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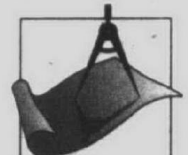
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Commissioners rescind tax break

■ Mayflower Hotel owners may want to tear down the structure. So the city will consider a new agreement based on a final decision.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER



A tax break offered to the Mayflower Hotel based on the start up of a once planned renovation has been rescinded by city commissioners, as the hotel owners are now considering rebuilding the hotel.

But by their resolution Monday to rescind the tax break, the commission "will consider negotiating a new agreement based on the owners' development decision."

City Manager Steve Walters said the owners are likely to decide within 90 days whether to continue plans to renovate, or demolish and build a new

MAYFLOWER

hotel. Walters said that if the hotel owners return to the remodeling concept, they could again ask the city to forgive the \$26,899 in interest and penalties on back taxes.

That was the amount put back on the tax rolls Monday, by the commission's action.

Some downtown business people grumbled in August, when city commissioners voted to wave that payment. The Mayflower's owners had asked the city for help in waving some back taxes, to win bank financ-

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Change is a comin' downtown

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth business changes include the exit of a popular bakery, and the opening of an exercise equipment store and a second music store downtown.

Business at Edward's Bakery on Forest Avenue was good, said owner Edward Postiff. But the bakery, opened in April 1996, was closed Monday.

Postiff said running his catering-bakery business in Northville, along with the Plymouth location, "was too much for me."

He has sold the building, and Jeff Zak Catering and Cafe is scheduled to open at the site in January.

"It was too much for one person to run two stores," Postiff said. Ironically, the bakery business that preceded Edward's Bakery closed because they couldn't find a manager to operate it.

"Our catering business has gotten so busy over the years. We'll stay with our focus, with what we're really known for," Postiff said, adding "Plymouth's still my hometown."

Fitness Now Inc. opened at 1160 Ann Arbor Road in mid October, said owner Michael Nowicki.

"Our philosophy at Fitness Now is rather different than many retail locations," Nowicki said. "Yes, sales are important, but our philosophy is one of improving the community quality of life."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Brand new: Joe LiGreci is manager of The Music Man, one of the new businesses to open downtown.



Lighting up: Georgia Randinitis of the Trailwood Garden Club and Linda Anderson of the Plymouth Symphony League, show how to make a display for the holiday season. This is a fund-raising effort for both groups.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Luminaria to brighten the holiday season

Kits that allow homeowners to put out their own luminaria are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at three locations: Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, Westchester Mall and the Plymouth Marketplace on Ann Arbor Road at Mill.

The kits are \$4 and include 10 candles with white bags. Sales benefit the Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club.

Free sand to anchor bags is avail-

able from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the city municipal services yard, 1231 Goldsmith; from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works yard at 46555 Port Street in the Metro West Technology Park; and at the township clerk's office parking lot at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Those seeking free sand should bring a shovel and container.

Who's the Grinch?

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Whodunnit? No holiday spirit here. Someone stole two penguin displays in the park.

OK, guys, who's the Grinch? Who stole the two penguins from Kellogg Park's Christmas display?

"You would hope people would leave the holiday displays alone," said Paul Sincok, assistant city manager. "This is serious. It's part of the holiday display. It's part of the whole effort."

The penguins, a baby and a mom or dad, stand about two feet tall and weigh about 50 pounds. They cost the city \$700 and have been part of the Christmas display since 1995. This year they were located near

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No tears for Young

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BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

After Coleman Young's death Saturday, some Plymouth-Canton leaders had a few rough things to say about the former Detroit mayor.

"My perspective was he raped the city for 20 years," said Plymouth Township Trustee Kay Arnold.

"Coleman Young was well-intentioned but the results were disastrous," said Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi.

Offering some praise for Young was Bill Joyner, former executive director of the Canton Community Foundation and former Democratic Wayne County commissioner from Plymouth Township.

"He was a strong supporter of his city just as Tom Yack is a strong supporter of Canton," Joyner said.

"They (local leaders) have pride in

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MediaOne New center opens

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Cartoon characters Buzz and Woody from "Toy Story" were there, and so were local politicians and MediaOne representatives.

The occasion was the grand opening Wednesday of the company's new Metro Detroit Customer Care Center. MediaOne offers cable TV and Internet services and plans to offer more in coming months through fiber optics technology.

The 50,000 square foot facility is on Beck Road, north of M-14, just across

the street from Compuware Arena. It will house 300 employees, including MediaOne corporate staff overseeing operations in Michigan.

Company spokesman Bill Black said the staff are moving from facilities in Southfield, Dearborn Heights, Roseville and Ann Arbor.

Black said the Plymouth Township site was chosen "because it's a central location for operations."

"There's access to M-14, I-275, 96, it's just an ideal location," he said.

The opening was heralded with a rib-

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Help us help others

It's Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club time again!

And we want to send out a big thank-you to folks who've dropped off gifts for the needy, since we kicked off the Cheer Club drive Nov. 28.

Those folks are the Tucker family of Plymouth, Sue O'Donohue of Westland, Andy and Sarah Stolaruk of Plymouth, and the Cords family.

So join the Cheer Club by bringing donations of new toys and canned and boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth, during normal business hours.

The items will be collected until Dec. 12, when we'll turn them over to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make Christmas special for everybody - not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend.

So if you're out doing your Christmas



chopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy, or maybe a gift of warm clothing - a new hat, scarf or gloves - your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donation by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence.

That's because we like to print donors' names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be an anonymous donor, if you prefer.

Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

Downtown promotions plan is delayed



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

After working nearly two years on a plan to promote downtown Plymouth to shoppers, business leaders will have to wait a little longer before it happens.

Some downtown businesses contributed and some didn't to past downtown-wide promotions, and that limited success, said Downtown Business Association members. So they've sought to establish a 3-mill five-year promotions levy of downtown businesses to raise \$40,000 annually for an effective campaign.

The city commission has

approved the creation of a Principal Shopping District following the boundaries of the Downtown Development District. That approval, under state law, allows the raising of promotions millage.

City commissioners said they supported the plan. But at a public hearing in September, some business people asked that a solid evaluation process be put in place to determine if the promotion campaign was effective.

To meet those concerns, city officials said \$8,000 of the millage raised would be spent on such an evaluation. But with

final approval of the assessment roll pending, some business people returned before the city commission last month. They said spending some of the money raised for promotions on evaluating the promotion was a waste.

So city commissioners on Monday voted to send the promotions plan back to the Downtown Business Association. Commissioner Joe Koch said he wanted the whole plan reviewed. Some commissioners said they particularly wanted the Downtown Business Association to determine how to evaluate the success of the promotions plan, without

spending \$8,000.

Commissioner Dave McDonald asked if further delay in approving the promotions plan would push assessments to the July 1 tax bill. City Attorney Don Morgan responded that the assessment could wait to July, or could be levied earlier.

City Manager Steve Walters, in a report to commissioners, said one way to evaluate the program would be by convening a public hearing, with notice to contributing downtown businesses.

"This would avoid the necessity of a large soft cost overhead to

the program, which has very limited funds available," he said.

"I hope you don't take 10 years on this," said downtown landlord Jim McKeon, who supports the promotions plan but not using money raised to evaluate it.

"I certainly would like to see this thing go ahead and see if we can't ultimately develop a marketing program here," he said.

Koch suggested that a group of two commissioners, two Downtown Business Association members and two business people evaluate the plan, before it returns to the city commission for approval.

Restaurant to boost downtown

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plans for an upscale family restaurant downtown were outlined to Downtown Development Authority members Nov. 25, who said the restaurant could be a significant boost to downtown Plymouth's success.

Tony Belli, who plans to open a sixth restaurant operated by his family at the Forest Avenue site being vacated by Minerva's-Dunning's, expressed surprise that Plymouth didn't already have more such restaurants.

DDA member Fred Hill said that up until three years ago, restaurants without on-site parking had to pay parking credits. In Belli's case, Hill estimated the credits would have cost \$150,000. City officials have eliminated that condition down-

town.

DDA member Larry Franka said he has frequented one of the family's Oakland County restaurants. He said the restaurant was packed and the food was excellent.

"With that operation coming, we're going to have some fun," he said.

Belli said the restaurant would be more than just a destination point. "People want to go out and walk around someplace and then have a bite to eat. We've done well over the years operating on those ideas," he said.

DDA Director Steve Guile said that with the opening of Belli's restaurant, E.G. Nicks of Plymouth, and Tom's Oyster Bar, downtown businesses not open in the evening will now be moved to extend hours.

Belli appeared before the DDA for a public hearing on the Class C liquor license he is seeking for the restaurant. The DDA approved the request, and a liquor license request for The Cozy Cafe.

Those requests will likely go before the Plymouth City Commission Dec. 15, for a public hearing.

The two requests bring to eight the number of liquor licenses applied for this year by downtown businesses. Fifty new licenses have been made available statewide, for downtown development districts.

Cafe Bon Homme owner Greg Goodman has questioned the city's approval of several liquor license requests. Among concerns he's raised is do people want Plymouth to become a bar district.

DDA members also had some questions on approving licenses. "I was focusing a little on size," Hill said. Should a 25-seat restaurant get a license, he said it would be unfortunate if a 200-seat restaurant would not have a liquor license available.

DDA member Dave Pugh added, "I'm kind of wondering if we get all these liquor licenses what's the impact say in three years?"

Guile said the licenses are not for bars but for restaurants. "I don't know what to expect for sure," he said.

"If we didn't follow the statute and go after these we'd be criticized," he said. Restaurant development is seen by downtown business leaders as crucial to overall downtown success.

"If we apply for 15 and get four that's fine," he said.

Adopt-a-cat Dec. 6

Animal Odyssey, 971 N. Mill in Old Village, will host an adopt-a-cat noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Potential adoptive parents will be screened. Please bring pet food, supplies and toys for pets. The items will be given to homeless pets.

There's no reason your pet can't have a moment with Santa. Animal Odyssey has

arranged it for noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the store. Your children are also welcome to talk to Santa. You pet or child may have a photo taken with old St. Nick. The charge is \$5 and proceeds will go to food, supplies and medical care for homeless animals.

For more information, call Animal Odyssey, 453-5764.

You're invited to join Sing-Along

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend its 4th Annual Plymouth Families' Candle-Light Sing-Along at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Kellogg Park Band Shell.

To help dedicate the walk of trees - more than 50 line the walkway - everyone will sing favorite carols, accompanied by a selection of Plymouth Community Band members.

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You may vote for your family's favorite tree that night or any day or evening through Dec. 28. The trees will be lighted around the clock.

For more information, call the chamber, 453-1540.

Plymouth Goodfellows need volunteers

Your help is needed for the Plymouth Goodfellows annual paper sale Dec. 6 to ensure that there is "no kiddie without a Christmas."

Volunteers are asked to help

sell the Goodfellows newspaper beginning at 8 a.m. through mid-afternoon at all the main intersections in the Plymouths. Unfortunately, last year many of the prime intersections were

without volunteers, said Clara Hill of the Goodfellows.

Money raised from the sale of advertisements and the newspapers are used to buy toys and other goodies. Goodfellows are given families in need to buy for with the gender, age and interests of the children. The Christmas goodies will be bought Saturday, Dec. 13.

Once the Goodfellows have what they need for the families for whom they are buying, a wrapping party is in order, which will be Saturday, Dec. 20. Again, more volunteers are needed. If there is enough help, it only takes a couple of hours.

With everything wrapped and ready to go, the Goodfellows will deliver the gifts the morning of Christmas Eve. "To see the happy faces of the children makes it all worthwhile," said Hill.

Your help is need. Call Clara or John Hill, 455-8611. Donations may be made to the Plymouth Goodfellows and mailed to P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, 48170.

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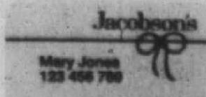


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The donated games are placed in the hospital's five activity rooms, where kids can go play throughout the day.

Rotary Beanie raffle

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club is seeking to raise \$10,000 through a Beanie Baby raffle.

Club member Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's, donated 51 Beanie Babies - some retired - and a display tree. The raffle winner will take them all and the tree. The drawing will be Dec. 23.

The \$1 tickets are available through Dec. 22 at Gabriela's, Penniman Gallery, Little Professor, Christine's Hallmark, Sideways, Compuware Arena and from A.M. Rotary Club members.

A portion of proceeds will go to Our Lady of Providence, a facility for mentally challenged girls.

AIDS service

The Rev. Rod Reinhart, an Episcopal priest from Plymouth, is the founder of the "People Who Care About People With AIDS" service in Detroit.

The 13th annual service is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 115 S. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

The Right Reverend R. Stewart Wood, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, will return as celebrant and Bishop H. Coleman McGehee will preach.

The service "fills a great void and offers a meaningful celebration of worship and healing for people whose lives have been impacted by AIDS, especially gays and lesbians," said Reinhart.

Ad Club scholarships

The Ann Arbor Ad Club wants the world filled with educated, innovative advertisers, so they're offering scholarships to deserving students - a \$1,000 Achievement Scholarship and a \$1,000 Diversity Scholarship.

To find out more information on the program, call 313-416-2222 for an application. Deadline

for registration is Nov. 25.

Talented student screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will screen students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program in January.

All district third graders are screened when they take a cognitive abilities test in late January. Parents of eligible third graders will be contacted by mail.

Starting Dec. 8, nomination forms will be available at elementary school offices for second, fourth and fifth graders. The forms for second graders should be returned to the building principal by Jan. 9. Forms for fourth and fifth graders should be returned by Jan. 30.

Starting Dec. 15, forms will be available for students in grades six and seven. They should be returned to the school counselor by Jan. 30.

Information meetings on the TAG program are 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the Miller Elementary School gym, 43721 Hanford Road in Canton. Interested parents should attend a meeting.

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'He was a fighter'

Young leaves legacy, memories for those who worked with him

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In 1970, Ed McNamara was a candidate for lieutenant governor and sought support from Michigan Democrats.

McNamara met one day with the black caucus of state lawmakers, chaired by Coleman Young.

Young greeted McNamara at the door. McNamara expected the caucus members to give him a difficult time about various issues, but Young reassured McNamara to "leave everything to me."

"He then started an argument about something insignificant," McNamara recalled. By the time the argument ended, the caucus members ran out of time to ask McNamara questions and a potential rift within the Democratic Party was averted.

County Executive McNamara, who knew Young while McNamara was mayor of Livonia, was one of several elected or retired officials who remembered Young

after learning of the former Detroit mayor's death. Young, 79, died Saturday of respiratory failure after a long illness.

Young will lie in state from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. today in the Hall of Ancestors at the Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush in Detroit. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Greater Grace Temple, 19161 Schaefer at West Seven Mile in Detroit.

Young was accessible

McNamara said Young was always accessible. Both mayors used each other's local clout to lobby for state appropriations and bills.

"He'd call me and say 'I need one Republican and two Democrats to get these bills through,' and he would contact the Detroit lawmakers when I needed something. We had that kind of a relationship."

As a county executive, McNamara found Young to be protective of Detroit's "gems" when McNamara thought they should



Coleman Young

be regionalized.

"He had an attitude about the (Detroit Department of Transportation)," McNamara said. "Belle Isle was a gem, the

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Legislation limits lawsuits against police for chases

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Police departments would be partly shielded from lawsuits resulting from their pursuits of fleeing suspects under a state Senate-passed bill.

The Senate Nov. 13 passed the main measure 34-0, but rejected amendments by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, to allow more product liability suits.

"It deals with police pursuits," said Sen. William VanRegen-

morter, R-Jenison, seeking to shut off debate on Peters' amendments.

"We need to revisit this because we now know that we made a mistake last year," said Peters, pointing to heart damage done to people taking the appetite depressant drug Phen-Fen.

The Senate, on almost party-line votes, rejected Peters' amendments. Then, at the urging of Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, it passed SB 163 without opposition. Three mem-

bers, including the hospitalized Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, were absent.

Suits limited

Purpose of the VanRegen-morter bill is to limit lawsuits against police agencies resulting from injuries during chases. Key provisions:

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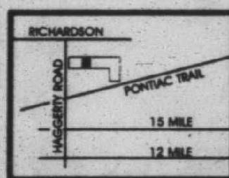


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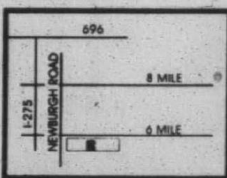
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Store hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Nowicki said this is the first Fitness Now store, and added he hopes to open stores in Lansing and Traverse City.

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The Music Man guitar and band instrument and accessories store has opened at 863 Penniman at the site formerly housing Venture Outdoors.

Owner Michael Grass, who has two other Music Man stores, said that since opening, "we've been selling a lot of band stuff — trumpet valve oil and other acces-

sories and lots and lots of books."

Grass said school band customers have remarked that it's handy to have a source for band instruments and accessories in Plymouth, "so they don't have to drive to Dearborn or Ypsilanti," he said.

The store's specialty is guitars. They offer 13 different brands of acoustics and electrics.

Store hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Frosty the Snowman on the north side of the park.

The baby was stolen sometime between Nov. 24-26, and its parent followed suit between Nov. 26-30.

Sincock said that as far as penguins go, these two were quite generic. "No bow ties, no tuxedo hats. This is not Chili Willie, who flew the coop from the Thanksgiving Day parade."

Downtown business owners

have reported no recent penguin sightings, and employees at the Box Bar could not recall serving two short guys in bad tuxedos during the past week. However, two Box Bar customers lunching together readily commented on the lowliness of the penguin thief or thieves.

"I don't know who would do it," said Bill Kinter, 29, of Plymouth, struggling to keep a straight face. "It's probably a school

prank. It seems out of touch with the Christmas spirit."

"They'll probably be spotted on the roof of a nearby building," said Brad Heuver, 31, of Garden City.

After some thought, Kinter put the theft in perspective. "If the camels turned up missing, that would be a problem."

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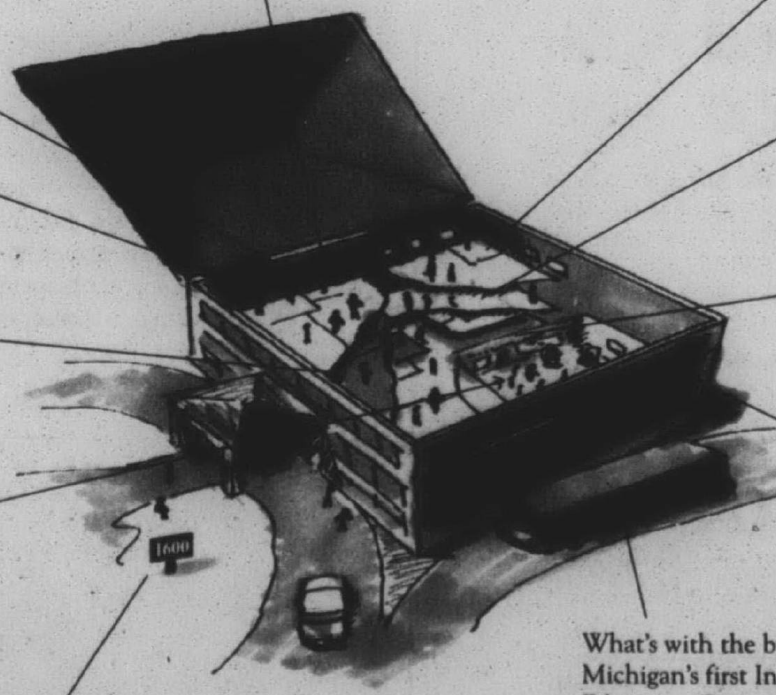
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Gubernatorial candidate visits Westland Democrats

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Doug Ross knows he has work to do, a fact he acknowledged while visiting the Westland Democratic Club on Nov. 25.

The 55-year-old gubernatorial candidate hopes to unseat Gov. John Engler next year, but first Ross must win the Democratic nomination over Larry Owen in the primary.

That means Ross must overcome organized labor's endorse-

ments of Owen. He realizes that, and doesn't cower from the challenge.

"A substantial number of voters are not union members," Ross said. "A majority of union members think for themselves. Powerful ideas matter more than old-style endorsements."

Issues are roads, education

Ross told the 30 Westland Democrats he wants to improve education and roads.

"A lot of your children and grandchildren will be the first generation who will not do better than their parents," Ross said. "That would be terrible."

Ross vowed to recommit lottery money to education to help young people receive diplomas. Ross promised to send that generation to college.

Ross also criticized the state's use of road money to build new roads when the current ones are in such bad condition. "That's like putting an addition on your

house when your roof is falling down."

Ross told the crowd that the Democrats need to be more active and "expose (Engler) for who he is."

"I think it's time to say, 'Promises made, promises broken,'" Ross said, poking fun at Engler's campaign slogan from three years ago. Still, Ross realized an Engler defeat won't happen without a united front from Democrats.

"He's tough to beat," Ross said

of Engler. "He's a serious candidate."

Ross also directed attention to many retirees in the audience. "Today we have a governor running to Washington to change Medicare and Social Security," Ross said. "You can't change the rules for someone who's retired. I will commit to you to do that. You've earned it, and no one has the right to take it away from you."



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The renovation start up was delayed when bids from contractors were much higher than expected.

Mayflower general manager Matt Karmo said the projected renovation cost had jumped from \$3 million to \$4.5 million.

"There are many disadvantages to the existing structure," he said, including different floor elevations on each floor level, irregular room layouts, "and the lack of adequate hallway, elevator and stairway systems."

And when you add an estimated \$1 million in costs for new fixtures and furniture, a \$5.5 million renovation cost is only \$1 million less than the estimated \$6.5 million for a new hotel, Karmo said.

"It could be financially

"We're looking at something more like a hotel combined possibly with offices and exclusive downtown condominiums. The plan is to go higher."

Matt Karmo
—Mayflower manager

more sound, and it would have exactly the same look as far as facade," Karmo said.

"We're looking at something more like a hotel combined possibly with offices and exclusive downtown condominiums. The plan is to go higher," he said.

Such a plan is more attractive than renovation to financial institutions who would lend money to make it happen, he added.

In his Nov. 24 letter to city commissioners, Karmo said that as soon as a decision is made on renovation or rebuilding, plans will be presented to city commissioners.

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their hometown and so did Coleman Young and there's nothing wrong with that," he added.

Joyner was appointed to the county commission by Ed McNamara in the early 80s - an appointment opposed by Young. "He rallied the Detroit commissioners - I won by one vote," Joyner said.

"Coleman Young had a polarizing effect on people. I don't think polarization is necessarily bad, people have to think through their position. He forced the out-county to define itself as a community and I think that's positive."

"What's not positive was playing black and white against each other - probably more toward the end of his life than he needed to," Joyner said.

"He provided hope to the have nots when he first got elected, people who were in fact being subjugated had a voice, there needed to be hope in Detroit," he added. "I think Coleman Young was a great man of the civil rights movement who we should revere for standing up for minority rights."

"I'm sure he wanted to have a successful city, it didn't work," Curmi said. "The reasons were high taxes, cumbersome regulations and inefficient city operations."

"He was out here and spoke to the chamber and Rotary and said we were responsible for the city of Detroit," Arnold recalled, adding she disagreed.

"I just can't believe all the accolades everyone is putting out after his death," she said.

"He was out here and spoke to the chamber and Rotary and said we were responsible for the city of Detroit."

Kay Arnold
—Township trustee

Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke said, "From my perspective his intentions were good for the city of Detroit, but I think much of what he did divided the community and pushed people out of the city."

"Did he do what he had to do because of the times he was in? I don't know. Now we need to fix it," Dismuke said.

Republican Sen. Bob Geake worked with Young on and off for 20 years. "I never really felt comfortable. He consistently preached brotherhood to the suburbs and racism to his black constituents in Detroit."

"I would have hoped that he could have gotten beyond that to encourage true cooperation between the races and between Detroit and the suburbs."

Geake said that as a member of the legislature he felt he had a responsibility to help Detroit prosper but that Young's policies and comments often acted as barriers. As an example, he cited the Detroit income tax on non-residents who work in the city.

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Ross from page A7**Accomplishments cited**

Ross talked about some of his accomplishments, one of which was saving consumers \$10 billion in taxes on groceries and prescriptions, a drive he helped spearhead in the early 1970s with the Michigan Citizens Lobby.

"We also passed the first generic drug law in America," Ross said. He also helped protect car owners from expensive car repair bills by pushing for the Auto Repair Protection Act, which also called for auto mechanic certification.

Ross helped draft the president's GI bill for working Americans to provide comprehensive job training for laid-off

workers. Ross served as assistant secretary for employment and training in the U.S. Labor Department from 1993-95.

Ross also served as the Michigan's commerce director in the Blanchard Administration from 1984-89. From 1978-82 Ross served as a state senator from Oakland County. Ross also led The Citizens Lobby from 1972-75 and 1976-78, a group he also founded. It organized a successful petition drive to repeal the sales tax on food and medicine.

Ross is currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan in the School of Public Policy.

More thoughts

After the meeting, Ross said if he is elected, he wants to establish job skills accounts to provide state residents with post-secondary training. "If (workers) are laid off or downsized, we will give you \$2,500 to 'buy' skills that are in demand from a community college, training institute or trade school," Ross said.

The program would be financed through funds now used through the Job Training Partnership Act.

Ross also wants the single business tax repealed and replaced with a corporate income or a profits tax. "I believe

'(People) want want someone who is independent and is not owned by any interest group.'

Doug Ross
—gubernatorial candidate

(the single business tax) discourages people from starting a business and from hiring new people. If you hire more people and your income stays the same, your tax goes up."

Ross said the profits tax would go across-the-board on businesses.

Ross likes chances

Ross likes his election chances. "(People) want someone who is independent and is not owned by any interest group," Ross said. "I've always insisted on doing what I think is right and independent. To do that you need a large, 'grass roots' support and you get that support from a broad base of people."

Westland Democratic Club Chairman John Franklin said he loves to hear Ross speak, calling him a man who cares about people.

"He's a Democrat and he speaks like a Democrat," Franklin said.

Legislation from page A5

■ The \$1 million cap could be lifted if the police agency were guilty of "gross negligence," defined as "conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results."

■ Economic damages could be fully recovered, but a jury or judge would have to itemize economic losses.

■ A person injured while fleeing police could not sue.

A companion measure, House Bill 4039, would establish a

panel in the Law Enforcement Council to draft a model pursuit policy. The protections in SB 163 would apply only to agencies that adopted the model policy and used trained pursuit drivers.

No figures were available for total payouts in the tri-county (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb) area. Here are figures from the other 80 counties:

■ In the past years, 11 payouts resulting from police chases cost \$4 million, according to the Michigan Municipal League Lia-

bility Pool.

■ In 11 years (mid-1988 to October 1997), 22 deaths and 24 serious injuries resulted from 39 police chases; payouts totaled \$22. million, according to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Peters, a freshman lawmaker and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was criticized by VanRegenmorter for failing to

introduce his amendments during committee hearings.

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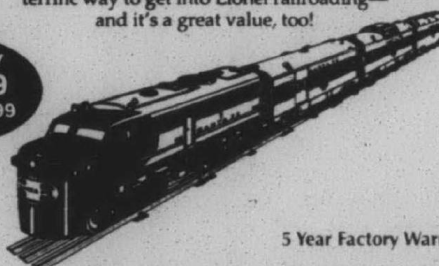
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Detroit Zoo was a gem, the art museum was a gem, the water system was a gem.

"It just wasn't his philosophy. He was a unique guy. He had no fear. He was probably more compassionate than people thought he was."

McNamara actually was fired from the Detroit Water Board by Young after McNamara criticized water rate hikes allocated to the suburbs and the lack of audits on the water board. Young had appointed McNamara to that post.

McNamara visited Young about a year ago. "We had a nice conversation, but he was lost. He just didn't have any challenges anymore."

Didn't mince words

Carl Pursell of Plymouth called Young an "active voice" for the city of Detroit. Pursell, a Republican, represented western Wayne County and served with Young in the state Senate before Young was elected mayor of Detroit in 1974.

Pursell later served in U.S. Congress representing the Second District, which included Livonia and Plymouth and several Oakland County communities. Pursell remembered the Chrysler bailout in the early 1980s.

"The bailout was pretty much nip-and-tuck for a while," Pursell said. "Many Republicans

■ 'Although you didn't always agree with him, you respected his opinion.'

Carl Pursell
—former congressman

were against it, but some of us felt we could take our chances. It was a matter of trust, and it worked out for the best.

"Coleman Young was very active in that."

Pursell called Young a fighter. "He didn't mince any words."

Pursell believed that Young wasn't always the adversary to the suburbs. "He worked well with Gov. (William) Milliken and suburban-legislators."

"He worked with the Michigan (congressional) delegation pretty well. He fought for what Detroit was entitled to with dollars and numbers. I enjoyed his personality. Although you did not always agree with him, you respected his opinion."

Death is a 'tragic loss'

Ricardo Solomon, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, called Young's death a tragic loss for the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan.

Solomon knew the mayor for 20 years and worked as one of five campaign coordinators for

■ 'He was probably more compassionate than people thought he was.'

Ed McNamara
—county executive

Young in 1974. Solomon learned from Young to "be true to your beliefs and stand up for your beliefs." "(I learned from him to) work hard and always be a fighter," Solomon said. "He believed that the people who put you in office always come first."

Solomon cites Young's accomplishments in integrating the police department, giving blacks opportunities during his 20 years in office and Detroit's economic development, such as the construction of Joe Louis Arena and remodeling of Cobo Hall.

"People also forget he was the president of the National Conference of Mayors, which was a group of black and white mayors, and led the Democratic platform committee," Solomon said. "He worked closely with Gov. Milliken and Max Fisher."

"He was a fighter. He believed when you get knocked down, you get back up and help those who are less fortunate."

For black Detroiters, Young "instilled a sense of pride and a sense of can-do," Solomon said.

"He was an individual that no

matter what your skin color was, you could achieve. The reason he got involved with the labor movement was the unity of African-Americans and whites."

Style 'confrontational'

Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Roman Gribbs was mayor of Detroit for one term immediately preceding Young.

"He was energetic and forthright, as was his style," Gribbs said. "He was very direct and very forceful."

When asked to comment on what he thought of Young's performance, Gribbs said, "I leave that to history. There's some pluses and minuses."

"His style was a bit too confrontational, which may have worked for him when he was first elected. But unfortunately, he kept that style. Contrast that to his successor (Mayor Dennis Archer) who is conciliatory and cooperative, and he has cooperation with all the communities."

"I don't criticize (Young), that was just his nature."

Gribbs also invited Young to a funeral of a police officer, who was killed in the line of duty just weeks before Young officially took office.

"He was grateful for that," Gribbs said about Young's appreciation for Gribbs' gesture. "He was not insensitive to the dangers of good police work."



Young memories:
In a photo taken in the late 1970s, then Livonia Mayor Ed McNamara jokes with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. In July 1989 Young addressed a luncheon group in Plymouth.



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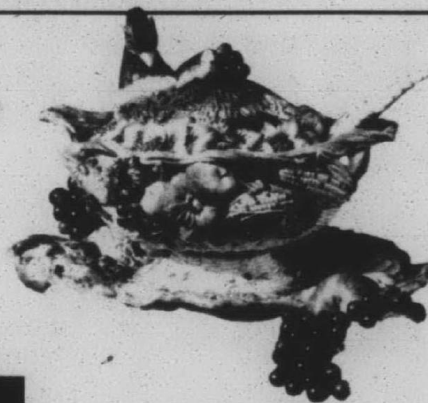
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Stalemate expected over benefits

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A House Democratic bill to raise unemployment benefits is probably dead on arrival when the Republican-controlled Michigan Senate returns to work Dec. 2.

The Democrats' gift to organized labor came Nov. 6, three weeks after Republican Gov. John Engler announced that jobless benefit taxes on employers will be cut 10 percent, or \$50 million, in 1998.

"Irresponsible," said House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, of the Democratic bill. "In two days' time, House Democrats recklessly undid several years of work fixing a troubled system that was desperately in need of repair."

"This is a major step in correcting the injustice perpetrated two years ago by a callous, mean-spirited, Republican-dominated state Legislature," said Frank Garrison, president of the state AFL-CIO.

Republicans control the Senate 22-16 with the victory of David Jaye in a Macomb County dis-

trict to fill a vacancy. Democrats have a 58-51 margin in the House with Jaye's departure.

The stalemate means that Public Act 25 of 1995, passed when Republicans controlled both chambers, is still in effect.

House Bill 5303, sponsored by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, is aimed at restoring jobless benefits to the pre-1995 level. Her changes:

- Restores the benefit rate to 70 percent of after-tax earnings. The GOP (current) law pegs them at 67 percent.

- Raises the maximum benefit to 58 percent of the state average weekly wage of \$591.18, or \$342.88. That's \$42.88 more than the current law. The Bogardus bill restores cost-of-living indexing because "the buying power of a \$300 unemployment check is less and less each year," she said.

- Allows seasonal workers to qualify for jobless benefits.

- Reduces the amount a worker must earn to qualify for benefits. Ironically, the threshold was raised when the Legislature in 1996 hiked the minimum wage

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Gov. John Engler

from \$3.35 to \$5.15 per hour.

Engler announced Oct. 16 that an automatic 10 percent tax cut for employers would take effect in tax year 1998 because the state had a higher-than-anticipated balance in its Unemployment Trust Fund.

"The trust fund owed the federal government a \$417 million debt in 1991. Through hard work, we've erased that debt entirely and built a \$2 billion surplus," Engler said.

Michigan's balance had to be at least \$2.077 billion to trigger the reduction. The U.S. Treasury Department said Michigan's mid-1997 balance was \$2.088 billion with no outstanding debt.

Michigan employers pay unemployment insurance taxes are assessed against the first \$9,500 of wages of an employee. The maximum tax rate has been 10 percent. In 1998 it will 9 percent.

Jim Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said a major chamber goal is to "preserve the (1995) reform measures. It would be irresponsible to drain the UI Trust Fund when we've finally built up an adequate surplus to protect unemployed workers during the next economic downturn."

Under an executive order issued Aug. 6 by Engler, jobless benefits are now handled by the Department of Consumer & Industry Services. Job finding services are handled by the Jobs Commission.

The GOP's Sikkema credited the 1995 changes with "prompting record declines in unemployment and welfare cases while expanding job opportunities for working men and women and fueling Michigan's economic expansion."

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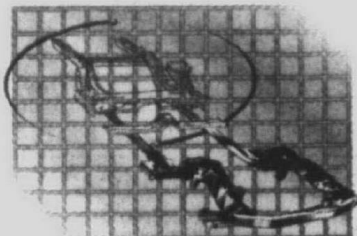
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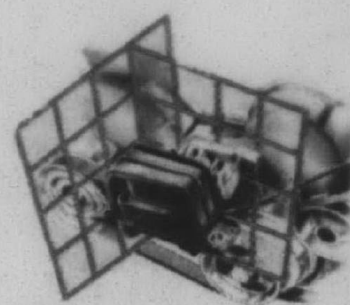
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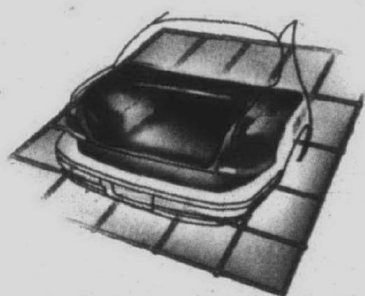


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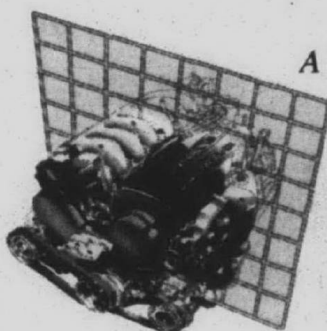


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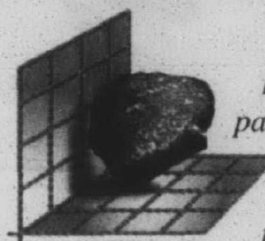
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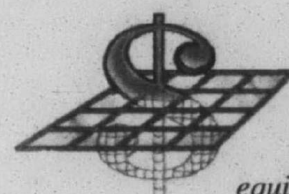
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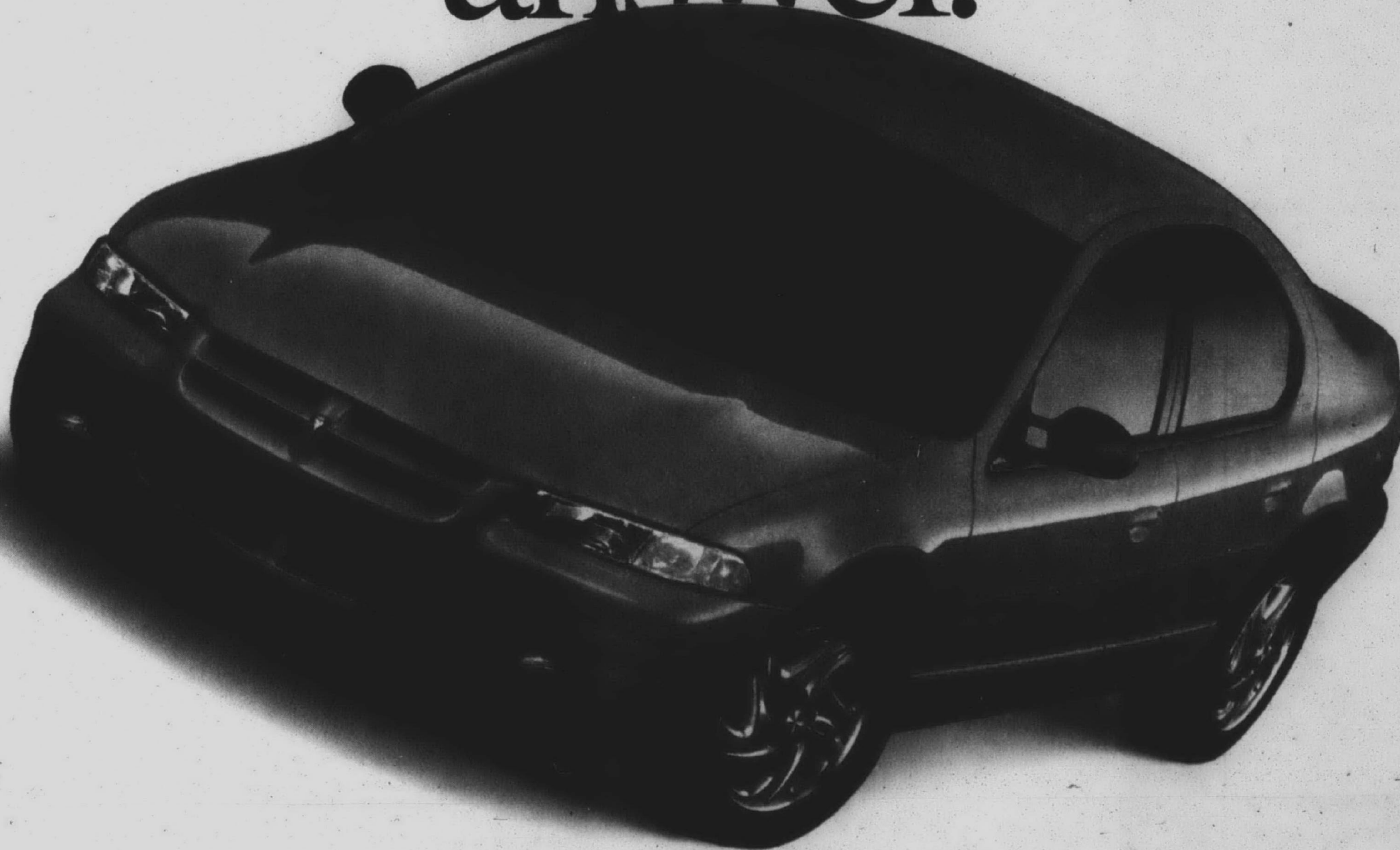
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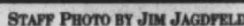
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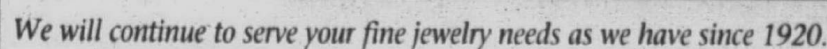
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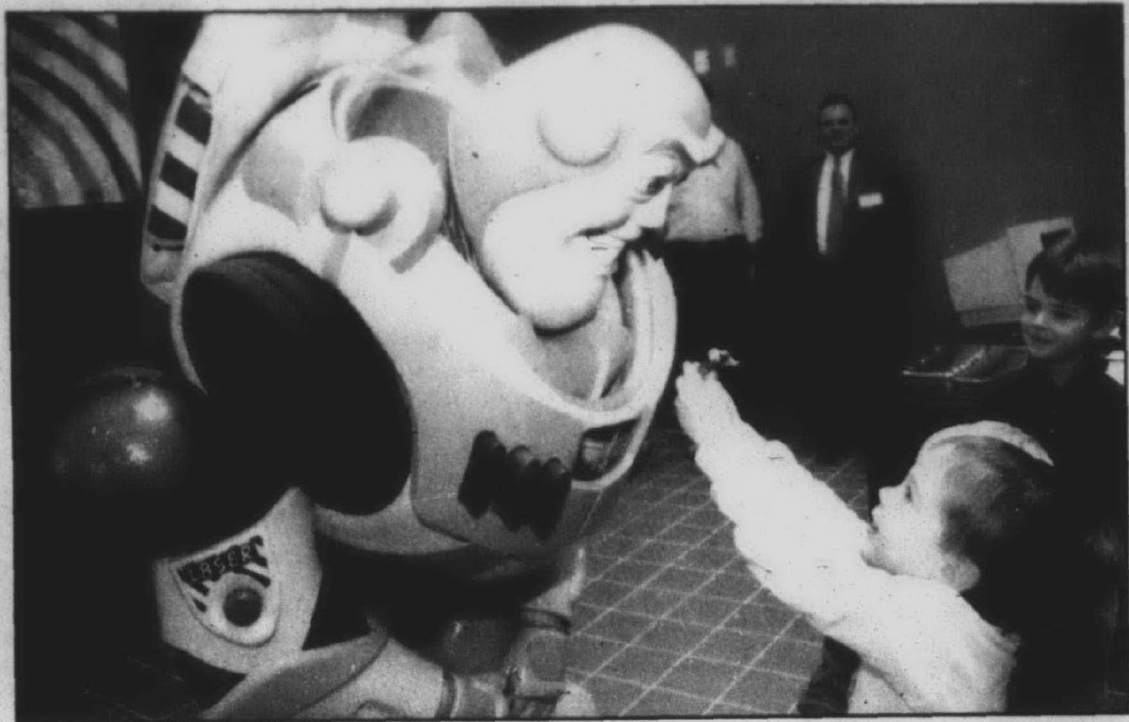
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Introductions: Drew Hannibal, 5, of Howell, meets Buzz Lightyear at the grand opening ceremonies and tour of the new Media One facility on Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

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bon-cutting ceremony. Participating were Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth Township clerk; Tony Welsh, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce president; Rich Weigand, MediaOne Midwest Region senior vice president; and Cheryl Faust, MediaOne customer service representative. Black said staff began relocating to the new Plymouth Township facility two weeks ago.

The ceremony also included demonstrations of digital television and MediaOne's Broadband Data Services. The characters from the Disney film "Toy Story" were on hand to promote MediaOne's partnership with the Disney Channel. The channel is being offered to customers along with basic service. MediaOne and the Disney

Channel are also sponsoring a sweepstakes for new customers who sign up before Dec. 31. Prizes include a four day-three night vacation for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.; two \$500 gift certificates for Disney stores and five \$100 Disney store gift certificates. MediaOne is a unit of U.S. West Media Group.

COP CALLS

Police have suspect

Plymouth Township police have a suspect in a home break-in discovered Saturday on Pine-tree, which netted thieves several thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

According to the report filed with police, a couple returned to their home at 11:30 p.m. to find lights on upstairs and the garage door unlocked.

Upon entering, bedroom drawers were found open and emptied and assorted jewelry missing, the report continued.

A neighbor told police they spotted a late 70s-early 80s pickup, with a white cap and chipped paint parked in the driveway a few days before.

Police said they have a suspect in the break-in, who they believe performed other break-ins around the same time in Canton.

Family feud

A 23-year-old Plymouth woman reported to police that she was assaulted by her sister-in-law during a church party early in the evening of Nov. 29.

According to police, the woman told them her sister-in-law, 22, had made a sarcastic remark to her husband. The woman then asked her sister-in-law to refrain from such remarks. The woman told police that her sister-in-law became enraged and shoved her, pulled her off a table and threw her to the ground.

Police said the sister-in-law admitted to shoving but said it was the woman who grabbed her and threw her to the ground. Witnesses could not report on the initial contact.

Both women signed assault and battery complaints against each other.

Stolen car

A limousine driver for Dick Scott Dodge on Ann Arbor Road reported his 1996 red Dodge Neon stolen from the Dick Scott parking lot Nov. 28. According to police, the man parked his car on the south side of the service department when he reported to work at 4 p.m. When he returned at 9 a.m. the next day, the car was gone.

Police said the man told them he had locked the car and had the keys in his possession. There were no witnesses.

Wastebasket fire

Police investigated a fire alarm at the Lower Town Grill at 5:36 a.m. Nov. 26. According to the police officer, he noticed smoke when he shined his flashlight into the building. The fire department arrived and determined the upstairs apartments should be evacuated. The sole resident and her cat vacated the premises.

The fire department quickly found the source of the smoke: cigarette ashes had been dumped into the wastebasket.

Purse thief

A 15-year-old waitress at the Plymouth Landing reported to police that her purse was stolen on Nov. 23 while she was at work between 2:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Police said the purse contained \$150 in cash, a \$196 paycheck and the girl's driving permit.

Police said there were no witnesses and no suspects.

Garage door-opener thief

A 71-year-old Plymouth woman told police her garage door opener was stolen from her car while it was parked at Danny's supermarket on Main Street on Nov. 22. The theft occurred 2:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

Police said the woman had her opener clipped to her visor. The car was unlocked.

Drunk driving arrests between Nov. 22-Nov. 29: 3

Property damage

Two Plymouth teenage drivers received traffic citations after each rear-ended another vehicle on Plymouth city streets Nov. 24 and 25.

In the first accident, at 7:25 p.m. on southbound Sheldon Road at Junction, a 16-year-old girl driving a 1992 Geo struck the rear of a 1997 Plymouth driven by a 30-year-old Canton woman who was waiting in the passing lane to turn onto Junction.

The girl told police her washer and wiper had smeared her windshield, preventing her from seeing the other vehicle. Her vehicle had to be towed.

In the other accident, a 17-year-old boy driving a 1988 Pontiac Sunbird hit a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by a 43-year-old Canton woman who was stopped at the railroad crossing on northbound Mill at Fair.

Streets were wet at the time of the 9:56 a.m. accident. Both vehicles were drivable.

Volunteers honored

Two key participants in the Lowell Middle School hiring process as well as numerous other school programs have been honored by the Plymouth-Canton board of education.

Volunteers Linda Schneck and Janie Tucci, who have served on the school hiring committee that brought in almost 15 members of the Lowell staff - including the principal and assistant principal - received the district's Volunteer in Public Schools Extra Miler Award at the school board meeting Nov. 25 in the Plymouth-Canton High School media center.

The duo has also been involved in the hiring of both counselors and several teaching-staff members.

Schneck and Tucci were called "consistent supporters and advocates for Lowell Middle School" at the presentation.

Alluding to successful athletics teams, School Board President Mark Horvath said the women were "two big-impact players" because of whom they helped hire and also called Schneck and Tucci "role models for adults."

In addition to their work on the committee, both women volunteer in many classrooms, chaperone school trips, volunteer on school photo-day, represent parents in the Parent Association of Lowell Middle School (PALMS) and also assist with school fund-raisers, searching for and implementing incentives and motivational ideas.

While Schneck is noted for her work with open houses and conferences in recruiting new parent-volunteers, Tucci is recognized for her role as founder/leader of PALMS.

Clint Smiley, Lowell assistant principal, said both women "play key roles in the success of our parent program. They are truly advocates for our students and our school, giving freely of their time."

In response, the two women said that "all we're here (for) is to support you (teachers and administrators)."

Horvath presented the two with certificates of recognition, Flag of Liberty and Learning pins and dinner gift certificates.

Boosters meet

Parents of all Salem boys interested in playing football for the 1998 season are welcome to contact the Plymouth Salem Linebackers about the booster organization. The next general meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998, in the Salem High School cafeteria.

For more information, call Joe Mestrovich, 459-1122.

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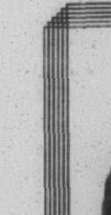
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U-M gifts are No. 1 on many Christmas lists

By TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears that anything with the block M of the Michigan Wolverines is a hot item this holiday season.

"We didn't think about last Friday being the busiest shopping day of the year, because we've been that busy for the past three weeks," said Wendy Roberts, manager of the M Den store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. "We've been doing inventory daily, and twice a day on the weekends, just to make sure we're ordering merchandise before it runs out."

One of the hottest gifts is an instant replay music box.

"It looks like a jewelry box, and replays four sound bites from big games," noted Roberts. "Of course, hats and sweatshirts with the Rose Bowl insignia are going well. And, we carry the line of clothing that the coaching staff and players wear, which is also selling well at this time."

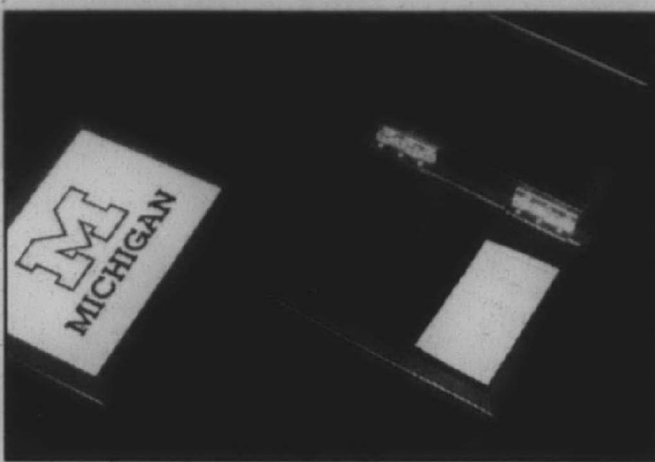
Roberts is looking to keep busy, right up to New Year's Day, when the Wolverines take their No. 1 ranking against Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

Meanwhile, at JC Penney in Westland Center, athletic apparel manager Tom Kjellstrom says business has certainly picked up since the Wolverines won the Big Ten championship.

"The Michigan stuff is selling like crazy," said Kjellstrom. "We've gotten some of the better fleece and embroidered sweat shirts, and they're selling well."

Kjellstrom says sales of Michigan items were going slow, until the Sunday after the Wolverines beat Ohio State.

"Sales really took off, and we've been reordering to keep from running out," noted Kjellstrom. "Officially licensed sweat shirts, caps and anything with Nike on it are selling like hotcakes."



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Rosy holidays: Merchants are cashing in on the University of Michigan's success on the football field. Some of the hot holiday gift items include an instant replay box (above) at the M Den at Laurel Park Place, Rose Bowl paraphernalia (right) and an authentic football helmet.



Volunteers sought to recruit, screen families for program

A student exchange program offered through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange International is looking for volunteers to serve as area representatives in their local communities.

ASSE provides academic year exchange programs in the United States for Scandinavian, German, Swiss, British, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, Czech and Slovak Republics, Polish, Japanese, Brazilian, Australian, New Zealand, Mexican and Canadian students who are 15-18 years old and have met all academic and character qualifications.

Area representatives recruit

and screen prospective host families, interview students to study abroad, and supervise the visiting exchange students. Area representatives are reimbursed for their expenses.

ASSE's primary goal is to contribute to international understanding through exchange programs to enable students to learn about other languages and cultures through active participation in family, school and community life.

For further information about becoming involved with ASSE Student Exchange, contact Pat Hagen Juhl at (414) 781-4811 or call Kari at 1-800-736-1760.

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OBITUARIES

ANDREW R. MAGNUSON

A funeral Mass will be held for Andrew R. Magnuson, 60, of Canton noon Friday, Dec. 5, at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. The visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Thursday. His burial will follow the service in the Watersmeet Cemetery in Watersmeet, Mich.

He was born April 2, 1937, in Ironwood, Mich. He died Dec. 1 in Livonia. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1962.

He worked as a marketing manager for Aeroquip Corporation for 30 years and recently for NLB Corporation in Wixom. He was formerly a resident of Jackson, Mich. His hobbies included golf, fishing, hunting, reading, carpentry and many others. He was also a member of the T.F. Club.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Arnette; a son, Andrew; a daughter, Suzanne; his mother, Pearl; and one sister, Marilyn Lynch.

ALLAN DELOS MACFADDEN

A funeral Mass will be held for Allan Delos MacFadden, 72, of Canton, on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel, with the Rev. Victor F. Halboth from Grace

Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation will follow.

He was born Dec. 5, 1924 in Grand Rapids. He died Nov. 28 at St. Mary Hospital. He worked as a chemist and belonged to the D.A.V.

He is survived by his wife, Allegra; two sons, David L. and Bruce D.; a daughter, Kim A. Kristalyn; two stepchildren, Linda G. Wilborn and Jeffrey Sattig; a sister, Elizabeth Ann Vidian; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

ROBERT N. PEDERSON

A funeral Mass will be held for Robert N. Pederson, 75, of Canton on Friday, Dec. 5, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel. The Rev. Drex Morton from St. Michael Lutheran Church will be officiating.

He was born Jan. 24, 1922, in Duluth, Minn. He died Nov. 26 at his home. He worked in retail sales and was employed by J.C. Penney at Westland Center. He was the vice president of management for National Garages for 22 years. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the First Army, First Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze

Star.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy A.; two daughters, Robin S. VanDeGrift and Penelope K. Monacelli; a son, Todd; a sister, Helen Scobie; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lt. Douglas Pederson Memorial Scholarship at Schoolcraft College.

GENEVIEVE A. STEPHENSON

Services for Genevieve Stephenson, 80, of Plymouth were held Dec. 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland. Burial was in the Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley.

She was born April 1, 1917, in Royal Oak and died Nov. 26 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker and came to the Plymouth community in 1956. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland. In 1929, she became the Michigan State champion in the Detroit News Spelling Bee Contest. She graduated from Royal Oak High School.

She is survived by her husband, Bill of Plymouth; a son, John L. of Canton; a daughter, Carol Vos of Plymouth; four grandsons, Jay of Fort Bragg, N.C., Lynn of Canton, Jeff Vos of Northville, and Christopher Vos of East Lansing; and two grandchildren, Conner Stephenson and Emily Vos.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Picking: Mayor Don Dismuke pulls the winning entry from the box for the Ann Arbor Trail marketing effort. Pictured in background are Don Bush, Jack Gunsaulus, Don Wurm, Bob Sigmon, Emily Lawler and City Manager Steve Walters.

3 customers are winners

Three grand prizes were awarded in the "Ann Arbor Trail is Open" marketing effort in the Nov. 21 drawing at Laurel Furniture.

Lori Wolfe of Plymouth Township won the \$1,000 gift certificate, Tim and Lisa Heckman of

Plymouth received the \$250 certificate, and Northville resident Catherine Czajowski, the \$500 certificate.

The drawing was the culmination of an effort by the city of Plymouth to help businesses on Ann Arbor Trail who were affected by the delays in construction on the roadway.

Some businesses also offered individual grand prizes. Participating businesses are:

Bulifant's Hair & Electrolysis, The Coffee Studio, Jack's Corner Bookstore, Laurel Furniture,

O&D Bush Jewelers, Plymouth Train Shop, Saxton's Garden Center, McCully's Educational Resource Center, dentists R.B. Evans and K.T. Hovey, physicians J.A. Sonnegra, R. Grant Drake, Craig Fuelling, attorney V. Gregory Holland, James Jabara, AR Concepts Inc., attorney John L. Nagy, E&M Construction, Licht USA Inc., Trend Appraisal Group, J.Scott Environmental Co., R. Sansbury, Ph.D., CCC.

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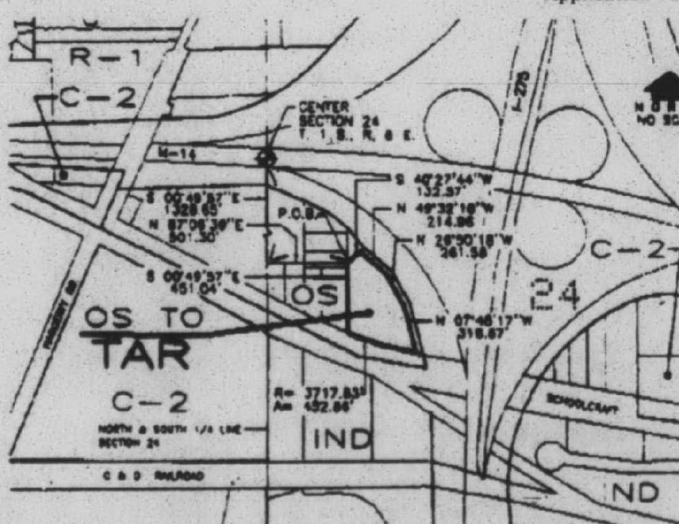
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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: OS, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
TO REZONE TO: TAR, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1997
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from OS, Office Service District, to TAR, Technology & Research District.

Application #1490



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tax ID Number 78-024-99-0019-000

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ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 100 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 52350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

CAROL DAVIS, Secretary
Planning Commission

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Published: November 13 and December 4, 1997

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting bids for the purchase of Six (6) Overhead Garage Doors to be installed at Plymouth Community Fire Department, Station 2, located at 41212 Wilcox Rd. Request for Proposals may be obtained at The Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Sealed bids can be delivered to the Office of the Clerk by Monday, December 8, 1997 no later than 3:00 p.m.

Published: December 4, 1997

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting bids for Janitorial Office Cleaning Services. Services to commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 with an optional one year extension. Request for Proposals may be obtained at The Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Sealed bids can be delivered to the Office of the Clerk by Friday, December 5, 1997 no later than 3:00 p.m. Mandatory tour of the Township facilities is mandatory for bid acceptance.

Published: November 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 and December 4, 1997

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1997 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR TOWER AUTOMOTIVE

PLEASE NOTE: That on November 18, 1997, the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth received from Tower Automotive, a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on proposed building improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures for their leased facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Tower Automotive is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

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Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 1997. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from Pde Glass of Michigan Inc., the proposed tenant for the existing industrial building located at 300 Dunn Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

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This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 1974, No. 198, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et. seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of an IFT Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

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Ski SAVINGS \$768

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Marker M-51 Graphite\$275.00
Total Retail \$740.00

Ski SAVINGS \$528

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Community

It takes so little to help out

Heat is what makes a community.

That can't be any truer than the outpouring of grief and support in the wake of the death of Plymouth resident Margaret Williams Wednesday, Nov. 26.

When news of Williams' death spread throughout the community, telephones were busy with friends and acquaintances deciding how to help Williams' family.

She was killed about 7 a.m. Nov. 26 as she crossed Ann Arbor Road after just leaving Einstein Bros. on her way to her office on South Main.

Williams leaves behind a son, Brian, 20, who has cerebral palsy, and a daughter, Carrie, 25. Her mother, Claire Celvelli, also lives in Plymouth.

A number of community residents joined forces late last week to start a fund to pay for Williams' funeral and to provide for Brian.

Kathy Mount of the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser said last week about Williams, "She had so little, but gave so much."

Now it is our turn to give. Williams was a single mother whose children are grown. Except that Brian remains in need of care. Williams spent her life raising her children without as much as many of us have.

But she never let that bother her. She was chosen as Plymouth Volunteer of the Year and often helped Kathy Mount with fund-raising for children at Mott Hospital. In fact, one of the highlights of Williams' life was the day Brian put down his crutches and learned to ride a two-wheel bicycle.

It was on that bicycle - with his mother at his side - that Brian went door-to-door raising more than \$1,000 by himself for the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser.

Even those who did not personally know Williams undoubtedly saw her many times. She did not drive and could always be seen walking or bicycling throughout the community, especially to her job at a dental office on South Main.

In memory of Williams and to help pay expenses for her funeral and to help care for Brian, we urge community residents to chip in and help. It's easy.

Send a check to the Margaret Williams Fund, care of Peoples State Bank, 245 N. Main, Plymouth 48170. Bank Vice President Bill Graham, a friend and neighbor of Williams, is working on establishing a legal structure that will funnel the money to Brian and to pay for her funeral.

It's the least all of us can do.

Remember his achievements

Coleman Young's death Saturday triggered strong emotions within his beloved city and throughout its suburbs.

As expected, his supporters praised Young's accomplishments as mayor of Detroit for a record 20 years - ignoring that his style alienated many potential backers.

Many of those years occurred during two economic recessions (termed depressions in Detroit where the jobless rate soared to more than 15 percent).

While he can be credited for many accomplishments, many suburban political leaders and residents had a different view of Young's record. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was quoted saying bluntly, "He was responsible for the demise of Detroit."

In public, their comments were softened and muted to avoid being accused of racism. But in private, many suburban leaders had strong negative reactions to Young and what they saw as his divisive policies and abrasive style.

Young spent his life fighting against racial intolerance, dramatically standing up to the House Un-American Activities Committee and taking a leadership role in other racial confrontations.

He saw things through his own racial prism, based on his experiences growing up in a racially divided Detroit, its public schools and the church in the 1920s and '30s. His views were hardened by his military experience. Young made no bones in public that he felt Detroit's problems were caused by a white power structure that had taken its money and abandoned Detroit.

His foes felt just the opposite - that they wanted to help Detroit but were rebuffed by Young and his confrontational approach to problems.

But Young managed to accomplish many positive things for the city he loved, especially in the early years.

After the second economic recession (from

1979-82), Young's administration did the land assembly for General Motors Corp. Poletown plant on the Detroit-Hamtramck boundary, which helped preserve the jobs of thousands of Detroiters. He also worked with Chrysler on the expansion of the Jefferson plant.

He pursued a program to develop the city's waterfront, already launched before he took office with the development of the Renaissance Center by Henry Ford II and others. Young's administration expanded Cobo Hall and developed Joe Louis Arena. Work on the restored Detroit Opera House was started during Young's final years.

He bailed out the People Mover when the regional transportation authority had no money to operate it.

Tiger Stadium, threatened with abandonment early in Young's administration, was saved for the balance of the 20th century by the sale to the city.

He promoted full integration of the Detroit Police Department and created programs that dramatically reduced complaints about police brutality.

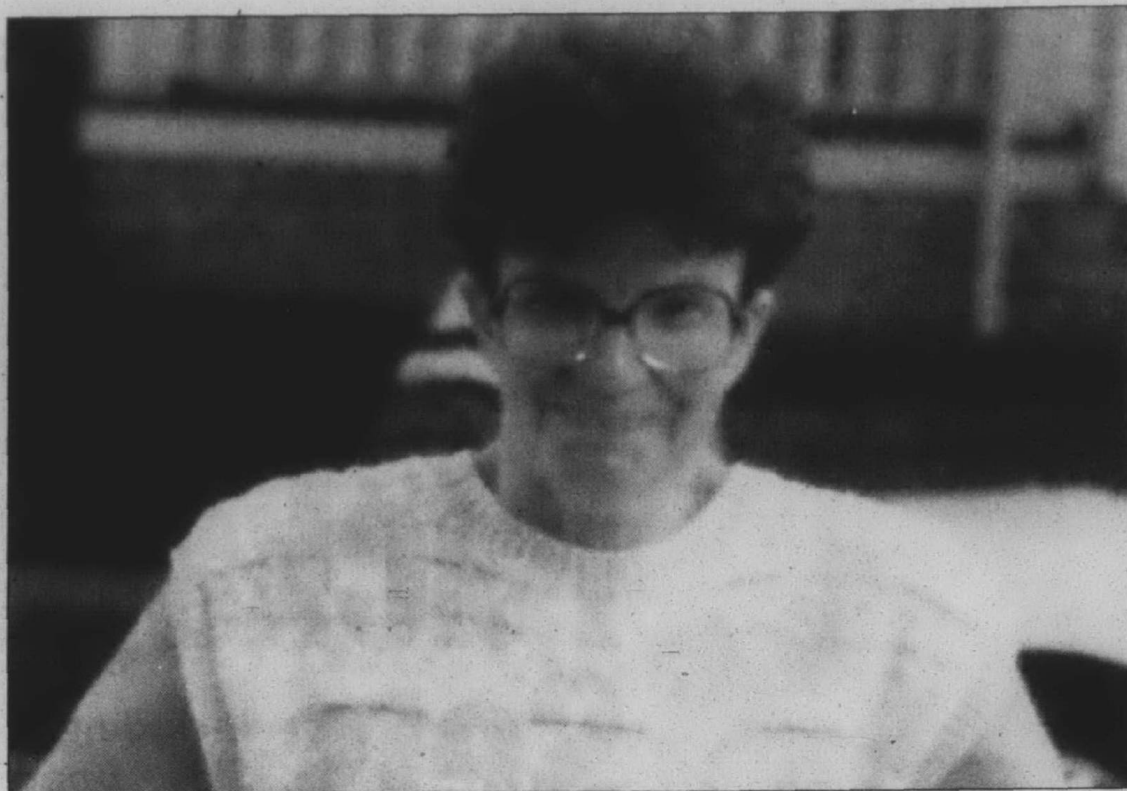
He expanded City Airport.

Many, in the city of Detroit and in its suburbs, can rightfully complain about the rapid decline of Detroit's neighborhoods and the school system, as well as the rising crime rate, but those problems started long before Young took office. Though, it is fair to say Young's response was not always the most astute or productive.

While the Observer felt that Young often created as many problems as he solved on major policy issues, suburban residents should also remember his accomplishments.

Young gave the majority black residents of Detroit a strong voice in the region and state, and he was not one to back down or give in. His abrasive style eventually paved the way for the more politically sensitive and less confrontational Dennis Archer.

In memory



Helping: Friends and community residents are coming to the aid of Margaret Williams' family following her death Nov. 26 on Ann Arbor Road.

LETTERS

A huge thanks

As the winners of the two-year lease of the Ford Explorer at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce "Chances Are" auction held on Nov. 7, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this event.

We would especially like to say "thanks" to the Ford Motor Company and their employees, to Bill Pratt at General Business Services for supplying the monetary tax figures, to John Blackwell, Jr. and Len Gossman at Blackwell Ford for supplying and delivering the vehicle, as well as coordinating all of the necessary paperwork, etc. It was an exciting time for us and we thank you for making it as easy as possible.

And to all Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members, event sponsors, and volunteers, we would like to say what a wonderful program you have, once again, put on. We are proud to be members of such a fabulous community.

Lauren, John and Alex Hosko
Plymouth

The right man

His youthfulness is an asset and we encourage him to take a leadership role in the next term." Plymouth Observer, editorial-Oct. 30, 1997.

I use the above as a header because the right man is in the right position. Don Dismuke is mayor today as a result of hard work by many committed individuals. Some might call this the "good ole' boy network." Some might call it partisan politics. I call it the right decision for Plymouth.

I challenge the readers of this letter to consider partisan politics for what it is. According to this newspaper partisan politics is a terrible thing for Plymouth. However, we often find Mr. Power (CEO, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers) criticizing Governor Engler's policies. You might say fair enough. That is his prerogative. I would agree. Further, I would defend Mr. Power's right to express his views. However, put in the context that Mr. Power often endorses, and contributes heavily to Democrats, where does that put us in regard to partisanship?

To further my point, please consider that the city of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, is

also supposed to be non-partisan. Yet Mr. Archer is a known Democrat and often supports Democratic causes. Where is the outcry of partisanship for his actions?

I am very concerned that the spirit of respectful debate is no longer tolerated. The term partisan is not evil, it is necessary. It helps us all understand the ideology behind a concept, or a candidate. I happen to think that these debates are good for our community and our country. The alternatives are not pretty.

Thomas L. Hickey
Plymouth

Angry and sad

Jack Gladden's column on Oct. 23, 1997, "Time We Said Nuts to Peanuts" left me angry and saddened. It is unfortunate that damaging editorials like this one are read by so many without all of the facts being presented accurately. Mr. Gladden tries to turn the serious subject of peanut allergies into a big joke. He was both insensitive and ignorant with his sarcasm and failed attempts at humor. The column was very insulting to those living with a peanut allergy and cruel to those who have lost a loved one to it.

Food allergies are difficult for most people to comprehend. It's hard for many to believe that food, something that keeps most of us alive, can kill others. Some individuals are so sensitive that just smelling or touching peanuts can produce fatal or near-fatal reactions. For unknown reasons, peanut allergies are on the rise. Most likely, we will be seeing and hearing more about them in the future.

It is obvious to me that Mr. Gladden did not agree with the Rochester schools' decision requesting parents to stop sending peanut products to school. If he had a better solution, he should have stated it plain and simple. It is difficult for me to understand how this editorial reflects the mission of the Observer, which states in part, "... we regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."

Nancy Waterbury
Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What are your thoughts about Coleman Young and his death?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"As a mayor I wasn't real fond of him, but as a person, his death makes me feel badly."

Linda Benedict
Canton



"His death saddened me. He was a dynamic, powerful and interesting man. He was good for Detroit."

Corinne Fine
Canton



"I didn't grow up in Detroit. He was a spirited man, a dynamic force for the city."

Ron Ferla
Canton



"I just wonder if the scandals in his administration will come out now. Bound to be skeletons in the closet."

Tom Clough
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Selection of holiday toys more than child's play

Just down the street from me in November a woman was tortured before she choked to death on her own blood at the hands of a West Bloomfield mother of two and her boyfriend.

Recently, 70 people, including 60 foreign tourists, were killed by six gunmen who ambushed them as they visited the 3,400-year-old Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt.

And, as I write this, the United States is positioned for air strikes against Iraq should that be necessary to continue U.S. participation in critical United Nations weapons inspections of Iraqi sites.

Against this backdrop, it seems inconceivable that thinking adults would deliberately go out and purchase a violent toy for a child whom they love. But some will.

To make us think twice about it, Women's Action for New Directions joined by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held a

peaceful demonstration and petition drive against war toys outside Toys R Us in Southfield. The signed petitions will be sent to toy manufacturers.

For 12 consecutive years, WAND and other peace marchers have targeted the Friday after Thanksgiving because it is the busiest shopping day of the year. And they have targeted the Toys R Us store because it continues to carry toys that encourage aggressive behavior.

Of course this year, Toys R Us is defending itself against some allegedly aggressive behavior of its own. Michigan has joined 36 other states in a lawsuit alleging price-fixing by Toys R Us and four toy makers: Mattel, Hasbro, Tyco Toys and Rubbermaid's "Little Tykes."

West Bloomfield resident and WAND activist Jean Prokopow knows that buying a boy or girl a gun, battle-style video game or Power Ranger won't necessarily turn him or her into a violent person. And after raising



JUDITH DONER BERNE

four children and teaching for 20 years, she knows that "some children will use their fingers or sticks to make pretend guns, and no child should be made to feel like a scumbag because of this."

But, she also knows that "buying toys of violence tells our children that we condone them and accept violence as a solution to our problems. Better choices should be made."

These include: dinosaur toys, puzzles, blocks, books and board games;

art supplies, musical instruments, records and tapes; aquariums, maps and globes; cameras and photo equipment; science, cooking, gardening and sports equipment; tickets and passes for bowling, rollerblading, roller or ice skating, concerts, museums, theater, opera, ballet and skiing; play-acting toys such as dressup clothes and wigs, puppets, face paints, masks; starting or adding to a collection; tool boxes and construction sets.

Dolls make both the buy and don't buy list. Prokopow and her fellow peace activists also warn against dolls that promote sexism, stereotyping and physical violence.

We'll probably have to wait until next year to see if the new Barbie doll makes the do or don't list. Barbie is reportedly being remodeled to more realistic proportions, including a wider waist, smaller bustline, straighter hair and less makeup.

In addition to buying toys that encourage children's creative growth,

we can choose to patronize our local toy stores that have a policy against carrying war toys. They include: Adventures in Toys, Birmingham; Children's Emporium, West Bloomfield; Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop, Berkley; Marmel, Farmington Hills; Noodle Kidoodle in Southfield, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills; Peggy's Dolls, Toys & Miniatures, Rochester; Your Toy Box, Rochester.

The U.S. has the highest homicide rate in the world, by far. The adult crime rate has declined slightly, but the juvenile rate is climbing. And we have a high rate of domestic abuse, of both children and spouses.

WAND's message takes the form of a question to each of us: "Toys are the tools for learning. What do you want to teach?"

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. You can comment on this column by calling (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1997.

Hillsdale district's weapons policy isn't worth emulating

"No BB gun, Ralphie. You'll shoot your eye out!"

In the seasonal classic movie, "A Christmas Story," young Ralph is told by his teacher, his mother and even a male Santa Claus he can't have a Red Ryder BB gun.

Here is a true story that is a little more chilling, stemming from a March 1996 incident at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale. Jim Meyer and Chris Crall, students at Davis, brought a BB gun onto school property. Another student told administrators, who called the cops.

The state Court of Appeals record doesn't indicate whether they fired at anything or anyone. Nor does it indicate whether Jim and Chris had been problem kids where this incident could be called "the last straw." After an investigation and a disciplinary hearing, said the court, the boys were expelled.

Their parents and guardians sued. A trial judge issued an injunction prohibiting Hillsdale School District from enforcing the expulsion. The school district appealed and, last month, won in the Court of Appeals.

There are some intriguing points. First, the school policy. It prohibits "dangerous weapons" in school buildings, buses and grounds within 1,000 feet of a building. Dangerous weapon includes a firearm. "For purposes of application and enforcement of this policy, a BB gun is considered to be a firearm," says the policy.

Whoa, said the parents and trial court. The school policy is lifted mainly from state law, but the law doesn't include a BB gun on the weapons list. Hillsdale School District added the BB gun sentence itself.

The appeals court upheld the school. "School boards enjoy broad discretion in fashioning rules ... Indeed such power is basic to the operation of



TIM RICHARD

schools. ... Thus, it is beyond question that defendant had the authority to prohibit B-B guns on school property ..."

So the rule seems to be that a school district, a creature of the state, may fashion a local rule more restrictive than state law.

Second, the punishment. The policy says the board "shall permanently expel a pupil from attending a school in the School District ... if the pupil

possesses a weapon in a weapon-free school zone. Such expulsion is mandatory."

Here, I think, we run into trouble.

A kid who violates the policy is booted not just from Davis but any school in the district. Permanently. He can't transfer to another building. As a practical matter, his parents must pay for a private school, make travel arrangements for him to go to another district, or move out of town.

Now, suppose an adult had brought a BB gun onto school property. He would not be violating MCL 380.1311, the law on which the school policy is based. Maybe the local cops could nail him under the disorderly conduct ordinance; the judge would have some discretion in punishing him.

The points are 1) the punishment against the kid is harsher and 2) the kids' judges have no discretion. Something is amiss. I seem to

recall a U.S. Supreme Court appeal, *In Re Gault*, in which a minor was punished more severely than an adult for the same transgression.

BB guns can be dangerous. I would fault the makers of "A Christmas Story" for failing to have Ralphie's dad, played by Darren McGavin, show the kid how to make a backdrop with a stack of newspapers or straw so his shots wouldn't ricochet. The movie dad lets Ralphie into the yard with no instruction whatsoever. Ralphie fires at a metal target, and he does get hurt.

Meanwhile, it would behoove local school districts not to copy Hillsdale's mandatory permanent expulsion rule.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

University boards important

For decades, political insiders have been shaking their heads in wonder at Michigan's odd and virtually unique system of selecting members of major education boards.

By state constitutional mandate, candidates for the State Board of Education and for the boards of the Big Three universities — University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State — are nominated at party state conventions and elected statewide on the partisan ballot in November.

The usual result is that those so selected are virtually unknown and largely ignored by a news media preoccupied with other, sexier races. In turn, this lends a certain random quality to the outcome of elections, with winners generally riding on the coattails of Democratic or Republican candidates for governor or president.

That's too bad, because these boards, although largely unknown, have a considerable impact on Michigan public policy and shouldn't be selected merely on somebody else's coattails. The State Board of Education, for instance, oversees the contentious charter school experiment, while the U-M Board of Regents is at the center of the far-reaching lawsuit challenging the university's practice of using affirmative action in admissions decisions in order to achieve a diverse student body.

For years, however, this system has worked pretty well in practice. The key to making the process work has been sensible and far-sighted board members who, well in advance of their party's conventions, have recruited able candidates and worked to wire the conventions by selling their candidates to the party leaders and interest groups.

Sometimes the system doesn't work. Absent good early candidates and a pre-wired convention, the urge to play ticket balancing or interest group politics becomes uncontrollable. I remember sitting in on the Democratic Party's "Midnight Caucus" some years ago when people started talking seriously about how important it was to find a female Pole from the Upper Peninsula to run for the MSU board.

In recent years, the Republican Party has experienced considerable trouble with educational nominations, in large part because the political litmus test required of all candidates by Right to Life, the predominant interest group in the GOP, is an unquestioned anti-abortion position.

Two years ago, for instance, Judy Frey, an experienced civic worker from Grand Rapids, was recruited by Gov. John Engler to run for the U-M board. Engler even gave her nominating speech. But Frey lost the nomination to Mike Bishop, an unknown lawyer from



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Rochester Hills whose main claim to fame was serving as president of his fraternity while an undergraduate at U-M.

The issue was abortion. Frey was pro-choice; Bishop, whose late entry into the race was orchestrated by Right to Life and the religious right, was pro-life.

Sen. John Schwarz, the leading legislative authority on higher education, is angry about it. "Judy Frey was treated shabbily, shamefully, by my party," Schwarz says, arguing that it is "not only wrong but absolutely wrong" to choose university trustees solely on the basis of their ideology on abortion or the services they have rendered to powerful party interest groups.

And Schwarz, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education, wants to do something about it. It's tough, he admits, to change the Michigan Constitution, which specifies that university boards shall be elected statewide.

But at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, Schwarz proposed a legislative statute specifying primaries rather than conventions as the means of nominating candidates for state university posts. Legislation to that end could be passed to take immediate effect without going through all the trouble of amending the Michigan Constitution.

Schwarz's idea received a mixed reception. Carl Pursell, a veteran Republican legislator and now serving as (an appointed, by the governor) regent of Eastern Michigan University, predicted "his bill won't fly."

But Schwarz has performed an important public service by bringing into sharp focus an important aspect of the soft underbelly of Michigan politics. His ideas deserve a fair hearing.

Phil Power, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com.

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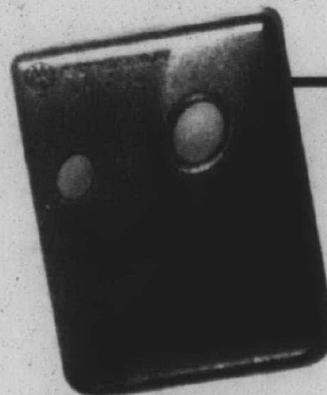
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JACK GLADDEN

Zero tolerance has zero room for child's play

It may be Norman Rockwell America, but it's not acceptable behavior today. If that Saturday Evening Post illustrator were still alive, he'd probably be painting pictures of kids sitting in detention rooms instead of frolicking on the playground.

I was thinking about this after rereading the story of that 6-year-old boy in North Carolina who was placed in solitary confinement (the school said he was placed in a room apart from his classmates) for violating the school's sexual harassment policy. The boy said a girl on the playground asked him to kiss her and he gave her a peck on the cheek. A teacher witnessed the "incident" and reported it to the principal, who decided the boy should be punished.

He was placed in a room alone, where he missed out on coloring and playing with his friends and was not allowed to attend an ice cream party honoring students with good attendance. The boy's mother said he was just expressing friendship with the kiss.

"Can't you just imagine children skipping down the hall holding hands?" she asked. "Isn't that Norman Rockwell America?"

Not according to a school district spokeswoman, who said the sexual harassment policy is clear: "A 6-year-old kissing another 6-year-old is inappropriate behavior. Unwelcome is unwelcome at any age." (Emphasis added.)

A 6-year-old Flint boy learned the same lesson earlier this year. He was playing tag with a female classmate and during the game he touched her on the bottom. The girl reported the "incident" to a teacher and the boy was given a one-day, in-school suspension for, again, violating the sexual harassment policy.

"These are little kids playing tag," the boy's mother said. "It's ridiculous."

But the school principal had a different interpretation.

"It used to be that boys and girls could play that game," she said. "But times have changed. The kids don't think it's a problem, but the adults do." (Emphasis added.)

Same-sex harassment?

And in a related "incident," a first-grade GIRL in Delaware managed to beat the rap after she gave a female teacher a "love pat" on the teacher's behind.

"It's something she and I do," the girl's mother said. "I never dreamt it would come to this."

But the teacher reported the "incident" to the principal, who called the superintendent, who called the state attorney general's office to get clarification on a state law against "offensive touching." Eventually it was decided that the "love pat" was not a criminal act and did not deserve punishment.

In the meantime, however, the student's mother said her daughter "did nothing but cry" after school officials had said they were considering suspending her. "... she has no idea why she is in trouble."

Yes, indeed, in American classrooms times have changed. And the zero-tolerance policies aren't just limited to weapons, drugs and sex.

When the dye bottle comes out, schools and students can both have bad hair days. More than one student has been suspended or threatened with suspension after showing up with green or purple hair. It's considered "disruptive to the educational process."

That's what a couple of Arkansas students were told after showing up at school with pink hair. The two ninth-grade girls had dyed their hair for Halloween, and even though the father of one of the girls said she had tried her best to redye it with brown dye before returning to school, it was still too pink to suit a vice principal, who told her to change the color or

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Curtain call

Production has 'Tickets' for coping

■ In a season filled with music and good cheer, one church is offering dessert and drama aimed at the heartache that the holidays tend to bring out in some people.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Aside from the usual Christmas fare, some holiday celebrations are filled with heartache. If there's any hint of a family problem, it will usually come to a head.

Canton Community Church is hoping to show that it's possible to resolve those problems with its Christmas presentation, "Four Tickets to Christmas."

"It touches a nerve," said the Rev. Eric Moore, a Plymouth resident and pastor of Canton Community Church. "For a lot of people, the holidays are not a pleasant time. Many people don't like going home for Christmas. They just want to get there, spend a couple hours and leave."

"This play reflects that but it brings a peaceful resolution through the process of forgiveness."

"Four Tickets to Christmas" will be performed in a dessert theater setting at Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail between Haggerty and Mill, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14.

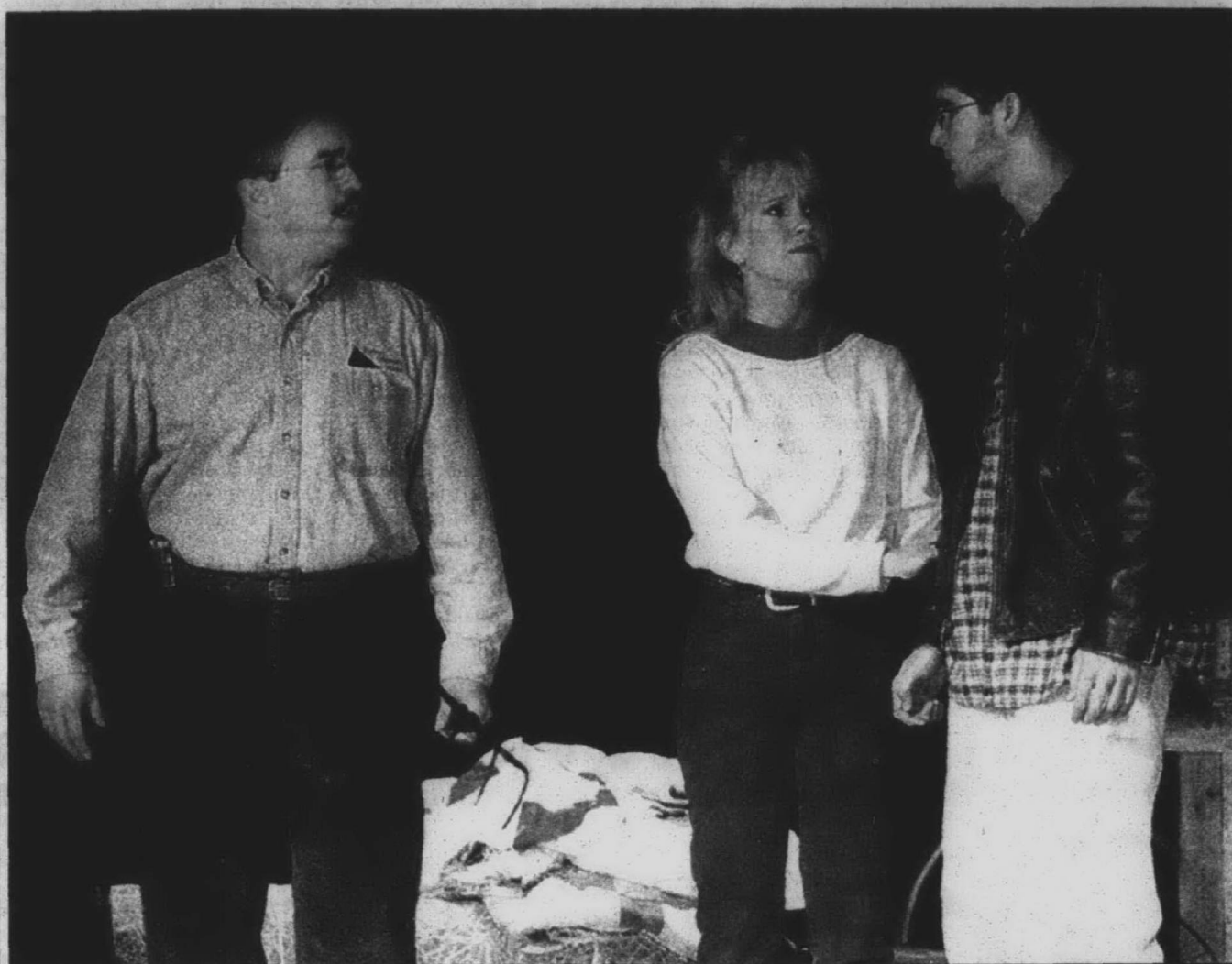
The \$6 tickets are available at Agape Bookseller, 44720 Ford Road, Canton - (313) 453-9400 - or through the CCC Creative Arts Department at (313) 414-9741.

Set at the turn of the century, the Broadway-style musical follows the holiday experiences of an out-of-work family performing group - Henry and Lucille Richmond and their children - who unexpectedly must spend Christmas with his parents, Chester and Eleanor Richmond.

"There's a lot of tension between Henry and Chester because of old issues," said Jen Lombardo, drama director at the church, and a Plymouth resident. "The father always expected more out of his son. He wanted him to work on the farm but Henry wanted to become a musician."

"There was no 'I love you's' or anything."

The 25-member cast of "Four Tickets to Christmas" includes Moore as Chester Richmond and Pattie Dooley of Canton as his wife, Eleanor. Ryan Ballard of Macomb, a student at



PHOTOS BY JERRY MENDOZA

Offering hope: In "Four Tickets to Christmas," the holiday starts out in conflict for father Chester Richmond, played by Eric Moore (bottom photo, at left), and son Henry Richmond (Ryan Ballard) that is eventually resolved (top photo). Also appearing in the production is Diane Cassidy of Westland as Henry's wife, Lucille.

William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, is his son, Henry, and Diane Cassidy of Westland plays Henry's wife, Lucille.

During the course of the play, Chester Richmond starts a choir for the church.

"The pastor think he's sent from the Lord to create this program."

The turning point in the musical is, after a fight between Henry and Chester, the church burns down and Henry severely burns his hand. That's when they begin mending their broken relationship.

The score, Lombardo explained, blends ragtime, parlor music and a barbershop quartet with a mix of traditional and new Christmas music.

"We really felt overall the music is well-written and very powerful lyri-

cally but it's a lot of fun, too," he said. "Dramatically, the message of forgiveness and restoration really comes through."

"Four Tickets to Christmas" is Canton Community Church's first dessert theater. A selection of cheesecakes as well as coffee and punch will be served.

Lombardo said that this presentation is significant because it is the first full-staged musical in its permanent facility. The church moved into the location in July. Previously, it had been conducting services in Plymouth Canton High School.

"It's very nice; before we had to do rehearsals at Kim's house and at people's basements. They were not on stage until the day of production," Lombardo said.

For "Four Tickets to Christmas," the church was able to put some people in leadership roles who haven't been involved.

Lombardo and Kim Moore, the church's creative arts director, said that reflects the focus of the church.

"We have a team focus here at the church," Kim Moore said. "It's all of us coming together and working on it."

Lombardo hopes that people will be uplifted by the performance.

"Our prayer is that people will be able to experience the love of Christ and what Christmas is all about," she said. "It has a message of forgiveness, healing and grace not only with relationships with one another but with Christ."

Center needs help to make holidays merry



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Sorting things: Plastic Rubbermaid bins are stacked five high in the material goods room of the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, where volunteers like Vicki Harkey spend their time sorting the donations of baby clothing and supplies that are given to its clients free of charge.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

With the help of donations, the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center in Livonia is able to fulfill its mission of ministering to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

A Christian ministry started in 1974, the agency offers positive alternatives to abortion by meeting the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the sexually active.

But the influx of financial donations and material goods tends to have a seasonal bent. In the warmer months, donations are plentiful, and the winter is the hardest time for bringing in money and material goods.

In addition to free pregnancy testing, counseling, support programs community education programs and evangelism, the center provides its clients with layettes and supplemental baby clothing, diapers and formula for the first year after birth. All of the items are donated to the center by supporters through Giving Trees at Christmas, baby showers and garage sales throughout the year.

"Everything is paid for by donations," said Ginger Bloomfield, administrative director. "Forty-nine percent of our funding comes from churches and individuals, 49 percent from fund-raisers and 2 percent from designated programs."

"Everything (material goods) that comes in is donated; everything that is donated we give away free of charge."

One way of meeting expenses is through its gift certificate project. The center sells gift certificates in \$20 denominations for both Meijer and Kroger, receiving \$1 for every certificate that's redeemed. For a family that spends \$400 a month at those stores, using the certificates would translate into a \$20 contribution to the center.

Even though it is tucked away in a courtyard of a small shopping plaza at Inkster and Schoolcraft

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roads in Livonia, women in need are finding AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. A lot of that is because of word of mouth about the free maternity and baby items and the counseling, according to Bloomfield.

The center has a paid staff of four full-time and one part-time employees and about 100 volunteers, less than what a center its size should have, according to Bloomfield.

"It's a miracle we get things done," she said. "For a crisis pregnancy center our size, we should have a staff of four full-time people."

Helping families

And in an effort to help families in crisis, the agency is turning to the community to support its third annual Adopt a Family Program and Giving Tree.

For Adopt a Family, the center matches up churches, individuals and families with clients fac-

ing difficulties at Christmas. Last year, 50 families were adopted. Mothers are asked what's needed for their children, such as toys they would like to receive, and what food or grocery items may be needed. Adopting families have the option of delivering the gifts or being anonymous donors.

Bloomfield is coordinating the Giving Trees program. Christmas trees are decorated with ornaments that contain items from the material goods department's wish list.

Items needed include disposable diapers (small, medium and large), Isomil and Similac formulas (with iron or low iron), pacifiers, regular and Playtex bottle nipples, newborn clothing only, size large onesies, crib sheets and blankets (heavy and receiving), feeding supplies (bowls, cups and spoons), bath supplies, child safety items (doorknob and outlet covers, safety latches and

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Dave West

-executive director

gates) winter maternity clothing, metal shelving and Rubbermaid storage containers.

Also needed is a Pentium 133 computer, a Canon Bubblejet printer model BJC 620, overhead projector, combination TV/VCR and a copier. The computer would complement three others the center acquired and permit the staff to network between the offices, which straddle the courtyard, according to Bloomfield.

Information about the programs is available by calling

Bloomfield or Ashe at (313) 425-1826 or material goods at (313) 425-1826.

Faced with an increasing caseload - executive director Dave West estimates the center will work with 2,068 clients this year, up from 1,967 last year - and budget (monthly expense are projected to top \$12,000 next year) the center is trying to build up its donor base.

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went to \$106,000 this year. We can't see that many people and do what we do without the resources."

Expanding resources

One way of expanding that base is through a trust fund. The center is looking for 1,000 people to give \$1,000 each. The \$1 million would serve as a nest egg, with the dividends and earnings used for operations. Only 995 more donors are needed, according to West.

"We'll accept any donation, but if we can have \$1 million we'll have all we need to run on," West said. "Over the year, the investment would take care of this year's budget. It also would take the burden off the people who already are giving."

The center's biggest need is have all its services under one roof, and it's also the biggest project it's facing. The center set goal last year of doubling its

space within two years, and the search is under way to find something that will suit the center's needs - a 3,000-4,000-square-foot building with reduced or free rent in the area near the I-96 expressway.

Through walkathons and banquets, the center is hoping to raise money to purchase a building. The hope is for AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center to be in its own building by its 25th anniversary in May 1999.

"We're trying to improve on what we have and build relationships with new people," West said. "We're stepping up our marketing to make people aware of who we are and what we do. The more we do that the larger our donor base will be."

The AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center is at 27592 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information or to make a donation, call the center at (313) 425-8060.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

SENIOR HOUSE

Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale,

white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ALDERSGATE UM

Aldersgate United Methodist will have an arts, crafts and candy Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, south of Plymouth Road, Redford. There will be a wide variety of bazaar tables, and drawings will be held throughout the day and a luncheon counter will be available. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 561-5145.

ST. KEVIN'S

St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room, bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road (between Eight and Nine Mile roads, west of I-275), Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery, and more will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-7757.

BISHOP BORGESS

Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are both free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620.

GRAND COURT

A crafts show will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the main lobby of Grand Court, 36550 Grand Rive Ave., Farmington Hills.

HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will sponsor its 16th annual Christmas arts and crafts show Dec. 12-14 at the Northville Recreation Center, 3030 W. Main St., Northville. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 14. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying their works. Lunch will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers allowed. For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

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face suspension. The girl used a black dye to get rid of all the pink.

First Amendment rights

She said she wasn't going to make an issue of the matter until she read in her civics textbook that dress and grooming fall within the freedom of expression clause of the First Amendment. She said the school was being hypocritical to threaten her with suspension over the color of her hair while teaching

about freedom of expression.

The school principal said "upon reflection" that the girls probably wouldn't have been suspended, but he did say that a student's right of expression is balanced against the school's duty to preserve order and an "effective learning environment."

And speaking of freedom of expression, the father of a Virginia fourth-grader filed suit in federal court after a teacher confiscated a book from his son during a period set aside for read-

ing. The father claimed his 9-year-old son's free speech rights were violated when the school confiscated his copy of "The Way Things Ought to Be," by conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

But the federal judge upheld the school, ruling that the book contained material that the fourth-grader did not understand and that made it "counter-productive" during a time set aside to help students develop enthusiasm for reading. He also

wrote that the court must strike a balance between the traditional rights of parents in rearing their children and the interest of the state in controlling public schools.

I wonder what the school and the judge would have done if the book had been a collection of Norman Rockwell paintings?

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers, is a Canton resident.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Schollett-Gildhaus

Valerie June Gildhaus and Marc Anthony Schollett were married June 7 at Central United Methodist Church of Traverse City by the Rev. Dean Bailey.

The bride asked her sister, Beverly Wayne of Canton, to be her matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anne Gilmore, Kerie O'Donnell and Kinzie Thomas.

The groom, the son of Frank and Jan Schollett of Traverse City, asked Andrew Hittle to serve as best man, with groomsmen Bill Gildhaus, Mike Pietraszak and Jeff Ramsey.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1996 graduate of Rush University in Chicago with a master's degree in health systems management.

The groom also is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and recently completed work on a master's degree in biology at Loyola University in



Chicago.

A reception was held at The Bowery at Bowers Harbor Inn in Traverse City.

Following an Alaskan cruise, the couple is living in Traverse City.

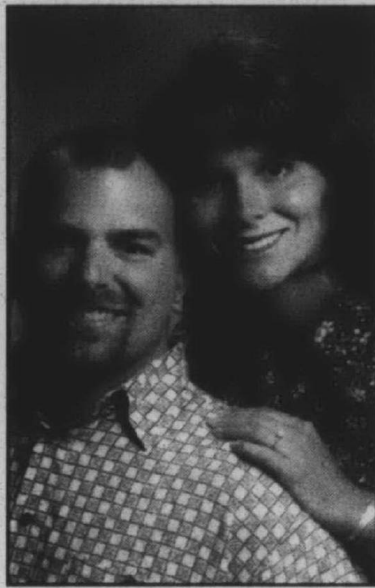
Pydyn-Bidolli

Daniel and Elizabeth Pydyn of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Repea, to Peter Anthony Bidolli, the son of Kathleen E. Bidolli of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland and Madonna University. She is employed by Providence Hospital as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by General Motors as a mechanical engineer.

A May 1998 wedding is planned in Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Detroit.



Gotham-Boman

Nancy Boman and Greg Gotham were married June 28 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor by Dr. Orval L.E. Willmann.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Betty Boman of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Bryon and Alice Gotham of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. She is employed by the University of Michigan School of Information.

The groom received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Madonna University and a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a financial services manager at Rima Manufacturing Co. in Hudson.

The bride asked Laurene Steinaway to serve as maid of honor with Kim Kyro, Jennifer Serttunc, and Valerie Boman as her attendants. Junior bridesmaid was Alicia Kozub, with Beth Boman as the flower girl.

The groom asked Jim McDow-



ell to serve as best man with Greg Wlosinski, Jeff Cherenzia, and Jack Boman as attendants. Rich Boman was the ringbearer.

The couple received guests at Weller's Carriage House in Saline before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Britton, Mich.

McCabe-Tarpley

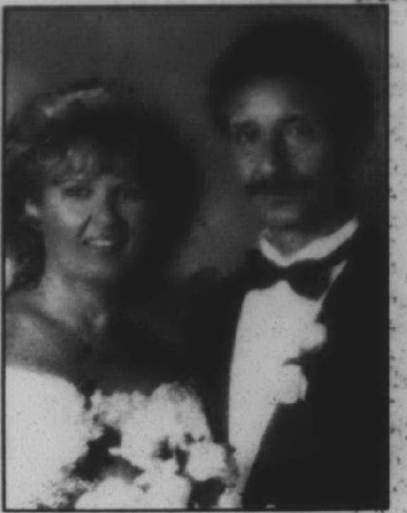
Mary Margaret Tarpley and Daryl Clayton McCabe were married Sept. 27 in St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Wyandotte by the Revs. John Hedges and Edmond Ertzbischoff.

The bride is the sister of Earl Tarpley III of Ann Arbor and goddaughter of Lorraine Schwartz of Trenton. The groom is the son of Lloyd and Marilyn McCabe of Canton.

The bride earned her bachelor and master degrees in psychology from the University of Michigan. She is the founder and owner of Advance Center for Psychological and Counseling Services of Dearborn.

The groom is a graduate of Thurston High School and Wayne State University. He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

Robin Marie Tarpley-Misuraca served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Ann Marie Tarpley-Provencio, Dawn Connolly, Kelly McCabe, Amy Stevens and Amanda Provencio. Kelsey Johnson served as flower



girl.

Michael Renner served as best man with groomsmen Bill Paritykula, Bob Biggs, Gary McCabe, Tom Sousa and Joseph Provencio. Jordan Provencio served as ringbearer.

The couple received guests at the Dearborn Inn before leaving on a trip to Marco Island, Fla.

They are making their home in Ypsilanti Township.

Griess-Karshneski

Dr. Jerald Griess of Ann Arbor announces the engagement of his daughter, Karen, to Richard Karshneski of Livonia, the son of Anthony and Irene Karshneski of Inkster.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Roberta Griess, is an Eastern Michigan University graduate. She employed as a contract technical writer and graphics specialist at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, who attended Henry Ford Community College, works as a global EDI coordinator at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

A spring wedding is planned.



Francis-Kumm

Amy Kristen Kumm and Darin P. Francis were married Sept. 5 in the garden of the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. A reception followed in the inn's Coach House.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kumm of Westland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Francis of Troy.



NEW VOICES

Douglas and Monique Dingeldey of Chesterfield Township, announce the birth of twin girls, **Miranda Grace and Madison Mary** Oct. 8. Grandparents are Mary and Jake Dingeldey of Canton and Grace and Marvin Zurek of Caseville.

Rena Brock of Garden City announces the birth of **John Zachary** Sept. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Ron and Becky Pritchard of Wayne announce the birth of **Kaitlyn Amber** Oct. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Jim and Michele Pritchard of Alamo, Texas, Bill and Judy Steinhauer of Redford, and Jackie Martin of Dearborn Heights.

Dewey Frady Jr. and Lori Potter of Westland announce the birth of **Collin Manuel Frady** Sept. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Daniel, 8, and Emily, 3. Grandparents are Dewey and Carole Frady of Westland.

Steven and Lisa Smith of Westland announce the birth of **Logan Scott** Oct. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Britany Paige Smith. Grandparents

are Roger and Phyllis Smith of Westland, and John and Lucretia Griswold of Brighton.

David and Connie Boyd of Westland announce the birth of **Rebecca Lynn** Sept. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Hannah-Mae, 15 months. Grandparents are Hattie Boyd, John Lear, and Hannelore Lear, all of Westland.

Ron and Wendi Way of Wayne announce the birth of **Brett Joseph** Oct. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Chelsi. Grandparents are James and Martha Burgess of Wayne, Jimmie Way of Westland, and Patricia Hamilton of Northville.

George and Angela Steeves of Canton announce the birth of **Devin Michael** Sept. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nicholas, 9, and a sister, Angel, 6. Grandparents are George and Karen Steeves of Farmington Hills, Nicholes and Sandy Sesan of Dusseldorf, Germany, and David and Stephanie Clark of Naples, Fla.

John Currey and Karen Sittler Currey of Connecticut, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of **Nicole Michelle**

July 23 at the Birthing Center at Providence Hospital. She joins a brother, Jacob. Grandparents are Marilyn Sittler of Livonia, and Pam and John Currey of Brighton. Great-grandparents are Ed and Elnora Bousch of Aida, Ohio.

Mark and Estelle DeWulf of Livonia announce the birth of **Laura Ann** Sept. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Michael and Robert, ages 4. Grandparents are Michael and Barbara Hills of Ann Arbor and Faye and Robert DeWulf of Westland.

Jim and Cindy Wertz of Garden City announce the birth of **Kristy Marie** July 14 at Providence Hospital. She joins a brother, Danny, 7 1/2, and a sister, Julie, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Harold and Mary Brick, and George and Peggy Wertz, all of Garden City.

Patrick and Becky Stoliker of Westland announce the birth of **Penelope Faye** Oct. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Kimberly, 23, Jamey, 21, Ashley, 8, Brittany and Bridget, 7, and Chelsea, 5. Grandparents are Bob Hankins and Penny Coffey, both of Wayne.

Kevin and Melissa Henderson of Grass Lake Township, formerly of Canton Township, announce the birth of **Benjamin Terrance** Sept. 14 at University Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Debra Beebe, and Barbara Henderson, all of Canton. Great-grandparents are Vic and Mary Loritz of Lincoln Park.

Daniel and Lynn Linderman announce the birth of **Hunter William** Oct. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Jessica, 3 1/2, and Rachel, 1 1/2. Grandparents are William Balogh and Lee Balogh, both of Redford, and Pat Linderman of Chicago, Ill.

Randolph and Lynette Mann of Plymouth announce

the birth of **Chad Earl** July 30 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. He joins three brothers, Ryan, 8, Jason, 6, and Scott, 2. Grandparents are Earl and Priscilla Mann of Highland and Lawrence and Lois Woodrum of Westland.

Jeff and Anna Lawley of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **Thomas Joseph** Oct. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Lindsay, 10, Jeffrey, 8, Alexandra, 6, and Elise, 4. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George Lawley of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Americo Peticca of Livonia.


Bob and Kari Sawle of Redford announce the birth of **Lauren Alyssa** Oct. 8. She joins a brother, Ryan, 4. Grandparents are Al and Barbara Bailey of Westland, and Ed and Judy

Sawle of Redford. Great-grandmothers are Helen Penberthy, Nancy Baird and Elizabeth Bailey.

Scott and Dawn Hamby of Westland announce the birth of **Brendan James** Oct. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Ariel Nicole, 3. Grandparents are Jonas and Bonnie Peters of Canton, Kathy Linder of Westland, and James Hamby of Ecorse.

Mitchell and Patricia Piner of Wayne announce the birth of **Emily Rose Michelle** Oct. 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings, Joshua, Preston, Trista, Marisa and Tyler. Grandparents are Steve and June Cox of Westland, and Linda Crowell of Brownstown Township.

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All wrapped up for Christmas: Twelve Girl Scout troops from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Inkster and Detroit are once again wrapping presents at Wonderland Mall in Livonia during mall hours through Tuesday, Dec. 24. The proceeds go toward scout activities and end-of-the-year trips. The gift wrapping isn't limited to gifts purchased at the mall. Gifts can be brought in from other stores. On the busy Thanksgiving weekend, Girl Scouts Julie Bergendahl, Christin Bay and Jackie Ryan were busy wrapping gifts. Christin chose snowman paper for one customer's gift. In order to participate in the fund-raiser, Girl Scouts and adults are required to attend a three-hour training session to learn how to measure, price and wrap gifts.

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Adoptive parents help other parents with Russian adoptions

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

John and Linda Hinkle dreamed of having children of their own, but infertility stood in their way.

Faced with a risky medical treatment, they decided to take a different route to parenthood, and now, two years later are the proud parents of Jonathon and Ashlynn.

The Hinkles chose to adopt their children in Russia, a costly venture that they "begged, borrowed and stole" to finance, says John, an employee at Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne.

"We went there because there's long waiting lists here and because Linda had a fear of the birth mother showing up like baby Jessica," said John, helping Ashlynn play with his office computer. "Unless we were to tell you they were adopted, you wouldn't know."

Because of their experiences - Jonathon's was a "cake walk," Ashlynn's was fraught with "misguided and improper procedures" - they have decided to help other couples achieve the

dream of parenthood through Russian adoption, opening up their own agency, Adoptees Help Adopt International Inc. in Westland last month.

Licensed with the State of Michigan, the Hinkles started putting together the pieces of their adoption network in April after the Russian facilitator for Ashlynn's asked if they could help so the adoption process could be done right.

They have employed a chief administrator who worked for the state's Family Independence Agency and its predecessor, Child and Family Services, for 20 years, to oversee what they do, and a social worker to do the home study.

"Being adoptive parents ourselves, we've left nothing overturned," John said. "We do everything we can to bring a child home to a family and to enrich that family life. We can do everything from A to Z, and we'll help every step of the way."

The Russian connection

On the Russian side, the agency is based in Nizhny Novgorod (Gorkiy), where the Hinkles

are working with the facilitator who asked for their help. John spent 12 days in the city setting up the network, finding flats for adoptive parent to stay in during their mandatory visit to the country and lining up a staff of lawyers and interpreters.

"Our facilitator is our partner and friend and lifesaver," John said. "If not for him, we would not have our daughter."

Under the Russian system, youngsters who go to an orphanage must remain on its data bank for six months. They are available for adoption for three months in the region and then three months in the entire country before they become available internationally.

According to the Garden City couple, the first step for adoptive families after signing on with the agency is to begin the necessary paperwork with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Those documents can take up to 1 1/2 months to obtain.

The family also needs the home study; that can take up to a month to complete. The couple is interviewed together, once in

Please see ADOPTION, B9



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family life: John and Linda Hinkle of Garden City share their work at Adoptees Help Adopt International Inc. in Westland with their two children Jonathon, 6, and Ashlynn, 1 1/2, whom they adopted from Russia.



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NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 6, 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket office, by mail (orders will be processed until 10 days prior to the performance), or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (313) 414-3980. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances.

A special performance for the deaf and hearing impaired will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10. For more information about that show, call TTY (313) 414-3992 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for reservations.

NEW PROGRAM

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

ADVENT CLASS

Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thurs-



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At St. Michael's: A few days before the annual cookie walk at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Redford, Ann Telep was busy making more cookies, while Matushka Jane Barna, Gloria Wheeler and Ann Telep were showing off a sample of homemade delectables. The cookie walk will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. A popular event, organizers are advising people to shop early to get the best selection of holiday cookies, including miniature nut rolls, homemade fudge and chocolates.

days, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Activities include making ornaments, gifts, cooking, stories and worship. Participants should bring a sack supper; milk will be supplied. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The 50-Plus Club at Redford Baptist Church will have its annual holiday party at noon Thursday, Dec. 4. The event will feature a catered luncheon, music by the Jubilee Trio, a sing-along, and a visit from St. Nick. Call (313) 533-2300 for

reservations before Friday, Nov. 28. Transportation is available.

YOGA CLASSES

The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout November and

December. The class, taught by Linda Haight, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Feast, a candlelight dinner and musical program presented by the Youth Choir as a fund raiser for its tour, at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are available from the church office. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

SUP AND CELEBRATE

Trinity House Theatre presents community theater in a festive tradition - with a double bill and shared meal of bread bowls, hot soup and cider - 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5-21, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The Bayards celebrate 90 years of family relationship in Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner," while three bumbling shepherds search for a lost sheep and find the wonder of Christmas in "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation by Ford Ainsworth of "The Second Shepherd's Play."

Seating is limited to 50 and tickets cost \$8, not including the shared supper. For more information, call (313) 464-6302.

NEWBURG SINGLES

The Newburg Church Single Ministries will meet at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City.

COOKIE WALKS

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having its cookie walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (between Newburg and Farmington roads), Livonia. Homemade holiday cookies will be sold by the pound. Apricot, poppy seed, and nut rolls, along with sweet breads, kraut and potato pierogies will also be available. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia is having a cookie walk for its members 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Participants must bring six dozen cookies to the church between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. All cookies must be homemade Christmas cookies. No tollhouse cookies allowed. For more information, call (313) 421-7249.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council is hosting its 17th annual Advent Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., at Third Street, Detroit. The guest speaker will be Lewis T. Hickson, the executive director of the Capuchin Fathers Outreach and Soup Kitchen Programs. Tickets are \$6 and are available from the Detroit Presbytery office. For more information, call (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

The Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight at 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. Admission will be \$2. There will be a cash bar and kitchen. Cash prizes will not exceed \$500 per person. Proceeds will go to the council's building fund. For more information, call (313) 728-3020.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Robert Hoskins, on special assignment with "Book of Life International" for the Assemblies of God Division of Foreign Missions, will be the featured guest speaker at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 7, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275, Northville. "The Book of Life," developed for children's evangelism, is a harmony of the Gospels in story book form that chronicles the life of Jesus; it is presented in easy-to-read format and is followed by 100 questions. An associate pastor for two years before going into evangelism, the Rev. Hoskins has held crusades in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Special holiday events at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will kick off with the children's Sonshine Choir, under the direction of Steve and Tina Moore and Tina Tomakowsky, presenting "Mission Possible" at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Dec. 7. "Mission Possible" is a musical adventure in which kids uncover the clues to help carry out God's mission to deliver Christ to the world.

The Detroit First Church Sanctuary Choir, led by Don St. John, will present "O Come Let us Adore Him," a musical celebration of Christmas, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Fami-

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TOYS

Toy Wonders of the World -

Creches celebrate Christmas

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The true meaning of Christmas will be the center of attention Friday through Sunday, Dec. 5-8, at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints in Livonia.

More than 600 nativity scenes from more than 30 countries will be presented as part of the 11th annual creche exhibit at the church, 31450 Six Mile Road at Merriman Road.

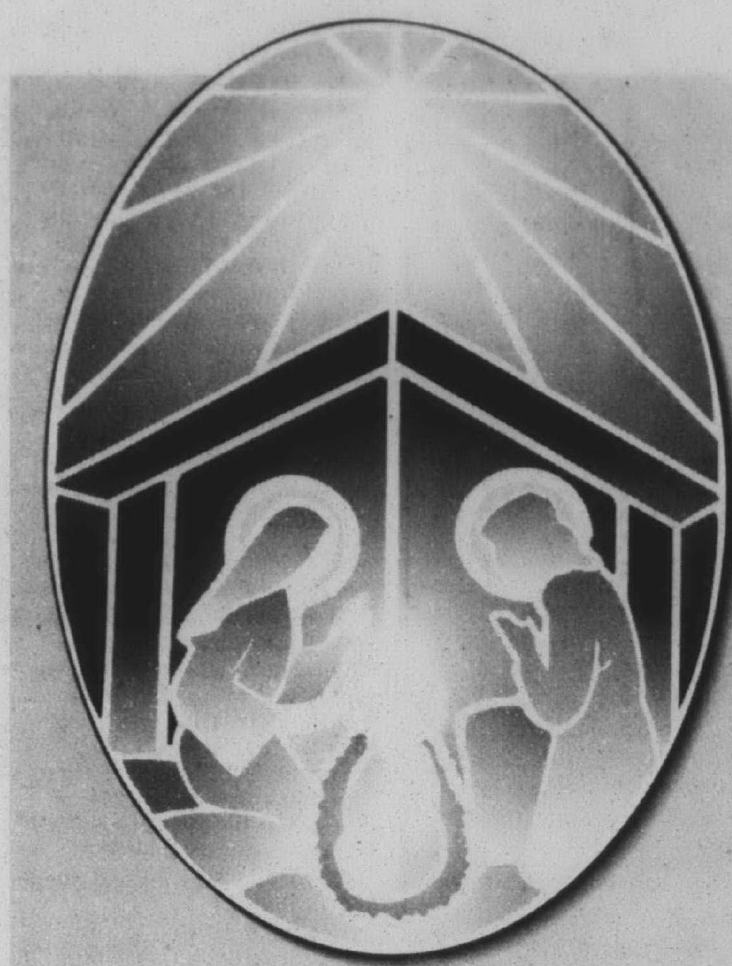
The nativities are made from a variety of materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metal, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, shucks, Israeli olive wood and even mud and dung.

"We look forward to providing this service to the community each year," said Shirley Hutchinson chair of this year's exhibit. "It's amazing to see everyone with their diversities coming together to celebrate one magnificent event."

In addition to the nativities, there also will be hour-long Christmas concerts, featuring local talent, at 7 p.m. each evening and a display of hand-pieced, hand-applied quilts belonging to members.

The recreation of the nativity is one of the oldest and most sacred Christian traditions. St. Francis of Assisi created the forerunner of the modern creche in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

According to the story, he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlit fields one December night and recalled the first Christmas. Inspired by the sight and desiring to see the Baby Jesus in the manger with his own eyes, he



set about reenacting the Bethlehem scene with real people and animals.

Today, artistic representation of the birth of Jesus has many different names. In France, it is called "creche," while in Italy it's "presepio," in Spain "nacimientito," in Germany "krippe" and in

Ireland "manger."

The exhibit is free of charge. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday and 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

"We look forward to opening the Christmas season with this wonderful display and all who join us," Hutchinson said.

ly Christmas service will be held at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Children will be included in the service with special recognition of "Baby's First Christmas" at which time babies born since last Christmas will be introduced and a special gift presented to each child. Between services, the children's department will host a Christmas open house 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is at 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

REUNION CELEBRATION

St. Martin Episcopal Church, 24699 Grand River Ave., Detroit, is planning a reunion celebration Sunday, Dec. 7, with a 10:15 a.m. church service followed by a special coffee hour with photos and videos. The Very Rev. Canon William Logan and the Revs. Robert Miller and Margaret Haas will concelebrate the service.

'JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'

Experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes along the road that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem during Newburgh United Methodist Church's presentation of "Journey to Bethlehem," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Come to the sanctuary for Christmas carols, stories and to meet your tour guide who will lead you on a journey back in time. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate

Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (248) 474-1396.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church is also selling the 1998 Entertainment book. The cost is at \$40 with \$8 going to the church's Mission Committee. To order, call Dick Horie at (313) 522-4856.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Scott Kalechstein will lead a workshop on "Finding Your Passion and Living Your Purpose," 12:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The registration fee is \$15. "Love in Action" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900.

IN CONCERT

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, will perform "Alleluia, Rejoice!" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St.

The program will feature "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham, accompanied by the Solid Brass ensemble, a variety of seasonal works and a traditional carol sing-along. Tickets are \$4 and are avail-

able at the door. For more information, call the church office at (313) 453-6464.

The choir will also perform "Alleluia Rejoice!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Donations will be accepted during the intermission. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on Dec. 21, and "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Dec. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, 1/4 mile south of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (313) 464-8844 for more information.

The bloodmobile also will be a Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Call Sandy at (313) 464-8286 or Larry at (313) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the Christmas concert, "Everlasting Light," at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The fully staged production will feature a variety of dynamic vocal and instrumental music. There is no admission charge, however, a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations following the concert.

Children under age 5 will not be permitted in the auditorium, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-5534.

'RAISING CHILDREN'

"Raising Solid Rock Children (in a Less Than Steady World)" will be the title of a seminar presented 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Terry LaDuke will teach what it means to be a successful parent and the principles the Bible gives to raise godly children.

Lunch will be provided to those who preregister by Dec. 10. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses. To register or for more information, call the church office at (313) 421-6300 or Dot Shepherd at (313) 422-9918 after 4 p.m.

NEW SERIES

Pastor Eric Moore of Canton Community Church will begin a new series, "Facing the Millennium - What the Bible Says About the End Times" at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, between Haggerty and Mill Street, Canton.

Moore will explore such questions as what is the New World Order and is the Bible Code valid? For more information, call the church at (313) 455-6022.

CHRISTMAS TEA

The United Methodist Women of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Tea for members and guests 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the church 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The musical program will be by Ken Marks, and new officers will be installed. Admission will be two dozen (or more) cookies. Child care will be available by reservation by calling Linda Dorton at (313) 625-7213.

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the home and once at the agency, and individually at the agency as part of the home study.

References also are needed from non-relatives that addressed how long they have known them, if they would be good parents and if there are any substance abuse problems in the home.

Once their dossier is complete, it is sent to Russia, where it is translated. The translations are done there, according to John, so if there are any questions they can be answered before they are presented to the court.

The dossier is presented to the Ministry of Education and then the Ministry of Health before the facilitator takes it to the orphanage where a child is selected and a videotape made to show the prospective parents.

"We try to get as much information as we can about the child," John said. "You have to take clothes because the orphanages don't have enough to exist."

Setting the date

The facilitator also asks for a letter which verifies that the child has been in the system for six months and an application to adopt. Once the letter and grant to adopt are received from Moscow, the paperwork is filed with the court in Nizhny Novgorod and a court date is set.

Both adoptive parents are required to travel to Russia and appear before the judge, so the agency has lined up flats in the area for them to live in during their stay of about two weeks. The flats, according to John, are far nicer than the best hotels in the city.

The cost of the adoption, including the home study, attorney services, lodging and transportation in Russia and the Russian facilitator, is \$19,600. In

addition, adoptive parents must pay for the airfare to and from Russia, all ministry and court fees, the cost of passports and any gift they may want to buy.

With airfares to Russia are a costly proposition, the Hinkles want to give the family a 21-day notice of their court date so they can get as cheap an airfare as possible. Short notice on Ashlynn's court date left them with costs of \$1,800 per ticket.

The adoption is finalized in Russia, but the agency does a six-month followup to see how the transition is going.

"When you get on that plane to come home, that child is yours," John said. "No one can come and take him away."

The new kid on the block when it comes to adoptions, the Hinkles hope the fact of no waiting list will attract clients. Open the first week of November, they were still waiting for their first family by month's end.

"We're focused on helping people who want to adopt," said Linda, who was adopted as a child. "We want to help fill their emptiness and fill those kids' emptiness."

"Over there, the No. 1 request is 'Send me a momma and poppa,'" John said.

Linda, who as an adult, met her birth family, which lives in Roseville, is manager of the office at 5955 N. Wayne Road, between Ford Road and Hunter in Westland. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The telephone number is (313) 467-6222.

"We want to get as many families over there and back as soon as we can," John said. "If we get just one family, it makes this all worthwhile."

'Gifts of Hunger Relief' help Forgotten Harvest

Southfield-based Forgotten Harvest, metropolitan Detroit's only prepared and perishable food distribution program, is offering a charitable way of gift giving.

Friends, family and business colleagues can be honored during the holiday season through a tax-deductible donation to Forgotten Harvest made in their name.

The organization's holiday tribute cards are simple, non-sectarian and come with a holiday message, telling the recipient that hungry people are being helped in their honor. The mini-

mum suggested donation is \$5.

Through holiday giving, patrons can give the "gift of hunger relief" to thousands of people in the Detroit metropolitan area. For each \$1 given, one hungry person can be fed.

Forgotten Harvest transports more than 60,000 pounds of donated, perishable surplus food each month to soup kitchens and shelters. According to food industry standards (one pound equals one meal), this is equivalent to 720,000 meals per year.

For more information, call Forgotten Harvest at (248) 350-FOOD (3663).



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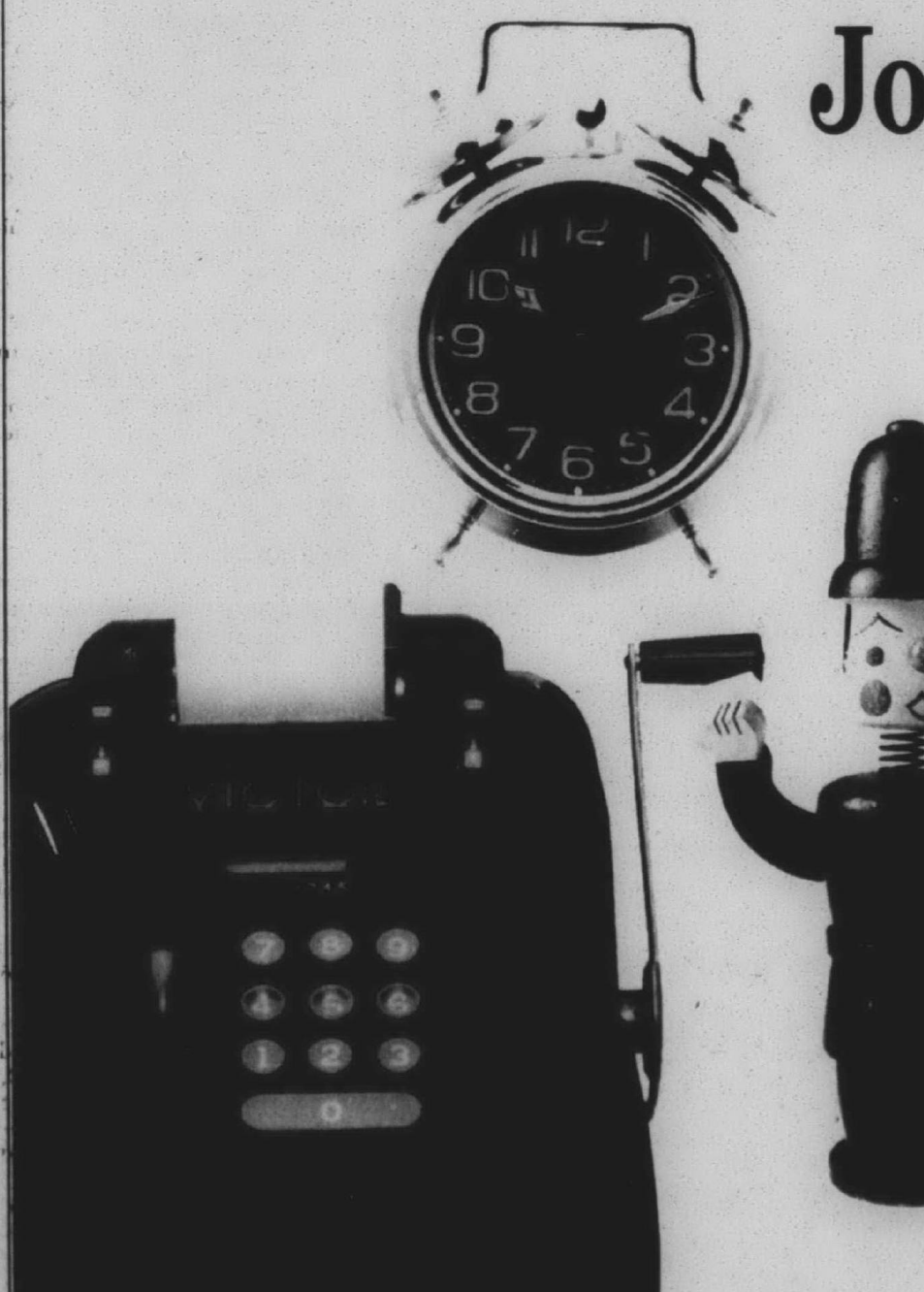
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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion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

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Class of 1987
March 21 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press 2
Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at Somerset Inn, Troy.
(248) 366-9933, press 3

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Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August 1998.
(313) 729-6783

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Class of 1968
Looking for classmates for a reunion in 1998.
Pam Yee Gianola, 1243 Smith Road, Beulah, Mich., 49617-9493 or e-mail at mie-nai@aliens.com
Classes of 1980-82
Are planning a reunion.
Stephanie Bradford Wright '80, 1753 Cornell, Southfield 48075, (313) 945-8473; or Dylan War-

mack '81, 2131 Bryanston Ct., Detroit 48207, (313) 963-7665
Class of 1988
Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632
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Is planning a reunion.
(248) 442-9320, by fax at (248) 442-8830 or Sharon Law-Williamson, 28479 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia 48152

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Send names, addresses and telephone numbers to Ron or Pat (Tish Mack) Matthews, P.O. Box 7647, Bloomfield Hills 48302, or call (810) 745-8422, (248) 696-6342 or (248) 857-6043.
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Chrystal Esaw, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

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(248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
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planned
(248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594
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Class of 1949
Is planning at 50th reunion.
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Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(248) 442-2862

FRASER

Class of 1972
A reunion is being planned for Fraser Steffens Park.
(810) 293-2160

GARDEN CITY

Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for October.
(810) 765-1380 or (313) 513-6071

HIGHLAND PARK

Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201
Class of 1978
Planning a 20-year reunion for July 1998. Seeking classmates.
Fax info to C. Jones (313) 836-5302 or write to HPCHS reunion committee, c/o P.O. Box 760484 Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

MADISON

Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 548-5470 or (810) 264-9191

MARIAN

Class of 1982

11:30 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills.
(248) 644-1750

OAK PARK

Classes of 1957-59
Is planning a reunion for November 1998.
(248) 559-1746 or (248) 354-0092

PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM

Classes of 1988
A joint reunion will be held June 20.
CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

ST. ALPHONSUS

Class of 1958
A reunion is being planned for 1998.
(513) 878-7483 or (313) 455-1277

ST. HEDWIG HIGH

Class of 1958
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 953-1011

ST. JOSAPHAT

Class of 1943-46
Are planning a reunion.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

STERLING HEIGHTS

Class of 1978
July 25 at Gino's Surf Restaurant, Harrison Township.

(248) 360-7004, press 6

WARREN WOODS TOWER

Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7328

WATERFORD KETTERING

Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768 or (248) 623-6057

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 1

Capuchin Kitchen holds toy drive

Community groups, businesses, church organizations and individuals look for ways to celebrate the holiday season by helping those less fortunate can do with the Capuchin Christmas Toy Drive.

Last year, the Capuchin Christmas Toy Program aided more than 1,100 needy families in the Detroit area, providing food for the entire family and a few toys for the children. More than 4,500 children received three Christmas toys from the program, offered by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Months before Christmas, Capuchin Services counselors pull families from their case loads who are eligible for the program. The families are notified via telephone or mail that they have been selected to be recipients and a pickup date is issued for the family to come to the Capuchin Services Building in Detroit to select a few toys for their children and a food basket for the family. Distribution days are Dec. 22-24.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, however, needs community support to conduct this program. All types of toys are needed for boys and girls up to age 13. New toys should be unwrapped. Used toys in very good condition and properly packaged are also accepted. Stuffed animals and tactile/developmental toys are recommended for infants and young children. Board games and dolls which express ethnic

backgrounds are popular, as are sporting goods, such as basketballs and footballs. An educational or skill-building emphasis is encouraged while toys which have a violent orientation, especially guns, are discouraged.

For more information about the Capuchin Christmas Toy program, call Roy Hoelscher at Capuchin Services at (313) 925-1370, ext. 101, or Rick Samyn at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 211.

Donations also can be dropped off at the Capuchin Services Building, 1620 E. Grand Blvd., (enter off Mount Elliott Avenue), Detroit. The Capuchin Services Building is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

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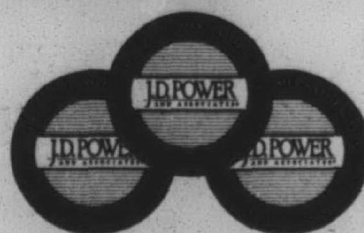


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A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, December 2, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the City of Detroit. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Dennis Ward. The following items were discussed:

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Mayor Dennis Ward, Councilmembers: ...

Members Absent: ...

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

General Calendar

Department of Public Works

Motion by Mayor Dennis Ward

Motion by Councilmember ...

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Stewart, Voyles, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar, Item 3, Approval to Purchase Spiewak Utility Jackets for the Department of Public Safety, was deleted from the agenda.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 4, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.
Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Abstain: Burdziak
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 12, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 18, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURE RECAP

General Fund	101	\$153,829.32
Fire Fund	206	13,068.84
Police Fund	207	37,113.87
Community Center Fund	208	5,318.22
Golf Course Fund	211	14,207.83
Cable TV Fund	230	8,475.83
Community Imp. Fund	246	185,857.41
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	3,593.00
Special Inv. Fund	267	3,523.38
Federal Grants Funds	274	2,243.16
State Projects Fund	289	1,233.42
Retiree Benefits	296	8.10
Bldg. Auth. Debt Fund	369	375.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	708,049.52
Trust & Agency (Trailer)	701	13,350.00
Construction Escrow	702	21,058.85
S/Haggerty Paving	815	341,346.02
Total-All Funds		\$1,544,502.97

RECOGNITION OF KELLER AND STEIN FLORIST FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE BEAUTIFICATION OF SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution in recognition of Keller and Stein Florist for their contributions in the beautification of Summit on the Park. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Keller and Stein Florist has been essential in enhancing the appearance of Summit on the Park, particularly the Banquet and Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, for the past year Keller and Stein Florist has contributed three (3) floral arrangements on a weekly basis for the Banquet and Conference Center using their unique talents and abilities in these creations to produce seasonal and holiday displays; and

WHEREAS, Keller and Stein Florist has gone above and beyond the original request of occasionally supplying cut flowers for volunteers to arrange and have provided displays that continually exceed our expectations and are enjoyed who visits Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize Keller and Stein Florist a friend and an asset to the Canton community and the Summit on the Park.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM 1 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARD FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:10 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to close the public hearing at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program Award Contract which includes \$20,578 of Federal funds and a \$2,286 local match. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to appoint Tom Yack to serve on the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee for the one year term from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1997 and to appoint Phil LaJoy to serve on the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee for a two year term from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach, Susan Wooley and Vera Lieberman to two-year terms on the Canton CDBG Advisory Council from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to grant the easement to Detroit Edison for the relocation of the existing pole line across parcel #71-109-99-002-707, and to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the easement agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 25964, pages 399 through 401, inclusive as indicated and related to Builders Square. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 16004, pages 333 through 335, inclusive and as indicated and related to Haggerty A-D/R Group Building. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and the City of Wayne to provide sanitary sewer service and easement for sewer lead to E & L Transport, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, located at 4290 Hannan Road, Parcel ID #s 71-141-99-0023-000; 0024-000; and 0025-000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing date for December 9, 1997 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Norvest L.L.C. for 8440 N. Haggerty Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to grant special event status to Matthew Adams to conduct a clothing, toy and food drive. A trailer will be used for this collection and parked in the New Towne parking lot facing Ford Road. The date of the event is November 29, 1997 through December 14, 1997. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Service Fund to appropriate funds for bank service fees:

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#369-000-699-0000	\$200
Increase Appropriations:		
Other Sundry	#369-000-956-0000	\$200

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Service Fund budget from \$1,196,556 to \$1,196,756. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Beck Road Paving Construction Fund to reimburse the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund for engineering costs paid before special assessment bonds were sold:

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund balance	#814-000-699-0000	\$90,646
Increase Appropriations:		
Reimbursement Road Paving Fund	#814-500-965-4030	\$90,646

This budget amendment increases the Beck Road Paving Construction Fund budget from \$125,407 to \$306,053. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the North Haggerty Road Paving Construction Fund to increase the transfer to the North Haggerty Road Paving Debt Service Fund for interest earned in 1997:

Increase Revenues: Interest on Saving	#812-000-665-2000	\$106
Increase Appropriations: Transfer to SAD Debt Fund	#812-500-956-8650	\$106

This budget amendment increase the North Haggerty Road Paving Construction Fund budget from \$530 to \$636. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement for costs associated with the sale of property:

Increase Revenues: Interest Earned - Other	#245-000-665-0000	\$1,000
Increase Appropriations: Expenditures	#245-265-700-0000	\$1,000

This budget amendment increases the Public Improvement Fund budget from \$8,196,470 to \$3,197,470. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of one additional laptop computer from Micromend, Inc. for the previously approved bid price of \$3,773.00 and to amend the resolution of November 12, 1997 to reflect a total purchase amount of \$26,411. Further, to approve the requested budget amendment to decrease the Municipal Services Printing and Publishing account #101-305-900-0000 by \$2,000 and increase the Municipal Services Capital Outlay account #101-305-977-0000 by \$2,000. Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the reconditioning of five warning sirens by West Shore Services, Inc., Allendale, Michigan, for a cost of \$16,060. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve waiving the bidding process due to the fact West Shore Services, Inc., is the sole vendor for Federal Signal in Michigan. Motion carried.
Item 3, was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of furniture to:
BT Office Products International of Warren, Michigan in the amount of \$14,767.00;
Interior Systems contract Group of Royal Oak, Michigan in the amount of \$6,286.00; and
ABC Warehouse of Canton, Michigan in the amount of \$2,889.00
Total amount for the purchase of furniture for the new fire headquarters is not to exceed \$23,942. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve Yellow Pages advertising the West/Northwest and Downriver directories for Summit on the Park in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to Ameritech Publishing, Inc., of Livonia. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of 50 stanchions and 49 velvet ropes from Meisel/Sysco Food Service Company in the amount of \$5,366.53 and to approve the transfer of \$2,600 from Community Center Fund Capital Outlay - Building account #208-757-975-0000 to Capital Outlay - Equipment account #208-757-977-0000 for a portion of this purchase. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the contract for professional landscape architectural services for the development of Phase II of Freedom park to Grissom/Metz Associates in the amount of \$20,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the contract for professional landscape architectural services for Phase II of Independence park to Beckett and Raeder, Inc., in the amount of \$43,725. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to increase the current Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Child and Family Services/Huron Services for Youth, Inc., from \$105,000 to \$132,000. Further, to approve the following budget amount in the General Fund to increase the budget for Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-0000	\$25,000
Increase Appropriations: Transportation	#101-670-860-0000	\$25,000

This budget amendment increases the Social Services Department budget from \$158,671 to \$183,671, and the General Fund Budget from \$13,054,505 to \$13,079,505. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid amount to the Pollard Company in the amount of \$6,765.00 for the purchase of one (1) Stake Body with Lift Gate.

Further, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to transfer budget funds for this purchase there is \$5,232.19 available in the #977 account

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations		
Capital Outlay-Land & Improvements	#101-270-971-0000	\$(2,000)
Capital Outlay-Equipment	#101-270-977-0000	2,000

This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Grounds Maintenance Division budget or the General Fund budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the contract between Canton Township and AFSCME Local 3860 from April 1, 1996 through March 31, 2000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the creation and filling for the new Maintenance technician III position for the Administrative and Community Services Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid to Safety Storage, Inc., in the amount of \$17,856 of the purchase of one Chemical Storage Building. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer (December 4, 1997) the First Reading of the amendments to the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Ordinance No. 116(B). Motion carried.

FIRST READING

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 116(B)

(Effective December 22, 1994; amended December 19, 1996, amended December 18, 1997)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN PERTAINING TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 197, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1975 AS AMENDED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

104.801 Section 1. DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
"Act 197" means the Downtown Development Authority Act, Act No. 197 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

"Captured Assessed Value" means the amount in any one year by which the current assessed value as finally equalized of all taxable property in the Development Area exceeds the Initial Assessed Value, as more fully described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan.

"Development Area" shall mean the area within the boundaries of the Canton Downtown Development Authority District, as described in Exhibit B of the Downtown Development Authority Ordinance, Ordinance No. 115(A) as amended, and as illustrated in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000. (Ord. no 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amend. eff. Dec. 19, 1996)

"Development Plan" means the Development Plan for the Downtown Development Authority District, illustrated in the Downtown Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000 as amended by Ordinance 132, December. (Ord. no 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Initial Assessed Value" means the most recently assessed value, as finally equalized by the State Board of Equalization, of all taxable property within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority at the time of adoption of this ordinance, as more fully described in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000, as amended by Ordinance 132. (Ord. no 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Tax Increment" shall be that portion of the tax levy of all Taxing Jurisdictions paid each year

on real and personal property in the Downtown Development Authority district on the Captured Assessed Value, as more fully described in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000, as amended by Ordinance 132. (Ord. no 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Downtown Development Authority" means the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority as established by Ordinance No. 115(A) as amended. (Ord. no 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amend. eff. Dec. 19, 1996)

"Tax Increment Finance Plan" means the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Canton Downtown Development Authority District, including the Development Plan, as transmitted to the Canton Township Board of Trustees by the Downtown Development Authority for public hearing, and as confirmed by this Ordinance, copies of which are on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

"Taxing Jurisdiction" shall mean each unit of government levying an ad valorem property tax on property in the Downtown Development Authority District.

All other undefined terms, unless the context of this Ordinance specifically requires otherwise, shall have the meanings attributed to them by current usage. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.802 Section 2. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN, 1984/2000

Pursuant to Section 19(1) Act 197 as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton hereby finds and determines as follows:

a) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan constitutes and embodies a public purpose of the Charter Township of Canton;
b) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan meets the requirements set forth in Section 17(2) of Act 197 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 as amended;

c) That the proposed method of financing the development activities described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan is feasible, and that the Downtown Development Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;
d) That the development activities described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 197 as amended;

e) That the land to be acquired within the Downtown Development Authority District is reasonable necessary to carry out the purposes of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan and the purposes of Act 197 as amended;
f) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan is in reasonable accord with the approved Master Plan of the Charter Township of Canton;

g) That public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities are, or will be, adequate to service the Downtown Development Authority District; and
h) That such changes in zoning, street levels, intersections and utilities as are contemplated by the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are reasonably necessary for the Project and for the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the foregoing considerations, the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000 and all respective amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the Township Clerk's office and cross-indexed to this Ordinance. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984 as amended by Ordinance 132.)

104.803 Section 3. BOUNDARIES OF DEVELOPMENT AREA

The boundaries of the development Area are hereby adopted and confirmed. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.804 Section 4. PREPARATION OF BASE YEAR ASSESSMENT ROLL

a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, the Township Assessor shall prepare the Base Year Assessment Roll. The Base Year Assessment Roll shall list each Taxing Jurisdiction in which the Downtown Development Authority District is located, the Initial Assessed Value of the Development District on the effective date of this Ordinance and the amount of tax revenue derived by each Taxing Jurisdiction from ad valorem taxes on the property in the Development District.

b) The Township Assessor shall transmit copies of the Base Year Assessment to the Township Treasurer, the County Treasurer, the Downtown Development Authority, and each Taxing Jurisdiction, together with a notice that the assessment roll has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan approved by this Ordinance. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.805 Section 5. PREPARATION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Each year within 15 days following the final equalization of property in the Development District, the Township Assessor shall prepare an updated Annual Assessment Roll. The Annual Assessment Roll shall show the information required in the Base Year Assessment Roll and, in addition, the Captured Assessed Value for that year. Copies of the Annual Assessment Roll shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the same persons as the Base Year Assessment Roll, together with a notice that it has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.806 Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION

All Tax Increments shall be transmitted by the Township Treasurer and the Treasurer of Wayne County to the Township Treasurer for the account of the Downtown Development Authority at the earliest practicable date. All Tax Increments, so received by the Downtown Development Authority shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan and the requisitions of the Downtown Development Authority. For the purposes of segregation and transfer of such funds, the Township Treasurer shall maintain a separate fund which shall be kept in a depository bank account or accounts in a bank or banks approved by the Controller of the Township, to be designated Downtown Development Authority Project fund. All amounts payable to the Downtown development Authority shall, subject to the foregoing, be deposited directly in the Downtown Development Authority Project Fund. (Ord. no eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.807 Section 7. DURATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

The Tax Increment Finance Plan will continue in effect until all purposes of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan have been fulfilled. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.808 Section 8. ORDINANCE IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION

This Ordinance has been deemed necessary to assure the preservation of the general welfare of the Canton Community; therefore, said Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township on December 18, 1997. (Ord. no 116 eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

Effective: December 22, 1984

Amended(a) Effective/Publication: December 19, 1996

Amended(b) Effective/Publication: December 18, 1997

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer (December 4, 1997) the amendments to the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Ordinance No. 132(a). Motion carried.

FIRST READING

AMENDED DDA FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDINANCE NO. 132(A)

(effective June 3, 1993; amended December 18, 1997)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 132, AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197, Michigan Public Acts of 1975 ("Act 197") and Ordinance No. 115, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton has established the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"); and,

WHEREAS, the Authority prepared and the Township Board approved a Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan (the "Original Plan") relating to a development area within the Authority's jurisdiction (the "Original Development Area") as described in the Original Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interests of the Downtown District of the Township to add and revise development projects to be carried out under a development plan for the development area within the Downtown District; and,

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1984, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") established the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"); and,

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1993, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 132, approving the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Authority (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval amendments to the Plan attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein (the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1997, the Township Board held a public hearing on the Amended Plan pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area is located an opportunity to meet with the Township Board and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan and the Amended Plan, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after consideration for the Plan, the Township Board has determined to approve the Amended Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

104.901 Section 1. FINDINGS

(a) The Amended Plan meets the requirements set forth in the Act.

(b) The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.

(c) The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

(d) The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Amended Plan and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

(e) The Development Plan is reasonable accord with the master plan for the Township.

(f) Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.

(g) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Restated Plan, are reasonable necessary for the project and for the Township. (Ord. no 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.902 Section 2. PUBLIC PURPOSE

The Township Board hereby determines that the Amended Plan constitute a public purpose. (Ord. no 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.903 Section 3. BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC

The Township Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Amended Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District. (Ord. no 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.904 Section 4. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED PLAN

The Amended Plan is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Amended Plan, and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the Township Clerk's office. (Ord. no 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

A time to remember



Friends and family: Members of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim gathered together Monday, Dec. 1, to dedicate remembrance panels for the National "Names Project" AIDS Memorial Quilt. The service, a part of the World AIDS Day observance, was held at the church on Ridge Road in Canton. The panels were made during a workshop held on Nov. 8 at the Canton Township Administrative Building.



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104.910 Section 10. AMENDMENT AND CONTINUANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 132.

Ordinance No. 132 is hereby amended to the extent of the amendments to the Plan as set forth in Exhibit A. Except to the extent this Ordinance amend the Plan, all sections and portions of Ordinance No. 132, to the extent not in conflict herewith, shall continue in full force and effect. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.911 Section 11. CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY.

All other ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of the Ordinance. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.912 Section 12. PUBLICATION AND RECORDING.

This Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the Canton Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the Township Clerk. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.913 Section 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Canton Observer on December 18, 1997. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

ADJOURN

Motion by Lajoie, supported by Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 25, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 9, 1997.

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

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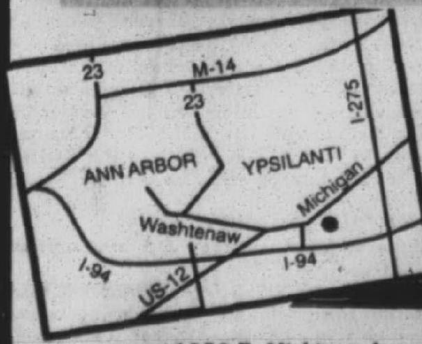
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Impact player

It's been two years since Tara Overaitis (Livonia Ladywood/Dearborn Divine Child) has played basketball, and three years since she was a player of impact.

That was in her senior year at Divine Child. Since then, she has spent a year at Michigan State and a year on the bench as a redshirt after transferring to the University of Toledo.

Seems the time away from on-the-floor competition didn't hurt Overaitis much. In Toledo's first three games, two of them victories, the 5-foot-11 sophomore forward has averaged 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game while making 52.4 percent of her shots. She ranks second on the Rockets in scoring and is third in rebounding and minutes played.

Adriane Bryant (Redford Bishop Borgess), a sophomore guard, is averaging 3.7 points and 2.3 assists in 17 minutes of action per game.

Top of the list

The Detroit Rockers moved a game over .500, and they did it against the team leading the National Professional Soccer League's North Division, beating the Buffalo Blizzard 19-14 Saturday at Joe Louis Arena.

The win pushed the Rockers' record to 4-3, good for second place in the North. Buffalo was still in first at 6-3.

Second in scoring for Detroit is Travis Roy, from Livonia (Stevenson HS). Roy had five two-point goals, one one-pointer and three assists for 14 points. He has one game-winning goal.

Other local players with the Rockers are Jeff Gold (Plymouth Salem), who has one two-point goal and three points, and Lars Richters (Livonia Stevenson), who has one two-pointer to his credit. Richters' 17 blocks is second on the Rockers and fourth in the NPSL.

Scoring leader

There are good reasons Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is off to one of the best starts in school history, with five wins in its first seven games.

There names are: Kevin Melson and Pete Males.

Both are statistical leaders in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Melson leads all scorers, averaging 29.4 points per game; Males (Garden City) has helped Melson reach that lofty position (the second-highest scorer is Joe Kozel of St. Clair CCC with a 21.6 point average) by leading the conference in assists, with a 7.0 average.

Melson is also tied for third in rebounding (8.4 per game) and ranks third in field-goal percentage (61.4 percent).

There are other Ocelots who have compiled admirable statistics. Derek McKelvey is third in scoring (17.7 points), three-point shooting (45.6 percent) and free throw accuracy (86.9 percent), and Emeka Okonkwo is 12th in scoring (12.5), fourth in floor shooting (58.3 percent), fifth in free throw shooting (80 percent) and sixth in three-point shooting (42.8 percent).

David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) is tied for sixth in the conference in rebounding with an average of 7.5 per game.

PCJBA registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school students from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at East Middle School.

The registration is for 9-12 graders, both boys and girls. Cost is \$90.

Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department). Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.

Money or unsold items can be picked up from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Grinding it out

CC plows through Huron to another state title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

College and professional coaches receive phone calls from the President while celebrating championships.

Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, standing in a crowded Pontiac Silverdome Press Room Saturday afternoon, settled for a direct link with a Detroit radio station.

That's as presidential as it gets at this level.

The Shamrocks scored 16 unanswered points in the second half and beat Ann Arbor Huron, 23-7, before 15,147 for their fourth Class AA state championship and fifth state crown overall.

"The credit goes to the kids, the coaches just came along for the ride," said Mach, whose teams have reached the finals eight times in his 22 years as coach. "I'm real happy for the guys. They did a tremendous job, improved every game."

Actually, Mach and his staff deserve much of the credit, utilizing a diversified offense and an attacking defense designed by defensive coordinator Rick Coratti.

The Shamrocks held a 16-7 edge in first downs and limited Huron to 133 total yards.

Defensive tackle Chuck Spolsky and defensive back Dave Lusky had one interception each and the Shamrocks also got a big game out of junior defensive end Brian Beardsley, who sacked Huron quarterback Joel Przygodski twice for a loss of 22 yards.

The River Rats' only points came on a 26-yard touchdown pass from Przygodski to Nate Johns with :26 left before halftime to tie the score at 7-7.

Huron's Cinderella season ends with a 12-1 record. The River Rats won three games in the post-season despite going in as underdogs each time.

"My hats off to their defensive line," said Huron tailback Patrick Johnson,



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Celebration time: A jubilant bunch of Shamrocks hoist the Class AA championship trophy toward the Silverdome roof after beating Ann Arbor Huron in the state final Saturday, CC's fifth state title.

who had 46 yards in 13 carries. "It seemed like every time I got the ball one of their guys was in my way."

CC senior quarterback Adam Tubaro, who played the entire way

despite suffering a slightly sprained ankle in the first half, threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to tight end Nick Brzezinski and scored on a four-yard run.

Senior tailback Josh Christenson, who led the Shamrocks with 107 yards on 27 carries, scored the other touchdown on a four-yard run. Spolsky

Please see CC TITLE, C7

CC quarterback adds to his ring collection

Adam Tubaro credits his success as Redford Catholic Central's quarterback to not having any average Joe's - or Don's or Nick's, for that matter, as receivers.

That kid in a candy store feeling comes from having wide receivers Joe Jonna and Joe Saah to throw deep to and tight ends Don Slankster and Nick Brzezinski over the middle.

And yet there are insecurities that come with being a kid, which may explain Tubaro keeping his state championship ring - the one he won as a sophomore -

under his pillow when he went to bed during the state playoffs.

Tubaro can rest easy now as the Shamrocks won their second Class AA championship in three years and fourth in the 1990s with a 23-7 win over Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday afternoon at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Maybe that ring under the pillow routine was symbolic of something else we did as kids. Remember leaving the tooth you lost under the pillow to get a dollar from the "Tooth Fairy?"

Only in this scenario, Tubaro's father Eddie (he must have been a silly-looking Tooth Fairy in his day) will gladly leave the 1995 ring with his son and add another to his collection.



STEVE KOWALSKI

Tubaro, who played his entire sophomore year as a backup defensive back on the '95 CC state champion team, and Jonna are the only seniors with two rings.

"The other seniors were envious to the point where 'We want one,'" Tubaro said. "To get one this year is totally different because it's 'Our senior year.'"

Tubaro has films of each game the Shamrocks played this year, watching the 24-20 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's the most to learn from his mistakes.

It'll be the second-most watched film now.

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Title run in sight for Rocks

Strong group of returnees favors Salem

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Like every wrestling coach in the state of Michigan, Ron Krueger is hoping for a solid 1997-98 season.

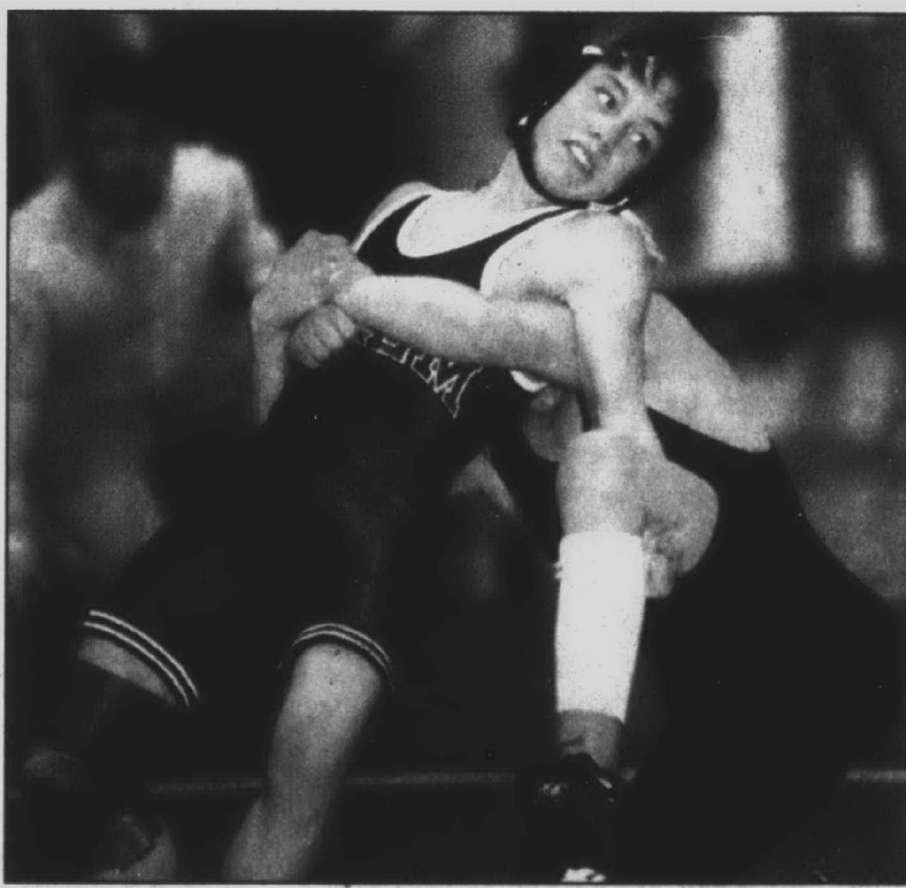
But with several state placers and several more veterans returning to the lineup, the Plymouth-Canton mentor has more than hope to go on.

If everything falls into place, in fact, the Rocks could challenge for a Western Lakes Activities Association title and send a large contingent of wrestlers to the state finals.

"If our kids work hard," Krueger said, "I feel we've got seven or eight individuals that could qualify for state finals."

The Rocks had a pair of state placers last year. Eric Coburn was fifth at 119-pounds and Teono Wilson captured fourth at 189.

Each won 52 matches a year ago, which established a new school record. Coburn graduated last spring while



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Big expectations: As a freshman, John Mervyn collected 29 mat wins. More of the same is anticipated from him as a sophomore in the two lowest weight divisions.

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Improvement is Canton's main agenda

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for an up-and-coming team to follow at CEP this winter, Plymouth Canton's wrestling squad may be the one to watch.

After posting a 4-7 record last season, coach Ernie Krumm thinks the Chiefs will continue to improve.

"I think we'll be able to compete with the teams in our division," he said. "We have a chance to be a good tournament team, too."

Canton opens the season tonight against Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Plymouth Salem and Farmington. It should be a good test, Krumm said.

The Rocks "blew us out last year in the beginning," the coach added. When the two squads met in the state district, though, Canton narrowed the gap considerably.

"We had an improving year," Krumm said. "I thought we improved steadily."

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Canton mat from page C1

Canton will remain busy until the Christmas break. Many of the Chiefs could have 14 or 15 matches under their belts by the first of the year, which will be an advantage going into the league season.

"It'll give us an opportunity to shake some things out," Krumm added.

The things that need to be shaken out are the top and bottom of Canton's lineup.

While the Chiefs are relatively set from about 130 to 189 pounds, positions below and above are unclear right now. Krumm wants his lineup established by the time the WLAA season kicks off in early January.

That's because he believes his team can challenge for a Western Division championship.

"For us," said Krumm, who's in his third year with Canton, "that would be an excellent accomplishment."

The Chiefs haven't won a division title since the late 1980s.

If Canton is to achieve its goal, Brent Buttermore will be one wrestler that has to come through. The senior qualified for state regionals a year ago and could go even further this year.

"He's very quick and agile," Krumm said. "He's a very slick wrestler. He understands balance and movement."

At 135 pounds, junior Kevin Stone holds down the fort. He qualified for regionals last year while winning more than twice as many as he lost.

"This is his third year on varsity," Krumm said. "He has improved every year."

"He's got great mat sense. He's strong. He's got a lot of qualities that make him a good wrestler."

Brent Musser will be Canton's man at 140 pounds. Also a third year wrestler, he should move over the .500 mark this season.

"I think it could be a breakthrough year for him," said Krumm.

The Chiefs aren't set at 145 pounds. Brothers Jim and Dan Shelton are battling for time at 152 pounds.

"They've both turned into good wrestlers," said Krumm.

The Sheltons aren't Canton's only brother act. Robert and John-Peter Demsick will fill the 160 and 171-pound positions, respectively.

"They have the potential to make it to the state meet," Krumm said. "They have all the tools to do it."

Robert is a junior and John-Peter a senior. Another senior, Larry Anderson, will wrestle at 189 pounds.

Krumm said he'll be a little undersized in that weight division, but will still help the team.

"He's an aggressive kid that's tough-minded," the coach commented. "I think he'll win some matches."

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CC to challenge Salem as area's best

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The music of choice for area wrestling coaches this year is the blues. Nearly all are singing it, too.

All the members of the Western Lakes Activities Association coaching fraternity must be ex-quarterbacks, the way they're handing the ball off to Plymouth Salem as the league favorite.

"Mr. Salem, he's got the monkey on his back," said Livonia Stevenson's Don Berg. "I'm predicting right now, he's the front runner. He'll tell you he has holes, but I'd like to have his holes."

"Seriously, he's worked hard. And if you work hard, you'll generally find that it pays off in the end."

"He's got a lineup, that's for sure," agreed Coach Marty Altounian of Livonia Churchill. "You ask him for his key returnees, he'll probably just list his whole team."

Unlike a year ago, no area team is loaded with returning superstars. Most have quality wrestlers returning, but lost more than they return or have depth problems. Virtually all are young.

Outside of Plymouth Salem, the best area team before the first pin is made is Redford Catholic Central, also heavy with returning talent.

Biggest adjustment this year is to the new Michigan High School Athletic Association rules enacted to guard against wrestlers being forced (or forcing themselves) to lose

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copious amounts of weight to make their classification.

It's caused no small amount of grumbling, but more because of the paperwork involved than over the philosophical intent.

Slimmed down, the rule requires every wrestler to undergo a physical examination which involves weight-for-height and body fat.

The wrestler cannot be below 7 percent body fat and is told by the doctor the lowest weight he (or she) can wrestle at.

"The state is basically telling us where kids are going to wrestle," the Chargers' Altounian said. "This isn't exactly new because we had a dry run last year."

"But I think you'll probably see a few voids in a lot of lineups this year."

This isn't a cut-and-dried thing, though. There are exceptions.

Doctors can issue exemptions for kids who have had extremely low amounts of body fat their whole lives and parents can sign permission slips for minor variations.

This documentation must be submitted to the MHSAA and then returned to the school before the wrestler can compete.

Coaches traditionally have scrambled to find kids to fill voids in their lineups early in the season. Now the paperwork must be completed, too.

At Catholic Central, Coach Mike Rodriguez welcomes back a load of talent.

His captain is Detroit Catholic League champion Matt Petersen, who will move from 130 pounds to 145 this season.

Rodriguez expects good things from four other seniors: Andy Lendrum (130), Brendan Burns (140), Jeff Pasco (160) and Rob Wentworth (171).

Junior Brocc Naismith, who placed eighth among state heavyweights, drops down to 215 this year. Junior Casey Rogowski, who was second in the regionals, will wrestle heavyweight.

Sophomore Mitch Hancock, a Catholic League champion and district runnerup, will go at 135.

The Shamrocks boast two freshmen with older brothers on the team, Chris Petersen (112) and Ed Lendrum (119). In addition, freshman Chris O'Hara's (103) older brother Dave was CC's captain last year.

Sophomore Sean Bell (152) wrestled last year while the team should be improved because Andy Conlin (189) has outwrestled John Abshire for a spot in the starting lineup. Also being counted on is Matt Goward (125).

"We're a pretty solid team," Rodriguez said. "We're heavy at the top. We've got some kids that have been there for awhile, especially in the upper weights."

Catholic Central opens today against powerful Temperance-Bedford in an assembly match in front of its student body.

Salem mat from page C1

Wilson returns.

"We're hoping he'll rise a notch from last year," Krueger said.

Wilson and the rest of his teammates will begin the season today with a pair of matches against Canton and Monroe.

Krueger isn't sure what to expect from either opponent.

"I think Canton has some good kids," he commented. "I think they'll be better than they've been."

Krueger, who has guided Salem since the school opened in 1971, would like to see his team pick up its intensity.

"I feel right now that we're not working as hard as we should," he said.

The Rocks are coming off a good 1996-97 season.

Besides the two state placers, Salem posted an 11-4-1 dual meet record and finished third at the WLAA meet.

Livonia Stevenson won the

league title while Walled Lake Central was second. Krueger thinks both will be tough again as will the rest of the Lakes Division.

"The league will be better overall this year," he added. "There are good people everywhere."

Including the Rocks' lineup. Sophomores Ron Thompson and John Mervyn will open the season in the 103 and 112-pound weight divisions, respectively. Mervyn posted 29 wins as a freshman.

Rob Ash, another sophomore, will see action at 103, too.

Dan Morgan returns at 119 pounds. The senior captain is a four-year member of the Rocks.

"I expect him to have a real solid season," said Krueger. "I think he can win 40 matches."

At 125 pounds, sophomores Greg Smith and Jason Bruner will see action. Both wrestled at the junior varsity level a year ago.

At 160 pounds, the Rocks have one of the best wrestlers in the area in Anwar Crutchfield. The senior captain was a WLAA champ last season and qualified for the state finals.

Jason Beadudon and Mike Popeney are fighting for the 171-pound position. Krueger said that fight could last all season.

"It's going to make us a better team," he added.

Wilson goes at 189. Off to a slow start because of injury, Krueger believes he'll have an outstanding season once he's healthy.

Ken Zidkowski, meanwhile, will wrestle at 215 pounds. Charlie Hamblin should be solid at heavyweight.

"He's just a junior," Krueger said. "But he's like a senior because he has already wrestled two years on varsity."

The key to Salem's season will be how quickly its lineup matures beyond its top eight wrestlers. Krueger said the Rocks must also avoid injuries to those top guys.

"We don't have much (depth)," he said. "We have kids, but nothing like them."

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Whalers reign on home ice

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The latest in this streak came Saturday against the Oshawa Generals. It took overtime for the Whalers, but they did prevail by a 4-3 count.

The game-winner came from team captain Andrew Taylor. He didn't waste much time, either, knocking home the winning goal just 27 seconds into OT.

David Legwand continued his offensive assault for Plymouth, collecting two goals and assisting on a third. Legwand still leads the first-year players in the Ontario Hockey League in scoring with 26 goals and 15 assists for 41 points. He is fifth in the OHL in scoring.

Robert Esche was in goal for the Whalers, improving his record to 12-4-1. He has a 2.97 goals-against average and a .893 save percentage.

The Whalers improved to 14-7-3 with the victory; their 31 points are second to the London Knights (16-8-1, 33 points) in the OHL's West Division.

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CLASS C BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Borgess bounces to semis

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Sandusky girls basketball coach Al DeMott knows it would have been a real coup for his program to beat heavily-favored Redford Bishop Borgess in Tuesday's Class C quarterfinal at Troy Athens.

Borgess coach Dave Mann, meanwhile, had a real Koo on his mind as well — that is, senior forward Koren "Koo" Merchant, arguably the most talented player in the state whose game has a habit of mysteriously leaving her at times.

Merchant began the game in Mann's doghouse on the bench and played so-so once she got in, but the Spartans still had enough to win 41-26 and earn a fifth-straight trip to the Final Four.

The Spartans, who were Class C champions in 1993 and '94, will play Kalamazoo Christian at 6 p.m. Friday in a semifinal game at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

Admission to the semifinal session is \$4; the finals cost \$5.

Christian beat Parchment 54-30 in another quarterfinal game Tuesday night. If the Spartans win the semifinal, the championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, also at Rose Arena.

Borgess senior center Aiysha Smith, named Miss Basketball

earlier in the week, scored eight of her 10 points in the first half and led all rebounders with 12. Joining Smith with 10 points were junior forward Tiffany Simon and Merchant, who has been averaging near 20 per game lately.

"Koren did not play well and we hope she plays better Friday," Mann said.

Despite a big height advantage, the Spartans outrebounded Sandusky only 28-21. Merchant and Shermaine Drake helped out on the boards with four rebounds each.

Merchant's teammates know a third-state championship will be a lot easier to come by if Koo is at her best.

"Sometimes she's in a good (rhythm), sometimes she's in a daze, then she's back to the normal Koo, scoring and everything," Smith said.

Sandusky used exactly what Mann expected — a patient offense and packed in zone defense, both of which worked

well the first quarter, anyway.

Sandusky led 6-4 early before the Spartans scored the last four points of the first quarter and the first seven of the second for a 15-6 lead.

A three-point shot by Sandusky cut the deficit to 15-9 but the Spartans outscored the Redskins, 6-2, the remainder of the half for a 21-11 lead.

"I have a great appreciation for what coach DeMott and his kids did," said Mann, who also coaches the women at University of Michigan Dearborn.

"When I coach at U of M Dearborn, that's exactly what we've got to do — come up with some sort of a wrinkle (strategy) to have a chance and they did. That's a team that executed it well and is hard to defend. I guarantee you whatever they're offense is they don't spread it out as much."

The Spartans' senior point guard Christina Anderson was held two field goals and six points.

Senior guard Jennifer Green led Sandusky with 12 points. Teammate Kristy Mitchell added 11.

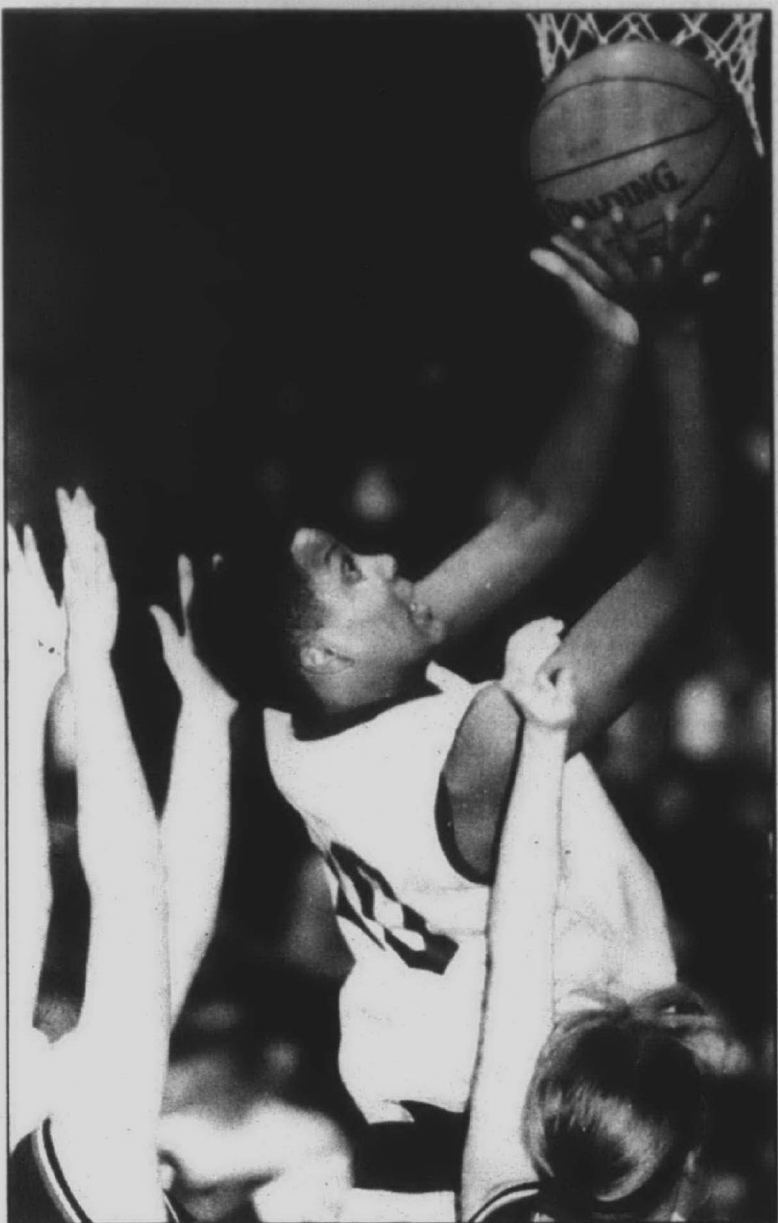
Sandusky finished with a 23-2 overall record, losing only to Harbor Beach during the regular season.

"The kids know they're very good and Smith's a very good player," said. "The kids did a good job. Borgess is very well disciplined, well coached and spread it out on us. They are so quick defensively."

Sandusky committed 22 turnovers to Borgess' 17. The Spartans missed their first six shot attempts from the floor and finished 15 for 45 for 33 percent. Sandusky was eight for 27.

Smith made only five of 13 shots but winning Miss Basketball had nothing to do with her performance.

"It's not gone to her head," Mann said. "She just did not play well. She's not the one walking around with the big head."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Tall order: As Tanisha Dillard showed, Bishop Borgess proved to be a big order for Sandusky to handle in Tuesday's quarterfinals.

Surprise selection

Spartan star is Miss Basketball

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Early in her career at Redford Bishop Borgess, Aiysha Smith seemed more likely to win Miss Michigan than Miss Basketball.

Prim, proper and attractive off the court, Smith wasn't the most feared player on coach Dave Mann's girls basketball team.

People still rave about her qualities as a person, but this week her basketball skills were mentioned first when she was introduced as the state's 17th Miss Basketball winner as voted by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Smith, a surprise winner, received 145 first-place votes and 818 points. The two pre-sea-

son favorites, Flint Northern's Tawana McDonald (463 points) and Detroit Dominican's Raina Goodlow (280), finished second and fourth, respectively.

Smith scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds as a freshman in the Spartans' Class C state championship victory in 1994, but basketball was still fairly new to her.

She credits Maxann Reese, a Borgess graduate and the winner of the 1995 Miss Basketball award, for giving her a mean streak and motivation on the court.

"She taught me how to play tougher instead of being timid," said Smith, whose first passion was swimming.

Before enrolling at Borgess she

swam in the Junior Olympics as a student at Murphy Middle School near Telegraph and Fenkell roads in Detroit.

"That was one of the things she was disappointed about when she came to Borgess and didn't see a pool," Borgess coach Dave Mann said.

Smith averaged 10.6 points and 11.5 rebounds per game for the Spartans, who are 24-1 and headed to the Class C Final Four for the fifth straight season. Borgess senior guard Christina Anderson played on the Murphy seventh and eighth grade team with Smith.

"Aiysha, we had to force her to play," laughs Anderson. "It was like, 'Come on, you're too tall not to play.'"

During an emotional speech, Smith dedicated the award to her mother, Rica, who passed away 31 1/2 years ago with a brain aneurysm. The two were riding bikes when the horrible problem took place.

Her mother was 31 when she died and Smith wears that number in her honor.

"I was in shock when she died," Smith said. "I think I'm still in shock. I don't really feel it yet."

Smith was joined by her teammates coaches, Borgess administrators, grandparents Floyd and Mildred Smith and uncle Tim Smith at the announcement at the Detroit Free Press.

Tim Smith said Aiysha's mother wouldn't know how to control her happiness if she was still alive today.

"She'd probably be making all kinds of noise," he said. "At Aiysha's games in middle school, you could hear her on the sidelines cheering on Aiysha, this frail, skinny girl who just would run up and down the court. They had a real close bond, like sisters."

Mann believes the Spartans' No. 1 ranking for all classes throughout most of the year and a victory over Northern helped Smith.

"That brought a lot of attention to our program," Mann said. "It's just been steady development all the way through. The first couple years she went from being strictly a post player to being our backup point guard last year and my best defender I've ever had. She's extremely versatile, shoots the three and can guard anyone on the floor."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

A solid choice: Spartan standout Aiysha Smith wasn't one of the favorites to be chosen as Miss Basketball, but her abilities were recognized by state coaches. Smith averaged 10.6 points and 11.5 rebounds a game for Borgess, helping her team reach the Class C semifinals.

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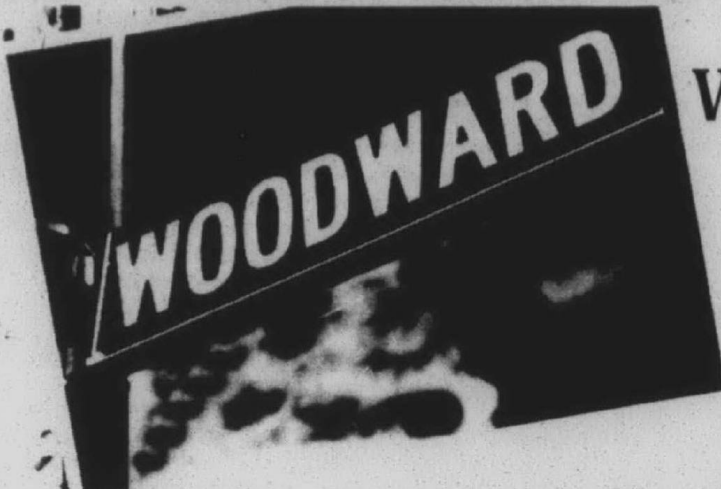
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GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Marian rolls over East

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

In the market for a Final Four? Call on Kelly Byers. That's what Birmingham Marian did and it paid huge dividends Tuesday.

The defending Class A champions defeated a fearless but out-matched Lapeer East squad, 61-48, in a quarterfinal game played at Waterford Mott High School.

The Mustangs (21-4) next meet Detroit Martin Luther King (24-2) in the state semifinals scheduled for 2:50 p.m. today at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

The winner of that game plays for the Class A state championship 2 p.m. Saturday at the same site, and the Mustangs hope to be there.

"I'm happy we made it (to the Final Four)," Byers said. "That's been our goal since Day One and we achieved it."

Byers has played a big role off the bench for Marian all year, and it was no different against the Eagles.

The Marina junior not only scored a game-high 18 points but was instrumental in keying a third-quarter onslaught that virtually buried Lapeer East.

Halfway through the quarter, Marian held a 40-36 advantage. Although the Mustangs were in control, they couldn't shake a Lapeer East team (22-4) that had a size, depth and experience disadvantage. That is, until Byers took matters into her hands.

CLASS A

Marian went on a 9-0 run to take a 49-36 lead. Byers accounted for seven of those points, including a clutch three that concluded the run of points. Breean Walas scored the other basket on a layup after a turnover.

By the end of the third quarter, Marian owned a 49-38 lead and maintain a comfortable advantage throughout the fourth quarter.

Byers, who also scored a big basket in the regional championship victory over Plymouth Canton, said the all Marian players "picked up" their games knowing what was at stake.

"I felt real good in that third quarter. I felt like I was in a zone," Byers said. "If they started to come at me, I started to penetrate and take the short jumper. I just wanted to play my game."

"I decided to step my game up and play all out. As a team, we all really wanted to go to Central Michigan."

Veteran Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone figured Byers would play a key role with her outside shooting to help attack the Lapeer East zone defense.

"All along I knew I wanted Kellie, because we knew they were going to play a zone against us," she said. "And Kellie has been shooting the ball real well all season, especially in the tournament. So we wanted to get her in there and break down that zone for us."

"And she did step it up again for us tonight and didn't let us down."

Byers was Marian's leading scorer, but she was not the only double-digit player. Junior center Nicole Anaejonu finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Walas added 13 points.

Each team had two three-point baskets, but Marian made four more field goals (22-18) and five more foul shots (11-6).

Marian outscored Lapeer East in three quarters, and each team netted 16 second-quarter points. The Mustangs held a slim, 33-29 halftime lead.

"Marian is the best team we've played this year," East coach Mike Halstead said. "(Byers) played a real good game for them. They have so many weapons, and they're very hard to stop."

If the Mustangs have their way, they hope to use those weapons to charge into the state championship game for the second straight season.

Lillie-Cicerone has been to the Final Four on four different occasions. Each trip to finals is an exciting time, she said.

"This is my fourth time in the state semis, and it feels just as good as the first time. It's just so exciting, so much fun."

Lillie-Cicerone's teams have captured three Class A championships in her 15 years as head coach.

"It's too bad all the players in the state can't do that," she said. "And I tell the girls that. I tell them there is nothing more fun than this right now."

Thomas guides DCDS to semis

BY JOE KYRIAKOZA
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Thomas decided to take matters into her own hands Tuesday.

After a quick feeling-out process of Dexter's defensive scheme, which was to shadow every move she made with three to four defenders, the junior forward went on the offensive.

Thomas made all the plays necessary to pilot Country Day to its second Class B state semifinal appearance in three seasons with a 52-40 conquest of Dexter at Carleton-Airport.

"In the beginning, it looked like it was going to be a difficult night for us," Country Day coach Frank Orlando said. "(The Dreadnaughts) said 'We're not gonna let Jennifer beat us.'"

The Yellow Jackets fell behind 13-4 before Thomas scored 11 straight points.

CLASS B

After taking a two-point lead into halftime, Country Day grabbed a 12-point advantage at the end of three quarters, 39-27, on a layup by freshman Suzanne Morrison. Country Day reached its largest lead of 14 with 2:33 left in the game.

Thomas led the Jackets with 23 points, 10 rebounds and five steals, while Hanks had 13 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Junior Katie Blazewski added 10 points and four boards.

Senior Kelly Bitters led Dexter with 14 points and three steals. Junior Caitlyn Kennedy scored nine points and junior Shawna Shafer seven.

Country Day plays in the semifinals Friday afternoon at Central Michigan University's

Rose Arena.

Orlando praised Dexter's effort.

"They had a great game plan," Orlando said. "I give Dexter a lot of credit. They're well-coached. That should be recognized."

Thomas was determined not to yield an opportunity to grab another state title, which the Jackets earned in 1995.

"I told the team we weren't going home today," Thomas said. "This has been our goal throughout the year."

Thomas and Orlando realize that this year's squad differs from the championship team two seasons ago, but has the capability of going all the way.

"This team is not as experienced as the championship team," Thomas said. "We had six seniors. This year we have none, but we know what it takes to win."

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Hunters finish firearms season with a lot to talk about



OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
BILL PARKER

It seems like the 1997 firearms deer season just started yesterday and already it has come to an end. If you were fortunate this fall and put some venison in the freezer during the bow or firearms season give me a call and report your success. Then watch future editions of the Observer & Eccentric newspaper for those results to be published.

Several area hunters reported success during the firearms season.

■ Jeri Sutherland believes in includ-

ing his children in his hunting trips and that's exactly what the Westland resident was doing on the second day of the firearms season when he tagged the "buck of a lifetime." With his 10-year-old son Weston at his side, Sutherland arrived at his deer blind in Washtenaw County early in the morning on Nov. 17. At 6:40 a.m. a doe stepped into a cut hay field, but Sutherland was unable to get off a shot.

"Five minutes later the big buck stepped into the hay field and I whispered to Wes, 'Here comes a buck, stay real still.' The buck stopped once, then stopped a second time just 25 yards away," explained Sutherland. "He was looking right at us and he was getting nervous. I knew now was our chance so I put the sights on his neck and

squeezed the trigger."

The rack on the 9-point buck sported a 17-inch spread and featured an 11-inch tine.

"As we approached him carefully I realized it was the buck of a lifetime and the best part was that my son was with me," said Sutherland. "Not only will we enjoy the venison all year, but we will cherish the moment for a lifetime. Special thanks to my brother Bill who put us in this spot and who has taught us to never give up. Your time will come if you invest time in the hunt."

■ June Smith of Troy is gaining a reputation of being a crack-shot. Hunting near Hubbard Lake, Smith shot a 4-point buck at 10:30 a.m. on opening day.

But that's not the whole story. She dropped the buck with one shot - at 90 yards and on the run.

"This is the third running shot for her out of the 10 bucks she's taken," boasted her husband, J. William Smith.

■ It took four years for Livonia native Gary Witt to convince his father, Bob, to join him in the Upper Peninsula for the opening of Michigan's firearms deer season.

"This is his last year at college at Michigan Tech," explained Bob. "Gary has been trying to get me to come up there deer hunting and I finally went this year, now that he's a senior."

The trip proved to be tremendously successful. Hunting on state land in Houghton County, Gary shot a nice 4-point on opening day to get the season

started. Bob followed that up on Nov. 19 by shooting a beautiful 8-point at 9:15 a.m. That buck dressed out at 170 pounds and sported a symmetrical rack with a 16-inch spread.

Not to be outdone by his father, Gary, who is majoring in civil engineering, bagged a fantastic 14-point buck at 5:15 on the 19th. Gary's buck dressed out at 192 pounds and the rack had a 20-inch spread.

Bob also shot a 200-pound bear in October.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES

BASS
Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.

DEER
The second archery season is Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading seasons are Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will be held Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS
Duck season runs through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE
The second part of the Canada goose season runs through Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMUs.

MUSKIE
Muskie season ends Dec. 15 on Lake St. Clair the St. Clair River and the Detroit River.

PHEASANT
A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL
Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 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.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, 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.

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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.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles

north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 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 (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE
The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

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

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are serving as collection sponsors for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the United States Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing new, unwrapped toys during the holidays. Anyone wishing to donate a new, unwrapped toy of a non-violent nature can do so through Dec. 17 at any Metropark office. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

SNACKS WITH SANTA
Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy a snack and a hay ride during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14 at Kensington. Tickets are \$5 each and available by advanced purchase only. A similar program will be held Sunday at Indian Springs.

WRAPPING PAPER
Learn to make your own holiday wrapping paper during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

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An introduction to bird identification, field guides, binoculars

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

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Create hand-made gifts for the holidays during this craft session, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Independence Oaks.

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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) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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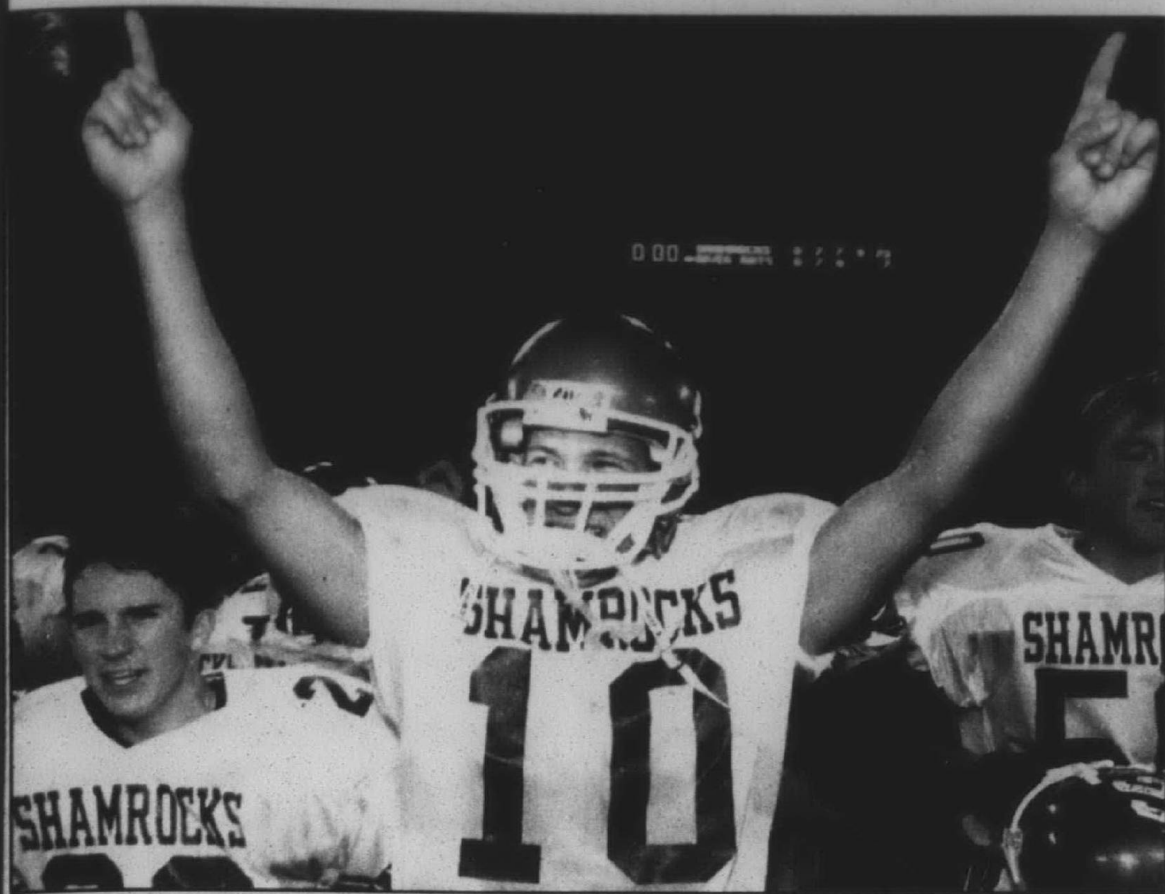
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Reason to celebrate: Shamrock quarterback Adam Tubaro gives the appropriate signal after guiding his team to the Class AA state championship.

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A perfect ending

Tubaro is to CC's football team what Brian Giese is to the University of Michigan: Someone who came from obscurity to lead his team with a confident, yet controlled style that produces few mistakes.

Tubaro passed for more than 1,300 yards and threw for 17 touchdowns. Impressive numbers for anyone, but almost unheard of for a CC quarterback.

Getting coach Tom Mach to add the pass to his run-oriented offense is akin to asking Rush Limbau to become a Democrat.

"One thing I pride myself on is making as few mistakes as possible," Tubaro said. "We all expected the passing game to go well, it was just a matter of coach Mach letting us go with it. I have receivers I can throw the ball to who adjust and make a mediocre throw look great."

Toughness is a Tubaro trait, probably from his background as a defensive back. He was starting two-ways this year before a shoulder injury against Warren

DeLaSalle scared Mach more than the forward pass used to.

"I don't avoid contact at all," said Tubaro, who carries a 3.1 grade point average and scored a 26 on his ACT. "I enjoy it."

Tubaro decided against coming out for his fourth season on CC's basketball team to concentrate more on his improvement in football. He hopes to play collegiate.

Maybe his neighbor in his new Livonia neighborhood, former Central Michigan University tight end Pat Bonk, can still run a pass route or two for him in the off-season.

In good company

It's been billed as the Year of the Quarterback in Michigan and though Tubaro isn't in the Fab Five group headed by Brighton's Drew Henson, he's near the top of the next list.

Ironically, Tubaro started his football career as a lineman in the sixth grade at St. Gemma's in Detroit.

He was taking after his dad, who was a lineman at Detroit

Benedictine. Adam couldn't listen to all his advice.

"I played when they allowed head slaps," Eddie Tubaro said. "Wasn't that before they had facemasks?"

Tubaro always had a strong arm, even as a toddler, his mother, Marie, remembers.

"He'd play whiffle ball in the house with his dad but I had to cut it out because his throws kept deflecting off pictures," Marie Tubaro said.

The Tubaros lived next door to the Baaki family, whose boys Bill and Brian attended CC, near Telegraph and Schoolcraft roads.

Adam and Brian were buddies growing up, which meant they fought a lot.

"And 10 minutes later, we'd be back out playing," remembers Adam.

Judging by his 11 of 15 performance in a snowstorm during the 21-3 regional final win over Troy, Tubaro probably never lost

CC title from page C1

sky and Chris Respondek combined to sack Przygodski for a two-point safety and senior placekicker Aaron Rock made all three of his extra point attempts, including one from 35 yards out after a CC penalty.

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke complemented Christenson's running with 60 tough yards of his own on eight carries, including a long of 23.

"Chris was our number one back all year but starting with Sterling Heights, Stevenson teams started keying on him and that's when our depth showed," Christenson said.

The Shamrocks went ahead to stay, 14-7, after taking the second-half kickoff and needing only five plays to drive 69 yards for a score.

Tubaro completed two passes to Brzezinski on the drive, including a 34-yarder for a touchdown over the outstretched arms of one of the Huron defensive backs.

The play was a confidence builder for Tubaro, who threw two first-half interceptions. The two interceptions were the only passes Tubaro didn't complete to his team.

He finished five of seven for 91 yards through the air.

"We've been running that play all year," said Tubaro. "We fake the counter and catch the defensive backs coming up hard."

The Shamrocks were called for an uncharacteristically high 11 penalties for 117 yards, but the interpretation of one of those

flags worked in their favor at a crucial time.

Leading 14-7, the Shamrocks were called for a personal foul after hitting Przygodski out of bounds following an eight yard run on fourth down to CC's 25.

The referees ruled the foul occurred after the whistle, meaning no automatic first down. The five-yard penalty left the River Rats short of the first down, turning the ball over to CC.

The Shamrocks sealed the outcome with a 62-yard 10 play drive that ended with Tubaro's four yard run with 2:24 remaining.

So much for a sprained ankle. "This was the state championship and something like that can't keep you down," Tubaro said.

Spolsky's plays provide a lift

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Chuck Spolsky got his hands on the football and also had some heroics in the end zone in Saturday's Class AA state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Sounds like the kind of day his brother John, a sophomore on the Air Force Academy's football team, used to enjoy as an all-state fullback at CC.

But Spolsky, a 5-foot-11, 195-pounder, wouldn't dare suggest he should have been used as a ballcarrier the last two years. Spolsky was quite content opening holes for the running backs as an offensive lineman and stuffing holes as a tackle on defense.

Still, it was good seeing some of Chuck's plays lead to points in the Shamrocks' 23-7 victory over Ann Arbor Huron.

His interception at Huron's 15 yard line early in the second quarter led to the Shamrocks' first touchdown, a 4-yard run by Josh Christenson with 9:18 left in the half.

Spolsky also combined with Chris Respondek on a safety, sacking Huron quarterback Joel Przygodski in the end zone with 2:02 remaining in the game to

finish the scoring.

Spolsky went to the turf immediately after making his interception.

"Coach (Roy) Dudas says 'Smell the skunk,'" Spolsky said. "I was fortunate enough to catch it. So I just fell on it. I didn't want to press my luck."

Sign of the times: A sign on the wall in the tunnel at the Pontiac Silverdome said: "Hey CC, Alls was down. Stevenson rules."

The sign was in reference to the week before when CC's Joe Sgroi recovered a fumble by Joe Alls on a punt return leading to the go-ahead touchdown in a 21-17 Class AA semifinal playoff victory.

There was a question of whether Alls was down before he fumbled the ball.

After beating Ann Arbor Huron, 23-7, for the Class AA championship it's safe to say the sign wasn't anything the Shamrocks would read and weep over.

Flags galore: The Shamrocks were penalized 11 times for 117 yards to Huron's seven for 55 yards. Mach can't remember the Shamrocks ever being penalized that much, crediting some of the infractions to "overenthusiasm" on his players' part.

The officials also called several delay of game penalties on both teams.

"It was unbelievable the amount of penalties we had," Mach said. "The referees were spotting the ball quicker than in the history of spotting the ball, and I'm not a computer - I was trying to call the plays as quick as possible."

Team effort: Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro was the undisputed leader on offense and senior linebacker Joe Sgroi the same on defense, but Mach can't single out any of the members of the 1997 team.

The Shamrocks were ranked among the top 10 in Class AA throughout the season but had to wait until the championship game to stake their claim as the No. 1 team.

"Not a lot of people gave them too much credit early, and they decided in their own minds they'd be state champs," Mach said. "They believed in themselves 100 percent. It's an easy group to coach, and had fun going to practice. I didn't have one bit of problem with anybody this year. It was a great year from a great bunch of kids. They listened, learned, did what you said. There's nothing more a coach could ask."



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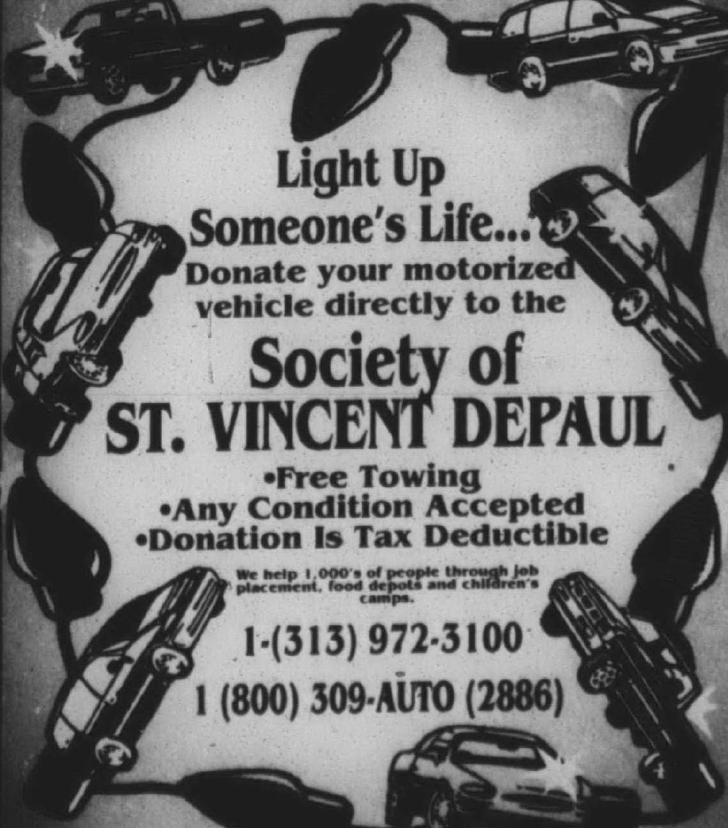
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Lady Crusaders win 2 down South

Katie Cushman sparked a second-half comeback for Madonna University's women's basketball team that resulted in a 99-92 triumph for the Lady Crusaders over St. Cloud State Friday at the University of Tampa.

Madonna's momentum carried over to Saturday against host Tampa. The Crusaders nailed 40-of-62 shots from the floor (64.5 percent) in posting a 97-94 victory.

The two wins improved Madonna's record to 4-2. It was St. Cloud's first loss of the season after three wins.

In Friday's game, a six-point run by St. Cloud in the final minute of the first half put the Crusaders down by five, 42-37, at the intermission.

But they exploded for 62 second-half points, led by Cushman, who poured in 24 of her game-high 34 points in the final 20 minutes. She hit five three-pointers in the second half, finishing with seven (in 14 attempts) for the game.

Cushman was 11-of-21 from the floor in the game. She also had eight assists and five steals.

Madonna trailed by seven early in the second half, but that quickly changed with the Crusaders rolling on a 16-2 run in the next four minutes. Cushman had two triples in that rally.

Five players reached double-figures in scoring for Madonna. Angie Negri collected 14 points, four assists and two steals; Lori Enfield had 13 points and 12 rebounds (in 21 minutes); Chris Dietrich scored 12 points; and Mary Murray had 10.

Christine Williamson and Teri Watkins each scored 23 points to pace St. Cloud.

On Saturday against Tampa, Cushman was again provided the ignition. The junior guard made 8-of-12 shots from the field (66.7 percent), including 5-of-9

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three-pointers (55 percent), and dished out seven assists.

She got plenty of help. Dietrich added 20 points and four assists; Dawn Pelc connected on 7-of-9 shots (77 percent) to score 14 points, and she also had six rebounds and four assists; Negri had 10 points, six boards and five assists; and Murray had 10

points. Chevera Smith topped Tampa with 28 points.

Huntington 87, Madonna 54 (men): A combination of factors led to Madonna University's demise Friday at the Walsh College Tournament in North Canton, OH.

First, the Fighting Crusaders poor shooting (22-of-53, 41.5 percent). Second, their defense

against Huntington College's shooting (34-of-57, 59.6 percent).

Mark Hayes led the Crusader scorers with 18 points. Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) contributed 11 points and five rebounds.

Huntington got 25 points from Jeff Shepherd, 14 from Joe Gaff (on 7-for-7 shooting) and 12 from Ryan Ripke.

Centennial 85, Madonna 83

(men): The Crusaders played better in their second game at the Walsh College Tournament, against Centennial College Saturday. But the result was still a defeat, Madonna's seventh in eight games.

The Crusaders made 50 percent of their shots (28-of-56) and got balanced scoring, led by John-Mark Branch's 16 points. He also had seven rebounds. Jason Maschke (Livonia

Franklin) and Hayes added 15 points each, Hurley scored 14 and Narvin Russaw finished with 13 and eight boards.

Duane Elder, who hit 8-of-15 threes, led Centennial with 34 points. Shawn Palmer added 15.

Madonna outrebounded Centennial, 34-29, but couldn't match their opponents long-range accuracy (9-of-20, 45 percent on threes; Madonna was 5-of-14, 35.7 percent).

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