attend. For more information, call Canton athletic administrator Sue Heinzmann at 416-2925.

#### Indians tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have tryouts for its various teams Aug. 28-29 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads. Experienced ballplayers interested in playing in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation should call-the proper age-group coach.

+12-and-under: Noon Aug. 28; call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695.

+13-and-under: 3 p.m. Aug. 28; call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

+11-and-under: 4 p.m. Aug. 29; call Mark Glover at (248) 349-3392.

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capturing the league championship But times have changed since then. Canton won't surprise anyone any-

more The Chiefs couldn't repeat their success of 1997 last season — at least not in terms of titles. But that was due

more to the rest of the WLAA catching up to Canton than the Chiefs slipping back

They tied Walled Lake Central for



Ion Johnson top returnee

placed third.

nament, played at Hudson Mills. At the same course a year earlier. Canton won the conference tournament by seven strokes with a 409; last year, the Chiefs shot a 405 and

"We had a decent season," said Chiefs' coach Tom Alles. Indeed they

The Chiefs have the tools to do all of the above

"We're kind of a senior team this year," Alles said. "We'll rely heavily on our seniors.

For good reason. All three experienced Canton's WLAA championship season of two years ago as members of the varsity, and all three were contrib-

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At outside midfield, there's Johnny Demergis (Canton) and Dan Wielechowski (Salem); Nick Skotanis (Northville) is a possible attacking midfielder, with Casey Bantle (Ann Arbor Pioneer) at defensive midfield.

Then there's Gary Bell (Derry.

Please see SC PREVIEW, C3

# Group visits home of Tae Kwon Do

the

### BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

Over the years Tae Kwon Do Grand Master Ron Rose has hosted several Korean instructors, but the Canton Township resident decided it was time to return the favor and make his first trip ever to Seoul, South Korea.

Rose has been involved with the martial arts discipline for nearly 30 years and has been an instructor for 21 years.

Pardon'the pun, but Rose certainly blossomed and gained a new insight during his 10-day stay.

He recently headed a contingent of 63 Michiganders, including 33 from his Kick's Tae Kwon Do studio, located at the corner of Sims and Wayne roads in Wayne, to Korea.

Also making the trip was his wife Chris, and two of his four sons, Paul, 24, and Eric, 14. (The couple's two other sons, Marc, 12, a second degree black belt, and Michael, 8, a first degree, did not make the trip.)

And judging from their week-long stay the Rose family enhanced their knowledge in a sport which has over 1 million practitioners from over 150 different countries.

We were able to experience of beauty, heritage and culture of Korea, but



Family affair: Canton Township residents (from left) Ron, Paul and Chris Rose trained with some of the top Tae Kwon Do instructors in the world on their trip to Seoul, South Korea.

the same time receive intense training from some of the top instructors, Ronald Rose said. "We learned the roots of Tae Kwon Do. There were over 50 high-ranking Black Belts. It was

five days of intense physical training classroom lectures on theories and techniques, along with Grand Masters covering competition rules.

Tae Kwon Do has received more and

more international exposure during the past 10 years.

It has been an Olympic exhibition sport since 1988 when Seoul hosted the Summer Games. But in the year 2000, it will become a medal sport for the first time with four different men's and women's weight divisions up for grabs in Sydney, Australia.

Rose is currently the president of the Korean Tae Kwon Do Association of America, the country's largest organization in the sport

"My life is Tae Kwon Do and I've been enriched by the experience," said Rose. "I grew up in Detroit where there were a lot of gangs and I actually got started taking a class in Taylor, and I fell in love with it."

At the university level in South Korea, students can major in the art of Tae Kwon Do. It's like majoring in any other academic subject.

Rose and his group were able to gain insight into unifying the fundamental forms of Tae Kwon Do movement, as well as learn advanced kicking level technique. Testing was done for fifth degree Black Belt status.

We had students from Hong Kong, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Lebanon and Norway - it was very interesting."

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# Twisters pull off a pair of comeback wins



PREP FOOTBAL

Friday, Aug. 27

Borgess ys. East Catholic at Garden City Jr. High, 4 p.m Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7 p.m. Cooley at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m P.H. Northern at Salem, 7:30 p. Novi at Farmington, 7:30 p.m. Roseville at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m Oxford at Harrison 7:30 n.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

of Tae Kwon Do."

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Stevenson) and Joey Brincat, back, none of them was a real who are all strong possibilities at any of the midfield spots. Mike Jones scored 24 goals as senior at Fenton: he's one season's team won't match last potential forward. Andrew Meyers was a versatile player at the SC coach said. "I think we're Dearborn; others to watch are capable of that. Obviously, our

(Brighton).







Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do from page C1

populated cities.

Ireland), Tony Maldonado rebuilding year. "Of the six guys tent goal-keeping." Dimitriou

Triathlon Championships in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. "I'm in pretty good aerobic shape right now, but I'm not really in racing shape just yet," Taormina said Ranked 131 in the world in

scored and added a two-point conversion to

up 14-7. But the Twisters answered, with

Iswick finding Leonard Morawa with a 22-

vard TD pass with 55 seconds to go. Petitpas

A 54-yard field-goal attempt by Petitpas as

Unfortunately for the Fury, the extra ses-

sion began as regulation ended — with a

fumble, this one recovered by Aaron Broth-

ers. The Twisters answered with a seven-

play touchdown drive, with Lamar Spauld-

ing (Westland) powering his way into the

end zone for the game-winning score.

regulation expired, set up by a Fury fumble,

added the game-tying conversion.

fell short, resulting in OT.

points. Taormina will head next week to Lausanne. Switzerland to compete in an International Triathlon Union (ITU) race. The 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials

will be held in two stages next spring with eight triathletes competing in Sydney, Australia and another 15 qualifiers vying

dramatic, with the Twisters prevailing in overtime, 20-14. Another Elswick-to-Brandon TD pass, this

It remained that way until, with less than

one covering 45 yards late in the second quarter, and the subsequent extra-point conversion by Chuck Petitpas (Livonia) put the Twisters up 7-6.

but last Saturday's game against the

Zanesville (Ohio) Fury at the Academy of

Detroit in Inkster proved to be even more

three minutes left in the game, the Fury

Taormina's 10-kilometer run,

FOOTBALL

however, was an impressive 38 minutes "That 10K was the best run of her season earnings to \$23,850.

Taormina's time was 2:00:05.8, while Becky Gibbs of Minneton-

> Tex. and finished second in early May, but did not compete again eighth in the North American

strong on the run, but my endurance on the bike right now

Taormina, 30, raced in Austin,

sity of Georgia Bulldog and Stevenson High Spartan. "I felt

my life," said the former Univer-

until Aug. 8 when she placed in Dallas, Tex.

is weak." Taormina missed nearly two months of training during the spring with a virus.

Lake Central for the overall mouth Canton, to name a few -WLAA championship (which but it will still be plenty tough in

weren't overly impressive at the state tournament. "I like our chances," said Wilson. "We've got a lot of good experience back from both the egional and state tournaments. I thought Nimmerguth, Leon and Doughty got a bit rattled at state. If we can get to that level again, we'll all be the better for

Such a trip won't be easy. Sev eral WLAA opponents have lost major talents as well - Steve Polanski at Livonia Stevenson, Chris Tompkins and Justin

Central returns nearly all of its starters and Canton has plenty more to call upon, as does Glenn and a couple of the Farm-

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the conference.

ington schools. Still, as Wilson said, "I do feel (confident), because of the experienced kids we have coming back." If they take last year's results

to the next level, who knows how far Salem can go?

The Rocks and Canton both open their season's today with the John Sandmann Best-Ball Tournament of Hilltop Golf Course. They play at the 36-hole East Lansing Classic Mon day at Forest Akers

at the regional. Together with Nick Lariv iere, another senior whose 93 was sixth-best among the Chiefs at the WLAA Tourna ment last season. Canton has a strong nucleus returning even though Alles was still shaping the rest of the team for Canton's baseball team, is with today's John Sandmann Best Ball Tournament There were several candi

Canton golf from page C1

tors at the state and regional

In fact, the Chiefs have only

ost two members of last sea-

son's squad - but they were

key members. Ben Tucker was

the team's top golfer for much.

of the previous three years.

Tucker, also a standout pitcher

nrolled at Kalamazoo College,

"Ben was an excellent tour-

ament player," said Alles. "He

was at his best when we were

Justin Allen was "a consis-

tent contributor" throughout

his junior and senior years,

serving as team co-captain last

year. He was the third/fourth

Leading the returnees is Jon

perhaps the best returning

golfer in the WLAA, together

Derek Spicer. Johnson was an

He was second to Salem's

Erik Krueger at the WLAA

a 76 (as did Salem's Adam Wil-

son). Johnson shot an 81 at the

regional and an 82 at the state

in nine-hole dual meets and

80.0 for 18-hole tournaments

"I think Jon will be one of the

remier golfers in the confer-

ence," predicted Alles "He's

very consistent, very strong

and very athletic. He works

very hard at improving his

The best news for Canton.

however, is that it needn't rely

on just Johnson, Derek

also returning for their senior

Lineberry shot an 81 at the

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regional and an 82 at the

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son, a senior who rates as

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purnaments last season.

dates for the remaining slots One sophomore who had pressed Alles was Rob Plenskofski. "He has emerged as the most promising of the sophomores," said Alles. "He's had two good (practice) rounds so far.'

With such a cast, it seems Canton's goals are within reach. But can the Chiefs chal-

enge for the WLAA title? That won't be easy. Central, the overall league champion last season, returns their entire starting lineup. "Central is absolutely loaded," said Alles. "They not only have all their starters back, but they have some newcomers who

ould play as well." Salem has lost two of the league's best golfers in Krueger still figure to field imposing

will need two things to remain in the conference title pursuit "No. 1 is how well our senior leadership can guides us through our matches, and No Lineberry and Matt Rosol are 2 is who can break out of our omore group and help us. "But I think we do have

seniors we can rely on. Improvement will be the key WLAA Tournament, while 'As Canton's totals from 1997 to Rosol carded an 86 at the 1998 indicated, a team won't be WLAA Tournament and an 89 able to rest upon its laurels.

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#### Fair warning: If you're weak of heart, be wary of any Wayne County Twisters football The Twisters, a semi-pro team associated

with the Lakeshore Football League (which is part of the American Football Association), ran their record to 4-0 - but not without some last-second heroics.

Their third-straight win came against the Black Swamp Patriots Aug. 7 in McComb, Ohio. Trailing by a touchdown with only seconds remaining, Twister quarterback Rob Elswick tossed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Brandon (from Wayne HS) to pull out

a 20-19 triumph. Certainly that invigorated the Twisters.

Taormina finishes 2nd in Triathlon of Champions

#### distance course in 1 hour, 58 minutes and 3.9 seconds. Lindquist, the top-rated U.S. triathlete, won \$10,000 to bring

short

Things are looking up for Livonia triathlete Sheila Taormina. The 1996 Olympic gold medalist in swimming (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay) pock- ka, Minn. finished third in 2:00:24.2. eted \$2,000 with a second-place finish in Sunday's 13th National roommates over the weekend, City Triathlon of Champions came out of the mile swim in event in downtown Cleveland:

BY BRAD EMONS

SPORTS WRITER

Barb Lindquist, 30, of Victor. Wvo., also a former swimmer (from Stanford) and friend of non-drafting bike ride despite Taormina, covered the Olympic stopping momentarily a lap

Salem golf from page C1 eniors with considerable experi-

ence return, and a couple of uniors join them. Tops on the list are three seniors: Matt Leon, Ryan Nimmerguth and Mark Doughty, each of whom contributed signifcantly to Salem's success in '98.

Leon shot a 79 at the regional and an 84 at the WLAA Tournament, Nimmerguth had an 81 at the WLAAs and an 88 at the regional, and Doughty finished with an 82 at the WLAAs and an 3 at the regional.

Those three, plus junior Mike Thackaberry - who was Salem's sixth golfer most of last season as a sophomore and shot an 86 are things they would like to at the WLAAs - provide the core of the Rocks' team. But that's hardly the extent of

James McCaffrey, also a senior who played enough last season this season. So should juniors Brian Gullen and Jay Smith. who also lettered as sophomores. Two newcomers to watch are

Lindquist and Taormina,

Lake Erie neck-and-neck tied for

first place, but Lindquist, 30,

was stronger in the 23.7-mile

Bobby Jones. "I felt last year we were a yery good tournament team," said Wilson, "And when it comes

counts are tournaments. They're what set you up for state." Not much should change this season for the Rocks. Still, there

change Despite their strong finish.

combines dual-meet results with to letter, should make an impact the final tournament), and they

ophomores Ryan Williams and

right down to it, what really

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and Wilson, but everyone els returns, making the Rocks a top threat. And although West land John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson lost ton talents, both

According to Alles, Canton

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THE WEEK AHEAD Mt. Carmel at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m. St. Agethe vs. Port Senilec at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m. Redford CC vs. A.A. Pionee at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m GIRLS BASKETBALL Wednesday, Aug. 25 St. Alphonsus at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Friday, Aug. 27 John Glenn vs. Thurston, TBA Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 Stevenson at Troy, 11 a.m. N. Farmington at Milford, 12:30 p.m. W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.

ortage Central at Salem, 10 a.m. Troy Athens at Canton, 10 a.m MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 28 Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (III.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.m. Madonna Alumni game at Whitman Field, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (ind.), TBA WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 28 Schooldraft at Alma College, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28 Schoolcraft at Kellogg Tourney, TBA

Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 1 p.m. (Balconi Tournament at CEP)

said Rose, who also serves as an international referee. "We had interpreters with us most of the time, but most Koreans speak some English, which also happens to be the official language

The tour was more than a sight-seeing excursion of temples, palaces and beautiful countryside, not to mention experiencing first-hand the hustle and bustle of one the world's most

Training started at 6 a.m. and we didn't go to bed until 11:30 p.m.," said Chris Rose, a Senior Master. "One morning we trained on the Sea of Japan. It's called 'Land of the morning

Before breakfast, the group did a gruelling morning run up a mountain as part of their train-

They also trained under the 1988 South Korean Olympic team coach, as well Master Myungsam Chong, an '88 Olympic gold medalist and Head Master of the World Tae Kwon Do Academy, and two-time women's world champion Shin

"She (Lim) is only about 5 feet, 3 inches, around 118 pounds, but

classified as a Master instructor. "It was just amazing watching Eating Korean food was anoth-

er test of character, but Chris Rose said the Michigan students adjusted well.

"We ate on the floor sitting up with our legs crossed, using chopsticks," she said. "It's a lot of rice, vegetables, noodles, soup, with some meat and fish. Some of it is spicy, but you get used to

Added Ron: "Actually the students felt healthier, I know I did. Some of our students lost weight

Although the Kick's group stayed at a nice resort, getting adjusted to sleeping on the floor with roll-up mats was another challenge "I have a bit of a bad back, but

after a couple of nights on the floor it (the back) actually started feeling a lot better," Paul Rose said. The group also visited the

world headquarters of Tae Kwon Do, the Kukkiwon, known as the Madison Square Garden of South Korea "You just feel so different Westland.

force last year," he admitted. "So

But that doesn't mean this

It won't be an easy objective to

vear's. "We were 18-4 last year."

Dimitriou won't deny this is a realize. "It's going to take consis- of DuPage (Ill.) Tournament.

it is a rebuilding year."

Rob Barnes and Kevin Brown goal is to make it to nationals."

she's so fast, so powerful and so when you walk in a place like smooth," said Paul Rose, who is that, it was a bit overwhelming, said Ron, who teaches sel defense techniques in Tae Kwon Do to law enforcement officers. "We had police escorts when we traveled and we were treated so wonderfully

Madonna at Mesa St. (Colo.), TBA.

"Korea is a beautiful country and we made a lot of friends. They were very warm and friendly. We developed close ties with the instructors." Grand Master Hae Man Park

who lives in Seoul, visits Rose and his family two or three times per year "Some want to come here and

work," Ron said. "Really there is no difference between the black belts here and there."

With a renewed enthusiasm Rose has two events planned in the fall sponsored by Kick's. Black belt students and mas ters will be in action Saturday

through Monday, Sept. 4-6 in a Kick-A-Thon for "Jerry's Kids" at the Southland Center Mall located on Eureka Road, just east of Telegraph in Taylor. The Tae Kwon Do Association of America national champi-

onships will be Saturday, Oct. 9

at Stevenson Middle School in

said. "The other thing is whether

we can score timely goals. Who

can put in goals at the right

Those are questions that may

take time to answer. The Ocelots

will begin their quest next week-

end (Aug. 28-29) at the College

times for us?"

**BULLDOG SWIMMERS 1ST** 

The Bulldog Aquatic Club, pased out of Schoolcraft Commu nity College, came away with three titles at the Michigan State Swim Meet held recently at the University of Michigan.

Angela Simetkosky (Livonia) captured the 1,500-meter reestyle for Girls 15-18, while Alandra Greenlee (Northville) won the 200 freestyle for 10-andinder. The foursome of Amy Black (Northville), Andrea Hurn (Livonia), Jenny Carr (Novi) and Erin

Schubert took first in the 400 medley relay for Girls 13-14. Among the other state qualifiers included Elizabeth Hurn. Livonia: Jenny Crahill Canton: Ariel Greenlee, Ava Ohlgren, Scott Whitbeck and David Whitbeck, all of Northville.

The BAC also sent 11 swimers to the six-state Zone meet n Indianapolis, Ind., lifting Team Michigan to eight medals. The Bulldog Aquatic Club will stage an open house for interested competitive swimmers (ages -18) from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 7-10, at he Schoolcraft College pool.

LIVONIA METEORS RUNNER-UP The Livonia Meteors, an inder-12 girls soccer team, finshed runner-up to the Bay Vilage Storm in the Northwest Dhio Soccer Festival last weekend in Maumee, Ohio.

The Meteors, coached by Doug Calvin and assisted by Brent avlor, defacted the Michigan Rowdies of Trenton (13-0) and the NOSO Hurricanes of North

Storm (1-1) in a crossover match. The Storm then defeated the Meteors in the title matchup, 2-

Members of the Meteors include: Christen Biskelonis, Angie Bond, Ashely Calvin, Kate Kelly, Allyson King, Mary Mattarella, Mary Peszek, Jamie Radley, Michele Roffey, Anna Ross, Aleah Ryder, Paige Taylor, Lauren Trosell, Casey Van-Swearingen and Sara Jo Wilson. Jeff Bobo is the team trainer while Mike Trosell is the team manger.

#### YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

•Tryouts for the 15-16 year-old Michigan Lake Area Rams, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12 at the Madonna University baseball field.

For more information, call Rick Arbogast at (313) 291-8969. Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Federation Baseball Club 12and-under teams will be Sunday, Aug. 22 and 29 at Municipal Park in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667 or Jeff Dolkowski at (313) 274-6951.

• Tryouts for the Westland Federation Wildcats, a 12-andunder Little Caesars travel baseball team, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29 at Rotary Park in Westland

For more information, call Shawn Dunford at (734) 595-3496 or Don McCloud at (734) 261 - 1619.

 Experienced players are urged to tryout for a Livonia in. All players need to bring Travel youth competitive base- bats, mitts, helmets and cleats. ball team in the Little Caesars

under) and 3-5 p.m. (12-yearolds) Sunday, Aug. 22 and 29 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (field No. 8).

For more information, call Bill Leins at (734) 261-4712 (10-andunder), Bob Olson at (734) 464-7930 (12-year-olds) or Bill Rabe at (248) 474-2739

• Tryouts for the North Farmington-West Bloom field Cobras travel baseball teams will be Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29. Players should plan to attend both days.

Tryouts for the 13-, 12 and 10year-old teams will take place at Pioneer Park (Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads).

The 13-year-olds will have try outs 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Mel Borock, manager), 12-year-olds from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alan Borsen, manager) and 10year-olds 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Marc Berlin, manager).

Tryouts for the 15-, 14 and 16year-old teams will take place at Founders Park, fields Nos. 7 and 8 (Eight Mile Road, two miles east of I-275).

The 15-year-olds will have tryouts 9-11 a.m. (Dan Petry, man ager), 14-year-olds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Chuck Pinkston, man ager) and 16-year-olds 2-4 p.m. (Tony Agosta, manager).

Ages are determined as of Aug. 31 2000 Players are asked to arrive a half hour early to sign

For more information call

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# **'Golf Chi'** Application of an ancient art could improve your golf game

#### BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

So you'd like to improve your golf game. What golfer wouldn't? Ron Austin believes he has developed a program to help you do just that.

Austin's brainchild is called Golf Chi, which combines the ancient art of Tai Chi with the game of golf to produce a better player with enhanced mechanics and mental focus.

"I think I've nailed it on this one," said Austin, 42, who was green, this is for you. This proraised in Garden City and lives gram will benefit you if you're in the Oakland County village of Franklin

Austin has never been more than a recreational golfer, but he's certainly no stranger to physical-fitness training and avant-garde techniques.

His scrapbook is filled with newspaper and magazine stories and photos about his various athletic endeavors.

The former ironman triathlete, military serviceman and YMCA fitness director is best known for creating the innovative concept of Retro Training (running backward).

As with Golf Chi, that was the product of necessity. Austin It's the same thing. You put that started retro training to maintain cardiovascular fitness after suffering a hamstring injury.

"I could run a mile backward in seven minutes," he said. "I'm gram. a bit of a maverick when it comes to human locomotion."

Tendinitis in his elbows due to weight training started Austin hack. I'm finding I have more thinking about how he could oth- talent than I ever did for the erwise stay in shape the year game of golf.

round for golf. "Now, this is my new passion," Austin said. "I've always been ing, and I'm in the fairway

the mental aspects "This happens to be my cup of tee, working the creativity with

fitness. Working with golf seems to put it all together." Golf Chi is for anyone who wants to be a better golfer and is willing to put the time and effort into the program, according to

Austin "There are no age limits on this," he said. "It's for anyone looking for a straighter ball. If you want to be longer off the tee and have a softer feeling on the

Spen-minded. Golf Chi incorporates balance, proper breathing, rhythm and coordination for the purpose of teaching golfers how to release stored muscle energy that will lead to longer, straighter tee shots

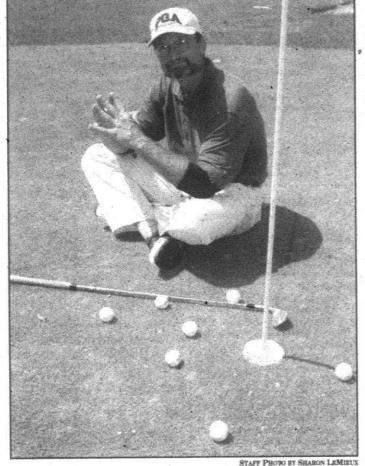
The program consists of nonweight bearing exercises designed to help participants increase strength and flexibility that will translate into a more efficient golf swing.

"When you hit the ball, everything you have is put into the shot," Austin said. "You've seen martial arts guys break bricks? energy into your golf swing."

Austin said he has seen vast improvement in his own golf game by employing his own pro-

"I've been golfing on and off for a lot of years and was considered a hack " he said. "I'm no longer a

"My club speed was 90 miles per hour. Now it's 120 and climb-



Golf Chi guru: Since he started using the methods of Golf Chi, Ron Austin says he has seen great improvement in his own game.

level is climbing out the roof. "I'm no Tiger Woods and nobody trained me, but I've unlocked something between the ears." Some members of the Redford

golf team used the Golf Chi program last spring.

ferent," CC sophomore Matt Fix , keeps us focused as we go down

involved in fitness; now I'm into straight and 300 yards. The skill Catholic Central High School and my concentration. I shot a my wife, because it takes a lot of 626-7774

couple strokes lower on average Besides improving mental focus, Golf Chi also will help with the emotional and oftentimes frustrating aspects of playing golf, according to Austin.

"If you get on the course and start overthinking, that can be disastrous," he said. "The thinking process and the program are done before you get to the course. The mental side of the game of golf is still being opened

"It's helps maintain an even keel on the course. It keeps you focused, so your emotions don't run off with you, which can be devastating in the game of golf. It teaches you to get back on the horse.

Austin emphasizes participants will get out what they put in to it, and the program won't magically transform a non-golfer into a great player. "It's a program that optimizes;

it doesn't change (your game),' he said. "It takes what you have and takes it to a higher level.

"It's a discipline, like all things, that you have to work at. You have to stay positive. I have a feeling the majority of us don't push the envelope. You have to want it.

Developing Golf Chi has virtually become full-time work for Austin, who works part-time at a hardware store.

He has been working on the program for two years while taking classes at Oakland Community College with a goal of earning a degree in journalism.

"My wife (Sheila) believes very "It was interesting; it was dif- much in my dream, and she of Dearborn Heights said. "It the road," Austin said. "There's

Austin, who in his own words was not inclined toward formal education when he was younger, is largely self-taught and said he's had a re-awakening in recent years and a greater desire for advanced learning.

That complements his vast experience in the physical aspects of fitness and has helped in developing Golf Chi from an academic standpoint.

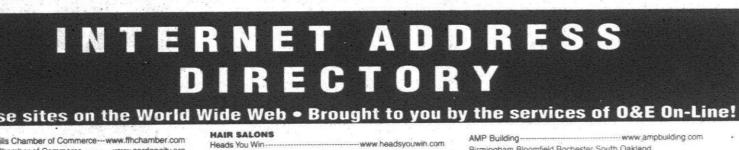
"I have a hunger for a new vocabulary," he said. "I read. read, read! Instead of watching life go by, I've come alive. Now I have a hunger to learn. I'm consuming books on the techniques of golf

"It's been an ongoing process talking with people who know more than me in these fields and putting together the program." Austin doesn't have a video of his program available yet since he's still in the process of per-

fecting it, he said. "I said I wouldn't produce any thing until it's exactly perfected," Austin said. "That sounds old-fashioned, but if I put something out there with my name on

it I want to make sure it works. I'm not going to sell junk." Austin is available to personal v teach the program to groups nowever. He plans to do that (twice a week for 45 minutes per session) this fall through the

Daimler-Chrysler Wellness Cen-Eventually, he hopes to sell his program to members of the PGA and LPGA. His fee is \$80 for eight weeks. If you'd like to have Austin teach his program to your helped the rhythm of my swing no way I could do this without group, you can call him at (248)



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fowl hunting clinic beginning at

9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the

Pointe Mouillee State Game

Area in Rockwood. Call (734)

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staffer Matt Duluk will discuss

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ning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug.

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will be offering three hunter edu-

cation classes at its clubhouse

and grounds in Romulus. Class-

es will be offered Oct. 9-10, Oct.

(313)532-0285 to register and for

The Riverbend Sports Shop in

Southfield is sponsoring several

fly fishing schools in the upcom-

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#### upcoming class. MORE FLY TYING

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#### FALL HUNTING CLASSIC

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is holding a Fall Hunting Classic Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 26-29. The event includes seminars, a 3D pop-up tournament., vendor booths, prizes, whitetail rack scoring, a live deer display, spe cial sales and more. Call (248) 209-4200 or visit the web site at www.outdoor-world.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-hour stroll through the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve during this program. which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday Aug. 29. Participants are asked to meet at the west end of the K-Mart parking lot at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Road in Orchard Lake. Call Lee Becker at (810) 294-7789 for more information

#### CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gan-

der Mountain in Waterford, Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS** Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third/Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refresh ments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more nformation

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meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more informa

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Colum bus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat

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Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information

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#### SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

#### FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Independence Oaks

### STATE PARKS

Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Learn about the habits and habitats of birds of prey during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Maybury. SCARECROW WORKSHOP

A short presentation on scarecrow lore followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

#### **BIRD HIKE**

Observe and identify bird species

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this naturalist-led hike, which

#### METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS** Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178. GEOLOGY

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Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Huron River from Proud Lake through the Kensington Metropark during the 12th annual Huron River Clean Up, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Kensington. The rain date is Saturday, Aug. 28. Call (248) 685-7129 for more information.

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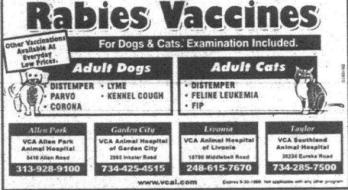
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### THE WEEKEND





"Illuminata" a comedy/love story about a New York City repertory company and its ambitious, restless playwright, opens today, exclusively at the Maple Art Theatre, 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 855-9090.

#### SATURDAY



The Actors' Company presents "The Emperor's New Clothes' 2 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 children, call (248) 988-7032.





The Allman Brothers perform with special guest Lucinda Williams and others during a Southern rock festival, 7 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$34.50 pavilion, \$17.75 lawn. Call (248)

# THE Kenaissance Festival WHERE ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

#### BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

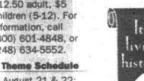
bout a half-an-hour before the King and Queen of Scotat the gates of Hollygrove, nearly 200 actors gather around one of the main stages on the site of the 15-acre Renaissance-age village.

"Your job is to reach out and touch the hearts of as many people as you can," said Lu Harding-Capots, creative director of the festival, now in its 20th year.

"This is your playtime," said Harding-Capots, as she twisted her shoulders, stretched her legs and encouraged the interactive theater company to breath deeply and envision a world far from the grounds of Holly Township and present-day, high-tech reality.

"Welcome our guests into your play space.

This gregarious group of thespians hardly needs encouragement. Their reality is obviously descended from the historic land of pleasure and merrymaking of four centuries ago. Just try to pry



any of the actors from their roles as peasants, nobility and jesters. Nothing For the nearly

30,000 people expected each weekend of the festival, the con-

closest thing to living history.

a seven-weekend schedule of thematic events, including this weekend's celebration of the romantic pursuits of the Renaissance era, long before there was discount dining, video stores and Hallmark cards

At Hollygrove, it's common to see visitors walking the grounds tearing away at a drumstick the size of a Brontosaurus bone, sipping a glass of mead, or giving a thumbs up or thumbs down to

said Patricia Taylor, festival marketing director. For that matter, there are no walls.

you're'an essential part of what's

Valerie Schendel of Clarkston (left) assists Tammie Graves as assume the persona of the Baroness Lady Anne of Hartland. Below, a peasant boy, Brandon Viliarolo of Commerce, (left), quet of flowers to Lady Anne.



### Merrymaker puts on a noble act

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

Wearing a crown of baby's breath and a slightly nervous expression, Tammie Graves came to the Renaissance Festival as both a guest and participant.

Graves is a graphic artist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, whose bouts of "hamming it up" are well known to her colleagues, but perhaps less recognized by the public.

To those from the historic land of merrymaking, she is kin.

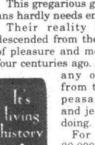
What Graves of Hartland lacks in acting experience, she makes up for in sheer desire to one day stand upon the stage and recite William Shakespeare's words.

Shortly after stepping through the Hollygrove gates, Graves expected that her wish to be among the cast who brings the Renaissance to life would land her a role among the peas-

ants "I had pictured myself as a wench," said Graves, who prepared for her part in Holly-

grove by watching "A Midsum mer Night's Dream," "Robin Hood" and memorizing a list of Elizabethan phrases.

Little did Graves know that



jured world of Hollygrove is the

The festival enters its second of

jousting competitors. "There are no wallflowers here,"

"At some museums, it's 'look, but don't touch," she said. "Here,

she prepares to presents a bou-

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Hot Tix: Take a trip down memory lane during the Woodward Dream Cruise Saturday, Aug. 21. Festivities take place in downtown Birmingham and other communities along Woodward Avenue. For up-to-date event information, call 1-888-4WDC-1963 or visit the Web site www.dreamcruise.org. Events include the Motor City CruiseFest, Michigan State Fair Grounds, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 offers entertainment and classic car displays. Admission is \$3 adults, children 12 and under admitted free, parking \$5. Call (248). 204-6060 for more information.

Since its inception in 1979 as one of the first Renaissance Festivals in the country, the celebration at Hollygrove has been among the top in the nation, according to Taylor, who claimed the Michigan festival is rated alongside those in Shakopee, Minn., and outside of Dallas-Fort

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King of Scotland was enamored with Lady Anne.

Hollygrove, the

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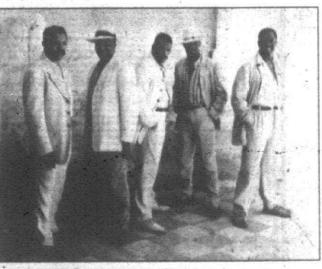
Whisked away to a secondstory wardrobe room at the edge of the Renaissance village. Graves slipped into a whoop skirt and a royal blue, velvet dress embroidered in gold and sequins

In moments, Graves' dream of

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#### SUMMER TRADITION

# Michigan State Fair offers 'something for everyone'



Featured performers: The Temptations are just one of the many popular groups performing at this year's fair.

#### BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER. scasola@oe.homecomm net

Brad Coombs can barely spare a second to talk about his involvement as entertainment director of the Michigan State Fair

But when he does, his voice rings with pride. He compares choosing the line-up to putting the pieces of a puzzle together. Taking into consideration which days need to be scheduled, which performers are tour-

ing during that time and available to play, and what will ultimately fit into the budget, he's managed to organize a diverse musical line-up for the thisd year in a row.

he State Fair is the second largest (in attendance) paid event in the state of Michigan behind the

North American International Auto Show," said Coombs. That means he's serving an audience that includes every "age, race and economic sphere in the region." Metro Detroiters are joined by crowds of people from across the state - reaching as far south as

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VILLE

#### **Michigan State Fair**

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 through Monday, Sept. 6. The midway is open until midnight on weekends, and 11 p.m. weeknights.

Where: The Michigan State Fairgrounds. are on the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue

Admission: \$9 adults, \$2 Children under age 11; Children under 2 free. Parking \$5. More family entertainment: Visitors to the fair can show their ticket stubs at Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village for \$2 off adult and \$1 off children's admission. Visitors to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village can use either of those ticket stubs to receive a discount of \$2 off an adult ticket to the Michigan State Fair

For more information: Call the Michigan State Fairgrounds (313) 369-8250 or visit the Web site www.mda.state.mi.us/statefair

See entertainment line-up inside

### Fair from page E1

### Toledo and as far east as Cana-

"We try to provide something for everyone," said Coombs.

In an area where musical acts are drawn to so many venues. like The Palace, Pine Knob Music Theatre and the Fox Theafre, it's not an easy job. Coombs said music venues around the rest of the country "pale in comparison" to those in the metro

area. "It's frustrating and fun," he said. "I think we've got a good line-up.

John Hertel, general manager of the Michigan State Fair, which opens Tuesday, agreed.

"We are in a unique place in the United States," said Hertel. "Most State Fairs do not compete with Pine Knob, Joe Louis Circle seats are \$16 plus the cost Arena, The Palace, Meadow of admission. While Hertel said

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of this year's line-up." The line-up includes an eclectic collection of music, from rock to Motown to country. The Temptations, Billy Ray Cyrus, Def Leppard and 98 Degrees are just a few of the highlights for this

year's live entertainment. Hertel said an effort was made to keep the cost of these shows to a minimum. Like last year, Gold Circle seating is available. For \$10 added to the cost of admission, fair-goers can sit in the first 1,500 seats at The Band Shell

Labor Day concert. Tickets will be required to see Journey perform on Monday, Sept. 6. General admission tickets are \$10 plus the price of admission and Gold Brook. We're particularly proud fair organizers intend to keep

An Evening

with Olivia

Newton-John

7:30 PM

September 1

during the concerts. The only exception is the

must cover the ever-increasing costs associated with those

able to see Journey anywhere of visitors to the fairgrounds else for \$10," he said. "It's still an excellent value."

But music isn't the only draw for visitors to this summer's Reaching 25-feet high, 20-feet State Fair. "The 1999 Michigan State Fair

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has matured in a new and different way," said Hertel. "We are as clean as Disney here. Secondly, we are the safest fair in America. No fair in America can compare

in terms of safety." Hertel spoke with confidence and pride about this year's event giving visitors an up-close look as he addressed members of the press during a conference Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the fairgrounds. Quiet and vacant, the grounds

showed only a hint of the energy brewing in preparation for the State Fair "Everything here must be

quality, from the livestock to the exhibits to all of the sponsors," found on the Wade Shows Midsaid Hertel. "It's like going to way, including Giant White weekends in the Community see.

providing free concerts, they your grandfather's farm, Cedar Pointe and Pine Knob all in one

Each day, certain attractions "I'm not sure where you'll be are sure to capture the attention The Stove, built in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, will surely be noticed. wide and 30-feet long, the stove serves as a reminder that Michigan was once the stove capital of the world.

> Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan State University are bringing back the Miracle of Life Birthing Exhibit, as cows, ewes and sows give birth. This year's exhibit includes a demonstration of ultrasounds on sheep and sheep

shearing. DaimlerChrysler will offer free rides on the Drunk Driving simulator 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. More than 65 other rides can be

Entertainers will perform at Ray Cyrus The Band Shell, located at the 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 Fyrese

Michigan State Fairgrounds. seats will be available for each tions show through Ticketmaster for \$10 each plus admission to the fair. Contact Ticketmaster at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 Detroit 248) 645-6666 or purchase Area Choirs master.com. General admission Isley Brothers to the fair does not guarantee 7p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 Alabafree entry into The Band Shell.

Degrees Farner of Grand Funk Railroad 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 Def

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 Billy 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 Journey Leppard

Water Flume. offer the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes," by Henry K. Martin Productions. The show will be performed twice daily on week-

southwest entrance to the 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 38 Special

Tickets: 1,500 Gold Circle 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 Tempta-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30 Kenny Chesney

tickets online at www.ticket 7p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 The

ma 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 Ginuwine The line-up: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 Ginuwine 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 Mark 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 98

> 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 Hank Williams Jr.

Arts Auditorium. Call (313) 369-The Children's Theater will 8250 for more information. As always, the fair will feature daily parades at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., livestock shows and races, cow milking demonstrations and days and three times daily on horse shows for all visitors to

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Aston, who coordinates the

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consultant to the festival in the

the early 1980s, long before the

resurgence on the silver screen.

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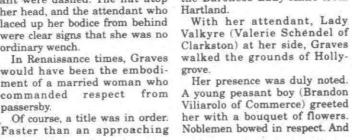
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HOUSEHOLD PROBLEMS?

deadline, she was recognized as even the portly, lecherous King of Festival, she finally got an insidof portraying the life of a peasant were dashed. The hat atop the Baroness Lady Anne from Scotland noted her presence - er's look at the community of

Merrymaker from page E1

With her attendant, Lady Valkyre (Valerie Schendel of Clarkston) at her side, Graves that everyone knew," said walked the grounds of Holly-

Her presence was duly noted. A young peasant boy (Brandon Viliarolo of Commerce) greeted

several times. "I was impressed at the Hollygrove. "Even though I was authenticity and sense of history scared, I took a risk," she said.

> Graves. Eleven years after Graves wanted to do this today, next

### attended her first Renaissance year and long after that." Festival from page E1

Worth. Last year, a strong man's abethan language, Shakespeare competition was added to appeal can be found at Hollygrove. "Our to sports fans. This year a mur- goal is to be truly authentic," der mystery and celebration of said Shakespeare, through his Irish culture were added. In the living facsimile, Tom Aston. future, Taylor expects that the "Everything we do is intended to festival will be open during the make the guests to Hollygrove week to draw students and kids

With the resurgence of interest in the works of William Shake- Oakland University, began as a speare, Taylor believes more people are interested in the life and late 1970s. He joined the cast in times of the Renaissance. They

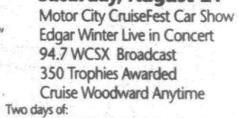
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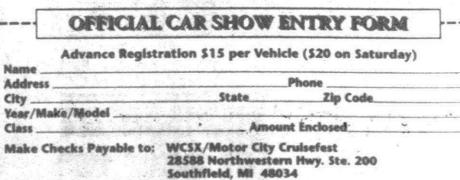




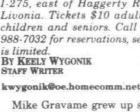




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# Actors' Company presents 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of 1-275, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia Tickets \$10 adults \$7 children and seniors. Call (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating

Mike Gravame grew up seeing live theater. Knowing that a lot of kids don't have the same opportunity makes him sad, sad enough to do something about it. On Saturday, Gravame will

Emperor get new clothes in a Street Players at the Detroit and children's audiences. delightful musical production presented by The Actors' Company at Trinity House Theatre in

Livonia. "The Emperor's New Clothes," based on the classic tale by Hans directing is what I really want to Christian Andersen. The produc- do." ion, adapted by Jim Eiler, fea-

tures lyrics by Eiler, with music by Eiler and Jeanne Bargy. "The music is repeated a lot. Kids will walk out humming the tunes.

Institute of Arts. In 1985 he formed The Actors' Company, which is presenting this show.

"I've always wanted to produce "It's fast-paced, upbeat," said and direct," he said explaining actors after seeing a Disney car-Gravame about The Prince how the company got started. Street Players LTD Production of "It's just something you're born with, I think. I like acting, but

> In 1989 he started taking his shows on the road, touring northern Michigan opera houses. His company is special, because they do both adult and children's shows.

The Actors' Company presents have kids in stitches when his As a child, Gravame saw the "Discover the magic of live the- said Gravame. "They're bigger explaining why she enjoys chil-"Kids today are bombarded by tion. They don't get to meet the production of the show. toon. With live theater they do.

> show." children's theater because he that hurts their status." believes it gives kids a chance to be kids and escape into a fairy-

The costumes and set are bright yellow, pink, and teal. "All and have the kids want to meet above the characters are outrageous," you afterward," said Nichols

"The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 character, Mr. Stitch, helps the show performed by The Prince ater," is his wish for both adult than life. It's the kind of show I grew up seeing.

Stephanie Nichols portrays the the media," he said. "Many have Empress, and was Lady Winenever seen a live theater produc- fred in the Prince Street Players "To me it's a story that works,"

We meet and greet kids after the adults and children. There are a lot of adults who go along with know." Gravame especially enjoys the crowd and don't say anything In the show she tap dances,

> and blasts away on the trumpet, "dreadfully."

dren's theater so much. "Theateris in our hearts and we want to cultivate a new audience." Presenting a show is work, but

Gravame says he's having a blast doing it "If you're not having fun,

she said. "It teaches a lesson to you're not doing your job right," he said. "Kid's are honest. They'll. The Actors' Company will take

their show on the road after appearing at Trinity House The atre. If you're interested in having them perform for your group "It's so much fun to see faces or event, call the number listed

Positive signs point to cultural awakening in Detroit

new or estranged visitors to the city this summer. But will they be back?

a once-in-a-lifetime event my way in a lame duck stadium. DELISI

Michigan Opera Theatre Detroit? and the boost in Detroit's reputation as a celebrate. Great for a Chamber of Combenefits for area cultural institutions are

Casinos generate such strong opinions sensus of whether gaming is an enduring source of revenue and excitement or a contributor to economic and moral blight.

I like to believe that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural awakening, but as a shameless booster and host of a weekly TV series about the local arts scene, the positive signs I see nearly every day may not accurately reflect what's going on.

Attention-grabbing So, on a beautiful mid-August afternoon, the casino. But I also saw a lot of vacant. Detroit events such as The I let my mind drift as I drove down Wood- neglected lots. And you tell me this huge Three Tenors concert and ward Avenue from Detroit Public TV's the opening of the MGM BACKSTAGE PASS studios. As I passed Grand Detroit Casino the New Center train station, I imagined I undoubtedly lured many was a first-time visitor to Detroit.

That's right. I'm Norm from Chicago. Yep, just here to check out the casino and maybe get a peek at the new ballpark. After all, the concert was Then, I'll grab a brat and a beer and be on

What else do you have to show me in the The windfall for the ten minute drive to Comerica Park,

Well, just past the Center for Creative cultural center gave us something major to Studies on your left, there's the cultural center. That's the Detroit Institute of Arts, merce highlight reel, but the long-term and behind it is the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The Detroit Historical Museum and the Detroit Science Center are right here, too. that you can burn up a day just by raising Hmmm. Not much traffic today. Orchesthe issue. Even time may not bring a con- tra Hall? Oh, it's the home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Pick a lane, buddy. I didn't know there was a Second City here, too. The Fox Theatre? Looks like quite a place. Hey, there's the ballpark. Right next to the Detroit Opera House. Maybe I'll circle around. I see on the Music Hall marquee that the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival is coming up. What's this? The Gem Theatre.

All right there is a lot of action outside tic rock from The Luddites.

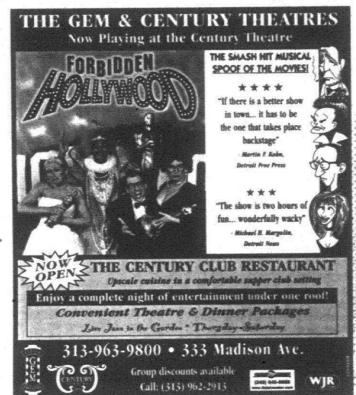
hole used to be a department store? And you broke the train in the air when you blew it up? It does give me a nice view of that big mural of Barry Sanders. Maybe if his team opened holes this big to run through he wouldn't have retired from football

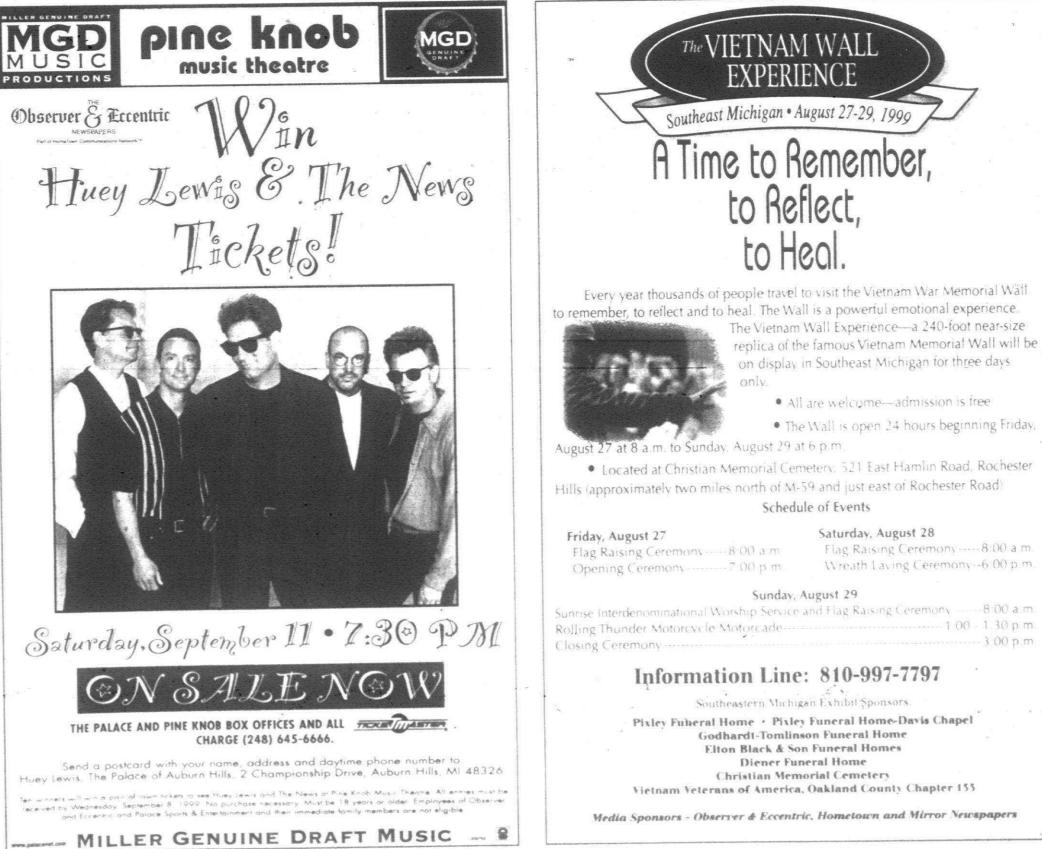
Norm's rating? Detroit, you're not perfect, but you're trying. Keep it up, and I'll be back.

The drive is over, and it's good to be myself again. But I wonder how many people in the Detroit area would have their eyes opened by traveling the same course as Norm, the imaginary out-oftowner. Admittedly, there's plenty of "holes," but you can see an exciting plan taking shape. Most major metropolitan areas offer cultural attractions like the ones Norm discovered. But Detroit can stand out by being more affordable, convenient, and friendly.

Keep your promise to come back, Norm, and I just may buy you that brat and beer. After a couple weeks off due to Detroit

Public TV's summer pledge drive, BACK-STAGE PASS returns to the air 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, with legendary Detroit soul artists The Dramatics and new acous-





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## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

#### THEATER CAPITOL THEATRE

"A Chorus Line," presented by the Capitol Repertory Players, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 20-21 and 2 28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, at the theater, 121 University Ave W. Windsor, \$18, \$16 seniors/students (AA section), \$15, \$13 seniors/students (A section). (519)

253-7729 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. Vednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. ridays, 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 Office Hours" by Mercury Theatre Co 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 19-29, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors

OPERA FRIENDS OF THE OPERA OF MICHIGAN

Puccini's "La Boheme," Fridays, Aug 27 and Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$15, includes after glow reception. (313) 582-0997

COLLEGE HENRY FORD COMMUNITY

#### COLLEGE

(734) 663-0681

"When You Coming Back, Red Ryder? " 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Aug. 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Aug. 22, in Adray Auditorium. MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$8, \$6. (313) 317-6594

#### COMMUNITY

THEATER THE ACTORS' COMPANY

Presents the Prince Street Players LTD Production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of I-275, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia \$10, \$7 children/seniors. (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating is limit

**ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE** The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt through Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$12, \$9, (734)

975-0417 JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 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, 3277 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students: (734) 797-JACK. **OPUS MIME** 

Shadow Play," through Aug. 29, 11 vs-Saturdays, and 7 p.m Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre. Ann Arbor. \$9. (734) 975-0417.

#### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MAROUIS THEATRE 'Rumplestiltskin," 10:30 a.m Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 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

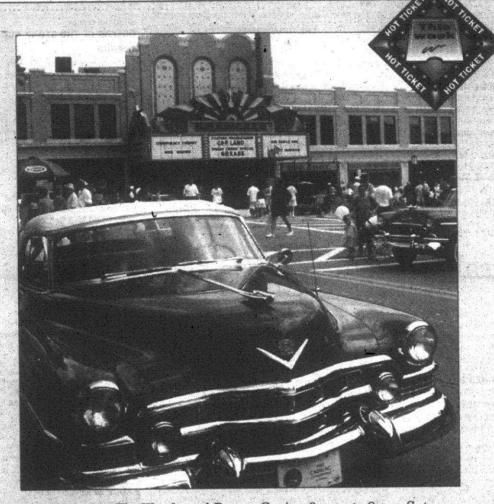
#### SPECIAL EVENTS

VIETNAM Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment, featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Famie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, For Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6-7:45 p.m. Tickets \$75 VIP reception on zzanine level, call (248) 681-0248; \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances b

Stewart Francke, the Detroit Concert hoir, The Burton International School, and Flemming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veteran's Association. Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the International Children's Alliance

#### Network. CANINE PSYCHIC

Madame Vivian, noted psychic special izing the cosmic connection between dogs and human friends is a guest during the Yappy Hour 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, complementary cosmic consuitations, personal paw and paim eedings; grand reopening noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 for a \$5 donation to the Michigan Animal Adoption Network have a family Polarold taken at Three Dog Bakery, 223 East Maple. lirmingham. (248) 723-1582 DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS



Take a cruise: The Woodward Dream Cruise 9 a.m. to 9 p.m Saturday, Aug. 21 offers fun for everyone. Festivities take place in downtown Birmingham and other communities along Woodward Avenue. For up-to-date event information, call 1-888-4WDC-1963 or visit the Web site www.dreamcruise.org. The Motor City CruiseFest on the Michigan State Fair Grounds, corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 offers entertainment and classic car displays. Motor City CruiseFest admission is \$3 adults, children 12 and under admitted free, parking \$5. Call (248) 204-6060 for more information.

> Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa Association. Berkley, music by the Dixie Ramblers

indreds of street rods rumble into

Ypsilanti, (734) 483-4444 or www.yps

Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays

hrough Sept. 9, Cross Street in

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22,

Road, Royal Oak, Free. (248) 546-

6 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Aug. 22-24,

dinner begins each evening followed by

nday's chicken barbecue, bring a

dish for Monday-Tuesday potlucks, and

table settings for all dinners, at First

United Methodist Church, 45201 N.

REDFORD THEATRE

ritorial, Plymouth. (734) 453-5280

Film "Funny Lady," with guest organist

overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday,

ug 20 and 1:30 n.m. and 7:30 p.m.

overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films

Saturday, Aug. 21, Historic Redford

\$2.50: "A Marx Brothers Festival"

with "At the Circus" and "Go West

starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo,

with guest organists Scott Foppiano

and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ over

ure followed by 8 p.m. film Friday,

Saturday, Aug. 27, at the theater.

atreorgans.com/mi/redford

mit. (248) 349-8390

SUMMER EVENING SERIES

Farm Demonstration Building, in

SWEET ADELINES REUNION

The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet

Adelines International invites past

20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center,

nerly called the Macomb County

The Charmonizers. (810) 790-

WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL

0008/(810) 566-5965

BUSKERS FESTIVAL

971-5009

nembers to a 40th anniversary and

reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug.

37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison

wp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was for-

hapter, Utica-Rochester Chapter and

Features comedian Nick Nickalous, tap

magic of Gazzo, glass harmonica play-

ing, magical figing rodents, and chain

Friday, Aug. 18-20, and noon to 11p.m.

Saturday Sunday, Aug. 21-22, at the

Civic Terrace on the Riverfront across

the street from Casino Windsor. (519)

music by the Sun Messengers (8-piece

ythym and blues review), at Morton's

642-3740; drive-up worship service 10

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21

mingham Sunoco, 35001

a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Cana

Woodward, corner of Maple, (248)

saw juggler, 6-11 p.m. Wednesday

dancing by Movin' Melvin Brown.

Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile.

west of Beck Road, Northville Twp.

Free with state park motor vehicle pe

Aug. 27, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

\$3.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://the

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury

overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films,

Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit

Jennifer M. Candea, 7:30 p.m. organ

a time of teaching by pastors, gospel

and contemporary music, and hymn

inging, reservations required for

OL' TIME CAMP MEETING

Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile

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#### BENEFITS FANCLUB FOUNDATION FOR THE

ARTS Presents Caliente Uno: A Big Night in Little Havana Latin Dance Party, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Latin dance lessons) Friday, Aug. 27, music by La Sensacional, at 30 N. Saginaw ontiac, \$35. (248) 584-4150 "REVVIN" Ford Motor Co. hosts a nostalgic celebration of hot rods, rock-n-roll, p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates and the rooftop of the Chester St parking garage, Chester St. and Maple, Birmingham, \$150 for chari ty preview to benfit the Children's Charities Coalition. (248) 433-8600

#### FAMILY EVENTS AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and noor 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-22, 150 African and African-American vendors in Marketplace display their crafts and wares, 18 kitchens serving ethnic cuisine, reggae artists from the Spirit of Unity our featuring Steel Pulse, Donald Byrd, also mask making, drumming vorkshops, African counting games, a Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. See the exhibitions "The Third Root: Africans in Mexico" and "The Pasteboard Bandit (9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Charles H. Vright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, then take a shuttle bus for 50 cents (noon to 6 p.m.) to the festival. (313) 494-5800 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE

#### FESTIVAL 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Aug. 21-22. Renaissance Romance, off

75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie wy., between Pontiac and Flint. \$13.95 (\$12.50 advance), \$11.75 seniors age 60 and up with ID, \$5.95 ages 5-12 (\$5 advance). (800) 601-4848/(248) 634-5552 YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL Living history encampment, arts and crafts, Budweiser Clydesdales, jazz and lues stage, games, street rods. liverboat Millionaires' Party, Friday Sunday, Aug. 20-22, Yosilanti, (734) 327-2051 or 1

http://community.mlive.com/cc/her tagefestival FREE SUMMER

#### CONCERTS CLOCK CONCERTS

Ick & Erk, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 20, at the andshell, Northville, (248) 349-7640 CONCERTS ON THE COURT Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays Aug. 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Bryant and Keith Dwyer, clarinet per-

orming art songs by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Britten and others, and plano pieces by Chopin, 8 p.m. uesday, Aug. 24, at the Kerrytowr Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, proceeds to the sleta Mission of San Pablo in El Paso, Texas, (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

#### POPS/SWING

TONY BENNETT 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 and \$28.50 pavilion. \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 o ttp://www.palacenet.com JIM PARAVANTES & 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

#### AUDITIONS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC

ORCHESTRA Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100 LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. 734) 591-7649

MARQUIS THEATRE Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical comedy "Hall Soup," 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville For performances on weekends begin ning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

PARAMOUNT PICTURES And the producers of Runaway Bride and Only in America: The Don King Story are looking for a handsome 17 22 year old African-American male who can hip hop or street dance to star in a new teenage, romantic love story, bring current photo, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Talent Shop, 30100 Telegraph Road, Suite 116. north of 12 Mile, enter through east lobby, Bingham Farms. (313) 366-4942

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY

olds open auditions Sunday, Aug. 29 1-2 p.m. for ages 9-12, and 2:30-4 p.m. for ages 13 and older (bring pointe shoes), bring photo and resume male dancers are needed with scholarships available, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 397-8828. For performances of "The Nutcracker" with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 11-12 PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### folds open auditions for musicians Monday, Sept. 7, positions available i

all string sections, substitute musicians are needed for all instruments 313) 640-1773/(734) 451-2112 P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE Holding registration for the upcoming

dance year 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 t St. Michael's, Redford, (313) 563-**ROSDEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS** 

Auditions for five men and four women of various ages for "Three Murders and it's Only Monday," a mystery comedy by Pat Cook, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday Aug. 23-24, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit (313) 255-3809 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE pen auditions for 30 roles for males and females for Shakespeare's comedy

"The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. luesday-Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept , no children's roles available, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270 SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS Looking for new members of all ages o rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-par harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7 10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of inkster Road, Livonia, (313) 937-2429 STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE uditions for three men and three women for "As Bees in Honey Drown," a comedic confection by Douglas Carter Beane, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. regis tration) Monday, Aug. 30 and Vednesday, Sept. 1, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (948) 541-4832. For performances . Oct. 22-24 and 28-31 TRILLIUM PLAYERS Looking for a director for. "The Fantastics," must submit resume and

c/o 1165 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, Mi of Jan. 28 at the Trillium Theater, formerly the Wyandotte Theater. UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under five-feet) for "The ariem Nutcracker" by Donald Byrd. 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 (registration at 10 a.m.), at 1526 Broadway, corner of Madison and John R, Detroit.

For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24. Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House. (734) 615-

#### YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to prchestral instruments, piano contes tants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

#### JAZZ

PAUL ABLER 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No cover (248) 645-2150

(guitar/piano/bass/drums) MARCUS BELGRAVE 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave.,

Detroit, (313) 963-9800 TASILIMAH BEY 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano

BESS BONNIER 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 "Suite William" CD release celebration concert at the Kerrytown Concert louse, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

GEM JAZZ TRIO 6 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 19 and 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, and 7 p.m. Saturday. Aug. 28, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit (313) 963-9800

BILL HEID TRIO 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. riday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Di Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums

RAMO

AL JARREAU With Dave Koz and Chris Botti, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox Theatre, 2211 Noodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$30. All ages. (248) 433-1515 MISTY LOVE

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-9800 SHAHIDA NURULLAH

9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 21 and 28, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghan No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, plano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hw Southfield. (248) 351-2925 T.H.I.Q.U.E.

9:30 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 20 and 27, at the Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 223 1700

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313)

336-6350 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stope terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. Alf ages. (248) 647-7774 PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN

ALLSTARS 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cove (248) 645-2150 piano/bass/drums/percussion

JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums

#### WORLD MUSIC IMMUNITY

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and oide (313) 965-2222 (reggae) JO NAB

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9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, The Deck at second City, 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and olde (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS **JO SERRAPARE** 

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at The Ark 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 member/student/senior. (734) 761-1800

JENNIFER & MAZEL WRIGLEY AND Please see next page

ee information no later than Sept. 12 48192. For performances the weekend

Featuring soprand Carolyn Bertrand. tenor Rupert de Salis, pianist Donald

theatre.con

at Bryant Library, Dearborn. (313) 943-3095 CLASSI-

SUMMER SONG RECITAL

www.imaginatio WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY Detroit Breakdown with Todd Marken, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Vestland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public

Woodward.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

DEARBORN RECREATION

Dearborn, (313) 943-2360

Berg Road, east of Telegraph

GAZEBO CONCERTS

(248) 952-5533

"IN THE PARK"

ninghai

734) 416-4ART

The Blackman/Arnold Quartet, 6 p.m.

on, northwest corner of Woodward

Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit

and 10 Mile, Royal Oak, Free with zoo

dmission. (248) 398-0903 (jazz)

Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, 7

p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Burgh

Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and

Steve King & The Dittlies, 7:30 p.m.

hursday, Aug. 19, Shain Park.

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 25, Marc

Thomas & Max the Moose, in Kellogg

Park Main Street, between Penniman

and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case

of rain, concert will be held in The

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"

n m. Thursday, Aug. 19: Livonia

Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m.

**REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY** 

of Michigan, selections from the

Livonia, (734) 466-2540

Gathering next to the Penn Theater.

Eric Johnson and One Flight Up 7:30

nursday, Aug. 26, at Civic Cente

Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile,

Performs with the Verdi Opera Theatre

"Barber of Seville," "La Boheme" and

"The Marriage of Figaro" as well as al

time favorites "I Could've Danced All

Vight" and "If I Loved You," 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Belle Creek

Park, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia.

Janet Marie & M'Archibald with the

riday, Aug 20, Birmingham City Hall,

Aroogah Brother Band, 6:30 p.m.

Pierce and Martin, west of 5. Old

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

"MUSIC IN THE PARK

outhfield, (248) 424-9022 (big band

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#### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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9110 (blues) BLUE SUITE FEAT With Alberta Adams, 7 p.m. Friday

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8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at The Ark. 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$20. 734) 761-1800 (country) **BROOKS AND DUNN** 

Vith Trace Adkins, The Warren Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Deryl Dodd is no longer

the bill, \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 laws III ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com/country JAMES BROWN 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre,

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Sanday, Sept. 12, Tha Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call 248) 645-6666 CHISEL BROS. FEAT

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#### 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Borders Books 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester

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AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Arbor

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hursday, Aug. 19, Fox Theatre Detroit. \$50, \$37.50, \$30. (313) 983-6611

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MANIC STREET PREACHERS July 24 show has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, etroit. Tickets for the original date vill be honored at the door

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Betsy Jobs (Kirsten Dunst, left) and Arlene Lorenzo (Michelle Williams) team up to take Washing ton by storm and take down the president in "Dick."

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# 'Dick' has explaining to do, but doesn't strike out

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An informal poll of contempo ary teenagers produced this. finding: the Watergate affair was "something about Nixon and a bunch of other guys." So didn't someone, sometime during the making of "Dick,"" the Watergate "what if" satire, wonder "what if" no one gets it?

Satire fails when the satire biect is too obscure. That's Comedy Rule Number Two. Comedy Rule Number One is, of course, "If you have to explain the jokes, forget it." "Dick" does a lot of satirizing but also a lot of explaining to its young demographics, and thus has two quick strikes against it. And yet, it doesn't

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the saga from the June 1972 geous") is cute and stupid. "third-rate burglary" until "Tricky Dick" boarded that helicopter one last time in August 1974. "Dick" offers some fun, if not funny, theories. Who was 'Deep Throat?" How did the 181/2-minute tape gap happen? Where did Nixon get that oftimitated two-handed peace gesture?

The film's protagonists are two stupid teenagers. Don't blame us for the label; they admit it themselves. Arlene (Michelle Williams dorky and stupid. Her best are all there once more. He han-

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friend Betsy (Kirsten Dunst of dles the girls himself ("I've got a For those of us who followed the current "Drop Dead Gor- way with young people; they

> While downstairs mailing a letter (to Arlene's heartthrob Bobby Sherman), the girls run into a seedy man with a walkietalkie. He is G. Gordon Liddy (Harry Shearer), and the breakin is about to come apart. Soon after, on a school tour of the White House, they take a wrong turn and run into Liddy and Halderman and Erlichman and Dean and Kissinger and a roomful of shredding machines.

Enter the president, and that's of TV's "Dawson's Creek") lives where the movie really does perk in the Watergate Apartments up. Dan Hedaya takes off and with her mother (Teri Garr, who puts on every Nixon quirk. The looks around 150). Arlene is jowls, the sweat, the paranoia

trust me") by making them his official dog walkers and then

"secret youth advisors." Arlene and Betsy's misadventures soon descend from satire to cloak and dagger, which is where . "Dick" descends as well. They get involved with Washington Post reporters Woodward and Bernstein, played by "Saturday Night Live's" Will Ferrell and comedian Bruce McCulloch. The filmmakers' choice to make the team a journalistic Laurel and Hardy is way out of sync with the otherwise-clever premise of adding a new element (the girls) to fill in the blanks of an historically accurate story that's ridiculous enough on its own.

Williams and Dunst are talented teens who have already shown other colors on their acting palettes; being typecast as dumb blondes shouldn't be a roblem

Hedava steals the film, growl ing "All I asked for was a simple burglary." He looks like he's having the time of his life, and we'd have given a lot to have been on the set when the director yelled

# MUSIC

solution

A lot of things can change in

Detroit-based band Blue Rose. Formed in 1992, the band has down-sized considerably. Coming into form as a foursome, the group dropped three female vocalists and a keyboard and saxophone player from its lineup. With their debut album Rock Me Low" coming up on one year since its release, the band is ready to get back in the studio

and record a follow-up. The members of Blue Rose vocalist Kim Lange, guitarist Corey Storm, bassist Jon Martin and drummer Jay Crosby came together with a desire to write and perform original mate-

"It's a unique combination of blues and rock that there is not really a whole lot of out there, said Crosby, a Farmington Hills resident.

their sound has acquired a "harder edge" than some straight blues bands tend to have. That may have been a result of the

The Blue Rose that exists today is made up of a group o highly dedicated, reliable musicians willing to work toward

Lange put it simply when she laughed and said there are "less

people to slap around." Crosby, the newest addition to the band having joined four years ago, said he was interested in joining Blue Rose because the other musicians were "very professional.

Blue Rose plays two to three nights a week, which is "just about right" if you ask Storm. He said their live schedule depends upon what else is going on with the band.

"We plan to do some more recording," he said. "We probably would scale back our live performances.

Lange said they have written enough new material for another compact disc. It's just a matter of getting back into the studio. Our sound has changed a little bit." she said explaining that the new material is similar to the songs on the first album. "It's hard to compare our sound."

Storm agreed and attributed that difficulty to the variety of styles of music they play. "We can go from traditional blues, straight ahead blues, to rock ... to funk, to pop alternative," he said. "We don't want to try to target a specific style of music. We're not awing trends. We just try to write good songs.

Writing songs is a collaborative effort for the band. But what other blues-based local bands? The band members, of course.

really like any other blues vocalists," said Lange. Storm described her voice as

"smooth and silky." "She's more of a soprano, whereas most blues singers are altos and have a raspier voice," he added. "It makes us more unique, more identifiable."

Keeping an eye on the future, Blue Rose is focusing more on distribution and the mass marketing of their music. They're also working on a Web site. In the meantime, the band is

searching for a keyboard player who will help "round out" their sound, said Storm. "We'd like to have more diver-

sity," he added. Keyboardist or no keyboardist anyone interested in checking out a Blue Rose show is guaranteed a "high energy perfor-

mance," according to Storm. "We're not the type of band that's just going to stand there and play," he said. "We all feel performance should be something a little more special. We want to offer something to look at as well as listen to."

Crosby said the band hopes to tour out-of-state in the future. He's not too picky about where Blue Rose plays, he said, "on a national level, any big venue will

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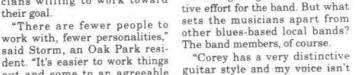
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## 'Every Note A Pearl' on Starlight Drifters release

By far the best part of swing dancing - and I suppose I speak say this - is erably. being spun around in dizzy high into the air. The music of

Ann Arborbased quartet, The Starlight Drifters, has much the same appeal. In a whirlwind conversation outside the Magic Bag Friday, I spoke to the local rock-abilly boys - Bill Alton, Chris Casello, Rudy Varner and Marc Gray - as they celebrated the

release of their new album, "Every Note a Pearl." Between their fast-talking, light-hearted comments, amazing ability to finish each other's

tions from fans on their way into the club, the band shared some insight into another world, one of cowboy boots and Western crooning, steel guitars and heart-felt

Together since 1997, the band has added drums to its line-up. which rounds out its signature sound, and allows them to play more styles of music, said singer Bill Alton, a Livonia resident Hesitant to categorize the band's sound Alton said he doesn't "want anybody to know what we

So I won't tell you that "what they are" is a talented group of guys who refuse to tie themselves - and their music - into

one style or popular trend. In just the few years that The Starlight Drifters have been together, guitarist and song-writon behalf of er Chris Casello noted that the women when I music scene has changed consid-"When we started there was a

really strong rock-a-billy scene," circles and lifted he said. "The rock-a-billy scene and the swing scene have kind of meshed

Mirroring that change, "Every Note a Pearl" shows off more of the Western swing side of a band that started out sounding much more rock, a-billy on its first album "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters."

Whatever you call it, the band members are proud of the new album, christening it "a labor of

"It was very tedious at times but the work we put into it was well worth it," said Alton. "Chris did the engineering and producing. (We) wrote all the songs together. I'm extremely proud of

Casello admitted "Every Note" is "his baby." Working several nights a week, the album took about five months to complete.

"We were very meticulous about what we wanted on it and what we didn't," said Casello. Revealing influences as diverse as the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Elvis Presley, the

songs appeal to a wide variety of listeners. Dale Alton, the group's manager, politely interrupted to pass a photograph around to be autographed. A 5-year-old fan



iversal dimension inherent in The Starlight Drifters music. "I think we do reach a wider

spectrum," said Alton Casello completes his thought by adding that the audience des anyone "from little kids

senior citizens Dale Alton, who also happens o be Bill's father, shared his own opinion on the subject. Older people can remember

this music and younger kids can relate to it." he said. Above all The Starlight

Drifters offer a sound that's unmistakably American "If you don't like it, you're a Drifters when they swing into

nunist," said Casello, laugh-Politics aside, The Starlight at the Cavern Club in Ann Arbor

#### **Check them** out: The Starlight Drifters swing into action 9

p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Cavern Club, 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5 cover, 21 and over. Call (734) 332-9900 for information.

Drifters established a strong fol-

lowing, most of which came

dressed in hoop skirts, slick

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fancy attire is not required, it

suits the mood and era the band

evokes in their style and sound.

"They're very professional peo-

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Alton said he hopes the band

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weighted down in emotional texture, the album offers 12 tracks that are not suited to the average listener. The parental advisory - likely idded due to the strong sexual references in songs like "32 Lines" and "The Darkest Childe" — isn't the only deterent. Some songs are highly nsightful and reflective. But others borderline on the deeply depressing, like "No Connecion." in which Hawkins sings 'I'm feeling the strings of your ejection/Kneeling in the wrong lirection/Sealing my heart to your neglection/ Revealing no onnection While listeners might easily

matter, little reprieve is derived from a brighter song, such as "Mmm My Best Friend." The first single off of the album, "Lose Your Way" is featured on the Dawson's Creek soundtrack. Though "timbre" might be

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best reserve for a rainy afternoon of introspection, it does offer a couple musical gems.

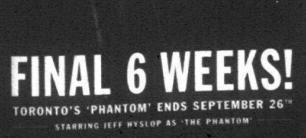
"Strange Thing" showcases Hawkins' melodic voice in her own gentle songbird manner. In "Bare the Weight of Me" Hawkins sounds as if she's stretched across a piano in a smoky lounge pleading for attention, for love. Spiced with soft hints of percussion and a violin for added romance, this track is a worthy example of Hawkins' work and diversified abilities. It's unfortunate there isn't another like it in the

All songs were written, pr duced and performed by Hawkins, and the album is now available in record stores.

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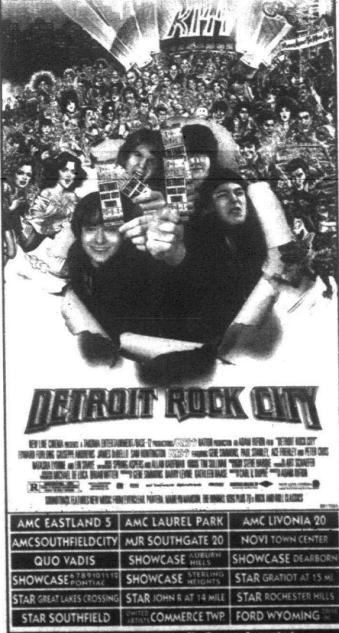




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# Matt Prentice has hand in 'Unique' deli at casino

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DINING

For the past three months Matt Prentice has been totally focused on Deli Unique, a New York style deli inside the new MotorCity Casino in Detroit.

He's not running the restaurant, but it's his baby. Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, licensed the name "Deli Unique" to the casino, and will serve as its consultant on design, menu selection, restaurant operation, hiring and training staff.

"I'm excited to be part of this," said Prentice during a press conference on Aug. 10 at casino headquarters in downtown Detroit. "They asked us to create something different, fun, entertaining, bigger than life. It will be a cafeteria-style deli, and barkers will entertain guests waiting in line. It will be very New Yorkish."

Theatrical types, comedians, and even housewives who enjoy the thought of getting paid to. pick on people are auditioning today and tomorrow for one of

seven full-time barker positions at the restaurant. Each barker will earn \$10 an hour to start with a built-in salary increase after six months. If you're interested in auditioning, call Dave Mitchell (248) 646-0370, Ext. 213

Chuck Ajlouny, managing partner of URC's Plaza Deli in Southfield, is Deli Unique's barker prototype, and will be training the barkers. Born and raised in Detroit, he developed his "bark" while living in Brooklyn, New York.

"I take orders, talk to you, I insult you, call your sandwiches. It spices things up," said Ajlouny. We have fun at lunch time, it keeps it lively. You have to be quick-witted, smart, and have a strong voice. We tried to get Pavoratti, but he wasn't available."

During the press conference he gave reporters a taste of his bark. "Are you guys ready or what," he asked. "Everyone gather round, I got a restaurant to run.

The 20 different sandwiches with names like "It's No Gamble," "Jackpot," and "Lox of Luck," range from 5 ounces to 20 ounces. Pay a \$1 more to double the meat for deli size sandwich.

Big Eight a deli fresser," is an "obnoxiously large sandwich" — 20 ounces of meat, including corned beef, pastrami, brisket, turkey and salami, served on an onion roll with 3 ounces Swiss cheese, 4 ounces coleslaw and Russian dressing. Hearty soups and main dish salads will also be served. Desserts, created especially are "larger than life." Imagine a five layer chocolate mousse cake.

"The deli will have over 200 seats, and be designed to feed a lot of people fast. It will offer the best quality sandwiches served on hot, out of the oven bread," said Prentice.

MotorCity Casino approached Prentice with the restaurant concept. "We think it's a tremendous opportunity for our company," he said. "It will help our reputation not only locally, but nationally."

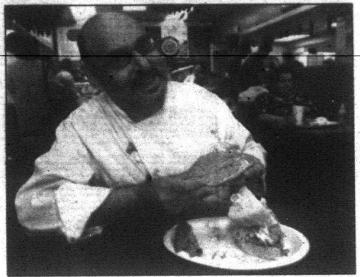
"The name association lends credibility to whatever we have to offer," said Lane W. Maxcy, director of food and beverage for the casino.

"Matt Prentice has built a reputation for world-class food service and has a fantastic local track record," said Jack Barthwell, director of public relations for the casino.

Scheduled to open sometime this fall, the temporary MotorCity Casino will cover approximately 12 acres around the former Wonder Bread Bakery at Grand River and the Lodge Freeway. The casino, owned by Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C. (a joint venture of Detroit-based Atwater Casino Group and Las Vegas-based Mandalay Resort Group) will have two live entertainment venues, two main floors of gaming, a third floor non-smoking gaming area, and fourth floor high-limit area.

Deli Unique, along with a fine dining restaurant, buffet and Middle Eastern restaurant will be in the former Continental Bakery building attached to the main gaming building by two skywalks

If you want a taste of what the new Deli Unique will be like,



Number one barker: Chuck Ajlouny, managing partner of URC's Plaza Deli in Southfield, presents the Plaza Special, corned beef, cole slaw, Swiss cheese and Russian dressing on rye. Ajlouny keeps people laughing at lunch, and will train barkers at the MotorCity Casino.

Plaza Deli, 29145 Northwestern Southfield, (248) 356-2310.

visit Ajlouny during lunch at Highway, corner of 12 Mile Road,

#### WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@ oe. homecomm.net

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations

Schoolcraft College -Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

Bella Ciao - 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information, or www.belaciao. com on the Web.

L.A. Subs - The next time you're hungry for a sub, visit the newly opened L.A. Subs, 36147 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-4240. Menu also includes Buffalo wings, Shrimp in a basket, and pepperoni rolls. They're open 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday.

Too Chez, 2715 Sheraton Drive, Novi (248)348-5555 will offer customers ordering lunch or dinner all bottles of wine served during the meal at 25 percent discount Monday through Thursday from now through Nov. 15.

By-the-glass wines are not included in the promotion. For wine lovers, this is an opportunity to learn more about pairing wine with food. Executive Chef Greg Upshur and Maitre d'/Dining room Manager Achille Bianchi say they are at the ready to make food recommendations matching discounted wines selected by diners.

Titanic Dinner at Duet 3663 Woodward Ave. at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Detroit, (313) 831-3838, Thursday, Sept. 9, \$125 per person plus tax and gratuity is a complete entertainment package, including a before-the-show feast featuring authentic recipes prepared on the infamous ship, tickets to see the stage version of "Titanic" at the Fisher Theater plus transportation to and from the Fisher. A wine package specially selected by URC Wine Director and Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be available at additional cost. Recipes for the four-course feast are from the "Last Dinner on The Titanic' cookbook by Rich Archbold and Dana McCauley and bearing the signature flair of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. Due to ticketing, reservations must be secured with a credit card.

#### EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Panini Cafe and Grill -42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton, (734) 981-7000. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine with some American dishes, sandwiches, salads,

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fresh juice, cappuccino and espresso. Vegetarian friendly. Kid's menu for children age 10 and under. Cost: Lunch \$4.95 to \$9.95; dinner entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95. Combination platter for two, \$16.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Seats: 50, all non-smoking. Reservations: Accepted. Carry-out: Available. Catering: Catering menu, 24 hours advance notice for catered items, minimum eight people per order. Gift certificates: Available

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32758 Grand Marco's -River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777. Open: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly-baked bread and fresh green salad. Main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato. Meatless options: Many Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the heritage of Italian food. Outdoor seating for 20 at four tables. Restaurant seats: 85, smoking section 20 seats Handicap access: wide front door, no steps. Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) \$5.95-\$8.95; Zuppa (soup) \$2.50-\$3.50; pastas \$12.95 to \$17.95; Piatti della Casa (main dishes)

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