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Trustees OK charter school deal



National Heritage Academies expects to have portable classrooms in place near Ford and Ridge this fall now that the Canton Township Board of Trustees has approved a three-way deal for construction of a charter school.

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A charter school is coming to Canton this fall.

After months of negotiations, a deal that will allow for a National Heritage Academies elementary facility near the intersection of Ford and Ridge roads was approved Tuesday by township

trustees.

"It's in the best interests of all parties involved," Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik told the board, "Singh, the charter school and the community at large."

National Heritage will put a single-story school near the northeast corner of Ford and Ridge. The Grand Rapids-based company will use portable classrooms for a portion or all of the 2000-

2001 school year.

As part of the deal, Canton will buy 90 adjacent acres from Singh Development. The township has 40 acres of its own under option at Ford/Ridge and plans to combine the lots for a community park.

In return, Singh, a West Bloomfield firm, gets the right to build a senior liv-

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'Roughing' it in Heritage Park



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Starry night: Sophie Roberts dances in the setting sunlight, as sister Janie tries to stay awake on the blanket waiting for the showing of "Stuart Little," at dusk at Heritage Park in Canton Friday during the annual Family Campout and Movie Night. The 6 year olds were there with mom and dad Paul and Karen, and triplet brother Billy. For a story and more photos from the event, please turn to Page A10 in today's Observer.

Football schedule change upsets some parents

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A change in the Salem High School football schedule has some parents upset because the move was made to accommodate the Walled Lake school

district's observance of a Jewish holiday.

Homecoming for Salem was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29, against Walled Lake Central. However, because the Walled Lake Schools have a policy of not playing games during

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, they requested the game be played on Thursday night instead.

As a result, Salem will play its homecoming game Sept. 22 against Livonia Stevenson.

"It was a home game and we really

didn't want to switch it. And, add to the fact that it was our homecoming ..." said Plymouth-Canton Schools Athletic Director Brian Wolcott. "However, the reality of the situation is they told us they wouldn't come if we kept

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Board debates holiday; decision expected soon

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday should be a township holiday for symbolic and other reasons.

That's the message local clergy, NAACP officials and residents had for Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday. King's birthday is celebrated the third

Monday of each January.

"I think it would allow people to see our community as being (in touch) with the concerns of people of color," said Geneva Presbyterian Church Rev. Bryan Smith. "It's an opportunity for Canton to make a statement."

New Liberty Missionary Baptist of

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Car arsons alarm police

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Six cars have been set ablaze in Canton since early July, according to township police.

A majority of the vehicles were in apartment complexes south of Ford Road. Canton Police Detective Steve Miller said it's uncertain whether any of the incidents were related.

"It could be a single arsonist or two

or three," he commented. "There's no way of telling right now."

A total of nine vehicles have been torched in Canton this year with the first two incidents occurring March 9. Each of the fires have come between 2 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., Miller added.

No accelerants, such as gasoline, have been used in setting the fires, Canton Fire Marshall Dave Champagne said.

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Seeing the forest



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HIBBELN

Art in the Park: Anne Johannes of Canton looks at a bronze sculpture of a tree at the Plymouth Art in the Park exhibit on Sunday. For more from the annual art fair, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

Couple arrested after chase

An Ypsilanti couple was arrested early Sunday after leading Canton and other police departments on a high-speed chase, according to township reports.

The incident began shortly before 4 a.m. with an alleged shop-lifting at Meijer on Ford Road in Canton. Reports said a 30-year-old Ypsilanti woman selected four blank audio cassette tapes and concealed them underneath her sweatshirt.

Loss prevention officers stopped the woman after she failed to pay for the tapes, reports said. She walked for a short distance with an officer, but then turned and fled out of

the store.

Reports said she then got into a 1991 silver Plymouth Laser where a 40-year-old Ypsilanti man was waiting. The couple then exited onto Ford Road and headed west.

The chase, which reached speeds of 65 to 70 miles per hour, continued to Ridge where reports said they headed south. The duo drove through Ypsilanti Township before getting on U.S. 23 north.

Michigan State Police picked up the chase and stopped the couple just south of North Terri-

COP CALLS

torial Road in Northfield Township, reports said. Canton Police then took both into custody. No injuries were reported.

Cash stolen

About \$50 in cash and a credit card were stolen from a 30-year-old Garden City woman's purse Saturday evening, reports said.

The woman was attending a graduation party in the 6000 block of Willow Creek. Police have no suspects.

Apprehended

A Canton couple was arrested after a routine traffic stop Sunday, reports said.

The couple was heading north on Belleville Road south of Michigan Avenue. A Canton officer clocked their car as traveling 65 mph in a 45 mph zone, reports said.

After stopping the car, a background check revealed warrants for both. Canton Police arrested a 21-year-old man, who was driving on a suspended license. A 20-year-old woman was also arrested. She was wanted for a contempt of court charge in Van Buren Township.

Bogus check

A 53-year-old Sparta woman was the recent victim of uttering and publishing, reports said.

A check for more than \$2,000 was used to purchase goods at a Canton Center Road business on July 3. Reports said the woman's name was forged on a bank check, which had been previously stolen from her.

Police are investigating the incident.

Golf clubs stolen

Golf equipment was stolen from two township residents last weekend.

The first incident occurred in the 1600 block of Rustic Ridge. A 50-year-old man said his golf clubs, bag and shoes were stolen from his 1994 Dodge van between Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

A stereo and speakers were also stolen, reports said. In all, more than \$2,000 worth of equipment was stolen.

A Canton man in the 1500 block of Brookview suffered similar losses. His golf clubs and bag were stolen from his 1987 Honda, reports said. Items were valued at \$700.

Both homes are in the Palmer and Lilley roads area and within close proximity of each other.

Noise law targets Plymouth cruisers

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Paulette Longe at one time considered moving out of downtown Plymouth because of the deafening noise from the cruisers who converge in town every summer — many of whom are from Canton.

"I just want the kids to keep from cranking up their music. The windows shake from the noise of their radios," said Longe, who lives on Forest Street. "I turn up the fans or something to tune it out. I just don't like the kids being rude, and playing the loud music late at night is rude."

Longe, and other city residents, will get some relief next month. Plymouth City Commissioners Monday adopted a new noise ordinance that can result in fines up to \$500.

The new law goes into effect Aug. 7.

"The current ordinance is vague and ineffective," said interim Plymouth Police Chief Steve Hundersmarck. "The new ordinance is fair, with the fines starting out low. It states that if the radio is clearly audible from 50 feet away, the officer can write a civil infraction."

The first ticket will cost a motorist \$70, with subsequent tickets costing \$100, \$200 and then \$500.

"The fine isn't excessive for the person who makes a first-time mistake," Hundersmarck said. "But, by the time the person is up to a fourth offense, it becomes a purposeful act. I'm hoping the ordinance, in and of itself, will be a deterrent."

Hundersmarck said the new ordinance, unlike the current

statute, will also govern those who park their cars and listen to radios. He said similar ordinances have worked to control noise in both Ypsilanti and Troy.

According to statistics presented by Hundersmarck to city commissioners, of the 242 cruising tickets that were analyzed from June through September of last year, 35.1 percent were for excessive noise. Most of the violators were 17 years old (31 percent) or 18 (21.5 percent).

According to the computer breakdown, 19.8 percent of the violators were residents of Canton Township, 17.4 percent were from Livonia, and 17.9 percent from Plymouth Township. Violators from the city of Plymouth comprised only 4.5 percent of the tickets issued. Oddly enough, 9.5 percent of the violations were issued to Redford Township residents.

Hundersmarck reports 39.7 percent of the violations occurred on Main Street, between Ann Arbor Road and Wing Street. Another 31.4 percent of the tickets were issued on Main between Wing and Ann Arbor Trail.

"We get a lot of calls from residents, especially about the problems around Main and Wing," said Hundersmarck. "There are people who live in apartments in the downtown area, and they shouldn't have to put up with the loud noise."

The city commission, with a background of loud music from cars at its July 5 meeting in Kellogg Park, voted unanimously to pass the first reading of the new noise ordinance.

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Art in the Park

Annual Plymouth fair draws thousands



BRAD KADRICH

They were everywhere, being carried by people who probably weren't even sure why they'd bought them. Weather vanes, as far as the eye could see.

Since this was Art in the Park, the second biggest art fair in the state, featuring some of the most beautiful, exotic arts and crafts around, the sight of dozens of copper weather vanes being carried around seemed puzzling. The weather vane stand had the weekend's longest lines. Longer than any of the painters. Longer than any of the weavers and sewers and train builders.

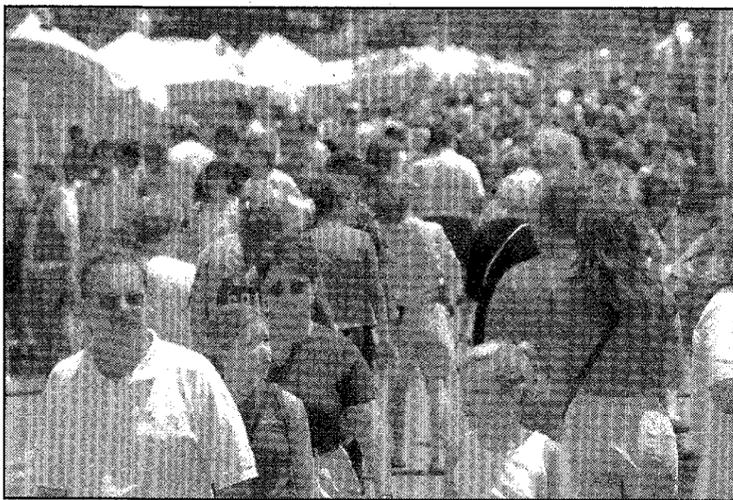
Longer, even, than the line for gyros. But when taken in context, why wouldn't that seem completely normal? After all, this is a major downtown fair that has managed to keep its small-town feel with a perfect blend of artisans, vendors and patrons. It's a place and a time when people can come and be who they want, buy what they want and simply enjoy.

"The people were wonderful," said Diane Quinn, the executive director of Art in the Park. "It was just a wonderful weekend."

Quinn and the gang did their usual bang-up job. Sure, there were some hitches. Mother Nature didn't cooperate Friday night, and the fair shut down 90 minutes early. The decision drew some flack for acting City Manager Paul Sincoc, but he was simply doing what the city requires in the presence of lightning.

It certainly did nothing to stem the flow of people through the city. Early estimates pegged attendance at above last year's 200,000, especially since they went to three days this year.

But the thing was, it never really seemed "crowded." Sure it was tough to get around a little, but there wasn't any pushing and shoving, no yelling about lengthy waits, no crabby walkers waiting irritably to get around you.



Crowded: The streets of Plymouth were packed with onlookers at Art in the Park on Sunday.

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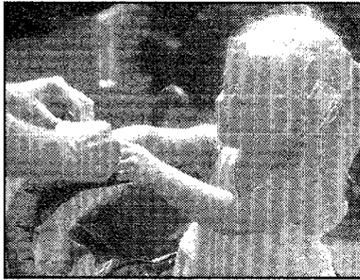
Anyone who got tired of the walking could simply stop by one of the many food concessions, then take a seat in Kellogg Park and enjoy the music being played. For instance, Roy Scoutz, a jazz guitarist from Los Angeles, was providing the entertainment mid-afternoon Saturday. It was comfortable listening in a classic outdoor setting.

Kids get too jumpy? Take them over to the 17-foot mural being painted entirely by children. You could get your face painted for just a couple of dollars, or buy balloons shaped like turtles or doggies.

And, of course, there was the art, the obvious reason everyone was there to begin with. Plymouth's fair has become one of the largest in the state, second only to the Ann Arbor fair taking place this week. The quality of the Plymouth show consistently brings people back.

"I've lost track of how many years I've been coming here," said Plymouth painter Tom LeGault. "It's a good show at a good time of year. And then there were the

weather vanes, easily this year's most attractive oddity.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Try it on: Ryann Kearney of Canton, 2, gets some help with a bracelet from mom Julie at the "Crystal Roots" of Fort Lauderdale booth on Ann Arbor Trail.

King from page A1

Detroit Rev. Joe Stevenson, a township resident, agreed.

"It's about an investment in the dream of Dr. King," he added.

Trustees discussed the issue for about an hour Tuesday with the public. Supervisor Tom Yack said he's not sure what direction the administration will go with the proposed holiday.

"We will move quickly," he promised, adding that a decision will be made long before King's birthday in January.

Creating a Martin Luther King holiday would require board approval as well as agreements with all of Canton's municipal employee unions. Yack said it wouldn't be a lengthy process.

Geneva's Smith said he has lived in several other regions of the country. Nowhere are racial tensions higher, he said.

Making King's birthday a holiday would be a step in easing those tensions.

"We have a chance to build some bridges," Smith added. "I think by making this a holiday we send a powerful message beyond (the borders) of this community."

Many adjacent communities already honor King, he said. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin asked Smith how those communities celebrate and if what he was proposing was more symbolic than substance.

"I think the value of leadership

taking the lead makes a statement about what the community's values are," Smith replied. "It's saying, 'We won't oppose what other communities are doing.'"

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said the Sunday before King's birthday might be a more appropriate time to celebrate.

"That way students in the community and the community as a whole can participate," she said.

None of the trustees argued directly against a King holiday. But they raised concerns about cost and curtailing of services to residents.

Earl Truss, president of the Western Wayne County chapter of the NAACP, said honoring King should be at the top of the township's priority list.

"It's something that could be done in a short time if people are willing to do the job," he commented.

Resident Duke Morrow told trustees he was on hand for Dr. King's "I have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C., in the early 1960s. He said he felt an obligation to see his dream completed.

"Canton has an opportunity to stand up and say it believes in that dream," Morrow said.

Resident Thomas Hartnett said King symbolizes the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

"It's an endorsement and it's history," he added. "For that reason, I think it's appropriate."

Child ID program offered

North Brothers Ford, Allstate Insurance and the Westland Police Department will team up for a child ID program on Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Safe Wise Kids program is free and will give each participant safety information and an individual child identification file.

The program will be held at the dealership, 33300 Ford Road, between Wayne and Venoy.

The police will fingerprint children and a record of the prints will go in the back of the folder. Police are often stymied in their search for missing children and lose time because parents do not have updated photos, immunization records or fingerprints.

Records are also needed when the missing child has been found. Parents will receive a child safety workbook, and kids will get a coloring book with information about being a safe kid.

Meijer security guard injured in scuffle with Canton teen

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A 16-year-old Canton boy broke the arms of a female security guard at Meijer Monday during a scuffle over an alleged shoplifting incident.

The teen escaped the Ford Road store with three packs of stolen cigarettes but was apprehended a short time later, according to police reports.

A Plymouth Canton classmate who had reportedly seen the scuffle managed to identify the suspect, leading Canton Police to arrest the teen at his Windsor Woods home.

He was charged with unarmed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and retail fraud under \$200 in Wayne County Family Court. He was being held in custody as of press time Wednesday while awaiting electronic tether set-up. He was released on personal bond.

The incident occurred at around 3:45 p.m. at the store, 45001 Ford Road. A police report stated that Bill Miller, a security employee, saw the suspect conceal four packs of cigarettes on his person then attempt to leave without paying. While Miller and another guard, Janice Strothers, 33, attempted to apprehend him, a fight ensued. Both of Strothers' arms were broken when the suspect threw her against a brick wall, a police report stated.

The suspect then ran away, leaving one of the cigarette packs behind. Miller did not chase him and instead tended to Strothers. The Canton Fire Department responded to the scene and tended to her injuries, which left her "incoherent" and in a great deal of pain, according to a police report. She remained hospitalized as of Wednesday.

The schoolmate, a 17-year-old Plymouth Canton student, told police that he recognized the

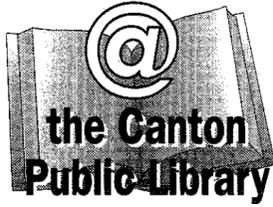
suspect and said he had seen Strothers fall to the ground during the scuffle.

Police also discovered that the suspect worked at a Canton restaurant and had not reported to work the day of the incident.

Brian Breslin, a Meijer spokesman, said Wednesday morning that shoplifting is a serious crime.

"Probably the overriding message here is that all too often shoplifting is viewed as a victimless crime - this is a terrible example of why it isn't."

Breslin said security team members are trained in self-defense and in being courteous and polite. Suspected shoplifters must not be approached unless someone has seen them take something. Once they witness shoplifting, the suspect may not be approached unless they are beyond points of sale, he added. Eye contact must be maintained at all times.



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Library construction update

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Q&A

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Hot topic of the week

Kalamazoo County Flowerfest, July 22-23, Bronson Park, Library Lane, Kalamazoo and Portage, Mich. The fest is a celebration of color and beauty, highlighting the Kalamazoo County bedding plant industry, the largest in the nation. Attractions include three-dimensional sculptures, floral mounds, flower show, landscape seminars, AAS garden winners and entertainment. The fest is held annually on the fourth weekend in July. For more information, contact the Kalamazoo County Flowerfest Inc. at (616) 381-3597.

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Chamber reintroduces Discount Card

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The Canton Chamber of Commerce is reintroducing a membership discount program and adding a couple of new twists.

The chamber will be rolling out its member-to-member Discount Cards this week with a mailing to some 450 local businesses, said Executive Director Dianne Cojei. Members will receive plastic cards that can be

used for discounts on merchandise or services at participating merchants.

Typical discounts range from 5 to 15 percent off regular prices.

Some participants will offer special prices or rates to chamber members on top of other promotional discounts. Kroger, for example, will give Chamber Card holders who also present a Kroger Plus card an extra discount on pharmacy purchases.

Businesses offering the discounts will get a sticker and pro-

motional material to display. The initial package will include two or three cards and additional cards for use by employees can be purchased for a nominal charge, Chamber President David Griffin said last week.

"A consistent goal of this year's board has been to add value for our members and we think this program helps accomplish that," Griffin said.

Griffin said the new program is an improved version of an earlier effort that featured paper

cards but was eventually discontinued.

The chamber office will keep a running tally of participants in the program and the quarterly newsletter will be used to update members, he said. Eventually, members will be able to get updated information on a revamped chamber Web site, he said.

Some of the charter participants said they believed the program would be beneficial for their businesses and help build ties with other chamber members.

"It will let folks know first and foremost where we're at," said Joe Koska, manager of the Red Wing Shoe Store in the Canton Corners Shopping Center on Ford. The store moved about a year ago from its former Sheldon Road location.

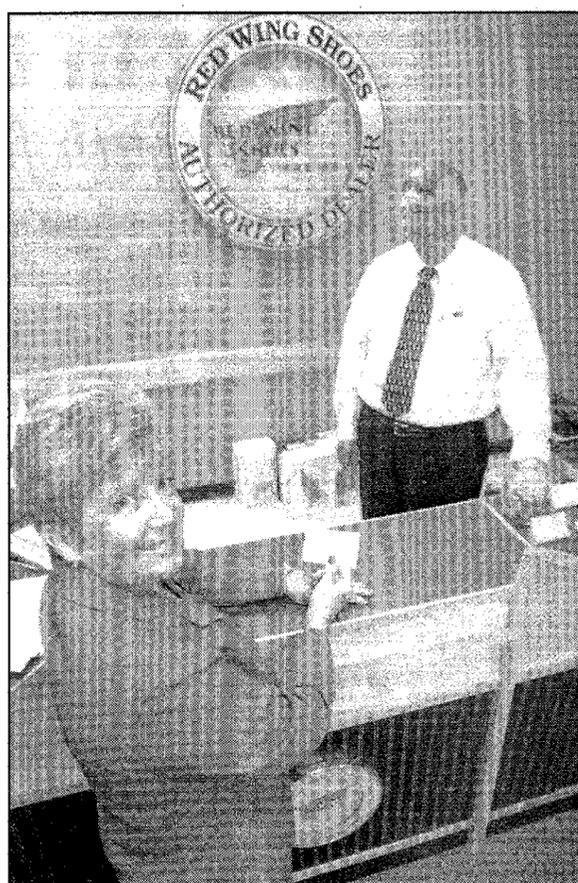
Koska said Chamber Card holders would receive a 10-percent discount on anything in the Red Wing line, from work shoes to hiking boots and New Balance athletic shoes. Red Wing specializes in work-related footwear - from factory workers to hospital personnel.

The company has been producing American-made goods since 1907, Koska said.

Martha Schreyer, manager of the Frame Works store in the Kohl's Shopping Center, said she hopes to draw more chamber members to the store, which offers readymade frames, custom framing, prints and posters.

Frame Works, which has been in Canton for 18 years, will offer card holders a 15 percent discount on framing.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee Darwin Watts said being elected president of the board of education means nothing more than "operating as efficiently as we have in the past."

Watts said the biggest issues facing the board are the same ones that have been challenges in the recent past: "making sure

the new buildings are constructed on time and continuing to look at school policy and make refinements."

Watts is currently in his third year on the board, and doesn't foresee any major issues facing trustees.

"Everything is pretty well on target," said Watts. "However, we're committed to dealing with any issues that come our way."

"We've got good people in the

system, from the janitors to teachers to administrators," said Watts. We need to have a clear vision of what the board is telling them so we can get things done in an effective manner."

Watts was elected president for the 2000-01 school year at last Tuesday's meeting. Other officers elected were Sue Davis as vice president, Judy Mardigan as secretary, and Steve Guile treasurer.

Watts to head school board

Delores (Dee) Harrison has been named director of patient care for Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc.

Harrison has experience in a wide variety of areas, including rehabilitation, emergency room, long-term care and psychiatric

nursing, said Dr. Cheryl Kowalski, hospice medical director.

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OBITUARIES

NORMAN THOBURN

A memorial service will be held for Norman Thoburn of Plymouth at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. Mr. Thoburn's remains have been donated to the medical school at the University of California-Davis.

Mr. Thoburn was born Dec. 1, 1922, in Los Angeles, Calif., the son of Chetwood Thoburn Schwarzkopf and Donna Meserve. He died June 26 while at Lake Tahoe, Calif., where he had been at a reunion with his wife and three children and their families.

He was a fourth-generation Californian. He first left the state to join the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in the 9th Bomb Group and flew 35 missions over Japan as a B-29 pilot. He graduated from Whittier College in California in 1951, then earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. at Harvard University, where he met and married Catherine Barry in 1953.

He was a member of the administrative staff of the University of Michigan for 33 years. Together with a colleague from the then-Bendix Corp. he organized and hosted an international symposium on arms control and disarmament.

After retirement in 1988, he became active in the University of Michigan's Learning in

Retirement program, where he served as president of the board in 1995 and was on the Curriculum Committee. He donated many hours to the Friends of the Library and Meals on Wheels, and attended a history discussion group and physics lectures at the university. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, especially music and theater.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; one daughter, Billie Jo of Lebanon, N.H.; two sons, Leland of Tujunga, Calif., and Stephen of Ann Arbor; and three grandchildren, Martin, Anastasia and Kendall.

Contributions may be sent to a charity of choice or the Aseltine School, 4027 Normal St., San Diego, CA 92103, a school for severely emotionally disturbed and learning handicapped children founded by Mr. Thoburn's late mother.

ANNIE J. HAYES

Services for Annie J. Hayes, 72, of Westland were July 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Donald Gregory officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Dec. 30, 1927, in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. She died July 11 in Plymouth. She was an assembler at Plasta-Fiber. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Oma Jane Hayes; and two sons, Jeffrey and Ran-

dall Hayes. Survivors include her husband, William A. Hayes of Westland; six sons, William (Cheryl) Hayes of Ill., Richard Hayes of Atlanta, Ga., Gary Hayes of Detroit, Lonnie Hayes of St. Clair Shores, Mark (Erin) Hayes of Livonia, David (Holly) Hayes of Canton; three daughters, Polly (Robert) Buchanan of Westland, Sheila (James) Wolfert of Livonia, Oamela (Mark) Smith of Livonia; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

JACQUELINE YVONNE TRIPP

Services for Jacqueline Yvonne Tripp, 70, of Harrietta, Mich., (formerly of Plymouth) were July 18 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Cadillac, Mich., with the president, Michael J. Hartman, officiating. Burial was in Boon Westside Cemetery, Boon, Mich.

She was born March 22, 1930, in Port Huron. She died July 14 in Harrietta, Mich. She was a homemaker. She lived in the Cadillac area for their past 20 years. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved puzzles, canning and food storage. Her husband, John Erwin

Tripp, was formerly a State Farm Insurance Agent for 40 years in the Plymouth area.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Ruth Ann. Survivors include her husband, John Erwin Tripp of Harrietta, Mich.; five sons, John Erwin (Coral) Tripp Jr. and Mark David Tripp of Harrietta, Michael Allen (Linda) Tripp of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Matthew Richard (Maria) Tripp of Harrietta, Sean Walker (Cindy) Gahagen of New Pointe, Pa.; three daughters, Linda Gail Heard of Ludington, Mich., and Paula Yvonne (Thomas) Pierson and Candice Blake (Glenn) Small of Harrietta; one brother, Robert (Joyce) Dunn of Clare, Mich.; one sister, Jeanne Dunn (Jim Allen) of Alden, MI; 35 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or to Mercy Amicare Hospice.

PAUL ALAN PRYBYLSKI

Services for Paul Alan Prybylski, 51, of Canton were July 18 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

He was born April 24, 1949, in Detroit. He died July 15. He was an automotive engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; parents, Stella and Paul;

one daughter, Tracy; one son, Brian; and one sister, Terrye.

MILDRED ESSICK

Graveside services for Mildred Essick, 91, of Granville, Ohio, (formerly of Plymouth) will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth with Sanford Burr officiating.

She was born Nov. 11, 1908, in Reeds, N.C. She died July 14 in St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter D. Essick; one son; one brother; and three sisters. Survivors include her son, Ron (Jonell) Essick of Granville; one sister, Dulcie Black of Reeds, N.C.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, c/o Centenary United Methodist Church, 102 E. Broadway, Granville, OH 43023.

Local arrangements were made by the McPeck Funeral Home, Granville, Ohio.

ROBERT JAMIESON EMERSON JR.

Services for Robert Jamieson

Emerson Jr., 75, of Brighton (formerly of Plymouth and California) were July 20 at MacDonald's Funeral Home, with the Rev. Barbara Franks of Hardy United Methodist Church officiating.

He was born July 14, 1925, in Louisville, Ky. He died July 17 in the University Medical Center, Ann Arbor. He was a principal engineer for Ralph M. Marson Co. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge. He was a graduate of Purdue University. He attended Dupont Mechanical High School.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Jamieson Emerson III. Survivors include his wife, Joan Emerson of Brighton; two daughters, Jane Anderegg of Memphis, Tenn., and Amy Cote of Adrian, Mich.; and six grandchildren, Jessica Emerson, Jillian Emerson, Gayle Cote, Lynne Cote, Mark Anderegg and Jeff Anderegg.

Memorials may be made to the Livingston Community Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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"It looks like they're using materials available," he said. "It's a crime of opportunity."

The most recent fires came July 11-12.

A 1985 Ford Econoline van was set on fire at the Canton Commons Apartments on July 11 at about 3:20 a.m. Less than an hour later, a 1986 Mercury Marquis was set on fire at the Hidden Glen Condos.

The following day, a pair of cars at the Fairway Club Apartments were torched. The first, which engulfed a 1991 Ford Escort, started at 3:19 a.m. and the second about 15 minutes later.

On July 6, police said a car in

the Canton Commons Apartments apartments and one on Corinne Street were set on fire. A Dodge Spirit was set on fire June 12 at Franklin Palmer Apartments.

No injuries have resulted from any of the fires, Miller said. Some adjacent property has been damaged, however.

Police have little evidence thus far. While each of the fires has been set south of Ford Road, Miller said there are few other similarities.

"Arson is the hardest crime to prove," he added.

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Football from page A1

the game on a Friday."

And, that's what has some parents hopping mad.

"We have Jewish kids who play every year during Rosh Hashanah," said Janet Early of Plymouth Township, whose son John, 16, is a Salem linebacker. "I understand their policy, but not every Jewish kid would have decided not to play."

"Besides, why isn't this a league (Western Lakes Athletic Association) policy to make it a level playing field for everyone?" she said. "The teams that play Thursday will be off their regular practice schedule, which means we'll have to practice on a Sunday. There shouldn't be any practice on Sunday because of our Christian beliefs."

Early said she and a group of football parents met with Wolcott last April, and that's when they got word Walled Lake wanted to change the date.

"He (Wolcott) said he was rep-

resenting us, but he should have come to us first before changing the schedule," said Early. "This really isn't about religion, it's about principle. If Walled Lake or any other district wants to change the schedule, they need to take it up to the league or drop out."

"Walled Lake honors the religious beliefs of its community," said Wolcott. "I tried hard to get a win-win situation. Unfortunately, some parents still don't like the decision."

Wolcott said his recommendation to Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin was that every school in the WLAA play that week on Thursday. However, he said Ostoin and the other principals in the league voted against that, leaving Salem and Walled Lake Central to play on Thursday.

Ironically, Canton High School's game at Walled Lake Western that same week was also changed to Thursday. However, Wolcott said he hasn't received any complaints from the Chiefs' parents or booster club.

Ron Schneck of Canton Township is Jewish, and while he admittedly has moved on from the controversy, he still believes the game could have been left to be played on Friday.

"Rosh Hashanah is more like a party holiday, not like Yom Kippur," said Schneck, whose son Aaron plays for Salem. "If I had to make a decision, my son would have played Friday night."

"If my son were kept out of the game, it would have been an individual decision," he added. "The team would still have played. I think it comes down to separation of church and state."

Wolcott said changing the day of a sporting event to accommodate religious holidays is nothing

new. And, it occurs with Farmington Schools as well as Walled Lake. However, it's the first time the schedule has affected the football teams.

"Our communities are becoming more diverse, and we need to be more understanding of the diversity that we have," said Wolcott. "Diversity is a strength, and we have to respect the makeup of our school districts. There may come a time when we have to take a look at changes for other ethnic groups."

Superintendent Kathleen Booher said the situation doesn't occur often, and districts need to work together.

"We need to be sensitive to diversity," said Booher. "To make a schedule adjustment seems very reasonable to me."

Lois Lange, Walled Lake's director of personnel and community relations, said there have been instances where the games were played on a Friday afternoon so as not to conflict with sundown on Rosh Hashanah.

"We hold classes on major Jewish holidays, but we don't schedule tests because there are a number of students who don't show up because of their religious beliefs," said Lange. "I know other districts have felt inconvenienced, but it's always been worked out."

Maria Feldman, assistant director of the Jewish Community Council, said change is hard for some people to accept.

"I applaud the Walled Lake district for being respectful of the Jewish student body and faculty," said Feldman. "Change is necessary because of the diversity in our communities. That way no one gets excluded from activities."

Charter school from page A1

ing facility adjacent to the charter school.

Reaction to the deal was mixed at Tuesday's board meeting.

"I'd like to voice my opposition to this consent agreement," said resident Mark Slavens, who sits on the Plymouth-Canton school district board. "What I'm worried about is that people will see this as a 'grass-is-greener' thing."

While Slavens said he was speaking as a resident, he said the district will lose \$6,500 for every student that leaves for the charter school.

"Studies have shown a lot of these students come back (to the district) later in the year," he added. "I'm concerned about the economic effect this could have on the Plymouth-Canton schools."

Members of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association spoke in favor of the agreement.

"We think it's a win-win for all," President Jim Hodgson said.

A tentative deal was agreed

to in late May. All three parties have been negotiating since to work out final details. Each initially believed it would be completed by mid-June.

With trustees approval in hand, the consent agreement will now go to Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward M. Thomas. He is expected to sign off either late this week or early next, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said.

The consent agreement grants special land use and site plan approvals to National Heritage for the charter school.

The firm, which was scheduled to close on land for the school Wednesday, now has about a month to complete water and sewer hook ups as well as bring portable classrooms to the site.

Reaction from Canton Trustees was minimal. Some, such as treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, asked questions.

"I'm doing this (deal) on good faith," she added. "I hope all the parties are."

National Heritage sued

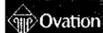
Canton April 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court over the right to build. The lawsuit was filed after township trustees rejected plans for a charter school at Warren and Ridge roads in mid-March.

It was the second such rejection National Heritage received from Canton. A site at Beck and Hanford roads was denied last year. In both cases, trustees said the lot was too small and they cited potential road impacts.

When the two sides appeared to be at an impasse, Amann and Singh entered the picture. The Canton attorney, who deals with the township extensively in development projects, pitched the idea of a three-way agreement.

As for Canton, it will pay for a majority of the 140 acres for a park. About 40 percent of the money will come from a state Department of Natural Resources grant, while the township picks up the other 60 percent, said Yack.

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Hard-fought race for prosecutor down to the stretch

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ELECTION 2000

All five Democratic Party candidates for Wayne County prosecuting attorney are campaigning hard as the Aug. 8 primary election nears.

They're attending rallies, giving speeches and meeting with the media for good reason: The winner will be prosecutor for the next four years because there is no Republican opposition.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are Jennipher L.M. Colthirst of Detroit, a defense attorney and political newcomer; Deputy County Executive Michael E. Duggan of Livonia; Sharon McPhail of Detroit, an attorney who previously ran for county executive and mayor of Detroit; state Sen. Virgil Smith of Detroit, who is being term-limited from the legislature after 24 years; and George E. Ward of Plymouth, chief assistant to retiring Prosecutor John O'Hair.

During the past couple of weeks, each candidate has met with several Observer editors and reporters. What follows is a summary of those sessions:

Colthirst, 38: Key issues are eliminating "overcharges," expanding the prosecuting attorney's staff and upgrading office facilities.

She says overcharging — prosecutors filing more serious charges than are warranted — is partly due to the court system being "overwhelmed with drug cases."

So people in possession of drugs, for example, are charged with intent to deliver. The resulting plea bargain is tainted, Colthirst believes, because it's aimed mainly at jailing people.

"There are a lot of people out there who have drug and mental problems" who need rehabilita-

tion, not jail, she says. "I've seen too many clients get back into trouble."

"Whatever we're doing now doesn't seem to be working," she says.

Colthirst favors pre-sentencing agreements requiring low-level, non-violent, youthful offenders attend school and get jobs. She also favors "making parents more accountable."

She says add more staff attorneys as well as desks and chairs: "The prosecutors tend to be overwhelmed" by all the cases, she says.

Duggan, 41: "I'm talking about two things: Getting guns out of the hands of kids and ... shutting down the drug houses," says Duggan, chief deputy to County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

His lawsuit against gun manufacturers, which won a gun safety-lock concession from Smith & Wesson, is moving forward, he says.

He wants to shut down both the manufacturers and dealers who sell to minors or felons and claims the prosecutor's office hasn't done much. "I'm tired of excuses," he states.

Duggan says Ward used the forfeiture law to shut just two of the 997 county drug houses busted more than once and notes Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon says the drug houses have more suburban than Detroit customers.

Duggan says the prosecutor pled down 200 gun cases from "felony firearms possession" to

"carrying a concealed weapon," then gave probation, despite the fact 100 people a month are shot in the county. "We're not taking the gun issue seriously enough," he says.

Regarding ongoing audits at Metro Airport, Duggan says the failure to renegotiate some contracts "was dumb, but it wasn't criminal."

"We made a mistake" in allowing overcharges by the county's parking contractor "and we're suing to get the money back," he says.

Would he prosecute any county official if evidence of criminal wrongdoing at Metro is found? Duggan says he will "follow the law," which dictates the case be handed off to a neighboring county's prosecutor.

Duggan claims endorsements from major labor and police unions and also from some key western Wayne County Republicans such as Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, as well as from Democrats like Westland Mayor Bob Thomas and Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley.

Duggan says he will complete his term as prosecutor and not seek other office.

McNamara has directed over 200 county appointees to telephone for votes in Duggan's behalf prior to the primary.

McPhail, 51: Saying she has learned from past campaigns about responding in anger, McPhail vows "not to be terribly critical of anybody unless I have to."

She also claims at least one Detroit newspaper has sought to "marginalize me" as a candidate and charges both dailies take their cues from political leaders.

McPhail, the front-runner in polls, says she would be a "very

hands-on person" as prosecutor and would try to improve attorneys' salaries and working conditions.

She plans a community advisory council "to review guidelines for charging juveniles as adults" and other issues, such as "Dead-Beat Dads," whom she says often are really "Dead-Broke Dads."

Building new facilities for juvenile offenders — as Duggan did — isn't the answer, McPhail says, because sexual and other abuses continue: "It's about how you address the problems kids have in this society."

McPhail would establish a repeat offenders unit and work to control private sale of guns by tracking the paperwork to find irresponsible parties.

McPhail calls Duggan's emphasis on using the forfeiture law to shut drug houses "a campaign ploy."

"My question to him — 'Mr. No Excuses' — is, 'Where you been, buddy?'" she says. "What's the excuse for the last 11-1/2 years" when no crack houses were closed?

She counts Carl Berry, former city of Plymouth police chief and a candidate for Congress, and the Belleville Democratic Club among supporters.

Smith, 53: Diversity and efficiency in the office and cracking down on those preying on the elderly and women are key.

"I've felt it's been a closed

shop, with minorities excluded," he says of the department's staffing: Just one of the 17 in top management is African-American. Though minorities have been added, Smith says, "the (management) mentality is still the same."

Smith, who favored spending for DNA profiling of criminals, "will be tough" on those harming seniors and women. Calling seniors "the salt of the earth ... the ones keeping our (family and public) institutions alive," Smith "will not tolerate" crimes against them nor "abuse of women."

He will enforce personal protection orders, he says, and he will push for legislation denying concealed weapons permits to people issued personal protection orders.

He favors rehabilitating youthful offenders. "We're still leaving a lot of this society behind," he says.

But violent felons "need to serve their time — more than the minimum."

He favors plea bargaining: Without it, "the criminal justice system would grind to a halt."

Smith favors suing gun manufacturers on its own merit and as a principle of local control.

Ward, 59: The major question, Ward says, is the independence of the next prosecutor from County Executive Ed McNamara and "checks and balances" in county government.

Ward notes that Duggan, if elected, would become the third former McNamara appointee in a top law enforcement job: The others are State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, former Wayne County corporate counsel, and U.S. Attorney Saul Green, an ex-McNamara aide.

The question will become important, says Ward, when auditors present their findings at Metro Airport.

"I'm not saying there's widespread corruption" at the top, but "clearly there's civil wrongdoing in the handling" of airport leases, Ward says.

The department needs to help those ages 6 to 16 with supervised programs, he says. "We've got to put more money at the front end" in support of juveniles, he says.

He says Duggan sends mixed messages by calling for closing drug houses while also proposing cutting the sheriff's budget by 17 deputies.

Regarding a freeze on O'Hair's budget, Ward says, "We do more with less than any (comparably sized) prosecutor in the country."

As for not closing drug houses, Ward says his department can only act when a police department asks. "We're not going to be bully-boys running your city for you," he says, but on the other hand, "We'll work with any community" that wants a crack house closed.



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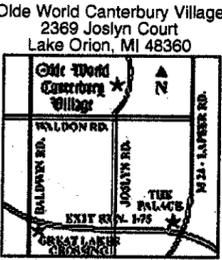
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Clarification

Kay Beard, vice chair of the Wayne County Commission, was incorrectly identified in the July 5 *Observer* as president-elect of the National Federation of Democratic Women.

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Tent township

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A record number of campers ventured into Heritage Park for the sixth annual Family Campout and Movie Night last weekend, despite the threat of thunderstorms - which just grazed Canton.

"All of the big storms just grazed us," said Bob Dates, recreation supervisor. But since the night turned out to be so clear and bright, they had to wait until 9:45 p.m. to begin playing "Stuart Little," the featured movie.

'Thank goodness for cell phones.'

-Peter Bundarin,
first-time camper
struggling with
tent instructions

ularity as the word is spreading. It's one of my favorite annual events."

Entertainment included a variety show by Josh Casey, with juggling, music and audience participation; strolling entertainers such as balloon animal makers and clowns and inflatable attractions for climbing and sliding.

Paddleboat rides were offered on the Heritage Park pond.

A large number of campers were setting up new tents, as evidenced by the telltale signs - instruction manuals lying on the ground, tent poles lying on the ground in disarray, original tent boxes and the most telltale sign of all - confusion of campers attempting to make their tents look like the picture on the package.

But not all those pitching tents were campers *nouveaux*. Seasoned campers Brian and Stacey Wade of Canton brought their two daughters - Caitlin, 5, and Amanda, 3. The

parents sat in folding camping chairs as rain trickled on their heads Friday afternoon while the girls played in their small dome tent.

"What do you think they make tents for?" Brian Wade said, adding that they planned to just hole up in their tents if it rained harder. He said he's taken the family camping at Pinckney Recreation Area, northwest of Ann Arbor.

Heavy winds whipping through the park around 4 p.m. prompted many campers to rush through tent set-up - which was difficult if they'd never set up a tent before.

Canton resident and first-time camper Peter Bundarin said he had to call Sears to get the tent assembly instructions faxed to his office. But even instructions weren't much help as he struggled to set up his eight-person cabin tent in the heavy winds.

"Thank goodness for cell phones," Bundarin said.

The campout was a birthday celebration for the Bundarins - both he and his wife celebrated their birthday July 14.

"We thought we'd do something special with the grandkids on our birthday," he said. His grandson James, 5, helped him set up the tent.

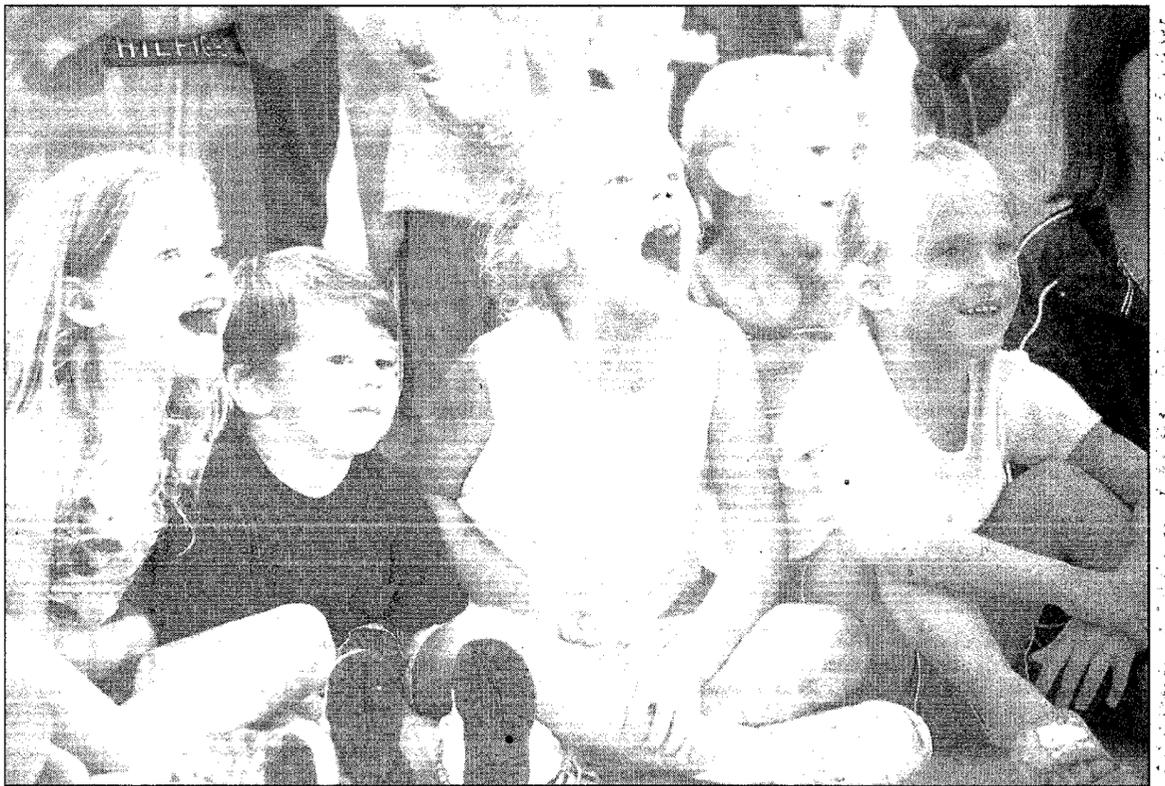
Some other newbie campers setting up tents Friday included Heather Heap and her mother, Judy Bailey, both of Canton.

"I just went out and bought a tent when (Heap) told me about this," Bailey said. "We plan on being here all night - but I don't know if the baby will make it," she added, referring to her 17-month-old grandson, Tyler.

"We thought (the kids) would enjoy this," Heap said.

Some other seasoned campers included Hal Klingere and Mike Uhlian, who attached a series of tarps together to provide a dry area between their several tents. Both Canton residents were camping with their families.

"This is our father's night out with the kids," Uhlian said, as he rounded up his daughters, Lauren, 7, and Sarah, 5, to go get hot dogs and ice cream provided by Central City Diner.



Oh, oh it's magic: Madisson Lewis, 5, Taylor Burris, 21 months, his sister Alyssa, 5, and Alex Kiers, 6, watch magician Josh Casey perform at Heritage Park in Canton Friday for the annual Family Campout and Movie Night. Rhys Collins, 4, is behind Alyssa and Alex. In the photo above (left) an unidentified dad carries some camping gear between the tents set up in the park Friday evening.



Dinner time: Sharlene Hayes feeds a hot dog to Molly Vaughn, 2, a co-worker's daughter, as they wait in line for balloon animals.



Police bike: Canton police Officer Dave Schreiner shows off his siren for twins Bethany and Annette Wang, 5, neighbor Daniel Wang, 5, (no relation) and Elizabeth Johnson, 5, at Heritage Park.

All the comforts of home: Pam Page of Canton watches a battery-operated television under a canopy in front of her tent, as her sister Karen Henry-Poe of Detroit goes through her gear inside the tent.



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New county ordinance would fine polluters

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission voted Wednesday to change the way the county deals with polluters.

Rather than charge individuals and businesses caught illegally dumping in waterways and sewers, polluting the air, or littering with a criminal misdemeanor as it has in the past, the county will now issue civil fines similar to traffic tickets.

The commission's unanimous adoption of the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance will apply to violations of specified ordinances such as the county sewer ordinance, illegal dumping, and solid waste in amounts exceeding those permitted under traditional municipal misdemeanor authority.

Under the new ordinance, first-time offenders can be fined as much as \$1,000, while repeat offenders face up to \$5,000 fines.

"This will put a little more bite into our environmental laws," said commissioner Edward Boike, D-Taylor, the chairman of the Committee on Environment, Drains, and Sewers.

"This new ordinance is really a way for us to get stronger with the habitual offenders that are constantly breaking the law. Fines have a way of getting their attention."

The new ordinance should also help the county cut back on court costs. Under the old criminal statute, violators were charged with a misdemeanor and faced the prospect of serving up to 90 days in jail.

As a result, court proceedings became bogged down in litigation, and charges were often dropped against many defendants because the county had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a violation occurred.

More bite

Under the new ordinance, defendants can still go before a judge to dispute liability, but the county only has to prove that clear and convincing evidence exists, which is not as difficult a legal standard.

"While the new ordinance shouldn't affect the number of violations our inspectors write, it may make it easier for companies to accept liability," said commission attorney Ben Washburn.

"In many cases, violations occur because of accidents. These fines may cause the companies to be more careful in their operations."

A team of eight inspectors will

enforce the new ordinance for the county.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said the new ordinance will help the county's efforts to clean up the Rouge River.

"We have been spending too much money and putting too much effort into cleaning the Rouge, to let people continue to illegally dump into it," Bankes said.

The new law will also apply to the 100 firms that have con-

tracts to discharge various kinds of chemical wastes into county sewers. Before the chemicals are discharged, they must be pretreated so they don't damage the bacteria that process sewage.

Washburn said in the past some of these companies have not complied with the law, and the new ordinance will make it easier for the county's inspectors to write citations.

Several members of the Greater Detroit Chamber of

Commerce were present at the Wednesday commission meeting to voice their opposition to the new ordinance. Representatives of the group, which has 12,000 member companies in southeast Michigan, said the new ordinance will give the county too much authority over businesses.

"This ordinance will give the county very broad powers, well in excess of current powers, to levy fines and penalties," said Sebastian Wade, the chamber's

director of public policy.

"Our major concern is that the commission is enacting unnecessary laws that are putting the county at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting new businesses. We support environmental controls, but feel the old ones were more than sufficient."

However, Boike said companies that would be deterred from moving into the county because of tougher environmental laws are companies "we wouldn't

want to attract anyway."

Boike also said the chamber's response to the new ordinance is a sign the county is moving in the right direction. He said several chamber member companies have been past repeat offenders of county's ordinances.

"It makes me think we are doing the right thing because we are getting their attention," he said. "I was really proud we stood up and did what we did today."

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There is a tremendous "fall off" among voters when they reach the positions listed at the bottom of the ballot, such as the members of the board of regents who are elected to run Michigan's largest universities.

On that basis, state Sen. Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, has proposed an amendment to the Michigan Constitution that would change the way university regents are selected. His current version of Senate Joint Resolution O would make university regents appointed officers, named by the governor.

But Schwarz says he's willing to look at other ways to select regents, like a "blended board," with some members appointed and others picked by election.

In any case, it is a system Schwarz believes needs to be changed. At present, the candidates for regent positions are selected during state party conventions, which Schwarz said unnecessarily politicizes the positions, and, as a result, the boards.

He said he also believes that system discourages otherwise well-qualified people from seeking such offices. Nomination at the convention is aggravating, he said, and few are willing to go through the nominating process.

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Duggan is best choice for Wayne prosecutor

Canton voters will face an important decision on Tuesday, Aug. 8, as they decide the race for Wayne County prosecutor. Prosecutor John D. O'Hair, known for his integrity, has decided not to seek another term. He will retire at the end of this term after nearly 17 years in the office.

Five Democrats are vying for the position. Since there are no Republicans in the race, the primary will decide who will serve as Wayne County prosecutor for the next four years.

Seeking to replace O'Hair are Detroit attorney Jennipher Colthirst, Deputy County Executive Michael Duggan of Livonia, Detroit attorney Sharon McPhail, state Sen. Virgil Smith of Detroit and Chief Assistant Prosecutor George Ward of Plymouth Township.

The opportunity to elect a new county prosecutor is one that voters should take seriously. The prosecutor is the county's chief law enforcement officer and is responsible for ensuring that justice is done and that laws are enforced fairly. The prosecutor sets priorities for the office, administers resources available and makes decisions about the filing of criminal charges.

Canton voters know that the prosecutor can have an impact on the quality of life for all residents of the entire county.

In a race where there appears to be several capable and qualified candidates, our choice is **Michael Duggan**.

Ward, who has the endorsement of O'Hair, has served capably over the years as second in command.

He has promoted early intervention by the prosecutor's office on school truancy in Detroit and has been a strong voice in an effort to reform prisons and the parole system.

Smith, a state legislator for more than two decades, is supported by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and knows the issues and would retool the office. Smith also wants stricter gun control and early intervention



Michael Duggan

Mike Duggan is capable, qualified and effective. He is also aggressive, innovative and political. He does not represent the status quo and that ranks a lot of people

for youth offenders.

Duggan, however, stands out because, in addition to being capable and qualified, he is effective. His effectiveness in revamping SMART, working to refurbish Detroit school buildings and negotiating county business has earned him the endorsement of many Observer-area Republicans who in the past have gone toe to toe with him on a number of issues. They say he fights hard but he fights fair.

In addition, Duggan is aggressive, innovative and political. He does not represent the status quo and that ranks a lot of people. These qualities have made him the target of critics and have been a major focus of the campaign for prosecutor.

Duggan stands firm in his loyalty to County Executive Edward McNamara who has been soundly criticized over the years for the practice of no-bid contracts at Metro Airport.

- Duggan's platform for prosecutor is centered on two issues:
 - Aggressive prosecution of those who seek to provide guns to children.
 - Prompt confiscation of houses that are used repeatedly for selling drugs.
- Duggan also promises a staff that reflects the diversity in Wayne County. A lifelong resident of Livonia, Duggan earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Michigan. As deputy county executive, Duggan administers the daily operations of 10 county departments and some 5,000 employees. He previously worked as an attorney for Prosecutor John O'Hair and was briefly in private practice. Duggan's energy, proven administrative ability and track record for accomplishment make him the best choice for Wayne County Prosecutor on Aug. 8.

Metroparks great example of bang for the tax dollar

Parks are an important part of our existence. They give us access to wide-open spaces to run and play to our heart's content. They are the escape hatch to the cookie cutter subdivisions we call home.

That's why what Henry Curtis and Harlow Whittemore proposed in the 1930s is so important today. The two men may have been the first to see urban sprawl when they suggested a regional park system to serve the needs of people living in the state's largest metropolitan area.

What they proposed has become the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a string of 13 parks that is successfully serving the recreational needs of more than 11 million people. They attract more than 9 million people a year and put a variety of recreational activities within an hour's drive for most park-goers.

Sprawl has brought residential development up to their boundaries in some cases and now the parks that were once in the country are very much part of the metropolitan area they serve. They are becoming recreational fiefdoms at a time when people want to own their own "castle" on a nice chunk of land, preferably with a "moat" off the back deck.

Curtis and Whittemore were visionaries, but so are members of the HCMA Board of Commissioners. They have been able to keep their collective finger on the recreational pulse of the metropolitan area and fine tuned the parks' offerings to better serve people.

Then-Wayne County representative, William Kreger, was told in 1954 that he worked for one of the finest park systems in the world. The "world" part may be a bit of an exaggeration, but the "finest" isn't. The Metroparks are the finest day parks in the state's recreational lineup.

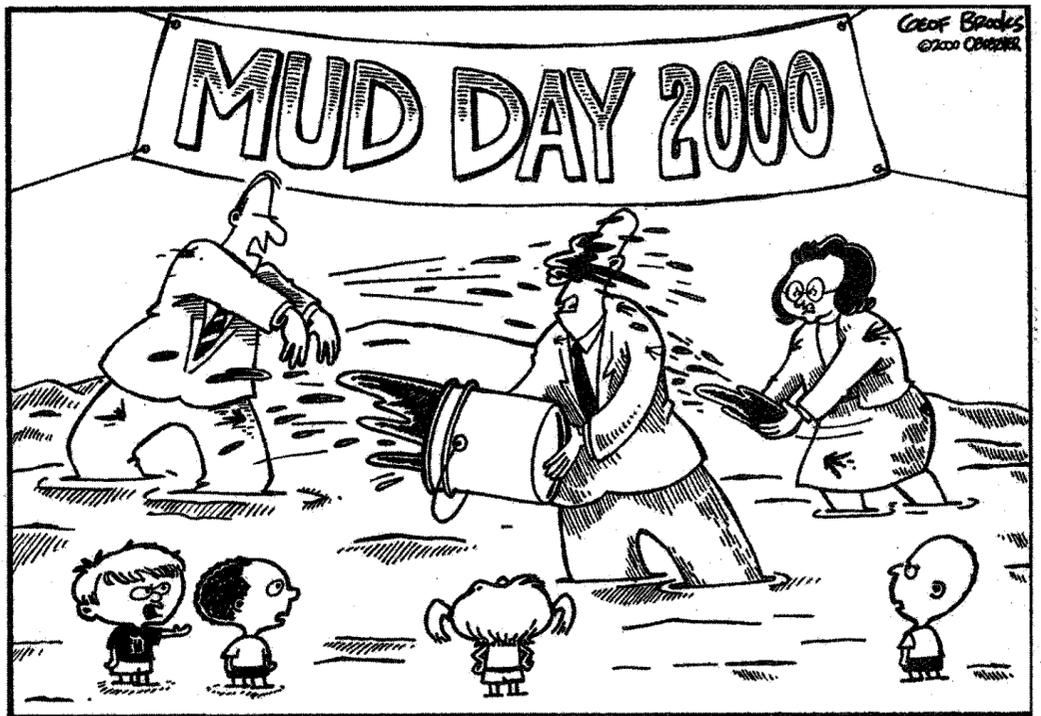
With the money generated by the HCMA tax and user fees, the authority has provided pools and beaches, golf courses, trails, nature and farm centers, boating, sailing and plenty of wild life and flora and fauna.

If you leave your urban thoughts in the parking lot and head into these parks, you get the feeling of being "up north," and the nice part of it is these "up norths" are within an hour's drive of home, sweet home.

The Metroparks are a testament to what can be done with careful planning. Nothing is done on a hurry-up-and-get-it-done basis, and a tribute to what has been done is the more than 9 million people who visit the parks each year.

We all owe Curtis and Whittemore a huge thank you. Without the Metroparks, county and city parks would be stretched to the limit to provide adequate recreational opportunities. As would the few parks the state operates around here.

If you haven't been to a Metropark lately, or, God forbid, have never been, take a day and go to one. They are one of the few places you can go and truly enjoy your tax dollars at work.



"ALL RIGHT, WHO LET THE POLITICIANS IN?"

LETTERS

Work never finished

I want to commend you for your article about the variance granted by the Canton Planning Commission to Silver Construction and the developer Mr. Jon Retzlaff (Canton Observer, July 13). This is a case of déjà vu in regards to the residents of the Salem Manor subdivision.

In the spring of 1995, Mr. Retzlaff was before the planning commission wanting to develop land to the north and west end of our subdivision because it was nothing more than farmland. The majority of the residents and myself were opposed to the plan stating the exact same reasons as in your article as to why they did not want the expansion. I had a beautiful cul-de-sac at the very end of Sorel. With a dead-end street we never had a traffic problem and security for the back of the subdivision was extremely easy because there was no traffic and what little traffic we did have was our neighbors'. Strangers were easy to identify and were scrutinized by me or the neighbors which deterred any unwanted or unknown people from loitering in the neighborhood.

Since the expansion of the subdivision, we have constant traffic passing down the street. Often the speeds are in the 40s because of the nice clean straightaways on Sorel Street. The construction traffic and the workers in the area are not mindful of the peace and tranquility we once had. They would use Sorel (a residential street) as the main egress to the construction site. In the past my wife or myself would have to complain to the township about the road dust that was totally unacceptable on a paved street.

Only in the past year has our street been on a street sweeping schedule and the mud debris from construction has been tolerable, but I'm sure that these \$250,000-plus homes next to ours on Sorel warrant a regular street sweeper or the residents in the new homes would really complain.

Next to our property were low lands and every year standing water would be on those properties from March until mid-June. With this standing water we would constantly get numerous waterfowl to mating and raising their hatchlings in the woods next door. When the neighbor (a landscape architect) complained at a zoning board meeting and stated that we have intermittent wetlands and that the state DNR needed to be contacted, this was quickly swept under the carpet. The net result is every year I get at least one mallard duck and his mate nesting under my front porch because this area is home to them. Their instincts are to return to where they were first born.

Every time we get a heavy rain around here (two inches or more), there is a good chance that the existing storm drains cannot handle the increased demand of runoff from the extra roads. The one neighbor on Sorel used to photo document water backing up in the street that would extend from one sidewalk on the east side of Sorel to the west sidewalk on the other side of the street. What happens is when a heavy rain occurs, we have destroyed the natural process of the earth absorbing the water. This is just plain common sense if you continue to add more concrete driveways, sump pumps and roadways, the water has to go somewhere and the drain at Haggerty Road adjacent to Field Elementary School fills so quickly that it backs all the local drains. It gets so

bad at times that I've personally helped neighbors push their stalled vehicles out of the street.

To obtain flood damage in an automobile driving through a subdivision is short of obscene and Mr. Retzlaff or the Canton Township Engineering Department should be held accountable for this.

These two entities along with the zoning board have and are virtually turning Canton into a giant parking lot where the storm runoff has nowhere to go.

Back in the spring of 1995 we were promised that in about one-and-a-half years after the new construction project was started that my road in front of my house and in the new section would be completed and not be left as the construction road. I did have from 1977 until August of 1995 a full concrete road. In 1995 half of the road in front of my house was the old concrete road and the other half is asphalt. The difference in the asphalt from the concrete is approximately a two-and-one-half inch drop in the road. In 1997 the expansion of more new homes in the area and more streets delayed me and my neighbors from getting the finished road that we were promised by Retzlaff and the commission in 1995.

To this date the road is still not completed and the reason is obvious. The developer made his money and left the area and the township could care less about the residents. I am sure that to finish the product today would cost 50 percent more than it did five years ago.

It is for this reason that the township needs to ban this practice of allowing the developer from putting in a partially finished product with the promise of completing the work at a future date. The township should at the very least cease any further work that is associated with Mr. Retzlaff until his prior commitments have been fulfilled.

As of July 13, 2000, I have no finished road on Sorel or the adjoining streets.

In summation, I have said it for years that I for one am extremely tired of developers and builders that look at Canton property with money in their eyes. They don't care about me, my family, my security or my safety!

These politicians need to be enlightened as to whether it is better to accommodate a few businessmen now for their short-term capital gain or to listen to the will of the residents for their long-term respect and support in building this township into the best community to live in western Wayne County.

Virgil Kirila
Canton

MEAP suit wrong

Observer columnist Mike Malott faults the ACLU in bringing suit against the MEAP maintaining the test discriminates on the basis of race and ethnicity. The ACLU often files suit wrongly as it has done once again.

Malott points out that the test does discriminate. It identifies the students who accomplished a great deal in the classroom and those who did not.

There may be a test (or some other measure) that can be designed that is more fair than the MEAP. But awarding "scholarships" on the basis of grade point average isn't the answer.

A student recording a 3.5 or a 3.8 average in one school may not be capa-

ble of accumulating a 2.5 in another. Education and grading vary widely not only between school districts, but between schools, between like classes in the same school, between classes taught by one teacher when classes are formed by ability. Isn't it true that many students in the state of Michigan who maintain 3-point and 3.5 averages fail the MEAP by a wide margin.

Scholarships used to be awarded to those who accomplished at a high level and showed great promise. Some other type of grant or aid can be developed to help those with less ability but consistently show effort in the classroom and need financial help.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

McNamara a plus

The recent letter by Melissa McLaughlin on the Internet Task Force (Canton Observer, July 13, Page A12) calls for a response.

Certainly that group is doing a very worthwhile task in catching predators on the Internet. Sheriff Robert Ficano deserves support in this effort.

My understanding is that the sheriff's budget has not been cut and in fact has been increased for the next fiscal year. This was reported in comments by Mike Duggan at a recent candidates' night.

Ed McNamara took over a county government that was having payless paydays. He has improved operations considerably and kept taxes low while improving the county's bond rating.

Ms. McLaughlin is the one introducing negative politics into this situation by her negative attack on McNamara. McNamara has imposed discipline on administrators by requiring them to operate within their means.

Most voters of Western Wayne and Canton Township know they have been well served by Sheriff Ficano and County Executive Ed McNamara. Ms. McLaughlin should know that, too.

Thomas Murphy Hartnett
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Half-mill tax would preserve Michigan's crown jewels

After years of inconclusive bickering, a serious plan for collaborative support of the arts and education in southeastern Michigan is finally about to come off the drawing board.

The idea is to add a half mill to the property tax in Oakland and Wayne counties and in Detroit. This would raise something like \$36 million annually, with \$24 million going to support 14 major regional cultural institutions such as the Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Meadow Brook Hall and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Local cultural and recreational groups in the respective counties would split \$12 million among themselves.

In return for stabilized funding - remember, state support was slashed in the 1980s and never replaced - the cultural institutions will reduce attendance fees and develop all kinds of free educational programs for kids. More than 1.2 million children visited our major cultural institutions in 1998. I still remember the astonishment on my son's face as we came out of the Van Gogh portrait exhibition at the DIA earlier this year.

Area voters will get to decide one way or the other in November if the Oakland and Wayne County Boards of Commissioners vote to put the measure on the ballot and the Detroit City Council accepts the articles of incorporation. Most observers figured the toughest nut to crack was Oakland. The board's Republican caucus met last week, and Frank Provenzano, who covers arts and culture for this newspaper, says it looks likely they'll vote in August to put the measure on the ballot.

Lots of folks - not all of them anti-tax zealots, either - will grump about yet another tax burden. But before you join the chorus, consider:

- Half a mill on a home assessed at \$150,000 would come to \$37.50 per year additional tax. That's \$3.12 per month or around 10 cents a day. Is that too much to ensure the survival and progress of some of Michigan's crown jewels?

- Cultural institutions in southeastern Michigan help the economy because they are a big tourist draw. In just two months in 1999, the State of Michigan received more than 50,000 requests for information on cultural tourism, far more than other categories.

- Places like the DIA, Greenfield Village and Meadow Brook Hall are hardly reserved for the hoity-toity elite. Attendance at the area's regional

cultural institutions runs to more than 8 million annually. A recent survey indicated more than three-fourths of Oakland County residents said they visited at least one last year.

In my mind, however, the biggest selling point has to do with improving the quality of life in Michigan and, consequently, our ability to attract the highly skilled workers we need to keep our economy growing.

Business leaders - not to mention anybody who's tried to hire anybody who can do much more than draw breath - all agree: The biggest barrier to economic progress in Michigan is the lack of skilled workers, especially those with high-tech training. Especially for highly educated young people, the traditional knock on Michigan has been that it's a cultural wasteland with job opportunities limited to bolting fenders on cars.

Lack of skilled workers is such a big problem that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the state's nationally ranked economic development outfit, recently decided to devote its entire \$5 million advertising budget to promoting job and cultural opportunities in Michigan. The

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campaign is running in upper Midwest media markets such as Chicago, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. First results are roughly triple expectations.

Anybody who's tried to recruit workers from out of town knows how impressed - astonished, even - they are at the cultural resources in southeastern Michigan. Finding ways to preserve them and to increase their educational outreach to children is a key part of helping our economy grow and prosper.

The Oakland and Wayne County Boards of Commissioners should give their approval to put this proposal on the ballot. If they do, I wouldn't be surprised that area voters give it a careful and fair-minded look.

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Freedom of religion doesn't equate to forced public prayer

Michigan never has had government-sanctioned school prayer. We're not missing anything, especially in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that a Texas public school district violated the Constitution by establishing a form of evangelical Protestantism as school policy.

You can pray in public school here. Kids do it all the time. It's how I got through advanced math. Just don't ask for governmental sponsorship.

Denunciations of the June 20 Supreme Court decision in Santa Fe School District versus "Doe" were very fast and even more furious. The gist was that the court majority was somehow hostile to religion. The charge was blatantly false.

The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that Santa Fe's pre-football game prayers were far from voluntary and private. The majority wasn't fooled by the school's sham that "allows only one student, the same student for the entire season, to give the invocation ... on school property, at school-sponsored events, over the school's public address system, by a speaker representing the student body, under the supervision of school faculty, and pursuant to a school policy that explicitly and implicitly encourages public prayer."

Santa Fe's case was handled not by school district attorneys but by TV evangelist Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice.

It wasn't a gang of secular humanists, the godless American Civil Liberties Union or the heathen Unitarians trying to gag the Christian faithful - far from it. God-fearing people went to court to avoid having government cram fundamentalism down their throats, in public, at taxpayer expense.

The plaintiff - the party using the district to halt football prayer - is called "Doe" in court records. It consists of a Catholic family and a Mormon family. They needed the "Doe" name to avoid retaliation from a hostile fundamentalist Protestant community.

And it is a hostile community. A Baptist teacher had to be reprimanded for belittling a Mormon girl's faith in class, according to a wire service. The Houston Chronicle reported three Santa Fe High scholars face misdemeanor charges for threatening, on a school bus, to hang a Jewish boy. The lawyer for "Doe" has asked the local federal court to retain oversight of the case

to ensure school officials keep kids from harassing their classmates, the Chronicle reported.

Consider the way Catholic kids are taught to pray. They listen to an appointed authority figure - a priest or nun. They don't elect their prayer leaders. They make the sign of the cross. They go in for ritual prayers like "Our Father," "Hail, Mary" and "Glory Be," not "non-sectarian" prayers of their own composition. A Catholic school football team may join hands in a brief prayer before kickoff, but it's not tacky enough to broadcast it over a public address system.

As a distinct minority in the Santa Fe district, the Catholic kids never could hope to elect the "chaplain" who would lead the prayer. Mormons, Jews and Muslims would have even a remoter chance.

In short, said the opinion written by Justice John Paul Stevens (a Republican appointee, by the way), Santa Fe's "majoritarian" policy "does not lessen the offense or isolation to the objectors (Catholic and Mormon families). At best it narrows their number; at worst increases their sense of isolation and affront."

Our highest court saw through Santa Fe's rationalization that a football game is merely an extracurricular, voluntary event. "There are some students, however, such as cheerleaders, members of the band, and, of course, the team members themselves, for whom seasonal commitments mandate their attendance, sometimes for class credit."

The court said a football game is a big, inter-generational, community event, and kids shouldn't have to skip such a gathering to avoid "facing a personally offensive religious ritual."

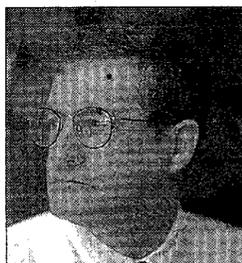
The court found the Santa Fe situation clearly was a case of a governmentally-established religion, in violation of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment which guarantees "the free exercise" of religion but prohibits an "established" religion.

Political footnote 1: Signing the dissent was Justice Antonin Scalia, the darling of the Federalist Society of which five Michigan Supreme Court justices are members.

Political footnote 2: Texas Gov. George Bush, the Dixiecrat masquerading as a Republican, joined the case on behalf of Santa Fe. He wants to be president so he can appoint more justices like Scalia. In 1991, Scalia dissented when the Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring the teaching of biblical "creationism" on an equal footing with evolution and genetics.

Freedom of religion? Hooray! But it stops when I use the power of government to jam my religion in your kids' face.

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Hugh Gallagher

Airport officials address problems plaguing Metro

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about what a bad impression DTW made as a gateway to Detroit. A conversation with a couple from New York opened a flood of uncomplimentary comments about the airport and its primary airline, Northwest.

This wasn't an isolated case of a couple who had encountered the airport or Northwest on a bad day. This has been the general view of things for the last several years.

I wasn't surprised when I received a phone call from Brian Lassaline of the airports' external affairs department inviting me to come take a look at what's happening at the airport and talk with Airports Director Lester Robinson. Ironically, his call was made the day after an article appeared in the Wall Street Journal by legendary ad man Jerry Della Femina calling DTW the world's "second worst airport after Calcutta, which has snakes."

It was certainly time for the airport to make its case, if not for the present at least for the future.

What's most encouraging is that the airport management understands they have a problem. Last fall, several television ads featured former airports director Dave Katz taking his share of humorous abuse about airport problems. The airport is currently running radio ads with the same theme - sure things have been less than perfect, but they're getting better every day.

A poster at an information center is full of comments from airport users, all negative and all indicative of what we have experienced at Metro. The point is that Metro understands and that's why a \$2 billion capital improvement program is under way to make America's fifth busiest airport a worthy entry to the Motor City. The program includes a fourth parallel runway, a south access road that will allow entry from I-275 and, most importantly, a new 74-gate Midfield Terminal, which will offer more destinations and open up some competition for Northwest. The new terminal will come with a variety of restaurants and retail shops and a people mover running the mile-long length of the terminal.

The new terminal isn't scheduled to open until December of 2001, but the airport has already begun to be more customer friendly. Customer service representatives in green vests are strategically situated around the terminals to answer questions and solve problems (trained by the Disney Institute). Rest rooms are being refurbished and

new "family rest rooms" are being added. A section has been set aside for business users with computers and fax machines. A new concourse was opened last year that provides more gates for low-cost airlines Southwest and Spirit.

The Observer has been covering these improvements and will continue to cover them as we know many of our readers are fliers and because the airport is a public facility.

And no one understands that better than the new director. Lester Robinson is a number's guy, a CPA who has held numerous financial positions in government and private, including a previous stint at the airport as deputy director. He's a pleasant man with a ready command of information and a disarming honesty about the accumulating problems.

"Northwest was three years too late in coming to agreement on an expansion," Robinson said. "We tried to get them to the table."

But, Robinson said, having Northwest as a hub has been beneficial to the city. He said cities without hub airlines offer far fewer options to their customers. He said Northwest's domination at Metro is similar to that of American and United at Chicago O'Hare or Delta at Atlanta. The hub concept is here to stay and the best thing is to work together with the airline to provide the best service possible.

And competition has already improved with the new gates for Southwest and Spirit. Robinson said competition will not come from the other major domestic airlines, which have their own hubs, but from the smaller, low-cost providers that will take gates in the older Davey terminal, which will be redesigned when Northwest moves to the Midfield Terminal.

Next week, we'll take a hardhat tour of the Midfield Terminal.

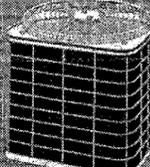
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Groups debate pros-cons of voucher ballot proposal

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Vouchers are needed to help students trapped in "low performing school districts" who can't wait years for education reforms to begin to work, according to proponents.

"To the parent of a seventh grader, an eighth grader, a ninth grader, am I willing to say to those parents that their kids don't matter, they should just wait a little longer, give us time to fix the system?" asked Anita Nelan, senior strategic advisor for the Kids First! Yes! campaign. That's the organization that sponsored the petition drive to place the amendment to the state constitution on the ballot in the November election creating vouchers, known as Opportunity Scholarships.

"No, I'm not willing to say that to any parent in this state. We need to give those parents some help. They deserve to be able to do what's best for their kids," Nelan concluded.

But Brian Whiston, a spokesman for All Kids First, the organization which is opposing passage of the amendment, says it won't address the problem.

"We've got a problem, and we've got a proposal that doesn't address that problem. And we've got research that clearly shows it doesn't improve the

educational experience," Whiston said. "So what is this really about? If this passes, I hope we get together again in about 10 years. What we would find is that of the 200,000 students whose parents choose to send them to private schools, about 75 to 80 percent would get their tuitions covered. So what we are really trying to do with this proposal is send money to parents who have made a choice to send their kids to private religious schools. What this proposal is really about is giving them money to help them pay for their tuition."

Whiston and Nelan addressed a gathering of editors and reports of the HomeTown Communications Network recently for a pro-con discussion of the proposal, which will appear on the ballot statewide in the Nov. 7 general election.

The amendment

Placed on the ballot by signature petition, the amendment if approved by voters would create a voucher program in school districts where there is a graduation rate under two-thirds during the 1998-99 school year. Districts that drop below that rate in later years would not be included, although the proposal does allow residents of any school district to petition for the creation of a voucher program.

The vouchers would allow students in those districts to take \$3,150 in public money to apply to tuition at any public or private school.

Any school accepting the "Opportunity Scholarships" would be required to have its teachers tested for competency. Public, charter and private schools would all be required to conduct teacher testing.

The amendment would also provide guarantees that funding to public schools not drop in future years from the levels allocated in the year 2000.

It also strikes language from the Michigan Constitution that prohibits tuition tax credits. The legislature would be able to implement such a credit.

Nelan, a Democrat who is the former vice president of the Women's Political Caucus, an official of the NAACP and a long time reformer of public schools, spoke on behalf of voucher proponents.

She told of how she became involved in school reform. She has no children of her own, but her goddaughter lived with her for three years and attended Detroit public schools.

She became dissatisfied with the district when a teacher told her that the child "already knows all that I have to teach her, so if she would just spend the rest of this year learning to

stay in her seat, we would all be ahead of the game." Nelan said she was eventually able to move her youngster into a private school.

Nelan said she supports the state take over of the Detroit system, but officials there project it will take seven to 10 years to turn the upper elementary grades around.

"This is not frills and floss. This is not for rich people. This program is designed for those people who truly have no alternative," she said.

Look at research

Whiston, speaking on behalf of All Kids First - a coalition of groups opposed to the voucher proposal - comes from an educational background. He is the legislative affairs director at Oakland Schools and president of the Waterford schools board of education. He is also a Catholic on the board of his local church, St. Perpetua in Waterford. He opposes the voucher plan despite its popularity with local Catholics.

"When you adopt a proposal, you ought to look at the research. What does the research tell about vouchers when they have been used in other states?" Whiston asked. "Well, it tells you that parents are generally more pleased when they have vouchers, but it does

not show any test score or student achievement improvement. There is no research that shows that there is less drop out."

If districts are targeted for having high dropout rates, Whiston contended the amendment will not address the problem.

The main indicators of youngster who are likely to drop out, Whiston said, are reading behind grade level, being held back a year or more, lower socioeconomic status, and poor attendance.

"How does giving them a piece of paper to allow them to go to another school impact the reasons for dropping out? I think this is a solution that doesn't address what ills public education. I'm not here to defend the status quo. I'm here to tell you that public education is good and getting better. And we need to keep going."

Whiston argues that the cost to the state will be about \$600 million, \$3,000 for each of the 200,000 he estimates are already attending private schools.

"I assure you the legislature is not going to increase taxes, so we are going to have to cut funding for our neighborhood schools," he said, "which may not lose any kids under vouchers, which means higher class sizes and cuts to programs. So how have we helped them by putting them in a situation where all the

research shows it hurts their educational experience."

Nelan countered that the cost to the state will be much less, only \$60 million. And she said she believes the state budget surplus can cover those costs.

Who benefits?

The two groups strongly differ over which school districts would be included.

Whiston estimates about 12 to 15 school districts will be under the two-thirds threshold. And when the numbers are finalized later this year, he said he's not sure Detroit will be in that count.

"From the two years that we have data, there are about 37 districts on both lists," Nelan countered. "There are about 15 districts that have been below two-thirds for both of those years. We are fairly certain those districts will be touched. There are some districts that are on the bubble. We will know probably in September as to who is on the list. And let me assure you that Detroit will be on the list."

Another concern for Whiston is that private schools would not be subject to the accountability and reporting statutes that public schools are, despite the fact they'll be using public money. Among the laws they would still be exempt from is the FOI and the Open Meetings Act.

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Don't be a push over, be a parent

In an average neighborhood, where an average family lived, a subtle but unsettling story unfolded one summer. The Jones family had five kids. The older children were forced to toe the line on all counts. The last child was eight years younger than number four and lived a privileged life by comparison to what her brothers and sisters had grown up with.

Mom and dad admitted that by the time "Melanie" came along, they had worn out and didn't have the stamina to set down the same rules for her. Where the older kids had shared an old Buick station wagon during their teen years, Melanie was given a spanking new Ford Escort for her 16th birthday. The older sibs just rolled their eyes. "Boy is she spoiled," they commented to their parents.

"Yeah, we know," admitted mom. But nothing changed.

Then the parents decided to buy a summer cottage. All the older children were ecstatic because they could bring their families up for long weekends and vacations. But not Melanie ... she didn't want to be away from her friends during the summer. She balked while whining, "I don't want to go to the cottage. I want to stay at home."

"No, Melanie," dad answered in his sternest voice. "You cannot stay at home by yourself." But nothing changed. Melanie's torturous grumbling won out. She did get to stay home by herself.

One evening Melanie could be observed gearing up for what appeared to be a large get-together. A gaggle of teens assembled, bringing in great volumes of beer while toting cigarettes in their hands.

A few days later a neighbor approached the dad and commented about the scene he'd viewed from a distance ... but nothing changed. As soon as the parents left for their summer cottage, Melanie's entourage of friends would appear. Some nights brought only one suitor who stayed the night. During the day Melanie could be seen pacing the garage, talking on the "portable," with a cigarette hanging out of her mouth and a beer in her hand.

Her siblings were soon remarking that she always seemed stressed and on edge. "Is Melanie happy?" they asked their parents.

"I think so," said mom. But nothing changed.

And so it is ... in so many average households, where average people live. One might wonder why parents don't wake up and smell the coffee, and yet denial's a strong force.

In a recent Time Magazine article (July 3, 2000) entitled, "Paging all Parents" the writer challenged parents to look at the new data that recently came out saying parents are not involved with their children's education, which in turn causes a decline in behavior and academic success. How about one step further? Not involved with their children, period.

David Elkind, noted author and professor of child development at Tufts University, commented that for parents, there's a "time famine."

"Jobs are becoming more and more demanding, and when something has to give, it may well be involvement with kids' schooling."

Though Elkind's comments were directed to school success, he firmly believes that involved, consistent parents have generally more successful children. The dismal statistics need to be reiterated again:

Ninety-two percent of parents feel they are very interested in what their kids are doing in school, and yet 24 percent of kids (ages 9 to 14) feel their parents show little or no interest in what they are doing in school (Penn, Schoen & Berland).

But maybe Melanie's parents learned these lessons later ... when she ended up in a residential drug treatment program. Hope so.

To read the Time Magazine article visit www.time.com/time/magazine/articles/0,3266,48095,00.html

Jacquie Martin-Downs can receive e-mail at downsj@mail.resa.net

Businesses make having a 'Happy Birthday' amusing



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Ernest parents eager to put the "happy" in their children's birthday are hosting parties at restaurants, roller skating rinks, laser game halls and even hotels.

But some parents believe a backyard wing ding with cake, ice cream and pin the tail on the donkey is best.

Connor Seay, 7, of Livonia had his birthday party at Merri-Rowl in Livonia this year. He celebrated his fifth birthday at Chuck E. Cheese's in Canton.

The bowling party was "fun, because I really don't get to bowl a lot," Connor said, explaining that the party at Chuck E. Cheese (www.chuckecheese.com) was "great." There's something for every age group at the mini-amusement park, including a play structure and small rides for toddlers, infants and younger kids, and an arcade and games that give out tickets to buy small prizes.

Pizza, salad, beer and wine are also available. Mary Chase, co-manager of Caesarland in Westland, said the popular kids entertainment venue hosts an average of 40 to 50 birthday parties a week for children mostly between the ages of 5 and 10.

"We have a lot of 1 year olds, too, for their first birthday party," Chase said.

Caesarland supplies everything but the cake. Their party package includes table decorations, balloon bouquet, unlimited pop and a visit from Caesarman. The birthday boy or girl and their guests receive gifts. Children play games to win tickets redeemable for small prizes. Caesarland offers a play structure, small rides and an arcade. The cost for a birthday party is \$8.29 per child.

"A lot of adults bring their kids and they play the arcade while the kids are doing their stuff," Chase said. "The parents are very pleased because mom doesn't have to do any work." When pressed to explain why he had such a good time at his parties, Connor put the party planning craze into perspective: "I really liked the gifts."

His mom, Lynne, preferred the bowling party because it was less hectic. Parents like the carefree approach to laser gun parties, too.

Worry-free

"What's so nice about our parties is that we offer them a worry-free party," said Gaz Ismail, general manager and shareholder of Zap Zone Laser Tag, which has locations in Canton, Farmington, and Ann Arbor. Hand a group of kids laser guns, let them chase their friends in a dark room and you can be sure your party will be a hit.

In fact, birthday parties are 90 percent of the company's business. Most of the kids are 6 to 13 years old. Laser tag is most popular among 8 and 9 years old, Ismail said. A 20-minute game begins as soon as the children arrive. The pizza is ready to eat when they come out, and when they're done they play a second game. That's followed by cake and ice cream and presents for the birthday person.

"Why moms like Zap Zone so much is that they can come to our parties and just bring the cake," Ismail said.

The two-game package is \$10 per child and the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Celebrate: Danielle Aaltonen, (top photo) celebrating her second birthday, attempts to blow her candles out, with help from mom Kathy, at Chuck E. Cheese on Ford Road in Canton. Above, Mackenzie Dixon (right) celebrates her fifth birthday at Bee's Knees in Northville in June. Joining her at left is Danielle Leist, 9½, Emma Parker, 4, and Abby Cieslik, 5. The quartet, from Plymouth, chose to celebrate creatively at the ceramic shop.

three-game package is \$15 per person, which also includes pizza, pop and the party room.

The sports-minded party-giver goes to places like Soccerzone in Novi and roller skating at Skatin' Station II in Canton. Soccerzone hosts an average of two birthday parties weekly, usually for boys and girls between 7 and 12 years old, according to assistant manager Dave Fontaine. Kids have a choice to play soccer or hockey. The party package includes invitations, 15 drinks and the birthday child gets a T-shirt.

"With the kids playing so much soccer and hockey it's more appealing to them and to all be playing together for an hour is something they enjoy," Fontaine said.

Skatin' Station II in Canton attracts birthday parties for kids usually ranging in age from 5 to 15. The video games and big screen televisions lure the older kids, according to Denise Koziara, event coordinator. Birthday parties are generally held during open public skating Friday-Sunday.

The cost is \$85 for a minimum of 10 guests, which includes invitations, admission, skate rental, a slice of pizza, a soft drink and an ice cream cup. The birthday child receives a Roller Roo, a stuffed animal replica of the birthday mascot.

Artistic option

You don't have to be a kid to enjoy a birthday party

at Bee's Knees in Northville, according to owner Linda Langston. Guests paint ceramic pieces that are glazed and fired in a kiln. "We organize birthday parties however customers would like them organized," Langston said. "We've done little kids up to adults and typically they'll paint for an hour. The parent brings in the pizza, cake and food."

A Bee's Knees employee is on hand throughout the party to offer ideas and to help in anyway that's needed. Customers bring in their own paper products and food.

"We attract creative type people," Langston said. "They have a lasting memory of the party and something they can use once the party is over and done. A lot of children will do small trinket boxes and a lot of times parents will paint with them and make a special birthday plate, or a picture frame and take a picture of the children and put it in."

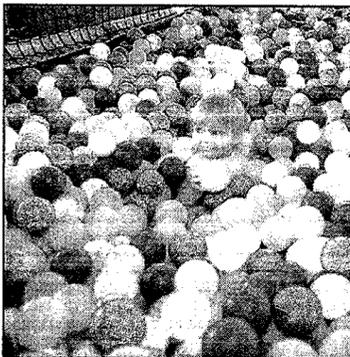
The ceramic pieces are available one week later. For groups of at least four, the cost is \$4 an hour per person plus the cost of the bisque, which starts at \$3 each.

Home parties

Many parents find success in throwing parties at home. They pick a theme and apply it to the paper products, party games and decorations. A lot can be done without hiring a magician or giving your child a pony for the day. Face paint, temporary tattoos, water balloons and piñatas add life to the parties.

Linda Ferrara of Livonia has tried outside and home birthday parties for her three sons, Adam, 6, John, 4 and Eric, 2. She prefers home parties.

"The kids have a great time helping to decorate and plan the games and they don't have to eliminate people based on maximums and minimums. There's no time constraints if the best friends want to hang around."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Fun: Danielle plays in the plastic ballroom area.

tion, skate rental, a slice of pizza, a soft drink and an ice cream cup. The birthday child receives a Roller Roo, a stuffed animal replica of the birthday mascot.

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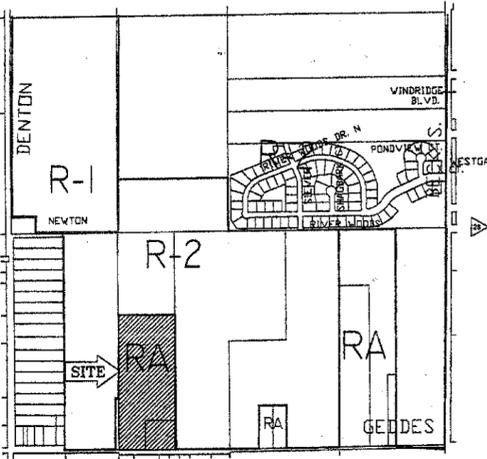
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

FRASER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, (22 ACRES) AND R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2.5 ACRES). Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 29

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 10, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 11, 2000

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to return to open session at 7:00 p.m.
A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Kirchgatter
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Tom Casari, Debbie Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of June 27, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
Motion by LaJoy, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of July 11, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 584,758.11
Fire Fund	206	\$ 45,654.79
Police Fund	207	\$ 138,671.63
Summit Operating	208	\$ 81,443.08
Golf Fund	211	\$ 234,896.19
Street Lighting	219	\$ 16,616.58
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 6,217.04
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 37,202.40
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 341.94
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 4,645.72
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 47,107.09
Downtown Dev Authority	294	\$ 61,729.40
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 10,974.81
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403	\$ 1,105.00
Bldg. Auth. Construction	469	\$ 301,952.93
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 190,305.89
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 6,759.00
Total - All Funds		\$1,770,372.60

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt recommend approval of the property combinations for the parcels identified by Tax ID#s: 060-01-0607-000, 060-01-0608-000, 060-01-0693-000, 060-01-0694-000 and 060-01-0695-000, McIntyre Gardens Subdivision No. 1, as requested by the property owner, Mr. Richard Pringle, Jr. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Detroit Edison easement for parcel number 036-99-0009-701. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to amend the original motion for Architect and Engineering Services for the Canton Softball Center Pavilion/Restroom/Landscaping Project to Cityscape Architect in the lump sum amount of \$1,300.00 to increase the total contract to \$32,300.00. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a resolution approving the site plan for Extended Stay America. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a resolution approving the site plan for Ramz Plaza Automobile Filling Station, Shopping center and Mini-Warehouse. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a resolution to amend the Fairwood Amendment to Mocerri Consent Judgment. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize a purchase of one (1) 2000 Ford Explorer, 4 door, 4 wheel drive vehicle for a payment of \$26,500.00 Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for this purchase. Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$21,700

Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay - Engineering Svc #101-447-977-0000 \$21,700

This budget amendment increases the Engineering Services Department budget from \$1,016,809.00 to \$1,038,509.00 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,707,063.00 to \$18,728,763.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the community's tree planting program be expanded to (1) include planting trees within the road right-of-way of participating businesses and (2) Schools located within Canton. Motion carried by all members present.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held on July 11, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of July 25, 2000.

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CHILDREN

Memories just bounce off the walls when viewing the display of children's books, "From Potter to Potter," at the University of Michigan's Hatcher Graduate Library.

From classics to notable authors and book awards, the exhibit's colorful collection of books, their jackets and illustrations conjures memories of summers past when a book could provide transportation to other places and times.

"The themes of children's classics, like the themes of adult fiction, are valid through generations," says Denise Schoene, resource coordinator for the U-M Social Sciences Library.

Why does a university library have a children's book collection? Originally to support its studies in elementary education and library sciences. But now due to purchases and donations from private collections, the library's collection has grown and evolved into an extensive and expansive collection numbering into the thousands based on historical works, works available for circulation and those designated to the University's "Special Collections."

Studies can be made by considering the illustrators, bindings, printers, correspondences and original artwork as well as

authors.

Early children's books began with a flurry of publications in England in the mid-1700s. Innovations in the printing press made publishing cheaper and allowed more illustrations, says Marilene DeRitis, a technical library assistant at U-M. A 1742 publication of a rhyming alphabet encouraged children to cut out letters. The first collection of nursery rhymes appeared in 1744, the same year John Newberry published the "Little Pretty Pocket Book" which set the standard for publishing popular children's books with great commercial success.

Among the works displayed are some modern children's books. "The importance of reading as a key to scholastic success," says Schoene, "is on of the catalysts to a broadened and enhanced children's book market." Schoene also attributes some of the success of children's book to various themes such as diversity, problems of modern life, interesting non-fiction, as well as film tie-ins, and books in the form of toys.

"The concept of what is suitable for children has changed quite a bit," Schoene says. "But the idea is not so different — there should be books for children that entertain and educate. With this has come the attempt to sell books to children as consumers, as parents probably are aware."

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Marilene DeRitis
—Technical library assistant

Known as an author of adult novels, short stories, essays and poetry, John Updike also wrote an award-winning children's book and adapted other works such as "Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' and Wagner's 'The Ring' for children. New Yorker cartoonist William Steig has also written for children, writing and/or illustrating nearly 30 children's books for which he has received numerous awards, including the Caldecott Medal.

From the beginning of the 20th century until well into the 1960s and 70s, hundreds of popular juvenile mysteries and adventure stories were published each year by Carolyn Keene and Franklin W. Dixon as well as other writers from the Edward Stratemeyer Author Syndicate. These authors were paid about \$125 per volume,

says Rebecca Dunkle, a librarian at U-M. These authors, under collective pseudonyms, produced such series as Tom Swift, the Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew and the Bobbsey Twins, among many others.

Updated Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew series are still being produced today.

John Steptoe was amazed that there were no books being written in the dialogue of black children. He changed this with his first book "Stevie," published when Steptoe was only 19. Before his death at 38, he wrote and illustrated more than a dozen well-liked and award-winning children's books.

Local accolades

Michigan awards two prizes each year. The Thumb's Up Award is presented by the Michigan Library Association to single out excellence and uniqueness in young adult literature. The other is a new award begun in 1999 called the Mitten Award. This award is determined by children's librarians of the Michigan Library Association.

"Potter to Potter" will continue through August and is located in the North entrance to the Hatcher Graduate Library on U-M's Central Campus. Admission is free. The exhibit can be viewed Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m. to midnight.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

ELEGANT CANDLES/ACCESSORIES
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (26431 W. Chicago) in Redford welcomes the public to join the church for coffee after the service at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30 and enjoy a display of beautiful candles and distinctive holders, scones, stands and lanterns. Plan an order for your- self, family and friends and enjoy the many benefits of candlelight.

MEMORY WALK 2000
The 9th Annual Memory Walk is a 2K fun walk to benefit the Detroit Area chapter of the

Alzheimer's Association. The Memory Walk is the official fund-raising event of the Alzheimer's Association. The event will begin with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at The Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

NORTHWOODS RIDE
Join Harley-Davidson owners at the 5th Annual Michigan Northwoods Ride Sept. 9 at Crystal Mountain resort. A scenic tour under Michigan State Police escort will begin and end at Crystal Mountain in Benzie County with food, entertainment and festivities.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

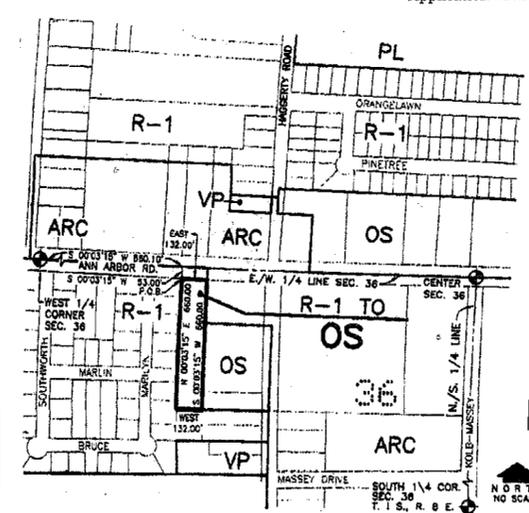
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO REZONE TO: OS - OFFICE SERVICES DISTRICT
DATE OF HEARING: AUGUST 16, 2000
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to OS, "OFFICE SERVICES" District. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.
Application #1629



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 36, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, RUNNING THENCE EAST ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 860.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°03'15" WEST, 53.00 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, RUNNING THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF ANN ARBOR ROAD 132.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°03'15" WEST 660.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 08°03'15" EAST, 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 119 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
EFFECTIVE DATE _____

TAX OD MP/ R78-065-99-0003-00

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE UNLECT PATRIOT ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2000, PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the Patriot Electronic Voting System will take place at 2:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 27, 2000, in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the Primary Election scheduled for August 8, 2000. Phone # 354-3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

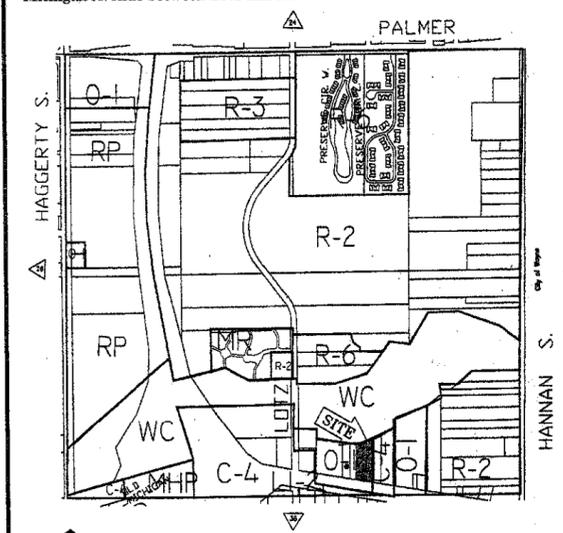
MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PATEL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 110 99 0016 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO C-4, INTERCHANGE SERVICE. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 25

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 10, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zakrzewski

Tom and Theresa (Borycki) Zakrzewski will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month.

The Livonia couple wed on July 8, 1950 at St. Cunegunda in Detroit and have lived in the area since 1986. Tom worked at Friend of the Court in Detroit and has been retired for five years. Theresa retired nine years ago from Wayne County Schools.

Tom now volunteers with Meals on Wheels and Theresa volunteers for Angela Hospice.

The couple's six children are Susan, Margaret, Basia, Anne, Mary and Tommy. The family also includes four grandchildren.



To celebrate the occasion, the family will gather for a mass and party at St. Aidan's Church in Livonia.

Broderick

Donald and Sheila (O'Sullivan) Broderick of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2000.

The couple wed on June 25, 1960 at St. Mary's of Redford parish in Detroit. They presently belong to St. Aidan's Parish in Livonia.

The Brodericks have two children, Colleen (Kevin) McClorey of Novi and Brian (Donna) Broderick of Plymouth Township.

Donald Broderick is an attorney-referee at Friend of the Court for the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court. His wife, Sheila, is a



retired elementary school teacher from the Southfield Public Schools.

The Brodericks celebrated with friends and family at their daughter's Novi home.

Sine-Fsadni

Antoinette Sine and Grandma Lottie Pokrzywnicki of St. Clair Shores announce the marriage of Suzanne Sine to Patrick Fsadni.

The bride works for Dr. Kissel in Madison Heights. Her husband, son of Frank and Cynthia Fsadni of Livonia, is employed at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich.

The couple wed on June 17 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church before the Rev. Aaron B. Zull. The bride was attended by her sisters, Dawn Heaney and Cindy Polisia; the groom's sister, Jacqueline Fsadni; Sharon Norton and flower girl Racheal Heaney.

The groom was attended by Larry Smith Jr., the bride's brother Eric Sine and the groom's cousins Tony Fsadni and Ian Rowland. Ushers included Brian Kwiatkowski, Ryan Andruskiewicz, and Jacob Heaney was the ring-bearer.

Wedding guests included the groom's grandmother, Laura



Fsadni of Sabastian, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Iskra; Mr. and Mrs. David Stone of Houston, Texas; Sandra (Douglas Rolph) Bow of New Hampshire; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rowland of Vanderbilt, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. George Rowland of Vanderbilt, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Durbin of Elk River, Minn.

The couple received guests at Van Dyke Park Suite Hotel in Warren and took a trip to northern Michigan. They will make their home in Madison Heights.

Game

Cameron and Alice (Wasson) Game of Livonia celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today. The couple wed on July 20, 1940 at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Detroit.

Having lived in the Livonia area for 47 years, they have one son, Michael Dennis Game. He is also a Livonia resident.

Cameron Game retired from his job at Stark Hickey Ford 17 years ago. The couple have been members of the Livonia Elks for 27 years and enjoy golf, playing the organ and dancing.

The Games will celebrate the special occasion with a visit to



Mackinac Island, golfing and a train trip.

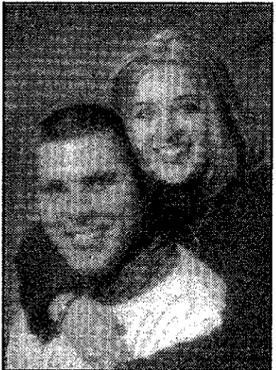
Orlewicz-Chichila

Dennis and Cheryl Orlewicz of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Christine, to Christopher Steven Chichila of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is graduated from Madonna University where she earned her bachelor's degree in English and teaching certificate. She teaches kindergarten for Livonia Public Schools and is working on obtaining a master's degree in learning disabilities.

Her fiancé, son of Lawrence and Pamela Chichila of Livonia, is finishing his bachelor's degree in teaching at Madonna University, where his major is history and his minor is social studies.

An August wedding is planned



at Northville Christian Assembly.

Weir-Tyler

Karl A. Kittsteiner and Yvonne Gaul-Weir announce the engagement of their mother, Brenda Weir, to Charles Tyler.

The bride-to-be is employed with Dr. Joseph J. Weiss. Her fiancé, father of Aimee Tyler, works for Detroit Edison.

An August wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian of Northville.



Miller-Shapiro

James and Evelyn Miller are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Marie, to Adam Bret Shapiro, the son of Michael and Paula Shapiro of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in communication. She works as a sales manager for Toll Brothers.

Her fiancé, a Farmington Hills resident, is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in communication. He is a district sales manager for ADP.



A July wedding is planned at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

Donaldson-Ernst

Dave and Norma Donaldson of Novi announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea Lynne to Christopher Stephen Ernst, son of Steve and Judy Ernst of Franklin.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School. She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Central Michigan University in 1994 and is employed by the state of Michigan as a probation officer.

Her fiancé graduated in 1992 from Birmingham Groves High School. He received his bachelor's degree in market management in 1996 from Northwood University and is currently



employed at Morrell in automotive sales.

A July wedding is planned.

Finkbeiner-Timmerman

Barbara M. and Richard C. Oury of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Susan Marie Finkbeiner, to Michael James Timmerman of Garden City.

The bride-to-be graduated from John Glenn High School in 1996. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in April 2000 with a bachelor's of science degree in education and is employed at Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Patricia Timmerman of Westland, graduated from John Glenn High School in 1996. He is attending Schoolcraft College in Canton.



in Livonia and is employed as an electronics technician for General Motors in Milford.

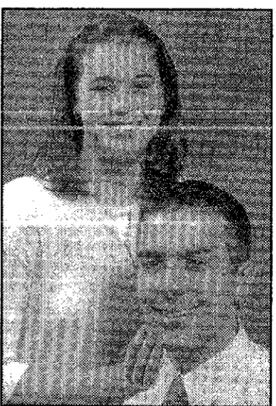
A July wedding is planned at St. John Neumann's Catholic Church in Canton.

England-Harrington

Bob and Jan England of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Deborah Lynn, to Jared Lee Harrington of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Baptist Park High School in Taylor and is a sophomore at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

Her fiancé, son of the Rev. Jerry and Maria Harrington of Livonia, is a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and a senior at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.



A July 22 wedding is planned at Northline Baptist Church in Taylor.

Kirk-Larson

Glenn David and Joyce Kirk of Lansing announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy R. Kirk, to Jeffrey K. Larson of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1987. She works at Medstat in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Ken and Brenda Larson of Chelsea, graduated from Chelsea High School in 1986 and from Central Michigan University in 1991. He works for the National Tech Team.

An August wedding is planned



at the First Presbyterian in Lansing.

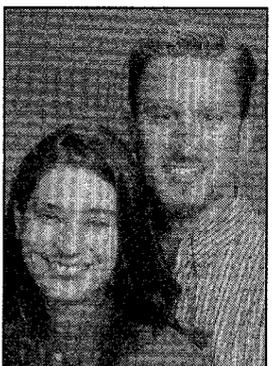
Greenman-Lowrie

Floyd and Mary Ann Greenman of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Jonathan L. Lowrie.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate who works for the Michigan Opera Theater and for EMI in Sterling Heights.

Her fiancé, son of John and Charlina Lowrie, is also a Western Michigan University graduate and is the vocal music director for Almont Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

An August wedding is planned.



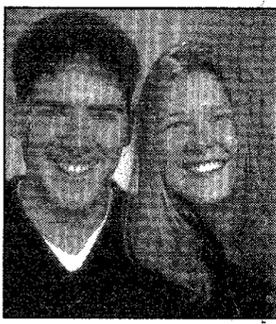
Konovaliv-Raab

Anthony and Susan Konovaliv of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine Susan, to Andrew John Raab, both of Stanford, Calif.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and earned a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in political science in 1996. She is a masters in education candidate at Stanford University Graduate School of Education. She expects to obtain her degree by June 2001. Prior to graduate school, she worked as an administrator in the undergraduate advising center.

Her husband, son of Sheldon and Judy Raab of Larchmont, N.Y., obtained his bachelor's degree at University of Michigan in political science and economics and is a candidate to receive his masters degree in business administration from Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Prior to attending school, he worked as an associate at Bain Capitol, a private equity firm in Boston.

The couple wed July 2 at



Michigan League in Ann Arbor before Ingrid Sheldon, mayor of Ann Arbor. The bride was attended by Ann Vernon, Lindsay Larson, Stacey Feldman, Betsy Raab, Christy Raab and Lauren Fox.

The groom was attended by Michael Raab, Carson Biederman, Erik Ragatz, Matt Paletz, Rob Mancini and Chris Konovaliv.

The couple received guests at Barton Hills Country Club. They will make their home in Stanford, while completing graduate school.

Couturier-Ramirez

Robert and Kathy Couturier of Canton announce marriage of their daughter, Stacey Lynn, to Eric A. Ramirez of Westland.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Her husband, son of Robert and Dolores Ramirez of Tipton, Mich. and Teresa and Tom DeLaura of Detroit, works for Northwest Airlines.

The couple wed May 20 at Paradise Cove in Hawaii. The bride and groom's families along with Maarla Denham of San Diego, Calif. made the trip to Hawaii and were in attendance. A Hawaiian reception was held in



Michigan upon the couple's return in June. They will make their home in Westland.

Szmansky-Komaromi

Edward and Judy Szmansky of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Michael Komaromi of Belleville.

The bride is an Eastern Michigan University graduate with a degree in elementary education. She works at Sylvan Learning Center as director of education.

Her husband, son of Joseph and Joanne Komaromi of Belleville, attends Eastern Michigan University and plans to graduate in May 2001 with a degree in secondary education. He also works at Sylvan Learning Center as a teacher.

The couple wed June 23 at First United Methodist Church in Northville before the Rev. Thomas M. Beagan. The bride was attended by Amy Warunek, Lauren Forsee, Gayle Banic, Cherie Shrader, Jennifer Ban and Teri Szmansky. Nicole Rushlow was the junior brides-



maid and Kate Partington was the flower girl.

The groom was attended by Chris Valinskim, Todd Yocum, Jeff Komaromi, Joe Komaromi, Rodney Komaromi and Mike Szmansky. Aaron Rushlow was the junior groomsmen and Nick Amis was ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor and are taking a wedding trip to Hawaii. They will make their home in Plymouth.

Stubbs-Douglas

Bob and Debbie Stubbs of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Nicole Lynn of Woodhaven, to Robert Stephen Douglas of Monroe July 22, 2000.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Garden City High School and earned her bachelor's degree in life management from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University. She is currently attending WSU in pursuit of a specialist degree and is a teacher at Trenton High School. She has coached volleyball for 12 years.

Her husband is a 1990 graduate of Monroe High School who earned his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics in 1994 from Alma College. He is pursuing a master's degree in physics education from Eastern Michigan University. He teaches physics and chemistry at Trenton High School.

The couple wed at First Presbyterian Church before Dean



and Ellen McGormley. The bride was attended by Jenny Franklin, Angie Lankford, Mary Pfau, Carrie Douglas, Danielle Pfeffer and Sharilee Hines. Jordan Franklin was the flower girl.

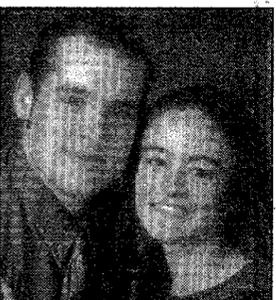
The groom was attended by Jeremy Evans, Tom Schweinart, Bobby Stubbs, Jason Simmons, Jeff Elkins, Rod Wakeham, ushers Rick Hester and Rick Beszko. The couple received guests in Southgate and are taking a wedding trip to Ireland, England and Scotland. They will make their home in Woodhaven.

Soter-Parsell

Jim and Patty Soter of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Rene, to Christopher David Parsell of Mt. Pleasant.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Central Michigan University and is pursuing a degree in sports studies. She is currently working at the Comfort Inn.

Her fiancé, son of David Parsell and Susun Kuznicki of Gaylord, is pursuing a degree in recreation at Central Michigan University. He works at the Soaring Eagle Resort.



An August wedding is planned at the St. Valentine Parish.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

TEEN PROGRAMS

■ Books & Bites Book Discussion will be held noon-1 p.m., Saturday, July 22, at the Canton Public Library. Discuss *Armageddon Summer* by Jane Yolen and Bruce Coville, while munching on pizza. Advance copies of the book and all munchies provided by the library. Young adult programs are designed for teens who are in the sixth grade or higher, or who are 12 or older. To register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999 or e-mail her at stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us.

CHILI COOK-OFF

■ If you like spicy food, the hottest ticket in town this summer is the fourth Unscheduled Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Saturday, July 22, at the Wayne County Fair. The fairgrounds are located at I-94 and Belleville Road (exit 190). Take the westbound service drive past the Cracker Barrel Restaurant to Quirk Road and make a right turn. The fairgrounds are 1/4 mile farther. The fair runs through July 23. Contest rules and applications are now available. Space is limited. For more information or to request registration forms, call Kay at (734) 697-9376 or Jill at (734) 525-7799.

EXOTIC BIRD EXHIBITION

■ The 15th Annual Exotic Bird Exhibition will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road (I-94 Exit 172) Ann Arbor. The exhibition will feature small and large birds, jewelry, artwork, cages, bird toys, playstands, raffles, bird food, T-shirts, and much more. Admission is \$3 for adults and children under 12 are free. Guests are not allowed to bring their pet birds into the show. Strollers and wagons are strongly discouraged due to heavy traffic. For more information, call Teri at (313) 563-3464 or Mary at (734) 326-0720.

FLEA MARKET

■ The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Flea Market 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Cherry Hill School. Cherry Hill School is located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Donations of clean, useful discards are needed for the society tables located in the school. Donations may be brought to the school 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. No clothing please. For table rental information, call (734) 981-1475.

AROUND TOWN

SUMMER ART CAMPS

■ D&M Studios presents a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Kids will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is now open. Camps run through Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are

several camps and different hours to choose from. Classes are held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, and the Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information or to register, call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER CONCERTS

■ The Plymouth Community Band is conducting its 40th year of outdoor summer concerts at 8 p.m. Thursdays through July 27 at Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. These free outdoor park concerts have become a traditional summer offering in Plymouth. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of easy listening music, guest performers and conductors. The Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, is a volunteer organization bringing a love of music and performing to the community. For more information, call Vickie Krause at (734) 455-9635.

SUMMER PROGRAM

■ Geneva Presbyterian Church offers a weekly session of service projects, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays through Aug. 16. The church is located at 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. Children ages pre-K (begin kindergarten this fall) through eighth grade completed are welcome. Preregistration is requested but not required. For more information, call (734) 459-0013.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION

■ The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age six and older) are invited. Adults must accompany those 6-11. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of meetings. For more information, call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

■ Dance classes combined with traditional camping experiences await young dancers ages 8-16 at the Michigan Dance Express Summer Dance Camp. The five-day overnight dance camp is held Sunday, July 23-Thursday, July 27, at Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Dancers will study a variety of dance subjects including ballet, tap, jazz, swing, modeling and more. Traditional camping activities such as campfires, hiking, swimming and games round out the days activities. For more information, call (734) 397-9755 or (313) 562-1203.

DISCOVERY CAMPS

■ Discovery Science Camps



Hand-I-work: Tony Smith of Canton breaks eight 1-inch thick concrete patio slabs during a taekwon do demonstration during this year's Liberty Fest at Heritage Park.

will be held 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 24-28 at Holmes School. Children will discover through hands-on experiments, creative thinking and explorations the excitement of this camp. Each child will dismantle a telephone and recreate a newly developed, working or non-working prototype and become familiar with scientific methods. On a daily basis, children will visit five centers, each run by a certified teacher. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt. This camp is open to students who are currently in grades 1-5 only. Cost is \$175 per student. Enrollment is limited to 85 students per week on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (734) 523-9277.

■ Summer camp sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council for students K-4, will be held 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4. Campers will explore sounds and meanings in music in this one-week camp conducted by certified teachers. They'll listen and try playing different instruments, learn how music is counted, how to read basic music, and play games based in music and

rhythm. Every student will create his or her own original instrument. Tuition is \$135. Make checks payable to Discovery Camps, P.O. Box 700312, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include child's name, address, phone number and fall grade. Enrollment is limited to 60 students. For other inquiries, e-mail at discoverycamps@mailcity.com.

FARMER'S MARKET

■ The Belleville Farmer's Market, sponsored by the city of Belleville, takes place Saturdays at 7 a.m. for the rest of the growing season in the parking lot behind the museum at 405 Main Street, downtown Belleville. Vendors are invited to bring their fresh produce and food items, as well as home-made baked goods and other home-made food products to sell. Vendors will be charged \$8 per day per stall. A vendors application form and additional information can be obtained by calling the city clerk's office at (734) 697-9323.

NURSERY SCHOOL

■ Creative Day Nursery School, located in Canton Township, has a few openings for its preschool program for the fall 2000 ses-

sions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering the following classes: Life Drawing Sessions, the third Friday of each month, July 21 and Aug. 18 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$9 a session (no instructor), observe for free, no registration necessary; SUMI-E: the Art of Black Ink Painting, Beginning Basic Brush; learn the fundamentals of Japanese SUMI-E painting. Students will learn and practice the four basic strokes and proper loading of the bamboo brush strokes to achieve variegated coloration; Saturday, July 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 and the instructor is Sandra Weed; Glycerin Soap Making, learn the essentials that will allow you to make more soap on your own. All materials are provided, but you may bring open type

cookie cutters, candy molds, food colors or frosting colors; use cut-out, stenciling, or collage techniques to create handmade treasures, Tuesday, July 25, 6-8 p.m., session fee \$8 and the instructor is Cara Okopy. For further information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

ART WORKSHOPS

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Whistle Stop Players Performing Arts Workshops. Second session dates are Aug. 14-18. The workshop runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 5-15. Bring a lunch and drink. Free show on Friday at 7 p.m. for family and friends. For further information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

TRAVEL SCHOOL

■ Conlin-Hallissey Travel School invites you to attend its Open House from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 3270 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Tour the facilities and get information on upcoming classes, to RSVP, call (734) 677-1562.

STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

■ Parents and their children are invited to experience free interactive 20-20 minute programs of storytelling, music, and interactive movement during "Story Time with Miss Karen." The next session will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Downtown Plymouth. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music of Canton. For more information or for a brochure, call (734) 455-4677.

POMPON CLINIC

■ The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes Varsity Pompon Squad will be sponsoring a Pompon Clinic for girls ages 8-14 to learn pom and dance routines. The clinic will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes a T-shirt and lunch. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrations. Registration forms are available in elementary and middle school principal's offices and at the Plymouth or Canton Library. For more information, call Debbie Custer at (734) 455-2812 or Lynn Rivers at (734) 416-1822.

A DAY AT OUR CAPITOL

■ Canton Historical Society presents "A Day at Our Capitol," 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. The tour location pickup is at Summit on the Park, on Palmer and Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$37 per person. The tour includes round trip transportation via deluxe highway motorcoach, restroom equipped; tours to the State Capitol Building, Michigan Historical Museum, and Michigan State University; and lunch at a

top East Lansing restaurant. For more information and for reservations, call Ronnie Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

DOWN SYNDROME

■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. For more information, call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

■ Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances, such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. For more information, call (734) 416-0315.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed, or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

DEAN'S LIST

Jordan Santos of Canton has been named to the Dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Western Michigan University. He also received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree on June 24. He is the son of Armando and Kathy Santos of Canton.

DEGREES

Christopher John Weaver of Canton received his Bachelor of Arts degree from DePauw University.

Janice Grant Brunner of Plymouth graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia, Pa. She is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Albion College. She received her J.D. degree. While at Penn, Janice was one of the editors of the Law Review. She is the daughter of Jack and Dorothy Grant of Plymouth.

Colleen V. Springer of Canton graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising. While at

MSU she was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the Michigan State Advertising Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Springer of Canton.

Kimberly Beechuk of Plymouth graduated with a Bachelor of Science Administration degree from Aquinas College. She is a 1996 graduate of Ladywood High School.

Nicole Denise Hrycyk of Canton graduated Summa Cum Laude from North Central College. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hrycyk of Canton.

The following Canton residents received their

bachelor of science degrees from Grand Valley State University: Lee M. Bonner, Denise N. Kroleczyk and Stephanie E. Layng.

Katherine R. McWhirter and Christopher M. Polidori of Canton received their bachelor of business administration degree from Grand Valley State University.

Holly R. Chwalek of Plymouth received her bachelor of science degree from Grand Valley State University.

Joshua W. Stickney of Plymouth received his bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degree from Grand Valley State University. He graduated cum laude.

CLASS REUNIONS

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

COOLEY
 ■ Class of 1958
 A reunion is planned for the weekend of Aug. 18, 19 and 20 over the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call Eva Randlett at (248) 851-6929.

CRESTWOOD
 ■ Class of 1970
 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 19 at Joy Manor (Joy Road between Inkster & Middlebelt). Event includes cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar, music and dancing. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Susan (Comstock) Johns (313) 277-1316 or e-mail Barbara (Sowa) Scully at bjscully@mediaone.net

DEARBORN FORDSON
 ■ Class of 1950
 50-year reunion is planned Aug. 5 at the Warren Valley Golf Club and Banquet Center. Call Ruben (313) 277-5624 or Gene (248) 645-5994.
 ■ Classes of 1960
 January and June classes will gather for a reunion Sept. 9 at Park Place. Call (313) 565-4322 or (248) 960-3671.

DEARBORN LOWREY
 ■ Class of 1960
 A 40-year reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Embassy Suite in Livonia (7 Mile Road and I-275). Cost is \$50 per person. Call Larry Krupa (734) 565-7893; Terry Lajovic (734) 728-7695 or e-mail Claudine Bacher at bacher@lear.com

DEARBORN HIGH
 ■ Class of 1960
 A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com
 ■ Class of 1980
 A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 from 5:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Fairlane Club. Call Mary Baker Cicala at (248) 347-4598 or visit their Web site at http://www.gbjann.com/dhs80/

DENBY
 ■ Class of 1952
 The January and June classes of 1952 are planning a 50-year reunion Sept. 28, 2002. Contact Bill Wogan at (248) 646-2178 (lubill111@aol.com) or Gordon Labuhn at (734) 676-9712 (boon21@hotmail.com)

DETROIT BENEDICTINE
 ■ Class of 1970
 A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Call Diane Reffner (734) 421-4783 or Teri Spiro (Guidot) (248) 626-8800.

DETROIT CENTER
 ■ Class of 1950
 First reunion of the millennium. Class of 1950 (January and June) will hold a 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Novi Double Tree. Call Dr. Martin Trotsky (248) 865-5012 or Rhoda Kutzen (248) 642-3135.

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 ■ Class of 1950-51
 Reunion planned for Sept. 23. Looking for classmates from classes of 1950-51. Call (313) 273-1589

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 The January and June classes of 1950 are planning a 50-year reunion Aug 4-6 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia (I-275 & Six Mile Road) for all classmates and friends. Contact Class Reunions Plus (313) 866-0770; Sam Donahoo (248) 723-4663 or Ruth Reck-

ling (734) 522-6015.
 ■ Class of 1958
 Millennium celebration - Aug. 19. Call Eve Randlett (248) 851-6929.

DETROIT CODY
 ■ Class of 1965
 Both January and June graduates will gather at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. January graduates contact Donna Rourk Williams, lakeview@ix.netcom.com or Lynn Reid Saint-Onge (810) 231-1448; June graduates contact Cynthia Golec Cipolla, jconion@tir.com (810) 632-6926.

■ Class of 1970
 A reunion is planned for Aug. 19 at the Novi Hilton Hotel. Call (810) 446-9636; (800) 548-6666.

DETROIT FINNEY
 ■ Class of 1970
 A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28. Call or e-mail Jennie Mathews at (810) 939-6716 or goaler@email.msn.com

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN
 ■ Class of 1950
 A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000. Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

DETROIT PERSHING
 ■ Class of 1960
 A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Call Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~justice/ind ex.htm

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
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 A reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the Georgian Inn. Call Sheila, (248) 852-9517 or Clyde, (248) 674-4232.

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 ■ Class of 1955
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DETROIT VISITATION
 ■ Class 2000
 An all class 2000 reunion is planned for Sept. 23 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Call (810) 229-6115; (248) 685-8814 or (313) 937-2591.

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 ■ Classes of 1955-56
 Class of 1955 (January, June, August) and Class of 1956 (January) will hold a reunion Oct. 18 at Park Cover (Allen Park). Call Mike Milan (734) 285-3822; Miriam Keppen Winkler (313) 383-3444; or Lloyd Teller (313) 928-8011.

DOMINICAN HIGH
 ■ Class of 1950
 The Dominican High School class of 1950 will hold its 50th reunion September 17. Call Sally Bielman Conklin at (248) 652-2423 or e-mail themomsal@aol.com.

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EDSEL FORD
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 January and June classes of 1965 will host a 35-year reunion Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn. Call Carolyn Norris (January) (248) 344-2755 or Pam Wandless (June) (313) 359-2572.
 ■ Class of 1970
 The 1970 graduating class will meet at Father Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall in

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FARMINGTON
 ■ Class of 1950
 50th reunion Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16. Call Mary for details (248) 474-7822

■ Class of 1980
 A reunion is planned for Oct. 21 at Novi Hilton. Call (810) 446-9636.

FERNDALE
 ■ Classes of 1929-1958
 Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale. Call (248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

■ Class of 1980
 A 20-year reunion is planned for the class of 1980 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley on Nov. 25. Call Vicki (Clarke) Miller (248) 879-7439 or the hotline at (248) 542-0224.

FITZGERALD HIGH
 ■ Class of 1961
 The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has planned a reunion for fall of 2001. Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com

FORDSON HIGH
 ■ Class of 1975
 A 25-year reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph in Dearborn. Call Kim (Perri) Errigo for ticket information at (313) 561-8779 or Darlene (Petrovsky) Sladewski (734) 449-5945.

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 ■ Class of 1970
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at Laurel Manor. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

■ Class of 1980
 A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at Laurel Manor. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

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 ■ Class of 1980
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GARDEN CITY WEST
 ■ Class of 1975 is in the plan-

ning stages of a fall 2000 week-end-reunion. Call Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.

GARDEN CITY
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 A Millennium reunion is planned for the classes of the 1950s Sept. 15-17. Sept. 16 there is a dinner/dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest from 5 to midnight. Other activities include a school district reception and tour of the high school, breakfast at the hotel, golf and/or casino trip and more. Contact Vivian (Jarnot '53) Chamberlain (734) 421-0278; Muriel (Muir '54) Wolff (734) 422-0266; Donna (Bennett '55) Ponte (734) 427-0535; Gloria (Rowden '56) Even (734) 422-7777; Bob ('57) Lepak (734) 261-7152; Willbey ('58) Pistor (734) 261-5193; or Craig ('59) Strain (248) 478-8267.

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the lifelong commitment of marriage takes even more effort and hard work. Marriage unites two individuals - with their own likes and dislikes, two separate sets of expectations for themselves and one another, different families of origins. The Bible says that in marriage, the two become one. Making two individuals into one married couple doesn't always come easy. Each marriage partner brings baggage from their family of origin, their issues from childhood and adolescence, prior relationships, and their adult experiences. No wonder making a successful marriage is such intense work. Nearly half of all marriages today end in

divorce, and 20 percent of those divorces occur within the first two years of a marriage. Many marriages hit a roadblock early on with misunderstanding and miscommunication. Human language can be imprecise, and we may use the same word to mean different things. Listening to our spouse is at least as important as expressing ourselves. Being aware of our own internal issues can help us hear what our spouse is really saying. In addition, we need to watch what our body language is saying because studies show that up to 65 percent of all face-to-face communication is nonverbal. Married couples must seek a

balance between separateness and togetherness. A husband and wife have to appreciate one another's company and enjoy being together. They have to want to face the joys and struggles of life as a married couple. And yet, maintaining a healthy sense of individuality can help each marriage partner grow. Having a support system beyond your own spouse can be very healthy, so that each partner's emotional burden is not dumped solely upon the other. Couples should maintain a balance between doing things together and doing things apart. Relationships need shared experiences to develop while individuals need room to grow.

Marriages need some flexibility to adapt to the changing environment that surrounds them. When jobs change, families move, or children arrive, a married couple must be ready to shift roles, expectations, or responsibilities as necessary. But a marriage also needs stability and some sense of enduring commitment in spite of changes. Marriage partners need reassurance that even when everything else around them changes, their spouse's love and commitment to them will not fade. Although marriage can be hard work, it can also be extremely fulfilling and rewarding. Nothing worthwhile ever comes without a struggle. Facing the stress-

es of life with a marriage partner enables us to share our burdens, speak our fears, and enjoy mutual uplifting of spirits. We find that although we are different, we are also one in purpose and one in love. Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has served Timothy Lutheran Church since September of 1996. She lives in Livonia with her husband of eight years and their son. You can reach her at tclivonia@netzero.net. From Carla Thompson Powell, pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia. "But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ ..." (Ephesians 4:15)

RELIGION CALENDAR

GOOD SHEPHERD VBS
Vacation Bible School offered at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile in Redford (corner of Kinloch/ Six Mile). Theme will be 2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-together. Program runs every Wednesday in July from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for all ages. Visit the Ark and explore what it means to be a part of God's family. Hear Bible stories, enjoy supper, crafts, recreation and worship. To register, call (313) 537-3778.

BIBLE PROGRAM
Geneva Presbyterian Church (5835 Sheldon) of Canton offers weekly Bible stories, mission projects, crafts, snacks and games from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays beginning July 19-Aug. 16. Children age pre-kindergarten (begin kindergarten this fall) through eighth grade completed are welcome. Preregistration is requested but not required. Call (734) 459-0013.

GRACE LUTHERAN VBS
Grace Lutheran Church (25630 Grand River, Redford) will present its Vacation Bible School from 9-11:45 a.m. from July 17-26 at the church. The theme is "Outback Expedition: Celebrating God's Family." All children ages three to sixth grade are welcome. Guest speakers include a Redford police officer, Redford firefighter and a biblical character. Also featured is a parade, balloon launch, and food collection for Redford Fish. Call (313) 532-2266 for information.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
On Sunday, July 23, Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will host a "Christmas in July" celebration at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Christmas songs will be sung and special reflections and meditations on the meaning of Christmas will be presented without the hassles encountered in December. The church will collect canned food for needy people. Please bring non-perishable items. Call (734) 421-1760.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Salem Lutheran Church (32430 Ann Arbor Trail) of Westland will host VBS for children ages kindergarten to seventh grade. Dates are Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. There is a family ice cream social on Sunday. Call Rich for questions, (734) 422-5550.

WORLD HEALING
A World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, July 24, facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) and Andrew Rogers in the sanctuary. Call (734) 421-1760.

2000 ARK AVENUE
Garden City First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman) will have a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon July 24-28. The theme is "2000 Ark Avenue." The school is for children ages 4 years old through sixth grade. On July 28 there will be a picnic for the children and the staff from noon to 1 p.m. and a closing program for families and friends at 7 p.m. followed by an ice-cream social. Call (734) 421-8628.

SUMMER BIBLE CLUB
Boys-n-Girls Summer Bible Club: "Jesus, My Savior and Friend" series will be held in the Hamilton school yard (corner of Avondale and Schuman) from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday through Friday July 24-28. Call Mrs. King (734) 595-0763. No fee.

ADVENTURES OF NOAH
A Christ-centered preschool camp for moms and tots from 9-11 a.m. July 25-27 for children 6 and older. Moms and their children will explore together God's promise to use through the story of Noah's Ark. Music, art and activities as well as a visit from the Humane Society will be components of the camp. Call Holy Trinity Church (734) 464-0211 - ask for Peggy.

FAIR HAVEN BAPTIST
The Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette in Westland, continues its Summer bible Conference this Wednesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Rev. Russell Craig, North Goodland Baptist Church, Brown City, will preach. Child care provided to those three and younger. Call (734) 728-4549.

PUSH AMERICAN APPEARANCE
Thirty members from the Push America organization will be riding from Coldwater to Redford Sunday, July 30. The team will provide riding demonstrations, bicycle safety tips and more. The team will then overnight in the church gymnasium before moving on to another town. Push American members encourage the community to come out and support their organization and to see/hear what they are all about. St. Robert Bellarmine Church is located at 27101 W.

Chicago in Redford. Cyclists are expected to arrive in the early evening hours of Sunday, July 30. Push America is the national outreach project of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity who provides leadership opportunities, services and education to promote a greater understanding of persons who have developmental disabilities. Visit www.pushamerica.org

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
It's Vacation Bible School time at the Livonia Church of Christ (15431 Merriman, Livonia). The theme is "Veggie Town Values on the Job." Programs run from 7-9 p.m. July 31-Aug. 3. Parenting class for adults will be on the topic: "Raising Kids the Right Way," by the Minister Larry Stephens. Classes are for 4 year olds through the sixth grade. Call (734) 427-8743.

WARREN ROAD VBS
Warren Road Church (33445 Warren Road, Westland) will present "HolyWord Studios" Vacation Bible Club Aug. 2-4 from 6:30-8:40 p.m. Open to ages 3 through sixth grade and is a hands-on Bible-based program. Call (734) 458-7301.

ST. DAMIAN ANNIVERSARY
The 45th anniversary of St. Damian Parish (30055 Joy, Westland) will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. A picnic with activities for all ages will immediately follow 11 a.m. Mass. For information call (313) 421-6130.

THE CONTINENTALS
Don't miss your opportunity to see The Continentals present

their concert for the new millennium, "Testify to Truth" at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road) of Canton at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. This group consists of 30 vocalists and technicians between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six will challenge and inspire audiences with the truth of Jesus Christ. Call (734) 455-0022.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/ Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God," will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Holiday Inn/ Fairlane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson, an award-winning author of eight books and many magazine articles. Johnson will speak Friday on "intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Johnson will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/ Empty Space." After lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Cost before July 15, \$95 for double occupancy; \$85 triple; \$75 quadruple and \$40 for one day only. If you register during July 15 and Aug. 7 add \$10 to fee. Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

HEALING SERVICES
The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series

titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyLivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN
New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. (currently summer hours of worship are being observed at 9:30 a.m.) Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY
Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@yahoo.com

TAI CHI CLASSES
The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield Township and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farming-

ton Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

HEALING SERVICE
The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers up tempo music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP
The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. Call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Blake and Julie Cabble** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Ava Grace**, on March 16 at Sinai-Grace Hospital. She joins siblings Whitney, 10 and Chase, 7. Grandparents are Harold and Lorraine Berri-man.

■ **John and Sheri Geddes** of Prospect, Kentucky announce the birth of their son **Matthew John** born May 24. Grandparents are Tom and Connie Van Der Hart of Pella, Iowa and Bill and Diane Geddes of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Clarence and Vera Brand of Sully, Iowa and Mae Innes of Westland.

■ **Jimmy Jenkins Jr. and Susan F. Boice-Jenkins** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, **Maxim Raymond**, born May 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He joins brother Jesse James Jenkins, 5. Grandparents are Raymond and Joyce Boice of Canton, Jimmy Jenkins of Eustis, Fla. and Sandra Stevens of Seymour, Tenn. Great-grandparents are Albert

Boice of Waterford, N.Y. and Elizabeth Boice of Adams, Mass., Stephen and Francis Adash of Troy, N.Y.; Joseph and Era Jenkins of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Hugh and Elzora Thompson of Knoxville, Tenn.

■ **Tanya Litten** of Dearborn Heights and **William Carden** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Samantha Lynn Litten** born at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Samantha joins siblings Jessica McNiven, 3; and Ashley Carden, 14, and Megan Carden, 4. Grandparents are Kenneth and Terry Litten of Dearborn Heights and John and Gloria Quinlan of Taylor.

■ **Carol and Doug McDougall** of Dearborn announce the birth of their son **Charles Edward** born May 26 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Charles joins siblings Megan, 11; Andy, 9; and Caitlyn, 2. Grandparents are Marilyn and Larimore McDougall of Livonia and Mary Ann and Ed Sulick.

■ **Justin and Lindsey Smith** of Westland announce the birth

of their son **Noah Lee** born May 31 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Eddie and Cindy Smith of Inkster and Gerard and Vickie Pieknick of Westland.

■ **Jayne Clark and Steven Tapper** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Courtney Morgan** born June 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dawn and Jerry Clark of Garden City and Greg and Gloria Tapper of Garden City.

■ **Dave and Debbie Godfrey** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Zachary Allen** born June 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Zachary joins siblings Michael, 6; and Joshua, 3. Grandparents are Marlene Godfrey of Garden City and Mike and Lynn Abraham of Memphis.

■ **Samantha Roberts and Edward Livy II** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Courtney Elyse Livy** born June 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandpar-

ents are Michael and Monica Roberts of Westland, Jan Harding of Westland and Edward Livy of Westland.

■ **Jennifer Zarzycki and Bill Meade** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Britt Charles Meade** born June 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Britt joins brother Christopher Meade, 5. Grandparents are Lynn Lane and Joe Zarzycki of Westland and Debbie and Bill Daugherty of Westland.

■ **Kevin and Holly Maszatics** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Haleigh Lynne** born June 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Haleigh joins brother Zackery, 4. Grandparents are Frank and Joan Maszatics of Dearborn.

■ **Jeremy Frazee and Nicole Caram** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Racheal Frazee** born June 4 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Racheal joins brother Joseph, 3½. Grandparents Judy Frazee of Garden City, Diana Canzoneri of Dundee, Dan Frazee, Bill and

Louise Caram, and Louie Kubtiz of Westland.

■ **Richard and Melissa Coleman** announce the birth of their son **Trevor John** born June 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Trevor joins brother A.J., 4. Grandparents are Dr. Anthony and Susan Shannon of Livonia, and Richard and Florence Coleman of Riverview.

■ **Mike and Jena Turi** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Hannah Rose** born June 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are David and Palma Noble of Westland and Tom and Donna Turi of Cheboygan.

■ **Jeff Wallace and Nicole Tidwell** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **KaileeAnn Elizabeth Wallace** born June 11 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. KaileeAnn joins brother Alan Thomason, 3. Grandparents are Jim Gibbs of Romulus, Beverly Schroeder of Garden City and Jim McCaron of Garden City.

■ **Kevin James Whiteman**

and **Cora Lynn Hayes** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Hailey Anna-Marie Whiteman** born June 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Robert and Charlene Whiteman of Livonia and Rich and Peggy Hayes of Westland.

■ **David James Robertson and Kimberly Robinson** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Joshua David Robertson** born June 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jack Robertson and step grandmother Beth Robertson of Livonia, Karen Robertson of Westland, Dale Snider of Newark, Ohio and Dolores Snider of Belleville.

■ **Eric Liberadzki and Carmen Simpson** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Erica Lynn Simpson** born June 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bradley and Lilia Simpson of Canton, Sharon Tabone of Garden City and John Liberadzki of Quincy.

SINGLES MINGLE

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

BETHANY TOGETHER

Dance hosted by all Chapters of Bethany Divorce Support Groups, July 29 at Divine Providence Hall (25335 W. Nine Mile - between Telegraph and Beech Daly) from 8 p.m. to midnight. Proper attire requested (no jeans) and no smoking. Cost \$8 (includes refreshments). First 400 admitted. Call Shiril (248) 651-2824 or Val (734) 729-1974.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce

Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule through August follows:
July 25, no meeting.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ There will be a bonfire, picnic and canoeing at Proud Lake July 21. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Summer Divorce Recovery. Monday, July 17 through Saturday, July 22, the hours of the workshop are 7-9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. A catered picnic lunch will be provided at the end of Saturday's session. Cost is \$25 for those who pre-register/ \$30 for those who register the first night.

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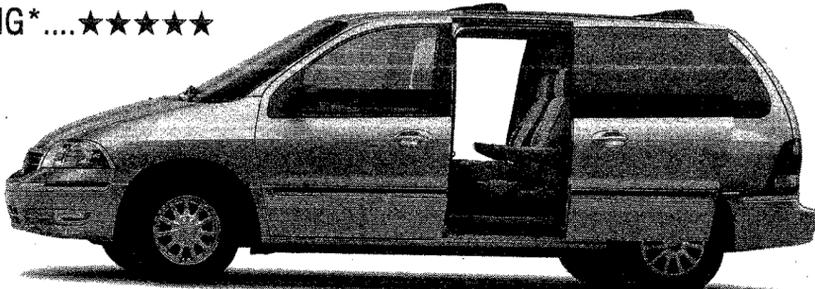
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Gill, Chapman shine at Junior meet



For Manvir Gill, the Junior Olympics regional meet provided another shot at national acclaim. For Jordan Chapman, the Junior Olympics regional meant an opportunity to look into his future in track.

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It's an Olympic year, and everyone's attention is on the U.S. hopefuls for the Team.

But that's not the only competition worth tracking. Four years from now, some of the names at the National Junior Olympics may reach the status of world-beaters.

Two names to watch in track and field are Manvir Gill and Jordan Chapman. Gill, a distance specialist, will be a senior at Plymouth Salem HS this fall; Chapman, a jumper, will be a senior at Plymouth Canton HS.

Both traveled to the University of Kentucky in Lexington last weekend

for the Region 5 Junior Olympics Championships. For Gill, it was a chance to reassert himself; he was the defending regional champion in the 1,500-meters.

For Chapman, it was an opportunity to explore new territory; he would be competing in his first-ever decathlon.

The trip proved worthwhile for both. Running in the Young Men's Division (18-and-under), Gill did indeed recapture his 1,500 title with a personal-best time of 4:18.0; his first-place finish qualifies him for the National Junior Olympics which begin July 25 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Chapman, also competing in the Young Men's Division, did extremely well, considering it was his first-ever attempt at the decathlon. He placed

fifth overall, scoring 5,238 points.

"It was my best time ever," said Gill of his performance. Last year at the nationals, he finished sixth in the 1,500; he has something better in mind for this year.

"I want to go 4:09 at nationals," he said. "That's my goal."

Gill has been training since the conclusion of Salem's track season last spring. With the help of Salem coaches Geoff Baker and Dave Hamblin, Gill wants to improve his speed.

He has another goal at nationals. The top three finishers qualify for the World Meet at the end of August in Finland.

If he does go to Finland, when he



Jordan Chapman new decathlete

returns he'll be back on the trails running cross country for Salem. He enjoys both sports and is a two-time national qualifier in both.

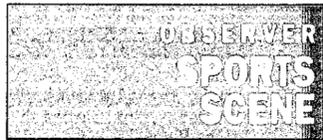
"I think I'm a little better track runner," Gill did admit.

Chapman also recorded a personal best (other than in the decathlon) in one of his premier events: He cleared 6-foot, 6 3/4-inches in the high jump, a half-inch better than his previous best and the best jump in the nine-person field.

The decathlon is perhaps the premier event in track and field because it incorporates every event over a two-day span. On the first day, Chapman was timed at 12.54 in the 100-meter dash; leapt 19-8 in the long jump; tossed the shot put 34-8; recorded his effort in the high jump; and was clocked at 58.1 in the 400.

On the second day, he started with a 17.34 in the 110 high hurdles; tossed the discus 105-0; cleared 12-0 in the

Please see TRACK, C6



Indians rule

The Michigan Indian 16s collected the championship at the Southgate USSSA National Invitational Tournament held July 14-16 in Southgate. The same Indian team finished third at the USSSA World Qualifier July 7-9 in Kalamazoo.

Team members are Brandon Ajlouny (Westland); Robbie Beechuck and Matt Lenhoff (Plymouth); Brent Skillman and Evan LaCross (Canton); Marco DiMichele, Ryan Liley, Robby Minch, Steve Van Camp and Dominic Zoccoli (Garden City); Jason Berthiaume (Farmington Hills); and Jason Pindzia (Dearborn Heights). The team is coached by Jack Skillman, Jeff Van Camp and George Ninowsky.

Coach wanted

The Plymouth Salem girls cross country team is looking for an assistant girls cross country coach for the upcoming fall season. Financial compensation for this position has been approved by the Board of Education.

Interested parties should have a knowledge of distance running and the ability to convey that knowledge to high school athletes.

Those interested should contact varsity coach Dave Gerlach at 416-7708 or director of athletics Brian Wolcott at 416-7774 to set up an interview. The posting ends Friday, July 28.

Varsity Lions needed

The Canton Lions varsity football team is still accepting applications for the upcoming season. Any boys 13-14 years-old who are under 160 pounds and are interested in playing football should contact Matt Meares at (734) 416-1469.

Also: The Canton Lions will have their annual golf outing/dinner dance at Pheasant Run Saturday, Aug. 26. Those interested should call Kirk Carlson at (734) 459-7827.

Crusaders 3rd

The Madonna Crusaders No. 3 12-and-under volleyball team earned a bronze medal at the AAU state tournament June 3 in Adrian. An 8-1 record in pool play earned them a bye in the first round of the playoffs. In the second round, they were ousted.

Crusaders Sarah Alexander, Laura Schroeter, Rachel Jeffrey, Lauren Kurtz, Amy Doenitz and Megan Hodges all turned in strong performances to lead the Crusaders, coached by Scott Kurtz.

Academic honorees

The 1999-2000 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Academic Honor Roll has been announced, and several student-athletes with Observerland backgrounds are among those honored.

Those from the Plymouth/Canton area are Michael Kowalski, a junior swimmer at Albion College who graduated from Plymouth Salem; Meagan Madej, a sophomore basketball player at Albion from Plymouth (Dearborn Divine Child HS); Theresia Radtke, a freshman softball player at Kalamazoo College from Plymouth Canton HS; Andrea Sudik, a senior softball player at Kalamazoo from Salem HS; and Laurel Weinman, a junior basketball player at Albion from Salem HS.

All but Radtke (who's a freshman) are being honored for the second time. To be named a scholar-athlete, one must achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for the entire year and must earn a varsity letter in his/her sport.

Home run champion

The question's been answered. So who's the big bopper in the Canton Community Junior Baseball Association's Senior League? That honor goes to Steve Poirier, who slugged seven homers in 15 pitches to win the Home Run Derby prior to the All-Star Game July 10.

Mike Pawlukiewicz came in second, hitting five homers, and Brian Hull was third with three. Nick Stonerook, Joe Hill and Jared Vidovic each hit two.

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Making the grade

Salem grad qualifies for U.S. Olympic Trials

BY C.J. RISAK
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If you're a basketball player at a school other than Duke or North Carolina, the object is to just get to the "show" — the NCAA Tournament.

If you're a soccer player, an invitation to tryout for a spot on a national team is career highlight material.

And if you're a top-level swimmer, scoring points at the NCAA Championships would be great.

But it wouldn't take you to the top of the pyramid. Swimming is one of those sports that seems to emerge from the shadows and into the public limelight once every four years — for the Olympics.

That's what makes what Yvonne Lynn did last weekend so special. Lynn, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate who will be a senior at Oakland University in the fall, made the Olympic Trials qualifying standard in the 100-meter backstroke.

Lynn finished first in her specialty at the Region Six Championships in Ann Arbor Saturday. She was timed in 1:05.45; the qualifying time was 1:05.59.

"I was pretty excited," she said of making the cut for the Trials, which will be Aug. 10 in Indianapolis. "I wanted to get it at the end of my college season, but I didn't make it."

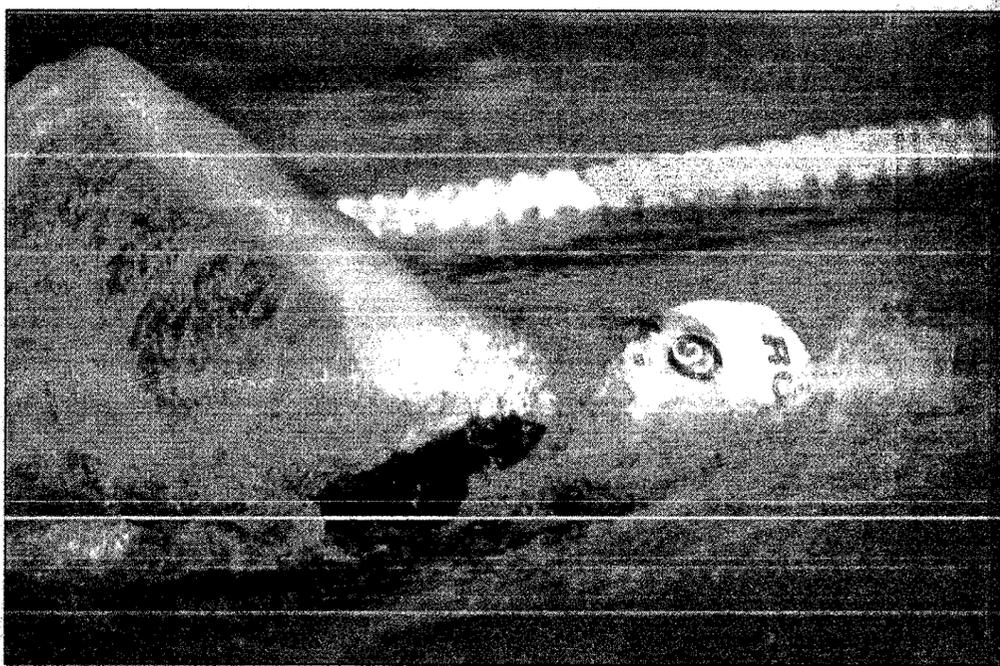
A change in her workout format gave her the boost she needed.

"I've been training really hard all summer," she said. "We've been focusing on sprint training, just for the 100 meters (back)."

Under the tutelage of Matt Ericson, a former Salem swimmer who coaches in Dearborn, Lynn altered her workouts after her collegiate season at OU to train exclusively for a shot at the Trials.

"Yvonne is a very, very good swimmer," said Ericson. "She's exceptional, really."

Problem was, her coach at OU — Scott Teeters — had her working more on endurance than speed. "Her training was more aerobic, not anaerobic," explained Ericson. "The yardage (in her current workouts)



FILE PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

A star rising: Yvonne Lynn won the 100-yard backstroke in the league meet as a senior at Salem and has continued to improve since, although nothing as impressive as last weekend's performance in Ann Arbor. Lynn qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100-meter backstroke.

isn't as high, but the quality of the workout is better."

Ericson, who until this spring had not coached Lynn since 1998, is convinced she's capable of something even better.

"She was 20th in the state in the 100 back as a junior in high school," he noted, "but you could see she had the ability. Her time last weekend was a second faster than her previous best."

Her performance last weekend provided a glimpse of what could be. She made qualifying in the morning preliminaries, then experimented with something different that evening in the finals and "only" went 1:06.1.

"She has the ability to go 1:03," said Ericson, "but she can't make any mistakes. She has a chance to make the semis (at the Trials). She can finish in the top 16."

Training more for endurance during the college season hurt Lynn's sprinting, but she's quickly regaining and refining those skills.

That showed — at least partially — when she qualified last weekend.

"I think I can get down to 1:03," she estimated. "I think I could have gone faster this weekend. There are some things I still have to work on."

The cutoff for the top-25 times in the world in the 100 back is in the 1:04 range. Should Lynn realize her

goal, she could crack that list.

This, certainly, is her time to shine. Lynn knows she's a longshot to make the U.S. Olympic Team, and she also knows she's in her final year of competitive swimming.

"It'd be great if it happened," she said. "My main goal was just to get to the meet. I just want to have fun with it and see where it takes me."

A winner in the 100-yard backstroke at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships as a senior, Lynn still has other goals to shoot for.

"My next goal is to make the

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'Dogs hold off Lakers, 8-6

SUMMER HOCKEY

split time for the Lakers.

Huskies 14, Wildcats 6: Dwight Helminen scored three goals and Rich Storm, Mark Pietila, Dan Pietila, Josh Daavettilla and Trent Daavettilla each added two to pace the MSHL-leading Huskies Tuesday at the Cultural Center.

Lance Kastamo also had one goal for the winners. Brandon Tucker was in goal the entire game for the Huskies.

Top goal-scorers for the Wildcats were John Fritz (Plymouth) and Vic DeCina (Garden City) with two goals apiece. Kevin Bushey and Paola DeCina (Canton) added one goal each. Tom Myers was in goal for the 'Cats.

Spartans 10, Wildcats 8: Brian Sutherland got what proved to be the game-winning goal with 2:42 left to play as the

Spartans battled back to edge the Wildcats in an MSHL game Monday at the Cultural Center.

Nick Smyth (Rochester Hills), Mike Schultz (Canton) and Matt Krupa each scored two goals for the Spartans, while Chad Husza, Josh Thompson (Waterford), Jason Weber (Livonia) and Sutherland got one goal apiece. Thomas Monnier and Kevin Brady (Livonia) divided time in goal for the Spartans.

The Wildcats trailed 7-6 going into the third period, but two goals by Brent Bessey (Canton) turned that deficit around. Bessey finished with four goals, while John Fritz (Plymouth) scored three. Daryl Schimmelpfenneg (Canton) also scored a goal for the 'Cats.

Dan Dobrowski was in goal for the Wildcats.

Huskies 15, Wolverines 7: Mark Pietila scored three goals in the first period —

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Name (team)	G	A	Pts	
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John Fritz (Wildcats)	19	11	30	
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Rich Storm (Huskies)	10	14	24	
Jason Basile (Bulldogs)	7	16	23	
Jason Weber (Spartans)	12	10	22	
Troy Milam (Bulldogs)	9	13	22	

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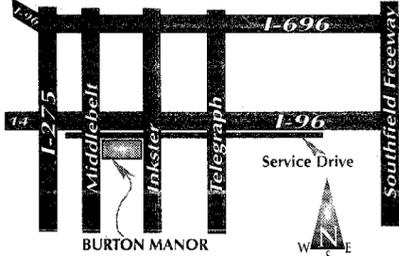
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Rams slug way to title

The Michigan Lake Area Rams went unbeaten in pool play and used an eight-run, seventh-inning rally on Sunday to beat the St. Clair Shores Devil Rays in the championship game to capture the U-14 Division of the Mayor's Invitational Tournament in Battle Creek.

The Rams came up with eight runs on seven hits in the final inning to beat the Devil Rays, 13-12, after going 5-0-1 in round-robin pool play — including a 7-1 in the tourney opener over the Devil Rays.

In the championship, Mike Monterey (Farmington Hills) was 4-for-5 with six RBI and three runs scored, while Mike Krause (Garden City) was 3-for-5 and Dominic Noonan had two RBI. Mark McDaniel got the win.

The Rams opened the tourney on Thursday by beating the Devil Rays as Krause scored twice and had a RBI, Chris Rigley went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Noonan added two RBI. Rigley got the win, throwing a four hitter with four strikeouts.

In Thursday's second game, the Rams topped Concealed Security, 7-2, as Monterey was 4-for-4 with three RBI, Kyle Miller (Farmington Hills) was 2-for-3 and Rigley and Krause both had two runs score, two RBI and two hits. Monterey also earned the win.

Friday saw the Rams open with an 11-3 win over Archer Manor. Tim Kalcynski (Farmington Hills) had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored, Kyle Taylor (Farmington Hills) was 4-for-4, Krause was 3-for-5 with three stolen bases and three runs scored and Rigley had four RBI thanks to a bases-loaded double and a sacrifice fly. Taylor also got the win on a four hitter.

In the second game of the day, the Rams blanked the Novi Expos, 8-0. Scott Cain (Canton) and Matt Waskerwitz both went 3-for-3, while Rigley was 2-for-3 with three RBI. Krause got the win.

The Rams opened Saturday

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with a 13-5 win over the Brookpark Stingers as Kalcynski got the win and also went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Cain matched his performance at the plate, while Noonan had three RBI and Rigley was 2-for-3 with four RBI.

The lone tie came in the last game of pool play as the Rams earned a 6-6 tie with the Macomb Hurricanes. Cain, Waskerwitz and Kalcynski were all 2-for-3, while Kalcynski added two RBI.

Rams win 1 of 3

Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury came up with a six-run sixth inning to ease past the Michigan Lake Area Rams on Friday in Livonia Adray league play.

Justin Fedele led Hines Park (10-12) by going 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Eric Lightle, Matt Stachurski and Devin Cole all had a hit, scored a run and had an RBI. Mike Malley scored the eventual winning run in the sixth.

Chris Radu (Madonna) was 3-for-3 to lead the Rams (10-13), while Joel Halliday (Madonna/Redford Union) was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run, Nick Dedeluk (Madonna/Redford Thurston) was 1-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored and Chet Rees was 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored.

Joe Finnerty went the distance for Hines Park, scattering 10 hits, walking one and striking out seven to earn the win, while Phil Kommer suffered the loss for the Rams.

On Sunday, the Rams split a doubleheader at Ford Field with the Tecumseh Thunder — winning the nightcap, 8-4, but falling in the opener, 11-10.

Mike Patterson paced the Rams in the win, with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate and two runs scored, Mike Macek (Redford Union) was 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored, Matt

Rigley (Grand Valley/Redford Union) was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, and Peter Varon kicked in a two-run homer.

Dale Hayes (Madonna/Westland John Glenn) earned the win for the Rams.

In the opener, giving up 10 runs in the middle innings wound up dooming the Rams.

Macek led the way at the plate by going 4-for-4 with two doubles and a triple, scoring two runs and knocking in two more, Patterson was 4-for-5 with four runs scored, Dedeluk was 3-for-5 with three RBI, Radu was 3-for-4 and Varon was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Sean O'Connor (Wayne State/Redford Union) suffered the loss in relief, giving up seven runs (five earned), four hits and a walk in 1 1/3 innings.

The Rams are now 11-14.

Travel wins division

The Livonia Travel finished in first place in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation Connie Mack 18-and-under Open Division to earn a spot in the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) regional tournament, set for July 27-30 in Welland, Ontario. The tournament winner advances to the NABF 18-and-under World Series in Newark, Del.

Livonia finished 12-3 in the league and 20-5 overall after back-to-back victories last week.

On Friday, Travel mercied Plymouth Salem 12-0 in five innings. Ryan Krol (Garden City) pitched all five innings, striking out six and walking two to earn the victory.

Steve Stiles (Plymouth) led Livonia in hitting with three hits. Brian Campbell had two hits, including a home run, and Krol added two hits. Billy Rabe belted a two-run home run.

On Saturday, Livonia defeated South Farmington 6-3 at Ford Field. Wilson, Shawn Casey and Rabe all pitched in the game. Travel scattered seven hits in the victory.

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On the road again

Former Lion pedals for his foundation on 'Thumb's Up' Tour

BY MONICA PUGNO
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 19, 1991, former Detroit Lions' offensive guard Mike Utley was paralyzed during a Lions-Los Angeles Rams game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Nine years later, Utley has voluntary movement of muscles in his lower legs and feet, and after installing parallel bars in his home, he continues to take steps each day with the help of ankle braces.

This weekend, Utley hopes a bike ride from Pontiac to Saginaw will help other spinal cord injured people walk again. Utley's Foundation, with the help of the Ford Motor Company, Detroit Lions, Detroit Red Wings and News/Talk 760 WJR, hosts the first annual "Thumbs Up" Bike Tour Saturday.

The Tour begins at the Pontiac Silverdome with a 7:30 a.m. departure time and is an 85-mile bike ride to the Detroit Lions' training camp at Saginaw Valley State University.

Through dedication and an aggressive rehabilitation schedule, Utley is able to enjoy many activities that he was not allowed to participate in while playing professional football, including kayaking, sky diving, skiing and scuba diving.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'm a 10," he said. "I'm doing great. I've got a lot of movement in my legs. I've done a lot more than doctors ever expected me to be able to do. There's not much I can't do, except play football. But I'm too old for that anyway. Medically, I'm healthy."

Utley admitted he misses playing football.

"People have no idea what it takes to be a professional athlete," he said. "And then to have it taken away, snatched out from underneath you. It's tough."

Utley played only three seasons for the Lions before his injury. He was the Lions' third pick in 1989 and became their starting right guard in his rookie season.

Prior to playing for the Lions, Utley was an offensive guard at Washington State University. He became only the second player in WSU history to earn consensus first-team All-American honors.

Even knowing that he would get injured, Utley said he would do his life all over again.

"As a ball player, I knew the consequences every time I stepped out onto the field," he said. "I gave everything I had. I seized every moment and I loved it."

In the years since his injury, Utley has dedicated himself to finding a cure for people with spinal cord injuries. In February of 1992, Utley, with the help of his agent, Bruce Allen, founded the Mike Utley Foundation.

The Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for spinal cord injuries and providing financial support of selected research, rehabilitation and education programs. All proceeds from the "Thumbs Up" Bike Tour benefit the Mike Utley Foundation and the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Entry fee for the Tour is \$35. All riders competing in the event must also secure at least \$200 in pledges in order to compete. Awards will be given to individu-



FILE PHOTO

Out and about: Former Lion Mike Utley, paralyzed by a spinal cord injury, has gone further than doctors ever thought he could. This weekend, he'll host the "Thumb's Up" Bike Tour, a ride from the Silverdome to Saginaw State University.

als and teams that raise the most money. Special awards will also be given to disabled riders who raise the most money.

Utley said he hopes to have close to 200 riders compete in the event.

"I don't know how much money we'll raise," he said. "It depends on how many pledges we can bring in. That's the key.

If every person can raise \$200 in pledges either before the race or after, that would be great."

So far, 50 riders have registered for the Tour. However, Kate Haley, Utley's secretary, said 60 percent of the riders will probably register the day of the race.

"Riders can still register either on-line or just show up at 6:30

a.m. on Saturday and register," he said. "They can pay the \$35 entry fee and then raise the \$200 in pledges after the event and send them in."

The ride concludes with an outside barbecue dinner, hosted by the Detroit Lions. Players, coaches and other personnel will be present, as well as Utley, who will make a speech and present

awards to the riders.

For those people who want to help but cannot compete in the race, volunteers are also needed.

"I just want people to get involved," Utley said. "A lot of people don't have the money to donate. But they can donate their time. They can volunteer for the event or volunteer their time at any rehab center. They can make a difference."

"Everybody knows someone whose in a wheelchair or has seen someone in a wheelchair. If they don't find a cure in time to help me walk again, I can live with that. But to see a young kid, 15 or 16 years old, get hurt and think that they're life is over, that's devastating."

More than 500,000 Americans are currently paralyzed by spinal cord injuries. Each year, 12,000-15,000 people are injured. The average age of those who suffer spinal cord injuries is between 19 and 28 years old.

Utley said the worse thing doctors can do is tell their patients that they will never walk again.

"That's wrong," he said. "I didn't get any movement in my legs for five years after my injury. Now I can sit-up straight, stand and walk. But I pushed myself every day."

"People ask me why I push myself so hard? It's because I want to enjoy life and stay fit."

For more information on the Thumbs Up Bike Tour, contact the Mike Utley Foundation at 1-800-294-4683, or visit www.detroitlions.com, www.mikeutley.org or www.ford.com.

Late rally not enough to save Stars from loss

Eight late runs weren't enough to keep the Plymouth Canton Stars from ending their Southeast Michigan Connie Mack season with a loss, 14-10, Monday at Carlton Airport.

The Jets won the first game of the doubleheader, 9-3. The Stars ended 6-13 in league play, 6-19 overall.

On Saturday, Plymouth Canton traded last-inning bunt decisions at Saline. The Hornets executed a successful suicide squeeze to grab a 5-4 victory in the bottom of the seventh in the second game.

In the first, the Stars' Will Wojcik Shook (Plymouth) singled in the tying run in the top of the eighth, then scored the eventual winning run from second base on Brad Kaufman's sacrifice bunt.

At Airport, Bryon Kindernay's (Canton) home run following Steve Ziolkowski's single got the Stars off to a 2-1 start in the opener but the Jets capitalized on five walks to retake the lead, 6-2, and never looked back. Ziolkowski (Churchill) had two singles.

Wojcik Shook went 3-for-6 in the two games, walked three times and scored four runs. Shea

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Harte went 3-for-3 with three runs in game two while Andrew Davignon drove in three runs with two hits.

Scott Seidlaczek (Plymouth) drove in three runs with three hits in the second game, including a two-run double that keyed a three-run fifth. Ziolkowski's two-run single highlighted a four-run sixth that drew the Stars up to 11-9.

Brian Richardson's (Plymouth) rocket to second was turned into a double play to end the threat.

Six walks in the third contributed to a seven-run Airport inning that proved to be too much to overcome.

Danny Boylan (Canton) singled home two first-inning runs Saturday in the second game at Saline. He also doubled and singled. The Stars rallied from a 4-2 deficit on Davignon's RBI double and Kris Mackmiller's squeeze in the top of the sixth but the Hornets got a leadoff double and single in the bottom of the seventh to set up their winning bunt.

Davignon shut Saline out in the first three innings and went the first five, allowing five hits. Kaufman scattered seven hits

over five innings of the first game with Marshall Tucker (Canton/Livonia Churchill) earning the win with three innings of three-hit relief.

Kaufman went 4-for-4 and scored three runs while Wojcik Shook went was 3-for-6 with three walks and two runs in the two games.

Ziolkowski had three hits in the first game while Tucker, Boylan and Davignon had two apiece.

The Stars played at Bedford on

July 11 and lost a pair, 5-1 and 7-4. They were two-hit in the first game and made two key errors in a four-run third that spoiled a good pitching performance by Mackmiller in the second. Kaufman was the only Star with two hits in the game.

"We were competitive, which was one of our goals," coach Rich Shook said. "We put a premium on exposing kids to new situations where they could learn and

develop. We did things you wouldn't do in a high school season.

"And we had fun doing it. We had good kids and good parents."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 2000-622306-DE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
Circuit Court - Family Division
In the matter of RICHARD M. BRADLEY, Deceased.

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In the matter of STEVEN DEAN EGER - DOB - 09/07/1995, CARRIE MARIE EGER - DOB - 07/25/1997

A CHILD PROTECTIVE petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on:
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that *RENE MARIE GALONER or the Biological Mother of STEVEN DEAN EGER, CARRIE MARIE EGER *STEVEN THOMAS EGER or the Biological Father of STEVEN DEAN EGER, CARRIE MARIE EGER personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Wixom Lake, July 22; Lodbell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers

(boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for

adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

PROGRAMS
Two nature programs will be conducted at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. "Wildwing Walk" is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Many people walk Wildwing Trail to see heron and osprey, but Wildwing is home to many small birds. Join an interpreter in a search for their homes. "By Dawn's Early Light" follows on Sunday, July 23 at 8 a.m. Get a glimpse

of some of the wildlife that is active in the quiet hours following dawn. Pre-registration is required for both events. For more information or registration details, call the Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178.

■ "Women: Ready-Set-Go!" a one-day workshop geared to teach women how to kayak, backpack and camp, will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 at Kensington Metropark Farm center near Milford/Brighton. Women 18 and older are eligible to attend. The \$25 fee includes instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of demonstration equipment, dinner and a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, July 28. Enrollment will be limited to 40 participants. To receive additional details or request a registration form, contact the Public Information Department of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at 1-800-477-2757 or via e-mail at mail@metroparks.com.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud 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.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE LOTZ ROAD PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS MICHIGAN AVENUE TO VAN BORN ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1999-1 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue to Van Born Road:

SIDWELL #		
71-142-01-0078-000	71-143-99-0009-000	71-142-99-0003-000
71-142-01-0076-000	71-143-99-0011-000	71-144-99-0002-000
71-142-01-0073-000	71-143-99-0013-000	71-142-99-0005-000
71-142-01-0063-000	71-143-99-0019-000	71-144-99-0003-000
71-142-01-0065-000	71-141-99-0027-706	71-142-99-0007-000
71-142-01-0100-000	71-141-99-0027-707	71-142-99-0013-000
71-142-99-0001-001	71-141-99-0034-000	71-142-99-0009-000
71-142-99-0001-002	71-144-99-0001-000	71-142-99-0011-000

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to paving and drainage improvements to benefit the areas described herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 25th day of July, 2000, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, THE 25th DAY OF July 2000.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk
Publish: July 6 and 20, 2000

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PERSONS IN INTEREST IN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PARCEL	ACREAGE
036-01-0004-001	1.59
036-01-0004-002	3.21
036-01-0005-000	4.80
036-01-0006-000	4.90
036-01-0007-001	1.20
036-01-0007-002	3.54
036-01-0008-000	4.80
036-01-0009-003	1.32
036-01-0009-004	1.08
036-01-0009-002	2.40

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvement to the above property benefited therefrom:
Construction of approximately 1,200 lineal feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main from Ford Road south along Gorman Street. Project also includes fire hydrants, gate valves, connection to existing water main along Ford Road, testing, activation, and restoration of all disturbed areas.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, at 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 25th day of July 2000, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the clerk by Tuesday, 5 p.m. on July 25, 2000 and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:
CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (00-3)

Consider request to amend the following articles:
Article 1, Rules of Construction and Definitions, by adding a definition to Section 1.03 for "Light Assembly."
Article 21A.00, RP, Research Park District, by amending the following subsections: Section 21A.02, Permitted Uses and Structures, by removing the word "assembly" from subsection A.2; and amending subsection A.3 to read as follows: "Light assembly of products which is consistent with the characteristics of permitted activities described in Section 21A.03.A.4."

The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment (00-3) is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 10, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: July 20 and August 6, 2000

'Hoot' always willing to lend a hand — or club

LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL P. SHIELS

On Wednesday, one of our area's most accomplished and beloved individuals put his golf game on display and was warmly cheered and encouraged by friends and admirers.

Some of the all-time great golfers played alongside metro Detroit's most enthusiastic golfers at the Tournament Players Club of Michigan. The \$2.1 million Ford Senior Players Championship, the final major tournament of the Senior PGA TOUR season, culminated Sunday in Dearborn, and though Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Raymond Floyd, Tom Watson and Chi Chi Rodriguez are getting lots of attention, there was plenty of local representation during Wednesday's Pro-Am event.

Martin J. 'Hoot' McNerny, 71, of Bloomfield Hills, made his way from the clubhouse toward the practice range in an attempt to warm up before his 12:20 p.m. tee time.

"Hey, Hoot!" came the cheery shouts of the countless attendees who recognized him. Those that knew him best even dared to call him 'Hooter.' For each, McNerny

had a warm smile and a snappy line.

"Hey, Jim, why don't you go with us to Winged Foot and play golf next week? You'll like it!" McNerny insisted to Jim O'Connor, president of the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company. "All of the New York Irish are there," McNerny said of the exclusive and historic east coast golf club.

Without a moment to lose, McNerny took a hold on a handful of Callaway clubs and was off to the practice range, shaking hands the entire way.

"Hoot McNerny is good people," said former Detroit Lions coach Rick Forzano, who lingered near the first tee to watch his friend tee off. "He plays every charity golf tournament in the world and he's very generous with his time and his money."

McNerny's got plenty of money — he owns seven successful car dealerships in the Metro Detroit area and one in Orlando — but he's got plenty of heart to match. After all, McNerny started his career as a mere porter and worked his way up the leader board of business to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in America.

As he swatted balls down the driving range in the noon sun, McNerny chastised him.

"If you hit them well on the range, you're sure to have a bad

round on the course," he theorized. "Ah, I just need to be satisfied when I hit a four-iron 190 yards and stop trying to hit it 220 yards."

McNerny plays to a handicap index of 17.2, but he gets the most satisfaction when he plays golf with his three grandsons: Michael, 21, Patrick, 17, and Ryan, 16.

"I play with them a lot," he smiled. "They beat me easily."

Hoot and his grandsons have plenty of places at which to play. Grandpa is a member at Bloomfield Hills CC, Forest Lake CC, TPC of Michigan, Muirfield Village GC in Columbus and Double Eagle GC in Galena, Ohio, Shadow Creek CC in Las Vegas, and Adios GC in Delray, Florida. His brother Jack plays out of Oakland Hills CC and his brother Tom is a member at Birmingham CC.

McNerny has played golf for

35 years and says he shot his best round — 79 at Bloomfield Hills CC — while playing with his late friend and radio host J.P. McCarthy.

"I've taken a few lessons from Rick Smith," said McNerny, who played with Smith, a PGA TOUR swing guru, at Bo Schembecher's charity golf tournament on Monday. "I like playing with Fred Couples, too. I've played with him a few times."

McNerny has played in virtually every prestigious event ever held — all in the name of charity.

"I've played in the Bogie Busters Tournament and in the Bob Hope Tournament," he explained. He's also played the Augusta National GC with his very close friend Red Poling, the former CEO of the Ford Motor Company, who also played in the Senior Players Championship Pro-Am.

"I've known Red for 25 years.

He's a good man," said Hoot, "and when you lose a bet to him on the golf course he expects you to pay!"

Poling, during his tenure as Ford's chief executive, conceived of the creation of the TPC of Michigan and wooed the Senior Players Championship for its home at PGA TOUR headquarters to Dearborn, where it has been played for 10 years.

"I did that at a time when we weren't making a lot of money at Ford," Poling grimaces. "The board members used to look out the window of Ford Headquarters and see the construction site. They'd say, 'Hmm, I see the TPC project is coming along nicely — the Poling course!'"

Though probably unpleasant, the teasing now brings a grin to his face.

The TPC and the tournament are a smash success and have lured supporters like McNerny

who gladly give to the many charities the TPC supports.

After unleashing a series of alternately low screamers and high hooks, McNerny finally hit a majestic and perfect drive down the middle of the practice range.

"That's a keeper," he murmured, scooping up his clubs.

The clock was ticking closer to McNerny's starting time, and he made his way over to the tee and shook hands with his partner for the day, CBS TV announcer and Senior TOUR player Gary McCord.

"He's funny," said Hoot plainly.

McNerny and McCord bounded down the fairway, waving to friends and fans, enjoying the sport that is a valued part of their lives. McNerny is a valued part of our community.

(Michael P. Shiels can be emailed at Mshiels@aol.com)

GOLF RESULTS

WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

July 14 at Huron Meadows Golf Course

FIRST FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Nancy Wilkie (Redford), 80; 2. Terry Delsier (Wayne), 90; low net: 1. Jan Antieu (Brighton), 69; 2. Ginny Karolak (Livonia), 71.

SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Rita Hellmann (Dearborn), 95; 2. Lori Wilson (Livonia), 98; low net: 1. Mary Stefanec (Dearborn), 70; 2. Bernie Evans (Franklin), 73.

THIRD FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights), 102; 2. Helen Demshuk (Dearborn Heights), 104; low net: 1. (tie) Dorothy Cortes (Livonia), Mary Cunningham (Westland), 70 each; 2. Jinny Valentine (Dearborn), 76.

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION RESULTS

July 12 Michigan Meadows Championship Flight

Low gross: 1. Betty Vandeputte (Birmingham), 37-49/86; 2. Marie Cornillie (New Baltimore), 45-50/95; low net: 1. Ada Damico (Rochester Hills), 84.

FIRST FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Judy Figa (West Bloomfield), 43-49/92; 2. Sue Song (St. Clair Shores), 46-48/94; low net: 1. (tie) Doris Rudd (Clinton Township), Shirley Estabrooks (Commerce Township), 77 each.

SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Bonnie Wood (Northville), 48-46/94; 2. Pat Meyers (Birmingham), 50-51/101; low net: 1. Vickie Vanbecelaere (Clinton Township), 77.

THIRD FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Elaine Taylor (Farmington Hills), 52-52/104; 2. Jo Churan (Warren), 53-53/106; low net: 1. Louise Baldino (Warren), 73.

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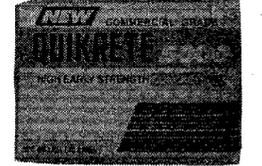
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ROUNDUP

Basketball camp

Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will conduct a pair of girls basketball camps at SC.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 31-Aug. 3, there will be a camp for grades 7-12. Cost is \$110 and includes a T-shirt and basketball.

For further information, call Lafata at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

Autumn baseball

Space is limited as the Great Lake Autumn Baseball League is forming 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under leagues.

Saturday double-headers will be from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at the Canton Softball Center and Heritage Park in Canton.

The cost is \$1,100 per team (includes 10 games and playoffs, game balls, umpires and awards). The first six teams in each age group to register with full payment will be confirmed.

For more information, call (313) 724-1980.

Hockey conditioning

Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's hockey teams will have three summer conditioning sessions at the Plymouth Cultural Center beginning July 21.

All Canton and Salem students interested in playing hockey in the upcoming school year are invited to participate. Cost is \$15 per session or \$40 for all three, payable by July 21. Checks should be made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Booster Club.

Salem players will have their sessions from 5-6:30 p.m. July 21-23; Canton players will have their sessions from 6:30-8 p.m. July 21-23.

For more information, call Sandy Bida (for Salem) at (734) 455-939 or Chris Wolfe (Canton) at (734) 453-8332.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risah, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Track from C1

pole vault; threw the javelin 98-0; and finished by running the 1,500 in 5:31.0.

"I could have done better," he said. "But five of the events I had never even tried before."

When other track and field rivals saw Chapman competing in the three most technically challenging events (high jump, pole vault, long jump), most told him he should consider the decathlon.

Becoming proficient in the decathlon requires rigorous training in all the events. Chapman admittedly could do much better in several events.

"Definitely in the javelin," he said, calling that his weakest event (he placed eighth out of nine), "since we don't even have that in Michigan (in high school)."

"And in the 1,500 — I definitely should have trained harder for that one."

Chapman was fourth overall going into the last event of the decathlon, the 1,500. However, despite the 90-plus degree heat one of his competitors went a minute faster.

Chapman also thought he could have placed higher in the pole vault; he ended up second in that event, but was hoping to clear 13-feet.

Then again, he did superbly in the high jump. "The surface on that track was really nice," he said. "I got an awesome takeoff."

For Chapman, now it's just a matter of where he lands in his new venture.

Lynn from C1

NCAAs," she said, referring to the NCAA Division I championships. OU was a powerhouse in NCAA Division II swimming for years; the school switched to Division I two years ago.

This will be the first season the school will be able to compete at the NCAA Championships. Lynn was second at the National Independent Championship meet last spring.

Lynn's expectations are that it will be "a lot harder (competition), and expectations will be higher."

Still, it can't match what she'll undergo at the Olympic Trials next month. "I just wanted to see it for myself, to experience it," Lynn said.

And perhaps see just how far — and how fast — she can go.

Hockey from page C1

he had four in the game — to carry the Huskies to their second lopsided win in as many nights in an MSHL game Monday at the Cultural Center.

Dwight Helminen and Lance Kastamo added three goals each to the Huskies' attack, and Bill Kiilunen scored two apiece. Rich Storm, Dan Pietila and Trent Daavettilla each added single scores for the winners, who led 6-1 after one period and 10-5 after two.

The Wolverines got two goals from Joe Jones (Farmington Hills) and single markers from Frank Bourbonais, Jason

Lawmaster (Westland), Kyle McNeilance (Livonia), Nick Lewarne and Chris Powroznic (Redford).

Art Baker was in goal for the Huskies. Rick Marnon (Canton) and Mark Laverder (Farmington Hills) split time in the net for the Wolverines.

Lakers 10, Broncos 3: Nick Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Chris Libett (West Bloomfield) each scored three goals and Bryan Marshall added two to carry the Lakers past the Broncos in an MSHL game Sunday at the Cultural Center.

Other Laker goals came from Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) and Scott Curtin (Redford). The Broncos got two goals from Jeremy Majszak (Canton) and one from Chris Morelli (Livonia).

Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Colin Morawski were in goal for the Lakers. Brandon Hothem (Troy) and Brenden McMahon (Garden City) split time in goal for the Broncos.

Huskies 22, Spartans 10: It was a goal-scoring frenzy Sunday at the Cultural Center.

The Huskies got an MSHL-record nine goals from Dwight Helminen to roll past the Spartans. The Huskies led 6-3 after one period and 14-6 after two.

Trent Daavettilla contributed four goals and Rich Storm and Mark Pietila each three apiece. Lars Helminen, Dan Pietial and Ron Pietila scored a goal each.

The Spartans were paced by Jason Tardif with four goals and Jason Weber (Livonia) with three. Matt Krupa contributed two goals and John Maley netted one.

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THE WEEKEND

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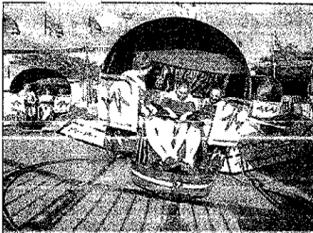
Grandmother what big teeth you have." Caitlin Donovan of Farmington Hills (left) questions Riley Wolf (Parker Plague of Canton) posing as Granny in "Little Red - A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom," 7:30 p.m. at the Players Guild of Dearborn Theatre, 21730 Madison, (southeast of Monroe at Outer Drive). Tickets \$5, call (313) 561-TKTS.

SATURDAY



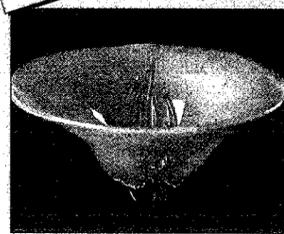
Kenny Garrett performs 7-9 p.m. in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park, (south of Maple Road between Henrietta and Bates streets) during Birmingham Jazzfest 2000. Eleven Birmingham restaurants are also featuring live music performances during the festival. Call (248) 433-FEST for concert schedules and list of participating restaurants.

SUNDAY



Take a ride, see a horse show, or listen to live music at the Wayne County Fair, 1-94 at Belleville Road (Exit 190) take northwest service drive to Quirk. Great Lakes Barrel Racing 10 a.m., rides open noon to 10 p.m., Band-O-Rama 1-9 p.m. Gate admission \$5 per person all day. Visit the Web site, www.wcfair.com for more information.

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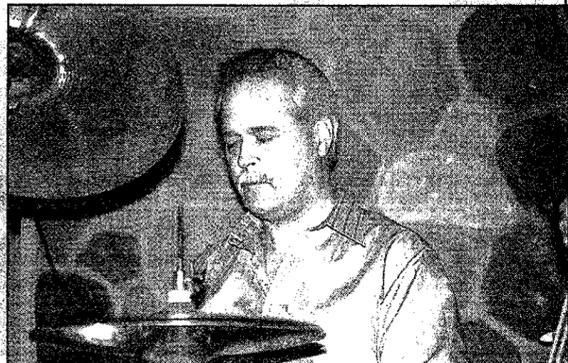
Look for Paul Runde and his blown glass sculptural vessels at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. Runde is one of the nearly 1,100 artists who are displaying their work in the streets of downtown Ann Arbor during the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which include the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22. For information, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org



Guest artist Jack Brokensha on the vibraphone



Matt Michaels on the keyboard



Drummer Jim Ryan

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Trio and guests have fun playing jazz

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER
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Every Wednesday night they come from as far away as Ann Arbor to hear the Matt Michaels Trio play jazz at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City. But last Wednesday was special. The room was packed with music lovers waiting for Michaels, bassist Dan Jordan, drummer Jim Ryan, and guest vibraphonist Jack Brokensha to take turns improvising.

It was a homecoming of sorts for Brokensha, a former Bloomfield Hills resident who was in town to play the Michigan Jazz Festival with the trio on Sunday, July 16.

"It's kind of a reunion," said Michaels, a Southfield jazz pianist. "We played together at the Botsford Inn until Jack retired to Florida a couple of years ago. I always like to invite people I've known over a period of time who are outstanding in their fields. Jack used to play with the Australian Jazz Quartet. We used to do a lot of work together."

Over the years, Michaels has worked with many big names - Peggy Lee, Al Hirt, Doc Severinsen - and some just starting out. He accompanied a young Barbra Streisand in the late '50s at Baker's Keyboard Lounge. Just recently he played with Bobby Vinton at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. On July 12 Michaels invited along an old friend, Brokensha, with whom he worked on industrial films and CDs.

"It's like a bowling night out," said Michaels, a music professor and director of jazz studies at Wayne State University in Detroit. "We have fun."

Having fun

That was apparent as Michaels' hands moved effortlessly across the keyboard. A composer/arranger, Michaels has written scores for commercials as well as industrial and documentary films. Before teaching at Wayne State, he was an instructor at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

"Our trio's been together 10 years but Dan used to come in when Barbra Streisand was in town and play with us," said Michaels, who will present a Henry Mancini program with the Detroit Sympho-

ny Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester.

Early days

Jordan's known Michaels since 1958 when he was playing the Caucus Club. Jordan played nearby at the London Chop House. Jordan had begun playing jazz in 1952 and eventually toured with Stan Getz, Ahmed Jamal and Rosemary Clooney. An experienced musician, he also played in Baker's house band behind Sonny Stitt and others.

"We play together really well," said Jordan, a Troy resident, "even though what we do is improvisational. We know each other so we can anticipate what the other's going to do so it doesn't sound like we're improvising. Louie Armstrong said if you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know."

Ryan, a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia, hasn't been playing nearly quite as long with Michaels but that doesn't stop him from having fun. He first met Michaels in 1971 not long after returning from 3 1/2 years on the road with The Temptations.

Ryan alternates with Jerry McKenzie, a retired Farmington Hills detective, as drummer with the trio every other week. McKenzie was a member of the Stan Kenton band for eight years.

"I was having a ball," said Ryan, a member of the music faculty at Wayne State University. Ryan also plays with the Larry Nozero Quartet the first Monday evening of the month at La Bistecca Restaurant in Plymouth Township. "It's always fun to play with Jack. It's the years of experience that's up there that makes it fun."

Jazz trumpeter Louis Smith was guest artist with the trio a few weeks ago. This night he was in the audience. Smith will play at Baker's Keyboard Lounge Aug. 12, and The Firefly, a new jazz club in Ann Arbor, Aug. 18-19. He'll also play the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival in September.

Fantastic musicians

"They're fantastic musicians and it's so easy to play with them even without a rehearsal," said Smith, who just returned from playing in the Paris



Bassist Dan Jordan

Jazz Festival in Europe. "You just come into the club and tell the band leader what you'd like to play, the key and set the tempo and there you go."

Jack Pierson was there to listen as well. But then he and his wife Cindy are there every Wednesday night to listen to the trio. Pierson is director of the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band which played the Michigan Jazz Festival the day before.

"This is the best rhythm section in town," said Pierson. "Their guest artists are people I like to hear and the food's great."

What: Matt Michaels Trio performs with guest vocalist Judi Cochill.
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City.
Admission: \$5, (734) 762-7756.

Matt Michaels and his trio regularly play 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ron's Fireside Inn. Call for information about featured guest artists.

COMEDY

Second City entertains, teaches, benefits workplace

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Improvisational comedy sure is amusing, but like most art forms, it has more to offer than just entertainment.

And, Detroit's Second City seems well aware of that. Current cast members are not only performing their latest original script *Gratit Happens*, but also helping both business people, aspiring comedians and the merely stage-curious tap into the power of improvisation.

In addition to creating and staging two to three comedies each year, the cast regularly leads corporate improv workshops and teaches technique classes for all ages and levels.

Currently, they're offering both regular classes and a summer camp program for youth. Second

- Training and education**
- Kid's Improv Camp Aug. 7-17 for students ages 10-16 (\$150 per session), call (313) 471-3453.
 - Corporate Improvisation Workshops held at Second City or off-site with all-day, half-day and customized sessions available (prices vary), call (313) 964-5821.
 - Second City-Detroit Training Center with programs on all levels for high school students (ages 16-19) and adults, including workshops in comedy writing, acting and scene study (\$150, high school program; \$200, adult program), call (313) 471-3453.



Good quips: The cast of Second City's latest show, "Gratit Happens," pokes fun at universal situations, as well as happenings around metropolitan Detroit, such as summer road work.

City's third annual Kids Improv Camp. Offered Aug. 7-17, the camp session culminates in a matinee show for the general public and is limited to 16 students.

Gratit Happens, which opened earlier this month and is the group's 18th revue, pokes fun at metropolitan Detroit happenings like summer road work and the Tigers' dismal win-loss record, as well as more universal occurrences.

Producing artistic director Joe Janes describes the cast's Detroit-specific material as "what people are thinking, but not saying. Kind of like 'Isn't it great we built this wonderful thing (new baseball stadium), but the Tigers aren't doing very well.'"

"It's our duty to kind of ferret out things that people might be putting a 'smiley' face on but aren't really looking into," added Janes. "The great thing about comedy is that you can kind of tell the truth and

What's showing

What: *Gratit Happens*, an original comedy revue presented by the current cast of Detroit's Second City

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday with additional 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday through the summer
 Where: Second City, 2301 Woodward Avenue in Detroit

Tickets: \$10, Thursday and Sunday; \$17.50, Friday; and \$19.50, Saturday. Call the Second City Box Office at (313) 965-2222 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

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nobody hits you."

Underneath the gags and laughs, all good improvisational comedy bears a message of some sort, but there's learning, as well as amusement, to be had in the act of doing.

So, whether you're an aspiring young comedian or car executive, Second City's communications and training program has something to offer.

Second City's corporate improvisational workshops, for example, help participants communi-

cate more effectively and think on their feet.

Through standard, but customized improvisational exercises, everyday business people not only hone these and other skills, but also process ideas and issues specific to their workplace in a humorous fashion.

"We have done shows for DaimlerChrysler, Ford, General Motors, Darcy Advertising agency, numerous hospitals," said George Bournias, marketing director for Second City Commu-

nications in Detroit. "Ultimately, the workshops do several things. They communicate a message and improve communication and team-building within the company."

The workshops take two forms. One involves every participant in improvisational exercises and stage work. The other is interactive but doesn't require everybody take to the stage.

Typical activities include trust exercises in which a blind-folded participant is guided by another

colleague, and "Freeze," an acting game in which participants move through a series of fictional scenes without a script.

One of the primary principles that Second City teachers try to convey is "Yes, And, Do Not Deny," said Bournias. It's a fundamental for improvisational comedians when they're on stage and essentially means be affirmative, stay open and never negate what other cast members are doing, Bournias explained.

"While they're basic principles,

they have so much importance in the business world. ...Rather than a supervisor, for example, saying 'no' right off the bat and killing an employees' idea, we try to teach that 'yes' and 'and' work better."

When an employee proposes a new project, for instance, it's almost always better for a supervisor to say "yes, and I'll have to look into how it fits into the budget," explained Bournias. That way, the employee feels affirmed "but the supervisor has communicated parameters."

While applying comedy and improvisation to the workplace may seem a bit absurd, most employees enjoy and truly learn from the experience, added Bournias. "You can only do so many graphics and pie charts in a presentation and not lose your audience. ...This catches them from another angle. We call it education," he said. "And, humor totally works. It's one of the best ways to deliver a message. We are sugar that helps the medicine go down."

CutTime Players to entertain audiences at concert in the park

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It might as well be called post-melody separation anxiety.

When the music goes on replay in your head hours after a concert. Or, you find yourself tapping your toes and humming a melody over and over.

Well, don't be surprised if the CutTime Players give you a case of the disorder.

The local ensemble of eight Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians often invokes catchy tunes like Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer Rag*, better known as *The Entertainer*, the theme music for the 1973 movie *The*

Sting.

And, Joplin's Ragtime darling is on the group's play list for Thursday, July 27 — when the CutTime Players play Birmingham's In The Park concert series for the very first time.

And, though the group has played numerous local venues and isn't a particularly large ensemble, the Shain Park audience may be pleasantly surprised by the sounds and sights of The CutTime Players.

"People are surprised that a full orchestral effect comes through from such a small group," said Rick Robinson, the group's director and double bassist.

What: CutTime Players perform *Russian and Ludmilla Overture*, *Für Elise*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *The Entertainer Rag* and selections from suites by Claude Bolling at Birmingham's In the Park outdoor concert series
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27
Where: Shain Park in downtown Birmingham
Cost: No charge

The CutTime Players are a symphonic band, so the eight players sound surprisingly like a full orchestra.

And, audiences appreciate the intimacy, said Robinson. "People come up to us and say 'I enjoy your group so much because I can see which instrument is making which sounds.'"

While the concert is the

group's first appearance at In the Park, the ensemble is well known in metropolitan Detroit. They have performed at the Detroit Institute of Arts, St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake (Classics on the Lake Series), Wayne State University (Detroit Festival of Arts) and the Millennium Theatre of Southfield (Lyric Chamber Ensemble Con-

cert), among other venues.

Formed in 1995 to perform Igor Stravinsky's musical-drama *The Soldier's Tale*, the group also frequents local schools with concerts.

Contributing to the CutTime Players robust sound are Robinson's DSO colleagues: Geoffrey Applegate, principal second violinist; Sharon Sparrow, second flutist; Theodore Oien, principal clarinetist; Randall Hawes, bass trombonist; Kevin Good, trumpet player; Sam Tundo, percussionist; and Robert Williams, principal bassoonist.

The group seeks to play music outside the orchestral repertoire and ventures into folk, jazz and

compositions for piano. Their first CD, a live album, is slated to debut in October and will be available for purchase at their concerts.

The CutTime Players — cut time means "twice as fast" — also stand, rather than sit, during their concerts. "That's pretty unusual for a classical group, but it certainly adds to the audience's enjoyment," Robinson said.

An audience feels more connected to the musicians when they don't seem to be buried behind music stands and pages of sheet music, he said.

Once more, Robinson serves as a kind of audience narrator in between musical selections. The idea is to help audience members better understand the mood or story within a particular musical piece.

With, for instance, Beethoven's *Für Elise*, which the group plans to perform at In The Park, Robinson is fond of telling the audience that "this grumpy old composer did something kind for a little girl."

Also on the play list is *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Russian and Ludmilla Overture*, and select movements from two suites by French jazz pianist and composer Claude Bolling.

Robinson's narration seems not only to lighten the mood but also encourages the audience to tune into the subtleties of classical music.

"Classical music is a language just like French and German," Robinson said. "And how often do we try to learn a new language?"

Search for 'Survivors' heads to Southfield

Looking for your 15 minutes, or, to be exact, seven weeks of fame? Or, are you just curious about the reality television craze? Then mark Saturday, July 22 on your calendar.

That's when WWJ-TV Detroit's 62/CBS will be at the Star Southfield Entertainment Centre searching for contestants to appear on the network's next installment of the hit series *Survivor*. *Survivor II* — The Australian Outback Contestant Search is scheduled 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

CBS is looking for 16 Americans to strand in the Australian Outback and film for their reality television show *Survivor*, which appears at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Once again, the contestants will find their own food, build shelters and compete to be the sole survivor and take home \$1 million.

Willing contestants should be ready to fill out an extensive questionnaire and film a three-minute video describing themselves and why they'd be an ideal survivor.

Contestants must be 21 years of age and citizens and residents of the U.S. who are in good physical condition and sound mental health. They also must be willing to spend seven weeks away from their family and work between October and December.

Contestants who make the first cut will be contacted in August for a personal interview.

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THEATER

'Little Red' ready to rock the Player's Guild stage

Come see what happens when childhood heroine Little Red Riding Hood, en route to deliver her Avon orders, gets sidetracked by rock star Dylan Preston in the original, premiere musical production, *Little Red: A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom*, opening 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21 at the Players Guild of Dearborn.

Written by Guild members, and Guildings youth theater founder Lisa Andres of Livonia, *Little Red* is Andres 10th original work performed exclusively on the Players Guild stage.

"The *Little Red Riding Hood* Tale is updated with a 1950s flair and seasoned to entertain both kids and adult audiences," explained Andres who is also directing the production. Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills and Corrine Fine of Canton are

assistant directing and co-producing.

Little Red blends timely slapstick humor from adult narrators Don Andres of Livonia and Joe Donovan of Farmington Hills, and the talents of 38 local youngsters ranging in age from 1 to 18.

As with all Andres' scripts, this show bears only passing resemblance to the familiar children's story - *Little Red Riding Hood*.

The cast includes Little Red (Caitlin Donovan of Farmington Hills), an inquisitive girl who strays from the straight and narrow path, a grandmother (Leslie Ann Drieltis of Dearborn), a cannibalistic wolf (Parker Plague of Canton), and a brave woodcutter named Woody (Scott Gizicki of Canton). But that's where the resemblance ends.

Add rock star Dylan Preston (Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills), and his entourage, crazed fans, the eager press, along with Woody Woodcutter's wacky kids and you have comic relief and nonstop laughs.

As a special treat, Little Red and her friends invite audiences to a post-show Tea Party in the theater's Club Room. Little Red will share her goodies with you. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with Little Red and all her friends and her friends and family.

The Players Guild of Dearborn will present seven performances of *Little Red* in its air-conditioned theater. General seating tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by calling the ticket office (313) 561-TKTS. The Players Guild of Dearborn Theater is at



On guard: Niles Wolf (Bill Beumel of Livonia, right) guards Little Red (Caitlin Donovan of Farmington Hills) from his mean old brother Riley Wolf (Parker Plague of Canton) in the Players Guild of Dearborn's summer production of "Little Red: A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom."

21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe at Outer Drive.

Show dates are 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 21-23 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 27-30.

Regional funding for arts will be up to voters - as it should be

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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After years of political posturing and bickering, a significant sign of regional cooperation is at hand.

At the Wednesday, July 12 meeting of the Republican caucus of the Oakland County Commission, it became apparent that a majority of the 25-member board would approve the intricate process by which homeowners would be levied a .5 mill new tax and how that revenue would be earmarked to fund cultural institutions and arts groups in Oakland and Wayne counties if the ballot proposal gains voter approval.

Some undecided commissioners were apparently persuaded by an effort by the cultural institutions to reduce fees and offer expanded educational programs, if the arts tax is passed.

And some commissioners were convinced that it's time for voters to decide for themselves.

Consequently, a vote to place the proposed arts tax on the November ballot will likely take place at the Thursday, Aug. 10 Oakland County Commission meeting in Pontiac.

By then, it's expected that the proposal will have received majority approval of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and the Detroit City Council.

"We believe we have a fair and equitable document," said John McCulloch, chair of the Oakland

County Board of Commissioners. "I'm quite excited about what this means to improving the quality of life in the region."

The "document" has been the source of wrangling over the past year among the three elected bodies.

Essentially, the debate has centered on how to determine a proportional role for each Oakland, Wayne and Detroit based on the proportion of raised revenue.

It's expected that Oakland County will raise about 52 percent of the \$36 million annual tax revenue. Meanwhile, Wayne County would generate about 36 percent, and the city of Detroit the remaining 12 percent.

McCulloch and other commissioners devised a formula by which Oakland County basically gets 52 percent of the decision-making power.

Of the \$36 million tax revenue, \$24 million would be earmarked to 14 cultural institutions, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum, and the balance would go back to the respective counties to be divided among local arts groups.

Other resolved issues are how to add institutions to the funding list, said McCulloch.

As provided by state legislation, the nine-member board will consist of elected officials from Oakland, Wayne and Detroit.

The proposed assessment

means that an owner of a \$150,000 home will pay an additional \$37.50 a year in property tax.

That's about \$3.12 a month, or roughly 10 cents a day to improve the quality of the region's culture.

Time for public debate

Not a single vote has been cast, and nothing is official, but there is a striking indication that there's growing optimism about the future of regional cooperation.

Finally, voters in Oakland and Wayne counties will get a chance to determine if their tax money will support the region's cultural institutions and arts groups.

And that's the way it should be.

It's a sign that perhaps common sense has replaced the reactionary attitudes of anti-tax zealots and those who'd rather build a wall at the county line.

And for those who contend that their tax money shouldn't go to cultural institutions that they don't attend, it's time to open up and ask: In a democratic society, is it practical and prudent to think that you can control how every penny of your tax money is spent?

More importantly, shouldn't voters consider the broader issue, which is, how can southeastern Michigan improve the quality of life of its residents?

It's naïve to think that just because the proposal will be on the fall ballot that passage is assured.

Opponents point to the impact of the tax on those living on a fixed income, that only two counties in a seven-county region would assess the tax, and the

geographical reality that many of the cultural institutions are in the city of Detroit.

Civic duty

Confronting these issues will determine the success of the upcoming public education campaign to support the arts tax.

Yet make no mistake. A change

of mind and heart is under way.

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"Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

ZEITGEIST THEATRE: "William Testament," presented by R.A.T. Productions, continues to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the theater, Detroit. \$8-10. (313) 831-0665/(313) 965-9192

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Avon on Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 28-29, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15 advance, \$20 at door, proceeds support the theater building renovation campaign. (248) 608-9077

BRASS TACKS ENSEMBLE: "The Taming of Shakespeare's Shrew," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22, 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 23 and 30, at the Performance Network, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 seniors/students; pay what you can on Thursdays. (734) 663-0681

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: The Youth Theater presents "Flapper," Friday-Sunday, July 21-23, and Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 363-0188

JACK-IN-THE-BOX: "Tommy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, July 28-29, Aug. 4-5, Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Livonia. \$12.50-\$14.50. (734) 797-JACK

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Little Red: A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 21-23 and Thursday-Sunday, July 27-30 at the theater, Dearborn. \$5. (313) 561-TKTS

RISING STARS: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 20-21, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: "Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 28-29 and Aug. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30 and Aug. 6, at the theater, Troy. \$11. (248) 988-7049

DINNER THEATER

MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN: "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. Call (248) 960-9440 for information.

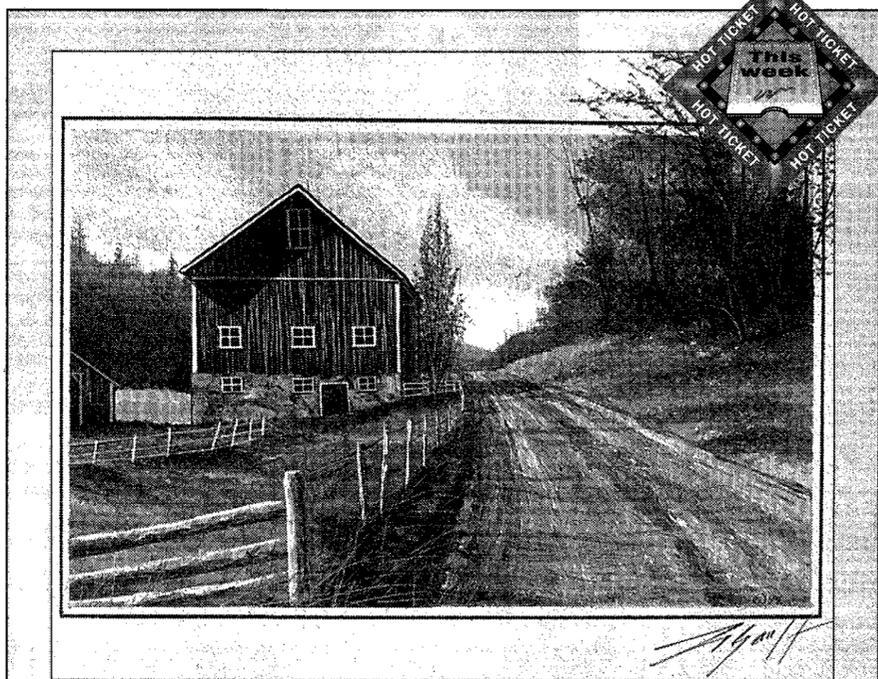
SPECIAL EVENTS

ASTRONOMY AT THE BEACH: Meet NASA astronaut Jack Lousma, see a come and gaze through a field of telescopes, 5 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, July 21-22 at Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. Free with vehicle entry permit of \$3. (248) 685-1561/(800) 477-3178

MICHIGAN BREWERS GUILD SUMMER FEST: Third annual festival 3-7 p.m. Saturday, July 22 features 30 Michigan breweries and brewpubs and 100 beers to taste. Food will also be offered for sale. Sponsored by the Michigan Brewers Guild at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Admission \$20 per person, includes a punch-card for beer samples. No charge for designated drivers. Advance tickets available at the Greenmead office, Merchant's Fine Wine, and participating breweries including Big Buck Brewery, Big Rock Chop & Brew House, Bonfire Bistro and Brewery, Copper Canyon Brewing Co., and Rochester Mills Brewing Company. For more information, call (248) 988-7566 or (248) 477-7375.

CLASSIC CRUISE SHOW: Hundreds of street rods, antique and classic automobiles, 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 28, music by In The Pocket Band (4-6:30 p.m.) and Sea Cruises (7-10 p.m.), in downtown Chelsea. (800) 265-9045

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS: 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444



Featured artist: Tom LeGault of Plymouth will display his paintings at the Summer Art Fair on State Street between South University and William, Main between Huron and William, and Liberty between Main and Fifth. The Summer Art Fair is one of three art fairs that comprise the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. The fairs feature nearly 1,100 artists who are displaying their work in the streets of Ann Arbor. The event also offers continuous entertainment by a variety of performers, and free children's art activities. For information, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site at www.annarbor.org. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 20-21, until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Fairgoers are encouraged to park at Briarwood Mall (off I-94 at State Street) or Pioneer High School (Main and Stadium) and take the shuttle bus. The fare is \$2 adults (\$1 each way), no charge for children age 7 and under. Trolley rides between the fairs cost 50 cents, free for shuttle bus riders. Shuttle buses and trolleys run 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 996-0400 or visit the Web site at www.theride.org

DETROIT RIVER FESTIVAL: Features marine mart of artists and in-water antique and classic boat show, 9 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Harbor Hill Marina, Detroit. Free. Parking \$5 per car. (313) 852-4051

GOLD CUP POLO COMPETITION: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22 (rain date Saturday, July 29), at Word of Faith International Christian Center (formerly Duns Scotus), Southfield. \$5 advance, \$6 at gate; \$20, includes 1 p.m. brunch catered by Excalibur. (248) 354-4854

JAM FOR THE LAMB: The 4th annual festival includes Twinkle-eating contest, skateboarding, beach volleyball and rollerblading, plus the acoustic/alternative sounds of Polarby, Big Al's Coaster Club (ska), BCOG Praise Team, Son of Adam (rock), Nitro Praise (hip/hop/techno), and a message by Luther Whitfield, director of Urban Ministries for Youth For Christ, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Milan Free Methodist Church, Milan. \$5 at the gate.

LUAU: 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 21, at the Northville Manor. \$20. (734) 420-0144

REDFORD THEATRE: "The Greatest Show on Earth," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22 and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the theater, Detroit.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. now through Sunday, July 23 features animal shows, virtual reality theater, country music by Bryan LaBean and Kimberly Ann, bicycle safety, karaoke, more, I-94 and Belleville Road in Belleville. Admission \$3 Thursday, July 20 and \$5 Friday-Sunday, July 21-23.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM JAZZ FEST: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20 through 9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, features headliners like Alexander Zonjic & Friends, Tim Bowman and Chuck Mangione. Children's performers include Marc Thomas and Max The Moose, Chataqua Express, MB2. Jazz on Saturday with Straight Ahead, Los Hombres Calientes, Herbie Mann and Kenny Garrett. Eleven restaurants will also feature live jazz, call (248) 433-FEST.

BLUES MONDAY: Sponsored by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, Gary Schunk Trio, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, in Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 963-3813

DETROIT ZOO: Al Hill & the Love Butlers 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 26; Rich K and Brazii 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at the zoo, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 541-5835

GAZEBO CONCERTS: Benny Cruz La Buena Vida 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

IN THE PARK: Alexander Zonjic 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20 kicks off JazzFest 2000; CutTime Players, 8 DSO Virtuosi performing famous symphonic favorites, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

KIDS KALEIDOSCOPE: Casey & Mac blend stories, music and songs, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Hines Park, Waterford Bend Area, Northville. Call (734) 261-1990.

MUSIC IN THE AIR: Terraplanes 7 p.m. Friday, July 21; Detroit Rock City 7 p.m. Friday, July 28, in Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Josh White Jr. noon Wednesday, July 26; O.J. Anderson, comedian, noon Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: Shelia Landis 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20; Spirit of Detroit Chapter of Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERTS BY THE POOL: Immunity, "roots-rock-reggae," 7 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at the pool deck of the Southfield Sports Arena. (248) 424-9022

STARS IN THE PARK: Immunity 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Secrets, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20; Sun Messengers 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

WEDNESDAYS AT EIGHT: Gentlemen Songsters chorus Ensemble and Quartets, Detroit-Oakland Chapter SPEBSQUA, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860

WESTLAND CONCERT SERIES: Phil Gram All Stars 6 p.m. Sunday, July 23, in the Westland Library Performance Pavilion. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside the Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

BENEFITS

LADIES DAY GALA: Silent auction, dinner (6:30 p.m.), 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$100, benefits SS.Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Preparatory. Call (248) 683-0411 for information.

MUSIC IN CRANBROOK HOUSE GARDENS: Features string quartet, classical guitarist, strolling violin and winds duos to entertain during a light buffet supper, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, in the 40-acre garden surround Cranbrook house, Bloomfield Hills. \$100, proceeds go to the continuing preservation and restoration of the nearly 100-year-old Cranbrook House, the oldest English manor home in the Detroit area.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Symphonic Blockbusters with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, July 21, "Mozart-in-the-Meadows," 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, and "Mancini Gold" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

CHORAL

DEKOOR: The 27-member close harmony choir from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands performs with various HFCC college groups 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, in the Henry Ford Community College Band Room, Dearborn; and with the Farmington Community Chorus 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21 at Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Donation.

SUMMER SINGS: The University Musical Society Choral Union invites local singers to take part in choral reading sessions 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at the University of Michigan Modern Language Building, Auditorium 4, on Thayer between Washington and North University, Ann Arbor. \$5. Call (734) 763-8996 for more information.

CARILLON

MARGO HALSTED: 7 p.m. Monday, July 24, at the University of Michigan's Lurie Tower, North Campus, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 763-4726 for additional information.

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR: Auditioning skilled singers for tenor, baritone and bass voice parts, Aug. 7, 12 and 14 by appointment only, choir rehearsals take place Monday evenings in Grosse Pointe area beginning Aug. 21. (313) 882-0118

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND: Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "The Wisdom of Eve," a drama by Mary Orr, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at the theater, Troy. For performances Sept. 15-Oct. 1. (248) 398-2725

SECOND CITY: Improv camps for kids Aug. 7-17, at Second City, Detroit. \$150. (313) 471-3453

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN: Auditions for the cappella vocal group, looking for all voices to sing at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and special events. (313) 299-0451/(734) 941-5955

POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through July 29, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

ISABELLA: Performs jazz, Broadway and contemporary music, 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Border Books & Music, Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With guest vibraphonist Jack Brokensha, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, with Judi Cochill, vocalist, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

PRIME: The vocal jazz group performs 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at the Livingston County Courthouse Amphitheater, Michigan and Grand River, Howell. Free

DONALD WALDEN QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 576-5111

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 576-5111

ED WELLS: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

WORLD MUSIC

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: Eve Packer & Detroit's Women Performance-Poets Convergence 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at the Detroit Opera House. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY: Hosts dance workshops 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, July 28 and 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30 with guest teachers are Mark Otloski of the Cleveland Ballet and John Anzalone of New York, classes for advanced and intermediate level dancers, ages 10 and older, will include ballet, pointe and jazz, at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. To register, call (734) 427-9103.

COMEDY

BAKERS OF MILFORD: Jim Mouth, 7-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29, at Bakers of Milford. (248) 685-0505

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John Bizarre, Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22; Jimmy Dore, Wednesday-Saturday, July 26-29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Manny Shields, Friday-Saturday, July 28-29, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John Bizarre, 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22, Livonia. (734)261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: Jackie Flynn Friday-Saturday, July 28-29, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Keith Ruff, Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22; Rich Guzzi Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Gratit Happens," at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Math becomes interactive and fun for families with the newest exhibition "Fun 2,3,4: all about a number of things," continues to Oct. 17; the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club has donated magnetic blocks that have both printed and Braille letter for the magnetic wall so that visitors can write poetry or leave their names on the wall; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DORRIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: in Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. Call (734) 455-8940 for more details.

SPIRIT OF FORD: "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 senior, \$4 ages 5-12. Call (313) 31-SPIRIT for information.

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LIVE MUSIC

CHRISTINA AGUILERA: With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666.

ALL: With Wretch Like Me, The Pavers, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

ANAPHORA FESTIVAL: With Switchfoot, Madison Greene, Trip The Light Fantastic, DJ Maj and Reliant K, 3-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 Phoenix Center Plaza, downtown Pontiac. Tickets \$13-\$20. Kids 8 and under enter free. (248) 335-9497

A NEW FOUND GLORY: With Bottomed Out, Rev, 6 p.m. Monday, July 24, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

AUTUMN TWILIGHT: 9 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Conor O'Neills, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

TAMARA BEDRICKY: With 40 Flea, Ultra Manta, Brad's Dead Fish, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555.

PAT BENATAR: With Vudu Hippies 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday, July 28-Saturday, July 29, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BLUE MOON BOYS: 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLUE ROSE: Friday-Saturday, Aug. 4-5, Bumpers, Westland. (734) 459-7720

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: Mondays, The Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22, 220, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; Thursday, July 27, The Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU.

B-SIDE PLAYERS: 9 p.m. Friday, July 28, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. 21 and over. (313) 833-9700.

BUMPIN' UGLIES: With Daggers, Dead Heroes, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 833-9700

EDDY "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER: 10 p.m. Friday, July 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

THE CIVILIANS: 10 p.m. Friday, July 21, 313jac, upstairs at Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

LOUD 9: With Tribe of Zoe, Emily Richards, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555

THE COME ONS: With Wet Look and The Horrors, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. (313) 833-9700

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 2-3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

CREED: With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35.

MARSHALL CRENSHAW: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

CRUSH, KILL, DESTROY: With Inside 5 Minutes, Flapjack, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555.

DANDY WARHOLS: With Rick Bane, the Genius Position, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 4-5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

DEF LEPPARD: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

DJ DEL VILARREAL: 7:30 Sunday, "Swing-a-Billy," Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5/ \$3 after 9 p.m. Call (734) 996-8555 for more information.

DETROIT COBRAS: With The Greenhorns, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700.

DETROIT SOUNDZ 4: With Tribal Traktion, 69 Octane, Thik, Self Inflicted, Hell Loose in Nation, Flowmind, Life Thread, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 335-3540

DIANE: 10 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

THE DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Conor O'Neills, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DONKEY PUNCH: With Panchita, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

STEVE EARLE: With Marah, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$20 advance. (313) 961-MELT

EARTH CRISIS: With In Flames, Skinlab, Buried Alive, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12. (313) 961-MELT.

ECTOMORPH LIVE: With DJ Damon, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, The Cave, Ann Arbor. 18 and older. \$8. (734) 332-9140 (electronic, house, techno)

FATSOU: Saturday, July 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

FINNIGAN'S WAY: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Cowley's Old Village, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

FOR CARNATION: With David Grubbs, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

FUNKTELLIGENCE: With Bumpus, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

THE GIRLS ROOM TOUR: With Amy Correia, Shannon McNaily, Tara McLean, 8 p.m. Monday, July 24, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT.

GORDON BENNETT: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Rochester Mills Brewery, Rochester. 21 and over. \$3. (248) 650-5080; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Karma, Ferndale. 18 and over. No cover before 10, (248) 541-1600; 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, 5th Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

GRANDADDY: With Bright Eyes and They Come In Threes, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700.

THE HANDSOME FAMILY: With Blanche, Jawbone, Friday, July 21, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

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JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JO NAB: 10 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Aug. 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 22, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

STANLEY JORDAN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

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KILLER FLAMINGOS: 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

KINA: With Kristiva, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT.

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JEFF LENNON: 9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, The Rookie Sports Cafe, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

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MB2: 1 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Shane Park, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

MISSING PERSONS: With Flock of Seagulls, Gene Loves Jezebel, Club 80s Tour, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$10-\$15. (248) 645-6666.

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PILFERS: With Aks Mama, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

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QUEERS: With Lillingtons, Explosion, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 2-3 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

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REPLICA: Friday, July 28, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

REV: Saturday, Aug. 5, Woodward Avenue Brewery, Ferndale.

RIDDIM POSSE: 10 p.m. Friday, July 28, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

ROBB ROY: 9 p.m. Friday, July 28, Token Lounge, Westland. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 20-22, U.S. 12/ Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

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THE TECTONICS: With The Blithering Idiots, Saturday, July 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

THIRD WORLD: 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18 advance. (248) 544-3030.

THRALL: With Chapstick, Aurora, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

THE THROAT SINGERS OF TUVA: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800

TONIC: With Stir, 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12. (313) 961-MELT.

TRIPLE PLAY: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, The Arena, Highland. 21 and over. Free. (248) 887-1880.

UNCLE KRACKER: With Paradime, The Howling Diablos, Thursday, July 27, State Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

UNCLE SID: With Virtual Soul, Tenfold, 49th Street Encore, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555.

UNDERGROUND TOUR: With Wu-tang Clan, more, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$31.50. (248) 645-6666.

VANS WARPED TOUR: NOFX, Suicide Machines, Green Day, Jurassic 5, Long Beach Dub Allstars, MXPX, Millencolin, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Goo Riddance, Flogging Molly, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Snapcase, Save Ferris, Hot Water Music, Animal, Avail, One Man Army, Anti-Flag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nippon, Camp, Beatsteaks, The Line, Bueno, Scooter Trash, The Hippos, Stingrays and Toledo Show, Noon-Sunday, July 23, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. All ages. \$27.50. (248) 398-4436 or (248) 645-6666.

CLAY WALKER: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666.

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UNIVERSAL X-PRESSION: 10 p.m. Friday, July 21, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, July 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

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WIDESPREAD PANIC: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. (248) 645-6666

THE WILLIES: 10 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

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MOVIES

'X-Men' tackles the sci-fi comic book world with a vengeance

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It's been a long time, perhaps since *Jurassic Park*, that Hollywood has created an action movie with smashing effects and a story that's just plain fun.

And fun doesn't necessarily mean without substance.

Enter *The X-Men*.

Comic book collectors of the 38-year-old story initially cringed at talk of seeing their beloved *X-Men* heroes portrayed by popular actors like Halle Berry as the sexy, vampy blonde, Storm. However, in chatrooms across the Internet just hours after *X-Men* hit the theaters, *X* enthusiasts eagerly described their satisfaction and even excitement about

the movie.

"When I first heard there was going to be an *X-Men* movie, I freaked out. I didn't want mainstream Hollywood to trivialize my complex characters. I thought it would be impossible to show the depth Wolverine and Xavier in a two-hour movie. But the movie was actually really cool. Thank God they didn't use well-known actors like Bruce Willis or Gwyneth Paltrow," wrote longtime *X-Men* collector Jay Buzzy in a chatroom Friday night. "I saw it twice, back-to-back and I will see it again tomorrow."

X-Men fans praised young director Bryan Singer, who also directed *The Usual Suspects*, for his dedication to the *X-Men*'s authenticity.

"An older director just wouldn't

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have had the same respect for *X-Men*," wrote collector 'Storm9' in the chatroom.

Summer's already blockbuster hit is more crowd-pleasing than the boring and predictable *Perfect Storm*, wrote another.

The comments by longtime *X-Men* fans are bound to please Singer.

"I wanted to respect the *X-Men* history for the fans," Singer said.

He insisted on creating a story that was interesting and entertaining to new fans as well.

Wolverine. Rogue. Cyclops. Storm. Complex comic book characters who've eloquently come to life on the big screen to fight

against human prejudice with their own mutant powers. As children of the atom, and homo sapien superior, they are the next link in the chain of evolution. Each were born with genetic mutations that give them special powers: Cyclops (James Marsden) shoots burning beams of energy through his eye that could bust mountains, Storm (Halle Berry) can create rain, wind and even hurricanes with her mind.

Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), one of the strongest *X-Men* with telepathic powers leads the *X-Men* to protect a world that fears, and even hates them because of their odd powers. Together the *X-Men* fight against other mutants who want to eliminate humans — because they fear the 'normal' humans will eliminate them. Their biggest mutant enemy is Magneto (Ian McKellen) whose powers are equally powerful.

Good vs. evil. Martin Luther King's peaceful methods vs. Malcom X's by-any-means-necessary strategies.

And in the middle of it is Logan-Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) whose retractable adamantium claws are put to use whenever his body feels defenseless (sometimes harming the innocent) and Rogue (Anna Paquin) who uncontrollably steals others' energy with a single touch.

The on-screen innocent relationship between young teenager Rogue and the older and protective Wolverine, was criticized most, by *X-Men* followers for inauthenticity. In the comic

series, Rogue is a mature, somewhat more worldly woman than the character portrayed in the movie.

But, in the movie, the characters' chemistry together is endearing. Wolverine and Storm fight to protect Rogue and the entire city of New York by battling evil mutants like the sexy, lizard-like Mystique (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) who can metamorph into anything she wants.

"The story of the *X-Men* is quite political," says Singer. "It's about differences and similarities. Because the comic was born from the tumult of the '60s, there are political and sociological issues and messages inherent in the *X-Men* lore."

"Ultimately, the film is about how difficult it is to find a level of tolerance that is mutually beneficial to all involved. That's a philosophical concept that mankind and mutantkind could fight about forever ... it's also a kick-ass movie."

The screenplay is by David Hayter, from a story by Tom DeSanto and Singer himself. Combine that talent with the creative production team: Director of photography Newton Thomas Sigel (*The Usual Suspects*), production designer John Myhre (*Elizabeth*) and visual effects supervisor Michael Fink of *Batman Returns* and a visually stunning sci-fi is born.

Mystique's costume worn by Stamos is the most appealing. From head-to-toe she wore nearly 70 self-sticking silicone prosthetics and her entire body is painted

blue including her ears, soles of feet and every place you could imagine to create the scaly-blue naked woman topped off with a vibrant red wig and yellow contact lenses. The process took 6 to 8 hours every day.

The *X-Men* was specifically cast with actors who are still up-and-coming and the process took nearly seven months. Neither the producer nor the director wanted faces of huge Hollywood actors stealing the excitement of the characters' personalities.

The *X-Men*'s above-ground world is Xavier's School for Gifted Youngster, designed as a beautiful classic mansion where mutant children could learn to adjust to society. Underground is the *X-Men*'s secret world — spacious, clean with blue tiled walls, floors and ceilings to create a utilitarian space.

A love-triangle. An innocent concern between a young girl and her handsome, older-brother protector. Villains like Toad whose tongue can stretch up to 15-feet to conquer his enemies. A smart and powerful leader of the *X-Men* and an arguably equally as intelligent mutant enemy — plus the typical but must-have white, closed-minded, navy-blue-suited conservative and mean-spirited politician combined with refreshingly surprising visual effects, incredible costumes and a darn-good storyline make this film the hit that is.

And it's Singer's true commitment to create an action classic that makes *X-Men* unforgettable — after all, *X-Men* don't die, they just keep evolving.

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STREET SCENE

Pontiac gets 'Warped'



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

During a summer concert season that's suddenly lacking in music festivals, a glimmer of hope is on the horizon.

No, there is no Lollapalooza, Lilith or HOARDE, but youth culture hasn't been forsaken by tour promoters all together - we've still got the Vans Warped Tour to look forward to and the 2000 line-up is sure to make up for all those pangs of festival withdrawal.

Getting Warped again

In its sixth year bouncing around the country, Warped has become synonymous with extremes - whether it's music or sport. So what better contribution could the Motor City offer than our own four favorite punks, The Suicide Machines?

Bassist and Redford resident Royce Nunley was in good, albeit sleepy, spirits before performing on the afternoon of Thursday, June 13, when I called to see how the tour was going.

"All the bands I've hung with have been super cool," said Nunley from his cellular phone in Cleveland. "I've made a lot of friends."

The Suicide Machines - which, besides Nunley, includes Jason Navarro, Dan Lukacinsky, and Rochester Hills native Ryan Vandenberghe - have kept busy with Warped this summer. While it's only a 30-minute set, the band doesn't have much time to check out the cities on tour. "It's a pretty long day, we walk around a lot," he said.

The band performed some dates of the tour in 1996 and 1997, and Nunley said it hasn't changed much. "It's a little more together," he said. "Kevin (Lyman) got it down to a science."

Lyman started the tour in 1994 and since, the music has diversified from its punk past, including elements of rock and

hip hop.

When the tour invades Pontiac, The Suicide Machines will get a short rest at home. "We get the next day off," said Nunley. "I get to sleep two nights in my own bed."

On tour

Pontiac will be just one of 39 stops, making this the biggest Warped Tour yet. Last year's tour drew 400,000 fans across North America, thanks to the fan-friendly ticket prices and continued grass roots vibe. Newcomers to the tour include Green Day and Long Beach Dub Allstars. NOFX, MXPX and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones are returning.

Also on the schedule are Jurassic 5, Millencolin, Good Riddance, Flogging Molly, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Snapcase, Save Ferris, Hot Water Music, Animal, Avail, One Man Army, Anti-Flag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nippon, Camp, Beatsteaks, The Line, Bueno, Scooter Trash and The Hippos. The Stingrays and Toledo Show will perform in the Tiki Tent, where daily fashion shows are featured.

On the local front, newcomers Out By Tuesday, 12 Angry Steps, The Outsiders, PT's Revenge and Ruth's Hat will perform alongside Warped's big names on a local stage. All five competed against about 200 bands in a battle hosted by 89X. The top 20 performed May 10 at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit. A panel of judges, made up of record industry executives, chose four winners.

The Way to Warped

The Wayne County-based Out By Tuesday were chosen by online viewers. Together only nine months, the band hasn't gotten a demo together yet, but has already performed at area venues like The Shelter in Detroit and Pontiac's 7th House. Singer Tom Cocking of Livonia is looking forward to playing the Warped local stage. It will be Out By Tuesday's biggest crowd to date and he promised a high-

energy rock show.

"We don't try to sound like anybody," said Cocking, the band's 19-year-old songwriter. "We play what we feel. It's honest music, that's for sure."

Out By Tuesday also includes former Skolars bassist Randy Schroeder, former Stretch drummer Wendell Shelton, Brian Woodley on guitar and Rob Martiensen on samples. While the Warped performance will feature a more straight-up punk-influenced rock vibe, the band is also pursuing a collaborative hip-hop project called The Motown Syndicate and an industrial project called Aftermath. Stay tuned for more from this band.

For now Cocking is holding his breath until July 23. "I can't wait," he said. "I'm gonna hang out with Green Day. That's the coolest thing ever."

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But the Warped Tour is more than just a diverse collection of artists bound to get the crowd on their feet. Some of the extreme sports athletes include David "Cannonball" Smith Jr. who dares to be fired from a cannon to fly an average of 160 feet into a landing net. Tackling their own feats will be pro skaters Steve Cabellero, Mike Frazier, Neal Hendrix, Phil Hajal, Daniel Ehara and Jon Comer. But in the grand Warped tradition, expect amateur skate competitions as well.

Whatever your extreme pleasure, Warped 2000 is sure to leave heads and wheels spinning.

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The Suicide Machines



The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

Top: Dan Lukacinsky, Jason Navarro, Ryan Vandenberghe and Royce Nunley are The Suicide Machines. From the band's Livonia roots to a highlight of the Warped 2000 line-up.

Left: Dicky Barrett and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones are ready to mix it up at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater.

Bottom: Tom, Mike and Yuri of MXPX, the nicest guys in punk.



MXPX

MOVIE NEWS

Local bands wanted for new feature film

Ever dreamt of hearing your song on the big screen? Here's your chance. Darkart Entertainment is seeking Detroit-based music for the feature film titled *Ground Zero*.

"The film is a comedy/drama that revolves around the Detroit music scene," said writer-director Mike Kallio in a press release. "With Detroit music being such a big deal right now, we thought it would be great to try and push local music even harder."

The film was shot entirely in and around the Detroit area and is the third feature by Kallio. *Ground Zero* tells the story of Jake Masters, a college disc jockey with a popular Detroit radio show, who has reached a turning point of his life. With the sudden notice of the station closing, he's forced to re-evaluate his life, his career, his future and his marriage.

The film is in production and scheduled to be complete at the end of August. Kallio plans to relocate to California where it will

be shopped for distribution. This is his third feature film. Darkart Entertainment is still looking for actors and extras for *Ground Zero* and will hold an open casting call soon.

Musicians interested in being included on the film's soundtrack should send CDs marked "Attention Ground Zero" before Aug. 16, 2000, to Darkart Entertainment, 17618 Olympia, Redford, MI 48240.

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DINING

J. Alexander's newest location hip, booming

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Open since November of last year, the newest Michigan location of Nashville-based J. Alexander's in West Bloomfield is hip and booming. Most evenings, and especially on weekends, the 250-seat eatery goes full tilt.

Patrons love the noisy atmosphere and the contemporary-American food.

The pub area, the only space that allows smoking, is as popular as any neighborhood tavern. There are four pub booths where you can eat.

The main dining area with dark woods has a club feel, until you spot the open, bustling, precision-oriented kitchen, the domain of head chef Miguel Jimenez, who has been with the J. Alexander's corporation over five years.

That notion of subtle precision is J. Alexander's success. Everything runs on a team concept. Managers are called coaches. Employees are champions. This may sound hokey, but it works.

It is my belief that the word "team" works better than "family" in the restaurant industry. A team's purpose is to win. A family generally puts up with you, no matter how poor you perform. If you don't pull your weight on a team, you get cut by the coach.

With Head Coach Ian Dodson, it's easy to sense high standards. A native of the U.K. and now a Farmington Hills resident, he earned a culinary degree from Salisbury. He runs the "front of

J. Alexander's
Where: 7440 Orchard Lake at 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield, (248) 538-8349
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday
Menu: Contemporary American in a casual atmosphere. Barbecued baby back ribs, prime rib, hardwood grilled steaks and seafood are among the popular specialties. Three-item kids menu.
Cost: Burgers and sandwiches, \$7-10. Specialties, \$12-22 or market price.
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the house." Here's a man who knows problems that can arise in the kitchen and how to keep diners from noticing them.

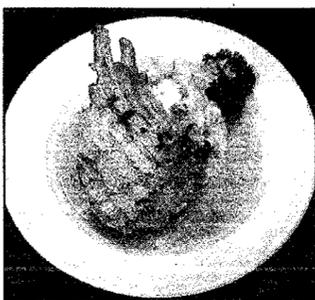
"I have high standards personally and so does the company," he said. "We settle for nothing but the best and believe in minute management. I'm here to teach and support."

From what I observed, Dodson has taught, particularly the service staff, well. When I thanked, each said, "my pleasure" and not "no problem," a response that always grabs me the wrong way.

Dodson considers the high volume, very busy West Bloomfield J. Alexander's location is a lot like the corporation. "Everybody

in this community has high standards," he said.

Mexico City Spinach Con Queso served with tortilla chips



To each its own: The menus at the three metro Detroit J. Alexander's restaurants vary somewhat.

is the restaurant's most popular appetizer. Chef's Whim Soup changes daily, as the name suggests. Wontons, almonds, and a walnut vinaigrette are the surprise elements in Field Greens Salad. The Old Fashioned Cheeseburger with "the works" comes with fries and

is the best-seller in the burger/sandwich category. With a sandwich or burger, you can enjoy an unusual side, such as Maytag Blue Cheese Cole Slaw, Orzo and Wild Rice, or Tequila Beans, a kicked-up version of



Heads of staff: Kitchen "coach" Miguel Jimenez (left) and "head coaches" Ian Dodson and Ralph Carnevale make sure J. Alexander's operations run smoothly.

baked beans with cilantro and tequila.

Three house specialties lead as most-ordered: Aged Prime Rib, which is U.S.D.A.; Top Choice in two cuts, 12-ounce or 16-ounce; and Barbecued Danish Baby Back Ribs ("Danish" indicates a greater ratio of meat to bone); and Fresh, Grilled North Atlantic Salmon, which has a smaller lunch cut until 4 p.m.

All seafood is grilled over a live hickory wood fire as are steaks and chops, which are finished with Maitre d' butter.

In tune with a growing American interest in Asian-inspired foods is seared Asian Grilled Ahi tuna (sushi grade), finished with a wasabi-cilantro vinaigrette and served with orzo and wild rice.

The menu at each J. Alexan-

der's location in Michigan and out-of-state is slightly different. Case in point, West Bloomfield does not have pastas, but all desserts are made on premise.

When the Troy Somerset location opened in 1997, J. Alexander's CEO Lonnie Stout, who was born and grew up in southeast Michigan, told me, "We pride ourselves on service and food quality."

J. Alexander's in West Bloomfield is his goal in action.

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On the side

J. Alexander's wine list makes an aficionado swoon. Great wines by the glass are \$4-8 and \$19-32 by the bottle from top California producers, plus there are a few Ports. An "Outstanding Bottles" list, \$29-95, is as good as many fine-dining restaurants in the area. Casual dining with baby backs or prime rib and any one of the top-flight cabernets from this list will make your evening. Wine chutzpah! Yes!

Other locations: at the Somerset Collection (North) in Troy, 2800 West Big Beaver Road, (248) 816-8379; and in Livonia, 19200 Haggerty Road at Seven Mile Road, (734) 464-9220.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

NEW RESTAURANTS

E.G. Nicks - 500 Forest Street in downtown Plymouth opened to the public on Wednesday. On Thursday, July 20 the restaurant will be open 5-11 p.m. Regular restaurant hours beginning Friday, July 21 are 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Brunch menu served Sunday until 3 p.m.; dinner 3-9 p.m.; 11 a.m. 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Call (734) 414-6400 for information.

E.G. Nicks offers a full menu of pastas, steaks, burgers and specials in a setting that not only has booths for eating, but also a long, curved bar with three 37-inch television sets for viewing.

E.G. Nicks has a second location, 6066 W. Maple (west of Orchard Lake Road) in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-0805.

Essence - 146 MainCentre, Northville, is having its grand opening on Saturday, July 22. Reservations recommended, call (248) 735-8755. Dinner hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Saturday. After dinner hours a martini bar will be open until 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

The eclectic American-French menu will offer daily specials and feature such items as Pil-

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Pizza Recipe and Bake-off - Shield's Restaurant & Pizzeria in Southfield, Dearborn and Troy is hosting their

first "Pizza recipe and bake-off" contest this summer. Throughout the month of July customers at each location can drop off their idea of the perfect pizza. At the end of July, a panel of judges will choose one winner from each location. Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate good at any Shield's location. In August,

Shield's will host a pizza bake-off contest at the Troy location. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate good at any Shield's location and the pizza will be a featured menu item for one week. Partial proceeds from the sale of each pizza will be donated to the winner's charity of choice. Call (248) 637-3131 for details.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I am interested in selling my home. A broker presented me with a purchase agreement that provides that any disputes between the parties can be resolved by arbitration. Should I sign?

No. Retain your legal rights to pursue the parties to the agreement in court.

You can always agree to arbitration or mediation. But binding yourself to such an agreement in advance will limit your rights to a jury trial and other recourse which may be beneficial to you in the long run.

I have a large family and am interested in renting a home in the Cape Cod area for a week. Do you have an idea what the cost would be to get a waterfront property and/or a water view, which is near the beach?

There are many Cape Cod rentals that are available on a seasonal basis and, indeed, on a weekly basis.

While it would be necessary for you to consult with a local Realtor, in a recent visit to Cape Cod, I learned that a home with a water view 300 feet from the beach in North Fal-mouth, which would accommodate nine persons, would rent for \$5,000 a week.

Obviously, there are homes for less in terms of the cost on a rental basis, but the location is determinative of the rental value. This particular home in question, by way of example, had six bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths and was built in 1939.

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RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

The darnedest things . . .

BY DOUG FUNKE
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Time for another installment of the unusual, funny, bizarre, touching and sometimes-dangerous world of real estate.

There's more to this occupation than selling and buying houses. Boring? No way! Not to these folks, anyway. Here are a just a few of their extraordinary experiences in the field.

Ellen Newville, a Realtor with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham, had a one-in-a-million encounter with a client that brought smiles all the way around.

"Once I was working with a couple looking to move to Royal Oak from Detroit," Newville said. "They were friends of mutual friends, a personal referral.

"During the process of working with them, I realized they were living in the home my mother grew up in. For some reason, I remembered the address. It was a beautiful older house in the Rosedale Park area.

"During the process of the home search, my mother and her siblings were coming to town for a party. The people I was working with invited them to come by and visit the house they grew up in. It held many fond memories.

"It was a wonderful experience," Newville said. "It was fabulous, very gracious of them, very pleasant."

And to put the icing on the cake, Newville found a house for the couple in Royal Oak.

"I was just flabbergasted," she said while reminiscing. "What are the odds?"

Doug Mason, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, had some closings that were delayed. But the reason for only one that actually fell through was a doozy.

"I was representing a seller. We had a Monday closing. While the sellers were loading the van on Sunday, the buyers came by said they were looking forward to the closing the next day. They had actually become friends.

"The next day, we were at the closing," Mason said. "An attorney walked in said they weren't going to close; keep the deposit. That's all he would say. I think we were all in shock.

"The upshot was we later found out that the person who bought the home hadn't paid income tax for a number of

years, the IRS had heard about the house and was standing in the wings to take possession," Mason said. "So they (buyers) decided not to close."

Mason resold the house within 10 days, and that transaction changed hands without a hitch.

Luckily, the sellers initially planned to live in an apartment when relocating so they didn't immediately need the proceeds from the sale to buy another house.

The lesson learned? "Anything can happen."

It took an odd twist in the road - literally - for **Denise Setser**, a Realtor with RE/ MAX Classic in Canton, to learn that clients don't always know what they really want.

"I wanted to show a client a house, and it turned out to be the wrong house," she said. "It was one of those neighborhoods with lots of twists and turns. It was dark. I had the right address, the wrong street."

Fortunately, that house also happened to be listed for sale and the sellers happened to be available, just returning from vacation.

Unfortunately, it was a tri-level and Setser's buyers wanted a traditional-style ranch or colonial.

Fortunately, they decided to buy it, anyway.

"The house was so impeccable," Setser said. "The best of everything was used in upgrading. This was a showplace."

And her understated reaction to the entire incident six years later? "That's different."

Chris James, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Troy, figures that the real estate gods were watching over her and a client when they unexpectedly encountered an attack dog while visiting a house.

Or maybe it was just good intuition on her part.

"Before we went in, we could hear a loud noise, a barking dog in the garage. We went through the breezeway between the garage and the kitchen into the kitchen. I don't know why I closed the door. I never do.

"We went through the house and came back to the kitchen and didn't hear the dog," James said. "It was very quiet. I said, 'I wonder why the dog isn't barking?' Very gently, I tried to open the door and felt weight against

the door. The dog was waiting for us.

"Very quickly I closed the door and put a chair under the knob. I don't know how he got there. Maybe the garage door wasn't closed completely."

The Realtor and client quickly made their way to safety through a side door and into their car.

"She and I just stood there shaking like a leaf," James said. "It was very scary. To this day I won't go into a house with a big dog."

Dan Proctor, an associate broker with Wilhelm and Associates in Clarkston, once took refuge in a bathroom for three hours when unexpectedly confronted by a German shepherd.

"He growled and showed teeth," Proctor recalled. "He sat outside the (bathroom) door. Actually, he was OK, but I didn't know that. The sellers felt bad. I'm just glad they weren't gone for the week."

Proctor had obtained a house key and arrived early to make sure everything was in order before his clients, would-be buyers were to show. He had no indication that a dog was inside.

The prospects left without even entering when they couldn't find Proctor and couldn't hear his calls for help.

Now Proctor makes plenty of noise when he gets to the front door when a house appears empty - just in case.

The shrill sound of a burglar alarm reunited several acquaintances including **Barbara Siefer**, associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills.

"I was told that the alarm wasn't set, but as soon as we went in, it went off," Siefer said. "The neighbor next door in housecoat and curlers came over and started yelling, 'Why did you set off the alarm? Didn't you get the code?'"

"She turned it off. Both the buyers and I knew her, although we didn't know where she lived.

"She said, 'Barb, why did you set the alarm off? Bill and Mary, what are you doing here? We were all kind of staring at each other with open mouths. It was kind of funny when things settled down

"Ever since that day, I've been very careful about walking in with alarms," Siefer said. "I ask, 'Are you sure it's not set?' It's very uncomfortable when police come out and question a Realtor when an alarm goes off."

Piggyback eliminates insurance

A growing number of financially savvy home buyers are slamming the door shut on private mortgage insurance. Such insurance is the expensive coverage lenders typically require people to buy when they borrow more than 80 percent of the value of a home.

Many borrowers have an alternative to the expensive private mortgage insurance. The alternative is a piggyback loan, which stacks a small second mortgage on top of a primary mortgage. This type of loan can significantly reduce a borrower's monthly payments because the additional expense for mortgage insurance is eliminated.

Private mortgage insurance has been around for decades as necessity for consumers who couldn't or wouldn't come up with a 20-percent down payment to buy a home.

A piggyback mortgage consists of two mortgages used to buy a home. The first mortgage is a traditional one, usually for 80 percent of the home's purchase price. The second mortgage is for generally for 15 percent of the purchase price. This cuts the cash down payment to 5- or 10-percent.

The smaller down payment allows more consumers to enter the home buying market. It also makes qualifying for a mortgage easier since the monthly payment is reduced with the elimination of the private mortgage insurance premium addition. Even better, the interest for both the first and second mortgages is tax-deductible, whereas the insurance payments are not.

Piggyback loans can make higher-prices homes more accessible. Buyers of homes costing more than \$315,000, often have to get "jumbo" mortgages carrying higher interest rates than conventional loans. Piggybacks sidestep those high rates by taking a conforming first mortgage (currently \$252,700) with a lower interest rate and then financing the remainder of the loan with a second mortgage. The "blended" payment of the two loans is often far less than the one jumbo payment.

Piggyback loans have been used almost exclusively in certain parts of the country as an attractive, affordable option. Although considered relatively new to the Midwest, piggyback mortgages continue to gain momentum in the Detroit area and are available through most mortgage lenders and brokers.

Is the piggyback right for you? Have your mortgage lender run the numbers to find out which is cheaper cheaper for you and your new home.

Kathleen Clancey is an assistant vice president with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

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COLORADO	86,900	4.1
CALIFORNIA	408,400	3
MARYLAND	68,200	2.9
TEXAS	219,300	2.4
OHIO	60,500	1.1
MICHIGAN	41,700	0.9

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New construction - 1763 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, master bath with jet tub. Full unfinished basement, 1st floor bath, walk-in closets, breakfast room, 1 1/2 car garage with workshop. \$254,900 (31CAYDR) Call Kim.
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CANTON COLONIAL
Beautifully upgraded Canton Colonial! 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, upgraded carpet and cabinets, premium elevation, crown moldings, master suite with garden tub and 3 car garage. \$324,900 (ABYGE)
REMERICA HOMETOWN 734-459-6222



SUMPTER TWP.
3 bedroom, 3/4 acre, fenced backyard, covered deck, nicely landscaped. Huron Schools. 2 car garage. Nice place to live, only \$136,900.
REMERICA MAIN ST. REALTY 734-697-2450



TERRIFIC
3 bedroom brick ranch with open floor plan, refinished hardwood floors, new windows, professionally landscaped yard, near park. Don't wait! \$147,900 (26841CL) Dbn. Hgts. Call Joann Savage, 313-814-7397.
REMERICA ACTION REALTORS 313-665-2222



PRICE IS RIGHT!
3 bedroom brick ranch with 4th bedroom/office in part. finished basement. 2 car garage w/new door, roof, gutters. Roof new on home 5/2000. Furnace and electric updated. All this and more for \$126,973. (1612-0)
REMERICA HOMETOWN III 734-459-9898



HEAVILY WOODED!
1.8 acres - mature trees, multi-tier landscaping and flagstone patio, cedar deck, master suite w/large walk-in closet & balcony - lots of closet space, hardwoods, C/A. Call Lynda & Michelle. \$274,900 (IONS) 810-231-1600
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BEAUTIFUL
3 bedroom Colonial on cul-de-sac built in 1996. 1 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage, basement, C/A, deck and hot tub off kitchen. Large kitchen with walk-in pantry, sprinkler system, upstairs laundry, close to Kensington. \$239,900 (18MEA)
REMERICA INTEGRITY REALTORS 734-525-4200



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Home or cottage - canal frontage on Vineyard. 2 bedrooms, one bath, new updates in 1996. Home comes completely furnished plus all appliances. Must see! \$126,900 (25DA) Call Kim.
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PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL!
on almost an acre. Newer sub. Beautiful oak trim and cabinets, full basement, C/A, front yard sprinklers. Pinckney schools, fireplace, convenient to everything! \$205,000 (30S1) Call Michelle & Kim.
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ONE OF A KIND!
Historic home in downtown Milford with charming old world flavor. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2500+ sq. ft. Updated kitchen, brand new roof, Jacuzzi tub in master bath, 4 car garage and more!
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WONDERFUL
3 bedroom brick ranch on a quiet cul-de-sac street. 2 1/2 baths, basement, 2 car garage, security alarm. Newer roof, windows, C/A, sprinkler system, HWH. Lovely Fla. room, gorgeous landscaping, new driveway. \$164,900 (83GRI)
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LAKE CONDO
Corner unit, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, new furnace, air, doorwall to lake. All appliances stay. 9 acre park, community pool, boat launch. Home Warranty included. \$119,000
REMERICA MAIN STREET 734-697-2450



GREAT STARTER HOME!
Walk to schools and shopping. New carpet, fresh paint, very clean newer windows, 2 1/2 car garage. FHA/VA available. \$109,999 (6460 GU) Call Mike Velasco. 313-283-4736
REMERICA ACTION REALTORS 313-665-2222



GLENGARRY VILLAGE
4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with builder upgrades. Fireplace in family room, 2 car garage, enlarged foyer and 2nd floor laundry. Asking \$299,900. (1601-0)
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CENTRAL LIVONIA RANCH
3 bedroom brick ranch, loads of updates, 1st floor laundry, oversized garage, 65x135 lot, low taxes, Home Warranty. \$120,000
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EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL!
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1989 built Colonial, super clean, 1630 sq. ft. Oak kitchen, new carpet, large master, huge private deck with hot tub. \$179,900 (1607-0)
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SUNFLOWER CAPE COD
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan, large partly finished basement, walk to school, commons pool and tennis courts! \$219,900 (ATCED)
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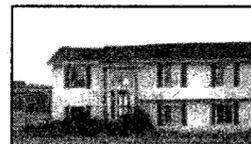
COLONIAL
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, only 1 year old! Large Great Room with fireplace, large kitchen with eating area, and much more! Plymouth-Canton Schools! \$240,900 (AJHMA)
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PLYMOUTH
Just a short stroll to downtown Plymouth! This super sharp bungalow has 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, crown moldings and neutral decor. Also 2 1/2 car garage. \$204,900 (AKBPE)
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COLONIAL COUNTRY ESTATE
3664 sq. ft. 10+ acres, 32x40 pole barn, doorwall overlooks veranda and pool. Huge country kitchen, 3 bedrooms, Great Room with loft, nicely landscaped. \$329,900
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FOWLERVILLE LIVING!
Beautiful 5 plus acres, plenty of wildlife! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, quiet setting. Rent with option to purchase. A/C, rear entry garage. \$184,900 (90R0) Call Marshall.
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Cute starter home, 3 bedroom ranch. Open floor plan, huge basement, 1 1/2 car garage. Nice size back yard with deep lot. Bring all offers. \$90,000 (16593SA) Call Mary Heady, 313-514-7878.
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1/2 ACRE PLUS
Large 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch, updated throughout, 2 level fireplace, finished basement, attached 2 1/2 car garage, C/A, gas BBQ. \$195,900
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FANTASTIC
3 bedroom, 2 bath home beautifully decorated and updated. Large living room with natural fireplace. \$294,900 (L2074)
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\$174,900	3 bedroom, 1.5 bath w/updates	41512 Ayrshire	Canton
\$209,900	4 bdrm, updated Colonial	6312 New England Ln.	Canton
REMERICA HOMETOWN ONE-CANTON (734) 454-4400			

\$179,900	Entertain in style. Exec. home	29835 Hillbrook	Livonia
\$98,500	3 BR ranch. bsmt, new furn/C/A	20555 Kinloch	Redford
\$183,900	5 bed/2 bath Colonial, updated	22710 N. Olmstead	Dearborn
\$44,900	Historic Colonial-Updated	73 Stoner	River Rouge
REMERICA FIRST REALTORS (313) 255-2100			

\$198,900	Colonial, 4 Br., all major updates	7220 Willow Creek	Canton
\$154,900	Canton Ranch, 3 br., 2 ba., fin. bsmt.	44122 Saltz	Canton
\$169,973	3-4 br, 1.5 ba., part fin. bsmt.	39761 Edmundton	Canton
\$116,937	Brick Ranch, 3 br., 1 ba., C/A	12801 Hemingway	Redford
\$172,900	Canton Ranch, 3 br., 2.5 ba., C/A	200 Patingill	Westland
\$499,900	Gorgeous '99 built Cape on 10 acres	5893 Tower	Plymouth
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\$324,900	Col. 4 br. 2.5 ba., 3 car att. gar.	45361 Gersd Ct.	Canton
\$69,900	Ranch, 3 br., 1 ba., basement	29831 Hazelwood	Inkster
\$115,000	Ranch, 3 br., 1.5 ba., 2 car gar.	15505 Oakbrook	Romulus
\$169,900	Ranch, 3 br., 1ba., 1 car det. gar.	674 Pacific	Plymouth
\$139,900	Ranch, 4 br., 1.5 ba., 2 car det. gar.	25700 Warren	Dearborn Hts.
\$289,900	Ranch, 3 br., 2.5 ba., 3 car garage	45399 Williams Ct.	Canton
\$114,900	Ranch, 3 br., 1 ba., h/dwd. floors	9036 Hugh	Livonia
\$225,900	Col. 4 ba., 2.5 ba., 2 car att. garage	38589 Terry Lane	Westland
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\$89,900	Ranch, 2 br., many updates	19192 Negaunee	Redford
\$109,900	Bungalow, 3 br., full bsmt., 2 car gar.	21319 Collingham	Farm. Hills
REMERICA SUBURBAN REALTORS (734) 261-1600			

\$79,900	3 ba, brick Ranch, appl. stay, 1.5 baths	3971 Lovett	Inkster
\$94,900	3 Bedroom, brick Ranch, C/A, basement	14280 Bramel	Detroit
\$88,899	3 Bedroom, Vinyl Ranch. garage. appl. stay	24555 Florence	Detroit
\$114,900	3 Bedroom, Colonial, C/A, garage	18617 Norborne	Redford
REMERICA INTEGRITY REALTORS (734) 525-4200			

\$115,000	Vacant land, beautiful, 7+ acres	9 Mile	South Lyon
\$371,500	New construction, 4 bedrooms, 2 story	10686 S. Splistone	Pinckney
\$359,000	New construction, 3078 sq. ft. Col.	10694 S. Splistone	Pinckney
\$229,000	2 story, cul-de-sac, quiet setting	11428 Tall Shadows	Pinckney
\$119,000	Co-op Condo community, many upgrades	61958 Ticonderoga	S. Lyon
\$262,900	8 person tub, 3 br, 2 ba, great view	1310 Worner Creek	Saline
\$205,000	New const. 1600 sq. ft. water access	Marine Street	Pinckney
\$339,000	Colonial, fireplace, jacuzzi tub	9318 Anacapa Bay	Pinckney
\$259,000	New construction, wooded lot, 2064 sq.ft.	11323 Tall Shadows	Pinckney
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\$192,900	Newer windows, doors, furn, air, & kit.	37732 Howell	Livonia
\$214,900	Col., 1880 sq. ft., 3 br, 1.5 ba., warr.	8551 Elmhurst	Canton
REMERICA HOMETOWN ONE - PLYMOUTH (734) 420-3400			

\$184,900	Clean 3 br., 1.5 bath, 1677 SFT!	15054 Delaware	Redford
\$279,900	Colonial in Cedarspring Estates	25911 Buckminster	Novi
	2 br, 2.5 bath on Pleasant Lake	6606 Leytonstone	W. Bloomfield
\$147,500	Ranch w/finished bsmt 1000+SFT!	9512 Lone Pine	White Lake
REMERICA MAIN STREET REALTY (428) 851-8010			

\$199,999	4 br. Colonial, 2.5 baths, bsmt.	216 Victoria Ln	Belleville
\$176,900	3 br. Ranch, 2 baths, bsmt.	570 Thornhill Ct	Belleville
\$169,000	3 br. Bi-level 2.5 baths	566 Thornhill Ct	Belleville
\$125,500	4 br. Ranch, 1.5 baths, bsmt.	9862 Jackson	Belleville
\$245,000	2 br. Belleville Lakefront	12141 Ryznar	Belleville
\$469,900	Huge Belleville Lakefront Colonial	12109 Ryznar	Belleville
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\$69,900	2 br. Ranch, 1.5 ba, bsmt, 2 car gar.	6411 Artesian	Warrendale
\$62,000	4 br. ahm. Bung., 1.5 baths, bsmt.	23 E. Charlotte	Ecorse
\$115,900	3 br. brick Ranch, tons of updates	5608 Detroit	Dearborn Hgts.
\$65,500	2 br. vinyl Ranch, remodeled	1863 Ethel	Detroit
\$119,900	3 br. brick Tri-level, frplc, 2 car gar.	24428 Hanover	Dearborn Hgts.
\$89,900	2 br. alum. Cape Cod, bsmt., gar.	2212 Homeplace	Dearborn
\$129,900	3 br. brick Bung., 1.5 ba. bsmt. gar.	8500 Virgil	Dearborn Hgts.
\$122,500	3 br. vinyl Bung., updates, gar. bsmt	24900 Union	Dearborn
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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded April 24 - May 5, 2000, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1823 Aberdeen St \$181,000	44451 Tillotson Dr \$190,000	36270 Mallory Ct \$266,000	50821 Weston Dr \$365,000	15537 Woodworth \$116,000
44980 Brunswick Dr \$220,000	42063 Trent Dr \$258,000	29653 Mason St \$146,000	9576 Winterset Cir \$302,000	19397 Woodworth \$101,000
43078 Fernwood St \$180,000	43114 Washington Way \$144,000	13995 Melvin St \$189,000	8919 Woodberry Rd \$265,000	9615 Wormer \$120,000
45754 Fountain View Dr \$282,000	5841 Willow Crk \$195,000	20496 Melvin St \$100,000	Redford	13580 Wormer \$126,000
6947 Harvard Ln \$99,000	Garden City	35247 Orangelawn St \$160,000	15802 Beech Daly Rd \$69,000	Westland
1372 Hendrie \$330,000	30811 Bock St \$134,000	39055 Parkhurst St \$195,000	9191 Brady \$124,000	29847 Ann Arbor Trl \$90,000
8540 Kennesaw Rd \$360,000	28634 Cambridge St \$80,000	16869 Parklane St \$270,000	11439 Columbia \$133,000	39341 Armstrong Ln \$155,000
6649 Kennesaw Rd \$365,000	6551 Deering St \$128,000	29648 Pickford St \$142,000	11355 Crosley \$122,000	33624 Arrowhead St \$124,000
8909 Kings Mill Dr \$351,000	28952 Florence St \$128,000	17503 Rexwood St \$210,000	18483 Derby \$102,000	33629 Balmoral St \$130,000
1447 Ledgewood Dr \$205,000	32704 Florence St \$106,000	13999 Riga St \$171,000	18815 Five Points St \$37,000	35880 Castlewood Ct \$133,000
45666 Morningside Dr \$272,000	30649 John Hawk St \$157,000	28001 S Clements Cir \$138,000	26245 Fordson Hwy \$105,000	35770 Cherry Hl \$82,000
2619 N Woods Blvd \$238,000	28271 Maplewood St \$118,000	20120 Saint Francis St \$43,000	15531 Fox \$100,000	6292 E Morgan Cir \$160,000
1816 Preserve Blvd \$215,000	5727 Merriman Rd \$100,000	37508 Sunnydale St \$270,000	18686 Glenmore \$90,000	7353 Garden St \$123,000
5974 Runnymede Dr \$180,000	33681 Pardo St \$135,000	18358 University PrkDr \$100,000	19798 Inkster Rd \$78,000	6865 Geronimo St \$165,000
45213 Seabrook Dr \$291,000	29544 Rosslyn Ave \$125,000	33018 Vermont St \$150,000	26646 Jennifer Ct \$122,000	8307 Parkside Dr \$136,000
44226 Southampton Dr \$185,000	30915 Rosslyn Ave \$118,000	18457 Westbrook Dr \$172,000	23710 Joy Rd \$80,000	1937 N Crown St \$96,000
651 Stonehenge Dr \$170,000	Livonia	9374 Westwind Dr \$194,000	15579 Kintoch \$120,000	118 N Hawthorne St \$115,000
	9665 Aroala St \$143,000	18797 Whitby St \$170,000	18627 Lennane \$89,000	8221 N Henry Ruff Rd \$133,000
	19187 Augusta Dr \$200,000	18581 Williams Ct \$255,000	20481 Lexington \$90,000	7363 N Inkster Rd \$79,000
	35822 Dover St \$163,000	Plymouth	26900 Lyndon \$195,000	5672 N Linville St \$85,000
	14344 Ellen Dr \$166,000	775 Auburn St \$180,000	23484 Meadow Park \$213,000	8307 Parkside Dr \$136,000
	17040 Fitzgerald St \$226,000	679 Forest Ave \$168,000	9979 Mercedes \$82,000	6517 Poochontas St \$176,000
	18328 Floral St \$127,000	49073 Fox Dr N \$595,000	17330 Olympia \$113,000	8044 Randy St \$136,000
	17412 Francavilla Dr \$245,000	876 Irvin St \$142,000	20530 Olympia \$58,000	6775 Redman St \$136,000
	18979 Glengarry Dr \$322,000	46134 Litchfield Dr \$315,000	12039 Rockland \$106,000	7794 Rivergate Dr \$126,000
	11100 Haller St \$143,000	273 Pinewood Cir \$97,000	8822 Royal Grand \$125,000	38159 Sherwood St \$86,000
	9810 Harrison St \$129,000	11293 Red Maple Dr \$298,000	14143 San Jose \$87,000	1209 Shoemaker Dr \$85,000
	15570 Ingram St \$198,000	448 Sunset St \$159,000	26723 Student \$104,000	1273 Shoemaker Dr \$102,000
	37538 Jamison St \$184,000	9415 Timberline Ct \$309,000	9045 Tecumseh \$128,000	6910 Yorkdale Ct \$123,000
	37820 Ladywood St \$255,000		15602 Wakenden \$88,000	
	14405 Lyons St \$160,000			

MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

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Haley & Aldrich, an underground engineering and environmental consulting firm, announces several promotions:

Wayne C. Hardison, P.E., Robin B. Dill, Jeffrey A. Klaiber, Jeffrey E. Loney and Bryan P. Sweeney have been elevated to senior associate/vice president.

Paul M. Tornatore rises to senior consultant/vice president; Marya E. Gorczyca and S. Trent Parkhill to associate/vice president; Paris A. Hajali to consultant/vice president; and Gregory Raines to vice president.

Etkin Skanska Construction announces two personnel moves:

Karen C. Kelly has been promoted to director of business development out of the Farmington Hills office.

Kelly joined the company in 1987 and will oversee its business development and marketing group. She also will continue to lead the firm's business development effort for kindergarten-12th grade and higher education markets.

Kelly is a graduate of Leadership Oakland and Macomb and has served as membership chairwoman with the Associated General Contractors of Greater Detroit. She lives in Northville.

John Rhen joins Etkin Skanska as project director in the Detroit office.

He's been involved in the construction industry for 33 years and has experience as project executive, operations manager and project director.

Rhen previously worked as operations manager in the Singapore office of Houston-based Kellogg Brown & Root.

He has a bachelor's degree in construction from Michigan State Uni-

versity and a master of business administration degree from the University of Detroit. Rhen lives in Troy.

Barton Malow Design, Rossetti Architects and Barton Malow Construction have been honored for their work on the new Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

Building Design and Construction magazine, a national publication, recognized the team with a building team project of the year award for their collaboration.

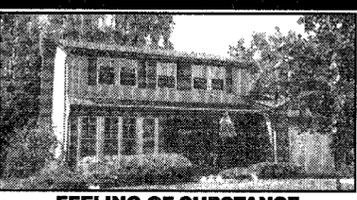
Colliers International, a commercial real estate firm in Bingham Farms, closed 15 transactions that exceeded \$1 million and/or 50,000 square feet in April and May.

Those included the sale of a 55,000-square-foot office at 32100 Telegraph in Bingham Farms for more than \$6.75 million and a multi-year lease of 37,300 square feet at the Oxford Pointe Building on Northwestern in Southfield for more than \$3.8 million.

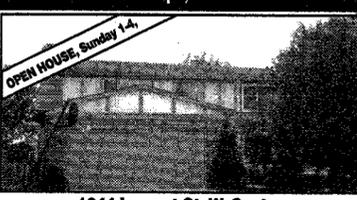
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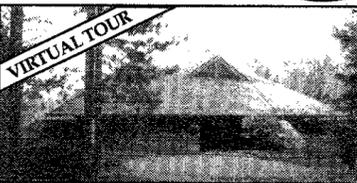
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 Happy living starts here for your family! Hurry, enjoy this well built 3 bedroom Colonial in one of Canton's most popular subdivisions. Updates galore await you! \$179,900 734-455-6000



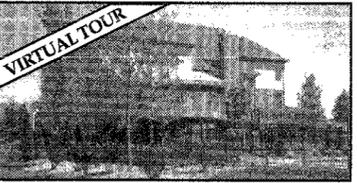
1044 Lemont Ct. W. Canton
 Wooded cul-de-sac setting for this 2200 sq. ft. Tudor! Four generous size bedrooms. Living & family rooms for entertaining, plus formal dining room. Some newer windows & kitchen doorwall. Hardwood flooring in living and dining rooms. Freshly painted throughout. \$234,900 734-455-6000



COUNTRY SETTING CITY CONVENIENCE
 Nearly an acre lot. Open floor plan, many windows overlook mature wooded setting. Beautifully finished solid wood interior doors. Corian counters, ceramic wall tile, recessed lighting, new cabinets in remodeled kitchen. Ex-large heated & insulated garage. \$374,900 734-455-6000



PRIVATE SECLUDED SETTING!
 Only 3 miles from the "heart" of Ann Arbor. Custom designed & built home! Landscaped/irrigated 3.81 acres, plus pond site & 3 golf holes on property adjacent to 2.5 acre parcel and 1 acre site at rear, both for sale. Truly a home to entertain or relax in! 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths. \$949,000 734-455-6000



IT'S SUMMER...AND,
 This extraordinary property offers it all. Complete with tennis courts, inground pool, finished walk-out, massive tiered decking and patios. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths on double lot backing to commons. Custom features throughout. \$890,000 734-455-6000



DISCOVER ITS HIDDEN POTENTIAL!
 Almost 2 acres of privacy within walking distance from town. Located on low traffic dirt road. Generous amount of living space. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den & wonderful attic/bonus room ready for all kinds of creative ideas. Some hardwood floors. All appliances remain with home. Large pole barn. 2+ car garage. \$200,000 734-455-6000

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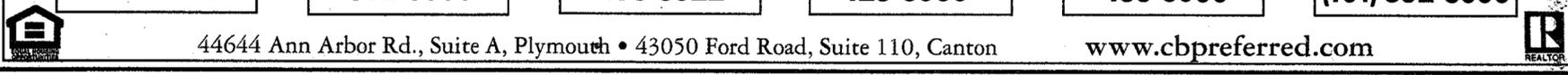
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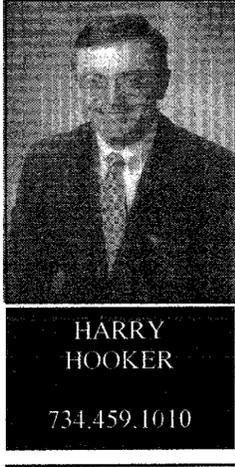
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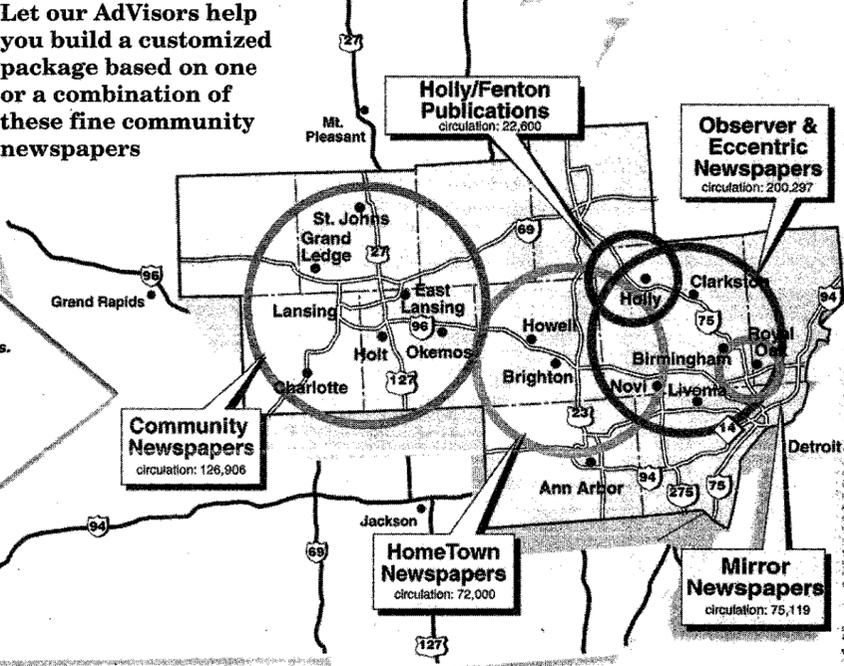
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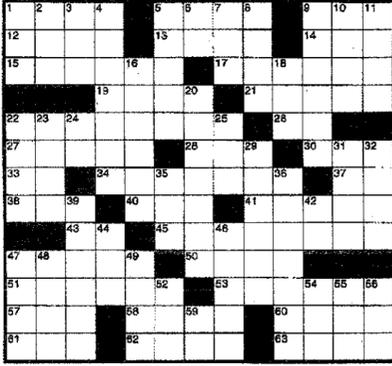
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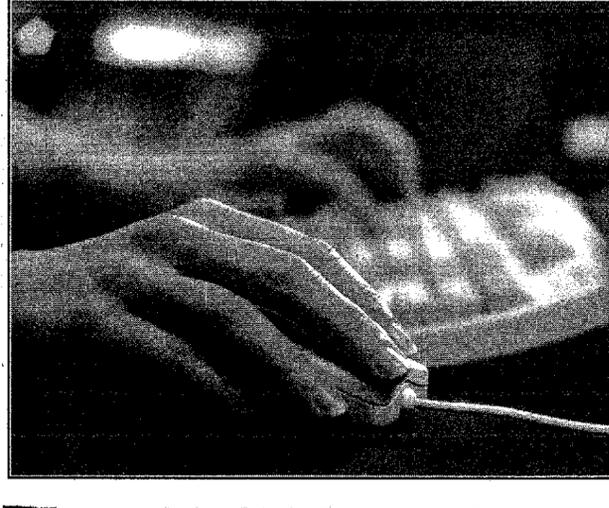
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BEAUTIFUL! Updated brick ranch with open floor plan. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Newer roof & carpet. Furnace & air in '97. Sharp white kitchen. Hardwood floors. Master bedroom with bath & 2 closets. finished basement. (34DEE) \$169,000 734-455-5600



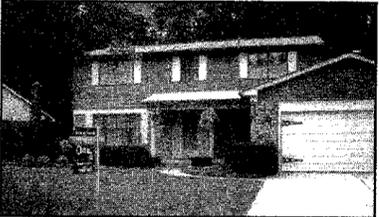
SOUTH REDFORD LOCATION! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch. High efficiency newer furnace. Finished basement, fireplace, large country kitchen, 2 car garage. Convenient location. (87ROB) \$136,500 734-455-5600



RANCH CONDO. Fresh paint, carpet and more in end unit with attached garage and Florida room. Enjoy club house and beach on Crooked Lake. (44ARL) \$115,000 248-349-5600



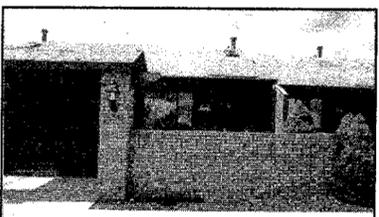
"RIGHT-ON" RANCH! Priced right & ready. 3 bedrooms, basement & 2 1/2 car garage in excellent Livonia sub. Convenient & close to shopping, school, park & Xway. Country kitchen w/doorwall to deck in private yard. Updates: hardwood floors, Livonia schools (10VER) \$142,900 248-349-5600



CUSTOM COMFORT! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick colonial. Livonia schools. Secluded lot. 2.5 car garage. Fireplace. Ceramic baths. Covered patio. (59CLA) \$249,900 734-455-5600



LARGER LOT, QUIET LOCATION! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with 2 car garage. Dining area open to doorwall & deck. Pantry & garden window. 1st floor laundry. Shed. Home warranty. (05BOR) \$199,000 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON CO-OP. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo w/finished basement. Neutral decor, screened "Florida Room". Immediate possession. 2 assigned parking spaces. Minutes to shopping, golf, parks, e-way. Adult community, 55+. (21HER) \$87,900 248-349-5600



OUTSTANDING LIVONIA COLONIAL w/4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths w/master w/walkin closets & full bath. Huge living & family rooms. You'll enjoy newer furnace in winter & C/A in summer. Full basement, attached garage & more. (68HEN) \$194,900 248-349-5600



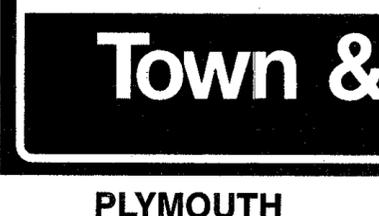
COUNTRY SETTING! Beautifully updated home with newer kitchen, newer furnace, newer roof, newer driveway, attached 2 car garage with additional 2.5 car garage & huge loft. (wired). Awesome yard, 1.5 acres. (25NAP) \$299,000 734-455-5600



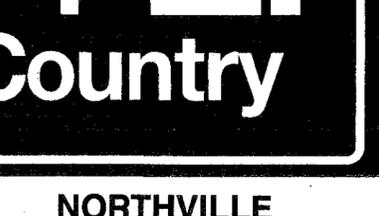
LOVELY! 3 BEDROOM ranch has newer roof (tear off), windows, updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, partially finished basement w/glass block windows & cedar closet. Fenced. 2 car garage. Home warranty. (25SAN) \$142,900 734-455-5600



FOR PEOPLE ON THE GO! Convenient end unit. Custom updates. Jetted tub & extra storage. Club house, common pool. Deck, porch. (43BED) \$141,999 734-455-5600



PARK-LIKE SETTING! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with 2 car garage. Large Florida room, fireplace in family room. Appliances stay. Quick occupancy. Tiled basement. (60GRE) \$209,500 734-455-5600



MOVE RIGHT IN! Meticulously maintained home on a beautifully landscaped lot. Open floor plan, neutral decor, newer windows, hardwood floors and a super finished basement with wet bar. (18COO) \$142,000 248-349-5600



FABULOUS 2 bedrooms, 2 bath end unit condo w/contemporary flair. Updated kitchen & baths. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Newer carpeting. Neutral decor thruout. 1 year home warranty. (84WOO) \$134,900 248-349-5600



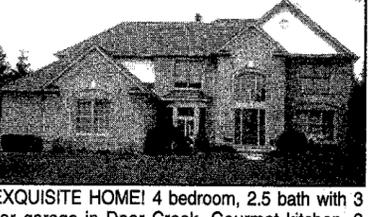
EXQUISITE HOME! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 3 car garage in Deer Creek. Gourmet kitchen. 2 sided fireplace. Curved staircase & cathedral ceiling. Patio. Hardwood foyer. (09FOX) \$459,900 734-455-5600



MOVE IN CONDITION! Home protection plan on this 3 bedroom ranch. Newer front porch, steel entry doors, ceramic foyer, hardwood floors. Oversized 1 car garage. (65MID) \$149,629 734-455-5600



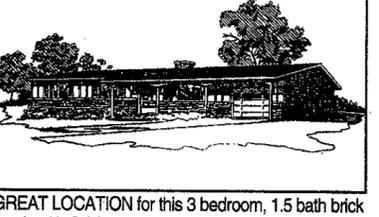
VERY NICE 3 bedroom brick ranch. This home offers you a very large kitchen & family room. Neutral inside w/newer carpeting & kitchen floor. Lots of storage in the attic. Home warranty offered. (88STE) \$114,900 248-349-5600



EXQUISITE CUSTOM BUILT 5 bedroom contemporary on 1.15 acre cul-de-sac lot overlooking a pond. Custom marble foyer, with crown moldings thruout, 3 fireplaces, wet bar, 1st floor master. (58VAS) \$1,290,000 248-349-5600



DONT DRIVE BY! 3 bedroom brick ranch with 2.5 car garage. Remodeled kitchen & updated bath. Newer windows, carpet & steel entry doors. Partially finished basement. Home warranty. (56STE) \$124,900 734-455-5600



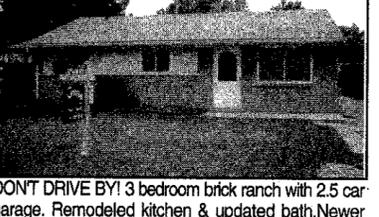
GREAT LOCATION for this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement, large kitchen. Upgraded electrical, newer roof on 2 car garage. Home is located on a beautiful tree lined street in Crestwood School District. (69WOR) \$129,900 248-349-5600



WONDERFUL RANCH HOME with Birmingham Schools, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces and a four season sunroom complete this lovely home with large lot. (31BAS) \$234,900 248-349-5600



1ST TIME ON MARKET! Individual brick duplexes with covered front porches. 2 bedroom multi-family units. Additional duplexes available. Conveniently located. (50PAR) \$174,900 734-455-5600



SOMETHING SPECIAL! 3 bedroom with finished basement. Oak entry doors and trim. Island in kitchen. Larger garage. Doorwall to deck. Sprinkler system. (65HAZ) \$149,900 734-455-5600



IS IT TIME? To enjoy the good life in this spacious 2-story 2 bedroom condo w/1.5 baths. Full partially finished basement, attached garage with opener, large deck w/view of commons. Newer Pergo flooring, stove & refrigerator included. (71Kin) \$124,888 248-349-5600



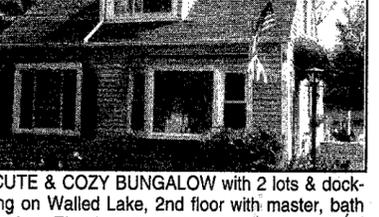
CUTE & COZY BUNGALOW with 2 lots & docking on Walled Lake, 2nd floor with master, bath & den. Fireplace in living room. Private yard backing to wooded area. Enjoy a summer with privacy on all sports Walled Lake. (83EAS) \$157,900 248-349-5600



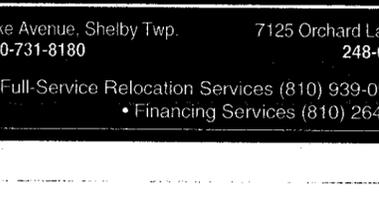
VINTAGE BUNGALOW! 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2.5 car garage. Cove ceilings with medallions. Refinished hardwood floors in living & dining rooms. Many updates, including copper plumbing, windows thruout, alarm. Glass block in basement. (21POM) \$99,900 734-455-5600



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