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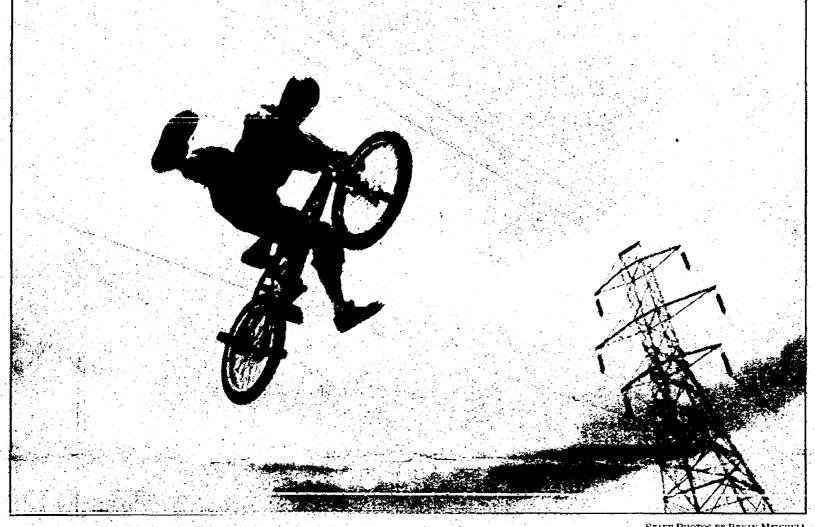
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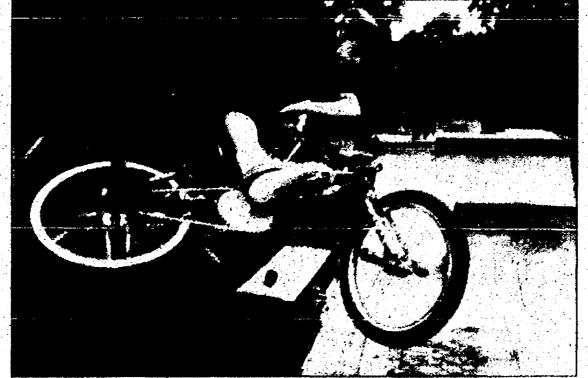
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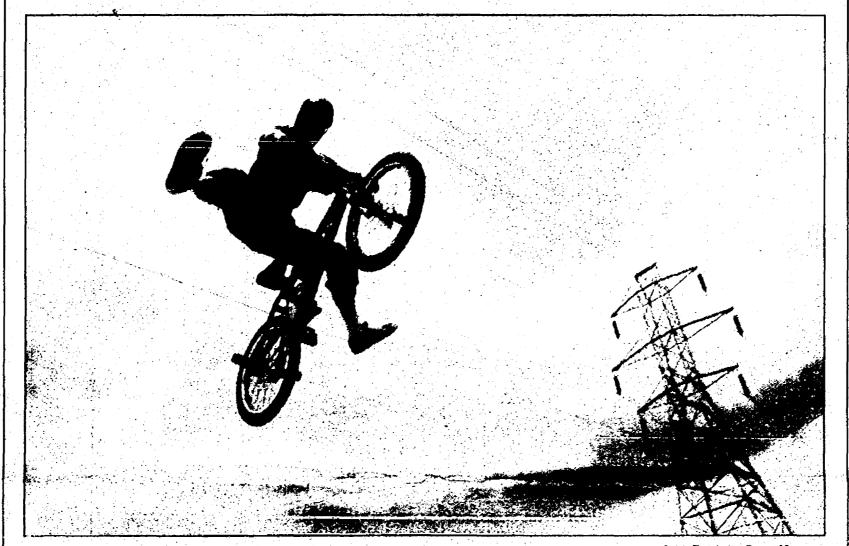
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Some meeting watchers said Baracy's statements on Monday gave the impression that Wayne-Westland, alone, stood to gain from the money.

"This additional \$5 million would have allowed us to function normally for another year or two," Baracy said later. "Now we will have to reassess our financial situation, continue to tighten our belt and certainly not expand programs."

But state Sen. Loren Bennett. R-Canton Township, said during a telephone interview Tuesday that Wayne-Westland was only one of several districts that stood to share the \$10 million.

"That was not all earmarked for Wayne-Westland," Bennett

Even so, he said, "It was something I certainly lobbied for, but ultimately the governor had the right to veto it."

In a July 19 letter to House legislators, Engler said he vetoed the \$10 million in special revenue because it violated the intent of Proposal A to provide all our legislators."

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"Every time you give more to one district," Bennett said, "you have to give less to somebody else."

He said the governor and others believed that "it wasn't in the spirit of Proposal A to do that."

Bennett said he managed to get some extra aid for Wayne-Westland in 1998 - but return trips to the money counter haven't been as successful.

Baracy contended that the latest \$10 million would've come from a \$350 million school aid surplus fund, "and it wouldn't have hurt anybody."

Despite Baracy's concerns about declining finances, he said in June that parents and students shouldn't worry that a new era of massive program cuts is imminent.

Moreover, he said district officials will continue their fight in Lansing for what they consider an unfair school-funding system.

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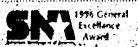
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visible in his waistband when one of the bystanders made a remark about the mask." a police report said.

The bandit then went inside and committed the robbery as the outdoor witnesses ran for cover.

One Westland police officer brought his police dog to the scene and tried unsuccessfully to find the gunman, searching the area nearby.

Board from page A1

As a school trustee, Eisiminger follows his father, Robert, who served on the Wayne-Westland board in 1965-66.

Six board members interviewed all three candidates Monday before choosing Eisiminger as their seventh colleague.

Under questioning from board members, he said his top three goals will be completing the bond construction projects, improving student test scores and being a team player."

Despite recent district gains that he labeled "great," Eisiminger said officials still face challenges to reverse negative perceptions.

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Eisiminger said the district's image declined for 10 or 15 years, "and it hurt us." He said many potential residents aren't aware of a recent upswing.

Board members chose Eisiminger for the seat following two rounds of voting that gradually eliminated Wright and Abbott.

In round one, each board member voted for their two favorite candidates, eliminating Wright after he received the least votes. In round two, Eisiminger

edged out Abbott 4-2. Eisiminger

was favored by Monit,

and Robin Moore. Abbott drew support from Teresa Robbins and Ed Turner. During board interviews,

Eisiminger portrayed himself as a loyal district resident who, with wife Keri, is raising three children here: Wayne Memorial High 11th-grader Richard II, Schweitzer Elementary fifthgrader Chelsie and Schweitzer fourth-grader Kyle.

All three board hopefuls confirmed Monday that they would seek election next June if chosen for the board vacancy.

McCusker labeled all three candidates "great."

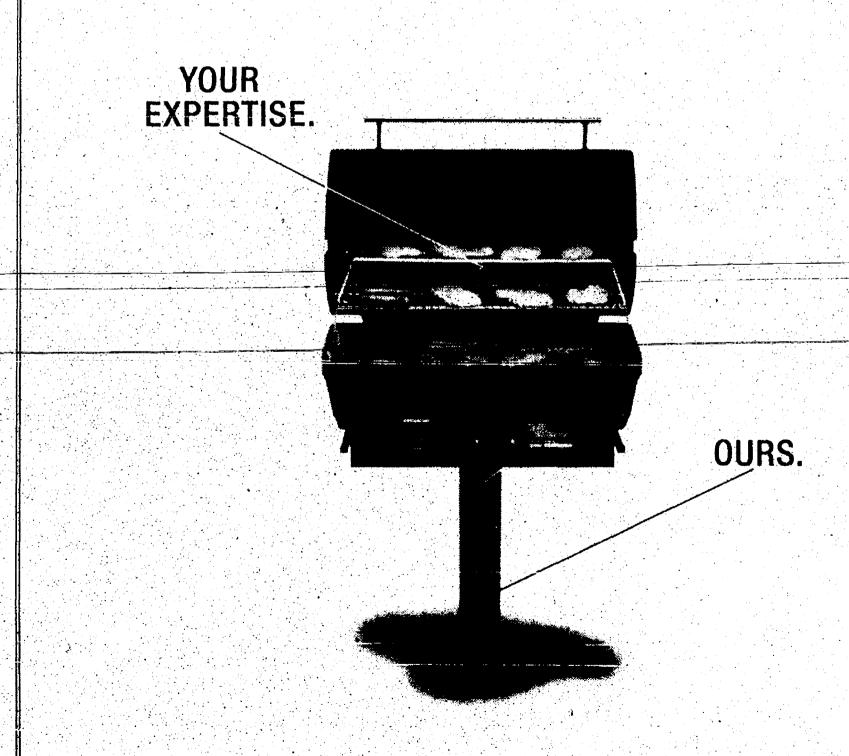
Abbott described herself as a he said.

McCusker, Martha Pitsenbarger 1965 Wayne Memorial graduate and an "independent thinker" who wants to repay her community for the successes she has had. She voiced hope for boosting the district's image, and she said she had no personal agenda or plans for higher office.

"The one thing I want to do is serve my community," she said.

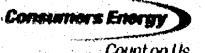
Wright portrayed himself as a longtime district activist whose priorities would include improving student test scores, watching finances and seeking equal funding for all students.

"My agenda has always been for the students of this district."



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Skill: (Above) Jason Suchan, of Westland, is in the midst of a wheel stand as his front tire teeters on the top of what BMX'ers call a "spine." The peak of the spine only measures four inches across. (Right) Chris Hatfield, a friend of Suchan's, performs a peg stall on the top of the 8-foot quarterpeg ramp behind Jason's Westland home.





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Landing gear: Suchan eyes his landing as he drops off the spin following a wheel stand at the top of the spine.

Sketch released of robbery suspect

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER irogers@oe.homecomm.net

Police have released a sketch of a man being sought in connection with the July 15 abduction and armed robbery of an elderly

couple. The suspect was described as a light complexioned black male, 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, and a slim build. He was described as having a small mustache and a little hair on his

The man, who told the victims his name was Mark; was also described as wearing a close-fitting black nylon cap.

"After the story was on the (television) news, someone called & and said they saw the suspect at Burger King (in Garden City) at 11 a.m. before the robbery but that hasn't been verified," said Detective Sgt. Michael Lindman.

The couple, Garden City residents in their 70s, were abducted from outside the Kroger Supermarket at Ford and Middlebelt.

The man was in his car reading while his wife was inside the store shopping. The suspect, armed with a short dark

revolver, got into the back seat. The suspect wanted the man's ATM card, Lindman said, but the man didn't have one.

"The suspect had the victim drive away. They stopped at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt and switched places," said Lindman.

With the suspect at the wheel, the men returned to Kroger and picked up the man's wife. The three then went to Bank One at Ford and Garden where the woman cashed a \$1.500 check and gave the money to the sus-

After driving back to Kroger. Lindman said the suspect got out of the vehicle and left on foot. Along with the cash, he also took the man's wedding band with five diamonds and a 15year service ring from Kroger

where the man had worked. "The suspect was very polite. He hugged the man and shook hands with him when he left," said Lindman.

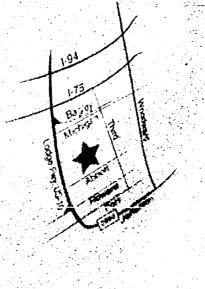
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Before leaving, the suspect had written down the man's name and address warning him not to call police. The couple didn't call police, Lindman said, but told Kroger staff about what

happened. "People at Kroger called us. When we contacted the couple they were cooperative," said Lindman.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Garden City Police at 525-8088.

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ARLENE L. WESTERLUND

Services for Arlene Westerlund. 79, of Westland were July 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livo-

Mrs. Westerlund was born Feb. 21, 1920, and died July 24 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her sons, Jackie, Dickie (Pat), Vernon and Timothy; daughter, Sharell (Larry) Belville; sister, Mavis Missling: sister-in-law, Delores Polzin; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Westerland was preceded

in death by her husband, Arvid; brother, Russell Polzin.

ALFRED H. AGGE

Services for former Westland resident Alfred Agge, 68, of Raisan, Mich. were July 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Agge was born April 10. 1931, in Belleville, Mich. and died July 23 in Adrian, Mich. He was a store manager for a retail tire dealership.

Surviving are his wife, Lorraine of Adrian, Mich.; son, John (Sandy); daughter, Mary (Dr. Jerome) Janda, Annie (Jeffrey Garbur and Margaret (Scoti) Press, brother, William (Thelma) Agge; and eight grandchil-

JAMES G. LAUGHLIN Services for James G. Laugh-

lin, 62, of Westland were July 24 at Faith Lutheran Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Carr. Mr. Laughlin was born Aug. 1.

1936, in Highland Park and died July 18 at Mariner Health of Clearwater in Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Laughlin was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, Surviving are his mother-in-law Florence Geddes; sisters Gale (Kenneth) Pank, and Faith (Laughlin) Kidwell Also surviving are six nieces and one

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School receives additional SAFE teacher

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER

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During the coming school year, Cleveland will become the only elementary in the Livonia Public Schools to have more than one Student Assistance Family Education teacher on staff to help students struggling with personal or school-related problems.

Twelve elementaries will have one full-time SAFE teacher; nine elementaries will have just a half-time SAFE teacher.

A shift in the way SAFE teachers are allocated led to adding an extra half-time SAFE teacher to the 570-student Cleveland Elementary, on Cathedral Street, just west of Inkster Road in southeast Livonia.

The addition comes at the expense of Adams Elementary on Lyndon, which will see its SAFE staff drop. Adams SAFE

teacher Lynn Ross will now spend half her time at Adams, and half her time at Cleveland, said Paul Derwick, director of elementary instruction. She joins Marion Kocian, the current Cleveland SAFE teacher.

This past school year, the district used Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores and building size to determine where SAFE teachers would be stationed. In 1998-99, there were 12 full-time SAFE teachers and 10 half-time SAFE teachers in the 22 elementaries.

This year's allocation shift came about because of a change in the criteria.

"Cleveland is the neediest school, based on this criteria," Derwick said.

The new criteria dwells less on MEAP scores and more on family income and the number of children in the school who come from non-traditional families, he

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The sometimes-controversial SAFE program for elementary students has existed in Livonia since 1991. At that time, the district moved many of its psychologists, social workers and special education teachers into this umbrella program, which is based on a nationally acclaimed program called Quest.

In classroom lessons, group sessions or one-on-one counseling, SAFE teachers help students who have personal, school-related, behavioral, social-adjustment or family problems, said Robert Dietiker, director of student services.

"They get support in times of divorce, family illness or death," Dietiker said. "When we intervene early, we get less emotionally impaired kids later on. We saw the special education popu-

lation growing in Livonia in the 1980s. So we converted psychologists to SAFE teachers. If these students are not helped, they will be unsuccessful learners, adults and parents."

Since its launching in Livonia, critics have said the program takes away from class time for those students who don't need the help.

Others want schools to stick to the basics and leave social problems to outside-the-school psychologists.

The nine elementaries with a half-time SAFE teacher are those schools with fewer students, Derwick said. "Fewer kids means fewer problems," he added.

Parents who object to the program can opt to not have their children participate, Dietiker said. However, very few parents choose that option, he said.

State asked to make decision regarding wetlands

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

An environmental activist has asked the state to determine whether the owner of property just west of the Holliday Park Nature Preserve has cleared regulated wet-

lands.

A wooded section of from nine to 12 acres has been cleared, said Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Park Nature Preserve Association.

The property was cleared by J.A. Bloch & Co., which manages the land for the partnership owning it.

"They left the big trees" but cleared the ground around them, he said.

"The only way the preserve could have grown was into that property," Craig said.

"It's the last piece of property that could have been added" to the 540-acre preserve, he said.

If protected wetlands are involved, "They should have saved some of the natural features. They should have seen if it was regulated" before doing anything.

Craig said he's asked the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to find out if the cleared area is wetlands and if they should have been cleared.

"The MDEQ will be out there checking that," Craig said.



According to state law, no permission was needed to do the clearing, as long as no trees six inches in diameter or larger were cut, said Sue Folsom of the Canton Township engineering department.

A property owner can clear regulated wetlands, she said, but no tree stumps can be removed, no land-filling done and no earth removed from the site.

Not involved

Burton-Katzman Development Co. of Bingham Farms, the developer of the new Koppernick Corporate Park west of the cleared area, was not involved in it, said company spokesman Chuck DiMaggio. The firm owns only the land west of Commerce Drive, which leads into the development.

The MDEQ office in Livonia could not be

reached for comment Friday.

Craig said he "can certainly understand" now Canton Township would want the industrial corridor developed as a tax base.

But "This is prime natural habitat, not one of the corn fields anymore." Craig wants to know if "there any regulated wetlands in there that can be saved?

Site mitigation may be the next step, he

However, mitigation doesn't always work, he said, and "As we lose real wetlands for mitigated ones that don't work, we lose water quality."

Folsom of Canton Township said mitigation will happen only if Bloch seeks to develop the property.

Then, she said, the state will require Bloch to set aside, as a permanent wetlands, more property than the amount cleared.

The Holliday association opposed development in the area because development will ultimately affect "the quality of our river system," Craig said.

Vernal ponds

Craig described the area in question as "a complex of vernal ponds" - spring ponds caused by rain and melting snow "which are a value for amphibians and other creatures that need that type of habitat."

He said the loss of wetlands "is an example of the consequences of urban sprawl and the consequences of development.

Pool party





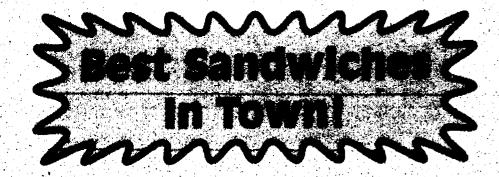
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We'll have fun, fun; Students at the weekly Teen Night swim and dance party at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, (top) ham it up for the camera. A group of young men, above, try their hand at the Macarena. The next regularly scheduled party begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. The theme is "Sports Night." The events run every Tuesday through Aug. 17. Admission is \$1. For information call (734) 722-7620.

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Reform supporters leery of money's impact on politics

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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Joyce Russell believes money wields too much influence in pol-

Campaign fund-raising brings millions to candidates from businesses, special interest groups and unions, and gives them resources to advertise on television and get their message out for several months.

That money can lead to buying influence and makes it harder for lesser known candidates not machines to be elected because they cannot afford political advertising. It makes Reform Party delegates like Russell wonder why.

"If money is considered freedom of speech, then what freedom do poor people have?" Russell asked. "It shouldn't cost so much for elections. They take too long each year."

Russell of Northville represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth

backed by traditional political and Westland, and part of west-nomics. ern Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Russell attended last weekend's convention for the Reform Party in Dearborn.

> Reform Party delegates each cite the same issues - Campaign finance reform. The national debt. Term limits.

> Matt Abel, a delegate for 11th District, which includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County, believes Congressional members from the two parties do not tell the truth when it comes to discussing the nation's eco-

"All this talk of a surplus is a bunch of hooey," Abel said. "The national debt went up, and they use fictitious accounting when they discuss the debt."

Reform Party members want to balance the budget and pay off the debt, one of the reasons Abel supports the party.

Abel is a former Democrat, but joined the Reform Party because it is not controlled by the UAW, and it is not controlled by the chamber of commerce,"Abel said. Abel also grew tired of what he

called "obfuscation" by government officials. "We need to get our economy back on a strong foundation. We're almost \$6 trillion in debt."

Perry Spencer, chair of the Reform Party of Michigan, believes citizens want more control of government through government reforms.

"Campaign finance is being abused," Spencer said. Lobbyists spend absurd amounts of money to buy influence and "shut people out" from the process, Spencer said.

Free trade agreements may have added jobs, but manufacturing jobs are being lost, Spencer said. "What kinds of jobs are we redeveloping? Most are low-paying, service-industry jobs," Spencer said.

The party has been helped by Jesse Ventura's election as governor of Minnesota last year. "It brought us back into the forefront of attention," Spencer said. "Because a third-party candidate can win a major election, everyone has to take us seriously."

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How Reform stands on major issues

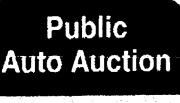
Here is a summary of where the Reform Party stands on issues, according to literature distributed at its national convention in Dearborn last weekend and the group's Web site:

- Social Security: Fulfills the promises of the old system. Phases out the pay-as-you-go system and creates a system of private accounts that are federally supervised, but individually controlled.
- # Tax reform: Eliminate the Internal Revenue Service and raise sufficient revenue for government to perform its assigned tasks in a simple and fair fash-
- Budget: Pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Pay down the federal debt until the principal balance is zero and American taxpayers no longer have to pay interest on the debt. End corporate welfare and special interest subsidies. **T** Campaign finance reform:
- Vigorously enforce current campaign finance laws. Change the composition of the Elections Commission to include independent and non-partisan representation. Campaigns should include free and equal access to the media resources for all qualified candidates. Outlaw political action committees.
- Term limits. Institute term limits on the U.S. House of Representatives for three terms; two terms for the Senate.

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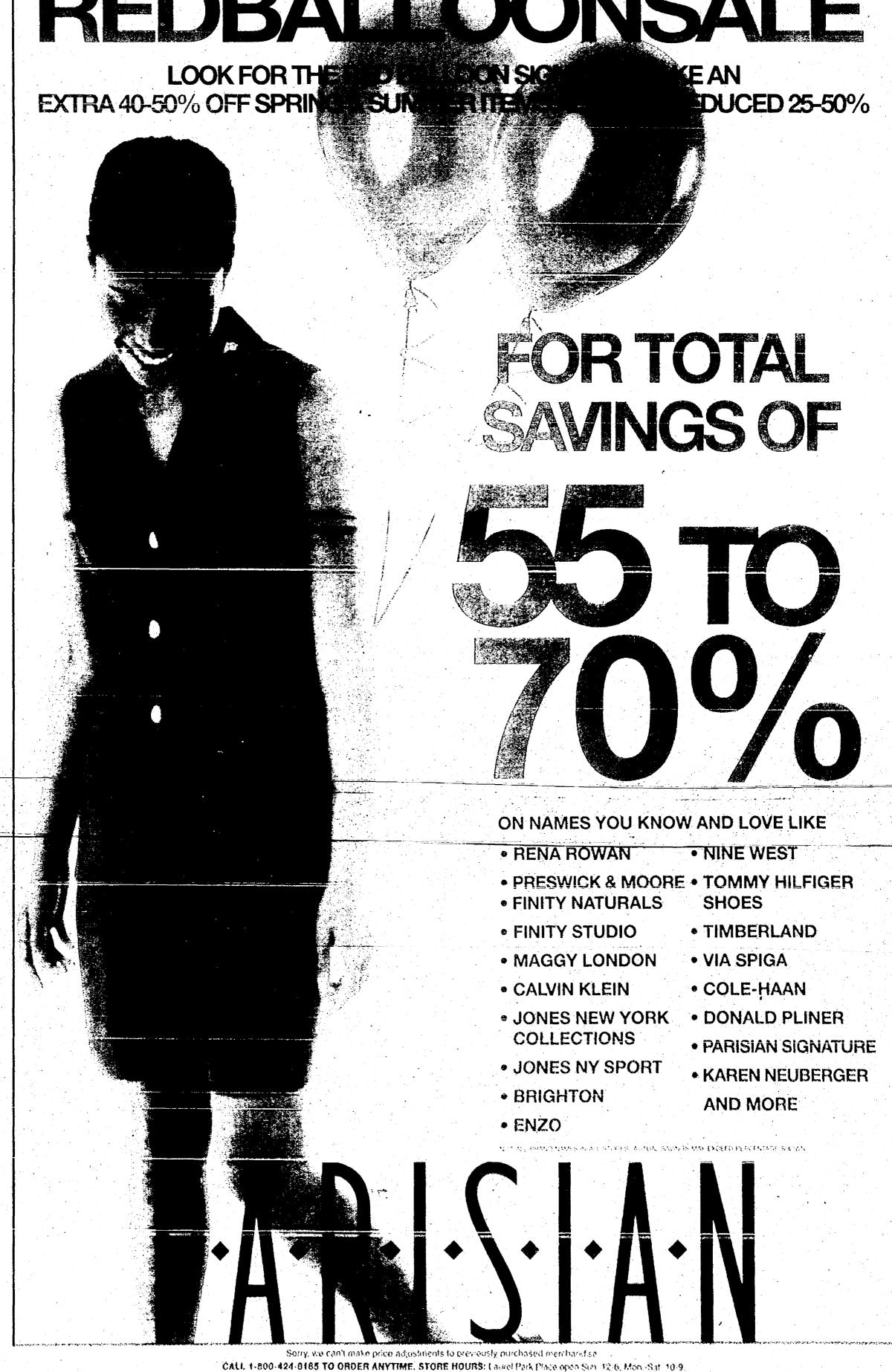
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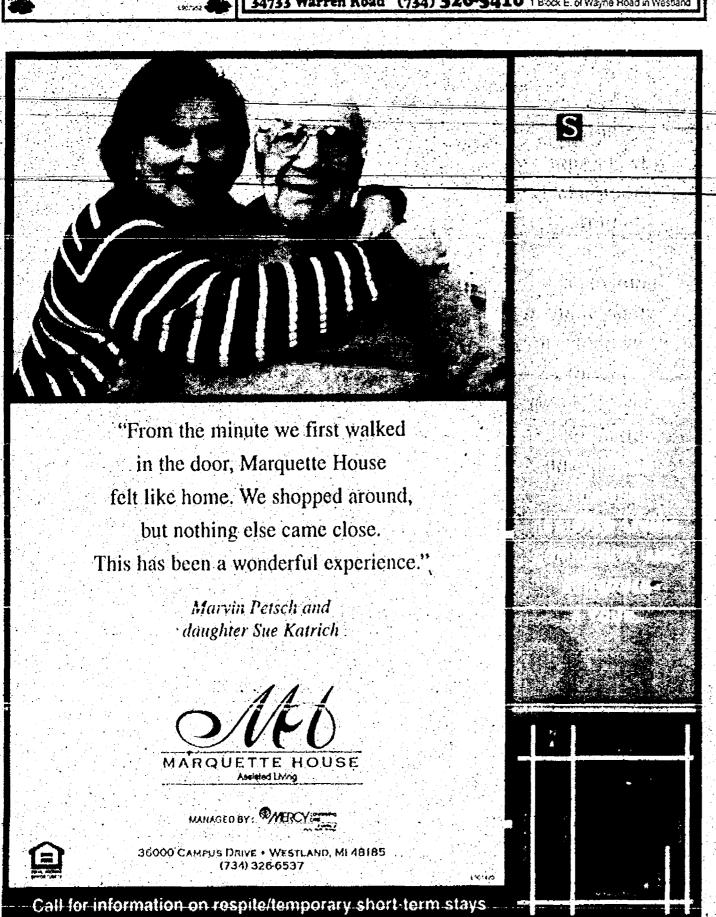
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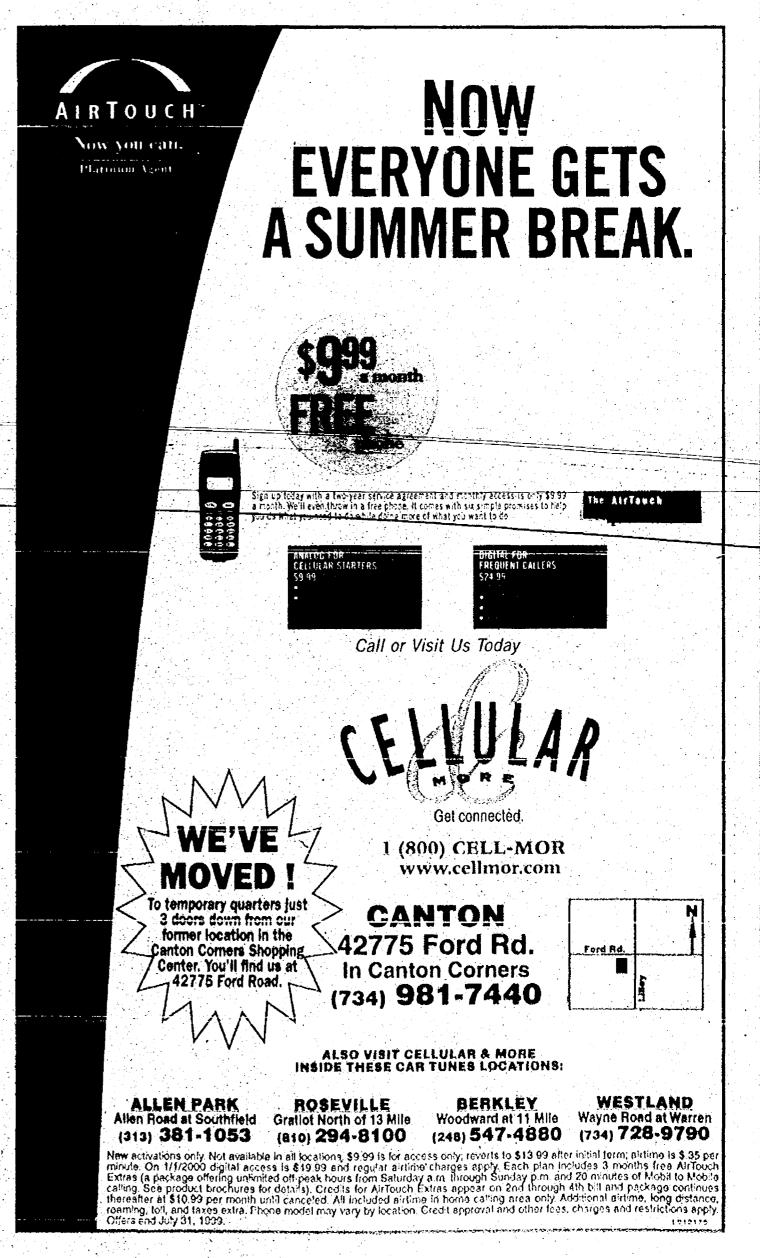
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Sister M. Lauriana Gruszcynski of Madonna University and Lawrence B. Avison, the first executive director of the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

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Delegates split on choice for chair

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

The Reform Party delegate for the 11th Congressional District thought Jack Gargan was a good choice to become the party's national chairman.

"At least the party is no longer perceived as being controlled by Ross Perot," said Matt Abel of West Bloomfield. The 11th District includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County.

Abel and about 350 other delegates convened in Dearborn last weekend as Gargan, a retired financial consultant from Florida, was chosen as chairman on Sunday.

For the delegates and party leaders, the convention in Dearborn was a weekend well spent.

"I think everyone worked hard," said Joyce Russell of Northville. Russell represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden

City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland, and part of western

Wayne and Washtenaw counties. "We had different opinionsabout who should be chairman," Russell said. "I voted for Pat Benjamin and was disappointed that she didn't win."

Russell liked Benjamin's experience. "I wasn't suspicious of her agenda," Russell said.

But Abel and Perry Spencer. state party chairman, looked forward to Gargan's chairmanship.

Abel said there was "nothing against" Ross Perot, former Reform Party presidential candidate, by the delegates in the choice of Gargan, but Benjamin's support from Perot backers deterred Abel from supporting

"I think what's happening is the party is getting its wings," Abel said.

Gargan is a "good face" for the party and getting the message to Americans, Spencer said.

Madonna vice president honored as fund-raiser

Sister M. Lauriana Gruszcynski, vice president for university advancement at Madonna University, was given at distinguished service award at the Michigan Colleges Foundation's annual meeting on Mackinac Island in June. Sister Lauriana received the award from William Liebold in recognition of 40 years of fund-raising activity.

The Michigan Colleges Foundation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, was founded in 1949 to raise funds from business and industry to support Michigan's independent liberal arts colleges.

As Sister Lauriana was presented the award, Liebold noted that this year also marked another very special anniversary for the nun, her 60th year in religious life as a Felician Sister.

"We are very proud of Sister Lauriana's commitment on

behalf of Michigan Colleges Foundation," said Liebold. "Madonna University has been a member of MCF since 1952 and has played an important role in our success in making a significant impact of the lives of the students served by our 14 member institutions."

In her acceptance, Sister Lauriana expressed gratitude to all those who worked with her over the years, sharing their fundraising techniques. She attributed her success to the Felician Sisters, especially their

foundress, Blessed Mary Angela. Sister Lauriana's efforts have resulted in the successful completion of major campaigns including a \$4.5 million library and classroom addition 1982-1985; a \$2.5 million educational development center 1986-87; and a \$10 million Investors in Academic Excellence Campaign from 1988-1993

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Russell considers herself an original member of United We : Stand and supported Ross Perot's presidential run.

The media and general public seem to be caught up in celebrities," Russell said. "Jesse got us a lot of publicity when he got elected. During that election we couldn't buy publicity.

"We've had people in the trenches for a long time working all along."

Spencer expects the party will pursue a "grass-roots" approach in seeking support for a Reform Party candidate in the city council race in Ann Arbor.

A former member of the Republican Party, Spencer describes himself as a fiscal conservative. He sought another party when he saw that attempts at campaign finance reform failed.

That's why Spencer and the

others seek the Reform Party for attended at their own expense." the answer and they point to the more than 500 convention-goers in attendance at the convention. "Everybody at the convention serious that reform is needed."

Spencer said "For them, it was their vacation.

"It tells me that people are

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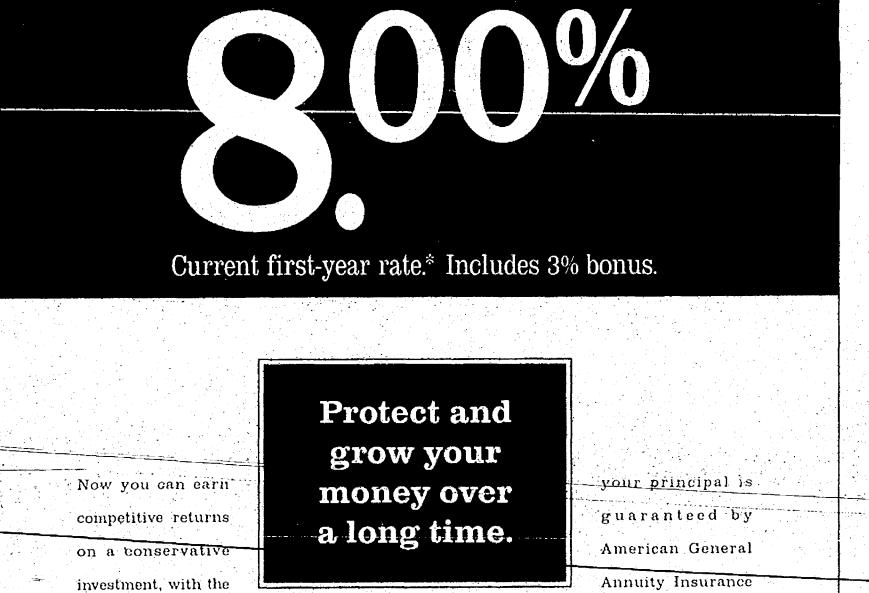
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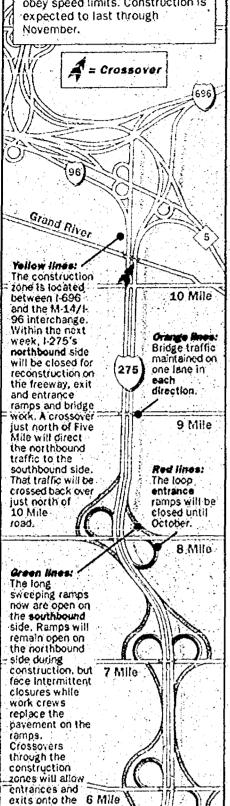
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Northbound I-275 traffic will switch to southbound lanes starting today

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Get ready for The Switch. About 200,000 motorists who travel I-275 each day can expect to be driving on the new southbound lanes today.

Those four lanes and two shoulders, fresh with new concrete poured this spring and summer. now will handle both northbound and southbound travelers. The northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction as the freeways four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

The traffic shift also means the \$49 million project to repave Michigan's second busiest freeway is nearing its halfway point, just about on schedule to be completed by late October.

"We're pleased with that," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Southbound traffic will be switched to three lanes on the southbound side. Large rectangular concrete blocks used to create a barrier wall will be moved from the northbound side of the freeway to the southbound side over the next five days, then the northbound traffic will be crossed over to its three lanes.

That crossover route of northbound I-275 runs just north of

the Five Mile overpass to just north of the 10 Mile Road bridge. Like the earlier crossover, motorists can use three lanes of traffic in each direction for travel.

Other project highlights include:

- The 7 Mile entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side of 1-275 were expected to be reopened, weather permitting, last night (Wednesday).
- The exit ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 may be opened as early as today, but the construction configuration of lanes on I-275 will allow for only one lane of traffic from I-696 to merge. Motorists from eastbound I-96.

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12 Mile Road and M-5 also access SWITCH southbound I-275 in that area.

The Haggerty Connector detour will be closed for modifications for several days. MDOT expects to use the ramp from I-696 and the modified detour to direct traffic to southbound I-275. Motorists should doublecheck construction signs.

The Haggerty Connector between 12 Mile and 14 Mile will be open the first week of August.

■ Lanes will be reduced from two to one on eastbound I-96 to southbound I-275 in Oakland County and westbound I-96 to

northbound I-275 in Livonia. M-14 motorists exiting to northbound lanes will not see lane reductions there, but they can expect backups.

Starting in mid-September, interchanges at Six, Seven and Eight Mile will be closed for reconstruction of entrance and exit ramps, but not simultaneously. That means when Six Mile is worked on by contractors, Seven Mile and Eight Mile will remain open.

"They can expect the northbound side to mirror the southbound construction," Pannecouk said.

Bridge repairs on the northbound side will force lane reductions at bridge locations at the interchanges at Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile.

MDOT also was expected to decide within the next few days how traffic from northbound I-275 will be directed to eastbound I-696, "That ramp will be reconstructed, and it will have the same impact on motorists that the ramp (from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275) had when it was reconstructed," Pannecouk

MDOT is looking at temporary routes or short detours for those motorists. "That information should be detailed within the next week," Pannecouk said.

Pannecouk advised motorists to

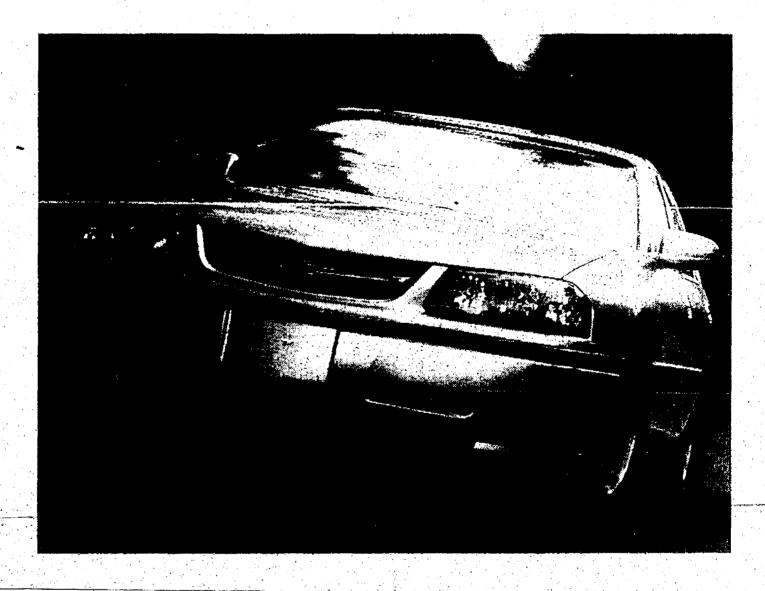
watch the speed limit of 50 miles per hour in the construction zone and read construction signs to aid commuters in getting to their destinations. They should listen

paper accounts to keep updated, she added.

"Stay tuned so you aren't surprised by any traffic switches," Pannecouk said.



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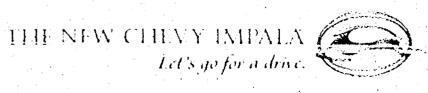


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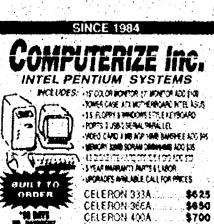


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Making a splash: Sean Brown, 8 of Canton slides down the water slide created by the Wayne County Parks as part of the Nature / History Day Camps for ages pre-school through sixth grade at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. This week long camp for the 1st and 2nd graders was titled frogs and toads.

Getting close to nature at area Kids Day Camp

About 80 children ages preschool through sixth grade have attended Kids Day Camp this summer at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Sponsored by Wayne County parks, the program aims at educating youngsters about the environment and helps them learn about nature. Now in its second year, the program is coordinated by parks naturalist Carol Clements.

"We've had twice as many kids this year as last year," Clements said. "We try to get them outdoors and have fun activities through puppets, games and crafts."

Last week children made frog masks and track T-shirts of animals, walked on a bird hike and mammal hike, and studied fossils and sunspots. The youngsters learned about topics ranging from astronomy and constellations, predators and prey, insects, trees and Native American crafts.

The day camp ends this week, but anyone who is interested in sending their children to the camp next summer can contact the parks office next





Ribbet-ribbet: (Far left) Jordan Emery, 8 of Canton looks through his frog mask. (Above) Wayne County Parks counselor Matt Nobel-Richardson of Plymouth reads "The Very Quiet Cricket" to the 1st and 2nd graders at the day camp.



Buzzing around: (Above) Matthew Bernard, 61/2 (left) of Northville was dressed as an insect by counselor Matt Noble-Richardson. (At left) Anthony Adamowicz, 7 of Northville paints his insect with glow-in-the-dark paint. "I really like to draw" said the youngster who was wearing a spider shirt.

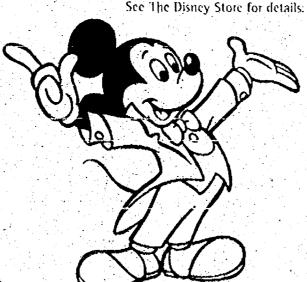


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- Mickey's Rock-A-Robics, Mickey, Donald Duck and Goofy will be performing on the hour from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Disney Doodles features a Disney sketch artist who will narrate and sketch a scene from a Disney film. Disney Doodles will be performed on the half hour from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
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- participating stores. ■ Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.— 12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.

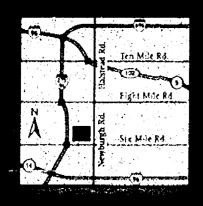


- Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m.: Parisian Fashion Show in the Parisian Court.
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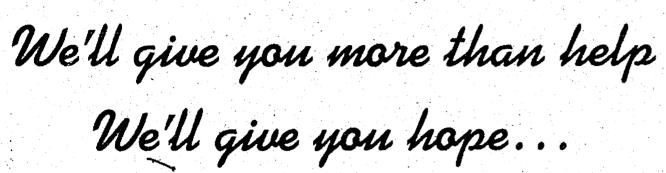
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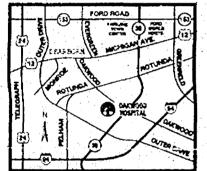
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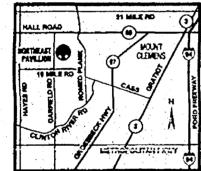


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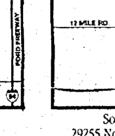
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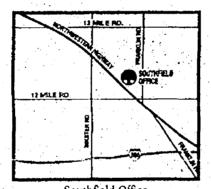


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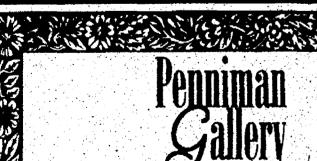


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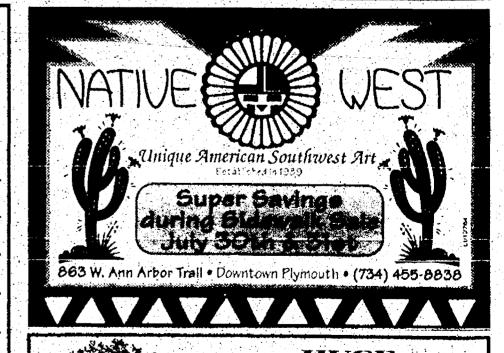
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Woodward designated a Michigan Heritage Route

DETROIT. July /PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has designated Woodward Avenue, rich in history and culture, as a Michigan Heritage Route. A ceremony officially honoring one of Michigan's best 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Pleasant Ridge Memorial Park (Woodward Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard).

Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, will host the ceremony. MDOT Director James DeSana will make remarks and reveal the official designation road signs. Representatives from Detroit. Wayne County and Oakland County and communities along

Woodward Avenue will also be in attendance.

Oakland and Wayne Counties, in cooperation with SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Woodward Avenue Action Association and 10 Woodward Avenue communiknown roadways will be held on . ties from Detroit to Pontiac, submitted the nomination to MDOT late in 1998.

> As a Michigan Heritage Route, a management structure representative of those communities will be put in place to formulate marketing plans, special events and physical improvements for all 28 miles of Woodward.

The Michigan Heritage Route Program was legislatively mandated to identify, protect, enhance and promote the unique scenic, historical and recreational qualities of state roads. Along than M-1, Woodward Avenue," with the many benefits of preservation and education, a Heritage Route can provide economic benefit by stimulating tourism, attracting business and adding weight to grant applications. Michigan has seven designated routes, with several others pend-

ing approval. "Designation as a Michigan Heritage Route signifies that those living and working within the communities that the corridor encompasses have dedicated themselves to conserving, enhancing and promoting their area as a unique travel destination," noted MDOT Director James DeSana.

"There is no more deserving roadway in the state for a Michigan Heritage Route designation Avenue as a Michigan Heritage

said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive. "Symbolically, Woodward Avenue represents a bridge which unites city and suburbs, east and west. north and south."

Calling Woodward Motown's Main Street, Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said, "The Woodward corridor has the region's major cultural, sports and entertainment and educational institutions. It is terrific that communities and organizations from two counties are teaming up to improve an important regional asset."

Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer also cited the avenue's role as a bond for the region. "The designation of Woodward

route's rich history and culture, allowing Oakland and Wayne Counties the opportunity to build upon our ongoing regional cooperation." Archer said. "It also serves as a great tool in uniting all communities along the route as we move into the

new millennium.' "This honor for Woodward Avenue is a tribute to the efforts of a regional nominating committee that included Oakland and Wayne Counties, the Wood-

Route further enhances the ward Avenue Action Association, Zago Architecture and SEM-COG," said SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait.

> Included among the corridor communities that officially endorsed the Heritage Route are Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Detroit, Ferndale, Highland Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak. More than 100 businesses, institutions and neighborhood associations, have endorsed this effort.

Schoolcraft's child care center accredited

The Schoolcraft College Children's Center program has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, joining only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide.

Dorothy Witten, professor of child care and development, said the NAEYC accreditation signifies that every part of the program is excellent.

"We have a top-quality child development curriculum, and I wanted accreditation for our laboratory center," Witten said. The center's goals are to offer a quality practicum for students while providing the best care possible for the young children.

"This is a prestigious accreditation," she said. "There are very few accredited centers in this area. Not many centers seek it because it is so hard to get. It



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Witten said NAEYC officials examine the facility for safety, the ratio of staff to children and staff training in assessing the center for accreditation. "They look at all of the things that might impact a child's experi-

ence at the center," Witten said. They even look at how toys are stored, whether those are kept at the child's eye level so that they can learn responsibility in taking toys out and putting them associate degree programs work away, Witten said.

The accreditation was voluntary, and included a self-study and on-site evaluation. The selfstudy and site report were sent to Washington, D.C., where NAEYC representatives from all over the country decide on accreditation. The process takes

about a year and the facility is accredited for three years.

"This is the first time we have sought this," said Witten. "We waited until we moved into our new facility and got everything in place before we applied.

"It involved a lot of hard work, and we are pleased to have earned it.'

The Children's Center serves about 100 children from age 6 weeks through kindergarten. Students from the child care and development certificate and with the children under the supervision of teachers who have been through the program and faculty who teach the courses.

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COP CALLS

City Hospital Monday after security reported that a patient had tried to punch a doctor. The doctor wasn't seeking to press charges but hospital security. wanted to make sure the man left the property.

The Westland man told officers he was waiting for a ride

Police were called to Garden and then walked along Maplewood. Officers said he began walking in the street trying to get a vehicle to stop and was used. causing drivers to swerve to avoid him.

> The man refused to get out of the street and began trying to hit the officers as they attempted to arrest him.

One officer reported being kicked in the knee and shin before a chemical spray was

officer said the man began hav- was contacted and it was learned ing a conversation with a wall—that a mental commitment peti-

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and a bench. The Psychiatric tion had been received regarding

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Once at the police station, the Intervention Center in Westland the man. He was cited for assaulting an officer, interfering and impeding traffic.

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-12

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES: TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS: TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO REPEAL

THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE. THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-4 district classification where R-5 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

> LOT 748 INCLUDING N. M OF VACATED ALLEY OF KIRKE NEAL CO. WAYNEFORD TOWNSITE NO. 2 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SEC. 8 AND PART OF S.W. 1/4 OF S.W. 1/4 OF SEC. 9, T.2S., R.9E., NANKIN TWP (NOW CITY OF WESTLAND) WAYNE CO. MICH. AS RECORDED IN LIBER 63 OF PLATS, PAGE 32 OF WAYNE COUNTY

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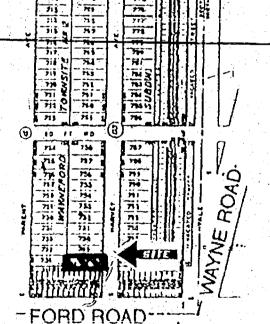
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Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be

Section 4. Repeal All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective

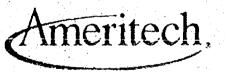
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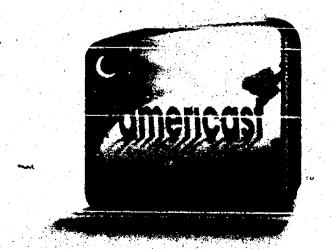
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Westland Observer **OPINION**

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Down to business

Board needs to regroup, focus

onday's selection of Richard Eisiminger as Wayne-Westland school board appointee ends – we hope – a game of musical chairs that has been played recently between the school board and the Westland City Council. Now it's time for this school board - and people who really want to serve on it - to get to work.

Board members chose Eisiminger over board hopefuls Diane Abbott and Marshall Wright. Some board watchers will be pleased, others disappointed. To be sure, all three candidates had plenty to offer when interviewed Monday evening.

All too often, our local school board seems. like a springboard for people who have aspirations for other offices. There's nothing inherently wrong with political ambition, but right. now Wayne-Westland needs some selfless board members who will put this district first.

David Cox recently left the school board for a Westland City Council appointment after serving three years of a four-year school board term. He returned to the place where his heart was, anyway; he had served a two-year council term until voters ousted him in 1995.

In all, four council members are former school board members. See a pattern?

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The Wayne-Westland school board has some pressing problems. To name two, it has a budget surplus that's expected to drop from \$14 million to \$5.6 million in the next year, and student test scores aren't improving nearly enough. Building renovations are moving along, but the focus must be on quality programs in those schools.

New school board President Robin Moore and her six colleagues need to show some real leadership as they face these challenges.

Otherwise the school board could begin to gain a reputation as an elected body where political careers got started - and education of children took a back seat.

ARKIE HUDKINS TWX NS

LETTERS

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Sharing the road takes patience

When it comes to a clash between a passenger vehicle and heavy-duty truck, you know which side is going to win.

So it only makes sense that those of us driving puny, two-axle vehicles ought to take notice and listen when the Michigan Truck Safety Commission. which represents the people who drive huge, multi-axle trucks, puts out some suggestions to help us share the road better.

There's a convergence of issues that make things more difficult for all drivers these days. First, there are more cars and more trucks on the road today than ever before due to a number of reasons, including the predominance of on-time delivery of goods.

And, there's been a record amount of road construction in Michigan this summer that makes drivers more frustrated with the slowdowns. Toss in a little hot weather, mix thoroughly and you'll get a local commute more nightmarish, perhaps, than ever before.

Given those factors, the timing of the MTSC effort to boost safety awareness couldn't be better.

The tips are relatively basic. Many are things we learned - or should have learned back in driver's training. These suggestions include:

Trucks make wide turns; hang back a little while they swing out for a turn.

Merge and go with the flow when getting onto a freeway. Blend safely into traffic by picking an opening, adjusting your speed and

■ Watch out for a truck's blind spot - it's big. Blind spots include the back of the truck,



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along the trailer and cab of the passenger side, and on the driver's side outside the rearview mirror. A big key: If you can't see the truck driver in his/her mirror, the trucker probably cannot see you.

Remember, these trucks are very heavy. One 18-wheeler our reporter rode aboard was able to handle 80,000 pounds or 40 tons of auto parts. Obviously, that kind of heft requires plenty of time to get up to freeway speed and, more importantly, plenty of time to

Many of us say we're good drivers and it's the other guy who can't handle the wheel properly. And we all complain when we get behind or next to those big rigs; we grouse about how they drive and many times they're risky drivers too.

Facts, however, show that most of the time there are serious crashes, it's the passenger vehicle's fault. In fatal accidents, 7 of every 10 times it's the car that causes the crash, according to MTSC figures.

When it comes to cars and trucks sharing the road, size matters. Smart car drivers will remember these tips next time they see that big rig in their rear-view mirrors.

Critical words

City Hall and the lackeys thereof don't believe the city's new motto: Westland the place to be. Apparently, it's not the place to be. Apparently Canton or Inkster or Garden City or Detroit are the places to be. All of a sudden Westland must be transformed to other places, a "world class" city, maybe?

Except for a few major destructive incidents and poor planning, the masses of the people have been satisfied for 30-40 years. When did the idea change? What and who changed it?

Further, who didn't maintain the buildings for which the taxpayers footed the bills and continue to operate? What people at city hall have ignored their civic duties and responsibilities as overseers of the taxpayers' properties and assets? The city hall compound is filled with employees and elected representatives. Which of them are not doing their jobs to protect the interests of the citizens?

It's time for major changes all right. But not into new city buildings, but rather changes of those whose were entrusted by the voters to complete civic duties, but instead promoted their own selfish desires and pals.

Elections are term limits in action! September can't come soon enough.

Beatrice Scalise Westland

Clear millennium mud

just saw the ad in the Livonia Observer Give him your opinion four ways for Sunday." Here it is. It occurs to me that there is a great misconception out in the public domain that is forever compounded by the media and the press. Nothing earthshaking, mind you, but to me somewhat amusing, because it seems to be a typical case of someone saying something obviously wrong on the face of it, and then it is repeated until pure inertia (or critical mass) take over and give it a life of its

What am I talking about? Well, nothing other than the change of this old millennium to the new one, the new century, the new decade. I think it started with the Y2K computer problem, or Y2K bug. Then it was called the millennium bug, which, of course it was NOT. Then couples found it wonderful to have a baby on the first day of the new millennium, and they tried to figure out when to conceive

their Millennium Offspring. And everywhere can you hear on TV and radio advertising about "... as we approach the new millennium. blah, blah, blah...'

Now we start getting into the money and even the religious aspects of the change to the new millennium (Doomsday at the change to the new millennium). The truth is, our calendar was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII to take care of some of the slippage that took place because of inaccuracies of the previous calendar, because the Julian calendar created three leap years too many in every period of 385 years. So, with the help of astronomer Christopher Clavius this was corrected, and the new calendar became the Gregorian. On Oct. 4, 1582 (Julian) a switch was made by cutting out the days until October 15. thus October 4th was followed by October 15 in that year. From now on leap years occur in years exactly divisible by 4, except that years ending with "00" must be divisible by 400 to be leap years. Thus 1900 was no leap year, but 2000 will be. There is one more important detail you and your readers should be aware of: The calendar starts with year 1 AD, preceded by year 1 B.C. THERE NEVER WAS A YEAR "0".

That means, if you can count, that a decade, century and millennium having 10, 100 and 1,000 years respectively, each begins with a "1" at the end, and the last number at the end of each must be a "0". SO, THE PRE-SENT (second) MILLENNIUM WILL END ON DEC. 31, 2000 AND THE NEW ONE (third) WILL START ON January 1, 2001.

Even the famous Peter Jennings wrote in the introduction to his book "The Century". ".. This century began on January 1, 1901 and will end on December 31, 1999..." Well he had beginning right, but he ran out of numbers before he came to 100 (once he ran out of fin gers and toes?). Those who are confused are obviously in good and prestigious company.

Is it a big deal? No, probably not. And that's why I have a good chuckle about the whole affair, whenever I hear or read about it in anticipation of what various people are going to say/do for an encore when January 1, 2001 really arrives.

> Fritz Sanders Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

With "The Haunting" No. 1 at the box office last weekend, we want to know what's the scariest movie you've ever seen?

We asked this question at the Westland Pub-Jic Library,



'The Thing' with Kurt Russell." Jennifer Brent Westland

"The remake of



"Fear." (And, no, it's not 'Cape Fear.')

Jennifer Fletcher Westland



.*The Silence of the Lambs." Jessica Brent

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"Carrie."

Pamela Johnson visiting Westland

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A car is on fire, call 911, be smart about safety

car is burning. You see it up ahead, traffic slowing as drivers approach the flaming vehicle, spewing a thick black column of smoke toward the sky. You drive by it, fascinated by the flames dancing out from around the windows and hood. The amount of smoke being produced and sent upward is astounding. It doesn't appear that anyone is inside the car. You feel a slight relief, although you aren't sure what you would have done if someone were in the car. You ask yourself, "What if the car burning was yours?" You look at the road in front of you and continue on, not giving it another thought as you turn up your car radio.

Vehicle fires are common in the United States. They happen so frequently that they are barely noticed by passers-by. However, vehicle fires are a significant element of the U.S.

fire problem. Considering that one out of every five reported fires involve motor vehicles, and that nearly 700 people die and more than 3,000 people are injured each year from vehicle fires, we must plan our actions accordingly. By analyzing the data we have on vehicle fires, we can gain knowledge that may keep you safer if the next burning vehicle you come in contact with is yours.

Vehicle fires produce high heat levels and toxic gases. The heat can be in excess of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, with flames shooting as high as 10 feet. While all fires give off deadly gases that can impair judgment before they kill you, planning your actions in advance can help you perform better when the emergency aris-

If you are driving and notice the

GUEST COLUMNIST



TOM KIURSKI

visible smoke and accompanying smell, stop on the side of the road as soon as safely possible. Park the car, set the parking brake, and turn off the ignition. If the ignition is left on, the fuel pump may continue to pump fuel to the fire. GET OUT OF THE CAR!

Don't waste time investigating

light amounts of smoke yourself. Smoke contains carbon monoxide, a potentially deadly gas that confuses its victims before making them sleepy prior to unconsciousness and death. Although car explosions are very rare fire can spread rapidly. It is safest to get yourself and all others out of and away from the vehicle. Parts of the vehicle can burst because of heat. shooting debris great distances. Bumper and hatchback door struts, two-piece tire rims, magnesium wheels, drive shafts, grease seals, axle and engine parts all can become lethal shrapnel.

Once you are a safe distance away from the vehicle, call the local fire department and tell them the location of the vehicle that is on fire. Remain away from the vehicle, and do not attempt to re-enter the vehicle to retrieve property. If the fire is under

the hood or trunk, do not attempt to open them. The increased air available to the fire could cause it to grow. and you may burn your hands while attempting to open these areas by contacting hot objects.

If a portable fire extinguisher is available that is rated for use on Class "B" and Class "C" fires, it can be used to attempt to extinguish the fire. If a fire extinguisher is not available, do not attempt to fight the fire. As: long as the fire department has been notified, they will be at the scene shortly to extinguish the fire. You don't have the equipment and training that firefighters have to fight the fire. Be careful, motor vehicle fires can be dangerous!

Tom Kiurski is a public education officer and firefighter with the Livonia Fire Department.

Congress drops the ball on health care ... again

n the last few years I served as editor of The Novi News, I began to notice a disturbing trend - we were writing stories with increasing frequency about fund-raising events for people with terminal illnesses.

How sad, I thought. In this day and age when health insurance is so common, some folks still have to go out on the stump to get the cash they need to keep from dying. I was even more disturbed when I began to realize that in most of these cases, the patients actually had health insurance.

As I continued to observe, it became clear there were two typical causes for this need to raise money. One was to cover costs incidental to the treatment expenses. For example, a patient might be flying to a clinic out of state and air fare and hotel rooms for relatives caused the additional cost burden.

Fair enough, I concluded. Insurance can't be expected to cover such

The second common cause really

bothered me, however. The doctor determined the patient needed a drug not yet fully approved by the Federal Drug Administration and therefore still considered

MIKE MALOTT.

experimental. Insurance companies most often won't pay for experimental drugs. While modern science is spinning out new treatments for all manner of ailments at a truly dazzling rate, the FDA still requires the most arduous

where in the world. And it should. But typically, by the time pharmaceutical companies reach the point of submitting a "protocol," the outline of the final study, to the FDA, drug manufacturers have done quite a bit of preliminary testing. The last bit of

testing of new drugs to be found any-

research is done on humans to track the drug's effectiveness and discover all the potential side effects.

Doctors keep an eye on such research and it is not unusual for them to conclude that some new wonder drug is the last best hope for their patient. The patient can get the drug, by participating in the study, but insurance companies usually won't pick up the tab.

Somehow, that seems almost criminal to me _ that a patient for whom insurance premiums have been paid, who needs a drug that has been developed to the point its is being given to humans should have to face bankruptcy - or resort to fund-raisers - to pay for it.

So I was extremely disappointed when Congress recently turned down a proposal to require health maintenance organizations to pay for experimental drugs. It was one of a number of HMO reforms rejected by federal lawmakers. Also on the list were proposals to allow doctors to make the

final call on what treatments a patient needs, rather than the HMO, and eliminating HMOs' immunity from lawsuits.

Frankly, I've never understood why HMOs should not have legal liability for their actions. We all understand that things can go wrong on the operating table when we consent to surgery, but that has not led to any immunity for doctors from malpractice suits.

Now that Congress has dropped the ball, it's time for the second string to take the field. If any HMO reforms are likely to be enacted, it will be the state Legislature that does the job. It has had to do it before.

When Congress rejected President Clinton's national health care plan several years back, it was the state legislatures that had to take over. In one year alone, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, state lawmakers across the country proposed some 26,000 health care reform bills and turned 3,400 of

them into law. Much of the national plan was adopted in many states.

Dennis Denno, spokesman for the Michigan Democrats, is mad about Congress' most recent failure to act and pointed the finger directly at Republican Sen. Spencer Abraham for his no vote on the bills. Congress could have taken care of the issue for the entire country. But he agrees now it's up state lawmakers.

State Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said she believes the final call on a patient's treatment should be the doctor's, not the HMO's. And she agrees it is up to the state to do the job.

It's just one more instance in which the state is left to do a job the feds should have taken care of.

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Disillusioned voters find alternative

national political convention took place in Michigan over the weekend. No, it wasn't the Republicans crowning George W. Bush as their presidential nominee. Nor was it the Democrats, vibrating (slowly) to the electric personalities of Al Gore and Bill Bradley. It was the Reform Party, in convention duly assembled at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

Now before you either snigger or condemn the Reform Party to the overcrowded graveyard of American third parties, consider this. What political party's platform called for

and achieved the most substantive political reform in the last 10 years? The Reform Party's plank on term limits. What third party rose virtually overnight

to full-blown national exposure over just two presidential elections? The Reform Party, led by billionaire Ross Perot. ■ What political party attracted 338,000

Michigan votes for its presidential candidate in the 1996 election? The Reform Party, with Ross Perot its candidate for president.

For folks in Michigan, the Reform Party ought to have a lot of appeal as an alternative to either of the mainstream parties.

To the left are the Democrats, dominated in general by organized labor and in particular by the United Auto Workers and its president, Steve Yokich, and his chief of staff, Paul Mas-

The scope of domination was laid out for all to see last week when Frank Garrison, the longtime head of the Michigan State AFL-CIO and one of the few independent thinkers in the party hierarchy, announced his "retirement." The feud between Garrison and Yokich-Massaron has been an ill kept secret for years. We now know who has the yotes.

Also powerful in the Michigan Democratic Party are Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and the various political factions in Detroit, as well as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. Excepting followers of McNamara, a practical politician of the old school and a centrist, there's not much room at the Democratic inn for moderates, "Milliken Democrat" suburbanites, or business and professional people.

On the right are the Republicans, now dominated by Gov. John Engler, a colossus whose reign has obscured the vicious split between relatively practical "Main Street". Republicans and the rabidly rigid social conservatives.

Don't kid yourselves. All may be sweetness and light on the surface; Republicans regardless of ilk are panting to recapture the White House and George W. seems the most likely guy to do it. But underneath the politics of compassionate expediency link a bunch of savage ideologues whose past track record demonstrates spectacu-



PHILIP POWER

lar efficiency in driving away most moderate So a party that includes this on its platform -

"We shall seek to reform our electoral, lobbying and campaign practices to ensure that our elect ed government officials and our candidates owe... their allegiance and remain accountable to the people whom they are elected to serve rather than other influence-seeking agencies" - should be very attractive to a lot of middle-of-the-road Michigan voters.

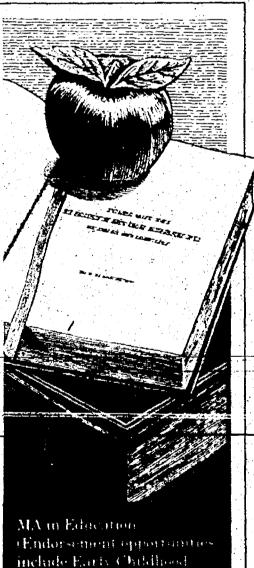
Of course, the Reform Party arose as the compound of widespread voter frustration with both major parties, generously greased with Mr. Perot's money and ego. I doubt any other person in America could have created a party that got itself on the ballot in most states literally from

Over the weekend, the Reform Party had to address in convention its own personality struggle for leadership between Perot and Minnesota governor and former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura. Now that the issue has been, ahem, pinned down, the reformers will have to go forward under the cloud that, "a vote for the Reform Party is like a vote for none of the above," in the words of Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

It's all very sad. Since the election last year, many, many people have told me they feel they have no home in either major political party. The prospects for either Democrats or Republicans reaching out to ordinary, middle of the road people seem slim. And the Reform Party has limited itself to offering us a billionaire with short man's disease and a TV entertainer.

Winston Churchill was right. Democracy is the worst system of government, except when compared to any other.

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Fast-thinking airport employee cited for heroic on-the-job rescue

An airport operations agent at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport received honors and praise on Thursday for actions he took June 29 to save the life of a Detroit Edison work-

Gregory Wing of Belleville received a Distinguished Medal and a Citation of Valor on Thursday from County Executive Edward McNamara for removing a live 7000-volt electric cable from Peter Hartner at the airport on June 29.

That evening Wing escorted Hartner out to the approach end of one of Metro's runways to inspect several cable boxes, damaged by a lightning strike the night before.

Before beginning repairs, Hartner removed a yellow "hot stick" from his vehicle and laid it on the ground near the work area, (A "hot stick" is an insulated pole used to move live power lines.)

After believing he had isolated the burned-out circuit, Hartner told Wing the transformer was grounded so repairs could begin. Unaware of an alternate feed to the transformer, Hartner began to work. But when he made contact with the conductor, he was severely shocked, and fell to the



Life saver: Greg Wing, left, shows his medal and citation received for his rescue of Peter Hartner, right, from an electric cable.

ground with the live 7,000-volt cable resting on his body.

"I said, "God, forgive me for all I've done,' and reached for the wire," said Wing. The eight-year Metro Airport employee quickly grabbed the "hot stick" from the ground and pushed the live cable from Hartner's body.

Wing then checked Hartner, who was slipping in and out of consciousness and used his radio to call for emergency assistance. Hartner suffered two contact burns where the wire brushed

against his body.

"Greg Wing's heroic deed saved Peter Hartner's life," said Charlie Sherrill, director of airport operations.

McNamara said Wing also visited the Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center that evening to see how Hartner was doing.

"His heroic and humanitarian efforts serve as an example for us all, and it gives me great pleasure to bestow upon Greg this honor. We are lucky to have him as part of our team.

Ventriloquist entertains at park

Children of all ages can experience a full evening of entertainment which includes a ventriloquist and movie, on Friday, July 30, at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Ventriloquist Richard Paul will perform at 7:30 p.m., and the Disney animated feature movie, "Mulan," will be shown at dusk.

Paul is an author, member of

the National Speaker's Association and the International Ventriloquist Association.

"Mulan" will appear outdoor on a 300-foot projection screen with stereo sound. The movie tells the story of a young, highspirited Chinese girl who learns that her aged father has been called into service to fight the invading Mongols.

The Summer Family Enter-tion, call (734) 261-1990.

tainment Series of free movies, musical and children's performances in the outdoors was made possible through the parks proporty tax. This event has been co-sponsored through the Redford Parks and Recreation Department.

Bell Creek Park is at Inkster Road in Redford Township just north of Five Mile. For informa-

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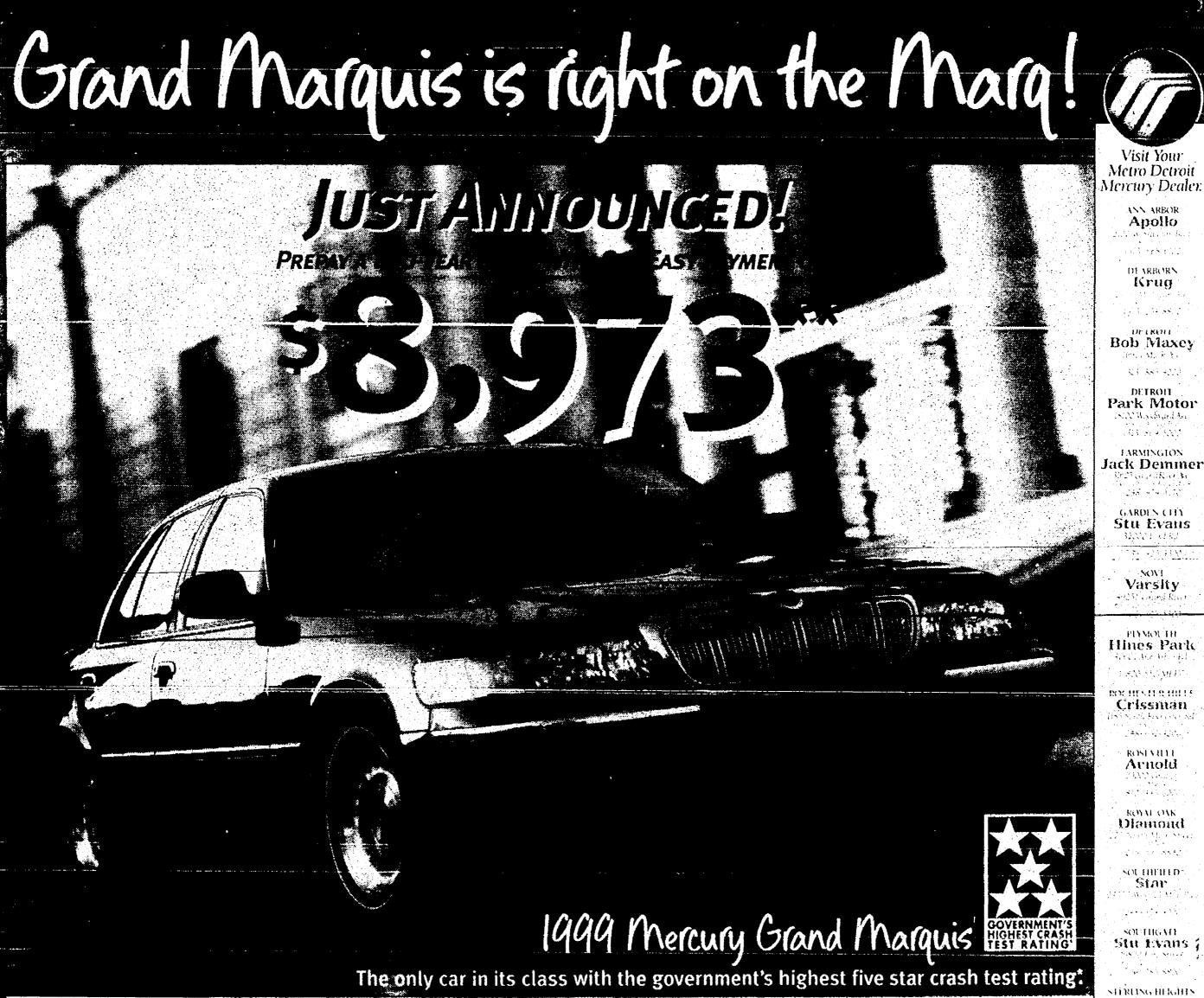
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COMMON SENSORS



Kids' views: some things to consider

he land mines for kids are out there. Make no mistake about it. This columnist has highlighted several of them, including drugs/alcohol, sex, violence and a need to fit in.

But as we wring our hands with worry about the next generation, I am relieved to see that not all the children share our concerns.

In a new poll by Nickelodeon and Time magazine, more than 1,100 kids age 6-14 expressed some thoughts that, frankly, surprised me.

As Claudia Wallis sums up in her July 5 Time story, "What emerges loud and clear from the study is that kids are very happy to be kids and they don't view the world as the nasty place their parents perceive it to be."

These kids, instead of worrying about guns, crime and violence, are more concerned with the simpler aspects of childhood: being bossed around, homework, being grounded and chores.

The scariest proposition they could conjure up about their future was to envision themselves as president of the United States.

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said no.

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But along with remarks that could have mirrored children from the '50s, there were some answers that we as parents may want to ponder.

For instance, when asked what age they . thought premarital sex was appropriate, the kids' average answer was

23 years old. When parents were asked the same question, the answer was 18 years old.

Another question asked kids and adults was how much respect they thought adults have for kids. Some 79 percent of the kids thought adults have "some" or "a lot" of respect for children.

In contrast, 94 percent of adults answered the same way. When the kids were asked if they felt that adults had no respect for children, a solid 5 percent agreed.

Could it be that adults send a mixed message by assuring children they have respect for them, but don't act like it?

One last surprising response that should tell us something about what every child needs came when they were asked if they would like to spend more time with their parents...

As expected, the little kids agreed they would like to spend more time with their parents, but even 60 percent of the kids ages 12-14 agreed.

Maybe that's the most significant piece of information we can take from this survey; spending time with children builds a connectedness like nothing else...

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Here's her football favorite



Take a look: Surrounded by her collection of stuffed koala bears, Ashly Butkowski shows off the John Elway Upper Deck football trading card that she drew for the company's "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest. Her drawing was one of 30 included in a subset of Upper Deck's 1999 MVP footballs card set.

Drawing puts her in Upper Deck

while sitting in front of the TV. It only took her

The contest ran August through October of last

year, and entrants were given the mission of draw

ing, painting or otherwise creating their vision of a

collector's Upper Deck NFL MVP football trading

card, featuring their favorite player.

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

s Ashly Butkowski puts it, she's been drawing ever since she could hold a crayon, and the refrigerator in her Westland home is her art

Magnets hold up her free-hand drawings of a lobster, a fish and a computer-aided sketch of her dad, Richard, sitting on the couch, eating "Air Crisps."

There's also a spot for her first published piece, a crayon sketch of John Elway. Ashley wishes she'd included a few more details, but no matter. The crayon drawing of the Denver Broncos quarterback was just what Upper Deck wanted for a football trading card.

"I wish I had put a nose on him," said Ashly, fingering the trading card that's available as a subset card in Upper Deck's 1999 MVP football set.

"And there's no helmet," said her mother, Karen. "She didn't even look at pictures of him, she drew it from memory. She does all of her pictures like that. She's our little artist."

It was her father who happened on the contest last summer. A trading card collector since he was a child, he found a blank card, announcing the "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest, in a pack he bought last year.

He asked Ashly is she wanted to enter, and the 7 1/2-year-old responded with and "I guess so." "She drew it the next day," said Karen. "She did player out of all of them," she said.

The Carlsbad, Calif.-based company received 3,000 entries in three age groups - 5-8 years, 9-14

about an hour."

Mission to draw

years and 15 years and older) and selected 10 winners in each group, based on their creativity, overall presentation and athlete likeness. "The amount of entries we received was overwhelming," said Lisa Vipond, football brand man-

ager for Upper Deck. "We evaluated some true-tolife renditions from collectors ranging in age from 6 to 55. The entrants showed their passion for trading cards and football in general."

The winning cards are inserted into packs as an additional card within the NFL MYP football set. The insert ratio is one card in every six. -

A third grader at Grant Elementary School in-Livonia, Ashly entered the contest with a positive attitude - "I knew I would win." Living in Detroit Lions country, she opted to draw John Elway because of her Dad.

"When Dad watches the Broncos with me ... well, I watch it with my Dad ... he's like my favorite

"My husband's been a huge Broncos fan since he was a little kid," added Karen.

The family had expected the contest winners would be announced at the end of the 1998 season, but heard nothing. It wasn't until April, that the letter came from Upper Deck.

"It was a nice surprise," said Karen, who told her daughter about it when she picked her up at school. When we found out, it had been so long that we couldn't remember what it looked like, only that it had a goal post.

"Ashly enters a lot of things and is fairly lucky, but this one took skill.'

Even her sister, Jenniser, 13 1/2, calls her sister lucky and considers her contest success to be "cool," Karen added.

For her 'fans'

In addition to having her drawing appearing on the Upper Deck card, the youngster received an Upper Deck baseball cap, sticker and 25 cards to give to her "fans."

She also heard from Elway on Monday. Selected as the MVP of Super Bowl XXXIII, Elway sent her an autographed picture and a note, saying "Way to go, Ashly, and best wishes."

Her collector father has already checked out the value of the card. Because of the limited number of cards and her choice of John Elway, Ashly's card

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Women face challenge fulfilling God's call

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Karen C. Lewis' marketing career had been a successful one. She admits she enjoyed money. She went on expensive vacations and purchased designer clothing for herself and her family.

But all that changed. After her son was born with an autoimmune disorder, her family was felled by a string of medical emergencies. Lewis was diagnosed with lupus and her daughter with juvenile diabetes. During that time of struggle, she realized one thing: she wanted to be a priest.

"I have what I call a 'Gotcha Bird.' God has this little invisible bird on my shoulder and it'll go, 'Gotcha,' " the boisterous Lewis explained. "God is always active with us, but we don't pay attention and listen. Once we stop and listen, which for me took many crises, God goes 'Gotcha' and tells you want you need to hear.

"Unfortunately, our God doesn't use a telephone, telegram, post office or email, so it makes it a little bit harder to

figure out what God wants you to do." His message for Lewis was an ordained ministry. Her answer was "no

off," she said. "I'm not real big on the think about it." church, in terms of what you have to



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

New career: Karen Lewis is among a growing number of women who are accepting the call to serve as ordained ministers. The assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, she feels comfortable in her work, but some people are uncomfortable with the idea of female clergy.

do. I really said I'm not good enough. through the seven-year ordination. August 1995, she has served as assis-

Hike money, I like my weekends But I said, OK, I will go ahead and process, that included leaving behind her husband and three children to Lewis thought about it and went study for a year in Illinois. Since

tant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The process wasn't as easy as that. While she felt comfortable as a clergy member, others called it awkward or just plain wrong. Lewis, however, takes

it all in stride. "I've had my tastes of discrimination," she said. "I've had people refuse to receive communion from me. I've had people request a male to do funerals and not a female. I've been called names. I've been told I can't do what I do because Jesus chose men to be apostles and I don't have the right anatomi-

"My response is, I have yet to see a man use that part of his anatomy at an altar or in any part of their priesthood. As soon as they start using that in their priesthood, then I'm out because I don't qualify. I had one priest tell me that I don't need to make the same salary as him because my husband has a good job.

"Discrimination is alive and well against women clergy. I pray that for my children's generation, it's going to be different."

Increasing numbers

The number of female clergy is growing. When the Rev. Sharon L. Janot attended seminary in the early to mid-

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's Issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church. 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at \$20 for a 6foot table. For more information. call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062.

ST. ELIZABETH

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

ST. DAMIAN

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

ST. THEODORE

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

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

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

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space - 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-by-8-foot table – is \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH

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

Clergy from page B1

1980s, probably less than 10 percent of the ordained clergy was women. But now, she believes, the "number is certainly over 10 percent."

And there's a large group of them in the western Wayne County area.

Janot pastors at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford; Diana Goudie and her husband, Bob, share duties at Aldersgate United Methodist Church; the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell has pastoral duties at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia; and the Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson has been at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia since 1988.

But, Lewis points out, most female ministers tend to be "assistants."

"Most of the women clergy in this area are assistants. Very few are rectors or pastors of large churches," she said. "They're usually assistants or associates. They're not the lead pastor. That's discrimination."

Unfortunately, her bumpy road is one that is well traveled. Goudie has had a few rough moments in her career. While she was pastoring at a church near Milan, an older man in her church insisted that women should not preach.

"I just continued to love him, surround him, be nice to him and so forth," she said. "When he went to the hospital, I was there for his surgery. By the end, he got so he thought my prayers were OK. I just continued to be who I was. I continued to work hard at my sermons to preach good sermons and people heard that."

Now with her husband at her side, things are a bit easier for Goudie.

"We have a male and a female as equals: it's a wonderful model for people," she said. "What happens is if somebody identifies

selected by an MTV stylist - will



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL One, two: Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia is the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell's first call; however, it is the second time the church has had a female minister.

easier to a woman they come to me. If they identify easier with a male, they go to Bob. It's been wonderful. They not only accepted my femaleness, they've also

The first hurdle

the two of us."

Upon graduating from Evangelical Lutheran Church of America seminary in 1987, Good Shepherd's Janot was first con-

accepted the equality between

an assignment to a church.

"As a woman, there's always that first hurdle in serving in congregations; that's a prevalent experience," Janot said. "When I was ordained, we started looking at 'Can you get a first call? Can you get a second call? How do women continue to take on leadership roles in the church beyond first calls or small congregations?"

Timothy Lutheran is Powell's cerned about getting a "call," or first call. In high school, an

acquaintance told her she would make a great pastor. She admitted that she just humored the woman and laughed. Powell wanted to study psychology. She didn't think she was the right one for the pastoral job. That soon changed.

"As some of my friends became pastors, I realized pastors are human beings and there are different personalities and different styles," she said, "There's not one way of being a pastor. So that kind of opened me up to be willing to follow the call that I felt but didn't feel like I could fulfill.

"Eventually, I went to seminary. I thought I would only be able to be an associate pastor working with a senior pastor in such and such setting. I didn't think I'd ever be on my own as a solo pastor."

As the second female pastor at Timothy, she hasn't encountered the same type of discrimination as her peers.

"One thing they did need to remember that I think is important for many congregations is that not all women pastors are alike," said Powell, whose husband is a pastor and between calls. "They had one and assumed that I would be very similar to her and I'm not. She and I have very different personalities, different styles, very different priorities.

"It's important for people to remember just because we're women, it doesn't mean we all think and act the same."

But, she does point out that women bring a unique perspective to the church.

"We've been able to think about incorporating the whole family, to think about welcoming children in worship," she said. "I think it's a great gift just to have different types of people serving as pastors. It reminds us that God is not a white male, 55 years old. That even when people draw pictures of God, they draw a white guy.

"God is so much broader than that. Having women pastors, pastors of color, reminds us that there's something broader about God, something wider about God's love than just one gender, one ethnicity, and one age."

Sears looks for fashion-smart kids

Hey, kids. Do you think you ing a room full of clothes and have what it takes to reign as the Sears BizWiz Style Expert? If you do, log on to FreeZone.com beginning Thursday, Aug. 5, to enter the Sears BizWiz Style Contest and take a chance at becoming Sears first-

Kids will be able to display their wardrobe wizardry by raid-

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On Tuesday, August 3, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public

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Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #21 & #22a, Luttermoser Estate

Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #190 & #192, Cadillac Park Sub

Adopted Ordinance 248-A-12, rezoning from single family residential to vehicle service, Kirke Neal Co.'s Wayneford Townsite Sub #2 & 1/2 adjacent

163: Approved vehicle purchase for Fire Dept from Dick Scott Dodge, amt

164: Granted request from David & Connie Evens to split lot #609C of

185: Approved recommendation of Administration to accept bids for

purchase of listed parcels of property & payment to City of bid amount &

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BODY STYLE

Tempo 2 Dr.

Topaz 2 Dr.

Mustang

vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Escort

T-Bird

Delta 88 2 Dr.

Pickup F150

Eagle 2 Dr.

Cutlass 2 Dr.

Tempo 4 Dr.

Taurus 4 Dr.

Taurus 4 Dr.

Present: Anderson, Barns, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott

Approved renewal of 10 bond plates for Taxi-Town, Inc.

Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-1; Budget Carry Forward

162: Approved minutes of regular mtg held 7/6/99

Holman Pontiac total purchase price, \$39,911.75

vacated alley, N. of Ford, W of Wayne Rd

Ram Van

list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli

Grand Prix 2 Dr.

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for sale to the highest bidder.

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Dodge

Pontiac

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putting together an outfit that expresses their individuality and creativity.

After making a very hip selection, the up-and-coming designers will express their personal style in a paragraph or rhyme, as well as predict the two coolest fashion trends for spring 2000.

The grand prize winner - to be

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receive an iMac computer and one for a friend, \$1,000 in "fun money" and a trip to New York City for a day (family included) where he or she will be a consul-Football from page B1 tant, deciding on Sears' spring line. Nine runners-up will win a \$500 Sears gift card.

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division,

36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before August 11, 1999,

Excavator

Please direct questions pertaining to the bid specifications to Ted Williams,

Sr., at the Department of Public Service at (734) 467-3243. The City of

Westland reserves the right to reject any or all hids. Bid packages may be

So hop on the Internet and go to http:// freezone. com/ sears, but be sure to wait until Aug. 5 or you may just hit a road block.

at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:

obtained through the Purchasing Department.

Bid Item No: 661-081199

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will sell at \$7, according to one price guide.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Ashly would like to do similar cards, especially for hockey. That

Purchasing Agent

buddy," former Detroit Red Wing Slava Fetisov. The youngster has been writ-

ing to Fetisov ever since he was injured in a car accident following the Wings' Stanley Cup victory in 1997. When ever he's around, Richard and Karen take her to see him.

"He remembers her from the first time they met," said Karen. "She asked him for a hug. And

way she could draw her" good he remembers that. Every time he sees her, he says, "Come here, I know what you want.' "She writes to him; he doesn't

> write back, but he lets her know he's gotten all of her cards and letters." But after the note from Elway,

Ashly may add him to her "pen pal" list.

"I was excited and surprised to get it and I think I'll write him,"

Read Taste on Sunday

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:

(APPENDIX A)

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1999. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City of destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll. July 29, 1999.

APPENDIX A

Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

City of Westland

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of GARDEN CITY CITY - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a CITY PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Location:

•	Precinct	Location/Address
	001	FARMINGTON SCHOOL
	002	33411 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135 LOG CABIN 200 LOG CABIN DRIVE, GARDEN CITY 48135
	003	LATHERS SCHOOL 28351 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135
	004	LATHERS SCHOOL 28351 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135
	005	MEMORIAL SCHOOL 30001 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135

GARDEN CITY JR. HIGH 1851 RADCLIFF, GARDEN CITY 48135 MAPLEWOOD CENTER .007 31735 MAPLEWOOD, GARDEN CITY 48135 HENRY RUFF SCHOOL 008

30300 MAPLEWOOD, GARDEN CITY 40135 009 CIVIC CENTER 6000 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, GARDEN CITY 48135 DOUGLAS SCHOOL

6400 HARTEL, GARDEN CITY 48135 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

MAYOR Joanne S. Dodge

Ronald Showalter All polling place are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at

your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City. Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, AUGUST 2, 1999, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on AUGUST 3, 1993; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to terets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trail. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, JULY 31, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absented voting.

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166: Approved resolution to amend the Appointed Officials' Pay Plan to include Assessor in Pay Grade 1 167: Approved first amendment to 1998-2000 Cable Television Professional

Services Contract with Abbott Communications, Inc to increase salaries 168: Approved Check List - \$800, 110.28 & Prepaid - \$1,575,020.06 Mtg adjourned at 8:31 pm SANDRA A. CICIRELLI

Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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Council President

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS City Clerk

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Canton Services.

Church in Plymouth.

Plymouth.

An August wedding is planned

at First Presbyterian Church of

Johnson-Belleperche

Dina Marie Belleperche and John Benjamin Johnson were married May 28 at the St. Genevieve Parish in Livonia by the Rev. Rudy Piro.

The bride is the daughter of Marshall and Janet Belleperche of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Gerry Johnson, also of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson high School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Alltel Supply in Livonia. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Self-employed, he also attended UM-Dearborn.

Lisa Belleperche served as maid of honor with Jena-Belleperche and Rachel Hoffmeyer as bridesmaids.

Peter Harwood-Stamper

Anquetil-Rice

Anthony and Marlene Cosgro. formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlette Helene, to Scoti Douglas Rice, the son of William and Cathy Linn of Plymouth.

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

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

Miles-Sedlar

Thomas and Judith Miles of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter. Sally Ann, to Terry Allen Sedlar, the son of Lori Sedlar of Springport, Mich., and Terry W. Sedlar of Bath. Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Oakwood Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Springport High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. He is a fourth-grade



served as best man with Tom Mulder and Karl Smathers as groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Following a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., they are making their home in Livo-



e'ectrician for Valassis Commun.cations in Livonia.

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



teacher with the Van Dyke Public Schools.

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

Baab-Bevill

Kenneth and Linda Baab of Flint announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Marie, to Thomas Brian Bevill, the son of William Bevill of Canton and the late Virginia Bevill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of arts degree in education and a graduate of Indiana University with a master of arts degree in speech and hearing sciences. She is employed at Sinai-Grace Hospital as a speech and language pathologist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. He is employed as a manufacturer's representative at

Rice-Bowser

Bev Rice of Livonia and Tom and Lucille Rice of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantelle S. to Scott M. Bowser, the son of Earl and Kay Bowser of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Macrosoft in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Arthur Anderson LLP in Detroit.

A November wedding is planned at First Presbyterian

DeSempelaere-Waldman

Marcel and Florence DeSempelaere announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Scott Harris Waldman of South Riding, Va., the son of Sandra R. Waldman of Boca Raton, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is an internal consultant for American Management Systems

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Parkcrest High School and a 1995 graduate of Shippensberg College. He is a systems developer for American Management Systems Inc.

A September wedding is planned at Holy Cross Evangeli-



Elizabeth Annie Crofts and Patrick Ryan Black were married April 24 at Mount Timpanogos Latter Day Saints Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland. The groom is the son of Richard and Glenda Black of Portland, Conn.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School. She will graduate this year from Brigham Young University with a bachelor

s degree in recreational management.

The groom is majoring in comnuter science at Brigham Young University. He is employed at XACT Ware Information System in Orem, Utah.

The bride asked Tammie Campbell to be her maid of

Crofts-Johnson

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Johanna, to Mark Richard Johnson of Burkburnett,

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and is studying nursing at Brigham Young University.

Her fiancé is a1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and is studying accounting at Brigham Young University. He is employed as a project supervisor at Marketing Ally.

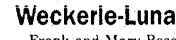
A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.



honor with Martha Crofts, Mary Crofts and Heather Crofts as bridesmaids.

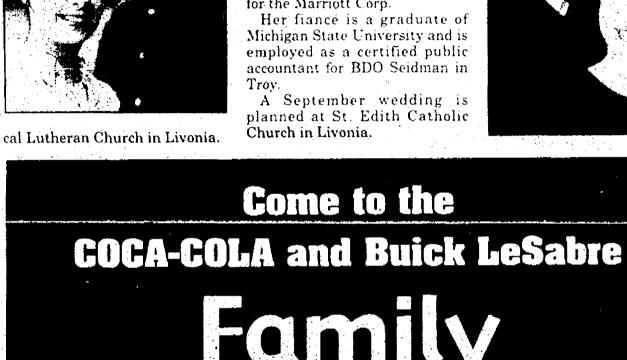
The couple received guests at receptions in Orem, Utah, Westland and Portland, Conn. They are making their home in Orem.





Frank and Mary Rose Weckerle of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter. Adrienne, to Michael Luna, the son of Ron and Ruth Luna of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Siena Heights College, She.is employed as a purchasing agent for the Marriott Corp.







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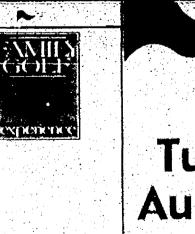
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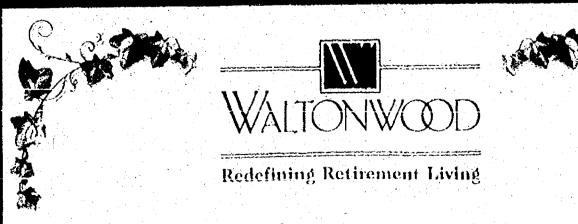
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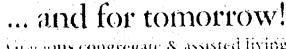
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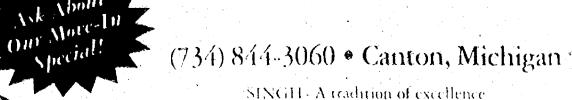


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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

EGG PAINTING

A Ukrainian egg painting. workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Westland Historical Museum. The class will be limited to 12 people, and is designed for school age children and adults. All materials will be provided. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road. Call (734) 326-1110.

CHILD I.D. FINGERPRINTING Art Van Furniture in collaboration with AAA of Michigan will provide free child I.D. fingerprinting from 12-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Westland Art Van store, 8300 Wayne Road, (734) 425-9600.

CONCERT SERIES Remaining dates for the

Westland Cultural Society summer concert series are Sundays, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. All concerts will be 6 p.m. at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford. Concerts are free, and the Bailey Center is the rain location. Concerts are sponsored by the Westland City Council and feature a variety of musical styles. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

AT THE LIBRARY FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. Friends also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620. FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skat ing Club formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are

6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

BAILEY CENTER POOL

The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor-pool is heated. There is a water slide and a baby pool for kids age 3 and younger. There are birthday packages at \$7 per person, including pizza, pop, pool admission, games, and a T-shirt for the birthday person. Teen/Middle School Night is 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is \$1. Swim lessons will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, These are twoweek sessions; for informa-

VOLUNTEERS

are \$50.

tion, call (734) 722-7620.

ident child, \$3 for a resi-

Pool prices are \$2 for a res-

dent adult, \$3 for a nonres-

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ident adult. Season passes

ASSISTED LIVING Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time

with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Church on Ann Arbor Trail

between Wayne and New-

burgh. For more informa-

tion, call April at (734) 522-

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is. at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years: Tots class meets on . Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds.

Registration has begun.

Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster.

CHARTER SCHOOL The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an

Call (313) 561-4110.

entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES Livonia Little Peoples Co-

op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-yearolds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

Lazy days of summer



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LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

Event:

Location:

Telephone:

Date and Time:

Additional info.:

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livo-

CALEND

nia. Call (734) 462-0135. FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and

community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Veney in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community

groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the infor-

Use additional sheet if necessary

mation below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft,

Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday

for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953/2104 if you have any questions.

Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional coop, with parents working

will be served. BOWLING FUN

play "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 ping eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir. under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the

once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriman in Westland.

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP

A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Price is \$25. Leave Friendship Center at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., post time is 7:30 p.m., with races over at about 10:45 p.m. Return to center about midnight. Call (734) 722-7632.

TIGER GAME

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering a trip to a Tiger game this year: Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a person. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Game begins at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. First 23 seniors to register.

NURSING HOME CARE A seminar on "Nursing Home Care and Your Rights" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh in Westland. The Friendship Center is presenting the seminar, which will feature Nida Donar of Citizens for Better Care as guest speaker. To sign up, stop at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632. Refreshments

The Friendship Center Bowling League is starting again. Orientation will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the conference room at the center, on Newburgh in Westland. Beginners are welcome, and substitutes are needed. Bowling will begin 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. For information, call (734) 722-7632. DINNER AND SHOW

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Westland Senior Resources

Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE Musical Chairs is a new

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TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP The Friday Variety Card

Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 72S-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to work in. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER The Wayne-Westland

School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

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New staff helps Trinity prepare for 21st century

Trinity Presbyterian Church is ready to minister to needs in the new millennium by expanding its staff.

Joining the staff are Phil Woods, teen and young adult ministry, Tim McCracken, Christian education ministry to children. Joyce Preston, music ministries, Gordon Bleich, chancel choir director, and Daniel Weidman, assistant to senior Pastor Dr. William C. Moore.

Weidman, a graduate of William Tynsdale College, is attending Michigan Theological Seminary He will direct Trinity's contemporary worship service, targeted to those who have little church background.

He also will focus on smallgroup development, a ministry aimed at giving those church members not living near their extended families a place to connect and build supportive rela-

by 2000, more than 90 percent of Trinity's adult members will not live near their extended families.

With the teen years expected to become more turbulent. Woods, who is studying at Reformed Theological Seminary, believes that a strong, dynamic youth ministry can make a significant difference in a teenag-

Woods, a graduate of Liberty

First Congregational welcomes Rev. Joy

When the Rev. Robert Joy speaks from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Wayne on Sunday, Aug. 1, the congregation will listen ... listen to his first sermon as the new senior pastor.

Joy, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., has a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Edinboro (Pa.) University where he majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and received his master of divinity degree in 199i

"Earlier in my life, I worked as a building contractor with my father. I still see myself as a builder working for my Father."

Joy believes open-mindedness between God's people is indispensable and that tolerance and respect for the opinions of others set the stage for "the Holy Spirit to create peace and progress

Church officials project that,

within a fellowship." adults. "I enjoy the interchange of ideas and believe God will guide us to the truth," he added.

unstoppable." Married, Joy and his wife, the former Juliann Dagg of Redford Township, have two children. He also has a son by a previous mar-

He also believes that God's

grace is "overwhelming and

His wife has a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Hope College and a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She enjoys vacation Bible school and red Kool-

The First Congregational Church is at 2 Town Square, Wayne. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call the church at (734)729University, is implementing an holistic philosophy of youth ministry by helping young people to grow in their relationship with God, reaching out to other youth and getting all teens to participate in service projects.

In addition, a mentoring program directed by Woods offers to connect church youth with older adults who can help them discuss and deal with issues in their lives.

McCracken, a graduate of Columbia Bible College and Seminary, knows that today's children are exposed to more change, violence and unrest than ever before.

Under Trinity's "Tomorrowland Ministries" umbrella, he is trying to mobilize resources, such as Sunday morning music and biblical instruction. Wednesday night life-skills training, camp and retreat outings and the annual summer vacation Bible school, that will help them grow into healthy

Preston, in overseeing Trinity's music ministries, is coordinating music for the church's three Sunday morning worship services and also planning musical events appealing to the larger community.

Trinity offers a praise worship service at 8 a.m. Sundays, a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and a traditional worship service at 11 a.m. at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Preston has an undergraduate degree in piano performance and a master's degree in music literature from Eastern Michigan University.

She is planning a series of concerts and special focus services. such as the Pilgrim Thanksgiv-

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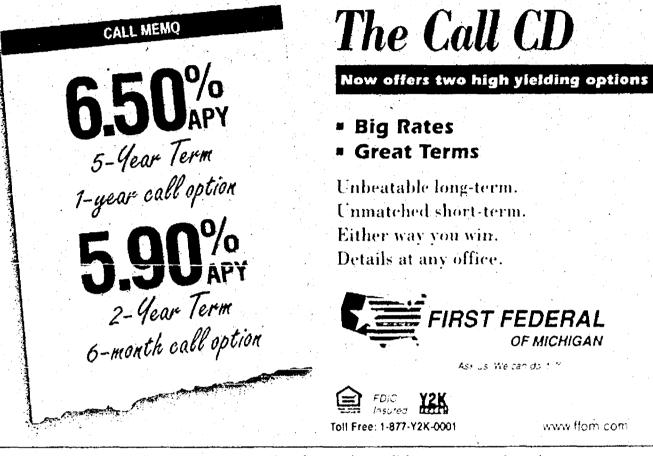
ing Eve Service and Trinity's Christmas Eve services.

Bleich, who directs a music

in West Bloomfield has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's program at an elementary school degree in music education from

Oakland University. For more information, call Trinity Presbyterian Church at

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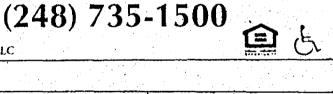
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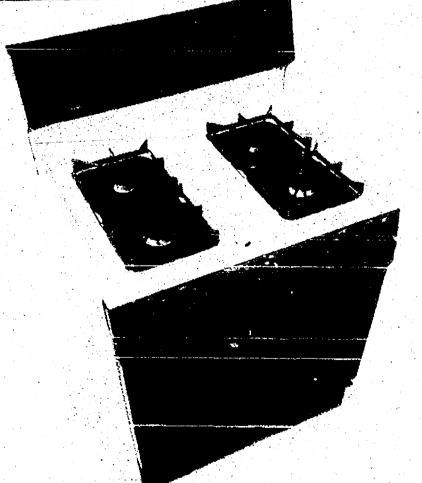
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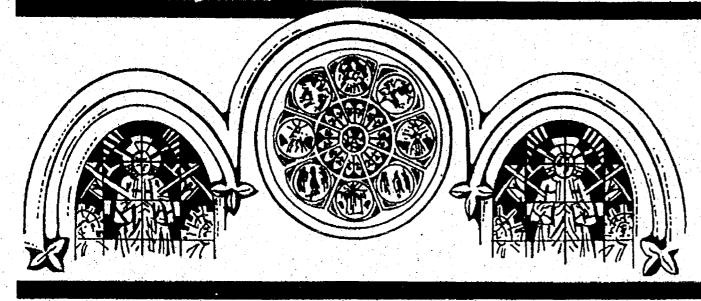
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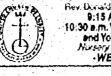
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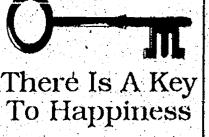
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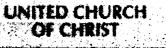
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St. Anne Catholic Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the church, 23310 Joy

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Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet for dinner at McVee's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Southfield at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, then attend a Bethany Together Dance at 8 p.m. at Divine Providence Church, Nine Mile and Beech Daly roads, Southfield. Dinner reservations can be made by calling John Shewell at (248) 471-4828. Participants are responsible for the cost of dinner as well as \$8 for the dance.

Single Place Presents will have Carol Chambers and a panel discuss "What Men Wish Women Knew" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The Open Forum, also at 7:30 p.m., will feature Sandy Baumann discussing "Dating Turn Offs." The cost is

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Single Place also will have a divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Aug. 19-Sept. 30 at the church and the five-week series, "Getting It Right the Next Time" with Jacque Martin-Downs and Lynn Vaughn, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 26-Sept. 23. The divorce recovery workshop costs \$30, while "Getting It Right" costs \$40 for the complete

For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-

NEW BEGINNINGS

Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Deginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as

they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall, West Chicago at Inkster Road in Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper casual attire required.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. Sundays for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile,

For more information, call Colleen at (734) 729-7912 or

Diane at (734) 971-4553.

SUNDAY BRUNCH .

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

FOUNDER TO SPEAK

The founder of the Jews for Jesus evangelistic agency, Moishe Rosen, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road Canton, Canton, and at 6 p.m. Aug. 8, at the First Baptist. Church, 36125 Glenwood.

Rosen was age 21 when he and his wife Cecil, who also is Jewish, came to a personal relationship with God through Yshua. Four years later, he was ordained to the ministry and in the late 1960s, developed a form of evangelistic literature, called broadsides, pamphlets that use

humorous illustrations and eyecatching themes to make a statement about Jesus as the Messi-

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

For more information, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022 or the First Baptist Church at (734) 721-7410.

RAINBOW FESTIVAL

St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday Aug 22 at the church. 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/pierogi dinner of Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug. 21 and pork chop dinner on Aug. 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing to the Dyna Dukes, Duane Malinowski, Misty Blues and Polish Kid and Co. For more information, call the church at (313) 561-1977.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for vacation Bible schools should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ROSEDALE GARDENS

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats. visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking on water and another day be thrown onto a prison ship with the Apostle Paul. Each day will conclude with a Treasure Time finale to celebrate what they have learned. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-

CLARENCEVILLE UM

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire,

8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5 at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Children ages four and older will use their talents to serve God the King while enjoying Bible stories, crafts, games and music. There also will be a Royal Regalia Feast and Program, featuring dinner, music, skits and all of the fanfare of medieval times, on Aug. 8. (Reservations are required.) For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3444. **TIMOTHY LUTHERAN**

Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Church of the Savior, Reformed Church in America, will have its vacation Bible school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 2-6 at the church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. The theme will be "A Jungle Journey," and there will be a review at 7 p.m. Aug. 5

and picnic for participants and their families 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6. The deadline for registering is July 26. For more information, call (248) 888-8480

or (734) 464-1062.

ALDERSGATE UM Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend a castle adven-

ture set in merry old England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

WARREN ROAD FM

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

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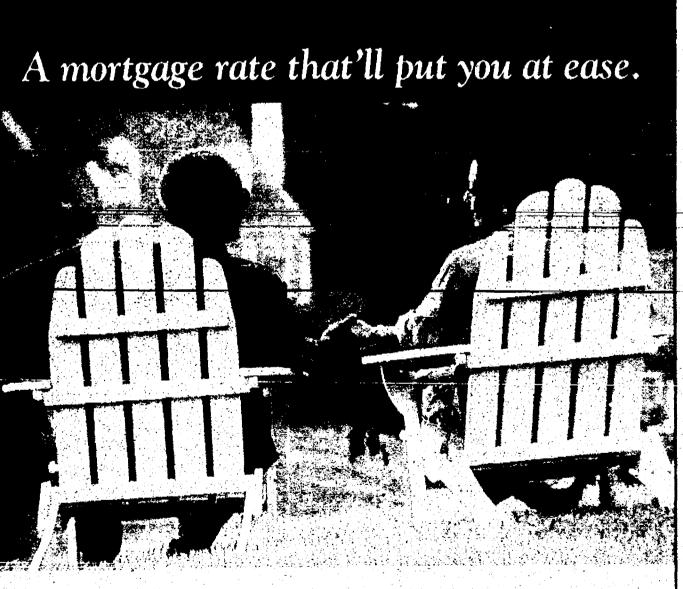
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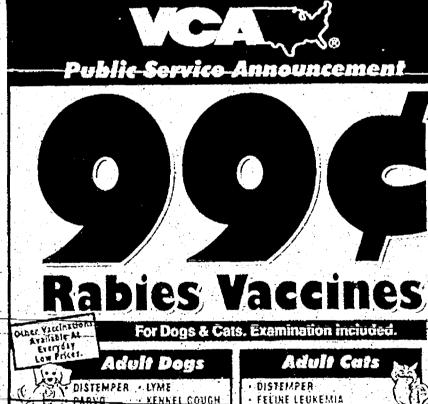
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A rose is a rose: Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County members Kay Diggs (behind bush) and Sally Randall (left) were joined by Hasi Cislo and Schoolcraft College employees Susan Adams, admissions secretary, and Julie Tobin in planting a Zonta International rose bush on campus.

Zonta gives roses to community

Three special rose bushes are blooming at Greenmead Historical Village, Schoolcraft College and Livonia City Hall, thanks to the Zonta Club of Northwest

Wayne County. Planting the bushes was the club's first activity of the club year. The Zonta international rose (Harflow) is among the earliest to flower, creating a flamboyant display of glowing amber blooms until summer's end.

been a symbol of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women locally and globally.

Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center is one of the recipients of money the club gives each year to improve the status of women locally. Zonta of Northwest Wayne County has donated more than \$25,000 to For decades a yellow rose has the center since the club's incep-

The club's two main fund-raisers are its fashion show and preholidays Koeze Nuts sale.

Officers for the 1999-2000 club year are Sally Randall of Botsford Hospital as president, Dorothy Murphy of Henry Ford Community College as vice-president, Evelyn Shuput, a Livonia Public Schools retiree, as secretary, and Kay Diggs, a Henry Ford Community College retiree, as treasurer.

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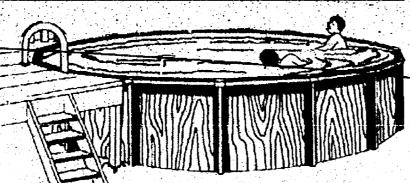


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NEW VOICES

James and Kelly McAllister of Canton announce the birth of Joseph Patrick April 6 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He has a brother, John James, 31/2. Grandparents are George and Linda Riley of Westland and John and Mary McAllister of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Evelyne Harrington of Plymouth.

John and Lauren Hosko announce the birth of Stephanie Lauren April 20 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a brother, Alex, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Diane Roelinski of Plymouth and Robert and Therese Hosko of Warren. Great-grandparents are Frank and Jean Kijek of Detroit and Sophie Roslinski of Roseville.

Larry and Andrea Walkuski of Livonia announce the birth of Alex Michael April 7. He joins two brothers, Peter and Lukas. Grandparents are Peter and Doreen Walkuski of Livonia, Elizabeth Vollmer, Bill Muldovan and Rene and Lise Broeders of Windsor.

Gary and Sue Brda of Westland announce the birth of Jared Allen March 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Valerie, 6, and Jamie, 3. Grandparents are Billy and Janet Chambers of Gladwin, Joan Brda-Ruhl of Somerdale, N.J.,

and the late James Allen Brda. Ronald and Denise Parko of Livonia announce the birth of Victoria Denise April 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She joins a sister, Rene Lynn. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloom-

John Flanagan and Madonna Hurley of Garden City announce the birth of Koryn Gabriel Flanagan March 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Stephen Pierce, 12. Grandparents are John and Shirley Flanagan and Tom and Ruth Hurley, all of Canton.

Alex and Catherine Ealovega of Canton announce the birth of Alison Grace Feb. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Eric Stephen Ealovega, 212. Grandparents are Andrei and Barbara Ealovega of Canton, John and Irene Sarkisian of Canton and Gary and Jeanette Bishop of Adrian. Great-grand-

parents are Russ and Lavern Kolar of Texas and Ethyl Rhodes of Washington.

Walter and Michele Helsel Jr. of Redford announce the birth of Carleen Ann-Denise March 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Jean Brown and John and Virginia Collins.

Chris and Camaro Moreno of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Jacob Christopher April 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Zachary. Grandparents are Ron and Brenda Clark and Rick and Pauline Moreno, all of Westland.

Darlene M. Davis of Westland announces the birth of Jacob Matthew March 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Joshua Michael, 21, and Amber, 1. Grandparents are Sharon Hargrave of Detroit and Charles' M. Hargrave Sr. of Westland.

Andrea and Joseph Craigie announce the birth of Olivia Anne on April 3 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.



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OBSERVER

Ocelot harriers signed

Schoolcraft College women's cross country coach Nancy Gavoor announced the signing of seven student-athletes to letters for the 1999-2000 season.

Among those who will run this fall for the Lady Ocelots include Dawn Daniels (Wayne Memorial), Kristin Switalski (Redford Union), Jenny Furlong (Livonia Franklin), Mandi Davis (Garden City), Katie Chonacas (Livonia Churchill), Lydia Ewald (Dearborn Fordson) and Lindsay Patra (Detroit Redford).

Area golf divots

·Westland's Matt Wiley was second after shooting an opening-round 2under par 70 Monday in the 44th annual Michigan Publinx Golf Association state four-day match-play tournament at Bedford Valley and Stonehedge golf courses.

Larry Vander Bie of Holland led the 278-player field with a 3-under 69.

• Recent Westland John Glenn High graduate Chris Tompkins shot 69-75 to earn one of three state qualifying berths in the Western Open, July 12-16, at Treetops near Gaylord.

Tompkins also finished fifth with 73-73 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop at Treetops.

Other area scorers included Tony Fotiu, Livonia Franklin, 79-75, and Adam Wilson, Plymouth Salem, 81-

•Scott Wolfe, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Stevenson, lost in a sudden death playoff for first place after shooting 76 in a field of 68 for Boys 14-15 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop July 26 at Mystic Creek in

Cards ace in Maine

Bruce Meininger, 33, of Livonia. made his vacation a memorable one by scoring an ace on the 153-yard, No. 8 hole July 6 at Hillcrest Golf Club in Millinochet, Me.

Meininger, using an 9-iron, overcame rain to record his first ace in a best-ball format witnessed by his wife Julie, along with his aunt and uncle, Ann and Ernie Santerre, both of

Youth soccer selection

Melissa Dobbyn, an eight-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, has been selected to the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Region II Girls Olympic Development Program Team in her age group.

Dobby was selected by regional and national coaches at the regional camp in DeKalb, Ill. where the top 19 players from each of the 14 midwest states competed for pool team selection. Only 30 players were selected in each age division.

Dobbyn is a member of the Michigan Hawks Premier Soccer Club.

Canton hoop tryouts

Team tryouts for the Plymouth Canton girls basketball team will be at 9 a.m. (varsity), 11 a.m. (junior varsity) and noon (freshman), Monday, Aug. 16 at the Canton gymnasi-

All tryout participants must have a sports physical by the first practice. Any physical taken on or after April 15, 1999 is good for the 1999-2000 school year.

For more information, call coach Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

Hoop coaches wanted

Birmingham Brother Rice High School is seeking a varsity assistant, junior varsity and freshman boys basketball coach for the upcoming sea-

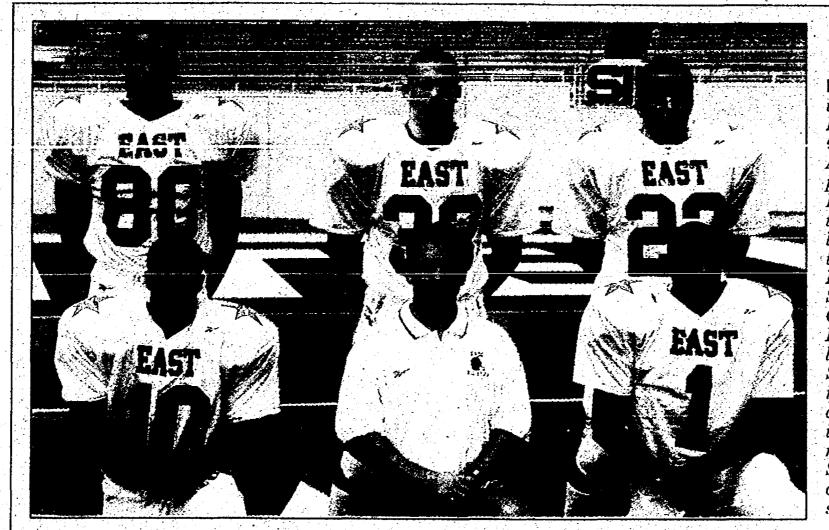
If interested, candidates should send a resume to: Donald J. MacAloon, 180 Oakland Avenue, Suite 260, Birmingham, Mi. 48009; or tax a resume to (243) 646-2641.

Fall league baseball

High School varsity players are needed for a fall league team which begins play Saturday, Aug. 14.

All-Star players from the team will also be eligible to participate in weekend wooden bat tournaments.

For more information, call coach, Kevin Tardivi at (248) 443-0113 or coach Jim O'Donnell at (248) 641-3792 (between 7-10 pint, Monday through Saturday).



Grid stars on parade

East contingent: Observerland is well-represented at Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star game. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. at Sparton Stadium in East Lansing. Suffing up for the East team (top row, clockwise from left) is Redford Catholic Central tight end Nick Brzezinski (Duke), Redford Thurston linebacker Scott Genord' (Indiana), Livonia årenceville back Walter Hagland (Adrian College), Westland John Glenn tailback Reggie Spearmon (Grand Valley State), now Clarenceville varsity football coach Greg Hudkins and Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant (Ohio State), Tickets are \$7 per person at the gate. The East leads the series, 10-8.

Madonna recruiting class stellar

Haeger adds top talent

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

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Greg Haeger doesn't act like he hit the lottery, but the fourth-year Madonna University baseball coach likes his odds for the future.

With six regulars to replace from a 25-24-1 team, Haeger went out and tapped into abundant pool of talent right in his own backyard - Observerland



Chris Woodruff Redford CC

He has signed five first-team All-Observer players, along with a pair of second-teamers and another off Redford Catholic Central's 38-1 Division I state championship squad.

"We'll have a new team next year," Haeger said. "We lost some pretty good starters who have

been here the last three or four years. "But we were able to bring in some good local kids who will compete for starting jobs right away.

"I've got some competitors and that's

what I wanted." First-team All-Area players who will don the Madonna uniform next season include Redford Union pitcher-outfielder Joel Halliday, Redford Catholic Central catcher Chris Woodruff, Livonia Churchill first baseman Eric Lightle, Westland John Glenn pitcher-fast baseman Dale Hayes and Livonia

BASEBALL

Second-team All-Area picks soon-tobe Crusaders include pitcher-outfielder Mark Cole of Redford CC and catcherfirst baseman Joe Rizzi of Plymouth

Second baseman Mario D'Herin of CC is also in the fold along with outfielders Chris Radu (Riverview) and Gary Linzell (Belleville).

Madonna has also picked up University of Detroit Mercy left-handed hurler Randy Palmer (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), who will be a sophomore transfer.

"This year we had the (scholarship) money to bring in quite a few players, Haeger said.

Halliday, who helped RU to a 24-5 overall record, and Hayes, who clouted an upper deck shot to right field at Tiger Stadium in the East-West All-Star game, both hit left-handed, but are right-handed throwers.

As a pitcher, Halliday was 9-2 and hit 348. Hayes batted 442 with 33 RBI and was 7-4 on the mound.

"Joel is a good athlete who played second, the outfield and pitched for RU," Haeger said. "He's a good hitter and has hit well in the Collegiate (summer) league. He has good potential as a pitcher. He throws in the mid-80s

"Dale is a good left-handed hitter thrower who plays the outfield. Stevenson third baseman-pitcher Roy with power. Right now he throws in the



Roy Rabe Livonia Stevenson



Dale Hayes Westland John Glenn



Eric Lightle Livonia Churchill

low-80s. Right now he's 6-feet-3 and weighs only 170, but once he gets stronger he'll increase his velocity.

Lightle led Churchill, which captured its first district title in over 20 years, with a .490 average. He had six homers

"Like Hayes, Lightle is a big kid, 6-3, 6-4, who is a worker and has power,' Haeger said. "He has good power potential."

Haeger, who led CC to the 1987 state Class A title before going on to Michigan and the Detroit Tigers' minor league system, also grabbed three players off Shamrocks' roster.

Woodruff, a 225-pound catcher, could be the steal of the class. He batted .440 with 40 RBI.

"He has a chance to start right away," the Madonna coach said, "He has a lot of power in a home run friendly park. He could be an impact player right away.'

Cole, meanwhile, is a lefthanded

"He didn't pitch a lot for CC, but he Please see RECRUITS, C2

has a good breaking ball," Haeger said. "He also has a good heart and is a good competitor. He also gets his backs up there at the plate."

D'Herin, a right-handed hitter, was an unsung player on CC's state championship team. He provides leadership qualities.

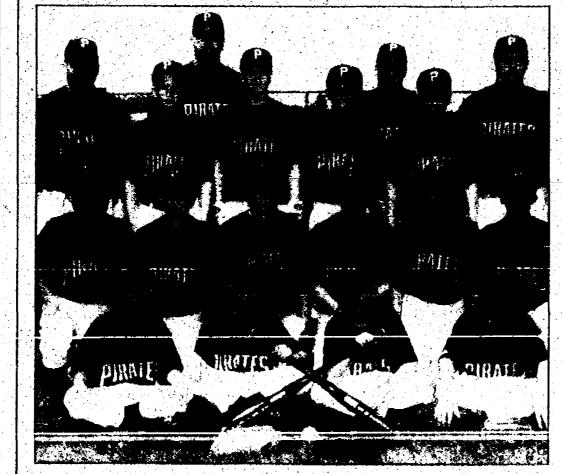
"Mario has great hands and good foot quickness," Haeger said. "He's a good control hitter. He's very vocal and shows a lot of energy on the field."

Rabe, who helped Stevenson win division and district crowns, is a late addition to the Madonna recruiting

He originally committed to Oakland University, but got caught in a coaching change before making a decision to play at Saginaw Valley State, But early in the summer, Rabe had another change of heart.

He holds several Stevenson career offensive marks. This season he batted .523 with four homers and 35 RBL As a

Bronco busters



Divisional champions: The Pirates, sporting a 13-1 record, captured the Wayne Baseball Association Bronco Division (ages 11-12) title thanks to the efforts of (front row, from left) Charles Cook, Justin Koshorek, Mike Hajduk, Adam Beyer; (second row, from left) Matt Barnier, Andrew Kaleto, Clint Cottenham, Dinnes McGill, Tony Colosimo, TeJay O'Connel; (third row, from left) Danny Cover, Drew Lakatos, Ross Maciasz, Alex Lickliter; (fourth row, from left) assistant coaches Eric Buchanan, Jason Robby Agron Rates and man. ager Jeremy Bobby.

Wayne County Twisters win season opener, 10-0 Defense corrals Stallions

The Wayne County Twisters survived the sweltering heat Saturday afternoon to win its Lake Shore Semi-Professional Football League opener over the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions, 10-0 at Academy of Detroit School in Inkster.

The stingy Twister defense held the Stallions to minus-37 yards total offense. Wayne County had six sacks and stopped nine Stallion running plays behind the line of scrimmage.

Lamar Spalding (Canton) scored the game's only touchdown in the first quarter on a 16-yard around end Chuck Petitpas booted the extra point for a 7.0 lead.

Petitions added a 41 yard field goal late in the second half to give the Twisters a 10-point cushion.

Offensively, Damon Frendo (Garden City) moved from his defensive back spot to lead the Twisters in rushing with 53 yards in six carries.

He will be joined in the backfield by Spalding, Eddie Trent (Westland), Aaron Williams (Detroit), Freddy Ricks Wayne), Corey McClelland (Inkster), Damon Green (Southfield) and Billy Starr (Ypsilanti).

Our major concern is our offensive unit," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. We know his squad has **FOOTBALL**

the material and our coaching staff is making every effort to evaluate new squad members' talents under game

"This always takes time and can be both beneficial and hazardous. But it must and will be done regardless of the consequences."

The Twisters hit the road the next two Saturdays.

On July 31, they will take on the archrival Motor City Cougars in a L p.m. start at Inkster High. On Aug. 7. they travel to Maconib. Ohio to face the Black Swamp Patriots.

They will return to Academy of Detroit fold Cherry Hill High School) to make the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m.

"With the strength of our league improving, we may suffer a defeat or two along the way," Brothers said. *But, I do not believe we will reach our full potential until we're three to five games into our schedule.

"Making this happen resis on the shoulders of Jason Hagelthorn (Westland and his able staff."

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE

Season down to nitty-gritty

Greg Poupard, Kyle McNeilance.

Joe Jones and Mike Mattila scored

Sean Kass pumped in six goals and added one assist, while teammate Brent Thomas and Shaun Harrington recorded four goals and two assists apiece to lead the third-place Wildcats to an 18-6 first-round Metro Summer Hockey League playoff win Tuesday over the Spartans at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Wildcats advance to the semifinals at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Cultural Center to face the second-place Huskies.

The championship game is at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Other offensive standouts for the Wildcats included Mike Swistak, one goal and four assists; Paola Decina and Vic Decina, one goal and two assists each; Darrin Silvester and Daryl Schimmelpfenneg, one goal each.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats.

Westland's Jason Lawmaster of Ontario Hockey League playoff champion Belleville led the Spartans with four goals and one assist. Mike Porter chipped in with two goals and two assists, while Redford Union hockey doach Pete Mazzoni, Chris Powroznik and Jake Wiegand contributed two assists each.

•LAKERS 9, BRONCOS 4: The Lakers advanced to Wednesday's semifinal against the first-place Bulldogs. with a 4-0 third-period run Tuesday to. subdue the Broncos at PCC.

Nick Jardine led the winners with four goals and one assist. Matt Frick added two goals and one assist, while Brian Sutherland and Mike Vigilante each tallied a goal.

Ron Lowrie and Scott Dolesh each

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for the Broncos. Nick Field and Baron Becker each recorded three assists.

Lanny Jardine and Brandon Hothem shared time in goal for the Lakers, white Rick Marnon and Will Hamete. split duties for the Broncos.

BULLDOGS 22, WOLVERINES 7: The first-place Bulldogs opened the playoffs Monday at PCC behind Jason. Basile's three goals and nine assists.

Matt Grant and Kevin Swider each added three goals and four assists for the Bulldogs, who broke it open with an 11-2 third-period surge.

Other offensive standouts for the **Bulldogs included Brad Yonemura** (two goals, five assists), Corey Swider (three goals, two assists). Adam Krug (two goals, three assists), Troy Milam (two goals, three assists), Brian Halas (hat trick) and Matt Prater (one goal).

St. Louis Blues draftee Phil Osaer went all the way in goal for the win-

Jim Wheaton led the Wolverines with three goals and one assist. Jeremy Majszak added two goals and two assists, while Ryan Ward had a goal and three assists. Matt Krupa and collected three assists, while John Gallagher had a goal and assist.

. HUSKIES 8, LAKERS 8: In the MSHL's final regular season game Sunday at the Cultural Center, Phil Pietila's goal from Glen Pietila with just five seconds left gave the Huskies the tie against the Lakers.

Phil Pietila finished with two goals and two assists. Jim Tudor added two goals, while John Pietila, Dwight Helminen and Frank Bourbonais each

Bourbonais and Keith Pietila each contributed two assists.

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goal and three assists. Mike Vigilante contributed two goals and two assists. Other goals went to Tony Ferrero, Matt Frick and Scot Curtin.

Brian Jardine and Vigilante each had two assists. Goaltenders J.J. Weaks (Huskies)

and Lanny Jardine (Lakers) each went all the way in nets. •WILDCATS 24, WOLVERINES 9:

The Wildcats wrapped up third place by bombarding the Wolverines in the middle game Sunday at the Cultural

It was 14-7 after two periods as the Wildcats went on a 10-2 scoring run in the final period.

The Wildcats' Sean Kass wrapped up the MSHL scoring title with a goal and 14 assists. He finished with 61

Vic Decina contributed 10 goals and two assists, while Brent Thomas had six goals and one assist. Darrin Silvester chipped in with three goals and five assists, while Mike Swistak had one goal and four assists. Paul Khawam and Tad Patterson added the other Wildcat goals.

Ryan Ward (five goals, two assists). Brad Wolfe (two goals, four assists) and Eric Hawkins (two goals, three assists) led the Wolverines.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats, while Thomas Monnier and Mike O'Keefe split time in the nets for the Wolverines.

•SPARTANS 10, BRONCOS 7: Joe Kustra's hat trick Sunday and two goals each from Nick Lewarne, Jason Lawmaster and Jack McCoy carried the Spartans past the Broncos in the first game Sunday at the PCC.

Mike Porter contributed four assists, while Lawmaster, McCoy and Pete Mazzoni each added two. Jack Wiegand also had a goal for the Spar-

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS 8 2 1 17 Huskies' 7 4 1 15 Wildcats 6 5 0 12 5 4 1 11 Lakers Broncos 5 2 10 2 6 3 7 Spartans

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LEADING GOALTENDERS

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Phil Osaer (Bulldogs)	18	4.00
Rick Marnon (Broncos)	37	5.26
J.J. Weaks (Huskies)	25	5.55
Brandon Hothem (Lakers)	28	5.74
Will Hamele (Spartans)	26	5.84
Ted Martens (Buildogs)	28	6.23
Lanny Jardine (Lakers)	41	7.20
Dan Dobrowski (Wildcats)	46	7.58

Kyle McNeilance had three goals for the Broncos, while Nick Smyth contributed two goals and two assists. Baron Becker recorded four

Tom McNeil and Eric Pagel split time in the Spartan nets, while Will Hamele and Rick Marnon took turns for the Broncos.

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If you are interested, contact OCC Athletic Director Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155. The volleyball season runs from August to mid November.

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Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest with any pertinent information to Brian Swinehart, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, 32789 West Ten Mile, Farmington, MI 48336.

Swinehart can be reached by phone at (248) 489-3352. His office fax number is (248) 489-3418.

•Redford Catholic Central is seeking a freshman boys soccer coach for the upcoming season. Interested persons should call varsity coach Dana Orsucci at (313) 534-0660, Ext. 146.

VIPERS IN-LINE TOURNEY

The Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League will host Blade Raid '99, an inline hockey tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills parking lot.

Games will consist of four-onfour roller hockey tincluding goaltender). Teams area guaranteed a minimum of three games in the round-robin format. The squads with the best records advance to the playoffs with the top three finishers in each division receiving awards. All participants will also receive tickets to the Vipers' 1999-2000 homer opener and an official Blade '99 T-shirt.

For more information, call the Oakland County Parks office or tournament director Don Rossman at (248) 377-8637.

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The Suburban Training Center of Farmington Hills offers a full slate of summer skating and hockey programs.

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ing skills (\$6 per session). For more information or to enroll in a program, call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400.

ROCKERS SUMMER CAMPS

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) Aug. 2-6 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, weeklong camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for \$99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Racquet Club. Half-day camps are \$119 and full-day are \$189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official size-5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-200 Rockers VIP season ticket pass. For more information, call (313) 396-7070.

OAKLAND CC WANTS ATHLETES

The Oakland Community College men's and women's cross country teams, the women's volleyball team and the women's tennis team are looking for athletes to compete in the 1999-2000 school year.

All athletes must be full time students at OCC during the fall

OCC students interested in competing should call either cross country coach Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155, volleyball coach Mike Lindstrom at (248) 363-1904 or tennis coach Kim Jackson at (248) 360-3159.

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pitcher he went 7-5 his senior first.

"I just love his competitive-

ness," Haeger said. "As your third baseman he's a kid you want on the field because he wants to win.

"And he has some power."

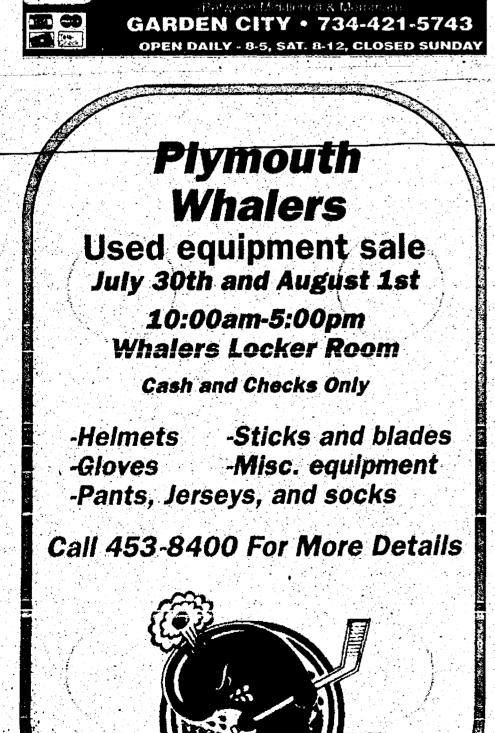
Rizzi, hampered this spring after undergoing knee surgery, made-All-Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Associ-

"He's the same kind of kid as Woodruff, only he's coming fromthe left side," Haeger said. "He's everywhere. And most of the a big, thick kid who can also play good kids our from our area."

"And like Woodruff he'll need more work defensively."

Haeger is also looking forward to the return of pitcher Mitch Jabczenski, who did not play last year to concentrate on working toward a degree in education.

"He was one of our best his sophomore year and right now he's playing in a wood bat league in New York," Haeger said. "Right now our team looks like it can go two-doep just about







Danielwicz MVP in All-Star

Beth Danielewicz was named the most valuable player of the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League's varsity all-star game Saturday after leading the Blue team to a 10-2 victory over the Red.

Danielewicz, who plays for the Farmington Hills Diamonds, was the winning pitcher, tossing a no-hitter through four scoreless innings while striking out seven.

She also was 2-for-3 with the bat and scored a run in the midsummer classic at Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

Becky Mitchell (Livonia Lancers) and Amelia Araiza (Diamonds) also had two hits apiece for the Blues.

Christine Fones (Livonia Knights) and Mitchell batted in two runs each; Kathy Rospierski (Lancers) and Sheila Gillies (Knights) had one RBI apiece. Courtney Wilmering (Lancers) and Araiza scored two runs each.

Amanda Sutton and Shae Potocki of the Plymouth Lightning scored first-inning runs to give the Red team a 2-1 lead, but the Blue took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth.

Sutton and Jamie Linden (Livonia Lasers) hit triples in the first inning, Linden's three-

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base hit scored Sutton with the Red's first run.

Other members of the Blue team were Sallie Kuratko, Carly George, Meghan Misiak and Kathleen Schram of the Knights; Alyssa Stanbridge of the Diamonds; Kristen Barnes of the Lancers; Jenille Brown and Megan Coultas of the Canton Cobras.

The Red roster included Jessica Chapman, Dawn Allen, Marnie Jones and Jacqui Stehodnick of the Lightning; Nicole Zabkiewicz, Jeanette Bertrand, Amy Sandrick and Kerstin Marshall of the Lasers; Kelley Hutchins, Amanda Jankowski and Kim Giller of the Livonia Cyclones: Ellen Doughty of the Farmington Hills Hornets, and Janeese Chapman of the Plymouth Thunder.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Dana Hardwidge of the Knights, and the Red squad was coached by Bonnie Sutherland of the Lightning.

Andrea Alberty was named the MVP of the Incredible JV all-star game after driving in the winning run in the seventh inning to give the Blue an 8-7 win over the Red.

Stephanie Day and Lisa DeRoche had two hits apiece to lead the Blue. Day also had two RBI. DeRoche and Liz Malek one

Rachael Keernke batted in two runs for the Red; Renae Ritz and Colleen Badger had one RBI

The players on the Blue team were Megan Wilkinson, Kim Baldoni, Kristine Tomey, Mindy Mitchell, Sue Malonis and Alberty of the White Sox; Malek, Shawn Fallon, Kristin Grewe, Sara Robak and Day of the Red Sox; Jackie D'Agostino and Kelly Batterman of the Wings; Amanda Morrill and DeRoche of the Ladybugs.

The Red team consisted of Maria Palmer, Lauren Mydlowski, Sara Sakowski, Erin Agemy, Carly Tracey and Megan Myers of the Mustangs; Ellen Hector, Kate Rhodes, Amy Schiffman, Koernke and Taryn Charrette of the Broncos; Katie Michniak, Ritz and Natalie Krieger of the Gators; Badger and Nicole Zamitt of the Rangers.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Amollio Salinas, and the Red team was coached by Ken Mydlowski.

Playing up a Storm



State runner-up: The Canton Storm recently reached the final of the USSSA Girls 14-and-under slow-pitch softball state championship (July 14-16 in Commerce Township) before losing to host Robeson Brothers Splash. Home runs by Melissa Horste and Rebecca Rourk gave the Storm a 14-8 semifinal win over the Clinton Valley Cougars. The second-place finish capped a six-tournament summer for the Storm including an appearance in the Smoky Baker All-American Girls Slow-pitch NIT (Fourth of July weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio). Other members of the Storm include: Jackie Jacek, Susan Woodard, Samantha White, Stephanie Gallison, Stephanie Sobick, Kelly Ebers, Heidi McCroskey, Brook Posler, Maggie Tudor, Amy Geick, Lauren Esser, Kim Diedrich and Francie Barbero. The Storm are coached by Dave Rourk, Bruce Horste and Mike Sobick.

Compuware heads to Charlotte

Following a pair of secondplace finishes in state tournaments, the Compuware 15-yearold girls softball team won the Brighton Classic last weekend by defeating NFWB-Ultimate Precision in the final, 6-1.

Immediately following its victory, Compuware left for Charlotte, N.C., to battle more than 200 teams from across the country for the NSA national champi-

Compuware was second in the USSSA state tournament July 17-18 at Canton Softball Center.

In three pool-play contests, Compuware topped Western Michigan Elite (9.0), Finesse (6-2) and Bay City Classic (9-5).

Sarah Pierce (Clinton Township) banged a triple, three doubles and a single during pool play, and teammate Jenny Lyon racked up seven RBI.

In the next round, Compuware struck down the Downriver Travel Lightning, 13-4. Aimee House (East Lansing) had two hits and two RBI.

Continuing its streak, Compuware beat the Downriver **FAST-PITCH**

Blast, 7-1. Denise Haus (Lincoln Park), Jessica Kish (Lincoln Park) and Meghan Young knocked in two runs each to move Compuware into the semi-

River City Riptide took a 4-1 lead into the sixth inning and appeared ready to extend its winning streak against Compuware, but the 15s came back in the bottom of the inning.

Singles by Danielle Weber (Canton) and Kish preceded a two-run double by Young. Pierce followed with a single to tie the score. Laura Bell (Walled Lake) and Haus also contributed hits to complete a five-run inning and secure a 6-4 victory.

Compuware suffered its only loss in the final, losing to the Kalamazoo Rage, 7-1. Rage pitchers, featuring Kenya Coates, no-hit Compuware, striking out nine.

Compuware pitcher Kristi Marszalec (West Bloomfield) bat-

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tled the heat and the Rage's big hitters in her seventh consecutive game of the weekend.

The 15s also were runners-up the previous weekend (July 10-11) in the NSA 16-and-under state-tournament at Softball City.

Marszalec struck out eight as Compuware defeated the Mount Pleasant Drillers, 1-0. Weberknocked in the only run, scoring Bell with two out in the seventh inning.

Compuware came from behind in the next game to defeat the Riptide in extra innings, 7-6. The winning rally included a three-run homer by Danielle Haus (Lincoln Park) and a gamewinning solo homer by Kish.

Lindsey Akers (Lincoln Park). contributed two RBI. Meghan Misiak (Livonia) earned the pitching victory, striking out six.

River City gained avenged by winning the second of three games, 7-1. In the championship contest, the Riptide edged Compuware, 2-1, but the secondplace finish gave the 15s a berth in the NSA World Series.

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Last year DCI finished 4-2, reaching the semifinal of the winner's bracket before being defeated twice by the eventual champion Washington Senators, 19-8 and 11-1.

Coach Mike George's squad opened tourney play with wins over Philadelphia (9-8), Schenectady, N.Y. (13-11) and Brooklyn, N,Y. (9-8).

DCI qualified for the second straight year by finishing in first place in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro with a 15-8-2 record.

It's pretty much whole new squad from a

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pitcher Tim Miller (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State), Ryan Kravetz (West Bloomfield) and Matt White (University of Detroit Mercy).

Four players from Michigan State are on the roster including Troy Bergman (son of former Tiger Dave), Chris McCuistion, Don-Watchowski, Dave Strunk.

Representing Eastern Michigan are Dan Hyott and Greg Anglin. Oakland University players include Mike Bennion, Eric Hardin and Adam Sokoll.

Zach Cornwell (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Mike Gates play for CMU.

Two players come by way of Grand year ago with only three players returning Rapids Junior College Rick Court and from EMU.

Jason Popham).

Rounding out the squad is Matt Pike (Siena Heights) and Andie Maki (Grand Valley State).

"Hitting-wise, we just have a solid group of guys," DCI manager Mike George said, The pitching has been phenomenal, probably our strongest point.

"We have bunch of guys who really get along well. We don't do statistics. The only stats that matter to me is winning league.

"We got out to 6-0-2 start and didn't hurt us any."

George will take a 20-man roster to Johnstown.

He added two pitchers from the secondplace Michigan Lake Area Rams - Shawn Morrison, a left-hander from Western Michigan, and Tom Gallus, a right-hander

16-and-under Rams win district

The Michigan Lake Area Rams scored 74 runs in five games last weekend to win a 16and-under district championship at Plymouth Canton-Salem high schools.

The Rams were led by Mark Lundquist of West Bloomfield who had nine hits, including three home runs, and 17 RBI in the American Amateur Baseball Congress tournament.

Lake Area opened with a 19-0 rout of Jackson. In succeeding games, the Rams defeated the Michigan Knights of Macomb County 14-9, Livonia Travel 16-2, the South Farmington Blues 16-1 and Adrian 9-8.

Kevin Entsminger (Canton) was the winning pitcher against Livonia and Adrian, allowing three hits, striking out nine and walking two in 4 2/3 innings. His earned run average was 1.50.

Lundquist, Mark Downer (Pinckney) and

Thomas Larson (Novi) won one game each.

The team's leading hitter was Garrett Ignasiak (Waterford), who played in only three games but batted .667.

Josh Odom (Livonia) hit .538, Lundquist and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) .500 and Entsminger .462. Brandon Siemens (Riverview), Joe Ruggiero (Livonia) and Anthony Coratti (Novi) batted .429 and Larson .427.

Entsminger and Ruggiero had eight RBI apiece, Odom seven and Larson six. Charlie Haeger (Plymouth) also hit a home run. Miller scored a team-high 11 runs, Odom 10 and Dan Wilson (Livonia) nine.

For the season, Lundquist is hitting 427 with 67 hits in 157 at-bats, 18 doubles, three triples, nine home runs and 73 RBI. He leads the team in each of those categories.

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Ruggiero has a .369 batting average, Odom ,348, Larson .330, Wilson .316, and Haeger .299. Odom has five homers and 35 RBI, Siemens 30 RBI and Ignasiak three homers. Eight players have between 23 and 29 RBL

In the pitching department, Ruggiero is 8-0 with 30 strikeouts and eight walks in 43 2/3 innings with a 2.56 ERA.

Lundquist is 7-1, Haeger 5-0, Larson 4-0, Entsminger 7-4 and Wilson 4-1: Lundquist leads the team with 62 2/3 innings, 40 strikeouts and 1.45 ERA. Larson has a 1.62

Coratti, Entsminger and Haeger attend Redford Catholic Central High School; Ignasiak, Lundquist and Miller, Orchard Lake St. Mary's: Larson, University of Detroit-Jesuit; Odom, Livonia Churchill; Ruggiero, Livonia Franklin; and Wilson, Livonia Stevenson.

HAIR SALONS

WaCo finishes 53-7

The 10-and-under WaCo Wolves capped off a 53-7 season by finishing 13th out of 41 teams in the AAA division of the USSSA World Series last weekend at the Arc Park complex in Fort Worth, Tex.

The Mariners of Georgia eliminated the Wolves on Saturday in the finalist round of the doubleelimination tournament, 17-1.

Pitcher Anthony Savone (Redford) recorded three tournament wins for the Wolves while Toby Matchulat (Redford) was the starter in two of the victories.

Alex Cowart (Dearborn) and James Teller (Galine) cach bat ted .666 to lead the Wolves offensively. Savone had a team-high 12 hits for the six games, while Telfer had an on-base percentage of .800.

Nathan King (Livonia) added eight hits and a .500 average, while Savone added eight RBI and a 466 average.

Nick Stortini (Redford), Billy Hardin (Dearborn Heights) and Jordan Szapichler (Farmington) all had on-base averages close to

The Wolves dropped their opener, 14-11, to the Texas Diamond Backs despite erupting for six runs in the opening inning as five players contributed hits during the surge.

Hardin and Will Lewis (Detroit) both sacrificed in runs, while Savone cleared the fence in the fourth inning to give the Wolves a momentary 9-8 lead.

The Diamond Backs scored six runs in the final two innings to earn the victory.

Cowart scored three runs and had three hits in a losing cause.

The Wolves rebounded in the second round to be the Kansas Mariners, 14-6, as Cowart (4-for-4), King (3-for-3) and Szpaichler (two hits) paced the offense.

Savone, who went the distance, was the winning pitcher, while Grant Lawrence (Livonia)

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provided steady glove work.

The Wolves won their second straight game and remained alive in the tournament with a 10-9 victory.

Matchulat pitched four solid innings before giving way to Cowart and Savone. Stopper J.J. Pierce (Westland) fanned the final batter with two men on.

Joshua Brewer (Plymouth) contributed a key sacrifice bunt in the victory.

Pinkerton, Ohio then pinned a 13-1 loss on the Wolves as Stortini, Cowart and Savone collected the only hits against a hardthrowing left-hander.

Pierce and Lewis handled the pitching chores.

The Wolves then stayed alive by defeating the Lone Star Bandits of Texas, 15-1, as Telfer had three hits and five RBI. Hardin and Mike Broughton (Westland) each drew two walks and scored a pair of runs.

Pitchers Matchulast and Savone combined for the victory. setting the stage for a meeting with the Georgia Mariners.

Once again a flame-throwing left-hander handcuffed the six of the 12 batters he faced with strikeouts.

Telfer had the lone hit, while Aaron Dolkowski (Livonia) was the team's defensive standout.

Detroit Braves advance

The Detroit Braves, a 12-andunder Little Caesars Travel League baseball team won the American Amateur Baseball Congress regional Saturday in Oregon, Ohio with a 6-0 record. including a pair of victories against the Midland, Ohio Redskins.

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RU grad named president of Lightning

Ron Campbell, a 1974 Redford Union graduate, has been named president of the Tampa Bay Lightning, a recent expansion team in the National Hockey League.

Campbell's title also extends to the Ice Palace, the arena the Lightning calls home. Campbell immediately assumes responsibility of the day to day operation of all departments within the Lightning organization.

He retains his title as Executive Vice-President of Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills. Tom Wilson, president of PS & E, is Chief Executive Officer and Governor of the Lightning. Campbell serves as the team's Alternative Governor.

"Ron is the obvious choice to head our operation in Tampa," said Wilson, who will remain actively involved with the Lightning. "Since day one, when we originally consid-



ered the purchase, Ron has been our most integral and involved manager. Without him we would have never acquired the Lightning. He studied the team, the arena, their histories and all their financial aspects. He helped negotiate the purchase and now we believe he should oversee the organization.

"He knows the organization better than anyone and I have complete confidence in his abilities to be an effective leader in its turnaround while also assuring that we become a significant contributing member of the Tampa Bay community."

The top financial executive at Palace Sports and Entertainment for the past 15

years, Campbell was hired by Guardian Industries, Lightning owner William Davidson's flagship corporation, in 1981.

He joined the Pistons' organization in 1984 when he was hired to oversee all financial aspects of the team.

His role with the Pistons-Palace organization continued to evolve when the company opened The Palace of Auburn Hills in 1988 as he also took on all administrative and organizational responsibilities for the arena

Additionally, Campbell worked closely with the team's basketball staff for more than a decade, reporting to the team President and General Manager on league policy issues, primarily involving the NBA's Salary Cap and Collective Dargaining Agreement, while assisting in player personnel issues.

Playoff champions

Orloles finish strong: The 12-yearold Livonia Orioles, captured the Pee Wee Majors two-round city tournament July 10 with a one-run victory over the Royals in the championship and a 19-6 triumph over the Eagles. Members of the Orioles, coached by Scott Murray and Phil Adkins, include Ben Adams, Sean Adkins, Chris Barczuk, Bobby Billotto, Joe Dugan, Brandon Mishowski, Jamie Murray, Matt Robinson, Ricky Snyder, John Thomas, Alan Tyler, Justin Smith and Shane Vine. The Orioles completed their Livonia season with a 12-4 record.

JOE DUMARS MENTADENT TENNIS

Frenchman Leconte 1st

Tops Bahrami in singles final

te captured the singles title at the \$150,000 Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions senior tennis tournament in Bloomfield Hills.

Leconte outlasted secondseeded Mansour Bahrami in Sunday's final at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), enabling Leconte to vault into fifth place in the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit's Masters Point Stand-

Leconte, who lost to Bahrami in the finals of the seasonopening Delta Air Lines ATP Senior Tour of Champions in Doha, Qatar, earned \$40,000 in first-place prize money and picked up his second singles title on the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit.

"It was a great win," Leconte said. "Mansour played well, but I felt really good about the way I played. It was tough in the heat, but I think I had a good week of tennis."

Leconte's success at the BOH was limited to singles play, however, as he and Johan Kriek teamed up Sun- 1-6, 10-8.

Fourth-seeded Henri Lecon- day in the doubles final to post a 6-4, 6-3 victory over local qualifiers Armand Molino and Ed Nagel.

> Molino and Nagel, pros from The Sports Club of West Bloomfield who played in the doubles tournament after winning a qualifier at the Rochester Hills Tennis & Swim Club, reached the championship match with Saturday's thrilling 2-7, 7-6 (7-1), 12-10 triumph over Peter Fleming and Tim Wilkison, two of the tour's top doubles players and the top-seeded doubles team in the tournament:

Molino and Nagel trailed 4-I during the second set and later overcame a 10-9 deficit in the deciding Champions tiebreaker.

Earlier on Saturday, Molino and Nagel defeated senior circuit pros Mel Purcell and Eddie Dibbs, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Saturday's semifinal singles matches featured a 4-6, 6-4, 13-11 win by Leconte over Kriek, while Bahrami downed Sweden's Mats Wilander, 6-3;

Canton Braves capture playoff championship against Tigers

The 10-and-under Braves recently caged the Tigers, 10-6, to capture the Canton Community Junior Baseball Association boys 10-and-under World Series championship. .

The finished the season with a 16-4 record.

Dan Ryan and Charles Page are the coaches, assisted by Scott Gordinier and Andy Campbell.

Team members of the Braves include Jeremy Krueger, Nick Ryan, Maxwell Vaughn, Keith Campbell, Bryant Powers, Brian Hale, Devin Moss, Dan Gordinier, Jason O'Guinn, Steve Pave, Nick Rapson and Caleb Larner.

Blues seize Series berth

The South Farmington 10-year-old Blues earned a trip to the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series by winning the East Central regional championship July 21-25 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The double-elimination World Series will pit nine regional winners from the United States and Puerto Rico in competition starting today in Olive Branch, Miss. The Blues open against the Memphis Tigers tonight.

In sweeping the regional opposition, South Farmington defeated Kendalville (Ind.) 12-2, Dublin (Ohio) 2-1, Wallen (Ind.) 11-4 and the Michigan Rams 14-6. To clinch the title, the Blues again defeated Dublin, the Ohio state champs, 12-8.

Complete-game pitching victories were recorded by Zak Kozuchowski, Josh Rebandt, Brian Noble and Jeff Gorecki.

The efforts by other Blues players were led by center fielder Harvey Martin and infielders Stephen Doty, Brooks Tuyn and Andy Lentz.

In the title game, the Blues overcame a two-run deficit with a six-run rally ignited by Paul Greenwood and aided by key hits from Martin, Doty, Gorecki, Kevin Raftery and Jon Cas-

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Canton anglers rule Lake St. Clair bass classic

A couple area bass fishing teams have been experiencing tremendous success lately on local waters here in southeastern Michigan.

Darren Lear and Ken Rosbury. both of Canton, opened the bass season last month on Lake St. Clair with a victory in the Motor City Charity Bass Classic. Fish- honors for the tournament."

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ing Yamamoto grubs and tubes in 12 feet of water, the duo combined to catch an eight-fish limit that weighed 34.8 pounds.

St. Clair record," Rosbury said. "We caught two big ones that weighed 5.2 pounds and 5.4 pounds and we also won big fish

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Rosbury said the fish were in a transition period and were found in a post-spawn staging area.

The following day, the dynam-"That was an unofficial Lake ic duo teamed up once again and placed second in the Tri-State Bass Super Team Tournament, also held on Lake St. Clair. They caught another limit that weighed 26.5 pounds and pocket-

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ed \$4,500 for their efforts.

Two weeks later, Lear competed in the Forrest Wood Open, the sixth stop of the 1999 Wal-Mart FLW Tour. Of 166 professional anglers Lear managed a 21stplace finish with a two-day total of 29.8 pounds.

Two weeks ago the Lear/Rosbury team was at it again and had two more victories over the weekend. On Saturday, they won the Angler's Choice Tournament on Lake Erie with a five-fish limit that tipped the scale at 21.7 pounds. The following day they topped the chart in an Oakland Bass Masters Tournament on Lake St. Clair with an eightfish limit that weighed 27.7

"We're fishing some areas that a lot of other people aren't," said Rosbury. "We've been fishing out there for a long, long time and all the hard work is finally starting to pay of."

Ladies find a little luck

Another local tandem having a great summer of fishing fun is Canton's Mary Ashteneau and Troy's Jeni Harless.

Two weeks ago they teamed up to win the Bustin' Lip Tournament on Lobdell Lake with a

five-fish limit that weighed 22.2 ond. pounds.

"That's a tremendous weight for that lake," said Ashteneau, a former qualifier for the National Bass'n Gals Classic Star. "We

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went out at 5 a.m. and hadn't fished for five minutes and caught one close to five pounds. We had all our fish by 7 a.m. and only culled one fish after that."

The first fish they caught turned out to 4.5 weigh

pounds and earned Ashteneau and harless big fish honors for the tournament.

Ashteneau said they were fishing in eight feet of water with Berkley spider grubs.

The same pattern paid off last weekend as Ashteneau and Harless joined forces to win the Hooksetters Bass Association tournament on Lobdell Lake. This time they landed a sevenfish limit that weighed 15.71 pounds. They pocketed \$245 for winning the first tournament and \$1,000 for winning the sec-

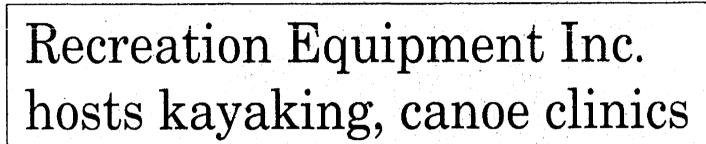
"We found one deep hole along a little weed bed and they were coming up there to feed," Ashteneau said. "I can't wait until August 29 because Oakland Bass Masters has another tournament out there and we plan to fish that one, too."

BASSMASTER on tap

Rochester's Art Ferguson is currently in New Orleans competing in the prestigious BASS-MASTER Classic, which runs Thursday through Sunday, July 29-31, on the Mississippi River

Ferguson fished in the Classic one other time, in 1990. He earned a berth in this year's tournament by winning the Northern Division championship in the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. Federation National Championships earlier this year.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)



The staff of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville are hosting free clinics for those with interests in kayaking and canoeing.

·A kayaking skills and safety course will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Park's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to

·Paddling camping essen-

tials will be covered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety.

•REI staff member Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an Ultra-light Backpacking exhibit at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI.

In order to complete his jour- (248) 347-2100.

ney in a limited amount of time, pack weight had to be kept to a minimum. Duluk will provide a gear list of his 20pound pack and discuss the mental and physical preparation for such a journey.

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BROACHED LEAGUE

A nine-week broached league begins Thursday, Aug. 5, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more informa-

TUNS 3D SHOOT

Ted Nugget Unites Sportsmen of America Area B will hold its annual 3D shoot and family picnic on Saturday and Sunday. Aug. 7-8, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. The event features free beginner instruction. novelty shoots, games for the kids and a yard sale. Entry fee is \$8 and kids age 11 and under will shoot free. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the event benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids. Call (248) 627-8172 or (810) 254-2493 for more information.

3D SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

MORE 3D

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FALL TURKEY SEASON

Application deadline for the fall wild turkey seasons is Aug. 1. Call (517) 373-1263 for more information.

FISHING **TOURNAMENTS**

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 31, on Sanford Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, on Orchard Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville. Lake.

METRO BASS 'N GALS

Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair, Call Mary Ashteneau at (313) 981-3367 to register and for more information.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

BAILING LESSONS

Beginner and would-be sailors can get free, hands-on-sailing lessons during a special program offered by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club. Lessons begin atnoon Saturday, July 31, at Stony Creek Metropark, Call (248) 625-

6197 for more information.

KAYAKING SKILLS

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a kayaking skills and safety course beginning at noon Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Metropark's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to get wet. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Cail (248) 623-0444 to register and for more informa-

PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC

Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING

Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultralight backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering several hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Aug. 28-29, Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313)532-0285 to register and for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register

and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

FISHING DERBY

Get hooked on fishing during a fishing derby, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Orion Township Parks and Recreation. Activities include

several contests such as dry casting, smallest fish, largest fish, ugliest fish, best fishing hat and biggest frog. Activities begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Call (248)

391-0304 for more information. WATERLOO HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at the Waterloo State Recreation Area beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFramboise at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

BALD MOUNTAIN HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike at Bald Mountain State Recreation Area beginning at noon on Sunday, Aug. 22. Call Dan Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for

more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

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

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Clubmeets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first > Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more; information.

FISHING BUDDLES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meek ings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

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BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

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

FLY TYING

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more informa-

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

NATURE CLUB

Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Independence Oaks. The club will also meet

STATE PARKS

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

SUMMER EVENING STROLL

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

BEETLES AND BUTTERFLIES

Learn the differences between beetles and butterflies and why both are important during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Proud lake.

ANIMAL TRACKS

Learn about animal tracks then make tracks on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Highland.

FISHING IN THE PARKS

Learn the basics of fishing dur-

ing this program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday's, through August 10, at Island Lake, Metamora-Hadley and Pontiac Lake recreation areas.

GARDEN HERBS

A discussion on how to use and grow various kitchen herbs begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Maybury.

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BATS OF MICHIGAN

Learn all about bats during this slide presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

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Take a look at nature from a different angle and learn about legends and folklore during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Maybury.

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Learn all about black bears during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Indian Springs.

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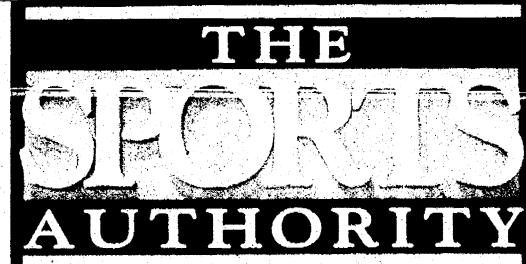
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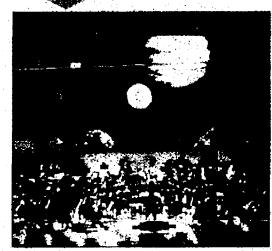
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WEEKEND



Chicago appears with the Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$35.25 pavilion, \$18.75 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100.

SATURDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "The Planets" 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Pre-concert lecture, "Cosmic Inspiration," 7 p.m. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.



Janet Ginis stars in "Belles." Mark Dunn's drama in two acts, presented by SRO Productions, 2 p.m. at the City of Southfield's historic park, the Burgh on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 seniors and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for information.



Hot Tix: If you love classic cars, plan to attend the 21st annual Meudow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rechester Hills. Over 250 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children under age 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.

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Polar bears to dive into Arctic Ring

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

Ashley Feel turned away from the polar bear exhibit at the Detroit Zoo to ask no one in particular if that's where

they're building the Arctic Ring of Life? The 11-year old Bloomfield Hills girl knows all about the new home being built for the polar bears and can't wait

for the exhibit to open in May of 2000. The \$13 million dollar naturalized habitat will take the place of the rocky landscape and the pool with the big purple ball in it. An interactive facility for polar bears, seals and people, the nearly four acre space will be the world's largest polar bear exhibit when completed. Until then, the bears continue to lumber along the craggy terrain

just in time for their 2 p.m. feeding.

bears are my most favorite animal in the whole wide world. I love them because they're cute, they're white and they swim."

Polar bear mania

The giant plush polar bear and cub on Ron Kagan's couch are a dead giveaway to the zoo director's current love. affair. He "first began to think about reinventing the polar bear exhibit more than four years ago." In addition to the polar bears and seals, other cast members will include arctic foxes, snowy owls, lemmings, and a little frog that turns into an ice cube each winter and

then thaws in spring and hops away. "When you have a dream you have a dream. It's evolved," said Kagan. "It has this incredible 70 foot see-through

"I love polar bears," said Feel. "Polar tunnel. Diving and swimming polar bears and seals, who will be separated by a transparent barrier, will be all around you. There will be real icebergs. It's very elaborate with ice all around. There will be massive amounts of artificial ice and ice flows, and viewing galleries with entrances with icicles dripping water."

Kagan expects a few bruised polar bear noses initially. Ever since the African wild dogs were brought in earlier this year from Honolulu and placed next to the zebras, the dogs occasionally try to chase the black and white striped beasts. So Kagan expects the bears to dive after the seals a few times before realizing the barrier is there.

"We're following the bears migratory eath. They follow the seals," Kagan. "Humans understand stories." We're telling the story of the arctic for

visitors. It's a story of a trek to the North Pole." Visitors will enter into an Inuit village complete with art then follow a trail from the tundra to the open sea to pack ice to an underwater gallery and through the 70 foot acrylic tunnel to an

exploration station on top of which is a huge ice making machine. Blocks of ice,

weighing hundreds of pounds, will Please see BEARS, E2

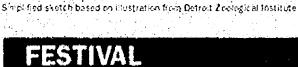


The Detroit Zoo

WHERE: 8450 W. Ten Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, (248) 398-0903.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 6 p.m. Sundays, until 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 1.

ADMISSION: \$7.50 adults. \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. Parking is \$3 for cars/vans.



Polar bear domain

150th Annual Highland Games

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 7. Gates open 8:30 a.m., closing coremonies 6 p.m.

WHERE: Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at 8 Milo Road, Livonia.

ADMISSION: \$10 at the gate, \$8 in advance, Patron tickets \$35 (individual), \$60 (couple) or \$100 (family of four), call (313) 886-4703. Information available online at www.highlandgames.com PARKING: Patron, handi-

capped and limited general parking in the main lot at Greenmead off Newburgh Road. There is a \$5 charge for non patron parking in the Main Lot, which is expected to be full by 10 a.m.

lege, south of 7 Mile Road on Haggarty Road, and at the Ward Evan gelical Presbyterian Church on 6 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road. There is no charge for parking in these lots, and complimentary shuttle busses will run every 5 to 10 minutes throughout the day beginzing & 8:30 s.m.

The buses are handicap accessible and will drop off and pick up passengers at the main gate of the Greenmead.

M SPECIAL EVENT: Oldfashioned Ceilidh (kalc.ce) - 7:30 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Moneghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, just north of 7 Mile Road, Livonia. **SHUTTLE:** General parking in his lickets are \$10 in advance, call the Shuttle Lot at Schoolcraft Col. (248) 593 5064.

St. Andrew's Society hosts Highland Games BY KEELY WYGONIK



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STAIT WRITER kwygonik@oc.homecomm.net

Curt McAllister of Lake Orion was always conscious of his Scottish roots, but he didn't Detroit's Highland Games is do much digging around until an aunt began doing genealogical rescarch.

Scottish on both his mother and father's side, McAllister is looking forward to attending the Highland Games for the first time on Saturday. Aug. 7 at Greenmend Historical Village in Livonia

Sponsored by the SU: Andrew's Society of Detroit, a group formed on Nov 30, 4849. by 35 Scottish immigrants to "help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage," the games have been held in metro Detroit for the past 150 years. the longest running fes-

tival of its kind in North OF EVENTS America.

Proceeds from the games are used to fundgift-giving throughout the years Think of the games as a

showcase of all things Scottish music, dance, history, and food. The games will feature three Stages of entertainers including 20 bagpipe bands.

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replace the 20-40 pound blocks. the polar bears in a more realisthat are now given to the polar bears. The blocks, some with fished packed in them, allow them to have fun while they're getting their food.

Let bears be bears

Scott Carter believes one of the most important aspects of the exhibit is that the Arctic Ring of Life mimics a bear's natural habitat. As curator of mammals, Carter is lending his knowledge of bears to accomplish just that because "most polar bear exhibits are too small," The old habitat, which consists mainly of rocks and a gool, will soon be a larger space filled with plants similar to those found in their natural environment.

tic environment, to give them a more realistic idea of where the bears come from," said Carter. "We want to provide the opportunity for polar bears to act the way they would in the wild, for a polar bear to act like a bear, so people will know what a polar bear is. The new habitat will have a summer tundra with flowers and grasses and an open pool as well as an open sea area with snow and ice. Most people don't think of bears in summer walking around flowers."

The new environment will also have a lot of built-in cubby holes to hide foods.

"They'll find smells which are very interesting to a bear. Bears spend plenty of time just smelling," said Carter. "Like 3"We want to build a visitor most bears, they need to be kept experience so people could see stimulated. Lots of times they sleep, like all bears. They're very intelligent. They like things that are a challenge, things that they have to figure out."

Kagan is working with the architecture firm Jones & Jones of Seattle to make sure the polar bears are happy in their new home, but it's been a challenge.

"It's certainly not easy bringing people and animals together in a way that works," said Kagan. "We try to recreate nature and bring people into it in a way that's interesting. As far as the animals, you have to understand animals. Polar bears love to swim. They love sunbathing. They like to roll around in sand and the dirt and they like to walk a lot."

Kagan is making sure the zoo's five polar bears have space to do all three. Plus, double that for five new bears when the exhibit is complete.

"The Sacramento Zoo is sending a bear this fall. They heard we're doing this. They're limited

there and felt their polar bear should be in a better place. We also alerted Canadian authorities that if there are some orphan bears they need to place, we have room."

For kids only

Along with the sleeping lions and 47-year-old Rudy, the oldest rhinoceros in captivity, Kagan thinks the polar bear habitat and the \$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center scheduled to open in December will intrigue children. He's proud of the fact the Detroit Zoo is tailoring their plans to children as well as the animals and adults. The prairie dog exhibit, opened May 19, incorporates three acrylic bubbles so children can view colony members close up. A sign leading to the bubbles warns 'No adults allowed.'

Brendan Muster, who was visiting the prairie dogs with his mother Debra, thought "they were cute."

"We have a pass so we come all the time," added Debra Muster who grew up in Troy and now lives in Sterling Heights. "They love the train and visiting all the animals."

Kagan couldn't be happier when he hears the complimentary comments of families like the Musters. He's hoping the grizzly bears will be just as content when they move into the existing polar bear quarters. The grizzlies will fish from a running stream stocked with trout.

"We're beginning to do more

and more elements that are just for kids," said Kagan. "We're affecting people's attitudes about nature. One of the ways you can do that is by letting them fall in love. By taking them out into nature, you obviously want them to care for something. This is not about display. It's about how do we save the animals and how do we create a bond between animals and people. To see the river otters swimming under water,

how could you not be impressed and care about Michigan wet-

Concerts in the Park

Where: In the grassy area, just inside the front gate of the Detroit Zoo.

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednes-

Admission: included with regular Zoo admission. In the event of bad weather, concerts will be canceled. Visitors may bring lawn chairs. blankets and picnics. Refreshments available for purchase.

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Games from page E1

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Highland dancers. "There will be a clan tent at the games," said McAllister who recently joined the St. Andrews Society. "They'll have books of crests and there will be people there who can help you learn more about your Scottish heritage.

You can buy a set of bagpipes from one of the vendors, some fern cakes (Scottish tea cookies), Celtic crafts and gifts.

This year, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Highland Games, the St. Andrew's Society is hosting an old-fashioned ceilidh (kale-ee), 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Scottish humorist Jeremy Bell will perform at the party which offers dancing and music.

At the games, Kirk Pauley of Farmington Hills will compete in the 16-pound hammer toss and other tests of strength. Pauley has won Detroit's heavy athletics title for the past four years. This Highland Games - Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m. — Gates open for the public

9 a.m. — Competitions begin, piping, Highland dance, heavy ath-

Noch — Welcoming ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, parade of the clans

6 p.m. — Closing ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, major competitive awards

Throughout the day - Scottish arts and entertainment, children's events, vendors of Scottish goods.

year's competition includes Ryan Vierra, three-time defending world champion, and five-time Canadian champion Harry McDonald who pulled the 387ton ship, HMS Bounty, 25 meters in just over a minute and a half.

Lauren Miller, 19, a student at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, is among the dancers competing in the Highland Dance Championships. Last year she took second place at the national finals. Her sister, Jennifer, 21, is the two-time defending national champion in the premier division Grace" dance troupe in Califor-

nia, a Scottish version of the popular "Riverdance." She's coming home to compete at this year's games.

Highland Games grew out of rustic clan gatherings held in Scotland as early as the 11th century. When Scots immigrated to the U.S. and Canada they brought the tradition Highland Games with them.

"Young men would show off, show how far they could throw a hammer, and the youngsters would show off their dancing," said the Rev. Willet J. Herrington and touring with the "Fire and of Garden City, chaplain for the St. Andrew's Society.

"It's a real nice, fun get-together. I see a lot of my friends, those who are Scottish and those who wish they were Scottish. I bless the clans in the afternoon at the ceremony, and get to wear my kilt."

The St. Andrew's Society recently opened its new headquarters at the Cranbrook Centre in Southfield. Society members will be use the suite of offices for meetings and an archive for memorabilia and

Local dancers who will be competing at the games include, Amy Calmes, Ceileigh Sturgeon of Canton; Caitlin Campbell, Erin Welsh, Plymouth; Brittney Patterson, Jamie Schittaro, Livonia; Jacklyn Hay, Becca Southern, Hope Drexel, Lindsay Corbets, Rochester Hills; Christina Hugo, Rochester; Samantha Szwak, West Bloomfield; Holly Dorger, Bloomfield Hills, and Brianna Kwasky of Farmington.

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SCREEN SCENE

TV channel encourages kids to use their 'Noggin'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

The next time someone tells you to use your "noggin" turn on the computer, and type www.noggin.com

You'll be connected to a place where kids can really use their "noggins" to learn new and interesting things.

Noggin, described as "the new thinking channel for kids from Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop," began airing July 15 on Comcast Cable's Channel 44 in Garden City. Comcast was the first cable company in Michigan to offer the program.

"From time to time we like to beef up our channel line-up." said Fred Eaton, area manager for public affairs for Comcast Cable. "It's family friendly, very high quality programs. They don't duplicate PBS, but the programming is of the same sort. We think that it's important for young people to have a channel they can watch to learn something and be entertained

and shoot-'em-up."

The commercial-free station airs 24-hours a day and is targeted to children ages 2-12. Programs for preschoolers air 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the afternoon, Noggin offers programming for kids ages 6-12. Adults can tune in to watch the late night lineup of classic educational programs with nostalgic appeal.

Featured programs include the best from the libraries of Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop — "Blues Clues," "Allegra's Window," "Sesame Street," and "The Electric Company."

Noggin's mission, explains general manager Tom Ascheim, is to "serve kids' natural urge to learn by offering them a place to learn — on television and online - where learning is driven by them. Our slogan, 'What Sparks You?' celebrates kids' natural excitement for learning by asking kids themselves to help shape the network's agenda and steer its content."

Nicole of Troy was logged in to

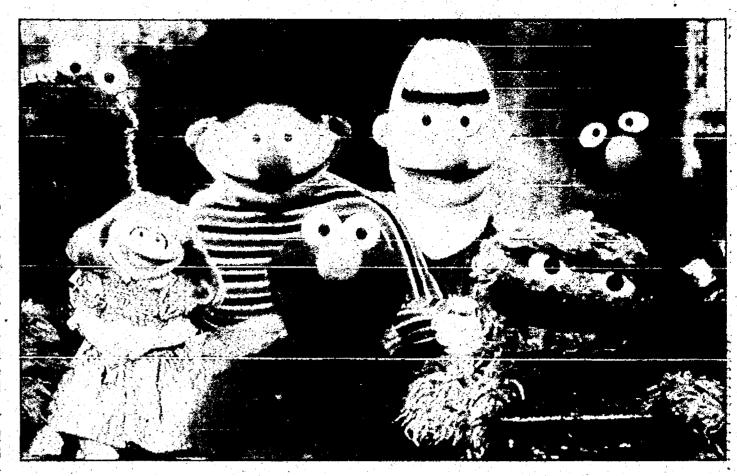
with something besides violence Noggin on Friday morning. She was playing "Nog It!" a game where children can help create a whole new language called "Nogginese." Words visitors create are incorporated into a quiz for the future.

> Kids who visit Noggin on the Web can play games, ask questions, contribute stories, poems, ideas and suggestions.

"The Internet is a fast way to reach a lot of people," said Ascheim. "You get ridiculously rapid response. We want kids to feel like they're in charge of their own learning. We are listening to them to work for them.'

Shortly after its February launch, Noggin.com recorded 21.000 visits to the site. By the end of June the number had grown to 830,000.

Noggin is expanding it's TV viewing audience as well. "We'd like to be a broadly distributed network," said Ascheim. "Comcable company to broadcast the channel. You're breaking new ground for us."



cast is the first analog (basic) Tune in: "Sesame Street" is just one of the many popular programs that airs on Nog-

Jewish Ensemble Theatre announces season line-up

Season tickets are now available for Jewish Ensemble Theatre's millennium season. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Rd. (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Season tickets range from \$50 for matinee previews to \$88 for Saturday night performances in the regular run.

Individual tickets are \$15-\$25, based on the performance. Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups. Ample free parking is also available. The theater is handicap accessible. For information, visit the Web site at http://comnet.org/jet. To purchase tickets, call (248) 788-2900.

'The Immigrant," by Mark Harelik, will be performed Oct. 6 through Nov. 7. It is a true story about two Eastern European Jews who immigrate to a small Texas town in 1909. Inspired by his grandmother's photo album, Harelik tells the story of two out of the thousands of Jewish immigrants who, ended up in the American Southwest through an immigrant resettlement program.

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue," by Neil Simon, will be presented Dec. 22 through Jan. 23. The play was written in the 1970s, but it is surprisingly and

Simon's comedy touches on serious subjects such a urban angst and mental breakdown, yet is full of snappy two-liners and determined to send you out feeling good. Simon captures the hell of modern city life, while maintaining his signature tickle of the funny bone.

Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" is being performed March 24 through April 19. A woman is stricken with a mysterious illness that prevents her from walking soon after reading about Kristallnacht in the newspaper. It's 1938 and her husband is the only Jew in an otherwise exclusively WASP real

hysterically timeless. Neil estate firm. Her doctor is an eminent scientist, but even with ample resources and the best medical care nothing seems to work, "Broken Glass" is a powerful work by Miller dealing with relationships, hope and what it means to be a Jew.

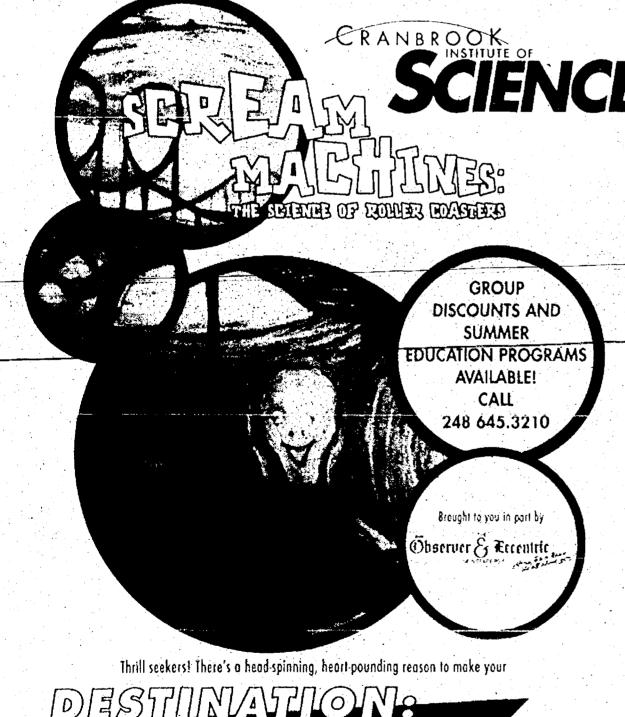
The final show of the season relationships seen with the will be "The Day We Met" by Kitty Dubin, May 24 through June 25. "The Day We Met" is a new comedy work that had a very successful premier at JET's Festival in 1998. This play consists of a series of vignettes dealing with modern

playwright's special insight and humor, tied together through the theme of first meetings. Characters young and old, male and female, give a clear and funny off-beat view of the human condition.



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"The Flowering Young Belle of St. Petersburg" or (Stop Acting You're Killing Me), a musical murder mystery by Andrew Lark, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$10, available at box office on day of performance. Proceeds benefit the Avon Players Building Fund: (248) 608-9077

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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 3 to Sept 26. 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays Fridays, Aug. 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES

"Beauty & The Beast," Friday-Sunday, July 30 31 and Aug. 1, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400 **TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS**

"Schoolhouse Rock," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$2, \$4, \$5. (313) 535-8962

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilantl.org

JAZZ AND ALL THAT POETRY

Featuring Jah Meets Jesus with Marc Maurus, M.L. Liebler and The Magic Poetry Irio, Spoke, Ann Holdreith, Faruq Z. Bey, Jim Bralif, and Juxtaposition with Cindi St. germain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10. (313) 831-1250

LIVONIA WOODCARVERS SHOW Features more than 100 carvers. also supplies and books, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$ per family. (734) 421-8310

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE



Classic cars: Plan to attend the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. More than 250 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children younger than 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.

FESTIVAL

Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug. 1, and Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson, \$12, \$8 ages 12 and younger, (517) 788-5032 or http://www.michshakefest.org or thebard@michshakefest.org **PUB CRAWL**

Along Woodward Ave. in Ferndale, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, meet at corner of W. Breckenridge and Woodward in the city lot behind First Federal, \$3, proceeds to benefit charity works of Friends And Neighbors of Ferndale, (248) 545-1435/(248) 584-4767

REDFORD THEATRE Film "Red River," with guest organists Lance Luce and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 6, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 7, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://the-

atreorgans.com/mi/redford SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Clawson Legion Hall, 655 Main St., between 13 and 14 Mile Road. \$5, \$20 readings. (248) 528-2610

SWEET ADELINES REUNION

The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International invites past members to a 40th anniversary and reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center, 37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was for-

merly called the Macomb County Chapter, Utica Rochester Chapter and The Charmonizers. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

BENEFITS

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

BARBEQUE & BREW AT THE ZOO 6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, Australian themed outback party including cookout, entertainment by Blue Moon Boys presented by the Wild Thing Society, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Detroit, \$15, to bene-

fit the Detroit Zoo's tree kanga-

roos. (248) 541-5717 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Garage Sale and Car Wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the playhouse,, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. To benefit Ridgedale Players' Scholarship Fund. To donate items or for questions, (248) 988-7049

ROARING 20'S CELEBRATION

11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Omni Detroit Hotel, 1000 River Place. To benefit Variety- The Children's Charity. (248) 855-

FAMILY EVENTS

BARBIE FASHION DOLL SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, \$5, \$2 ages 4-12, (734) 455-2110

BEN SPITZER

Juggler and magician, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

BLUE PIGS CONCERT

The Detroit Police Band plays noon Friday, July 30, in the Garden Atrium of the Southfield Town Center, 4400 Town Center. CLOCK CONCERTS

One Flight Up, 7:30 Friday, July 30, at the bandshell, Northville.

(248) 349-7640 **CONCERTS ON THE COURT**

Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association. (248) 952-5533

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Black Market's reggae and Caribbean rhythms 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; Robert Penn performs blues music, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Southfield Municipal Complex: 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Bones of Contention, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (blues)

GAZEBO CONCERTS

Sheila Landis Quarter, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022 'IN THE PARK"

Imperial Swing Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Shain

Park, Birmingham. "MUSIC IN THE PARK"

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 4, Spoon Man, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater, (734) 416-4ART

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS" Bob Durant Band (Big Band sound) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29; Guy Lewis and the Chautauqua Express, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chlcago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Johnny Awesome Band, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Addison Oaks County Park. (acoustic (OCK)

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

All Thumbs People & Puppets, Dragon tales, stories, songs, 6:30. p.m. Friday, July 30, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward, www.imaginationtheatre.com

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON QUINTET

Featuring George Benson and Don Swindell, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July

30, in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Phil Gram Combo, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Free. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918 (swing and jazz)

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Symphonic Blockbusters" with fireworks and conductor David Alan Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, July 30; "The Planets" with astronomic projections, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31; "Tchaikovsky Spectacular," with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 (tickets also available as part of the Overtures singles BBQ beginning at 6 p.m., \$40), all at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-\$50. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsym phony.com

DANIEL PAUL HORN

The pianist performs the works of Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Scriabin and Mussorgsky, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA

With special guests the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit, \$37.50, \$50 and \$75. (248) 433-1515

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Big Band Bash" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-

\$50. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitsymphony.com JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

THE STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield, Free, All ages, (248) 354-9540 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages to begin rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Groves

High School, Birmingham, (248)

474-4997 B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for male and females for musical/comedy gospel stage play, no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375 EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Summer dance day camp for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6, Aug. 2-13; also intensive master classes in advanced ballet and pointe with lacob-Lascu 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the EDE Center for Dance, 1541 Hamlin Road, between Crooks and

852-5850 FREEDOM: DANZ XPRESSIONZ

Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248)

Audition Detroit's hottest hip-hop flavored dance companies 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, at 229 Gratiot, second floor on corner of Broadway/Radolph. \$5. (313). 964-8497

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for six men and five women for Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. (248) 889-1152

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY

Auditions for 1999-2000 season 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, bring one teacher recommendation from current dance school and \$15 registration fee, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS "You Know I Can't Hear When the Water is Running" by Robert Anderson, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 4-5, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River,

Detroit. (248) 435-9866 SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become ' new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under fivefeet) for "The Harlem Nutcracker" by Donald Byrd, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 (registration at 10 a.m.), at 1526 Broadway, corner of Madison and John R, Detroit. For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera

House. (734) 615-0122 U.S. COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL Open call for comedians to show-

case their routines later in the day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, Finalists perform at 8 p.m. in concert open to the public. (248) 542-9900

JAZZ

MARCUS BELGRAVE

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

TASILIMAH BEY

SONNY FORTUNE

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

Sets at 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, \$15, includes all three sets. (734) 662-8310

GEM JAZZ TRIO

6 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800 TEDDY HARRIS JR. QUINTET

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m.

Thursdays Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazillan Jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON QUARTET 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

JAZODITY

10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (funk rock)

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

DEZZIE MCCULLERS

6 p.m. Saturay, July 31, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800 DEE DEE MCNEIL

6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the

Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(vocal/piano/bass/drums)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150

(248) 351-2925

(trumpet/piano/bass/drums) JANET TENAJ TRIO Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield.

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr.,

Dearborn. (313) 336-6350 PAUL VENTIMIGLIA QUINTET 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150 (piano/ bass/

drums/ guitar/vocats) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 THE WARREN COMMISSION 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30

Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton,

Birmingham, Free, All ages, (248) 647-7774 PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-**CUBAN ALL STARS** 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at

of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351 2925

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe,

29244 Northwestern Hwy., north

WORLD MUSIC "AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER

FESTIVAL" With Congolese singer Sam Mangwana and jazz pianist Abduliali Ibrahim, 8 p.m. Friday

Aug. 6, and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$25 (box seats \$40) (313) 576-5111

or www.detroitsymphony.com RON CODEN 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road,

Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish) THE DISTRACTIONS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (irish)

IMMUNITY' 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday. July 30, Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Free. 21 and older. (734) 449 0040 (reg-

gae) JO NAB 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reg

gae) GERARD SMITH

9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road Birmingham, Free. 21 and older.

(248) 642-1135 THIRD COAST REGGAE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reg

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

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Continued from previous page JAN KRIST

9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk rock)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

ARNA CAREY BARR

With Marble Brown, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319 M.L. LIEBLER

Children's workshop, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, and adult's workshop 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne. (313) 538-4257

"POET IN RESIDENCE" Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

DANCE

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY

Master class taught by former Bolshoi soloist and teacher Luba Gulyaeva for dancers of an intermediate or advanced level, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. \$15. (248) 334-1300

MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4 member, \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298

TERPSICHORE'S KITCHEN

"Summer Dances," a showcase of the best choreographic and dance talent in the Ann Arbor area, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Performance Network, 408 W: Washington, (2 1/2 blocks) west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. \$12. \$9 students/seniors: (734) 663-

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Paul Venier and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 (\$10); Steve Brewer, Emery Emery and Chrissy Burnes, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 5-7 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8-p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

- at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080-

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Mike Bonner through Sunday, Aug. 1, also appearing Bam Bam; Ross Amicucci Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 4-8 with Horace Sanders, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturday's (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6), Prices subject to change, (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave... Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays. Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19,50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

SECOND CITY

MUSEUMS AND

TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Contrat Avenue on Bolle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit. entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard, \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and stu dents, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND **QARDENS**

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10): and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147 CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF

SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM *Contemporary Art from Cuba: frony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; *Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters." "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N.

Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262 **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

*Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a *Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from *Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; *Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit continues through Sunday, Aug. 8, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. -(313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week, "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults. ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger, IMAX films are additional \$4, (313). 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk" Art of the Great Lakes" or *Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes, also a temporary exhibit on the construction and faunch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Relle Isle, Detroit, Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

(313) 852-4051 HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE "Celebration of Emancipation"

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8: "Summer Evenings" continue Saturday's through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (addi-(ional fee), the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the mukeem, 20999 Dakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50. \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEÁDOW BROOK HALL

Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 30 to Aug. 4) through August, on the Campus of Oakland University, Ave., Farmington Hills from Rochester, \$8, \$6 Seniors age 62 ages. (248) 478 2010 or campus of Qaktand University.

and over, \$4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM "Something Old, Something New:

Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

DAVIE ALLEN AND THE ARROWS Backed by The Silencers, with Knoxville Girls, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

APPLES IN STEREO With Beulah, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8, 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com

(roots rock) JOHNNY AWESOME BAND 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Old Hickory, 7071 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton. (810) 735-7630

(acoustic rock) **BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS** 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi-Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY

Featuring Thornetta Davis, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLUE OYSTER CULT AND NAZARETH

With Survivor, 7 p.m. Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

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Road, Hazel Park. Free. 21 and

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With Country Teasers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$8, 48 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock) THE CULT

With New American Shame, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 7th-House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. ·(248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (frish rock)

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rockabil-

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BLUESBREAKERS 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 7th House. 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$20, (248) 335-8100. (blues)

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MIKE MORGAN AND CRAWL Celebrate new release, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. No charge. (248) 543-4300.

MINISTRY 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit: \$25 in advance. All ages. (313) 961 MELT or

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9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961 MELT or www.961melt.com (rock) N SYNC

With Jordan Knight and Five. 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac. \$32.50. All ages. (248) 456-1600 (pop)

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With George Thorogood and The Destroyers, and Curtis Salgadot 7:30 p m. Thursday Friday Aug. 5. 1. 6. Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road. Indépendence Township, \$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

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9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Fifth Avenue Battroom, 257,50 Novi Road; Novis-Free, 21 and older (248) 735-4011 (blues)

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7:30 p.m Sunday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (soul) ROXANNE

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages, (248) 652-1600 (acoustic modern rock) KIM SIMMONS AND SAVOY BROWN

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$13 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues/rock)

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

THE VERVE PIPE 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6.

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9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Memphis Smoke; 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older, (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. Saturday, July .31, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 or http://www.rockindaddys.com

(blues) **BARRY WHITE**

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CLUB NIGHTS

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Funny 'Drop Dead Gorgeous' doesn't miss a trick

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" is, so far, the drop dead funniest film of the summer. And for all the right reasons.

No big-budget special effects covering up a lack of substance, no high school fascination with bodily functions and fluids, no obscenity-filled animation sucking in kids and unwary parents. "Drop Dead Gorgeous," a send-up of small-town beauty contests, is one reason we go to the movies: to laugh our heads off and feel good about it later. You will.

The film is a "mockumentary" along the lines of Rob Reiner's breakthrough "This Is Spinal Tap." It's not done often because it calls for a writer and a director who understand how a documentary is shot in the first place, how to craft a film-within-a-film and how to let the absolutely serious play out to become the absolutely hilarious.

Writer Lona Williams ("The Drew Carey Show"), who was an actual beauty queen, and firsttime director Michael Patrick Jann (creator of MTV's "The State") have put it together brilliantly. They've avoided the trap

of making a funny five-minute "Saturday Night Live" sketch into an unfunny feature-length film ("A Night At the Roxbury," et. al). "Drop Dead Gorgeous" never drops the crown on the runway.

Come with their documentary film crew to Mount Rose, home of Minnesota's oldest living Lutheran (actually deceased, but no one's taken down the billboard). They're there to follow the contestants during the days leading up to the Sarah Rose Miss Teen America Pageant preliminaries — a really big deal up there in small-town Minnesota.

Let's meet the two leading hopefuls. There's Becky (Denise Richards), whose mother (Kirstie Alley) was a winner years before and is this year's pageant director. Becky was born and bred to win this contest, but how far will mom go to make it happen? Then there's Amber (Kirsten Dunst), a trailer-park princess who practices her tap-dancing while putting makeup on corpses at the local mortuary ("We're real busy this time of year - hunting season.").

Amber, so perfectly Midwestern blonde and perky, wants only to make it big like Diane Sawyer. She tells her off-camera interviewer, "Guys get outta Mount Rose all the time for hockey scholarships... and prison. But the pageant's kinda my only chance." Amber's mom (Ellen Barkin, in a remarkable departure from her steamy seductress roles) becomes the victim of Amber's ambitions, but an exploding beer can fused to her hand is apparently a small price to pay.

Sabotage is everywhere. Stage lights fall, costumes disappear, threshers blow up. Someone has turned to the dark side, that's for sure, and the fix seems to be in.

Who will succeed the reigning Queen, who's now an in-patient at the local hospital's Anorexia Ward?

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" doesn't miss a trick. The awful talent competition (including dog impressions and a reading from "Soylent Green"), the cheesy choreography, the lame smalltown judges are all skewered royally, although the portrayal of one judge as mentally impaired crosses the line.

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Comedy: Mindy Sterling (left), Kirstie Alley, Denise Richards and Sam McMurray star in "Drop Dead Gorgeous."

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DEEP BLUE SEA"

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Schedule to open Friday, Aug. 6

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Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A drama of four tales woven together of the new Vietnam, each told from the perspective of those who suddenly find themselves to be expatriates in their own country. Stars Harvey Kelt-

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Chilling psychological thriller about an 8-year-old boy who is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghosts. Stars Bruce Willis.

"THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR"

Romantic thriller about a millionaire playboy who steals a painting from a well-guarded museum and his fiery romance with a female insurance Investigator who is on to his game. Stars Pierce Brosnan.

"THE IRON GATE" A giant metal machine falls to Earth in

1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a 9-year-old boy named Hogarth. Animated feature. "THE DINNER GAME" Exclusively at the Landmark Maple The-

atre, Pierre Brochant (Thierry Lhermitte) is a French publisher who faces his greatest challenge. He's supposed to find a guest to bring to a dinner sponsored by his friends, wealthy and obnoxious yuppies engaged in a never ending game of oneupsmanship.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 13

"BROKEDOWN PALACE"

Two high school girls set off on a dream trip to Thailand following their graduation. The dream turns to a nightmare when they are accused of drug trafficking and sentenced to 33 years in a That. prison until an expatriate American lawyer comes to their ald. Stars Claire

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 20

"MICKEY BLUE EYES" Romantic comedy about an English art dealer in New York who falls in love with the daughter of a Mafia boss. To win her hand, he embarks on a mission to thwart the Mob, but quickly finds himself laundering money and masquerading as the notorious mobster

"LOVE STINKS"

An un-romantic comedy in which boy meets girl, boy gets girl, and then can't get rid of her no matter how hard he tries. Stars French Stewart, Bridgette

"TEACHING MRS. TINGLE" Three students have decided that the

meanest teacher ever needs to be

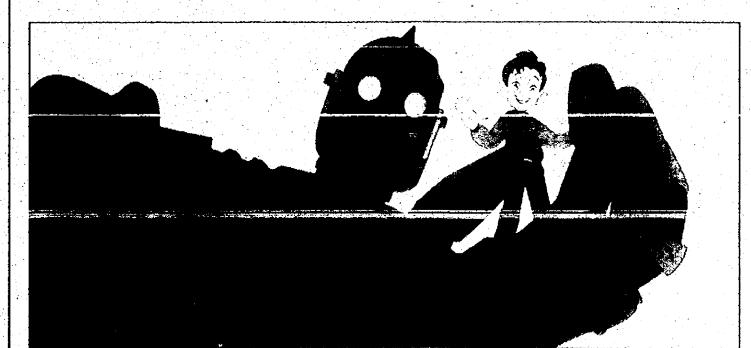
"Mickey blue Eyes." Stars Hugh Grant, James Caan.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 1 "NEXT TO YOU" A teenage girl and boy who have grown

up next door to one another have never made a love connection. But when longtime friends and neighbors gather for their high school's centennial celebration, they realize they were meant for each other all along. Stars Melissa Joan Hurt and Stephen Collins.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 15. 1 "FIGHT CLUB:

Tale of a man who sets up a fights in which young men are paired off in bloody, no holds barred bouts that continue until one drops. Stars Brad Pitt.



Animated feature: The Iron Giant (voiced by Vin Diesel) and Hogarth (voiced by Eli-Marienthal) in a scene from "The Iron Giant" opening Aug. 6 at metro Detroit movie

Have some fun before summer slips away



It was a comment that parents usually reacted to with a roll of the eyes, a

like

this:

"School's about

to start and I

enough fun."

Remember lengthy reminder of your recent. that sinking summer vacation activities, and feeling you got a verbal overview of what it was as a kid when like to work for a living. As a kid, the month of that approach may have provid-August was ed an important lesson on the approaching? value of free time, which there The complaint was less of due to the well-meanwent something ing lecture.

As an adult, you realize that no one is immune from the "summer's almost over" blues. So, let's haven't had play a little catch-up with some cultural activities you can easily fit into your schedule.

First Fridays

How about checking out the First Fridays at the Detroit Institute of Arts event on Friday, Aug. 6? Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS program visited a recent First Friday affair at the Detroit Institute of Arts for a segment that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

It will explain why the monthly event has become such a hit with families. The August program at the DIA starts at 6 p.m., and features a workshop on mosaic techniques, an informal

drawing session with artist Vito Davis, two BACKSTAGE PASS Valdez, a quilting demonstration, and reggae with Universal Xpression. While you're there, . Time is running out for you to don't miss the Knight Gallery experience Cranbrook Art Museexhibition of artist Ben Shahn.

Summer music series

Another activity that won't burn up precious vacation time is the summer music series at the Detroit Zoo. Beginning each Wednesday at 6 p.m., you can talk with the animals or sing

alums to be featured in August. Bring a picnic basket, Yogi.

um's excellent exhibit, "Contemporary Art From Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island." Look into the summer jazz series concerts on Friday. July 30 and Aug. 13, too.

Century Club

"Forbidden Hollywood" continwith some outstanding perform- ues to generate fun at the Gem ers, such as blues standouts Theatre's Century Club during Alberta Adams and Thornetta its run that extends through It's waiting for you to grab.

August. Or, consider a trin to Jackson for the expanded Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Two bands especially worthy of broad exposure are the jazz group Blackman and Arnold and the wild rock band Cowboy Mouth. Both perform on BACK-STAGE PASS on Aug. 1, an edition which also features metal sculpture artist Chris Turner, who was recently commissioned to build a millennium bell in Detroit's Grand Circus Park.

Summer hasn't slipped away.

Stagecrafters begins 1999-2000 season on a musical note

sale for Stagecrafters upcoming 1999-2000 Main Stage Season at the historic Baldwin Theatre, in downtown Royal Oak at 145 South Lafayette.

Season tickets are \$58 for Thursdays and Senior Sundays, or \$68 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday regular performances. Individual tickets are \$14-\$16 for musicals and \$12-\$14 for go on sale Aug. 21.

call (248) 541-6430. Deaf patrons may call Stagecrafters TTY at (248) 541-6439. For more

Season tickets are now onw productions and membership, visit our website at www.stagecrafters.org.

Kicking off Stagecrafter's 44th season is the electric Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This high-tech, high-powered musical will explode onto the Baldwin stage in a flash of energy, voices, dancing and lights. "Joseph and the nonmusicals. Individual tickets Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will appear on the Baldwin stage To purchase season tickets, for 14 performances from Sept. 17 though Oct.10with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Sept.

darkness of winter nights, Stagecrafters presents "Dracula." In this dramatic re-telling of this classic, as the light of the moon peers through the fog, the slow creaking of the lid will be heard and a dark figure will rise from his lair. The howl of a wolf will comfort him, as he knows the

night will offer him another feast of blood. Diabolic laughter will echo from the depths of the theatre as the Count hunts for yet another victim. "Dracula" will take you into the ultimate battle between good and evil for 11 performances Nov. 5-21. A signed performance for the deaf will be held Thursday, Nov. 18.

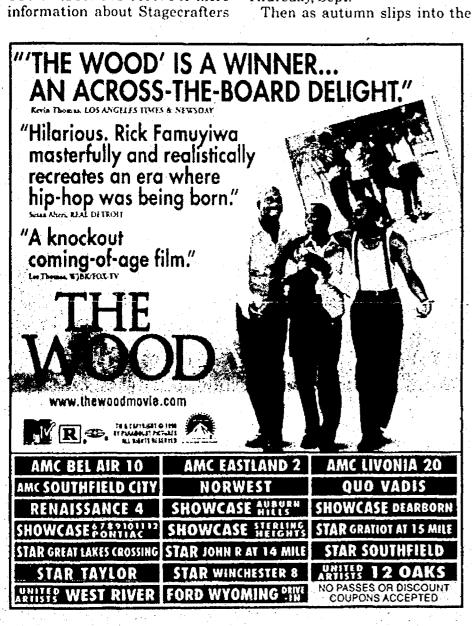
The beginning of a new year brings the timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale in a miraculous kingdom of dreams-cometrue in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." The hearts of children and adults alike will soar when the slipper fits. Bring your glass slippers to the Baldwin for 14 performances of Cinderella Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Jan. 27.

What better way to welcome Spring than going Barefoot in the Park?" One of Neil Simon's best comedies, "Barefoot in the Park" begins as a new lawyer and his bride have just completed their six-day honeymoon and are moving into the new highrent apartment that she has chosen just for him — at the top of six grueling flights of stairs. There's no furniture, the wrong paint, leaky skylights and room only for a twin bed. The situation is enough to break the

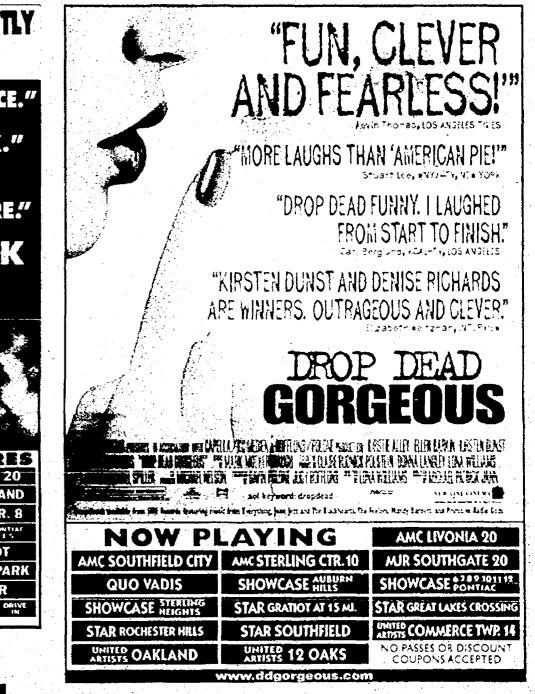
hearts and burst the lungs of the

newlyweds, but will leave the audience laughing for 11 performances March 24 through April-9, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, April 6.

Stagecrafters closes the season with "The King and I." This Rodgers and Hammerstein tale complete with gorgeous music, extravagant costumes, romantic settings and unforgettable music, plays for 14 nights May 12 through June 4, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, May 25.













DINING

Marco's celebrates 10th anniversary

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

There's a a new menu at Marco's in downtown Farmington, but many things are the same as they were 10 years ago when Marco Conte and his sister Tina opened.

"One of us is always here. We treat customers like they're family, and get to know them," said Marco.

Executive Chef Steven Kedzeirski, like a lot of the staff has been at the restaurant since day one.

Consistent, quality, made-toorder fare are among the reasons Marco's has succeeded.

"We've all worked together for so long that our employees are like family," said Marco. "Everyone knows what they're supposed to do."

The restaurant is formal with white tablecloths, but quite comfortable. Art Deco inspired. Marco's doesn't look like a traditional Italian restaurant. "I love color," said Marco explaining why he chose soft purple, mauveand aqua as accents. Nothing has changed over the past 10 years except some of the art work, and fresh flowers, which are replaced every week.

Marco's is quiet, intimate, and softly lit with candles. It's a good place to unwind after a busy day or week, close a business deal, or pop the big question to someone thing." special.

"We've had a lot of marriage proposals here," said Marco, "I've had lots of customers ask if T could put this ring in someMarco's

Where: 32758 Grand River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30

p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly-baked bread and fresh green salad. Main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato. Meatless options: Many

Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the heritage of Italian food. Outdoor seating for 20 at four tables.

Restaurant seats: 85, smoking section 20 seats Handicap access: wide front door, no steps.

Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) \$5.95-\$8.95; Zuppa (soup) \$2.50-\$3.50; pastas \$12.95 to \$17.95; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) \$14,95-\$22.95. Luncheon menu includes fresh salads \$6,95-\$8.95; sandwiches \$4.95 \$5.95; pastas \$6.95 to \$12.95; entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95

Reservations: Recommended on weekends, and for parties of six

Parking: Ample self park.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Extras: Gift certificates available, restaurant can be reserved for private parties.

Marco Conte's wine recommendations

Reds: If you order pasta with red sauce, beef or yeal ■ 1996 Carmenet Vineyards Dynamite Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, Calif., \$9 per glass, \$38 per bottle — Marco discovered this wine in Chicago eight years ago and considers it a great vin-

■ 1995 Castello Banfi Mandrielle Merlot, \$57 per bottle is a beautiful Italian red wine

Whites: If you order chicken, fish, or pasta with cream sauce ■ 1996 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, \$35 a bottle is dry, clean,

crisp and very Italian in style. ■ 1997 Groth Chardonnay, California, \$35 a bottle shows quite a bit of oakiness, but is very dry, clean, and crisp

Marco now 38, was only 28 when the restaurant opened. Tina was 18 and had just graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Both of

them grew up in the business, their parents owned a restaurant, and were enthusiastic and confident.

In the beginning, Marco's menu was casual, and contained many traditional Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna and gnocchi.

They worked to polish the service so that it would be "fine, but not stuffy," said Tina. "It's like visiting with people every night, like a big party."

Marco enjoys cooking and creating new dishes. "I was always in the kitchen watching my grandma cook," he said.

At the restaurant, he began introducing new dishes such as the popular chicken breast sautéed with Michigan cherries and Frangelico liqueur, but kept the lasagna, gnocchi, and ravioli.

Looking at the menu with Tina and Marco is kind of like looking at a family scrapbook. Many dishes have a story behind them.

The chicken dish was created after Marco received some samples of Michigan dried cherries and started experimenting with different flavor combinations.

Calamari Fritti, a popular appetizer, is an "old standby," and often requested. Linguine Alla Gaeta - linguini with olive oil, garlie, baby clams and shrimp was created 10 years ago in honor of their father, Enzo, and his Italian hometown, Gaeta.

Filetto Alla Gorgonzola medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce — is 10 years old, and still very popular. "Every time you take a bite, it melts in your mouth," said-Tina.

Filetto di Salmone Con Caperi E Funghi — broiled fillet of Nor-

Toasting success. Marco Conte and his sister Tina raise their glasses in a toast to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Marco's. Filetto Alla Gorgonzola medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce, and Insalata Caprese — fresh tomato basil salad served with fresh Mozzarella cheese, are among the restaurant's most popular dishes.

wegian salmon with mushroom caper dill sauce has been on the menu only three years, but is an example of why Marco's isn't your typical Italian restaurant. Lambata di Vitello Alla Griglia - char-grilled yeal rib chop with grilled portobello mushrooms and seasoned roasted peppers is one of Marco's favorite entrees. Tina likes the Rolatini di Melanzane - pan-sauteed eggplant rolled with Mozzarella cheese and baked with fresh tomato

sauce.

Pasta dishes and entrees are served with freshly baked bread and a fresh green salad. The luncheon menu offers main dish salads, sandwiches, and variety of entrees including pasta, chicken, seafood and steaks.

Looking ahead, Marco said he wants to continue "doing a great job with my sis at this place."

"Marco and I are the best of friends," said Tina. "We take a lot of pride in our restaurant."

WHAT'S COOKING

iced tea, with every meal. Steve's offers homemade family fare including Polish specialties such as stuffed cabbage and pierogi. The restaurant is at 40370 Five Mile Road at Haggerty in Ply-

Steve's Family Dining - Is mouth. They're open 7 a.m. to 8 west of Gotfredson Road) in Ply- you may call ahead to reserve a Park Place. Target opening is Alie's American Grill and will be celebrating their third anniver- p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. to mouth. The "All You Can Eat" sary, Thursday-Friday, July 29-30. 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 7 Pasta Bar offers a wide selection Free beverage, coffee, tea, pop or a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) of Chef Fred's pasta sensations 420-0368 for more information.

Fox Hills Log Cabin — Every Wednesday night is Pasta Night at the Fox Hills Lob Cabin in the original Fox Hills Clubhouse, 8768 N. Territorial Road, (1 1/2 miles

Thursdays

and includes a variety of entrees and salads. The pasta bar is available 5-9 p.m. Adults \$7.95, children ages 3-12, \$4.50, kids under 3 eat free.

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table for larger parties. Call (734) 453-7272.

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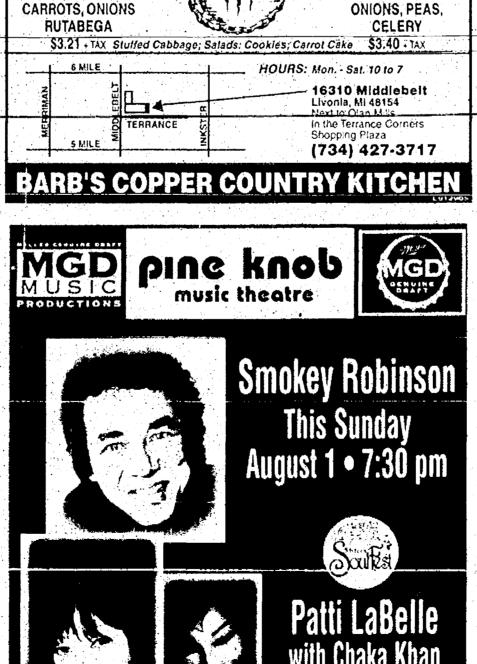
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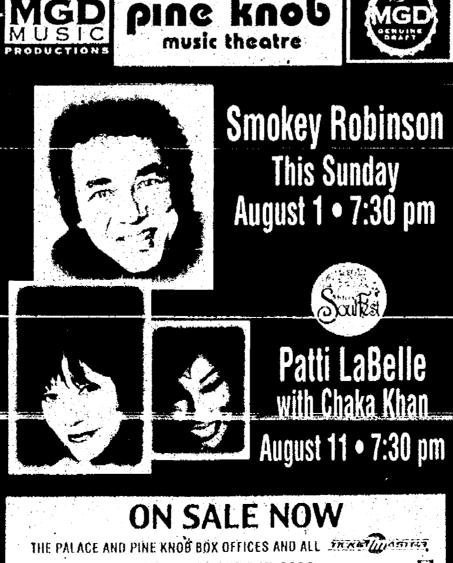


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