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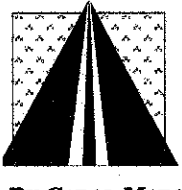
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Soil problem delays Lotz paving



Wayne County road crews will wait for a second environmental study on Lotz Road right-of-way before paving a stretch between Michigan Avenue and Van Born. Potentially hazardous waste was uncovered in the first study.

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The Lotz Road paving project - between Michigan Avenue and Van Born Road - will need to clear another hurdle before Wayne County will move forward, after potentially hazardous waste turned up during an environmental study.

The county is requiring a Phase II environmental assessment in the right of way before taking on the potential liability of ownership.

The current right of way is 66 feet wide, but will need to be 20 feet wider to accommodate the paved road. Wayne County conducted a Phase I environmental study and determined further investigation and soil boring is required.

During the Phase I study, the county found paint cans and other debris they deemed potentially hazardous, according to Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik.

"The Wayne County Health Department has from time to time dealt with health issues there," Machnik said.

Additionally, the project's proximity to the landfill, which accepts hazardous wastes, poses the possibility of hazardous materials in the ditches.

"The county's position is before they accept the additional right of way, they need to have a baseline for where it's at right now," said Engineering Services Director Tom Casari.

Because of heavy soils in the area, it's not likely the study will produce findings of hazardous waste in the right of way, according to Machnik.

"Even if they find paint in the soil, the project will still move forward. Wayne County won't have to remove it. They just need to document it," Casari said. "People tend to freak out if there's lead or something in the soil, but it's not really dangerous. You're only in trouble if you're eating buckets of dirt."

Casari said it's likely the study will show there is lead in the soil due to the number of vehicles that travel the road.

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Chase ends with arrest in Canton

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Plymouth Township police officers arrested two men early Tuesday morning after they allegedly broke into several garages and construction sites and then led officers on a high speed chase that ended in Canton Township.

The two men, both convicted felons, were arraigned Wednesday in the 35th District Court.

John Holden, a 42-year-old Trenton resident who was driving, was charged with third-degree fleeing and eluding and first-degree home invasion, both felonies, and is being held on \$100,000 bond.

Because Holden has been convicted of three felonies in the past, he could be sentenced to life in prison if he is found guilty of either charge. He is currently on parole from a breaking and entering incident in Detroit, police said.

Holden's passenger, Warren White of Detroit, was also charged with first-degree home invasion. Under Michigan law, the 49-year-old could be sentenced to 20 years in prison if found guilty. He is being held on \$15,000 bond.

Both men pleaded not-guilty and are scheduled for a July 23 preliminary examination in the 35th District Court.

According to police reports, Sgt. Jeff Felts was patrolling near Napier and Powell about 1:45 a.m. when he observed Holden's black Ford pickup exit a new subdivision off of Napier at a high rate of speed. Because there has been a rash of thefts from the construction sites in the subdivision, Felts attempted to pull the vehicle over. When he did, Holden allegedly accelerated to more than 100 mph.

After allegedly running several lights, Holden continued to flee, mak-

Please see **POLICE CHASE, A4**

Roots of success



STAFF PHOTO BY HEATHER SONNTAG

Writer's break: Rainelle Burton is seeing sales take off for her novel about root working, a mystical practice she experienced during her childhood.

First-time novelist gets push from Oprah

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Just a few miles south of Canton, and across Belleville Lake, a still-unknown author is rocking the literary world.

Rainelle Burton's first novel, *The Root Worker*, hit the bookshelves last month, and she has been on a frenzied book tour across Michigan since.

"What I wanted to do with the novel is recreate the dynamics of the world I grew up in," said the Van Buren Township author.

Although the novel is not an autobiography, Burton said she drew on experiences and people she met in the southeast Detroit neighborhood of her youth in the 1960s.

Root working, "a dereligionized voodoo," Burton called it, emerged in some African-American commu-

nities in the 1930s. At a time of poverty and unemployment and all the family ills that go with them, root workers would accept scarce rent and grocery money in exchange for "fixes" - candles or charmed plastic rings - against evil.

Burton originally set out to write a non-fiction book about root working, but found it impossible with sources willing to go on the record.

Please see **ROOTS, A5**

Now's the time to get out the Tide

Mud Day fun: Tucker Vest, 1½ of Westland, left, and Michael Figlioli, 5 of Canton play in the mud at Wayne County's annual Mud Day in Hines Park. For a story and more photos from the mud pit, please turn to Page A10 in today's Observer.



STAFF PHOTO BY HEATHER SONNTAG

Van Buren dials up new phone vendor

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Van Buren Schools officials are considering switching the district's phone service from longtime vendors AT&T and Ameritech to CMC Telecom Inc., which says it can save the district more than \$10,000 annually.

Based in Wixom since 1989, CMC provides telecommunication service to many businesses, as well as several school districts in the state, including those in Howell, Hartland, Monroe, Mount Clemens, and Pinckney.

The company offered the projected savings after its representatives examined Van Buren's phone bills for one month. The savings will come mainly from local service and calls made within the state.

According to Marian Niner, the district's director of business, the district

has used AT&T and Ameritech for its phone service for "many, many years." Each year the service typically costs the district about \$100,000, so a move to CMC would save about 10 percent.

Actually, much of the district's phone service would remain the same if it decided to go with CMC, because the company uses Ameritech as its main provider. The savings are obtained because it is able to offer Ameritech's service at wholesale price.

"Really, all you are doing is making an accounting change. All phone numbers and service remains the same," CMC vice president Tom Komos told the school board Monday.

"The only thing that changes is your bill comes from us, not Ameritech."

Komos said the billing process will also benefit the district. Instead of getting bills for each of its buildings, the district would only get one customized

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Cops nab auto thief following freeway chase

A 19-year-old Detroit man accused of stealing two vehicles belonging to Canton residents will face felony charges at a July 13 preliminary exam at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Marion Scarber was arraigned July 4 on two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property, and was charged as a habitual offender.

The felony charges each carry a 5-year and/or \$10,000 penalty. As a third-offense habitual offender, Scarber could receive twice the maximum sentence.

Canton Police apprehended Scarber about 4 a.m. July 4. An officer spotted the suspect in the Village Squire Apartment complex on Ford Road east of I-275 at about 3:25 a.m. After police attempted to make contact with Scarber, he fled in a black Ford F-250 truck.

Minutes later, a second Canton officer pursued Scarber as he fled in a mini-van from the apartment complex. The suspect was driving a 1989 Chevy AstroVan which had been reported stolen on June 20. The pursuit continued eastbound on Ford Road, then onto northbound I-275.

Police reports said Scarber ran the van off the freeway, and got out, fleeing into a grassy area, then into nearby woods. Minutes later he appeared back at the Village Squire Apartments where he was arrested without incident.

Both the Ford F-250 and the Chevy van were reported stolen from the Carriage Cove apartment complex at Warren and Lilley roads in Canton.

Canton's Brooke Brennan in Farmington pageant

Brooke Candace Brennan of Canton is a contestant in the 2001 Miss Farmington/Oakland County Scholarship Program to be held during the July Founder's Festival.

Brennan, 20, is a junior at Lawrence Technological University and a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

She is the daughter of Robert and Robyn Brennan of Canton. She was a first runner-up in the Michigan Junior Miss Pageant and will play piano for the talent portion of the program.



Brooke Candace Brennan

Police question Canton man in alleged assault

Canton Police are investigating a Canton man who allegedly fondled and kissed a 13-year-old girl.

The girl, from Westland, was spending the night in Canton with the family of a girlfriend.

The man who allegedly molested her is a friend of her host's family, according to police reports.

The man left the family's home after playing cards until early Saturday morning. He returned at 3:30 a.m., and crawled into bed with the victim and her 12-year-old friend while they slept, according to police reports.

The man began kissing and fondling the victim, who told police she shook and cried while the man assaulted her.

Bible belt

A 35-year-old Canton woman was allegedly attacked by her 68-year-old father-in-law last Friday.

"She was aggravating me while I'm reading the Bible," the man told police.

The father-in-law told police the woman entered his room while he read and began spraying some kind of aerosol.

He thought she was being disrespectful, so he said he grabbed the can from her and hit her in the head and on the hand with it. He also may have hit her with a board, according to police reports.

The woman suffered a lump on her head, a broken finger and a laceration on her wrist.

The man was arrested and taken into police custody.

COP CALLS

Temple graffiti

Canton Police are investigating a malicious destruction of property at the Hindu Temple at 44495 Cherry Hill Road.

Sometime during the night of July 5, someone broke two outdoor lights at the temple and spray painted graffiti in the parking lot.

There are no suspects. The graffiti read: Salem & Canton 4-ever, and Class of 2001.

The damage is estimated at nearly \$400.

Historic home heist

The man who may have stolen from a Canton historic home work site is also suspected of stealing from a home on Hanford Road.

The new owner of the historic Gilmore House, near Ridge and Ford roads, reported Friday more than \$1,100 worth of materials were missing from the site.

The owner is not living in the home while it is being renovated, and he stored two new air conditioners in the shed behind the house.

Sometime between the end of June and last Friday, a thief broke into the shed and stole the air conditioners, diffusers and copper line sets.

Police suspect a tradesperson who had been on site.

The man is also suspected of stealing \$1,500 worth of guns from the Hanford Road residence, where he performed work last winter.

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Seniors don't have to take the risk of falls and fractures lying down. To fend off frailty, swing your hips five times in a large clockwise circle. Then, swing in the opposite direction. Next, stand on the toes of both feet and hold for five seconds, then come down. Repeat ten times. Then, stand on your left foot for five seconds, then the right. Repeat ten times. Take five small steps to the left without crossing your feet, while moving your hands along the edge of a countertop. Then, take five steps back. Repeat ten times. Finally, stand on your left foot and move your right leg out to the side and back. Repeat ten times, alternating legs.

One shouldn't assume that all the aches, pains, and physical limitations one experiences are the inevitable result of aging. To set up a consultation and exam to discuss how you can increase your strength, range of motion, balance, and freedom from pain, ask your physician for referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. Our staff of physical and massage therapists provide a complete range of treatments options, including orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation. To learn more, please call 455-8370.

P.S. Even frail individuals can dramatically boost their physical powers through exercise, particularly strength training for the legs.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 23, 2001** in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHERRY HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO RE-DESIGNATE THE AREA LOCATED NORTH OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, SOUTH OF THE DETROIT EDISON POWER LINE CORRIDOR, EAST OF RIDGE ROAD AND WEST OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CHERRY HILL DISTRICT FROM COMMERCIAL, OFFICE, TOWNSHIP OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTY AND RESIDENTIAL (4-6 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE); TO MIXED USE ALLOWING A MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL DENSITY OF 12 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE. (Hearing is rescheduled from July 16, 2001)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, July 12, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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

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 6, 2001 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:

KNIGHT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 100 99 0009 000 AND 100 99 0010 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the north of Michigan Avenue east of Lotz Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 2, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Lights, camera...

Popular BHS video program making impact in Hollywood

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With more than 200 active students, Belleville High School's video production program is one of the school's most innovative and popular programs.

Students in the program learn every aspect of video production and programming, and even run their own cable television station. The shows they produce are watched on a regular basis by many in the community. Not bad for something that began as a small club with just a handful of students back in the late 1980s.

The program is the brainchild of teacher Steve Wilson, who previously spent 17 years as the school's auditorium manager. Back in the mid-1980s, he began taking video production classes at Eastern Michigan University. To get some hands-on experience, he borrowed a small video camera from the school's athletic department to shoot sporting events.

Some students saw what he was doing and asked to help out. Based on that interest, Wilson began the video club, and started recording other events including plays and band concerts. And it has grown ever since.

"The growth of the program has been fueled by the students. They were saying, 'Let's do this, and let's do that.' As their interest and dedication grew, so did the program," Wilson said.

Program expands

In 1994 the Van Buren School Board approved spending \$100,000 on new video equipment and added video production to the curriculum. Wilson, who earned his teaching certificate after years of going to night school, now teaches several courses, including media productions and introduction to video production.

The program has become so popular, more than 400 students tried to enroll in the classes for next fall, but some 200 had to be turned away because of a lack of staff, classroom space and equipment.

One of the program's most important facets is Channel 19, a cable station that went on the air last December, is picked up by the entire Van Buren Township and Belleville community. Wilson and the students control all the station's programming, including all aspects of its production. They operate it just like any other television station.

In addition to school board meetings and school events, the students go out on their own time to cover a variety of community events, which are then broadcast on the channel.

Wilson is now looking to take the program to the next step. He is hoping to convince the school board to buy new digital equipment to replace outdated VHS equipment, which he would like to pass on to the fledgling video production programs at North and South middle schools.

Like a close-knit family

"This club is like a close-knit family. We eat together and spend a lot of our time together," said Jordan Pagel, who will be a junior in the fall. "We are a diverse organization that includes peo-

ple on the student council and from the sports teams. But we also have people in the group that are a bit different."

In fact, diversity is celebrated.

"A lot of our kids are the ones most people would probably say 'get away' when they first see them. Some have pink mohawks and earrings. But they are the creative kids that are striving to do something," said Jody Ihlenfeldt, who took over from Wilson as the school's auditorium manager and is a co-sponsor of the video program.

Wilson said the video program gives such students an outlet they wouldn't otherwise have in a school setting.

Outlet for kids

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that we provide an outlet for the kids that find themselves outside the norm. They are kind of misfits. A lot of them aren't quite sure where they belong. After a short time in the program, you can see them develop a sense of self and some social skills," he said.

"This program gives them a reason to come to school."

For every 120 hours each student devotes to the club outside of regular school time, they receive a half-credit for community service. According to Wilson, most of the kids put in ten times that amount.

Wilson is also proud that many of the graduates of his program have moved on to professional careers in various aspects of video and film production.

Two of the most notable are Jeremy Lang and Kevin Quatro, who worked for a California company that produced the Emmy Award-winning special effects for the television series *Star Trek Voyager*.

Lang, a 1994 graduate, is now working on the special effects for a new film project for James Cameron, who directed *Titanic*.

"I'm still using the knowledge today I learned in the video program at Belleville High School," said Lang.

"I can't imagine I would have gotten into this field if it hadn't been for Belleville High School and more specifically the video program. Steve Wilson made a huge impact on my life. He was my mentor, and absolutely changed my life."

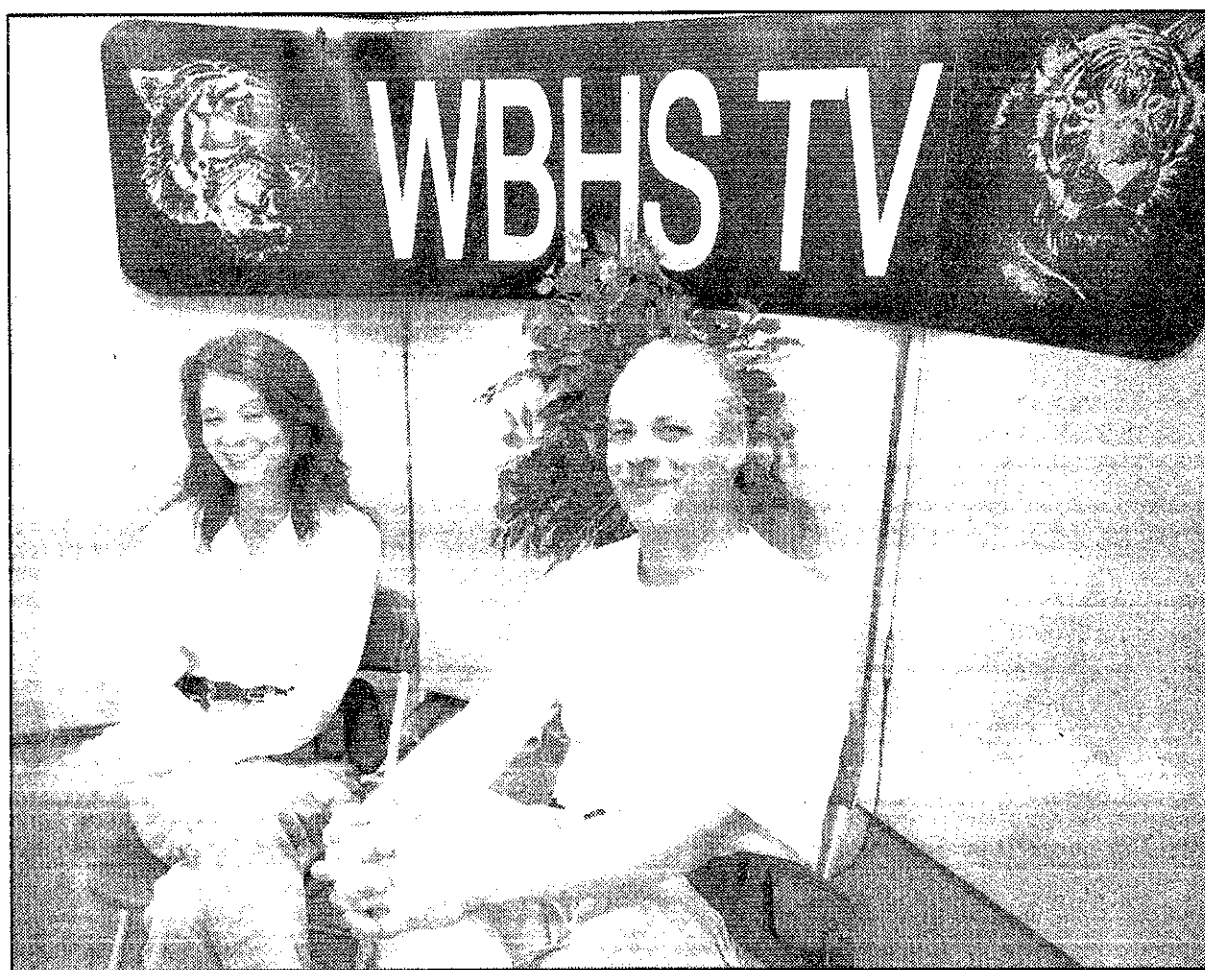
Like Lang before her, Canton Township resident Donna Milot, who will be a junior in the fall, said the video program has made a huge impact on her.

"I only signed up for the video classes because of a friend. Now it's like an addiction. It's so much fun. I love the family atmosphere. It's good to learn this stuff. Hopefully I'll be able to use in it the future," she said.



Behind the scenes: Donna Milot and Jordan Pagel sit in the Channel 19 control room recently at Belleville High School.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN



Guiding hands: Co-sponsors of the Tech Program Jody Ihlenfeldt and Steve Wilson sit in the WBHS news studio.

Lotz Road from page A1

"The county needs to establish the baseline just in case somebody along the way somebody says, 'My kid was playing in that ditch and a week later he got sick.' Then the county has profited the soil was already contaminat-

ed before it acquired the right of way," said Casari.

Canton Township entered an agreement in March with Wayne County Department of Public Services to complete a reconstruction and paving of 1.7 miles

of Lotz Road between Michigan and Van Born.

The project will include a multi-lane curbed asphalt pavement with enclosed storm sewer drainage.

Canton will put the project up

for bid soon in order to determine what the paving will cost property owners.

The county has given a verbal commitment to pay \$400,000 toward the project. Canton Township will cover engineering

design, attorney fees, environmental studies and other costs totaling \$160,000. The new Holiday Inn will be required to pay for a third lane from Michigan Avenue to just south of the hotel, amounting to approximately

\$100,000. The Michigan Department of Transportation will pay the cost of the railroad crossing construction.

The remaining costs to be passed on to property owners will be \$2.59 million.

@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know?

■ Plymouth will host Art-in-the-Park July 13-15 in Kellogg Park?

■ Snickers candy bar and Twinkies were introduced in 1930?

■ To add color to a campfire, you can soak pinecones in a solution of one quart water and one cup baking soda? Let dry for a few days before tossing into the fire.

■ The most common cause of golf-cart injuries is driving too fast on wet grass?

■ To remove sticky labels and glue residue on almost any surface, try vegetable oil on a rag? The oil tends to neutralize the glue's bonds.

■ A 50-50 solution of white vinegar and warm water can easily clean gold jewelry and all gemstones except opals, pearls and emeralds?

■ Web watch

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- www.afonline.org/100thrills
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Q and A

Q: How long were chain gangs used in America?

A: Borrowing from 18th-century English penal procedures, southern states began using chain gangs before the Civil War and continued the practice for nearly a hundred years. Georgia became the last state to outlaw this method of punishment in the late 1940s. The decline of chain gangs was due as much to automation as to public protest. New machinery used to build roads did not require as many workers.

Source: *The Book of Answers* by Barbara Berliner

New Audio Books

■ *Callander Square* by Anne Perry

■ *The Letter of the Law* by Tim Green

■ *Killer Diller* by Clyde Edgerton

■ *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louise DeBernieres

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■ *Angst: teen verses from the edge* - edited by Karen Tom

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Williams

■ *Strength and Power for Young Athletes* by Avery Faigenbaum

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■ *Ahiko on the Planet Smoo* by Mark Crilly

■ *My Dog, Cat* by Marty Crisp

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■ *Monsters: the world's most incredible animals* by Beatrice Fontanel

■ *My Pet Ferrets* by Amy Gelman

Hot Topic of the Week

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Van Buren from page A1

bill from CMC, which would save many hours of accounting work on the district's part. Trustees David Peer and Susan Callahan raised a number of concerns about the switch to CMC. Peer wanted a more detailed proposal from the company, and Callahan questioned whether the district needed to go out for bid if it were going to change its phone service provider. However, Superintendent Larry Tabor said the district didn't need to go out to bid

because CMC is an approved vendor of the Michigan Telecommunications Association. The issue was tabled until the July 23 board meeting. According to company spokesman Darren Weise, switching to CMC will help the district shift some money to other areas. "I think its great anytime you can save a school district some money, so they can then use it for other programs that directly benefit the students," he said.

Police chase from page A1

ing his way down Main Street in downtown Plymouth at more than 80 mph. The chase continued south into Canton on Morton Taylor Road, and Felts was aided by several Canton police officers, according to the police report.

Holden continued to run red lights at Warren and Ford roads before losing control of his vehicle and coming to a stop in a front yard near Saltz. At that point, Holden allegedly exited the vehicle on foot, but was tackled by Felts and taken into custody.

White remained in the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. Both men were

■ The driver continued to run red lights on Morton Taylor at Warren and Ford roads before losing control of his vehicle and coming to a stop in a front yard near Saltz.

transported to a cell at the Plymouth Township Police Department, where Holden complained he suffered a broken wrist when he was tackled. However, he refused medical treatment.

According to the report, Holden also suffered some bleeding, to which Felts was exposed. Holden claimed he had hepatitis, and Felts underwent some ini-

tial tests.

According to Officer Jamie Senkbeil, the chances of Felts contracting the disease through the blood contact is "slim" at best.

When officers searched Holden's truck, they allegedly found a number of power tools and other property.


Police officers were able to con-

nect some of the tools, including a circular saw and cordless saw, to a garage on Hopkins Road in the Plymouth Commons subdivision, after a resident called the department and reported them stolen from his garage.

"We are really appreciative that the resident took the time to call police about his missing property, even though there wasn't any damage to his home. His call allowed us to put the pieces together and charge these guys with home invasion," said Senkbeil.

Senkbeil said anyone with knowledge regarding the crime should contact the Plymouth Township Police Department.

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Kid who cares

John Shields Jr., 10, of Canton has been nominated for a scholarship by the Canton Kohl's store as part of the company's Kids Who Care program.

John was cited for volunteering with the Canton Goodfellows. He will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card and will be considered for a college scholarship in regional competition with other local winners.

John is the son of Canton residents John and Jill Shields.

New officers

The Canton Public Safety Department recently hired two new police officers and three Public Safety Service Officers.

Officer Brian Hunt, 23, holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University and previously worked for the Petoskey Public Safety Department.

Officer Michael Kennedy, 20, holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College and previously worked as a security guard for Westland Security Police.

The new PSSOs are Kelly Peterson, Christine Pink and Jason Hasenau.

Peterson is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Pink has a bachelor's degree in anthropology

from Michigan State University and Hasenau holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna University.

Hasenau also serves in the U.S. Army Michigan National Guard as a military police officer.

If I had a hammer

Chris Jaskolski of Canton has graduated as a carpentry framer from the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan training program.

The program was developed in response to labor shortages in the building industry. Tuition, books and contractor grade tools are free to all students.

Young entrepreneurs

Students in Betty Ditzik's fourth-grade class at Savage Elementary School were involved in several business ventures last year.

The Van Buren Public Schools teacher helped students start a store selling healthy snacks and school supplies and also open up accounts at "The Bank of Ditzik." Skills learned during the year included making change, charting profits on line graphs, solving story problems and working with calculators.

By year's end, students realized a profit of \$530 and also paid for field trips and classroom parties.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

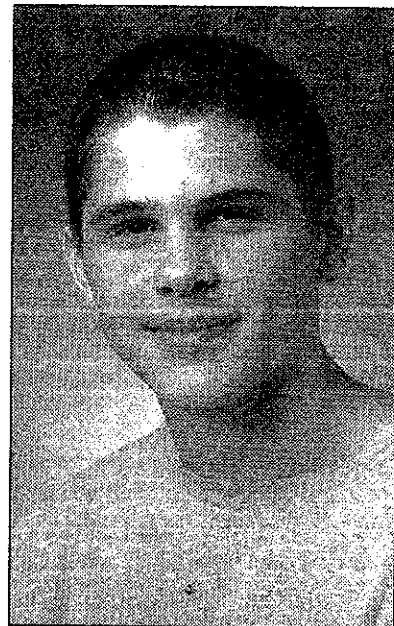
Brian Danville, 14, is the Canton Observer's Carrier of the Month for June. The son of Robert and Judy Danville, had two brothers, Matthew, 21 and Michael, 18.

A ninth grader at Plymouth Salem High School, his favorite subjects are German and science. He enjoys sports. His plans include joining the Army and going to West Pointe Academy.

He enjoys earning his own spending money and has learned the skill of money management with his route.

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Brian Danville

Law would levy fee for well

WASTE DISPOSAL

Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Rep. Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, were successful in amending a proposal for revised hazardous waste fees to include a municipal impact fee for multi-source commercial hazardous waste disposal wells.

This amendment would allow the City of Romulus to impose an impact fee of up to five cents per gallon on hazardous waste that is disposed of at the proposed Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) injection wells.

"Although both Rep. Basham and I remain staunchly opposed to the siting of this facility, should it become operational this provision will offset some of the costs, especially for emergency response services, that will be imposed on the City of Romulus," said Rep. Patterson.

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Art in the Park - 2001
City of Plymouth Downtown Area

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It started as a craft club setting up its wares on tables in Kellogg Park, with barely a couple thousand people stopping by to see what was happening. Now, it attracts more than 100,000 visitors, with nearly 450 exhibitors from all across the country participating in one of the largest art shows in Michigan.

Art in the Park, a three-day event that literally shuts down vehicle traffic in downtown Plymouth, had its beginnings 21

Crowds will flock to Art in the Park exhibits

years ago. "I remember putting up a makeshift orange tarp over the tables because it rained," said Jim Miller of Plymouth Township, who has helped Art in the Park organizer Dianne Quinn every year. "Dianne was the instigator in getting it started, and it just grew from there. We branched out into the streets around Kellogg Park, and now it's all around downtown. I don't think any of us thought it would ever get this big."

So big that, for the first time, Plymouth Art in the Park will provide a free shuttle service from Compuware Arena on Beck

Road. "We have to do something because of the parking situation in Plymouth," said Quinn. "The buses will be air-conditioned motor coaches. It will be about a 15-minute ride to downtown."

Quinn said the biggest change this year will be moving some of the artists to different areas of downtown to exhibit their wares. Otherwise, the popular event will continue with what has worked best in the past.

"We're bringing back the Kids Painting, in which a thousand kids will paint a mural for Children's Hospital in Detroit," she said. "Each child will be able to

paint a two-and-a-half-inch square, and they'll be able to pick it out whenever they see the painting. They'll be able to remember being a part of something special."

Along with the artists, there will be music in Kellogg Park and along downtown streets, and plenty of food from vendors and restaurants. Quinn said she's most proud the event attracts all age groups, with artists that sell in every price range.

"I don't want a stuffy, high-end event," said Quinn. "I want art for every price range, from something for \$20 to one-of-a-kind items. It's a well-rounded show."

"We'll even have children selling their pieces of jewelry, paintings and clay creations around the fountain in Kellogg Park," she said. "I think they'll learn a lot from the experience."

Miller, like Quinn, is quick to point out that without cooperation from a number of sources, Art in the Park would not happen.

"Without the 50-60 volunteers we have each year this event couldn't happen," said Miller. "And, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, as well as the city of Plymouth, have been very cooperative in every aspect."

Roots from AI

"People wouldn't talk to me about it. People I knew who went to root workers denied everything," she said. "It's shrouded in secrecy."

Root working has since the 1930s gone nearly completely underground. Only occasionally does a story emerge about a mother gouging out her child's eyes at the advice of a root worker, as did the recent case of a Detroit woman who walked naked alongside a freeway, carrying her dead baby with its eyes gouged out, Burton said.

Although the root working drives much of the novel's plot, Burton explained the story is more about fear and conflict than it is about the obscure pseudo-religion that pervaded her childhood neighborhood.

Birth of a novel

The *Root Worker* was six years in the making. Burton had retired from a corporate technical writing career. She now rolls her eyes when she mentions her former job.

While working as a freelance literary consultant, technical writer and grant writer, and teaching part-time at Wayne State University, Burton worked on her novel.

Somewhere in the middle of writing it, Burton experienced what she called a "major depressive episode," which put the project on hold for two years.

When the depression's fog lifted, Burton experienced "extreme clarity," and was able to rewrite and edit the novel that at one time read like a technical manual.

"The depression helped create what the book is now," she said.

Since the novel's release, Burton has received glowing reviews from *Publisher's Weekly*, *Oprah* magazine, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and Amazon.com's book reviewer. Burton's publicist also informed her Oprah Winfrey has read the book, and is one of three being considered for the Oprah book club.

"O" joy

"I can't believe she read it," Burton said, covering her face in elated embarrassment. "I'm not supposed to get too excited because it might not be chosen for the book club, but I'm just honored she read it."

The club has made overnight millionaires of its authors, and Burton said even before the book was off the press, the June 2001 *Oprah* magazine sent its sales skyrocketing.

"The day the book officially was sent out in advance copies, but before it came out in the book stores, the book was ranked at about 2 million (from the top of the best seller list). The day after *Oprah* magazine reviewed it, it went all the way up to 9,000 overnight. And it still wasn't officially out yet," Burton said. Books that are ranked at a number less than 10,000 are considered to be doing well.

A single mother who said, "I've been a single parent forever," Burton said her youngest son, a junior at Belleville High School, is not quite as excited about the novel as she is.

"He says it's not like I've been drafted to the NFL or anything. He says, 'It's not like you make a whole lot of money. I don't see any money. We're still driving around in our ratty green car,'" Burton laughs. In some ways, it's as if she has been summoned by the NFL.

Penguin Books - a company that originally rejected the manuscript - purchased the paperback rights, and Goldie Hawn's production company has opted for the movie rights, so the manuscript will go up for auction soon, said Burton. Burton's book tour will take her to Florida and New Mexico and to scores of Michigan book stores.

Even though she's still driving the old green car and living in her small lakeside apartment now, she'll start realizing income from book sales in the fall.

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Givens to lead board

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Tuesday night elected Elizabeth Givens as its president for the 2001-02 school year.

Givens, who has served six years on the board, replaced Darwin Watts, who completed one year as president.

Givens said there will be plenty on the plate of the Board of Education in the upcoming school year.

"We want to see Dodson Elementary open without any problems in the fall, and Plymouth High School construction finished and opened by the fall of next year," said Givens. "We're definitely going to be looking more at academics, including more academic goals for the

superintendent (Kathleen Booher) because that's the core business of the district.

"There are probably going to be some hard decisions financially," she said. "I think we have a good handle on the budget this year, but we'll need to bring it into line in subsequent years."

Givens believes handling the district's growth, which has continued for nearly 20 years, is a top challenge.

"It's a constant challenge, because when you have major growth in the number of students you don't want to get into a position where you've built so much that 15 years down the road you have empty buildings," she said. "At the same time, you

don't want to be in a position where kids suffer because they didn't have a decent school to go to or it's so crowded.

"This is a big district, and we have lots of people with lots of variety," she added. "It's not neat and tidy. There are lots of issues."

As part of the reorganization of the school board, Mark Slavens was elected vice president, Watts was elected secretary and Steve Guile was re-elected treasurer.

Tuesday's meeting was to have been the first for newly elected trustee Tom Wysocki. However, because of car problems out of state, he missed his first meeting as a member of the board.

Out with the old, in with the new at Harvard Square



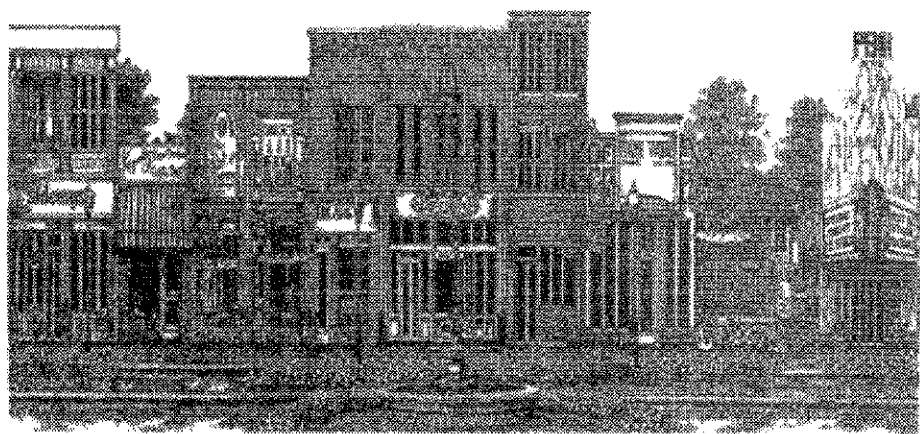
Getting ready: A demolition crew cleans up the remains of the Kroger store on Ford Road and Sheldon last week. A Walgreens drug store will be built in its place.

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OBITUARIES

MARY E. ABIAIED
Services for Mary Abaied, 73, of Canton were held July 7 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Imam Muhammed Ali Elahl officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mrs. Abaied was born March 29, 1928 in Boston and died July 5 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She lived in Canton for five years, previously of Garden City. She raised four children and two granddaughters. She enjoyed sewing, crochet and travel. She was a member of the Islamic House of Wisdom.

Survivors include son, James Abaied of Wixom; daughter, Karen Abaied-Carr of Plymouth; son, Sy Abaied of Plymouth; daughter, Michelle Walldecker of Canton; grandchildren, Helen, Steven and Sabrina; and great grandchildren, Mariam, Tariq and Zaina.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

SUSAN J. FERRARI
Services for Susan J. Ferrari, 84, of Munith were held July 11 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea with the Rev. Jay Thiebault officiating.

Mrs. Ferrari was born June 17, 1917 in Graham, Penn. and died July 6 in Chelsea. She had lived in the Munith area for the past one-and-a-half years, moving from Canton. She enjoyed shopping, sewing, cooking and

baking, and gardening. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include husband, Victor S. Ferrari; daughters, June (Joe) Nehi of Riverside, Calif., and Mary (John) Hull of Saline; grandchildren, Johnny, Joey, Jenny, Jason, and Joshua; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

ALDA H. O'KULA
Services for Alda O'Kula, 84, of Northville were held July 9 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Kula was born Feb. 23, 1917 in Amsterdam, N.Y. and died July 6 in Northville. She was a retail business owner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony J. O'Kula. Survivors include daughters, Carol A. Leroue, and Irene A. (Norman) Powser; brother, Walter Jedlowski; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

GERHARD R. SCHNEE
Gerhard Schnee, 88, of Canton

died July 9 in Canton. He was born February 7, 1913 in Germany. He was a model maker for the automotive industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret R. Schnee. Survivors include daughter, Ursul M. (Michael) McGinnis; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

HERBERT WALTER KUTZ

Services for Herbert Kutz, 72, of Westland were held July 12 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mr. Kutz was born Nov. 14, 1928 in Highland Park and died July 8 in Superior Township. He was a 42-year resident of Westland, living previously in Detroit. He graduated from Mackenzie High School and attended Wayne State University for one year. He served in the U.S. Air Force and attained the rank of staff sergeant.

He had been a member of Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church for 18 years, Ward Presbyterian for 23 years. He served as an elder and Sunday school superintendent, and also served on the building committee, deacon board, and Men's Prayer Breakfast Committee. He was a member of the Covered Bridge Club. He so enjoyed covered

bridges that he traveled over the country to see and visit them by the dozens. He visited almost 50 bridges in New Hampshire alone.

Mr. Kutz had worked as a manufacturer's representative for an office products firm and worked part-time for the past eight years at Parkway Office Supply in Westland. He loved baseball, visiting various stadiums, lighthouses and, of course, covered bridges. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren very much.

Survivors include his wife, Helene D. Kutz of Westland; daughters, Diane (Kerry) Kukhahn of Canton, Cynthia (Mark) Lyons of Canton, and Elaine (Stephen) Scheppele of Canton; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LEO LAWRENCE ELDERKIN
Leo Elderkin, 79, of Farmington died June 27 in Farmington Hills. He was born May 18,

1922 in Detroit. He was a resident of Farmington since 1971. He was retired from Universal Pump and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, June A. Elderkin; daughter, Lynn Ott of Canton; brother, Robert Elderkin of Ocala, Fla.; grandson, Donn, Timothy and Randen; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

MARGARET MURPHY

Margaret Murphy, 93, of Canton died July 8 in Canton. She was born Nov. 6, 1907.

Mrs. Murphy was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Debra Daniels.

Survivors include daughter, Margaret Billings of Canton; granddaughters, Linda O'Neill and Donna Heard; grandsons, Kenneth Billings and Rick Billings; great grandsons, Brendan O'Neill, Lee Daniels, and Brian Daniels; great granddaughters, Katie O'Neill, Kelly Daniels and Megan Heard.

CFCU program benefits education

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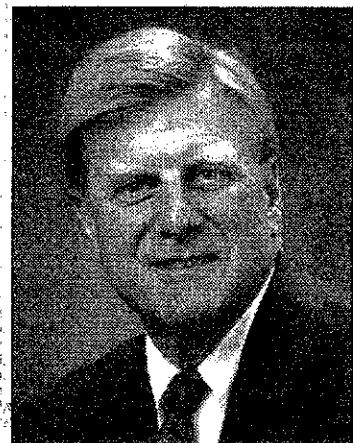
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Gun ruling was 'made according to instructions'

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Phil Power

Mike Duggan and Oakland's David Gorcyca - resigned from their local gun boards, reflecting fierce opposition to the law from parts of Michigan's legal and police community.

The majority Supremes are taking a real pounding on this one, and it isn't confined to editorial writers and columnists. "I'm terribly disappointed that the opinion flies in the face of the people's Constitutional right to referendum," says Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. David Fink, Oakland Coordinator for the People Who Care About Kids Committee that ran the petition drive, says the decision "eviscerated the people's right to referendum. If legislators want to take away our right to referendum, all they have to do now is tack on an irrelevant appropriation."

Fink's comments refer to the device the lame duck legislature used to make the bill "bullet proof and ballot proof" by tacking on \$1 million to distribute locks for handguns. The Michigan Supreme Court majority of Justices Clifford Taylor, Maura Corrigan, Stephen Markman and Robert Young opined the bill is not subject to citizen vote because Article 2, Paragraph 9 of the Michigan Constitution says the power of referendum "does not extend to acts making appropriations for state institutions."

The original purpose of the provision was to make sure government did not grind to a halt if appropriations bills were constantly subject to lengthy referenda. So the legal argument turns on whether the money slipped into the CCW bill was really a basic appropriation for a state institution or a limited allocation of money for a specific purpose.

Majority justices argued "strict construction" of the Constitution required that any grant of

money constitutes an appropriation.

Dissenting Justices Michael Cavanagh, Marilyn Kelly and Elizabeth Weaver contended \$1 million tacked onto the bill for the admitted purpose of overturning any effort at referendum is hardly an appropriation and opens the door for all manner of similar legislative shenanigans.

Justice Weaver noted in her dissent that the majority opinion opens the door for the legislature to "referendum-proof" a bill simply by adding an appropriation - as little as \$1 will do.

Moreover, the four justices - fierce opponents of judicial activism - have taken the remarkably active judicial step of curtailing a citizen right that has been in the constitution since 1913.

To get a sense of the exquisitely twisted logic of the majority's views, have a look at Justice Young's opinion, especially. It's on the Internet at <http://courtofappeals.mijud.net/ds.html> (It's docket number 119274.)

The politics are equally troubling. Remember that the way Justices Taylor, Young and Markman got into office? It was through the most expensive and vituperative campaign in

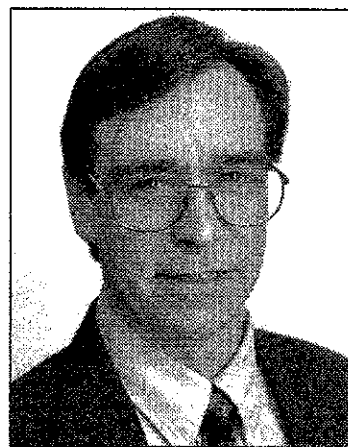
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Michigan political history. Critics of the campaign - which featured tons of soft money for both Republican and Democratic candidates - charged this method of picking justices will ensure that Michigan can reliably obtain from this court the best justice soft money can buy.

Years ago, people considering a real estate purchase went to a member of the Michigan Appraisers Institute (MAI) for an appraisal. If the appraisal seemed out of line, skeptics would call the resulting document MAI ("Made According to Instructions"). Reading through the twists of the court's opinion persuades me this opinion was MAI from start to finish.

It's in that context that monopoly power today exerted in state government by the Republican Party - the GOP controls the legislature, the governorship and a majority on the Supreme Court - becomes a matter of real concern. Thoughtful readers may recall the 19th century English statesman, Lord Acton, who originally observed that "power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

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Mike Malott

Racial profiling ban treats symptom rather than disease

"Right now, all over this country, a hundred thousand white people from the suburbs are driving around downtown asking every black person they see, 'You got any drugs? You know where I can get drugs?' What kind of effect you think this has on the psyche of a black person, on their possibilities? If you sent a hundred thousand black people into your neighborhood, Indian Hills, and they asked every white person they saw, 'Hey, you got any drugs?' within a day, your friends and their kids would be selling. It's market forces, man. The product's marked up 300 percent. You can go out on the street and make \$500 in two hours and then do whatever you want for the rest of the day. You think white people would still be going to law school?"

- A comment by the character Seth in the movie "Traffic"

The scene is one of several eye-opening moments in that popular motion picture. If you haven't seen it, I recommend it.

The flick is a commentary on America's ongoing, if less-than-successful, "War on Drugs." It caught my interest as a commentary on our even longer-standing war on each other's neighborhoods.

I bring it up because of proposals at the state and national level to ban "racial profiling."

Both the NAACP and the ACLU have called for federal prohibitions on the practice of police stopping drivers because of their ethnic background. In Michigan, Rep. Samuel (Buzz) Thomas, D-Detroit, has introduced House Bill 4927, which says that "in the absence of a specific report, race or ethnicity of an individual shall not be a factor in determining the existence of probable cause" to stop, detain, investigate or arrest a motorist.

I wholeheartedly agree that race and ethnicity ought not be a factor in making traffic stops. And as a policy statement, the idea of banning profiling is fine. I would not defend or excuse profiling, but I also find it useful when we are discussing public policy to inject a bit of reality, however politically incorrect, into the conversation.

For one, we live in one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the country. Metro Detroit has a longstanding reputation for separating our white neighborhoods from our black communities. And cops, when they are on the lookout for criminal activity, try to spot people who don't appear to belong in the neighborhood. In a lily-white suburb, when cops are on patrol, skin color - inappro-

priately or not - may be the first indicator they get that someone is not a resident. Then again, as the movie "Traffic" points out, a white person in a black neighborhood might attract just as much attention.

In the suburbs, one of most frequent crimes that police deal with is home burglaries. I've never seen statistics for this or a study of the question, but 20 years of reading police reports in my role as a suburban journalist, has convinced

But it seems to me that's (banning profiling) like giving cough syrup to a man with lung cancer. It treats the symptom when the root cause is deeper and much more serious.

me that many of these break-ins are transplanted crimes from the central city. Cops no doubt see this trend too. They're the ones who fill out all those reports.

It ought not be a surprise to us that our inner-city neighborhoods, our black neighborhoods, have in many cases become breeding grounds for crime or that it comes back to haunt us even after we have moved to the suburbs. It is not as if whites didn't have a lot to do with it. We abandoned those neighborhoods in the "white flight" of the '60s and '70s. Then we turned them into shopping districts for our recreational pharmaceuticals, as the movie "Traffic" points out.

We've let government withdraw services from the central cities. The lack of good, effective mass transit so residents of the inner city can get to jobs, is just one good example. And we've priced many of the suburbs beyond the means of all but the wealthiest members of the middle class.

You can ban profiling, and perhaps we should. But it seems to me that's like giving cough syrup to a man with lung cancer. It treats the symptom when the root cause is deeper and much more serious.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

Juvenile justice overhaul a must

In the past eight years the Detroit newspapers have been reporting on incidents occurring in the Wayne County juvenile detention facility. This facility not only holds children from Detroit; if a child under 18 is sentenced in any city or township in Wayne County (Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Westland, Garden City, etc., he can be sent there while waiting further placement.

Why isn't the public more concerned about the tragedies that are occurring to our youth?

Yes, our youth: 99.9 percent of these youth are not tried as adults for violent crimes, according to the National Youth Development Information Center. They will be back out in society when they're 18. If abuses in the Wayne County facilities or system continues, the youth that went in as truant cases, is more than

likely to come out as a lost and dangerous adult who commits the same kind of crimes he experienced in a Wayne County facility, some of them even ending up in the adult prison system. It means more money out of our state taxes.

According to a Detroit Free Press article dated May 7, 1999, and congressional debriefings in the Detroit Federal Courthouse, five years after the U.S. Justice Department launched an investigation into charges of abuse and neglect at the facility, in 1998, a social service worker at the facility sneaked a 16-year-old inmate past security cameras and into her office. She and the inmate engaged in sexual acts on several occasions. Several other staff members, including a staff psychologist, previously reported her actions. Most of those staff members, including the psychologist, were fired by the agency. They have all consequently sued Wayne County under the Federal Whistleblowers Act, which protects employees from being fired if they report a crime by fellow employees.

Cited in the Detroit News on May 28, 2001: Since 1998 Wayne County has paid out more than \$1 million to these employees, with more lawsuits pending. One of these cases is reported to be in the millions of dollars, among the highest lawsuit settlements ever paid out by the county. According to Wayne County Third Judicial Court Conviction and Sentence, case No. 99335147-01, the social worker was found guilty and ordered to stay away from treatment of children in the state of

Michigan. However, she was sentenced to just 18 months of probation, which she is now serving.

Not all of the staff are rapists or drug dealers; some truly care about children, and that is why they have made the reports and are trying to raise public awareness. They are also part of a movement trying to get the public involved in monitoring the facility and system.

County officials and facility administrators are denying the allegations. However, allegations of wrongdoings at the juvenile facility are not new. Because of numerous problems ranging from overcrowding to neglect, the center operated without a state license from 1992 to 1997. In December 1994, the Justice department inquiry released a 21-page report condemning the facility for putting youthful inmates in danger of eating contaminated food and at risk from violent jailers.

The recent lawsuits settled include:

■ June 1999 - confidential settlement reached with Larry Fields, a former youth home investigator;

■ March 2001 - confidential settlement reached with Jay Thomas, who charged he was fired because he reported sexual abuse by staff members. He also said his car was vandalized and that the youth home employees paid a resident to beat him up after reporting the abuse;

■ February 2001 - Thomas Moore won a settlement from the county after being fired at the youth facility. He had also reported sexual abuse of residents and was dismissed afterward.

The new Wayne County youth home was also recently opened; however residents of Wayne County were billed twice, due to several million dollars of a 1988 tax scheduled for a youth work/training facility to supplement the county's aging youth detention center being spent mostly in the city of Detroit and the county's general fund. Long-term bonds were then authorized by the county commission to pay for the project.

If the deplorable treatment of children by some staff members at the facility and/or the Wayne County system does not raise your anger, what about thinking about your pocketbook?

Write your Wayne County commissioner, tell him you demand that something be done about the juvenile system in Wayne County. Join a town hall forum from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 16 in the City County Building's 13th-floor auditorium. Several organizations are pulling together an effort calling for volunteers to sit on committees to establish youth-at-risk prevention and juvenile justice system overhaul. Please join us if you care - if not for the children - for your pocketbooks.

Anne Marie Graham Hudak is board director of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters and the Detroit Metro Area League of Women Voters.



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Mud Day

Kids enjoy wallow in the mire

It's an annual celebration of muck, a chance to get down and get dirty without any hassle from Mom and Dad. Tuesday was Mud Day in Wayne County and hundreds of children threw off their inhibitions and savored the goo at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland.

Wayne County concocted a delicious recipe of 200 tons of topsoil combined with 20,000 gallons of water. The result is a culinary mud perfection. These "Mud Pies" are the real deal!

Children participated in Mud Limbo and the lower they went the muddier they got. Wheel barrow racers slogged through the mire. They danced, they bathed, they cooled, they wallowed in it.

And after they were through getting good and dirty, the Wayne County Fire Department was on hand to rinse them down. The Parks Department even provided convenient plastic bags to take home the muddy clothes without soiling the car.

As the temperatures approached 90, it was a perfect day for cooling in the ooze.

"It's an opportunity for the little ones to get dirty with Mom's permission," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "They really enjoy it, after all, how often does that happen?"



Mr Mud: Seth Frew, 10, of Redford was crowned "Mr. Mud."

Cool dance: Five year old Ashlyn Jones of Garden City does a dance in the mud and sun.



No more mud: Kristen Persh, 12, of Westland gets hosed off after playing in the mud.

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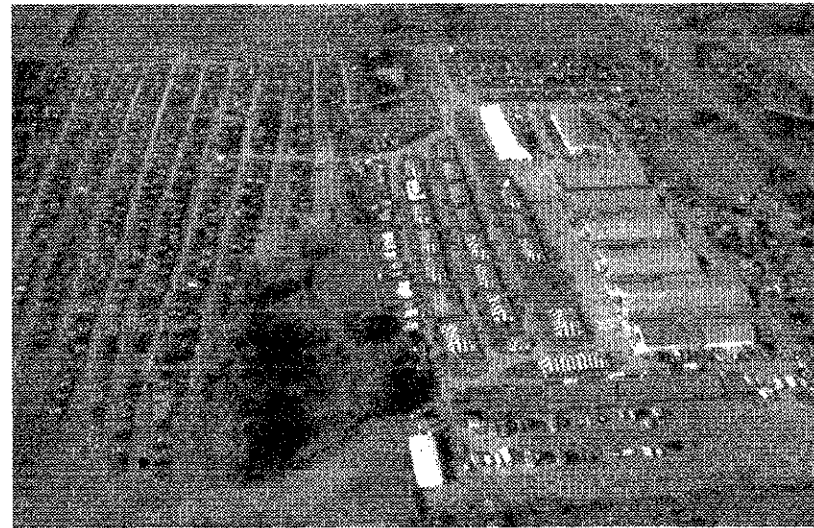
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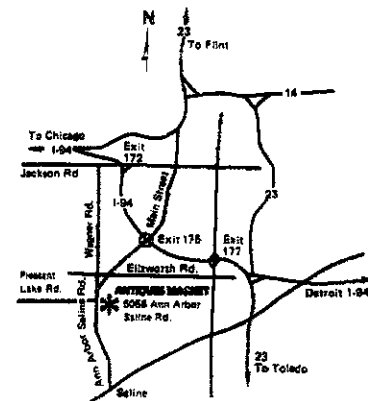
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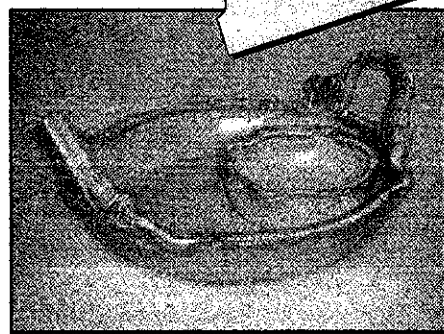
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Swing time: Trumpeter Johnny Trudell and Big Band members Bill Lymperis, Jose Carretero and Ray Tini take to the Cohen / Moro stage 9 p.m. Sunday, July 15.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Matt Michaels seems a little uncomfortable talking about the Michigan Jazz Festival committee's decision to honor the many years he's devoted to performing and teaching. The Southfield pianist doesn't think he deserves any more credit than the rest of his Wayne State University jazz studies colleagues.

But judging by the number of musicians performing at this Sunday's festival who either work, play or have studied with Michaels, he's definitely influenced metro Detroit's jazz scene.

Of the more than 184 musicians performing at the festival Sunday, July 15,



In tribute: This year's Michigan Jazz Festival is dedicated to Matt Michaels, a longtime jazz pianist and educator.

at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, more than 40 have ties to Wayne State University and Michaels — mainly because he co-founded its jazz studies program with Dennis Tini and Jim Hartway in 1979.

Developing talent

"Matt is a tremendous artist and educator, a mentor for the students in the program," said Tini, WSU music department chairman and a Farmington Hills resident. "He knows how to communicate the basics yet allows them to develop their own voice. He has a great sense of humor and can take a difficult situation for a student and help them get over the hump in learning and get to the next step."

Michaels would rather talk about the program than his accomplishments as an educator and professional musician. Yes, he's proud of playing with legends like Peggy Lee, Al Hirt, Doc Severinsen and Barbra Streisand. But he's nothing less than enthusiastic about working with jazz musicians like Tini, Chris Collins, co-director of the jazz studies program, and Larry Nozero, an adjunct faculty member, because they help develop new talent. All three musicians, along with Michaels,

and the WSU Septet, will perform at the festival, which features 26 groups and five big bands. Tini plays with his quintet and with groups headed by Pistol Allen and Chris Collins.

"In the early '80s, it was exciting because the jazz studies program was so new," said Michaels. "We had two big bands and brought in Dick Shear from the Stan Kenton Band to take over one of the big bands, and by 1980 Dennis and Midge Ellis (a Livonia jazz lover and festival committee member) went to Switzerland with the band for the Montreux Jazz Festival." Michaels took over the WSU Big Band in 1985.

Holding on

Unfortunately, financial cutbacks in the mid-1980s forced reductions in the program, but Michaels held on. He taught every course and the program began to grow. This year's 60 jazz majors have plenty of opportunities to perform with three bands, three guitar bands, a jazz trombone ensemble,

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ble, a vocal jazz group led by April Arabian-Tini and five to seven combos. In-

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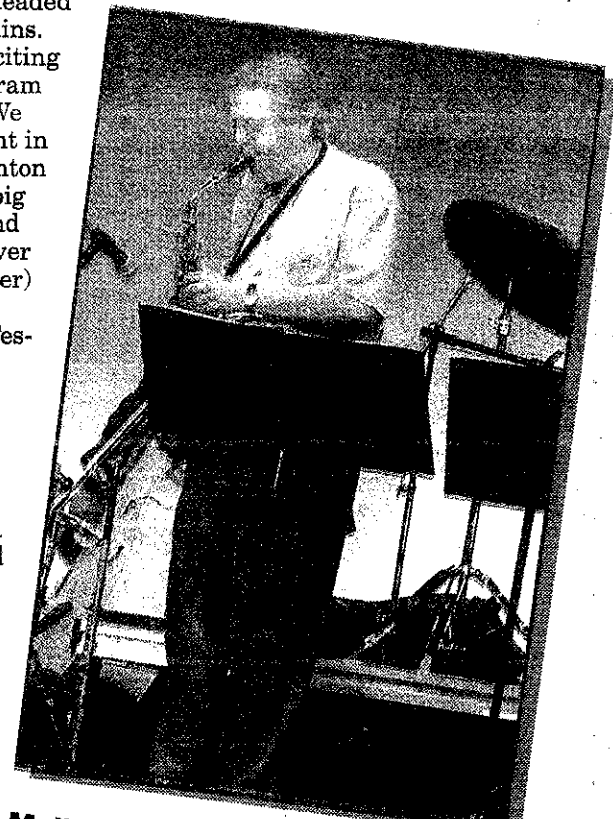


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Mellow sound: Larry Nozero plays selections from his CD, "Warm," at 7:30 p.m. on the Lear Stage.

THEATER

Secret affair leads to murder in picture-perfect suburbia

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Jennifer Rembisz rushes in breathless and 15 minutes late for an interview. She'd been clowning around for 5-year-olds at a birthday party in West Bloomfield.

Rembisz, a law student, and founder of Jack-in-the-Box Productions, doesn't plan to slow down even though she's not taking classes this summer.

In addition to directing *Murder in Green Meadows*, which opens Friday, July 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, she was cast as an extra in a video to show police officers how to execute a warrant. It seems Rembisz just can't get away from the law.

Edge of the seat drama

"I like to do shows not done very often," said Rembisz, who founded Jack-in-the-Box Productions in 1996 after graduating from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. "The title caught my atten-

tion. The story twists and turns. The audience thinks they're safe and then the rug gets ripped out from under them. It keeps you on the edge of your seat like *Death Trap* or *Dial M for Murder*."

Set in an upper class subdivision on the outskirts of Chicago, *Murder in Green Meadows* leads the audience through a maze of secret affairs, past and present. New neighbors become

lovers and before long a jealous husband forces his wife to commit murder.

Theresa Cisco, a Plymouth resident; Judy Lyons, Canton; Chad D'Aigle, Westland; and Bryon Harvey, Dearborn, portray the couples involved in the tangled web.

"It's been great to work with four actors and see the bond between them and the tension grow," said Rembisz, who leaves for a theater directors' workshop at the Ensemble Studio Theatre in New York City after *Murder in Green Meadows* closes.

"The challenge for a murder mystery is you have to keep the suspicion level growing."

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New neighbors: Theresa Cisco (left), Bryon Harvey, Judy Lyons and Chad D'Aigle get to know each other after meeting in what seems like picture-perfect suburbia.

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Disturbing character

"It's nothing worse than you'd see on prime time TV," said Harvey, who plays the possessive husband, Thomas Devreaux. "It's adult subject matter with

a little bit of violence and sexual content.

"My character could be frightening to children. He's the bad guy. He seems OK on the outside but as we delve into his character he seems a little disturbed. He has a lot of rage and is very controlling and manipulating."

Festival from page B1

September the big band will play at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly known as Montreux Detroit). Events like the Grand Rapids Jazz Festival fill in the rest of the year. New students are recruited at high school concerts.

"I stayed with the program because I loved it and believe in it," said Michaels, who began playing piano at age 8, and soloed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra when he was 16. Michaels earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's from WSU. He's also taught at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Training ground

"Jazz is an integral training ground for musical arts," said Michaels. "If you study jazz, you'll be a better musician no matter what you do." "What I enjoy most about teaching is the stimulation of the student and the learning process. I really believe you have to preserve quality in the arts. If you want to be a jazz player, you have to put in the years."

"The advantage we have at Wayne State University is they can work right away. We also offer a degree in music management and marketing, and music technology. Recording, engineering, they learn it all in a state of the art recording studio."

There's no doubt Michaels is one of the program's biggest boosters. The intense curriculum not only prepares students to perform professionally but emphasizes traditional jazz and theory as well as improvisation. That's knowledge they'll need whether they decide to play or teach. Michaels does a little of both.

In addition to recently recording on Barbara Ware's *My Shining Hour* and working on his own CD, Michaels will perform Tuesday-Wednesday, July 17-18, at The Firefly in Ann Arbor, Monday, July 23, with Larry Nozero at Mitch Housey's Foods & Spirits in Livonia, and in

Michigan Jazz Festival Schedule

- Lear Stage (Red Tent)**
 - Pistol Allen Quintet - noon
 - Paul Vornhagen/Jimmy Cook - 1:30 p.m.
 - Tom Saunders Detroit All Stars - 3 p.m.
 - Jam Session - 4:30 p.m.
 - Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha - 6 p.m.
 - Larry Nozero Quintet - 7:30 p.m.
 - Rapa House Jazz Band - 9 p.m.
- Inmart/Boll Stage (Lower Waterman)**
 - World's Oldest Living Saxophone Quintet - 12:15 p.m.
 - Barbara Ware/Matt Michaels - 1:45 p.m.
 - Judie Cochill Quartet - 3:15 p.m.
 - Dennis Tini/April Arabian-Tini - 4:45 p.m.
 - Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combine - 6:15 p.m.
 - Louis Smith Quartet - 7:45 p.m.
 - Steve Wood Quartet - 9:15 p.m.
- Intier Woodbridge (Yellow Tent)**
 - Betty Joplin/Gary Schunk - 12:30 p.m.
 - Ron Brooks Trio - 2 p.m.
 - Chris Collins Quartet - 3:30 p.m.
 - Dale Grisa Trio - 5 p.m.
 - Alma Smith Quintet - 6:30 p.m.
 - Janet Tenaj Quartet - 8 p.m.
 - Wayne State University Septet - 9:30 p.m.
- Cohen/Moro Stage (Upper Waterman)**
 - Schoolcraft College Jazz Band - noon
 - Scott Gwinnell Big Band - 2:15 p.m.
 - Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle - 4:30 p.m.
 - Brookside Jazz Ensemble - 6:45 p.m.
 - Johnny Trudell Big Band - 9 p.m.

September at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival with Ware.

Patrons of Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City can hear Michaels and his trio, along with guest artists, every Wednesday evening. Many of those artists will play at the festival, including veteran trumpeter Johnny Trudell and Australian vibraphonist Jack Brokensha.

Trudell founded the Michigan Jazz Festival with the late Emil Moro seven years ago at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. It was presented at Botsford Inn in Farmington for four years and found a new home at Schoolcraft College two years ago.

This summer signs will lead jazz lovers around construction at the Waterman Center where one of the four stages is located.

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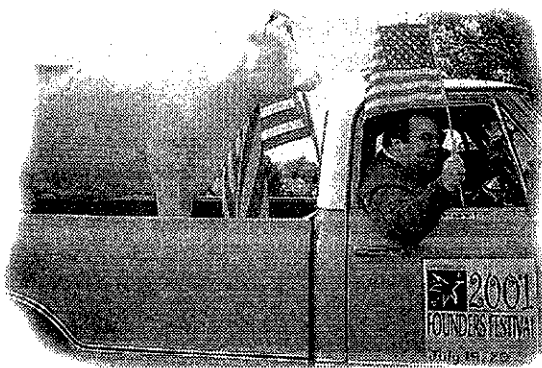
and the American Federation of Musicians, Local 5 Detroit, the festival features everything from Dixieland to straight-ahead jazz dished up alongside gourmet food from the college's American Harvest Restaurant and Ocelot Grill.

"This venue is going to attract a lot of people of different tastes, all playing something that the audience can relate to," said Michaels. "It's like a menu in a restaurant. People can buy and choose what they want."

"Everybody's looking forward to it," added Ellis. "There's more musicians and new musicians at Rapa House, Steve Wood, an influx of new talent chosen by Johnny Trudell and Tom Saunders. Rapa House the older people will remember. Betty Joplin sang with Ellington. Ron Brooks is new as is Dale Grisa. We're hoping for good weather. We've been so lucky because we haven't had rain."

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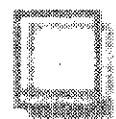
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Expand your world at the Concert of Colors

BY CARA PLOWMAN
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More than 70 bands from Africa, Asia, Europe and the South Pacific will flock to Chene Park in Detroit this weekend for culture, dancing and a worldly experience.

The Concert of Colors has expanded to three days, Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, and will feature musicians on five stages.

Ishmael Ahmed, executive director of ACCESS and chairman of the Cultural Exchange Network, started the festival nine years ago.

"From the initiation, it was a chance for people from different kinds of communities to work together and play together. This exposes people to cultures and music in ways they may not have the opportunity to know."

It's jazz to me

Jazz gets an international make-over every time Blackman and Arnold and the World Jazz Band pick up their instruments.

The five-piece ensemble steals sounds and techniques from all over the world, adds a jazz spin and Westernizes it just a bit. Founders Sean Blackman, from Clawson, and John Arnold, Detroit, met 11 years ago and were a perfect fit from the start.

The musicians use a variety of instruments to create their guitar-driven world beat music. "Everyone we perform with has a large appreciation for all types of music," said Blackman. "We kind of open up a window in the center of our chests."

Blackman and Arnold and the World Jazz Band will perform during The Concert of Colors at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15. They also play on Sundays at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak.

Inspiring sounds

This will be the first time Osvaldo Rivera and his group Orquesta La Inspiracion play together, but most of the members have been in the business for a long time.

The large, Latin American ensemble features nine musicians from southwest Detroit. Rivera, who plays percussion, calls it a salsa Caribbean sound with an African influence.

Rivera is also director of multicultural affairs at Madonna University in Livonia.

"As the years go by, I think people are going to hear more authentic Latin music. We're just starting to scratch the well-spring," he said.

Horns, piano, bass and a large percussion section mix with three vocalists to create a

uniquely Caribbean sound. Don't miss Inspiration at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 15.

A warm message

Rhythm and Blues sensation The Sun Messengers are an eight-piece horn and vocal-driven Motown group. Often found playing at the Greektown Casino, the members have been reviving classic Detroit songs and reincarnating the sound for 20 years.

Rick Steiger, of Detroit, said the band has an uplifting spirit and calls The Sun Messengers a premiere party band. "What we do best is represent Detroit," said Steiger, who is a saxophonist. "The music itself is bigger than all of us. It's not about any one person or personality."

Check out The Sun Messengers at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, July

15 at The Concert of Colors and noon, Friday, July 20, at the opening ceremony for Detroit's 300th birthday celebration.

Dancin' in the streets

Crowds can look forward to non-stop music on Saturday and Sunday, as well as booths, lots of dancing, local talent and well-known musicians. "These are all my favorite bands," Ahmed said. "For me, this is a dream come true."

Los Lobos, War, Cibo Matto, The Temptations Review and local bands Immigrant Suns, Robert Jones with the Son Seals Blues Band and Burnt Sugar are among those performing during the weekend, which kicks-off Detroit's 300th birthday celebration.

"It's the only festival that represents world music and culture,

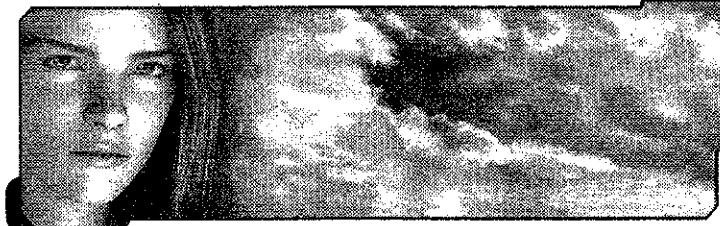
in Detroit, which is something I think Detroit is lacking," Blackman said.

Ahmed said the smaller stages will offer a more intimate and interactive experience. "Go see the things you've never heard of. You will see some things that will amaze you."

The Concert of Colors is a free, all ages event that runs 5-10 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2-10 p.m., Saturday, July 14, and 2-10 p.m., Sunday, July 15, in Chene Park, on the Detroit River off Jefferson between the Renaissance Center and Belle Isle Bridge in Detroit.

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STREET SCENE

Blush sets pop to an electro-beat

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

As each member of Blush strolls into bassist Carey Gustafson's Ferndale apartment - which she affectionately dubs "headquarters" - four unmistakable personalities converge. The band's newest member, drummer Carey Weaver, shows up first sporting his shiny new U2 concert T-shirt and a quiet smile. Singer and keyboardist Amy Anselm makes herself comfortable on a green chair and guitarist Phil Skarich pops in, fresh from the Spacehog show in Detroit.

Around them, posters depicting such film icons as Edward Scissorhands and the Trainspotting cast mingle with original artwork by Gustafson's youngest sister, Emily. Autographed photos of bands like Travis share space with Weaver album covers. The television screams promos for the newest season of The Real World and all I can think is "four strangers set to play in a band and see what happens..."

But they aren't strangers at all. Anselm and Skarich played in a band together prior to Blush and are roommates. Both "Careys" grew up together in Clawson. Still there is no mistaking each bandmate's distinct background in music.

Phil "When I was three years old, I used to listen to Bachman Turner Overdrive on my dad's stereo system," said Skarich, a Royal Oak resident. He remembered singing along to Taking Care of Business but he thought the words were "taking care of biscuits." "I still love it to this day."

Skarich's father played guitar. One day he picked up the instrument and has never put it down. "It was cooler than trombone or piano," he said. "Chicks were a factor." Skarich tosses out names like Keith Richards and Howlin' Wolf's Hubert Sumlin as influences.

Carey For Gustafson, making music all started in fourth grade with one piano man - Billy Joel. "My friend and I got to sing It's Still Rock n' Roll To Me on stage." The rest of her class swayed behind them, wearing sunglasses. But she wouldn't take to playing bass until years later. She began dating a musician who always seemed to have guitars lying around. "Guitar seemed too scary," she said. Bass was it. Gustafson counts The Beatles, ELO and Jim Henson among her musical favorites but easily takes style and haircut cues from Sting in his days with The Police.

Amy Anselm started playing piano when she was just 5, and she hated it. "I wasn't exposed to the stuff I was supposed to be exposed to, according to these guys," she said flashing a playful smirk across the room. Raised on classical music, rather than rock, Anselm didn't really love playing music until college. Once enrolled at Michigan State University, she started to play for herself. Gone were the days of her harsh piano teacher rapping her little knuckles with a ruler. Anselm's first concert? Linda Ronstadt when she was 12. Today her musical tastes swivel between extremes, from Tori Amos to Chopin.

Weaver Carey Weaver's story starts with country music - "old country music, none of this Garth Brooks stuff," as he puts it. "I grew up in a church household," said Weaver, a self-taught drummer who began playing at his church. Rock n' Roll wasn't part of his musical past. That all changed when he heard U2's New Year's Day playing at a friend's house. "I listened to that tape over and over," he said. Weaver still considers Stewart Copeland a "god" and admits he's a big fan of Pennsylvania's rock foursome, Live.

He joined Blush just months ago, and doesn't appear on the soon-to-be released Out Of My Head. The CD was recorded between February and March at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio with Tony Hamera. On stage, the drummer has shot new life into Blush. The songs sound energized, that mix of sweet pop and sheer rock attitude you resist. Between songs, Gustafson has a knack for bantering back and forth with fans. Anselm's soft, breathy vocals simply draw you in. Blush's songs start with Anselm and reveal a personal side. She confesses that relationships often inspire her to write.

Completed by the band in full, the songs transform into the contemplative beauty of Evolution, the aching honesty in Break Your Fall and the lilting melodies that make the signature ballad Every Now and Then, a crowd favorite already. La Deda sends Anselm walking down the street singing a little song, her voice ringing clear through the notes of Skarich's guitar, which itself sounds evokes images of falling rain. Blending the atmosphere of 80s synth-pop with modern electronic loops and a detectable adoration for rock music in traditional instrumentation, Blush redefines retro. At the same time comfortably familiar in song structure and engaging, this band deserves the attention it's garnered so far. Yet, it's only the beginning for a band called Blush.

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At play: Blush is Carey Gustafson, (left), Phil Skarich, Amy Anselm and (not in this photo) Carey Weaver.

Make you 'blush': a quiz

- 1. Who is addicted to cable access television - in particular programming which includes tap dancing?
2. Who is most likely to wear non-matching socks in public?
3. Who can milk a goat?
4. Which two members of Blush dated back in seventh grade?
5. Who was once voted runner-up in a Mr. "Punyverse" contest?

Answers: 1. Gustafson; 2. Anselm; 3. Skarich; 4. Gustafson and Weaver; 5. Weaver

Will you skate with me?

Almost one year since the electro-pop quartet got its start, Detroit-based Blush is ready to celebrate the release of its first CD, Out Of My Head, in unparalleled retro fashion.

Pull your tube socks up to your knees, dig the leg warmers out of your closet. Can anyone say "parachute pants?" Blush is throwing a skating CD release party for Out Of My Head.

"We thought it would be cool to have it on the rink and it came to be," said Carey Gustafson, bassist. "I wanted The Ambassador (in Clawson) because I grew up there. I lived there. I used to wrap my roller-skates around my head and ride my bike down there every weekend and skate."

Blush plans to set up on the rink and perform, while fans and friends skate up to and around them. W-Vibe will open the show. "I wanna get every hipster in town on wheels and see what happens," she added.

"Skate rental is included in the price of admission, so there's no reason for anybody not to be on skates," said Phil Skarich, guitarist.

The idea has gotten people talking. It's a throwback to the days when "Shoot The Duck" really meant something and getting the right boy or girl to skate with you hand-in-hand could make or break your social life. Drummer Carey Weaver said he used to head to Ambassador Skating Rink and he wore his favorite hooded sweatshirt every time. "I had my own skates," he shares proudly. "Sears skates."

-By Stephanie A. Casola

Catch Blush in the act

Skate along with Blush and W-Vibe, 10:30 p.m. -12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, Ambassador Skating Center, 14 Mile Road in Clawson. Admission \$7 includes skate rental. Call (248) 435-6525.

See Blush with The Nice Device and DJ Aaron Warshaw, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$5. Call (313) 833-9700.

And talk about reminiscing, catch Blush open for Night Ranger and Survivor Thursday, July 26 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre in Royal Oak. Get your tickets at the CD release party!

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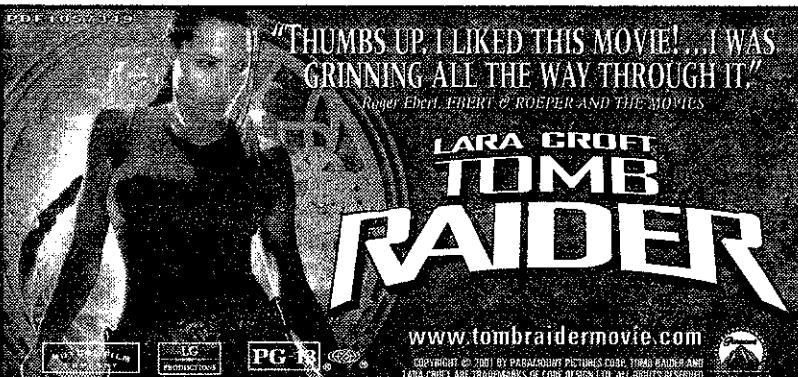


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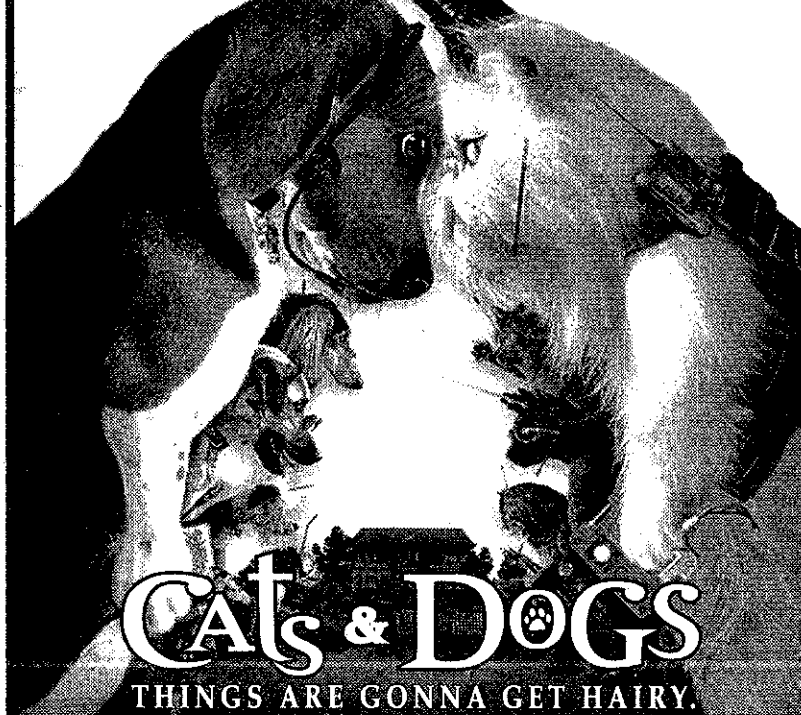
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Advertisement for the movie Artificial Intelligence. It features a large silhouette of a head containing the text 'A.I.' and several quotes praising the film, such as 'The year's most stunning film: a FANTASTIC FABLE grounded in the deepest human emotions.'

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Table listing movie showtimes for Cats & Dogs at various theaters including AMC Forum 30, AMC Livonia 20, AMC Laurel Park, etc.

Movie poster for The Score. It features Robert De Niro and Edward Norton. Text includes 'THE SCORE IS A TWISTING CAPER WITH A SWITCH THAT WILL BLOW YOU AWAY. WATCHING BRANDO, NORTON AND DENIRO DO THEIR THING IS A TOTAL DELIGHT.' and 'ANGELA BASSETT AND MARLON BRANDO THE SCORE'.

Table listing movie showtimes for The Score at various theaters including AMC Forum 30, AMC Laurel Park, AMC Livonia 20, etc.

DINING

Chefs practice art of sushi

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Sushi and sashimi art came to Birmingham early this month. No opening jitters since co-proprietors and sushi chefs Chris Sayanthone and Richard Supadi have operated an establishment with the same name, Tokyo Sushi & Grill, in Troy since July 1998. However, the two locations are not cookie cutters. The layout of both eateries is completely different. More Asian in Troy, upbeat with a downtown feel in soothing green, blue and pink in Birmingham. Only five seats are available at the sushi bar. The remaining, for a total of 50, are at tables of two which can easily be pulled together to service larger groups.

Appetizer choices are also slightly different and donburi is new in Birmingham. Sayanthone describes donburi as "something such as chicken, beef or tempura on top of rice." If you like tonkatsu, deep-fried breaded pork outlet, you can get that too by ordering Katsu Don.

Specialty

A Tokyo, Japan, specialty is Chirachi Sushi, a combination of seafood over rice with pickles, pickled ginger, wasabi and a

Tokyo Sushi & Grill
Where: 225 E. Maple, Birmingham (248) 258-6501
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; until 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 3-9 p.m., Sunday
Menu: Sushi and sashimi bar, noodle dishes, donburi, teriyaki, tempura and katsu. All items available as carry-out
Cost: Lunch average \$8; dinner average \$12
Reservations: Accepted
Other location: 30 W. Square Lake, Troy (248)828-0090

smelt roll. It is the Birmingham location's lunch and dinner specialty at a moderate \$9.95.

Soft noodle dishes, either udon (rice flour) or soba (buckwheat flour) at Tokyo Sushi make the ideal accompaniment to round out a meal of sushi and sashimi or both. Yaki Soba are pan-fried noodles with bacon, shrimp and vegetables. Yaki Udon has pan-fried noodles with chicken and vegetables.

If you are not yet a sushi aficionado, but want to give it a try, the top sellers at Tokyo Sushi are salmon, followed in order by tuna, yellowtail and eel. If you're somewhat experienced, then

head straight for the "Authentic Japanese" portion of the sushi menu. Smelt roe, sea urchin and salmon roe are truly authentic and made with quail eggs.

There are lots of sushi "rolls." They come in either four or six pieces, and subject to your preference for size. No. 1 is Crunchy Roll, followed by Centipede Roll.

Entertaining

Chris Sayanthone enjoys entertaining kids and introducing them to sushi. He shapes the traditional centipede roll to look like a dragon and has the Spider Roll "grow" legs. Best of all is his rendition (if he's not too busy) of a Giant Clam which "appears" to be moving.

Sayanthone is known for his good jokes for adults and usually has a new one each day. All you need to do is ask.

"Sushi is food from my fingers and heart," said Sayanthone. "It's an art. I enjoy bringing ocean life to the table in a creative way."

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Food for thought: Tokyo Sushi owner Chris Satake holds a tray of sushi he made in his restaurant.

Sushi dos and don'ts

Although Tokyo Sushi is the first in Birmingham, this popular Japanese eating trend has become readily available in metro-Detroit, but it is still frequently misunderstood.

The word sushi is not equated to raw fish. Sushi is rice in combination with seafood. It may be topped with raw fish, but is commonly stuffed with cooked seafood and vegetables or wrapped in roasted seaweed.

Sushi chef and co-proprietor of Tokyo Sushi & Grill Chris Sayanthone offers the following dos and don'ts:

Two condiments, wasabi and gari, add to the enjoyment of sushi. Wasabi is green and made from Japanese horseradish root. It has sharp flavors, so a little dab on a piece of sushi goes a long way. Gari is thinly sliced pickled ginger root. Its role in sushi enjoyment is a palate cleanser. When eating different types of sushi, nibble on a ginger slice before sampling the next type.

Drowning sushi in a dish of soy sauce overwhelms the delicate taste and causes the rice to crumble, thus making it difficult to eat with either traditional chopsticks or fingers.

Correctly made sushi with fish has wasabi placed between the fish and rice to protect it from soy sauce. To eat it correctly, turn it so the fish topping faces downward; dip it lightly into a shallow dish of soy sauce and pop the whole piece in your mouth.

If you find the piece too big to place in your mouth whole, ask the sushi chef to cut it in half before serving it to you.

Mix wasabi with soy sauce to your taste preference for sashimi, sliced raw fish. Lightly dip the sashimi in the mixture before eating.



Making sushi: A bamboo mat keeps ingredients, such as rice and dried seaweed, together while hands fashion a shrimp roll.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



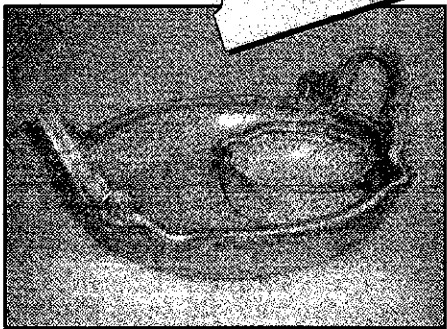
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SUNDAY



Bon Jovi blazes into town with openers Eve 6 (pictured) 7:30 p.m. at the DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$29-\$68, call (248) 645-6666.

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Kathy Sandberg is one of 430 exhibitors showing their work at Art in the Park noon to 7 p.m. Friday, July 13; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 14; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 15 in the streets of downtown Plymouth. Free shuttle from Compuware Arena on Beck Road north of M-14. For directions and more information, call (734) 453-1234



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Swing time: Trumpeter Johnny Trudell and Big Band members Bill Lympers, Jose Carretero and Ray Tini take to the Cohen/Moro stage 9 p.m. Sunday, July 15.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Matt Michaels seems a little uncomfortable talking about the Michigan Jazz Festival committee's decision to honor the many years he's devoted to performing and teaching. The Southfield pianist doesn't think he deserves any more credit than the rest of his Wayne State University jazz studies colleagues.

But judging by the number of musicians performing at this Sunday's festival who either work, play or have studied with Michaels, he's definitely influenced metro Detroit's jazz scene.

Of the more than 184 musicians performing at the festival Sunday, July 15,



In tribute: This year's Michigan Jazz Festival is dedicated to Matt Michaels, a longtime jazz pianist and educator.

at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, more than 40 have ties to Wayne State University and Michaels — mainly because he co-founded its jazz studies program with Dennis Tini and Jim Hartway in 1979.

Developing talent

"Matt is a tremendous artist and educator, a mentor for the students in the program," said Tini, WSU music department chairman and a Farmington Hills resident. "He knows how to communicate the basics yet allows them to develop their own voice. He has a great sense of humor and can take a difficult situation for a student and help them get over the hump in learning and get to the next step."

Michaels would rather talk about the program than his accomplishments as an educator and professional musician. Yes, he's proud of playing with legends like Peggy Lee, Al Hirt, Doc Severinsen and Barbra Streisand. But he's nothing less than enthusiastic about working with jazz musicians like Tini, Chris Collins, co-director of the jazz studies program, and Larry Nozero, an adjunct faculty member, because they help develop new talent. All three musicians, along with Michaels,

and the WSU Septet, will perform at the festival, which features 26 groups and five big bands. Tini plays with his quintet and with groups headed by Pistol Allen and Chris Collins.

"In the early '80s, it was exciting because the jazz studies program was so new," said Michaels. "We had two big bands and brought in Dick Shear from the Stan Kenton Band to take over one of the big bands, and by 1980 Dennis and Midge Ellis (a Livonia jazz lover and festival committee member) went to Switzerland with the band for the Montreux Jazz Festival." Michaels took over the WSU Big Band in 1985.

Michigan Jazz Festival

What: More than 184 musicians in 26 groups, and five big bands, perform Dixieland, swing, straight ahead, and Latin jazz. Free admission and parking.

When: Noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15
Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

Holding on

Unfortunately, financial cutbacks in the mid-1980s forced reductions in the program, but Michaels held on. He taught every course and the program began to grow. This year's 60 jazz majors have plenty of opportunities to perform with three bands, three guitar bands, a jazz trombone ensemble,

ble, a vocal jazz group led by April Arabian-Tini and five to seven combos. In

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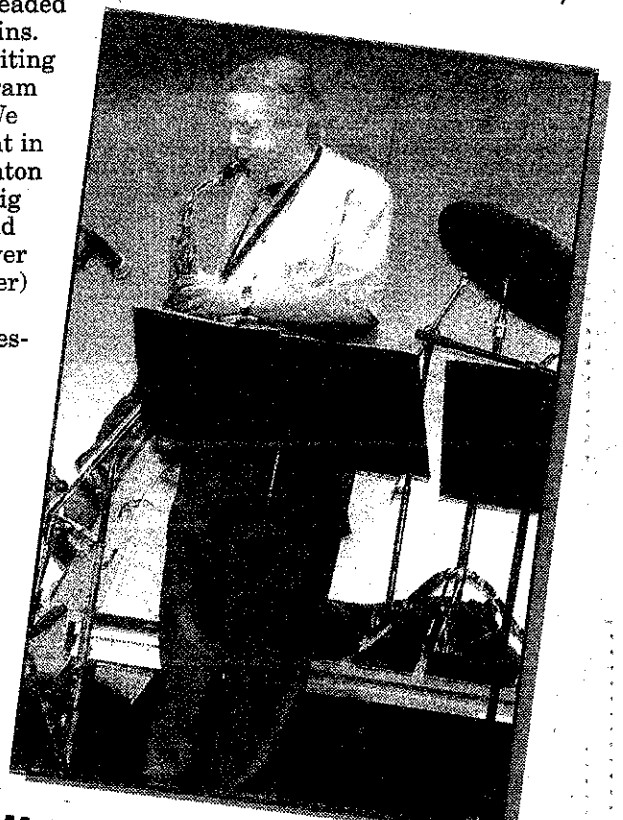


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Mellow sound: Larry Nozero plays selections from his CD, "Warm," at 7:30 p.m. on the Lear Stage.

THEATER

Secret affair leads to murder in picture-perfect suburbia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Jennifer Rembisz rushes in breathless and 15 minutes late for an interview. She's been clowning around for 5-year-olds at a birthday party in West Bloomfield.

Rembisz, a law student, and founder of Jack-in-the-Box Productions, doesn't plan to slow down even though she's not taking classes this summer.

In addition to directing *Murder in Green Meadows*, which opens Friday, July 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, she was cast as an extra in a video to show police officers how to execute a warrant. It seems Rembisz just can't get away from the law.

Edge of the seat drama

"I like to do shows not done very often," said Rembisz, who founded Jack-in-the-Box Productions in 1996 after graduating from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. "The title caught my atten-

tion. The story twists and turns. The audience thinks they're safe and then the rug gets ripped out from under them. It keeps you on the edge of your seat like *Death Trap* or *Dial M for Murder*."

Set in an upper class subdivision on the outskirts of Chicago, *Murder in Green Meadows* leads the audience through a maze of secret affairs, past and present. New neighbors become lovers and before long a jealous husband forces his wife to commit murder.

Theresa Cisco, a Plymouth resident; Judy Lyons, Canton; Chad D'Aigle, Westland; and Bryon Harvey, Dearborn, portray the couples involved in the tangled web.

"It's been great to work with four actors and see the bond between them and the tension grow," said Rembisz, who leaves for a theater directors' workshop at the Ensemble Studio Theatre in New York City after *Murder in Green Meadows* closes.

"The challenge for a murder mystery is you have to keep the suspicion level growing."

Murder in Green Meadows

What: Jack-in-the-Box Productions presents a psychological thriller by Douglas Post

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 20-21 and July 27-28

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road

Tickets: \$10, \$8 seniors/students, \$7.50 for all tickets purchased before Friday, July 13, call (734) 797-JACK



New neighbors: Theresa Cisco (left), Bryon Harvey, Judy Lyons and Chad D'Aigle get to know each other after meeting in what seems like picture-perfect suburbia.

Rembisz warns some of the content is not suitable for children.

Disturbing character

"It's nothing worse than you'd see on prime time TV," said Harvey, who plays the possessive husband, Thomas Devreaux. "It's adult subject matter with

a little bit of violence and sexual content.

"My character could be frightening to children. He's the bad guy. He seems OK on the outside but as we delve into his character he seems a little disturbed. He has a lot of rage and is very controlling and manipulating."

Festival from page B1

September the big band will play at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly known as Montreux Detroit). Events like the Grand Rapids Jazz Festival fill in the rest of the year. New students are recruited at high school concerts. "I stayed with the program because I loved it and believe in it," said Michaels, who began playing piano at age 8, and soloed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra when he was 16. Michaels earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's from WSU. He's also taught at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Training ground
"Jazz is an integral training ground for musical arts," said Michaels. "If you study jazz, you'll be a better musician no matter what you do." "What I enjoy most about teaching is the stimulation of the student and the learning process. I really believe you have to preserve quality in the arts. If you want to be a jazz player, you have to put in the years."

"The advantage we have at Wayne State University is they can work right away. We also offer a degree in music management and marketing, and music technology. Recording, engineering, they learn it all in a state of the art recording studio."

There's no doubt Michaels is one of the program's biggest boosters. The intense curriculum not only prepares students to perform professionally but emphasizes traditional jazz and theory as well as improvisation. That's knowledge they'll need whether they decide to play or teach. Michaels does a little of both.

In addition to recently recording on Barbara Ware's *My Shining Hour* and working on his own CD, Michaels will perform Tuesday-Wednesday, July 17-18, at The Firefly in Ann Arbor, Monday, July 23, with Larry Nozero at Mitch Housey's Foods & Spirits in Livonia, and in

Michigan Jazz Festival Schedule

- Lear Stage (Red Tent)**
- Pistol Allen Quintet - noon
 - Paul Vornhagen/Jimrgy Cook - 1:30 p.m.
 - Tom Saunders Detroit All Stars - 3 p.m.
 - Jam Session - 4:30 p.m.
 - Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha - 6 p.m.
 - Larry Nozero Quintet - 7:30 p.m.
 - Rapa House Jazz Band - 9 p.m.
- Innart/Boil Stage (Lower Waterman)**
- World's Oldest Living Saxophone Quintet - 12:15 p.m.
 - Barbara Ware/Matt Michaels - 1:45 p.m.
 - Judie Cochill Quartet - 3:15 p.m.
 - Dennis Tini/April Arabian-Tini - 4:45 p.m.
 - Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combine - 6:15 p.m.
 - Louis Smith Quartet - 7:45 p.m.
 - Steve Wood Quartet - 9:15 p.m.
- Intier Woodbridge (Yellow Tent)**
- Betty Joplin/Gary Schunk - 12:30 p.m.
 - Ron Brooks Trio - 2 p.m.
 - Chris Collins Quartet - 3:30 p.m.
 - Dale Grisa Trio - 5 p.m.
 - Alma Smith Quintet - 6:30 p.m.
 - Janet Tenaj Quartet - 8 p.m.
 - Wayne State University Septet - 9:30 p.m.
- Cohen/Moro Stage (Upper Waterman)**
- Schoolcraft College Jazz Band - noon
 - Scott Gwinell Big Band - 2:15 p.m.
 - Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle - 4:30 p.m.
 - Brookside Jazz Ensemble - 6:45 p.m.
 - Johnny Trudell Big Band - 9 p.m.

September at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival with Ware.

Patrons of Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City can hear Michaels and his trio, along with guest artists, every Wednesday evening. Many of those artists will play at the festival, including veteran trumpeter Johnny Trudell and Australian vibraphonist Jack Brokensha.

Trudell founded the Michigan Jazz Festival with the late Emil Moro seven years ago at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. It was presented at Botsford Inn in Farmington for four years and found a new home at Schoolcraft College two years ago.

This summer signs will lead jazz lovers around construction at the Waterman Center where one of the four stages is located.

Lots to choose from

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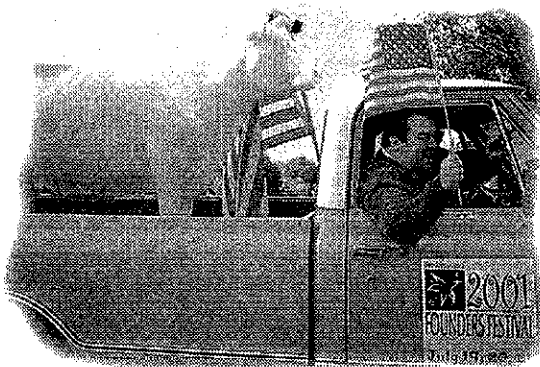
and the American Federation of Musicians, Local 5 Detroit, the festival features everything from Dixieland to straight-ahead jazz dished up alongside gourmet food from the college's American Harvest Restaurant and Ocelot Grill.

"This venue is going to attract a lot of people of different tastes, all playing something that the audience can relate to," said Michaels. "It's like a menu in a restaurant. People can buy and choose what they want."

"Everybody's looking forward to it," added Ellis. "There's more musicians and new musicians - Rapa House, Steve Wood, an influx of new talent chosen by Johnny Trudell and Tom Saunders. Rapa House the older people will remember. Betty Joplin sang with Ellington. Ron Brooks is new as is Dale Grisa. We're hoping for good weather. We've been so lucky because we haven't had rain."

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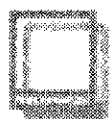
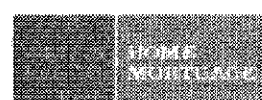
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Expand your world at the Concert of Colors

BY CARA PLOWMAN
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More than 70 bands from Africa, Asia, Europe and the South Pacific will flock to Chene Park in Detroit this weekend for culture, dancing and a worldly experience.

The Concert of Colors has expanded to three days, Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, and will feature musicians on five stages.

Ishmael Ahmed, executive director of ACCESS and chairman of the Cultural Exchange Network, started the festival nine years ago.

"From the initiation, it was a chance for people from different kinds of communities to work together and play together. This exposes people to cultures and music in ways they may not have the opportunity to know."

It's jazz to me

Jazz gets an international make-over every time Blackman and Arnold and the World Jazz Band pick up their instruments.

The five-piece ensemble steals sounds and techniques from all over the world, adds a jazz spin and Westernizes it just a bit. Founders Sean Blackman, from Clawson, and John Arnold, Detroit, met 11 years ago and were a perfect fit from the start.

The musicians use a variety of instruments to create their guitar-driven world beat music. "Everyone we perform with has a large appreciation for all types of music," said Blackman. "We kind of open up a window in the center of our chests."

Blackman and Arnold and the World Jazz Band will perform during The Concert of Colors at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15. They also play on Sundays at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak.

Inspiring sounds

This will be the first time Osvaldo Rivera and his group Orquesta La Inspiracion play together, but most of the members have been in the business for a long time.

The large, Latin American ensemble features nine musicians from southwest Detroit. Rivera, who plays percussion, calls it a salsa Caribbean sound with an African influence.

Rivera is also director of multicultural affairs at Madonna University in Livonia.

"As the years go by, I think people are going to hear more authentic Latin music. We're just starting to scratch the well-spring," he said.

Horns, piano, bass and a large percussion section mix with three vocalists to create a

uniquely Caribbean sound. Don't miss Inspiration at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 15.

A warm message

Rhythm and Blues sensation The Sun Messengers are an eight-piece horn and vocal-driven Motown group. Often found playing at the Greektown Casino, the members have been reviving classic Detroit songs and reincarnating the sound for 20 years.

Rick Steiger, of Detroit, said the band has an uplifting spirit and calls The Sun Messengers a premiere party band. "What we do best is represent Detroit," said Steiger, who is a saxophonist. "The music itself is bigger than all of us. It's not about any one person or personality."

Check out The Sun Messengers at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, July

15 at The Concert of Colors and noon, Friday, July 20, at the opening ceremony for Detroit's 300th birthday celebration.

Dancin' in the streets

Crowds can look forward to non-stop music on Saturday and Sunday, as well as booths, lots of dancing, local talent and well-known musicians. "These are all my favorite bands," Ahmed said. "For me, this is a dream come true."

Los Lobos, War, Cibo Matto, The Temptations Review and local bands Immigrant Suns, Robert Jones with the Son Seals Blues Band and Burnt Sugar are among those performing during the weekend, which kicks-off Detroit's 300th birthday celebration.

"It's the only festival that represents world music and culture,

in Detroit, which is something I think Detroit is lacking," Blackman said.

Ahmed said the smaller stages will offer a more intimate and interactive experience. "Go see the things you've never heard of. You will see some things that will amaze you."

The Concert of Colors is a free, all ages event that runs 5-10 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2-10 p.m., Saturday, July 14, and 2-10 p.m., Sunday, July 15, in Chene Park, on the Detroit River off Jefferson between the Renaissance Center and Belle Isle Bridge in Detroit.

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STREET SCENE

Blush sets pop to an electro-beat

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

As each member of Blush strolls into bassist Carey Gustafson's Ferndale apartment...

Around them, posters depicting such film icons as Edward Scissorhands and the Trainpotting cast mingle with original artwork...

But they aren't strangers at all. Anselm and Skarich played in a band together prior to Blush and are roommates...

Phil "When I was three years old, I used to listen to Bachman Turner Overdrive on my dad's stereo system..."

used to listen to Bachman Turner Overdrive on my dad's stereo system," said Skarich...

Skarich's father played guitar. One day he picked up the instrument and has never put it down...

Carey

For Gustafson, making music all started in fourth grade with one piano man - Billy Joel...

Amy

Anselm started playing piano when she was just 5, and she hated it...

Will you skate with me?

Almost one year since the electro-pop quartet got its start, Detroit-based Blush is ready to celebrate the release of its first CD, Out Of My Head...

Pull your tube socks up to your knees, dig the leg warmers out of your closet...

"I thought it would be cool to have it on the rink and it came to be," said Carey Gustafson, bassist...

Blush plans to set up on the rink and perform, while fans and friends skate up to and around them...

"Skate rental is included in the price of admission, so there's no reason for anybody not to be on skates..."

The idea has gotten people talking. It's a throwback to the days when "Shoot The Duck" really meant something...

-By Stephanie A. Casola

to, according to these guys," she said flashing a playful smirk across the room...

Weaver

Carey Weaver's story starts with country music - "old country music, none of this Garth Brooks stuff..."



drummer who began playing at his church. Rock n' Roll wasn't part of his musical past...

He joined Blush just months ago, and doesn't appear on the soon-to-be released Out Of My

Head. The CD was recorded between February and March at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio with Tony Hamera.

On stage, the drummer has shot new life into Blush. The songs sound energized, that mix of sweet pop and sheer rock attitude...

Completed by the band in full, the songs transform into the contemplative beauty of Evolution...

Yet, it's only the beginning for a band called Blush.



At play: Blush is Carey Gustafson, (left), Phil Skarich, Amy Anselm and (not in this photo) Carey Weaver.

Make you 'blush': a quiz

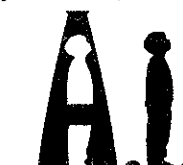
- 1. Who is addicted to cable access television - in particular programming which includes tap dancing?
2. Who is most likely to wear non-matching socks in public?
3. Who can milk a goat?
4. Which two members of Blush dated back in seventh grade?
5. Who was once voted runner-up in a Mr. "Punyverse" contest?

Answers:

- 1. Gustafson; 2. Anselm; 3. Skarich; 4. Gustafson and Weaver; 5. Weaver

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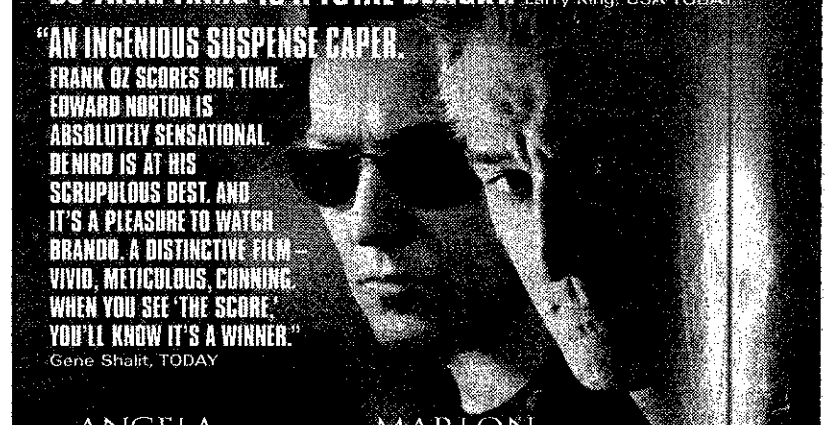
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DINING

Chefs practice art of sushi

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Sushi and sashimi art came to Birmingham early this month. No opening jitters since co-proprietors and sushi chefs Chris Sayanthone and Richard Supadi have operated an establishment with the same name, Tokyo Sushi & Grill, in Troy since July 1998.

However, the two locations are not cookie cutters. The layout of both eateries is completely different. More Asian in Troy, upbeat with a downtown feel in soothing green, blue and pink in Birmingham. Only five seats are available at the sushi bar. The remaining, for a total of 50, are at tables of two which can easily be pulled together to service larger groups.

Appetizer choices are also slightly different and donburi is new in Birmingham. Sayanthone describes donburi as "something such as chicken, beef or tempura on top of rice." If you like tonkatsu, deep-fried breaded pork cutlet, you can get that too by ordering Katsu Don.

Specialty

A Tokyo, Japan, specialty is Chirachi Sushi, a combination of seafood over rice with pickles, pickled ginger, wasabi and a

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smelt roll. It is the Birmingham location's lunch and dinner specialty at a moderate \$9.95.

Soft noodle dishes, either udon (rice flour) or soba (buckwheat flour) at Tokyo Sushi make the ideal accompaniment to round out a meal of sushi and sashimi or both. Yaki Soba are pan-fried noodles with bacon, shrimp and vegetables. Yaki Udon has pan-fried noodles with chicken and vegetables.

If you are not yet a sushi aficionado, but want to give it a try, the top sellers at Tokyo Sushi are salmon, followed in order by tuna, yellowtail and eel. If you're somewhat experienced, then

head straight for the "Authentic Japanese" portion of the sushi menu. Smelt roe, sea urchin and salmon roe are truly authentic and made with quail eggs.

There are lots of sushi "rolls." They come in either four or six pieces, and subject to your preference for size. No. 1 is Crunchy Roll, followed by Centipede Roll.

Entertaining

Chris Sayanthone enjoys entertaining kids and introducing them to sushi. He shapes the traditional centipede roll to look like a dragon and has the Spider Roll "grow" legs. Best of all is his rendition (if he's not too busy) of a Giant Clam which "appears" to be moving.

Sayanthone is known for his good jokes for adults and usually has a new one each day. All you need to do is ask.

"Sushi is food from my fingers and heart," said Sayanthone. "It's an art. I enjoy bringing ocean life to the table in a creative way."

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Sushi dos and don'ts

Although Tokyo Sushi is the first in Birmingham, this popular Japanese eating trend has become readily available in metro-Detroit, but it is still frequently misunderstood.

The word sushi is not equated to raw fish. Sushi is rice in combination with seafood. It may be topped with raw fish, but is commonly stuffed with cooked seafood and vegetables or wrapped in roasted seaweed.

Sushi chef and co-proprietor of Tokyo Sushi & Grill Chris Sayanthone offers the following dos and don'ts:

Two condiments, wasabi and gari, add to the enjoyment of sushi. Wasabi is green and made from Japanese horseradish root. It has sharp flavors, so a little dab on a piece of sushi goes a long way. Gari is thinly sliced pickled ginger root. Its role in sushi enjoyment is a palate cleanser. When eating different types of sushi, nibble on a ginger slice before sampling the next type.

Drowning sushi in a dish of soy sauce overwhelms the delicate taste and causes the rice to crumble, thus making it difficult to eat with either traditional chopsticks or fingers.

Correctly made sushi with fish has wasabi placed between the fish and rice to protect it from soy sauce. To eat it correctly, turn it so the fish topping faces downward; dip it lightly into a shallow dish of soy sauce and pop the whole piece in your mouth.

If you find the piece too big to place in your mouth whole, ask the sushi chef to cut it in half before serving it to you.

Mix wasabi with soy sauce to your taste preference for sashimi, sliced raw fish. Lightly dip the sashimi in the mixture before eating.



Making sushi: A bamboo mat keeps ingredients, such as rice and dried seaweed, together while hands fashion a shrimp roll.



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Food for thought: Tokyo Sushi owner Chris Satake holds a tray of sushi he made in his restaurant.

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AT HOME

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Rose Encounters

Even walkers, joggers stop and smell them



It's rosey: David Paul's home in Canton is dressed up nicely with roses throughout the yard. The blooms particularly accent an arbor and nearby trellis.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

David Paul knew he had something special when joggers, who usually won't slow down for anything less than freight trains, actually stopped to smell his roses in the yard of his Canton home.

"I get a lot of people who will walk through my yard and I don't know them," said Paul.

He doesn't get upset by these strangers taking a stroll on his property. In fact, he understands clearly that the stunning show of "60 or so" rose bushes are enough to lure even those normally shy admirers.

"I kind of lost count," Paul said of his large variety of mostly old garden roses.

Budding interest

Paul's hobby began six years ago when he bought his first rose bush, an America climber he planted in the corner of his front lot.

Today, he has rose beds everywhere in bursts of pink, deep red, salmon, purple, yellow, white and orange circling and drifting into the backyard and as a hedge along the driveway.

"I'd probably have 100 rose bushes if I could, but my kids want room to play in. They keep complaining that I'm taking all their grass."

Actually, Paul is inching toward that 100 mark if you count his volunteer work helping to landscape the front entrances of his subdivision, Covington Square. Almost 30 red and white bushes decorate those spots.

In fact, Paul's hobby has become a family affair with his four sons, ranging in age from 7 to 15, sometimes moving soil and planting. His wife, Debbie, also helps with watering and using the fruits of their labor to decorate the inside of their house.

"I do bring in a lot of cut flowers," Debbie said. Husband David prefers these more hardy old garden roses to the modern hybrid tea, identified by the one flower on the end of each stem. However, they tend to be prone to black spot and other fungal diseases.

"I don't like to spray in my backyard and the old roses don't really require that," said Paul, whose love for things that grow took root when he was a boy and cared for plants in his room.

While he appreciates the beauty of any rose



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Paint a picture: David Paul's yard is painted with so many attractive colors in his roses, that even passers-by stop to look at and smell them.

bush, Paul said, if he were pressed to pick just one, it would be the Rugosa.

An electrical engineer, Paul often wakes up early and tends to the roses before he goes to work. He considers raising roses an escape from his office job, but he can't help but take an analytical approach.

"I like to plan it out and research before I buy it," he said. "The neighbors tell us that they love it or they come over and ask for advice."

One of his best sources for information, he said, is online at www.gardenweb.com in the rose gallery.

"It's a good place if you're just starting to grow roses, because a lot of people don't know where to start," he added.

Brewing tea

One of the tips he learned online was an organic means of feeding. So, three times annually he takes a large garbage can and fills it with water, adds alpha meal, cottonseed meal and fish emulsion. Paul mixes it up, closes the lid and lets it sit for a week in the sun allowing it to ferment.

"I call it a rose tea, because you take your (watering) can and dip it in there and water your roses," he said adding that the mixture is full of the nutrients his roses need.

Paul also has his own Web page at www.rosegeek.com. The name, he said, pokes fun at the people who tease him about being an engineer geek.

Paul, a transplant from Toronto, said one of the most important things to remember is to plant roses that will thrive in the suburban Detroit gardening zone.

"Make sure you buy winter hardy," he added. "The climate here for

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Colorful: David Paul stands near some rose bushes in his yard.

Want to grow some roses? Here's a few pointers

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

More and more roses have elevated in status from their usual rooting grounds in the backyard to the front where passersby can appreciate their glorious blooms and fragrances.

"I see people incorporating them into their landscaping rather than relegating them into stand-alone rose beds," said Nancy Lindley, who owns Great Lakes Roses in Belleville with her husband, Roger.

"And people are putting them into their perennial gardens."

Roses generally need at least six or seven hours daily of direct sunlight.

"Any area that turf grass does well so do roses," Lindley said. "You can pull out that lawn and put



in roses."

Most also require more water than what usual rainfalls provide in Michigan. So rose gardeners need to remember to water during dry spells.

Aside from sun and water, fertilizer is the next most important element for healthy rose bushes.

Many rose varieties are heavy feeders requiring monthly fertilizer from early May to the first of August or they can be fed once a year with a chemical called Osmocote.

Most landscape roses don't need a lot of care, yet they provide tremendous rays of constant color to garden beds.

"There's a broader availability of some landscape roses," Lindley said.

"They have thick plants and attractive shrubs when they're not in bloom. There's a bonus of bloom all throughout the growing season from early June through frost."

Among the shrub roses, Meidiland is one of the most popular varieties. It was developed in France as a colorful landscape rose and grows wider than it does tall.

Towne & Country shrub roses originated in Denmark and are known to be winter hardy with a lot of repeat bloom. They bloom in huge clusters of small flowers with constant color from June through frost.

A third popular rose shrub is Rugosa, which is native to the cold weather regions of Korea and

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JOE GAGNON

Boiled over:

The Appliance Doctor thinks consumers should play it safe and avoid heating water in microwave ovens.

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HARRY JACHYM

True to form:

Building borders in your backyard doesn't have to be difficult.

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Graduation day:

Two local women recently received their GED certificates. The road to graduation was a long one but determination and family support kept them motivated.

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HOME WORK

Heated water can explode inside microwave ovens

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

A few months ago I watched a television news story about a lady who had lost her sight because an item inside a microwave oven exploded and sent super-heated water into her face.

That should serve as words of advice - never boil water in a microwave oven.

In all my years of teaching and repairing microwave ovens, I have never seen an instruction book which tells us not to boil water in a microwave. Can you imagine telling someone that in 1970, when manufacturers were claiming the greatest cooking invention since fire was now available for home use? They were saying that you could cook anything in this thing and even offered cooking classes for anyone who purchased a microwave. They spent millions of dollars to promote this product of the future and that is exactly what it became. There are not many homes today which do not have a microwave oven.

No warnings yet
If manufacturers had put a warning in the instruction book which told consumers not to boil water because it could explode, that could - and would - scare off potential buyers. People back then were frightened to death of these things. If manufacturers had placed this kind of warning on their microwaves, they would have a tough time selling them to the American public.

The big question is, did they know about this and possibly

disregarded the safety of the end user? If so, it is now up to the courts to find out and so I say, this story may have just begun.

I remember reading in the instruction book, to clean the interior walls of your microwave, boil a container of water and let it steam up. That process would make it much easier to wipe off the interior using simple paper towel. I find it very hard to believe that any manufacturer would do this knowing full well of the danger involved, but on second thought, I never imagined manufacturers building and selling over 20 million hot water tanks with a defective dip tube.

We sometimes know so little about the products in our homes. Do you know how a 4-inch microwave cooks food, why food does not brown like a regular stove? Do you know how it cooks so fast? Do you know why metal can damage the magnetron tube?

I wonder how many people have been hurt in these past 30 years and thought it was their own fault in using the microwave oven. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on WJR-AM 760 every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of the Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His telephone number is (313) 873-9789. E-mail him with any questions at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Following the airing of this story, I received many phone calls from homeowners asking how this could happen. Quite honestly I have never heard of it happening before. I was amazed then and I'm even more so today because in the last two weeks, I've received a call from an attorney and an insurance company who reported two different incidents. Today, 30 years after microwaves were first developed, consumers are more and more concerned about it.

Energy isn't released

The explosions were created by cooking vessels, which had a perfectly smooth interior surface. Most bowls contain imperfections, such as scratches, grooves or other markings, from which boiling bubbles are broken up into more bubbles. This allows the energy to be released outside of the cooking vessel.

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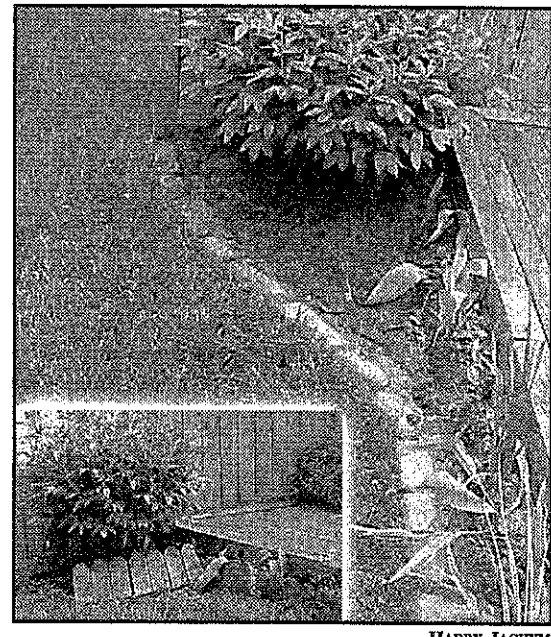
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My lovely wife, Karen, enjoys her flowerbeds. I enjoy them as well for many reasons. Obviously they add beauty to our home. (Karen enjoys gardening, but I like the beds mostly because there's less

flowerbeds, we created a border of paving bricks around them. Not only do they look nice, the lawn mower wheels ride on the bricks, eliminating the need to trim the lawn. The bricks were heavy and costly and the border was tedious to build. As hard as it is to believe, I think I may have found something that makes concrete work fun. I saw BorderMaker, marketed by the Quikrete Company, at a home improvement store. BorderMaker is a reusable plastic mold, which creates a concrete garden border that looks very much like paving bricks. Using the BorderMaker mold

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over one gallon of water to hydrate an 80-pound bag of concrete mix.) **Wear gloves, glasses** When working with concrete, it's a smart practice to wear eye protection, gloves and a dust mask. Position the mold; fill it with concrete and level. After removing the mold, the slight lip on the top of the block is smoothed with the trowel or a paint brush. Coloring is available where BorderMaker is sold or at concrete supply houses, so you're not stuck with cement gray. Keep tools damp while in use and clean them as soon as possible when the work is complete. Once concrete sets on tools, it's very difficult to remove and can be very corrosive to metal. Let the blocks cure for a few days before wheeling anything, such as a lawnmower, over them. Quikrete also markets other WalkMaker and BlockMaker



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GARDEN CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

CANTON
"Petals and Paths," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 day of walk, available at Keller and Stein, 42158 Michigan Ave.; Grayes' Greenhouse, 882 Lilley; Vanessa's Flowers, 545 W. Ann Arbor Road, Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford Road. For information, call Judy Bloomquist at (734) 455-8283. No strollers, please.

GARDEN CITY
Walk hosted by the Garden City Garden Club, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21. Tickets at Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt; Rocky's Flower & Gift Shop, 32917 Ford Road, and Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland.

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The Wayne Garden Club hosts a garden walk at Goudy Park, off Wayne Road between Michigan Avenue and Glenwood, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21. The \$5 tickets can be purchased at the park or at several other locations, including Norman's Market (next to Daly's on Wayne Road), Wayne Library and Keller & Stein's Florist on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serylo

Wallace R. and Phyllis T. (Pel-lerito) Serylo of Redford are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed July 14, 1951 at Holy Family Church in Detroit and have lived in the Western Wayne County area for three years.

The Serylos have six children: Jacqueline Serylo, Richard Serylo, Pamela Serylo, David Serylo, Ann Duprey and Renee Serylo. They have 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Wallace Serylo works in temporary housing and Phyllis is a domestic engineer. Wallace retired in 1976 from his job at Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant. He is a member of the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Model Railroad Association, Train Collector's Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries and he collects model trains.



To celebrate the occasion, the couple will attend Mass at Holy Family to renew their wedding vows and they will be the guests of honor at a luncheon at Timberwolf in July.

Martin

Pat and Al Martin of Redford will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2001.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have resided in Redford for fifty years and have been members of Redford Baptist Church for over 45 years. They enjoy traveling and visiting their cottage in Rose City, Mich.

They have three sons, Randy (Holly), Mark and Scott (Suzy); and six grandchildren, Ian, Chad, Josh, Chloe, Jake, and Sophie.

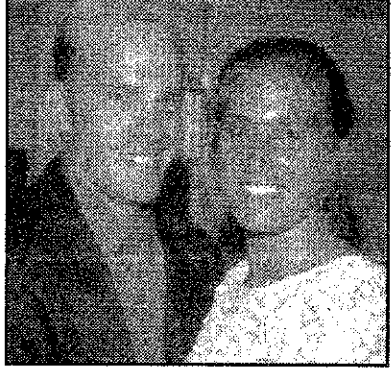


Tenge-Walos

Jack and Janet Tenge of Pewaukee, Wisc. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Joey, to Richard Michael Walos of Milwaukee, Wisc. (formerly of Garden City).

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Arrowhead High School and a 2000 graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in social work. She is pursuing a doctorate in psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Her fiancé, son of Ted and Wanda Walos of Genesee, Mich., is a 1994 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and a 1999 graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., where he earned a degree in business. He works as an inside account executive for Nextel Communications in Waukesha.



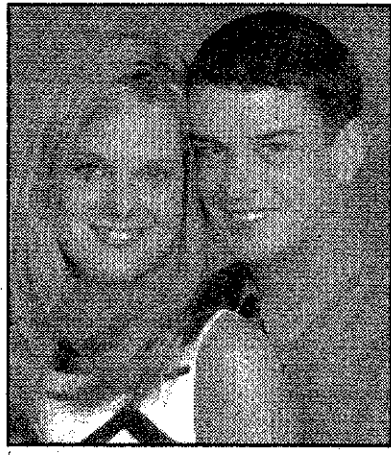
They will wed in August at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, honeymoon in St. Lucia and make their home in Milwaukee.

Gottschalk-Attie

Robert and Thomsine Gottschalk of Bluffton, S.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Tisha Lynné, to Ryan Solomon Attie of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She works as store manager at The Limited in Laurel Park Mall in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Herman and Beverly Attie of Las Vegas, Nev. is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and attended Henry Ford Community College. He works at United Industries of St. Louis as a market sales manager.



A July wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Pergande-Shea

Hans and Bonnie Pergande of Negaunee, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Marie, to Matthew Stephen Shea of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Negaunee High School and a 1994 graduate of Northern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. She teaches second grade at Brooklands Elementary School in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Stephen and JoAnn Shea of Westland, is a 1991 graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and a 1996 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he



earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He works at Compuware as a network administrator.

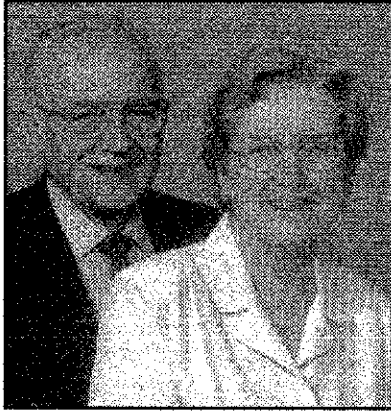
A July wedding is planned in Garden City.

Plocharczyk

Joseph and Ruth (Anderson) Plocharczyk of Canton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple wed June 23, 1951 at Mount Carmel, Wyandotte and have lived in the Canton area for the past three years. Previously they were residents of Southgate for 47 years.

They have four children: Joseph, Gerry, Paula and Mary Frances. They also have four grandchildren.

Joseph Plocharczyk retired 21 years ago and enjoys doing crossword puzzles, listening to music and traveling. His wife, Ruth, retired 9 years ago and spends time quilting, reading, working on computers and traveling.



To celebrate the occasion, the couple were guests of honor at a luncheon with family and friends at Hawthorne Valley in Garden City.

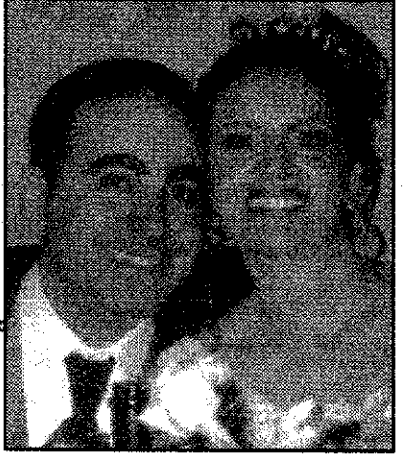
Dionysopoulos-Jaghab

Vassilios and Maria Dionysopoulos of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Stephanie, to Jeffrey Jaghab of Northville.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy Dental School. She is a dentist practicing in Farmington Hills.

Her husband, son of Butros and Hanan Jaghab of Livonia, is a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and was a classmate of his bride's in dental school at the University of Detroit-Mercy, where he also earned his degree in 1993. He owns his own practice in Northville.

The couple wed Feb. 24 at The Nativity of The Virgin Mary



Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth before the Rev. George Shalhoub and the Rev. Michael Varlamos. The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. They took a honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and have made their home in Northville.

NEW ARRIVALS

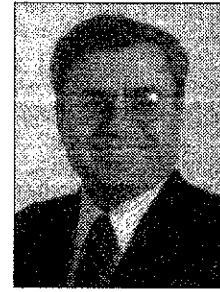
■ Jennifer Sowels of Canton announces the birth of her daughter **Kaitlynn Marie** born June 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Mike and Patty Sowels of Canton and Thelma and Luther McIntosh of Canton.

■ **Danny and Melissa Tews** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Taylor Ann** born June 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Taylor joins brother Kyle Allen. Grandparents are Jim and LeeAnn Moodie of Plymouth and

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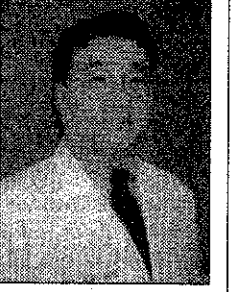
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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SUMMER ADVENTURE

Join us for a summer program of local service projects, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, games and music on Wednesday mornings July 11-Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church (5835 Sheldon Road) in Canton. Children and youth, pre-K (begin kindergarten this fall) through 8th grade completed, are welcome. Come for as many sessions as you are able. Pre-registration requested but not required. Call (734) 459-0013.

BEACH TREK

Christ the King Lutheran Church (9300 Farmington Road, Livonia) will host "Beach Trek" Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 16-20. We will have a kick off potluck picnic at the church Sunday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m. Beverages and hot dogs provided. Call (734) 421-0749.

GRACE LUTHERAN VBS

Grace Lutheran Church (25630 Grand River) in Redford Township invites kids to unlock God's Truth at the Mystery Mansion Vacation Bible School from July 16-25. Children age three through sixth grade are invited to participate in music, crafts and Bible-based learning through lessons. A closing worship celebration will be held July 25. Call about registration (313) 532-2266.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Faith Baptist Church (26305 Ford Road) in Dearborn Heights will host Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 16-20. Bible lessons, crafts, games, refreshments and prizes. Need a ride? Vans available. For ages 18 months through eighth grade. Call (313) 274-3777.

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church Coffeehouse Concert, July 20 featuring "Times 7" with Men of Grace. A benefit for Grace Centers of Hope, Men of Grace. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled: July 27-29, Sept. 21-23 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile Road) in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

ST. JOHN'S VBS

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) will host Vacation Bible School from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 30-Aug. 3. Classes will be available for chil-

dren ages 4-12. Theme is "Beach Trek." Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by games, crafts, drama, music and Bible lessons. Call (313) 538-2660.

BEACH TREK

Get wet this summer. Join the Beach Trek Vacation Bible Experience, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road), Livonia. Discover "water stories" about Jesus while learning in a fun-filled beach-themed program with crafts, music and games. There is no charge. Register by July 23. Call (734) 427-2290.

ST. MATTHEW VBS

Registration is being taken now through Aug. 12 for Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (W. Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt) in Livonia. This year's theme is "Way to Go!" Good Neighbors Tours. Get your passport and ride with us through lots of fun at VBS. Join us Aug. 21-23 from 6:30-8 p.m. and on Aug. 26 for a concluding celebration from 10-11 a.m. Call Sally Coughlin (248) 477-3777 or Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038 or visit www.gbgm-umc/stmatthews-livonia

KAY ARTHUR

Please join Calvary Baptist Women's Ministries as they present "One Thing" with Kay Arthur - best selling author and co-founder of Precepts Ministries. "How in the World Can I be Holy" is a women's event Saturday, Oct. 27 at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road) in Canton. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and includes praise and worship. Write the church for a registration form, call (734) 455-0022 or visit www.calvarybaptistcantontn.org

RELIGION ON THE NET

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Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) would like to invite all youth in grades seven through twelve to come on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. for Salt Mine, a time of good music, games, live band, great fellowship and Bible study. Call (734) 421-0472.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

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Spend some time at Connections, the contemporary worship service of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, held at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday evening. The church is located south of M-14 on North Territorial Road in Plymouth, just west of Sheldon Road. Call (734) 453-5280.

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, one contact person, and a telephone number.

4/20TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Former members of the 4th Bn, 20th Field Artillery Regt. will be having a reunion in Lansing on 28 July, 2001. All former unit members and their families are invited to attend. Contact Larry Henn, 35 Apple Blossom Lane, Okemos, MI 48864. Call (517)349-5964 or LLHENN@aol.com

ADAMS

Class of 1991 A reunion is planned for Aug. 25 at RiverCrest in Rochester. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

ANDOVER

Class of 1971 A reunion is planned for July 21 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. Information about the reunion can be found at www.andoverclassof1971.org or call Pete Bowers (248) 332-3846.

AVONDALE (AUBURN HILLS)

Class of 1981 A reunion is planned for Oct. 6 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

BENTLEY

Class of 1951 A pre-banquet get together is planned for Friday, Oct. 26, at the Quality Inn - Plymouth (Ann Arbor Road). The reunion banquet is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club (Merriman Road, Westland). Dinner reservations are necessary. A reunion cruise has also been planned from Nov. 4-9. The ship will depart from Miami and visit Key West, Florida; Playa Del Carmen, Mexico; have a day at sea; and last stop is Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Miami. Call Alice (Rollins) Stewart (734) 451-2037 or Don LaMay (734) 421-6032 or e-mail bentleydon@aol.com

BERKLEY

Class of 1951 A reunion is planned for Sept. 22 at Club Monte Carlo. Visit www.lmembers.tripod.com/ahsrunion/ or call Jennifer (Ennis) Schoenherr (248) 615-1535.

BENEDICTINE

Class of 1976 A 25th reunion is planned for Oct. 13 at the Piemontese Social Club in Farmington Hills. Classmates are being sought. Call (313) 387-1615 or visit classmates.com

BENTLEY

Class of 1951 A reunion is planned for Nov. 23 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. The committee is currently updating addresses/phone numbers of former class members. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com

BERKLEY

Class of 1951 The January and June classes of 1951 are having their 50th reunion on Sept. 21at the Embassy Suites in Troy. There is also a day after party on Sept. 22. Call (248) 547-6489 or (248) 375-0037.

BENTLEY

Class of 1971 A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at the Northfield Hilton. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

BENEDICTINE

Class of 1991 Reunion is planned for Aug. 10 at the Club Venetian (Madison Heights). The committee is currently updating addresses/phone numbers of former class members. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com

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BIRMINGHAM

Class of 1956 A 45th reunion is planned for Oct. 26-28 at the Kingsley Inn (Bloomfield Hills). Rooms \$79/night. \$65 per person or per \$120 couple. Contact baradarisko@hotmail.com or Barbara Rollzian (810) 794-9171.

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1971 Reunion is planned for Oct. 26-27 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com

B'FIELD HILLS LAHSER

Classes of 1969-72 A 20-year reunion is planned for Sunday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day weekend) at the 5th Avenue Ballroom in Novi. Contact e-mails kashaw@aol.com and drtoupin@aol.com

B'FIELD HILLS LAHSER

Classes of 1969-72 A reunion is planned at Treetops Resort in Gaylord for Saturday, Aug. 18. Contact Sharon Schulte

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WOMEN'S GOLF OUTING

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will hold its first "Fore Your Good Health" Golf Outing on Thursday, July 26 at Fox Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the golf outing are earmarked to support the planned St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Center. The event offers two options for a day of relaxation and networking 1) nine-hole golf scramble on the Fox Hills Golf Club Classic Course, luncheon and fashion show at the Golden Fox Golf Club Banquet Center or \$100 per person or 2) luncheon and fashion show only for \$50. Call (734) 655-2121 or e-mail fletcher@trinity-health.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road), Livonia will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Great deals, good buys. Call (734) 427-2290.

GARAGE SALE

A garage sale will be held at St. James Presbyterian Church (25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford Township) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. Call (313) 534-7730.

MEMORY WALK

Save the date - Aug. 25 at The Detroit Zoo the Alzheimer's Association will host "Memory Walk - 2001" in Royal Oak. Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Call (248) 557-8277.

New from C5

Dan and Anna Tews of Alpena.

■ **Deven Smith and Jerry Williams** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Tyler Austin Smith** born June 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Paris and Terry Smith of Westland, Ester and Jerry Williams of Dundee and John and Mary Reutter of Tampa, Fla.

■ **Thomas and Bettina Wallace** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Nicklas Eric** born June 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Nicklas joins sisters Jessica and Kelley. Grandparents are Mary Ann Wallace of Oak Park and Erich and Anna Louise Brehl of Germany.

■ **Michelle and Scott Szczechowicz** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Marlena Joy** born June 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Francine and Robert DeLauder of Hartland Twp. and Dolly and Ed Szczechowicz of Taylor.

■ **Valerie Nicole Valentine and Gary Dean Gower II** of Detroit announce the birth of their son **James Daniel Gower** born June 9 at Garden City Hospital. James joins brother Gary Dean Gower III, 17 months. Grandparents are Marguerite Gower of Detroit, Robin Gough of Detroit, Julio Valentine of Detroit, Yvonne Godair of Westland and Mike Pomorski of Westland. Great-grandparents are James Daniel and Jane Godair of Carleton.

■ **Lawrence J. Bodziony Jr. and Angela McClester** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Riley Jade Bodziony** born June 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Riley joins siblings Kerri, Rebecca, Travis, Jacob, Brittany and Shayla. Grandparents are Mary Ann Bodziony of Westland and Edwin R. McClester of Taylor.

■ **John and Karen Bradford** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Evan John**, born July 3 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Evan joins siblings Justin, 5; Nolan, 4; and Natalie, 2. Grandparents are Claude and Anna Bradford of Livonia and John and Jane Handloser of Lake Leelanau, Mich.

When the prophet Samuel looked at Jesse's eight sons to determine which one should be king, he was tempted to choose the one who was the strongest, or the biggest, or the most handsome. But God told Samuel that "the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7b). God does not judge a book by its cover.

James 2 warns us not to base our treatment of others on what

they are wearing. We should not make distinctions based on a worshipper's clothes. Instead of fawning all over a rich person wearing gold rings and fine clothes and ignoring the poor person in dirty clothes, we should welcome all people equally, no matter how they are dressed.

For God, our attitude in worship is at least as important as our attire in worship. If we wear beautiful clothing, but we tune out during worship instead of

praising God, we are still disrespecting God. Whatever energy we used to make ourselves look good could have been more faithfully expended on praising God. Jesus used the phrase "white-washed tombs" to describe those who looked good on the outside, but were full of death inside (Matthew 23:27).

Many people still feel the need to dress up for worship, either by opinion or by tradition. Nothing is inherently wrong with this attitude, as long as we prepare

our hearts at least as much as we prepare our bodies. We cannot pretend to be someone we are not merely by dressing up for worship, because God sees deep into the inner recesses of our souls, which no amount of make-up or clothing or jewelry can hide.

The Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA), Livonia, is frequently found there in jeans and a T-shirt.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate standouts

■ Laine Sterling, a Plymouth Salem and Henry Ford CC graduate, has signed to attend and play volleyball at Virginia Union in Richmond.

A standout setter at Salem and Henry Ford, the 5-foot-3 Sterling was twice an all-Eastern Conference selection for the Hawks and was also named to the all-Region 12 team twice.

■ Russ Caid, who graduated from Plymouth Canton HS last month, was named to the all-region academic baseball team. Caid hit .384 for the Chiefs in his final season.



Russ Caid

His classroom stats were even more impressive. Caid posted a 3.96 grade-point average, graduating with honors. He'll attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Kicks dominate

The Plymouth Kicks under-9 boys soccer team did all that they needed to do at last Saturday's Detroit "Got Milk" 3v3 Soccer Challenge, held at Farmington Mercy HS. The Kicks went 7-0, averaging 10 goals a game while giving up just three, to win their division.

Their first-place finish qualifies the Kicks for the regional 3v3 tournament, which will be the second weekend of August in Chicago. This will be their second-consecutive trip to the regionals; a top-five finish will put them in the national finals in Orlando.

Team members are Jackson Burdette, Casey Clark, Alex Dixon, Joshua Gatt and Connor Kennedy. David Burdette is the team's coach.

Indians steady

The Canton Indians, an under-18 girls fastpitch softball team consisting of players who will attend and tryout for the Plymouth Canton HS team next spring, has stood up well against competition that, for the most part, has far more experience.

The Indians have played in the under-18 division in three tournaments thus far this summer, even though they have just one 18-year-old player, and they have performed well. They took a fifth at the Port Huron Tournament, a second in the Milford Tournament at the Interlakes facility, and last weekend posted a 2-2 record to finish sixth at the National Softball Association's State Championship Tournament in Hartland.

Also, the Indians are currently tied for first in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch League's Varsity South Division.

Team members are Kelly Baker, Molly Conlon, Kim Diedrich, Lesley Galarneau, Sarina Gorney, Pam Hudson, Jessica Johnson, Caitlin McNicholas, Colleen O'Brien, Heather Richardson, Renee Ross, Michelle Roelofs, Stacy Sledz, Lisa Sprankle and Laura Ulmer. The team is coached by Gretchen Hudson, Amy Dougherty and Bob Smith.

Softball winners

The Garden City SlamRox won the U14 title at the USSSA Total Sports softball tournament in Mt. Clemens on Saturday and Sunday.

The SlamRox went 4-0 on the weekend, allowing just eight runs against them, including two shutouts and a one-hitter by pitcher Kelly Elmore. The capper came in the championship game when Stephanie Hool hit a two-strike, grand slam homer to the final game 5-2 win over Ann Arbor Gold. The SlamRox also have qualified for the USSSA state tournament and the USSSA world tournament in Kansas.

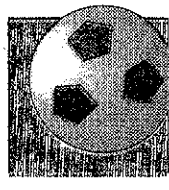
Team members include Kady Cooper, Jackie DeFranceschi, Elmore, Hool, Ashley Kalinski, Ashley Leitch, Lynzee Smith, Ashley Talbot, Lauren Thirjung and Katie Theim, all of Garden City; Alex Robinson and Sara Pernak of Westland; and Jeanette Kunze of Canton. The team is managed by Dave Smith and coached by Melody Lee and Rick Kobe.

High school hockey

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday adm at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All those interested in Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton hockey are welcome to attend. Call (734) 254-9234 for further information.

Playoff berth is at stake for Bucks



When the Mid-Michigan Bucks pay a visit to Canton HS for a 'home' game Saturday, there could be a lot at stake. The Bucks are fighting for their playoff survival, and Saturday's game against the Gemini could be decisive.

Unable to make ground on first place, the Mid-Michigan Bucks are trying to protect their second-place turf in the Great Lakes Division.

The Bucks play today against the West Michigan Edge in Holland to see which claims second place in the Great Lakes Division.

Mid-Michigan has a 'home' game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday on Plymouth Canton's field against the Dayton Gemini, which ends the regular season and could be the team's final overall game as well.

Tickets at the gate are \$7 with pre-sale (\$6) available at the Trading Post in Plymouth or the Soccer Post in Novi.

Those interested in group rates should call Bucks' headquarters at (989) 781-6888.

Although not mathematically eliminated from playoff action, the Bucks needed to win on the road today at Holland and again on Saturday to have a chance for post-season play.

The Bucks took on the division leading Chicago Fire Reserves last Sunday looking to gain some ground in the standings and stay in the hunt for a spot in the Premier Development League playoffs.

But Chicago came away with a 3-1

victory. Mid-Michigan controlled play in the first half but found itself trailing at the half when a defensive mistake led to a Fire goal in the 44th minute.

The Bucks stormed out at the start of the second half and were successful when Oujane Coulibary scored on a nice pass from Erik Nelson in the 48th minute to tie the score at 1-1.

Mid-Michigan continued to press play but couldn't get the ball in the net. Chicago scored in the 76th minute to take a 2-1 lead and added a breakaway goal in the 89th minute to make it 3-1.

Stars shine at Comerica

BY C.J. RISAK
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This is one of those rare athletic occasions where the event itself is more important than the outcome.

That's what all-star games are all about really. Which team won or lost is inconsequential; it's getting a chance to play against the best in your sport in a big-time park that makes it special.

There were three representatives of Plymouth and Canton — players Oliver Wolcott of Plymouth Canton and Chris Trott of Plymouth Salem, and Salem coach Dale Rumberger — at Monday's 20th annual All-Star Baseball Classic, sponsored by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The final outcome of the game was West Stars 11, East Stars 8. Again, while no one was playing to lose or would be satisfied with a defeat, the location — Detroit's Comerica Park — combined with the opportunity to compete against the rest of the best provided the greatest impression.

And that's what this game is: A memory that will never fade.

"It was a blast," said Salem's Trott. "It was an experience. Everyone tells me this is something I'll never forget, and I can see why."

One might believe it would be difficult to impress Trott. His schedule of late has been non-stop. He returned from the Beast of the East Tournament, held in Wheeling, W. Va., in time to take a trip with Rumberger to the MHSBCA Hall of Fame banquet Sunday at the Holiday Inn-Roseville, where all the all-stars were staying.

Today Trott will be back on the road, traveling to the under-18 AAU World Series at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

His hectic schedule didn't affect him much. He and Wolcott were all-star starters, Trott in right field and Wolcott at second base. Trott batted twice, walking both times and scoring the first run of the game for the East.

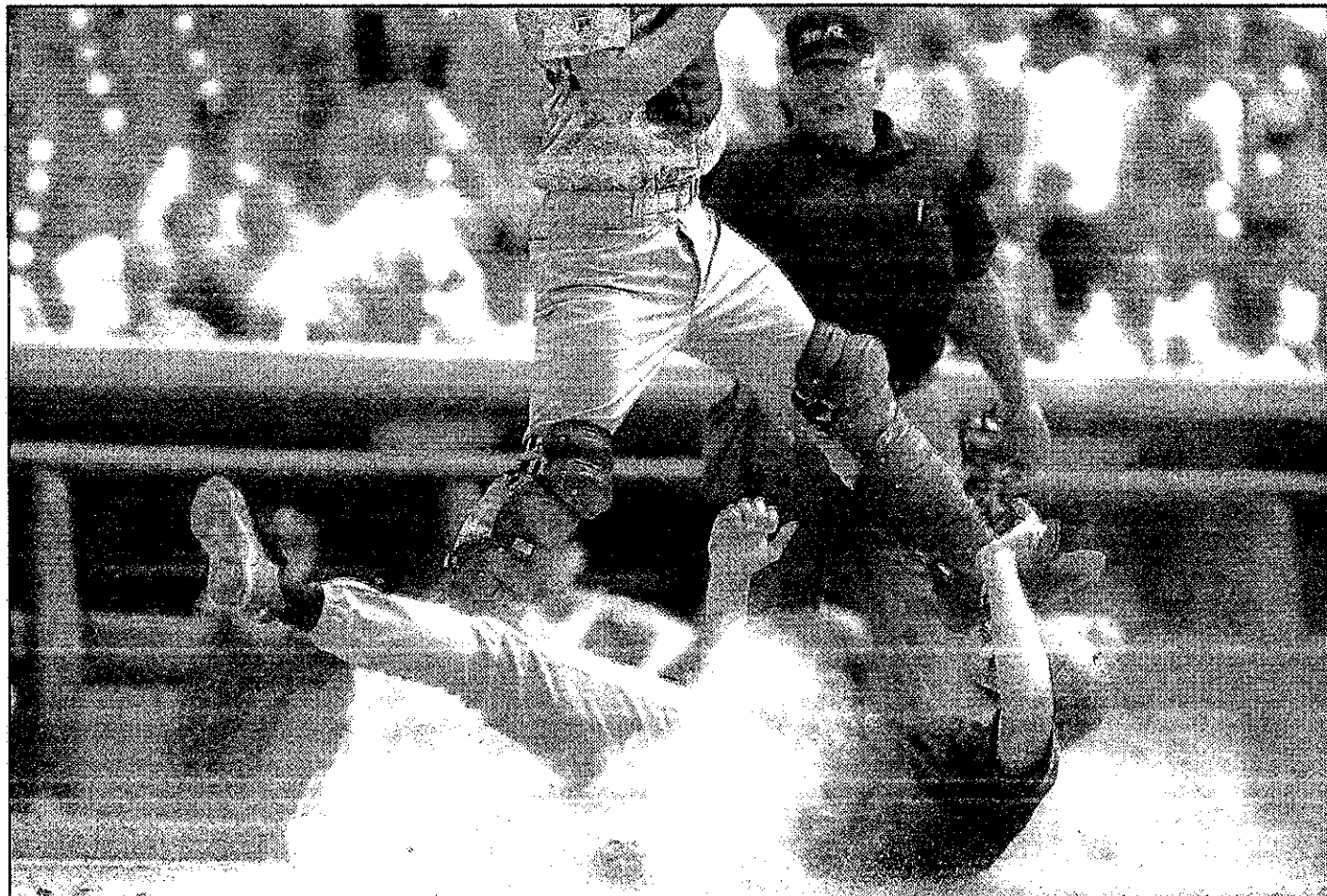
Trott got a base on balls with two out in the second inning and scampered around the bases to score on a triple by Ryan Kottke of Sterling Heights. Trott also walked in the third but was stranded.

One memory Trott will treasure is scoring that run. "I thought there was going to be a play at the plate, but there wasn't," he said. "The throw was high."

"I was surprised. I didn't know there were so many good hitters in the state. Everyone told me this was a pitcher's game, a low-scoring game."

Rumberger figured the game couldn't have been much better. "It was great fun," the Salem coach said. "Everything went off perfectly. It was a good game in terms of offense. They got some runs, then we'd get some runs."

"But we didn't go down there with



Safe at home: Salem's Chris Trott (sliding in safely above) made his trip to the MHSBCA All-Star game a memorable one by scoring his team's first run of the game in the second inning.

the intention of winning or losing the game. We just wanted to make sure everyone got a fair chance. Our job as coaches was to organize them, to put them in the right spots."

For that matter, Rumberger isn't certain how he was selected as one of the coaches. "There are a lot of coaches out there that have been coaching longer than I have. I don't know how I was chosen, but I was grateful. It was a real honor — I've never done it before."

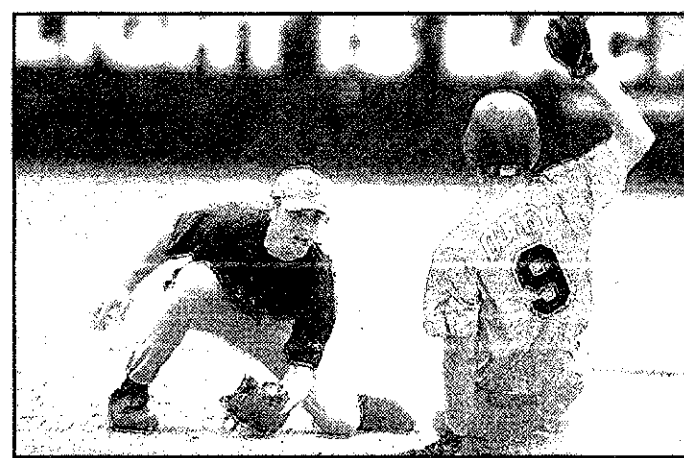
"I'll tell you this — any coach selected for this who passes it up is making a mistake. I'd do it again."

Wolcott, who played shortstop at Canton, walked his first time at bat, then grounded out. He returned in the ninth and banged out a lead-off double, but couldn't score.

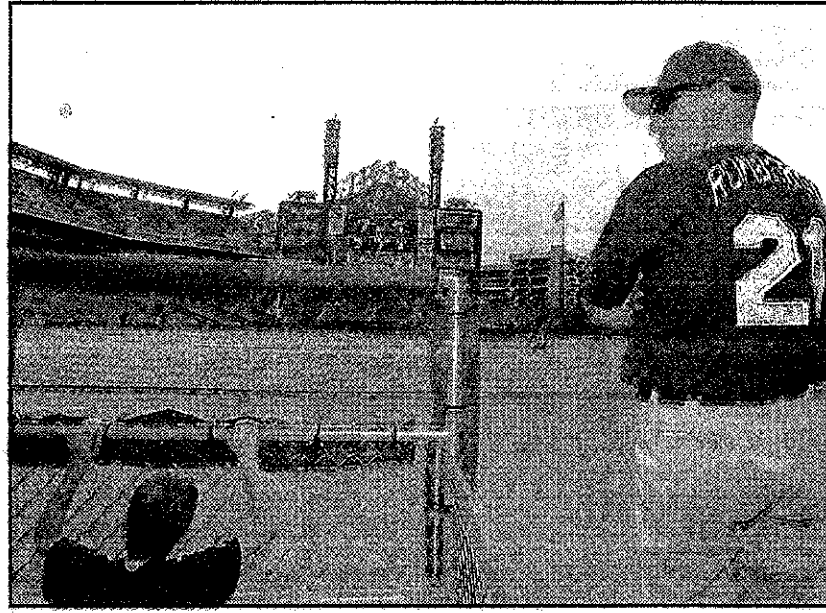
The game was tied at 7-all when, with two out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, West all-star Jon Koch blasted a triple to provide the game-winning margin.

For Koch, that will be a memory worth savoring. For everyone else — well, as Rumberger summarized, "We probably

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Worth remembering: Players and coaches alike will have reasons to savor their All-Star trip. Canton's Oliver Wolcott, at left taking a throw on a steal attempt by the West's Jim Duffy, slugged a double in the ninth inning. Salem's Dale Rumberger (below left), who served as an East Team coach, enjoyed being there and being part of the festivities.



Broncos bounce Spartans

MSHL HOCKEY

The Broncos scored the first three goals of the third period and held on Monday to defeat the Spartans 6-5 in a Metro Summer Hockey League game played at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

Scott Marlinga and Nick Smyth (from Rochester Hills) each scored two goals and added an assist for the Broncos, while Charley Ciuffettelli contributed four assists. Keith Townsend had a goal and an assist, Brad Zarem had a goal and Vic DeCina (Canton) had two assists.

The Spartans got a goal and an assist from both Aaron Jakubowski (Livonia) and Jim Stephenson (Troy), and a goal from Brandon Thom (Livonia). Adam Jakubowski (Livonia), John

Marzolf (Canton) and Brian Sommariya (Plymouth) each added two assists.

Jacob Archer (Livonia) was in goal for the Spartans; Bobby Pruchnik (Livonia) was between the pipes for the Broncos.

Lakers 14, Wolverines 5: Brian Jardine nicked the Wolverines for three goals and two assists and Nick Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) chipped in with three goals and one assist to pace the Lakers romp over the Wolverines Tuesday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

The Lakers built a 9-1 lead by the

end of the second period. Other scoring stars were John Vigilante and Mike Vigilante, each with two goals and four assists; Bryan Marshall (Livonia), with two goals and three assists; Josh Shuryan, with a goal and two assists; Scot Curtin (Redford), with four assists; and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth), with a goal.

Todd Bentley's three goals and an assist paced the Wolverines. Steve Swistak (West Bloomfield) had a goal and two assists and Mike Schmidt had a goal and an assist.

John Picklo and Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) were in goal for the Lakers. Nate Shopbell was in the net for the Wolverines.

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SOFTBALL

Looking good for Madonna

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Good pitching, good defense and good grades — the guts of a good collegiate team — key the Madonna University softball recruit list for the 2001-2002 school year.

"By far this is my biggest, most exciting recruiting year for sure," Coach Al White of the Lady Crusaders said in announcing his

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SC star gets pro tryout

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

The result was a short-term negative but Kevin Melson feels his failed tryout with the Detroit Pistons will be nothing but a long-term positive.

Melson, who put in a solid season with Schoolcraft College before playing three outstanding seasons for Wright State, wasn't invited to be on the Pistons' summer team that left Tuesday for Atlanta.

Melson was invited to try out for the summer squad during a number of workouts at the Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend but didn't make the team.

"It was definitely a positive experience," Melson said. "I got to play and learn from a lot of veteran players in the NBA. And

I had the advantage of learning from NBA coaches.

"It was definitely a good experience. I'm going to keep trying to play basketball. I'm going to keep my head up, keep trying to get better."

Melson will trust his future to his agent, Richie McDermott, who is going to try to place the Detroit Communication & Media Arts product in one of the minor basketball leagues to hone his skills against more veteran players.

McDermott was grateful Melson got to try out for the Pistons' summer team.

Among the players at the Pistons' camp were guards Mateen Cleaves and Chucky Atkins, for-

ward-center Mikki Moore, top draft choice Rodney White plus former pro players Adrian Griffin and Norm Nixon.

"He'll keep trying," McDermott said of Melson. "We'll look for an opportunity. Hopefully, he'll end up where he belongs, which I think is eventually in the NBA."

"I feel Kevin is an NBA player. I haven't any doubt about that. The only question is when. Here's a guy who is 6-foot-6 and who can defend.

"Whether he gets there on the highway or has to take the long way around the barn, I think he's going to get there. This is definitely a positive for his future."

Melson didn't play at Schoolcraft as a freshman because of an ankle injury. But he stood out as a sophomore and transferred to Wright State to finish his career.

Melson finished his three seasons at Wright State as his

team's leading scorer his senior year with an 18.6 average. He also made the All-Mid-Continent Conference team.

He holds one school record: making all 14 of his free throw attempts Jan. 23, 1999, against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

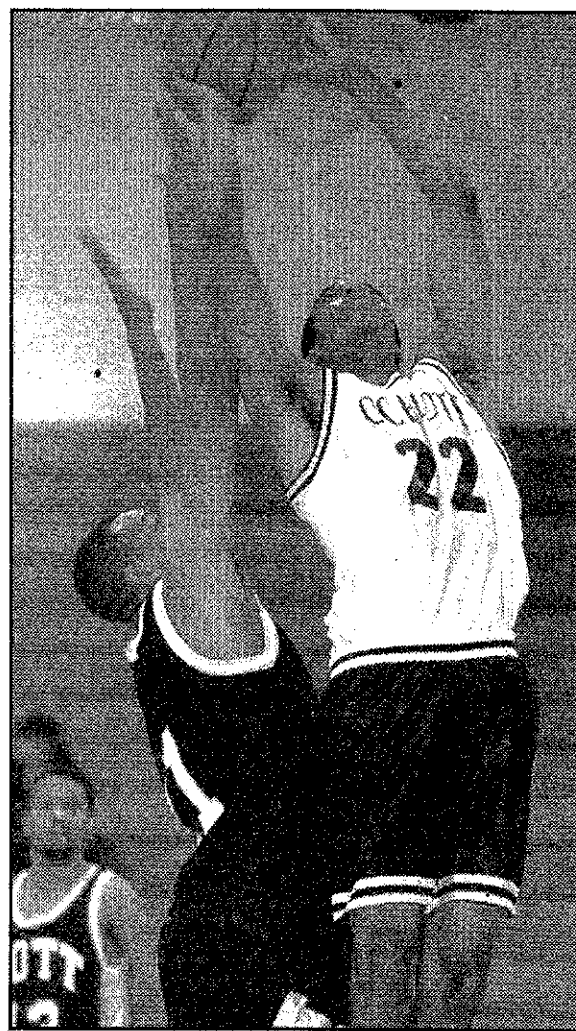
Melson wound up his career seventh on the all-time Wright State list with a 16.4 scoring average and 10th in blocked shots with 42.

He was 10th in free throws made during one season, sinking 120 in 2000.

But now it's off in search of a job in basketball's minor leagues. And probably another job to pay the rent.

"Now we'll see where the chips fall," Melson said. "I'm not exactly sure where, but I'm going to be playing somewhere."

Melson majored in sociology at Wright State and has his degree. He'd prefer playing basketball for a living, for a while anyway.



Pro prospect? Kevin Melson, who played one year at Schoolcraft College before finishing his collegiate career at Wright State, got a tryout for a spot on the Detroit Pistons' summer team. He didn't make it, but he plans to keep trying to land a spot in the pros somewhere. Melson led Wright State in scoring as a senior, averaging 18.6 points.

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Closing in DCI's victory makes its magic number 5

Decision Consultants, Inc. is inching closer to the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League title.

DCI defeated the Tecumseh Thunder, 4-2, Monday night at Ford Field to shave its magic number for clinching the league championship to five.

Any combination of wins by DCI and losses by either Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury or the Rams II team gives it the title.

Derrick Peterson (4-1) pitched

BASEBALL

a three-hitter and struck out six in the Decision Consultants, Inc., victory over Tecumseh. He walked two in his complete game and both runs he allowed were unearned.

Tim Andrzejak singled home the game-winning run in the fifth, breaking a 2-2 tie, and later scored the insurance marker. DCI had tallied in the third and fourth to create the deadlock.

Jim Nowicki went 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored while Mario D'Herin went 1-for-1 with an RBI and a run to help DCI lift its season's record to 22-4-2 with seven games to play.

On Saturday, DCI took a double-header from Hines Park at Ford Field to create a little daylight in the standings. Hines Park entered the games 17-8, 1 1/2 games behind DCI.

Ryan Ford (8-0) tamed Hines Park with a four-hitter in DCI's 10-1 win.

Ford, of Eastern Michigan, went the distance, striking out five and walking just one.

Peterson drove in two runs and scored three in a 3-for-3 game, John Sullivan drove in a pair and went 3-for-3 while Andrzejak drove in four runs and

scored twice in a 2-for-3 performance.

DCI scored three in the third and fifth in the fourth to wrap the game up.

Jamie Glinz came on to get the last out of the second game for DCI — a strikeout with the bases loaded that preserved a 4-3 victory.

Brent Brown went the first 6 2/3, striking out 12, walking five and giving up seven hits.

DCI scored two in each of the first two innings while Hines Park tallied one in the third and two in the sixth.

Mike Sopo went 2-for-4, scored a run and drove in one, Andrzejak had an RBI and scored a run in a 1-for-3 game and Sullivan went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBI. Joe Zacharzewski was 1-for-4 with an RBI and Mike Fisher added a hit. Dale Hayes (Madonna/John Glenn) got the win by hurling a five-hitter and improved to 7-0.

The Rams mustered just five hits in the second game as Chris Mitchell, Macek, Charlie Anderson, Kevin McKnight and Yaotéquia Carrasco all had hits. The Rams stayed close until the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Bulls (11-11) broke out for seven runs on three hits to storm out to the lead.

On Monday, the Rams (15-13) scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to come away with a 4-1 over Hines Park.

With the score tied at 1-1, Mike Hayes (Madonna/Redford Union), Hudson and Fisher all singled, then Macek was hit by a pitch. Anderson then doubled to score Hudson and Fisher with insurance runs.

Hudson and Fisher were 2-for-4 with a run scored, while Anderson was 2-for-3 with two RBI and Carrasco added a single.

Jesse Cogswell and Eric Lightle were 1-for-3 for Hines Park (17-8), while Jason Lukasik was 1-for-2. Brad McCloskey started for the Rams and gave up three hits, while Steve Kniebbe took the win in relief.

Rams split with Bulls

The Michigan Lake Area Rams came up with seven runs in the seventh inning on Sunday to earn a 10-4 win over the Bulls the first game of a LCBL doubleheader at Ford Field.

The Rams weren't as lucky in the second game as the Bulls countered with a 12-3 win.

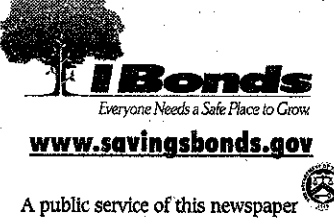
In the opener, Mike Macek (Redford Union) was 2-for-3 with a run scored and four RBI, while Rob Hudson (Garden City)



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eight-player list. "They're good kids, too."
 "And their grade point averages are all 3.3, 3.8, 3.5 ... you don't have to worry about their grades. That's important."
 All eight are from Southeast Michigan with three from the Observerland area: first baseman Krystle Shina from Farmington Mercy, third baseman Kathy Day of Livonia Ladywood and catcher Chrissy King of North Farmington.
 The pitcher is All-State pick Jessica Brubaker of Waterford Kettering.

Rounding out the list are center fielder Autumn Batyik of Carleton Airport, first baseman-outfielder Mary Warchuck of Clarkston, third baseman Denise Haus of Lincoln Park and second baseman-third baseman Tara Turner of Southgate Anderson.

"This is the third class coming through as our recruits," White said. "I'm pretty pleased with what we came up with this year."

"We're also improving our scheduling. We're in a tournament in Shawnee, Ohio, and three of the 16 teams in the nationals (last season) are going to be there."

"They've been there (in the nationals) probably five of the last six years. We want to show these girls, 'This is how good we've got to get.'"

White said Turner was "probably our first recruit. She came to our camp in the winter. We liked what we saw, the potential in her."

"We started talking and when it turned into early April, she more or less committed right then and there. We felt good about getting her almost before the high school season even started."

Brubaker was one of the state's better pitchers.

"I think she broke the state record for most wins in a career, which is outstanding," White said. "I think she won 138 in four years."

"But the biggest thing, too, is she doesn't walk people. I think she walked 12 in four years."

White termed Ladywood's

Day an "outstanding defensive player."
 Warchuck is a first baseman but can also play the outfield, which is where she may wind up if Mercy's Shina can glom onto first base.

"Shina just hits line drives all over the place," White said. "She came from a good program. She knows the game of softball very well."

Warchuck, a left-handed hitter, comes from another strong program, Clarkston.

"Year in and year out they have one of the better programs in the state. (Coach) Al Land also coaches the Computware summer team — and they're annually one of the best teams in the nation."
 Batyik drew White's attention

as a sophomore but "my first opinion was that we'd never have chance, because that girl's good."

"She's got a great arm. Plus she can flat-out run and get the ball. She's a left-handed hitter and she has a little bit of power."

"We're looking for big things from her. She could possibly be our leadoff hitter. She could hit one or two in our lineup."

The Raiders' King was another player who zoomed into the picture.

"She was a latecomer to us," White said. "We just figured she'd be going somewhere else. I think she wants to go into premed, be a doctor."

"But being friends with Coach (Dave) Brubaker from North Farmington, he helped us a lot

with her. It's really going to help us a lot having another catcher."

The Lady Crusaders landed an excellent catcher last season, Erin Fowler of Romeo. But White feels there's room enough for both and that the addition of King means he can scratch that position off his worry list for the next two years, at least.

Last year Madonna finished 19-35 overall, including a 9-19 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

White hopes this year's recruits will help the program take that next step forward.

"The big thing now is whether they can take that next step," White said of his incoming freshmen. "Some will, maybe one or two might not."

"It's amazing what it takes to have a good program. We're trying to get there."

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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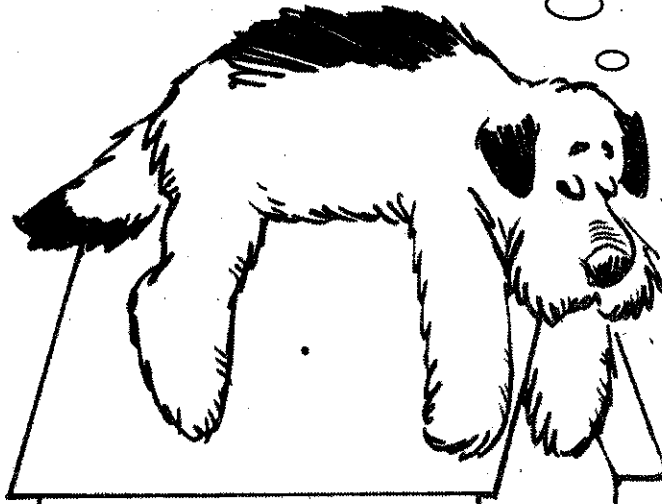
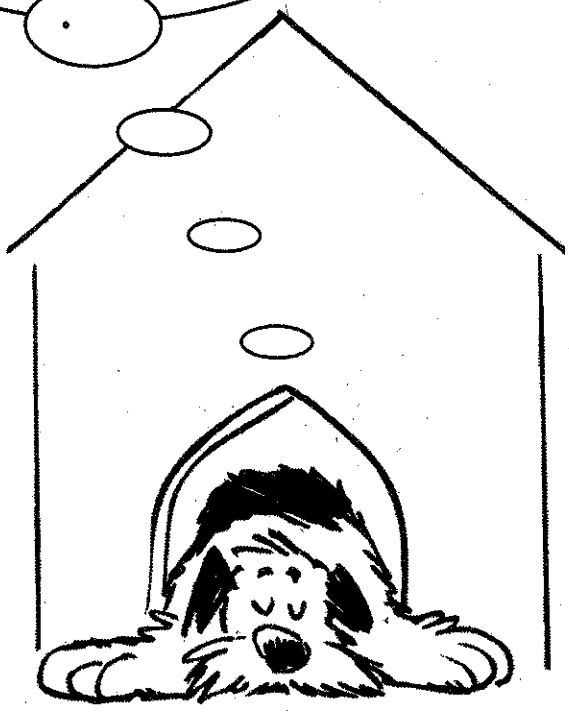
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Hockey from page D1

Huskies 7, Spartans 3: John Pietila scored twice in the first period to help the Huskies beat the Spartans Tuesday in an MSHL game at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

Pietila also had two assists in the game. Teammate Trent Daavetila contributed a goal and three assists, and Josh Daavetila, Bill Kiilunen, B.J. Gaylord and Matt Hennigar each scored a goal.

Steve Bratzewski had a goal and an assist for the Huskies. Chris Powroznick (Redford) and Adam Wysocki (Livonia) also had goals, and Jack McCoy got two assists.

Travis Miller and Rick Marnon (Canton) were in goal for the Huskies. Beau Brandeau was in net for the Spartans.

Whalers 16, Bulldogs 10: Dwight Helminen scored three goals and assisted on another to pace the Whalers' win over the Bulldogs in an MSHL game Monday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

Seven players accounted for the Whalers' first eight goals in a balanced attack that saw them open up a 9-4 lead after two periods. Two more goals in the first 3:33 of the final period allowed the Whalers to make it 11-4, clinching the win.

Tim Kastamo contributed two goals and two assists, with Lars Helminen and Matt Sniogowski (Plymouth) adding two goals and an assist apiece. Kirk Pietila, Mark Pietila and Rich Storm each had a goal and three assists, David Gill scored two goals, and Jim Helminen and Keith Pietila both got a goal and

an assist. Matt York paced the Bulldogs with two goals and five assists. Troy Milam added two goals and two assists, Mike Radakovich (Livonia) chipped in with two goals and an assist, Ian Smith (Rochester) had a goal and two assists, Jamie Milam got a goal and an assist, Todd Kessler (Livonia) and Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) each had a goal and Eric Evans picked up two assists.

Matt Swanson was in the net for the Bulldogs, while Brian Whetstone (Plymouth) played goal for the Whalers.

Broncos 9, Wolverines 5: The Broncos scored five unanswered goals in the first period and coasted from there to an MSHL win Sunday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

John Fritz (Plymouth) led the Broncos with three goals — including the first two of the game — and an assist, and Vic DeCina (Canton) contributed three goals. Charley Ciuffettelli added a goal and two assists, Brad Zarem and Paola DeCina

(Canton) each scored goals, and Nick Smyth collected two assists.

Three of the Wolverines' goals came from Scott Lutz (West Bloomfield). Frank Bourbonais added two goals and an assist and Steve Swistak (West Bloomfield) had two assists.

Bobby Pruchnik (Livonia) was in goal for the Broncos; Nate Shopbell was between the pipes for the Wolverines.

Spartans 4, Wildcats 4: Close all the way.

Chris Powroznick (Redford) scored twice for the Spartans, including the game-tying goal with 8:23 left in the third period. Justin Riccardi had two goals for the Wildcats.

Pete Mazzoni (Livonia) contributed a goal and two assists for the Spartans, and Mike Swistak (West Bloomfield) had a goal. For the Wildcats, Rob Fleury and Andy Weidenbach each had a goal and an assist.

Brandon Tucker was in goal for the Wildcats. Jacob Archer (Livonia) and Beau Brandeau divided time in the net for the Spartans.

All-Stars from page D1

spent more time taking pictures than warming up for the game." And that's the way it should be.

Solid performance

The only other star from the Observerland area was Farmington Harrison graduate Tim Doig, who played right field for the East team. Doig finished the game with a double, a run scored and a walk.

"It was great," said Doig, who was cheered by 25 to 30 family members, including aunts, uncles and grandparents. "It didn't matter that we lost, because it was fun playing there."

"The park is just so great — to run out there, everything is so green and in such perfect shape. It was just a great experience."

Doig will attend Oakland University and play baseball in the fall.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
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Registration will be at Compuware Sports Arena through Aug. 1. For further information, call (734) 453-6400.

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS
 Tom Teeters, volleyball coach at Schoolcraft College and at Plymouth Salem HS, will conduct a pair of Schoolcraft College Volleyball Camps for beginner and intermediate-level players from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16-19.

Cost for the session is \$90 per person (\$85 for additional family members), which includes a \$30 non-refundable deposit. Team discounts are available.

Eight courts are available for use in the camps, which are open to those 8-18/years old. They will be conducted by Teeters as well as former and current SC players. Swimming will be available at the end of each camp.

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

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There have been numerous changes to the Condominium Act since that time, the latest of which went into effect in early January of this year.

It is important that the condominium board make every effort to make sure that their documents are reasonably up to date. The documents should contain the protections that are afforded the association and the co-owners under the Condominium Act and recent case law.

It is also important to ensure that the Articles of Incorporation of the association are amended to adequately protect the officers and directors of the association based on the Nonprofit Corporation Act.

You are to be commended for recognizing that a condominium association should not try to operate under documents that were last reviewed a quarter of a century ago. A board can mislead itself and others using information that is out of date.

You should have a knowledgeable condominium lawyer look at your documents as soon as possible. He can instruct you by suggesting changes that would probably result in a complete redraft of your Condominium Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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- APPLIANCES INCLUDED?**
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- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES**



BY DOUG FUNKE
 STAFF WRITER
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Check out the 'hood

The people next door, across the street and around the block put neighborhood into 'hood.

So, too, does the local school, the corner convenience store and sidewalks shaded by a canopy of trees.

Kids bicycling, skating and hanging out on the street add pizz to the mix, as do folks working their lawns, walking or just sitting on the porch watching things happen.

Unless you live on a huge estate or in a castle, you'll rub up against neighbors and neighborhood. They can enhance the individual home owning experience or make you wish for a different address.

Busier lives

More couples are working outside the home nowadays than a generation ago, said Patsy Ganiard, a broker with Max Brook in Birmingham. But she stands by her definition of good neighbor.

"Somebody that's caring enough to watch out for you when you go on vacation, bring in the mail, take in packages," Ganiard said. "People that keep their houses neat and tidy."

While some older people may be seen as crotchety and some younger folks overly indulgent of their little darlings, most people today want a blend of ages where they live, Ganiard said.

"The young can ask advice from the old-timers. They have the tools in the garage and can help out. The old-timers can feel young again."

Smart buyers look beyond immediate property lines when mulling whether to make an offer, Ganiard added.

"Even if they like the house they've seen, if next door is untidy, they won't buy. That just happened to me recently. If next door looks sloppy, it's probably going to be like that a long time."

Troubling signs

Over-grown lawns, rust bucket cars in yards and poorly maintained houses don't inspire confidence in prospective buyers, said Lee Douglas, a Realtor with Century 21 Hartford North in Livonia.

You also buy neighbors, neighborhood and quality of life when you buy a house or condominium.

There are many ways to sample the flavor of a neighborhood, but all involve some time. Try to visit at different times on different days for a more complete, balanced view.

■ Start by driving around and walking through. Observe with a careful eye and ear. Talk to people you encounter - adults and kids. Tell them you're thinking of moving in and ask their opinions about the neighborhood, schools, shopping and good places to eat.

■ Is there activity on the street or are things fairly quiet? Which is more important to you? Lots of bikes, scooters, basketball hoops and in-line skates on porches or yards can mean younger children, cars parked on the street older kids.

■ Visit the local school and parks. How do the buildings, grounds and playground equipment look? Are the facilities used? If school will be an issue, visit the principal's office and ask for a tour. State test scores are available if you ask.

■ Touch base with the crime prevention department of the local police department to get a sense of activity in the area. Statistics usually are available on burglaries, auto thefts and vandalism. Neighborhood Watch signs can be a good sign.

■ Check with the municipal community development department to determine where the active neighborhood associations are.

■ When you find a house you might want to buy, stand on the front porch and take a real good look at all the neighbors' properties. Then go into the back yard and do the same.

What do you think? Assume that this is as good as it gets. Can you live with it?

"Neat and clean uplifts the whole neighborhood," she said.

An active homeowners association can foster neighborliness and neighborhood, said Dorcas Dillard, president of Western View Neighborhood Association in Redford.

"It brings everyone together. You get ideas from other people on the way to do things, working together for common goals."

Activity promotes connections. This year, Western View will sponsor a flower sale, garage sale, picnic and collect toys as a holiday service project.

Dillard said she was attracted to her neighborhood specifically by the cultural, ethnic and age diversity of its people, the general tidiness of the homes and good freeway access to all compass points.

"A good neighbor would be if you see someone in need, if you can't alleviate it yourself, at least you can point them in a direction where to go."

Taking action

Active association members usually are more aware of goings-on, more connected politically and know how to use the system, especially code enforcement, to solve problems.

It's up to existing neighbors to welcome new arrivals and perpetuate neighborhood, said Harmen Guenther, president of Cranbrook Village Homeowners Association and the Southfield Homeowners Coalition.

"In Cranbrook Village, ladies take a welcome package to newcomers that contains a calendar from the city, information about city services and we put in a couple of our newsletters. We try to get them quick. They seem to appreciate it."

People ultimately determine neighborhood by how they choose to get involved. Kids tend to bring their parents out of the house, fostering more connections.

But with husbands and wives both working outside the home, they might not be around as much to be good neighbors, Douglas conceded.

She also sees a trend of home buyers willing to sacrifice traditional neighborhood for more privacy and more space.

Seller can help self, borrower

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

I thought I would switch things up today and present a helpful topic for home sellers instead of buyers.

Homeowners selling their personal residences have much to gain by making their homes available to a larger number of potential borrowers. A bigger pool of eligible buyers means a better chance of selling at the asking price and before other similar properties.

When sellers place their property on the market, they usually expect the buyers to pay for the entire purchase at closing. But the seller may not want or need the full price for his home right away.

This presents wonderful opportunities for both the buyer and the seller.

A savvy seller may be able to sell his home for full price or better by allowing the buyer to purchase the home with a "seller second." The buyer actually buys the property with money from two sources: the bank and the seller. The mortgage company finances most of the purchase (usually about 80 percent). The seller finances most of or all of the remainder.

The mortgage company may allow 100-percent combined financing (a "zero-down" purchase) for the buyers.

The seller may charge a much higher interest rate to the buyers for this benefit and will usually offer a shorter loan term. This arrangement results in a nice monthly income for the seller. There is relatively little risk to the seller because the loan is attached to the property.

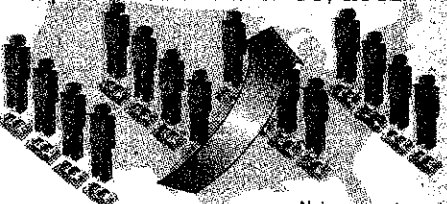
As the buyer builds equity in his new home, he will want to refinance to get a better interest rate than the current "combined" rate. When he refinances, he will normally pay off the bank's first mortgage and the seller's second mortgage. At that point, the seller will get receive a check for the entire original purchase price.

By using this creative financing method, sellers can get a distinct marketing edge and benefit financially by helping a prospective buyer purchase the home.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. For a free mortgage pre-qualification or credit assessment, you may contact him at PhillipsHQ@yahoo.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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COLORADO	68,100	3.1
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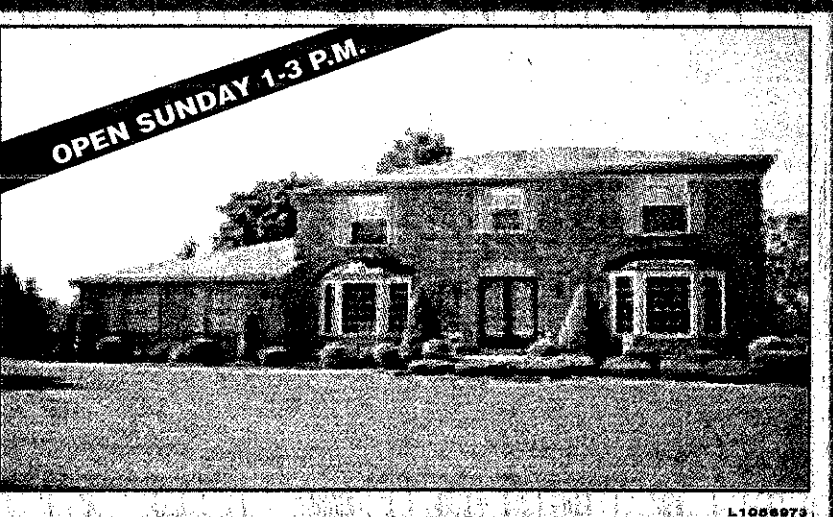
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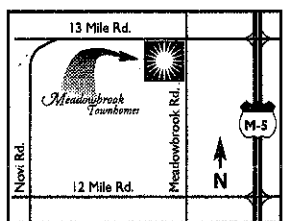
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Abe A. Munfakh, P.E., chairman of the board and principal of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, an engineering, surveying and planning firm headquartered in Ann Arbor, was selected to receive the President's Citation Award for 2001 from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.



Munfakh

He was honored for outstanding leadership, achievements and contributions to the profession.

Munfakh is chairman elect of the State of Michigan Board of Professional Engineers and belongs to the American Consulting Engineers Council.

He lives in Plymouth.

national, Southfield, has acquired the designation of Fundamentals of Facilities Management by the Building Owners and Managers Institute.

Doolittle also holds the designation of Real Property Administrator.

Cecilia Kawalec, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Clarkston, has received a Pinnacle Award from the National Women's Council of Realtors for creating a roster for her North Oakland Chapter on a disk.

Pinnacle Awards recognize excellence in areas of marketing and publicity, personal and professional development programs, leadership orientation programs and membership communication/ recruitment programs.

Kawalec is president-elect of her chapter. Her professional designations include Certified Residential Specialist, Graduate Realtor Institute, Accredited Buyer Representative, Leadership Training Graduate, and Real Estate Cyberspace Specialist.

Ralph J. Mocerino, AIA, joins Gensler, an architecture, design and planning firm in Detroit, as a studio leader.

Prior to joining Gensler, Mocerino was owner of Palladia Architects that specialized in interior architecture and master planning. He has 18 years experience.

Mocerino has memberships in the American Institute of Architects, Congress for the New Urbanism and the Urban Land Institute.

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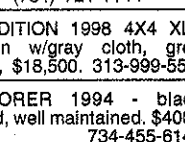
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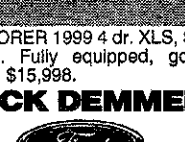
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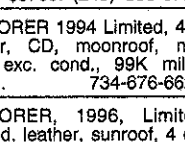
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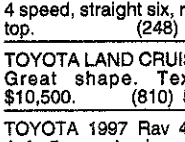
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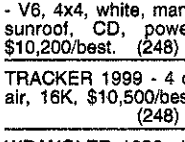
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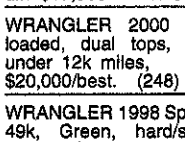
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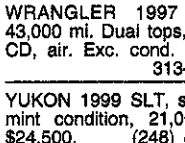
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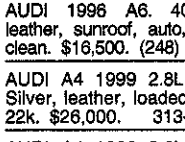
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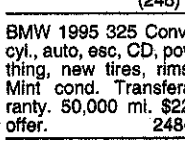
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