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Attention CLASS OF 1999

The staffs of the Canton and Plymouth Observers are looking for one high school senior, male or female, who would like to have his or her final year of high school documented through words and pictures from September through June.

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To be eligible you must be of senior status at Plymouth Salem or Canton High Schools; graduating in June of 1999; live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township; have permission from a parent or guardian; be willing to be photographed at events such as homecoming, school activities, prom and graduation; and be involved in at least one in-school or extracurricular activity.

What's in it for you? We'll provide you with a disposable camera to photograph occasions when we can't be present and you'll receive a photo album at the end of your high school year documenting your senior year. Due to the size and time considerations, we will be choosing only one student for our "Year in the Life" project. If you are interested in participating and have received permission from a parent/guardian, please contact us (either you or your parent) as soon as possible. We'll be asking that you and your parent sign a waiver stating you agree to be photographed.

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Mediator urges end to lawsuit



Plymouth resident and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell is working to bring an end to the lawsuit involving Jerry Vorva and the Plymouth-Canton School District. Thus far each side has agreed to start discussions.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A group of local residents has molded a behind-the-scenes effort to settle the lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva against the Plymouth-Canton school district, which is blocking the administration from selling \$80 million in bonds to build schools and buy equipment.

For the first time, there appears to be an indication from both sides of a willingness to settle out of court.

Plymouth resident and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell enlisted the help of several people in an attempt to settle the lawsuit, which is now in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The lawsuit is holding up the sale of bonds to build elementary and high schools, as well as buy buses and technology equipment.

While Pursell won't name all those involved, he enlisted the help of Plymouth attorney Michael Gerou and Plymouth Library Board President Hugh Harsha.

"We've talked to a number of the different players, and it's my impression there is willingness on both sides to sit down and discuss ways we can make this whole issue go away," said Gerou. "We're a bit past the exploratory stage, but we're not in the middle of negotiations. Both sides recognize it would be in the community's best interest to resolve this."

A community divided

Pursell said he got involved in trying to mediate a settlement because the issue is dividing the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"This is our community, and I don't like to see this type of conflict tear it apart," said Pursell. "Let's get this thing behind us and plan for the future."

"The crunch question is, 'What do you mean by settlement?'" he added. "What do you mean by negotiations? Does it just mean the millage election,

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Michael Gerou
—Plymouth attorney

or a plan for the district's future?"

Pursell said he asked Gerou and Harsha to help facilitate mediation.

"Initial contacts have been made with representatives of both sides to see if there's a willingness to discuss this, and see if there's a willingness to make it go away," said Gerou. "No one has said 'no.'"

Pursell has talked with Vorva, his attorney, Stephen Boak, Superintendent Chuck Little, school board President Mike Maloney, Trustee Roland Thomas and former school board President Mark Horvath.

Both sides told the Observer they are willing to sit down and talk, even without specific proposals in hand, to see where discussions lead.

That's a change from the rhetoric that's been tossed about as each side attempts to hold its ground.

"This controversy is not a good thing for this community and should be resolved," added Boak. "We're not going to do it sitting in silence. We can't negotiate with ourselves."

When asked if he would do it face to face with district representatives, Boak answered "absolutely, anytime."

"I've always been open to talk," said Vorva. "Unfortunately, the school district has failed to recognize this and has done nothing. If there is an attempt to mediate, that's good."

While Little wasn't as positive, Cor-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Getting acquainted: Kenneth Campbell III, from left, Daniel Kariniemi, Steven Burns and Corey Roney relax in the "Library Center" of their new Farrand Kindergarten classroom at Tanger Center in Plymouth on their first day of school. (Below) Teacher Jennifer Schroeder, whose first day it was also, shares a photograph of herself as a kindergartner.

New beginnings

Teacher, students share first-day jitters

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Farrand Elementary kindergarten teacher Jennifer Schroeder had something in common Tuesday with her 25 students ... it was the first day of school for all of them, including Schroeder.

The first day of school was also Schroeder's first day as a full-time teacher, with her own classroom.

"I was probably more nervous than they were," said Schroeder from her Tanger Center classroom. "I didn't get much sleep last night, just thinking about what I needed to do to be prepared."

As you might expect, at the end of the day the room was a complete disaster with toys, games, books and just about everything else out of place.

"It was an experience, but it was ok," said Schroeder. "We got everyone on the bus and no one was crying, so I guess you could say it went



well. It won't be this chaotic once they learn the routine." It was also a homecoming of sorts for Schroeder, who attended kindergarten through fifth grade at Tanger.

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Minorities dispute township woman's lawsuit

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A white Plymouth Township woman's racial bias lawsuit against the University of Michigan is being challenged by some minority students.

Barbara Grutter maintains the university violated her constitutional rights by accepting minority students for admission to U-M's law school based on race, while denying her admission even though her test scores were higher.

That suit was filed in federal court

Dec. 3.

Now, an attorney representing a group of minority students at the university is seeking to join the case.

On July 6, Detroit attorney Miranda Massie's motion to reconsider the case was turned down by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman.

"The judge's decision goes against the law of this circuit and it also runs against any notion of justice," Massie said.

"To try this case without minority students is like trying to try Brown versus the Board of Education without

Linda Brown," she said.

On Monday, Massie said she planned by today to file an appeal of Judge Friedman's decision with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In denying Massie's motion, Friedman ruled she hadn't made a sufficient showing that the university could not adequately represent the interests of minority students in the court case.

Massie challenged the contention made in the suit that admission policies favor minorities.

"Standardized tests don't measure merit, they measure privilege, and

black and other minority students don't do as well on them," she said.

"In order to counteract the bias that's inherent in the admissions system as a whole we need to use affirmative action."

Terry Pell, attorney for Grutter with the Center for Individual Rights in Washington, D. C., said a trial on the case isn't likely until next year.

"We were encouraged by the judge's decision which will allow the case to move along," Pell said.

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Plymouth man killed in Canton rollover accident

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Family and friends were shocked by the death of 24-year-old Jayson McDonald of Plymouth, who was killed in a one-car rollover accident in Canton Township early Saturday morning.

The Wayne State University student had so much going for him, they said. In January he was hired to his "dream job" as a computer information systems analyst at EDS. More recently he moved out on his own, living not far from family in an apartment in Plymouth.

About 2 a.m. Saturday a motorist found McDonald's black 1998 Pontiac Grand Am on its roof in a ditch on Warren Road, west of Lotz. A nearby telephone pole was split in two with wires hanging across the road.

The 1992 Plymouth Salem High School graduate was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Officer Leonard Shemanske said excessive speed was a factor in the crash, although an accident investigation team has yet to determine how fast the car was going or if alcohol was involved. The speed limit on Warren is 40 mph. McDonald was wearing his

seat belt.

Police found skid marks on the south side of the road where the car left the westbound lanes, slid on its side hitting a road sign warning of a curve up ahead. The Grand Prix went into the ditch, rolled over and hit the telephone pole.

McDonald had been playing pool with friends earlier that night, said his mother Patty McDonald.

"They all left together and his roommate was in front of him," she said.

When McDonald didn't come home, the roommate figured he turned off the road to visit a girl, she said.

The oldest of four children, McDonald was known around town working at various well-known Plymouth estab-

McDonald



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Lights, camera, action!



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Television: A model looks over a 1998 Toyota Corolla while filming television commercials in downtown Plymouth Tuesday. The commercials are being shot for a New England Toyota Dealers group by Strader Productions of Nashville. The three-day shoot used all local talent and crews to film the ads featuring 1998 and '99 Toyota cars, vans and trucks. Strader Productions made a donation to the city of Plymouth's DDA to help offset some of the inconvenience to the downtown business owners while filming.

MediaOne proceeds with local service plans

CABLE NEWS

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

MediaOne is hoping to reach out and touch someone by this time next year.

The cable television company is in the process of becoming a telephone provider for Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville. Spokesman Bill Black said MediaOne will provide one-stop shopping for communication services.

"Our research with customers indicates that they want to buy a bundle of services from one provider," he said. "We want to provide customers with a complete package of television, telephone and Internet services."

The Colorado-based company has already been granted a license to provide telephone service by the Michigan Public Service Commission. In June, MediaOne filed for permit approval from all five municipalities.

None of those approvals have been granted. A consortium of the municipalities, excluding Northville Township, which declined to join, drafted an ordinance to deal with the issue.

The ordinance, which is currently being reworked, must be adopted separately by each municipality before permits are issued. By state law, the municipalities have until early November to take action on the permits.

Black expects all of the T's to be crossed and I's dotted before Christmas. Phone service should follow by next summer, he added.

"We don't have a timetable yet," said Black. "But we should be up and running within 12 months."

Competition is good

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack likes the idea of someone giving Ameritech a run for its local telephone money.

"I think competition is great," he said. "Our residents have benefited from having two cable companies. I think they'll benefit from having two telephone companies."

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters agreed.

"Competition is a good thing," he said, adding that MediaOne's reputation as a cable TV provider has improved in the past few years. He thinks they'll do a good job with telephone service. "I think based on their

cable performance, they have that potential."

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville area wouldn't be the first to receive phone service from MediaOne. Atlanta was used as a "test market" early this year while Los Angeles was brought on-line this summer, Black said.

MediaOne will use existing wiring from its "broadband" Internet network to provide access into homes.

The company can provide local service on its own, but will need hookups with Ameritech to make long distance available. With this "interconnection," customers will be able to call anywhere in the world, Black said.

While MediaOne will be competing directly with Ameritech for local customers, the telephone giant has a good reason to give the cable company the hookups it wants.

First of all, MediaOne will have to pay for interconnection rights. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, Ameritech will get its foot in the long distance door.

The two companies are currently negotiating.

"I don't anticipate that it'll take long for an agreement," said Black. "It's a step that helps Ameritech get into the long distance market."

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ishments during his teen years. His first job was helping his mother deliver the Plymouth Observer when he was in fourth grade.

Later, he worked at Sherwin Williams Paint Company, Station 885 and delivered pizza for Hungry Howies and Little Caesars.

His love of computers began at National Tech Team in Southfield where he became a trou-

bleshooter for Hewlett Packard computers. At EDS, McDonald was responsible for 2,000 desktop computers for General Motors.

"It was the job of his dreams," his mother said.

He attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and transferred to WSU to finish his studies.

"He loved playing basketball. He played in a bunch of Gus

Macker tournaments. There had to be at least six of them this year. It seemed almost every other month he was in one of those," said Patty.

He started playing basketball in elementary school while attending Plymouth-Canton Public Schools and ran cross country track in high school winning several medals.

McDonald is survived by his parents Patty and Jay; his sister Elizabeth and two brothers Andrew and Nicholas.

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poration Counsel Errol Goldman was.

"I don't know what we would talk about," said Little. "Once the issue was absentee ballots, another was the Saturday election. What's next?"

"I'm always willing to listen" said Goldman, a district assistant superintendent who is also an attorney. "It's better for the community if we settle this."

When asked if he would meet with Boak or Vorva without specific proposals, Goldman replied "I'm willing to have any discussion if it would help settle the matter quickly."

Last September, Vorva proposed a settlement which called for the district to use the permanent absentee voter lists of all the communities in the district for any school district election. That would mean the school district would send out approximately 15,000 absentee ballot request forms, instead of only

1,100 on its own permanent list.

The school district rejected the settlement offer. Vorva is now doing that very same thing at his own expense for the Oct. 3 middle school bond election.

Bottom line

"I just want to make sure people vote. I don't care how they vote," said Vorva. "The school district turned down a \$7,000 remedy to settle an \$80 million problem."

Gerou declined to discuss strategy and to name all the players involved in discussions.

"I truly believe both sides think they're doing the right thing, but we're stuck in a stalemate," said Gerou. "I think we have to look beyond the obstacle and find the long-term goal ... and I think we might find the goal of both sides in general terms is really very similar. I think everyone wants to have the finest school district we can have, and everybody realizes there is some need in the district."

Gerou told the Observer he's been involved in the issue for about two weeks and is hoping there can be a resolution before the middle school bond election Oct. 3.

"I am cautiously optimistic, and I believe it's certainly possi-

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ble," said Gerou. "I suspect the outcome of that election will bolster one side and maybe hurt the other side in terms of negotiating leverage or willingness to negotiate. There's a potential for further hard feelings after this election date."

In the meantime, the Michigan Court of Appeals will make a second ruling in the case after Vorva asked for a rehearing.

The appeals court has already ruled in favor of the school district, upholding a Wayne County Circuit Court decision. The court denied Vorva's claim that 716 spoiled ballots on touch-screen voting machines violated "the fundamental right to vote" for those residents.

If Vorva loses again, he vows to take his case to the Michigan Supreme Court.

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Matters Of Female Health

Whatever myths, stereotypes or perceptions surround women, they possess a unique physical nature that requires certain specific needs and understanding. To address the concerns that arise from matters of female health maintenance, related diseases and reproductive well-being, a branch of medical science known as obstetrics & gynecology has emerged. This field of medicine confines its focus to women, but the benefits of its endeavors ultimately touch us all, regardless of gender. As human beings, we are concerned with the reproductive fitness of our species and the health of our entire population. To this end, our column will devote itself to making general information related to women's health available to all its readers. While the material may be most relevant to women, men concerned with the well-being of women and children should also find it interesting.

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Information helps voters prepare for November election

Plymouth city and Plymouth Township voters won't be faced with local city elections this November. But they will be faced with decisions in state and county races, as well as three statewide ballot issues.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election is by the end of business Monday, Oct. 5, in greater Plymouth.

Registration may be completed at either township hall or city hall, or any Michigan Secretary of State office with a mail-in form.

Plymouth City Hall is at 201 S. Main, while Plymouth Township Hall is at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth Township voters 60 years of age and older, and handicapped voters, are automatically mailed applications for absentee ballots. Others seeking absentee ballots can call township clerk Marilyn Massengill and request an application. An application can also be requested in person at the clerk's office.

"They can fill them out and send them back," Massengill said, adding actual ballots follow sometime in mid to late October. Applications are now available, for those under 60 or handicapped.

In Plymouth city absentee ballot applications are only sent to those who request them.

In both city and township, those applications should be returned as soon as possible. Absentee ballots usually aren't mailed to voters until October.

Races that affect voters in both communities include:

■ State Senate, 9th district: Republican Thaddeus McCotter vs. Democrat Carol Poenisch.

■ State House, 20th district: Republican incumbent Gerald Law vs. Democrat Fred Dilacovo.

■ Wayne County Commission, 10th district: Republican Lyn Banks vs. Democrat Dennis Shrewsbury.

Local voters will join with voters statewide in casting ballots on three issues:

■ Legalization of physician-assisted suicide, put on the ballot by Merian's Friends. The proposal would overturn a new law - that takes effect Sept. 1 - making assisting a suicide a felony. The proposal also provides guidelines for assisted suicide.

■ Clean Michigan bond: A \$600 million bond to: clean up urban industrial brownfields, upgrade state park facilities and roads, pollution control runoffs, cleanup sediments in nine rivers, provide for lead contamination abatement, and to provide for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams.

■ Proposal to change the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in the state constitution which currently reads: "Institutions, programs and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported."

To reach the Plymouth Township clerk's office, call 453-3840. To reach the Plymouth city clerk's office, call 453-1234.

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"It's nice to be back here and be a part of it again," she said. "In fact, my kindergarten room used to be my sister's fifth grade classroom."

Schroeder spent the last year as a substitute teacher in the Plymouth-Canton district, before finally getting a full-time teaching position.

"I didn't want to set too much order right away," added Schroeder. "I let them pretty much go where they wanted. 'The kids were all excited about being here,' she said. 'That's what's most important, that they're happy.'"

Schroeder says teaching her students social skills, as well as learning the basics, is her goal this year.

"I want to teach them how to get along with others because it's so important," added Schroeder. "I also want to encourage them, keep them interested, get them excited about learning."



Calm before the storm: First year teacher Jennifer Schroeder makes last minute preparations before her classroom is flooded (below) with students and parents eager to meet their new teacher.



Follow the leader: Kaitlyn O'Shea, center, leads a line of girls as they prepare to visit the indoor Commons area.



CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Brendan Kownacki has been named Carrier of the Month for August by the Plymouth Observer.

Brendan, 12, delivers the paper in the Beacon Hill subdivision. He has been an Observer carrier for about one year. He is the son of John and Phyllis Kownacki of Plymouth Township.

Brendan attends East Middle School and is in the eighth grade. He has a B+ average.

Brendan said his favorite subjects in school are science and social studies and his hobbies include collecting coins and being a magician, for which the Ann Arbor Magic Club gave him the new performer award.

He said the things he likes most about his paper route are its closeness to home, the hours and the money he earns. Having

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Brendan Kownacki

a route has taught him both money and time management and having responsibility to a job.

Brendan has a younger brother and an older sister.

Plymouth clerk receives professional membership

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Langmesser's previous municipal service includes the cities of Gibraltar and Westland.

Dispute from page A1

Pell said Grutter considered filing the suit after she read an article about four state legislators and their opposition to U-M's admission practices.

She called Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, one of the legislators, and eventually contacted the Center for Individual Rights.

"I believe myself to be a highly qualified candidate by all admission criteria, so naturally I was disappointed," Grutter said last year.

"It was particularly disturbing because the evidence suggests that I did not receive equal treatment in the admission process and that I wasn't accepted because I am of a non-preferred race," she said in a statement.

"We're not bringing this on behalf of whites," Pell said last fall. Some of our clients are in fact minorities."

"According to the constitution, government cannot make distinctions on the basis of race. If that does not hold true for some, then it does not hold true for all," he continued.

Jeffrey Lehman, dean of U-M's law school, responding to the filing of the suit, said, "We are confident that our admissions policy is constitutional."

"We believe that the Supreme Court should not, and will not, use this lawsuit to change the law and prohibit what is now permitted," he said.

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Golf course owners plan for expansion, new par-3 holes

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The former St. John's Seminary property is the scene for some big changes starting this fall.

The St. John's Golf Course clubhouse off of Sheldon Road is to be demolished in mid September. The demolition of the clubhouse and parking lot will clear the way for construction of a new par-3 hole.

Work on that new hole is part of the larger plan already under way to expand the golf course from 18 to 27 holes.

"We're interested in attacking the market right now that already knows we are here," said Justin Lauer, golf pro and general manager.

A new pro shop and restaurant in existing seminary buildings on the west side of the complex will be completed in about two weeks, said project developer Bill Pulte.

The restaurant will seek to draw business from neighboring industrial parks and dinner business too. Seafood and steaks will be featured.

The restaurant, Lauer said, features "heavy oaks and woods and mahogonies with a mission theme." A patio



Driving around: Lauer cruises the course.

■ 'Work on the new nine holes and renovations on six holes of the existing 18 layout are to be completed by spring.'

dining area will accommodate up to 100.

Also available are banquet rooms to accommodate up to 150 guests, or smaller parties of 45-50, Lauer said.

The long time golf course entrance off Sheldon will be closed in mid-September. Golfers and others access-

ing the property will enter from Five Mile Road, which marks Plymouth Township's north border.

Pulte said he will present plans for a St. John's Golf Course learning center to township planning commissioners in time for the group's Sept. 16 meeting. Work on the learning center, "wouldn't be done until next spring when we open the whole golf course," Pulte said.

By late fall, Pulte said he'll seek township planning commission approval on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit on a planned conference center.

While Pulte last fall talked of developing a hotel and conference center at the same time, "Now we're going to develop the conference center separately and the inn maybe later on," he said.

Future plans will allow for plenty of space to accommodate the Family Life Center already established at the former seminary property.

Work on the new nine holes and renovations on six holes of the existing 18 layout are to be completed by spring.

The original 18-hole par-72 course is being lengthened from 6,000 to 6,300



Historic: A view of the front of the former St. John's seminary.

yards.

The new nine will be 3,200 yards. "There will be a lot of elevation changes. It will be heavily wooded with a lot of undulations," Pulte said.

Lauer said bent grass is being used in the new fairways instead of bluegrass, in the tradition of top golf courses.

Work is also continuing to renovate part of the Family Life Center, and on a new storage building to accommodate 120 golf carts.

Pulte said a snack-restroom building will be centrally located on the course, to accommodate golfers who finish the first nine holes away from the pro shop-restaurant area.

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Granholm wins over delegates at Dems confab

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Granholm, not Geoffrey Fieger, got the movie star treatment at the Democratic state convention - a nominating speech by retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley and a parade led by a drum corps and pom-pom persons.

"That loud welcome is going to shatter another glass ceiling," said Granholm, 39, of Northville Township as she was nominated Aug. 30 by acclamation for attorney general - the first of her sex to be picked by one of the major parties.

"I'll take your case," she said repeatedly as she talked about criminals, polluters and con men.

Kelley, retiring after 37 years and 10 elections, said Granholm "has personally prosecuted and convicted hundreds of criminals. She has won 145 major drug cases. As Wayne County corporation counsel, she administers a budget of \$10 million and has a staff of 70."

"She reorganized her department to make it more efficient and has wonderful morale," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who appointed her and promoted her candidacy. Prosecutor John O'Hair also praised her work on his staff.

Mildred Jeffrey, grand old lady of the labor movement and the party, seconded her nomination.

Link in chain

Granholm touched delegates with her stories of prosecuting a 50-year-old man who took nude photos of a young girl he had contacted through the Internet, and of unsupervised children playing outside a Detroit crack house where a bust had been made.

"I would have done that job for nothing (because) I worked for the people," she said.

With her were husband Dan Mulvern, a lawyer and administrator of a private high school, and her three children, aged 8, 7 and 1.

The Canadian-born former Republican described Kelley and Jeffrey as "links in a chain that



Jennifer Granholm

extends back to (Gov.) Soapy Williams, (Sen.) Phil Hart and (UAW president) Walter Reuther. I hope to be the next link in that chain. I will take the chain that Frank Kelley helped forge and pull others along."

Granholm was nominated without opposition. All other candidates, including Wayne Sheriff Robert Ficano and Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, dropped out days earlier.

No upset

Democratic delegates passed up a chance to upset Fieger's apple cart when they agreed to his choice of state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, leader of the House Black Caucus, for secretary of state.

Three-fourths carried signs for John Austin, a Genesee County road commissioner who had been the leading candidate until Fieger decided he needed a black at the top of the ticket.

Austin backed off and made Parks' nominating speech, but clearly his heart wasn't in it. He noted he had been running for the post for 18 months. When he asked those in the delegation who had met him to stand, about two-thirds did so.

"Naturally, I'm very disappointed not to be part of the ticket," said Austin, who then spent less than a minute extolling Parks' virtues.

Please see GRANHOLM, A10

Locals say Smietanka has substance

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Two western Wayne County delegates explained why the Republican state convention revolted against Gov. John Engler's choice for attorney general and nominated John Smietanka instead. "Some of us want qualifica-

tions," said Livonian Dan Piercecchi, a former district party chair and Smietanka supporter. "Scott Romney is a nice guy, but ..."

"Smietanka never stopped campaigning after 1994," added Harry Greenleaf, of Livonia, also a former district chair and Ford Motor retiree. Smietanka spent 12 years in

the Berrien County prosecutor's office and 14 in the U.S. attorney's office for western Michigan. Romney, 57, of Birmingham, is a corporate lawyer with no background in either government or politics. Smietanka led 1,039 to 950 in the Aug. 29 balloting when Romney conceded in the Grand Rapids convention hall.

Otherwise, GOP delegates rubber-stamped his entire slate for the Nov. 3 statewide ticket.

Romney won majorities in nine of the 16 congressional districts, but his majorities were small - just 55 percent in his home 11th District while

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FBU AWARDS

Three Plymouth residents who

are enrolled in Ferris State University's College of Pharmacy received awards at the recent Pharmacy Honors convocation. Karin M. Kangas was given the Oakland area Scholarship, granted to Kangas as an academically outstanding fourth year student from the greater Detroit area. The scholarship is sponsored by the Oakland County Pharmacists Association. Matthew P. Mosley was selected

for inclusion in the prestigious "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Mosley was chosen on the basis of his outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. A Rite Aid Intern Scholarship Award went to Judy O. Thuruthaly, recognized as the Rite Aid intern with the highest grade point average. Thuruthaly was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

MADONNA GRADUATES

Beth Mueller, Gwen Reiling, Debra Caruso, Rodney Keener, Nicole Orlewica, Anita Stranges of Plymouth, and Canton residents, Susan Little, Robert Pensari, Susan Alonzo, Yvonne Tamond, Patty Leapley, Jenny Lendrum, Jennifer Petreere, and Amy Ransford were among more than 700 graduates of Madonna University, Livonia.

TALENT GRANT

Millikin University has awarded Teddy Abesamis of Canton a Millikin University Music Talent Grant in recognition of his outstanding achievements. Abesamis is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and plans to major in music performance. Millikin is committed to providing financial assistance to students who qualify for need-based and/or merit-based financial assistance.

Salem Rockettes host clinic for elementary ages

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes will be hosting two clinics this fall for girls in kindergarten through the fifth grade.

The first clinic, on Sept. 26, will be offered focusing on Pom Pon routines and the second

clinic, on Oct. 10, will be an advance clinic focusing on dance.

The cost will be \$20 for the first clinic and \$10 for the additional one. Each participant will receive a Rockettes T-shirt and

Poms at the initial clinic and snacks will be offered at both. Each clinic will run from 9 a.m. to noon on the dates previously mentioned and open registration will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 9 and 10, at the Plymouth

Salem High School.

Girls can also register by mailing in their registration form that will be handed out through the elementary schools.

OBITUARIES

EVELYN MAY MITCHELL

Services for Evelyn May Mitchell, 78, of Westland were Sept. 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery, Fairgrove, Mich.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1919 in Worcester, Mass. She died on Aug. 29 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She lived many years at Tonquish Creek Manor, Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest F. and Alice May Harrison. Survivors include her daughter, Doris A. Jasmer of Plymouth; three sons, Richard A. Mitchell of Northville, James Mitchell of Southfield, Gary L. Mitchell of Canton; one sister, Ruth Toombs of Millbury, Mass.; eight grand-

children; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680 or American Heart Association west Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072-0129.

Services for Ciaslawa "Tessie" Lysakowski, 79, of Westland were in state, Aug. 29 at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born on March 7, 1919 in Detroit. She died on Aug. 26 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Jean Kwiatkowski and Florence

(Chester) Bykowski; one brother, Eugene Kwiatkowski and one son, Eugene. Survivors include her husband, Joseph P. Lysakowski; one daughter, Anna Marie Galatian of Westland; one son, David (Sally) of Canton; one sister, Mary Bryk of Detroit; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made in the form of mass offerings to St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland.

MARK ALLEN OBLAK

Services for Mark Allen Oblak, 51, of Canton, were Aug. 28 at the Wayne Church of Christ with the Rev. Randall A. Bone officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1946

in Detroit. He died on Aug. 25 in Canton. He came to the Canton community one year ago from Belleville and Wayne. He was a member of the Wayne Church of Christ. He previously worked in the banking field.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Oblak. Survivors include his wife, Carol E. of Canton; one son, Michael of Livonia; six daughters; one brother, Kerry Oblak of Milford; and twenty-two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Church of Christ.

NORMA JENNETTE KENYON

A memorial service for Norma Jenette Kenyon will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the United Methodist Church on North Territorial Rd. Luncheon at the church after the service.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., September 17, 1998 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Democrats stress teamwork, public education

It's not the Geoffrey Fieger party. It's the public education party. The fast-talking gubernatorial candidate, behind 55-31 in the polls, played second fiddle in the two-day production known as the Democratic state convention. Party leaders displayed neither Fieger's face nor name on the stage of the Lansing Center Aug. 29-30 but a banner saying "Teamwork ... public education and health care."

"The theme of this convention is public education," said Kathleen Straus, president of the State Board of Education, as she nominated Rep. James Agee of Muskegon as Fieger's running

mate for lieutenant governor. "Jim Agee wants to keep public funding for public education," she said to great applause. "He wants accountability for charter schools, the same as for regular public schools."

She added lightly, "He looks like he was sent from central casting."

Agee, 58, is the Democrats' top spokesman on school legislation. Ruddy-faced and white-haired, the Detroit Redford High graduate has taught at Pontiac and was superintendent in Muskegon when he retired in 1992 and ran for the House. He also briefly sought the gubernatorial nomination last year.

"John Engler has disassembled public education, gutted collective bargaining and funded charter schools," Agee said in his acceptance speech.

After looking at several possible women running mates, Fieger, a governmental neophyte, settled on the Muskegon educator to give substance to his theme that public schools are his No. 1 priority.

The party helped by emphasizing student speeches during nominations for the four education boards. "The student focus was suggested in the planning progress," said party chair Mark Brewer, who declined to take credit for the idea. "We have a

rule: No (ed board) candidate acceptance speeches."

So a young niece nominated State Board of Education member Barbara Roberts Mason, and Dave Massaron, president of the College Democrats of Michigan, nominated University of Michigan regent Phil Power for a new term.

"We need to do more to reach out to young people. We have a college recruiter on the Democratic Party staff," said Sharon Gire, who was nominated for the State Board of Education. Gire, a state representative from Macomb County, chaired the House Education Committee.

Here is the Democratic slate

for education boards:

- State Board of Education - Gire and incumbent Mason, an official of the Michigan Education Association. Mason advocates a mandatory core curriculum and statewide testing.
- U-M Board of Regents - Power, chairman of this newspaper company, and Kathy White, Ann Arbor resident, patent lawyer and professor of law at Wayne State University.
- Michigan State University Board - Doris Sims, governmental affairs director for the National Association of Social Workers, and John Schlinker, labor lawyer from East Lansing who taught extension courses at

MSU but didn't attend it as a student.

Both fought off challenges from MSU senior student Nick Krieger of Ludington. Krieger pledged to repair Morrill Hall, named for the congressman who sponsored the 1863 Land Grant College law. Krieger came closest when he got 1,031 vote to Schlinker's 1,428.

- Wayne State University Board - Ron Amen, Wayne County deputy sheriff and chief steward of the union representing the court division, and former state Sen. John Kelly of Grosse Pointe.

Smietanka from page A5

Smietanka won 71 percent of his base 3rd District.

Of the 10 Republicans that Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley has defeated since 1982, only Smietanka, 57, of Ada, has tried a second time. Some - such as Oakland's L. Brooks Patterson, the late Richard VanDusen and Bill Farr - went on to other things. Others - such as Clifford Taylor and Myron Wahls - got judicial appointments for their sacrificial lamb efforts.

Monaghan rescues

Smietanka ran poorly against Kelley in 1994, losing by 444,000 as Engler was re-elected governor by 711,000 votes.

When it was reported that Romney could raise a \$1.5 million war chest, Smietanka supporter Tom Monaghan, the Domino's pizza baron, said he would match it. National committeeman Chuck Yob and Monaghan made Smietanka's nominating speeches.

Retiring Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld, receiver of much applause and bouquets of roses, nominated Romney, saying his father George and mother Lenore "instilled in their son a commitment to serve."

Rep. Al Cropsey, R-DeWitt, added that Romney is "staunchly

pro-life" and "didn't need to be told about the second amendment" (right to bear arms).

Democratic delegates were thunderstruck - then pleased - at Smietanka's victory. Three weeks earlier, they were happy at the prospect of campaigning against the inexperienced Romney. This week, they were salivating at taking on Smietanka.

Smietanka's nomination left Wayne and Oakland counties off the top of the slate for the first time in generations. Engler is from Isabella County; Dick Posthumus, the lieutenant governor nominee, is from rural Kent County; and incumbent Secretary of State Candice Miller is from Macomb County.

Baker rejected

The convention's only other contest came for regent of the University of Michigan. Former regent Deane Baker twice attempted a comeback after being bumped from the ticket in 1996.

Baker, of Ann Arbor, trailed state Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, by 805 to 348 when he conceded. Cropsey made Dalman's seconding speech, describing her as "pro-life; for equal rights, not special rights; for equal opportunity, not quotas."

Baker was trailing David

Brandon of Plymouth by 804 to 217 when Baker threw in the towel.

Brandon, retiring CEO of Valassis Communications in Livonia and chair of the Central Michigan University board, was nominated by national committeeman Yob, who said Brandon would seek to have U-M issue charters to public school academies. U-M never has issued a charter, while CMU has issued the majority of the 100 or so charters in the state.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, also called Brandon a good party man. "He has been there for the party. He has been there for the district. He attends district meetings to help plan for future elections," Bennett said.

U-M engineering student Jim Riske, of Eastpointe, got fewer than 100 votes and dropped out quickly. His platform: Cutting tuition 10 percent, cutting student room rentals from \$368 to \$225 per person per month, and "correctly" implementing technology.

Rest of slate

Others on the GOP slate:

- State Board of Education - incumbent Gary Wolfram, 47, Hillsdale College professor, and Eileen Lappin Weiser, arts devotee from Chelsea.

Michigan State University board - incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook of Greenville and former trustee David Porteous of Reed City.

Wayne State University board - incumbents Elizabeth Hardy, Franklin Village resident and Birmingham lawyer, and Vernice Davis-Anthony, Farmington Hills resident and officer in St. Johns Health Systems.

Supreme Court (for two eight-year terms) - Maura Corrigan, Grosse Pointe resident and chief judge of the Court of Appeals, and Wayne Circuit Judge Jeffrey Collins, first black Republican nominee for the highest court.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, seconded Corrigan's nomination, recalling that as an FBI agent "I watched a judicial system that was collapsing, judges who thought it was right to coddle criminals. I never thought I would be up here nominating a judge."

Supreme Court (to finish a four-year term) - incumbent Cliff Taylor of East Lansing who was appointed by Engler to fill a vacancy.

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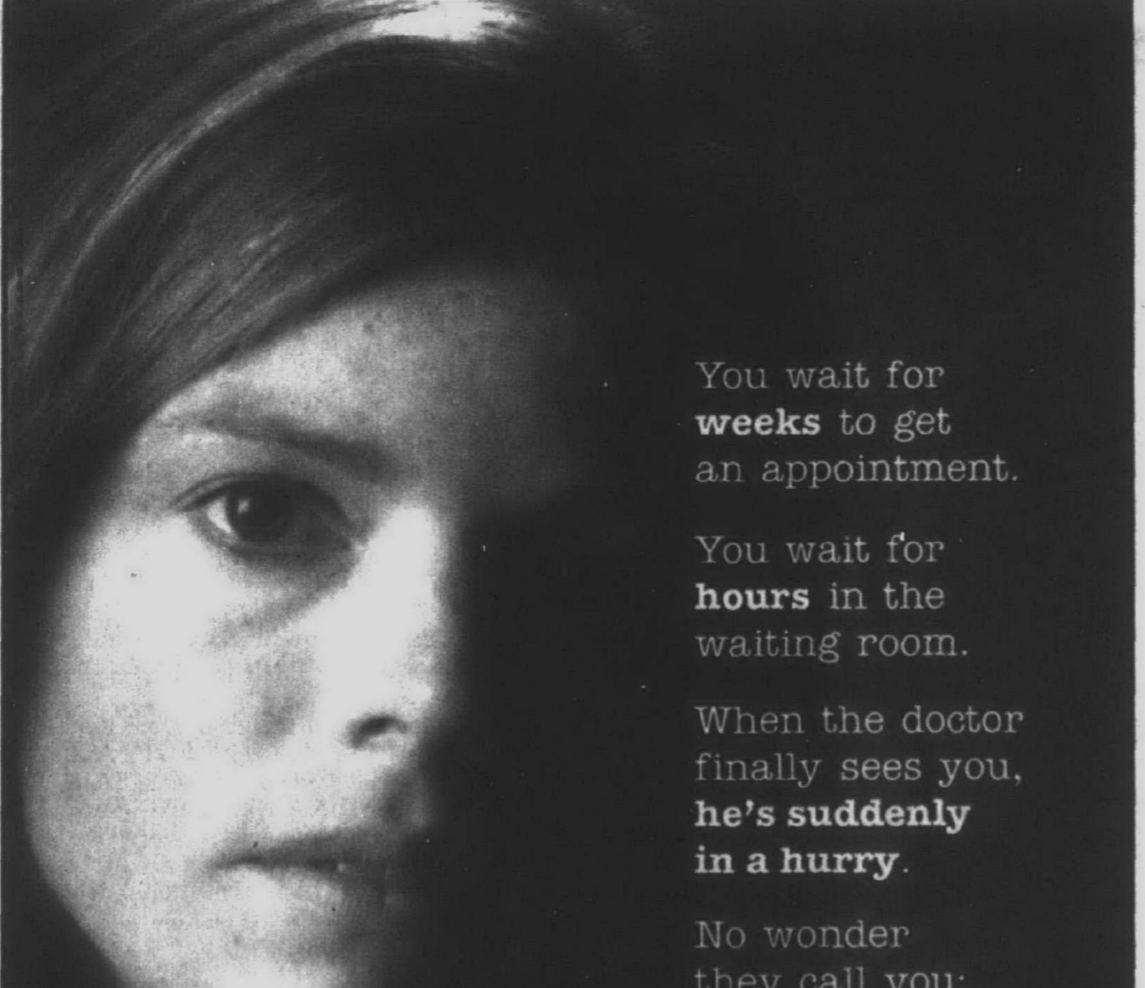
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Rivers to host public forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a public briefing, "Tax Cuts, Social Security and the Budget Surplus," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. Rivers represents the 13th

District in Congress. The district includes the townships of Plymouth and Canton and the cities of Westland, Plymouth and Garden City. It also includes part of Livonia.

The program is designed to clarify the confusion surrounding the budget surplus, tax cuts

and the Social Security system. Rivers will begin the public briefing by addressing these topics, then she will open the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

For information, call Carrie Auster at Rivers' district office at (734) 741-4210.

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Another course, Learning Skills for Middle School Students, will be offered 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept.

16 and 17, also for six weeks at the college's Livonia campus. Students can brush up on textbook reading, listening skills and memory retention so they can get off to a good start this fall.

Call (734) 462-4436 for information.

Columnist to teach animal behavior class

Schoolcraft College will offer a class in animal behavior this fall.

Taught by Observer Nature Columnist Tim Nowicki through the Department of Continuing Education, Animal Behavior will focus on the basic principles of

behavior in different animals, such as bird song, migration, predator and prey relationships, and communication.

This five-week class meets one night a week starting Monday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m.

For information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Department at (734) 462-4448.

Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Park in Oakland County.

Software bug delays freeway sign system

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Motorists won't be reading messages on freeway overpass signs to aid them through traffic congestion just yet.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has postponed the activation of 54 freeway signs in the metro Detroit area, because software still must be coordinated to interact between the systems, according to a state official. The signs were supposed to be turned on by late August.

The signs are part of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation System, a \$33 million expansion of a 32-mile traffic management system to 148 miles on Detroit area freeways, including I-75, I-96, I-94, I-275 and I-696. The

signs will assist motorists and alert them of construction tie-ups and accidents on these freeways.

Robert Parsons, an MDOT spokesman, said the anticipated activation date of late August was delayed until mid- to late October.

"It's an elaborate system put together on a 'design-build' contract with a number of challenges before it was activated with a number of different technologies featuring fiber optics and a coaxial system," Parsons said.

"Putting it all together requires complex computer programs for two-way reliability."

Parsons said the message information is received by the sign, then posted. Television cameras send pictures

back to MITS so operators know the message is indeed posted.

"There are difficulties in the software side of it, not the hardware side," Parsons said. "They really are at a point that once they fix difficulties with the software, the whole system will be turned on."

MDOT officials demonstrated the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems Center in Detroit it shares with State Police to reporters in July. Cameras took pictures of traffic at several locations, and signs were activated for the tests at that time.

Parsons said it was all a matter of coordinating "all that activity" with the computer software.

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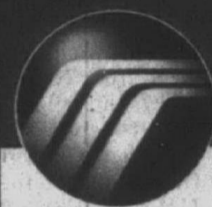


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McNamara calls for arbitration in airline strike

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believes the airline industry needs compulsory arbitration hearings to resolve contract disputes. He favors a system similar to one used by police and firefighter unions in Michigan.

McNamara made his comments on day four — Tuesday — of the strike by Northwest Airlines pilots. The strike has forced the airlines to cancel hundreds of flights and in turn has affected local air travelers at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

"Unfortunately, what (the airlines) have is a monopoly," McNamara said. "They are no different from the telephone, water or utility companies. These are things that are necessary to sustain life."

"I don't think they should be allowed to strike. I think it's a horrible mistake."

McNamara said his office has not gauged the strike's economic impact, but knows it hits the area hard. It has silenced the terminals at Detroit Metro, where Northwest runs the hub of traffic there with about 70 percent of Metro's flights.

McNamara talked with White House officials and representatives from Northwest's management and pilots union on Monday in separate conversations. President Clinton has decided at this time not to intervene, but U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater met with Northwest President and CEO John Dasburg and leaders of the pilots' union Tuesday.

"They said they are monitoring it, but I don't know what the hell that is," McNamara said about the White House. "I think they just want this thing to go away."

McNamara was not taking sides, either.

"Both these guys are the bad guys. They've thumbed their nose at the public and hunkered in. They've said 'to hell with the public.'"

*Ed McNamara,
county executive*

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McNamara opposes new regulations on airlines. "That would be foolish. All they would do is build another new building in Washington, fill it with file cabinets and bureaucrats and start to say no to the airlines." If an airline wanted to add a flight between Detroit and a city in Arizona, it would take two years for regulators to reject it, McNamara said.

"Regulation is the wrong answer."

Police and fire unions can obtain a new contract through Act 312 arbitration. An arbitrator rules on one side or the other for each issue of contention between the negotiating parties. "If one side wants a 6 percent wage hike, and the other might want them to work 10 consecutive days under a new contract, they can resolve their differences through arbitration," McNamara said. "That's what we need here."

Despite the labor dispute, McNamara said he has not lost respect for Northwest. "I'm very disappointed with both of them and that this could not have been resolved without a work stoppage."

To prepare for the strike, Wayne County officials set up four passenger assistance coun-



Grounded: Northwest pilots walk the picket Monday at Detroit Metro Airport.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

ters in the terminals to inform travelers about travel options and alternatives. Brochures have been prepared which offer travelers information about other airlines, ground transportation, hotels and restau-

rants.

Strike continues

Travel agents went about their business as usual, even through Northwest's cancellation of flights late last week.

Fred Mena, owner of Westland Travel, said he hadn't felt any effect on his business when contacted just hours before the strike deadline. The airlines

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Airport chief says expansion on target

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

David Katz doesn't believe the Northwest strike will impact the \$2 billion expansion at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, but he acknowledged it is devastating to this region's economy.

The strike means \$9 million in lost tourism revenue for Michigan, Katz said Wednesday at a lunch with the Canton Economic Club. Gift shops at the airport are down 55-60 percent, along with huge business losses for taxicab companies and restaurants in Romulus. The airport itself brings \$4.2 billion into the area a year. Katz compared the airport's impact to five auto plants.

"Everybody's down. It has a snowballing effect."

The county also is losing \$90,000 a day in passenger facility charges, an approximate \$3 per person surcharge on airline tickets to be dedicated to airport capital improvements. "These are dollars we will never get again," Katz said.

But Katz later said during a question-and-answer session that the airport expansion is financed by \$1 billion in airport bonds. "Those dollars are in the bank. These are revenue-backed bonds."

If one revenue source falls short, "the airlines pick up the difference," Katz said.

Katz wore a green vest to reflect the airport's efforts at improving customer service, particularly during the strike. "These green-vested employees have helped some 6,000 citizens since Friday," Katz said. "We're in the information business right now."

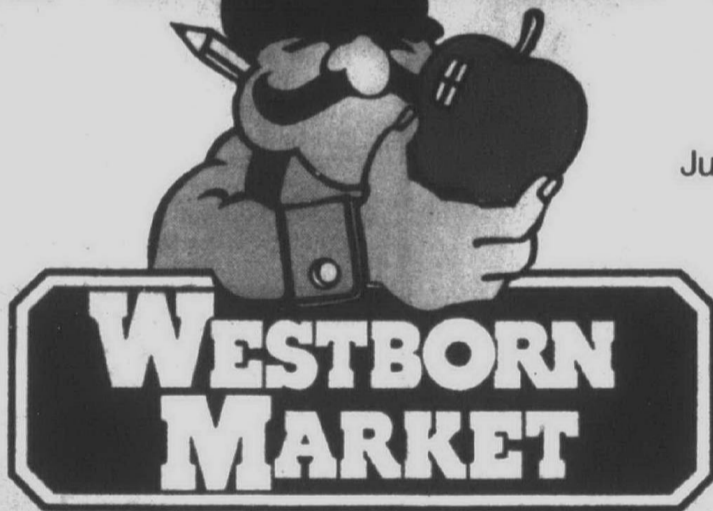
Katz held up a brochure specially printed for the strike with

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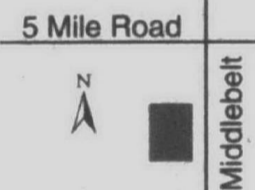
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lists of routes flown by airlines other than Northwest, restaurants, bus and Amtrak schedules.

Airlines generally select a hub from which to operate, Katz said, so Northwest's selection of Detroit is not that unusual. Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago were two examples given by Katz of other hub airports.

"People ask why don't you have another airline come in. Well, they paid billions of dollars to invest in airports in Cleveland and Cincinnati. That (moving the hub) doesn't make a whole lot of economic sense."

On the bright side, Katz highlighted some of the airport expansion improvements. "All 65 rest rooms are scheduled to be renovated by the end of 1998. Twenty have been done so far."

About \$2 million was spent on

a curbside renovation to triple the parking along Lower Rogell Drive. Electronic and mechanical improvements have been made in security for nearly \$500,000. "Security is very important to us, especially with all of the things going on in the world."

Katz said County Executive Edward McNamara telephoned Northwest's union and management officials every day to get them back to the bargaining table.

"He's telling people that this strike needs to be resolved without hurting the rest of us," Katz said. "He's telling (Clinton) 'please step in, Mister President.'"

Steve Ragan of Plymouth, a former assistant to the airport's deputy director during the 1980s and now employed with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

Arbor, said Katz has accomplished much in the short time he has directed the airport.

"I think the county has reacted to the strike wonderfully. They have responded well to a difficult situation. Katz has kind of thrown off the mold."

Ragan agrees with the county's efforts to get Clinton to step in. "The effect on our local economy, along with the GM strike, can be devastating. (McNamara's) proposal that there ought to be legislation for binding arbitration in these situations makes a lot of sense."

Jeff Enyeart, vice president and general manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Farmington Hills, said: "(Katz's) numbers are right on."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

On target: Airport Director Dave Katz told guests at the Canton Economic Club Wednesday that the strike won't affect expansion plans at the airport.

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positioned themselves where their clients are left in an "awkward situation," but the "cooling off" period before the strike gave Mena enough time to notify the public about the problem.

"Of course we warned them of a potential strike. People were already taking precautionary steps."

The only ones who would be affected were those who booked

more than 30 days in advance, but for others who booked more recently, they could be directed elsewhere. "Thank goodness we knew about it ahead of time," Mena said.

Suzie Merucci, a travel consultant with All Aboard Travel in Livonia, said about 20 percent of that office's clients booked with another airline before the strike for events such as weddings.

"They are booking whenever

it's possible, but for our corporate travelers, Northwest is the only one that flies nonstop to several business districts."

Travelers can check the status of the strike on its Web site at www.nwa.com or they can call Northwest at (800) 225-2525. They are eligible for refunds or re-accommodations on other airlines.

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Fieger left the crowd cheering with his first major speech since winning the Aug. 3 primary.

'Rockin' the boat'

"Many politicians told me, 'Sit down, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.' But the people all said, 'Stand up, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.'"

Fieger - who irritated many in his own party by calling Archbishop Adam Maida a nut, referring to Jesus as "a goofball who got nailed to a cross" and threatening to "kick John Engler's fat ass" - pledged that "you will see a gentler, kinder Geoff Fieger."

When delegates protested, "No, no," Fieger said, "OK, just so I can kick his (Engler's) gluteus maximus all across the state. See, I'm learnin'."

"I never attended the Specs Howard School of Political Doubletalk," Fieger said.

"I'm angry and grieving for those workers in Flushing killed in an accident that could have been prevented had not the governor vetoed a bipartisan bill to protect worker safety. That won't happen during Fieger time."

He referred to the Aug. 25 accident when a wall collapsed

during work on a high school project. Under a 1937 state law, public school construction sites are exempt from state inspections. Four workers died.

"Republicans won't give money to protect job safety, but they'll give millions to corporate executives to learn to speak German or to learn stress-reduction techniques. They're gonna need it with me."

"We'll wean business from government handouts. I will require drug testing of all corporate executives before they get corporate welfare."

"I will not give a penny of money to private education," Fieger said after ripping a voucher plan endorsed by many Republican candidates.

"Nobody owns me, and nobody can buy me out. I will serve without salary."

Fieger promised to end the single business tax and reduce the sales tax, gasoline tax, real estate transfer tax and fees "that are disguised taxes." He promised to fully fund special education.

And he closed on a note that had unionists cheering uproariously:

"Michigan will never become a

'right-to-work' state."

Ticket filled

The party nominated Fieger's choice for lieutenant governor, state Rep. James Agee of Muskegon (see related story), and three Supreme Court candidates:

- Incumbent Justice Michael Cavanagh, seeking a third term, and Wayne Circuit Judge Susan D. Borman, both seeking full eight-year terms.

- Wayne Circuit Judge Carole F. Youngblood for the short term challenging Republican incumbent Cliff Taylor.

Youngblood's nominator, U.S. Rep. David Bonior of Macomb County, praised her for certifying a class-action lawsuit against an insurer that had refused to pay for bone-marrow transplants, "ending the insurance company's tactic of divide and delay."

Meanwhile, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce attacked Youngblood for failing to file a pre-convention campaign finance report with the state on time, suggesting she was hiding contributions from lawyers who file personal injury lawsuits.

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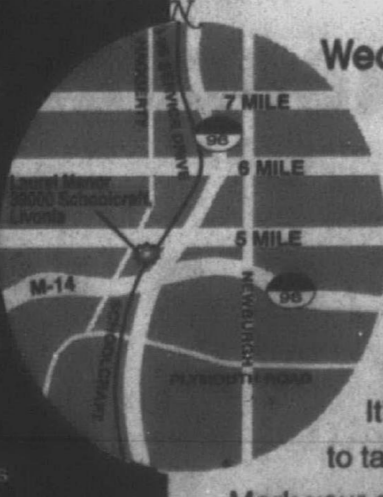
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 25, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazk, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: McLaughlin
Staff Present: Durack

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to return to an open session at 7:08 P.M. Motion carried. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazk, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin (arrived at 7:20 P.M.), Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack (arrived at 7:15), Machnik, Minghins, Santomauro, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Item G-11, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY, was duplicated in item G-8 and therefore deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of August 11, 1998. Motion carried.

Ayess: Bennett, Burdiazk, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Absent: McLaughlin
Abstain: Kirchgatter

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$159,252.51
Fire Fund	206	26,452.64
Police Fund	207	50,969.44
Community Center Fund	208	12,903.19
Golf Course Fund	211	36,822.22
Cable TV Fund	230	1,650.24
Community Improvement Fund	246	91,157.68
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	703.88
Special Investigative Fund	267	1,883.90
Federal Grants Funds	274	15,716.46
State Projects Fund	289	94,856.45
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	9,943.97
Retiree Benefits	296	443.96
Bld. Auth. Construction Fund	469	5,427.50
Water & Sewer Fund	592	468,652.45
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,684.00
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	4,747.16
Beck Rd. Paving Construction	814	18,899.80
S. Haggerty Paving	815	75,572.46
Total - All Funds		\$1,080,739.71

Trustee McLaughlin arrived at this time, 7:20 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution recognizing Noah Matthew Burt. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution recognizing Jamie Nuzman. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution recognizing John Nuzman. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST OF BAILEY'S ENGLISH PUB & GRILLE

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:21 P.M., and asked for public comments from the audience. Upon hearing no public comment, Supervisor Yack asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by, that the request from Bailey's English Pub & Grille for a new full year Class C liquor license with Entertainment Permit to be located at 1777 Canton Center Road North, Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan 48187 be considered for APPROVAL "ABOVE ALL OTHERS;" it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize an interfund loan to be made from the general fund to the CDBG fund in the amount of \$75,000 to be used as a revolving fund for cash flow purposes within the CDBG fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the agreement with Wayne County that will authorize the Township to acquire the necessary right-of-way and construction easements for the Ford/Lalley intersection improvement at no cost to Wayne County. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the property split and combination for Lots 10 and 11 in Northwoods Estates as requested by Mr. Gary Kackstetter of RDK Homes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to recommend approval of the property splits and combinations for the parcels identified by Tax ID #'s 008-99-0002-705 and 008-03-0005-000 Admiral Industrial Park, as requested by the project sponsor, Mr. John Gargano and as indicated on the certified survey dated July 10, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to allow enforcement on the Links of Pheasant Run Condominiums for fire lane ordinance violations, effective immediately, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance No. 68. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from J. ASH, INC. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed business with Entertainment Permit located at 41275 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township Wayne County, from B.J. ASSOCIATES, INC., be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Office Max tax ID #'s 054-01-0005-000, 054-01-0006-000, 054-01-0007-000 and 054-01-0579-000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Holiday Inn Express, tax ID #'s 142-01-0078-000 and 042-01-0081-000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Sheffield Park Condominiums, Tax ID#'s 089-99-0006-000 and 089-99-0007-000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign documents for the Sale of Township Property, Lots 274, 275, 298, 299, 394, 395, 418, 419, SIDWELL #'s 054-01-0275-300A; 054-01-0394-300A for an amount of \$1,00.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, that Verde Terra Contracting Inc. be disqualified in accordance with their request and to award the construction of the Koppernick Corporate Park project to the second lowest bidder Sole Construction Inc., for \$1,334,824.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$1,468,310.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to make an offer to Aaron Jade for the purchase of the Canton Softball Center for \$4,750,000 contingent upon the sale of bonds for that purpose. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the attached Resolution approving Building Authority Contract and Notice. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUILDING AUTHORITY CONTRACT AND NOTICE

Charter Township of Canton

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in said Township, on the 25th day of August 1998, at 7:08 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time. Present: Members Bennett, Burdiazk, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member LaJoy:

Whereas, there exists in and for the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township"), an imperative need to acquire and improve recreational facilities and the site therefor together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments relating thereto as hereinafter in the attached Contract of Lease (the "Contract") more particularly set forth; and

Whereas, this Township Board has determined, and does hereby reaffirm, that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to acquire said facilities for the use of the Township; and

Whereas, Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, provides through the procedure of building.

Whereas, the Township, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 31, as amended, has previously adopted Article of Incorporation and has established the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority (the "Authority"), with full powers to acquire and construct such facilities; and

Whereas, this Township Board determines it to be in the best interest of the Township to acquire and finance said facilities through the authority in accordance with the provisions of said Act 31, as amended; and

Whereas, a Contract between the Township and the Authority providing for the acquisition, construction and financing of said facilities and such matters as are deemed necessary thereto has been prepared.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Township Board hereby determines it to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to acquire the said facilities as set forth in the Contract attached to this resolution for the use of the Township.
2. This Township Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to finance the cost of such facilities through the Authority in accordance with the

provisions of the aforesaid Act 31, as amended.

3. This Township Board hereby approves the Contract for the acquisition and financing of said facilities, as hereto attached.

4. The Notice of Intention of Entering into Contract of Lease as hereto attached shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, promptly upon adoption of this resolution, said Notice to appear as a display advertisement at least one-quarter (1/4) page in size.

5. The Supervisor and Clerk of the Township are authorized to execute immediately and deliver to the Authority the Contract approved by this resolution. The Contract shall become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days following the date of publication of the aforesaid Notice, unless, under the provisions of Section 8 (b) of said Act 31, as amended, the effectiveness of the Contract is stayed by reason of the filing of a petition for referendum thereon and the resultant necessity of prior approval thereof by the qualified electors of the Township. The Township Board does hereby determine that the designated newspaper is the newspaper circulating in the Township which reaches the largest number of persons to whom the aforesaid Notice is directed and that publication of the aforesaid Notice in the designated newspaper represents the most practical and feasible means of informing the taxpayers and electors of the Township of the aforesaid project and the financing thereof. A copy of the Contract shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination.

6. The Township Board does hereby ratify and confirm its covenant in the aforesaid Contract to levy ad valorem taxes against all taxable property in the Township to the extent necessary to meet the obligations of the Township thereunder in the event revenues from other sources are insufficient for any reason whatsoever. Any such taxes levied to pay the Cash Rental under said Contract shall be limited as to rate or amount in the manner provided by law.

7. The Township Board covenants that the Township shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding disclosure as more fully set forth in a Disclosure Resolution to be adopted by this Board.

8. The Township Finance Director be and is hereby directed to file a Notice of Intention to Issue an Obligation with the Michigan Municipal Finance Division and to pay the fee relating thereto.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members Bennett, Burdiazk, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 25, 1998, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF ENTERING INTO LIMITED TAX-SUPPORTED CONTRACT OF LEASE AND OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Canton has approved and executed a Contract of Lease with the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended. Such Contract provides, among other things, that said Building Authority will acquire and improve certain recreational facilities and the site therefor together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments relating thereto and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE SAME FOR SAID TOWNSHIP IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000. Said bonds will mature serially from 1999 to 2008, inclusive, and will bear interest not exceeding 8% per annum on the outstanding principal balance.

The Contract further provides that the Township will lease said facilities from said Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO SAID BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID FACILITIES AND ALL COSTS of said Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether amount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the Township for the purposes of statutory, charter and constitutional debt limitations, and said principal amount, together with the Township's rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of the facilities.

TOWNSHIP CONTRACT OBLIGATION

BY VIRTUE OF SAID CONTRACT AND ACT ALL OF THE TOWNSHIP'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP PAYABLE FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON; IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND AS LIMITED BY LAW HOWEVER, THE OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, CHARTER AND STATUTORY TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

SAID CONTRACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHOUT VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP, AS PERMITTED BY LAW, UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH CONTRACT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP, IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN 45 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such petition is so filed, said Contract shall not be effective without an approving vote by a majority of electors of the Township voting on the question.

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 (b) of the aforesaid Act 31, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said Contract, the facilities being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the Township Clerk's office. A copy of said Contract is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for the GroupWise software upgrade to Novell Upgrade Services and to authorize the purchase of the GroupWise software upgrade at a price of \$12,011.95 from the MIS Budget item Software Purchase (101-258-755-000). Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazk, to ratify the contract with the Office of Drug Control Policy for the hiring, under the Community Policy for the hiring, under the Community Policing Strategies Grant Program, of a public safety officer for Sherwood, Westpoint and Academy Pointe mobile home parks; and further to authorize a 40 percent Township match expenditure of \$18,687.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the emergency purchase of labor charges for rooftop unit #3 at Summit on the Park from Delta Temp Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$6,239.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for 30 picnic tables to the low bidder Play Environments, Inc., in the amount of \$10,356. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazk, to introduce the First Reading of the amendments to the Animal Control ordinance No. 106(c). Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to table the amendments to the Animal Control ordinance No. 106(c) for publication in the Canton Observer on September 3, 1998. Motion carried.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 106

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CANTON TOWNSHIP, PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE, DEFINITIONS; ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, HIS DUTIES, AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; LICENSING AND VACCINATION; CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCE; IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS AND REDEMPTION OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED; KILLING AND SEIZING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS; PROHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN NONAGRICULTURAL AREAS; ENUMERATION OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; PROCEDURE FOR PROSECUTIONS OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS; REGULATING DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND VICIOUS DOGS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFINEMENT, TATTOOING, OR CONFINEMENT OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND/OR VICIOUS DOGS; PENALTIES; PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS; TOWNSHIP CLERK'S DUTIES AND RECORDS; FEES AND EXPENSES; RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS; CONSTRUCTION; REPEAL.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. ORDINANCE NO. 106, THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

42.010 PURPOSE.
This Article provides for the purpose of the enactment of the Animal Control Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

42.020 DEFINITIONS.
This Article provides for the definitions of the following terms: ANIMALS, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, DANGEROUS ANIMALS, EXOTIC OR WILD ANIMAL, KENNELS, LIVESTOCK, NONAGRICULTURAL AREA, OWNER, PERSON, POLICE OFFICER, POULTRY, PROVOKE, RABIES SUSPECT ANIMAL, SERIOUS INJURY, TORMENT TOWNSHIP BOARD, UNCONFINED, VICIOUS DOG.

ARTICLE III

42.030 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

This Article establishes the position of an Animal Control Officer and provides for the duties, authority and responsibilities thereof.

ARTICLE IV

42.040 LICENSING AND VACCINATION.

This Article provides for the licensing and vaccination of certain dogs and animals. This Article also establishes the license fee and kennel license and fee thereof.

ARTICLE V

42.050 KENNELS.
This Article provides for the licensing, regulation and control of kennels. It also provides for certain duties and responsibilities of kennel licensees.

ARTICLE VI

42.060 CONFINEMENT.
This Article provides for the confinement of certain animals after the animal bites a person, animal or other livestock.

It also provides that all animals shall be confined at all time between sunset and sunrise of the following day except when the animal is not otherwise under the reasonable control of the owner.

ARTICLE VII

42.070 ANIMAL SHELTER AND IMPOUNDMENT.

This Article provides for the impoundment of all animals from running at large and the redemption procedure thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

42.080 KILLING AND SEIZING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

This Article provides for the procedure of killing any animal which is pursuing, attacking or about to attack, or wounding any livestock or poultry or attacking any person. It also provides for the determination of damages in the event of any loss or damage to livestock or poultry.

ARTICLE IX

42.090 REQUIREMENTS FOR VICIOUS DOGS.

This Article provides for the requirements for all vicious dogs and the confinement thereof.

ARTICLE X

42.100 ENUMERATION OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

This Article provides for the enumeration of certain violations.

ARTICLE XI

42.102 PROCEDURE FOR PROSECUTIONS CONCERNING DANGEROUS ANIMALS

This Article provides for the procedure for the prosecution of owners of dangerous animals.

ARTICLE XII

42.110 SANITATION.

This Article provides for the disposal of fecal matter and the maintenance of all premises on which animals are owned, kept or harbored.

ARTICLE XIII

42.120 PENALTY.

This Article provides for the imposition of municipal civil infraction fines, damages, expenses and injunctive powers upon the determination that a person has violated any provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE XIV

42.130 PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.

This Article preserves common law liability of an owner of an animal for damages committed by said animal.

ARTICLE XV

42.140 CLERK'S RECORDS AND DUTIES.

This Article provides that the Township Clerk shall keep a record of all dog licenses and kennel licenses, and said licenses are evidence of ownership of said animal.

ARTICLE XVI

42.150 FEES AND EXPENSES.

This Article provides for the establishment of various fees and expenses associated with this Ordinance.

ARTICLE XVII

42.160 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.

This Article provides that all fees and monies collected under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be transferred to the General Fund of the Township.

ARTICLE XVIII

42.170 CONSTRUCTION.

This Article provides for the construction of the language used in this Ordinance and its relationship to other Ordinances. This Article also provides for the severability of any part of this Ordinance which shall be deemed to be void. It also provides that the enactment of this Ordinance shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides for the severability of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section preserves all pending matters occurring prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides for the repeal of all Ordinances inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the Canton Observer on September 19, 1998. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the recommended changes to the Flood Control ordinance No. 104(a) for first reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to table and publish the recommended changes to the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104(a) for first reading. Motion carried.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 104(a)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 104, AT SUBSECTION 4.3(B) THEREOF, A SUBSECTION OF SECTION 4.3 ENTITLED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES IN A FLOOD PLAIN, CHANNEL OF A WATERCOURSE OR A STREAM MODIFICATION; FURTHER AT SUBSECTION 4.5(B), A SUBSECTION OF SECTION 4.5 ENTITLED FLOODWAY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN SPECIFIED ENCROACHMENTS INTO FLOODPLAINS SHALL NOT RESULT IN A HARMFUL INCREASE IN FLOOD LEVELS DURING THE OCCURRENCE OF THE BASED FLOOD DISCHARGE; FURTHER AT SUBSECTION 6.3(A) A SUBSECTION OF SECTION 6.3 ENTITLED CONDITIONS FOR VARIANCES, PROVIDING THAT VARIANCES SHALL NOT BE ISSUED WITHIN ANY DESIGNATED FLOODWAY IF ANY HARMFUL INCREASE IN FLOOD LEVELS DURING THE BASED FLOOD DISCHARGE WOULD RESULT; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.3(B).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 14a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 4.3(B) thereof.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 4.5(B).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 104a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 4.5(B) thereof.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 6.3(A).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 104a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 6.3(A) thereof.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.

This Section provides that the balance of Ordinance No. 104, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective dates of this amendatory Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

Area runner prepares for tropical marathon

A Canton woman planning to run her first marathon in Hawaii on Dec. 13 will do so by Running on Empty.

Bonnie Hanson, 31, is a vocalist for the acoustic band, called Running on Empty, which will be featured in a fund-raiser at the Crow's Nest in Canton on Saturday, Aug. 29.

She hopes to raise \$3,900 for the Leukemia Society of America while training for the Honolulu Marathon. Hanson will be paying for her own travel.

A member of Team in Training, an endurance training program known throughout the country, Hanson is currently running 25 miles per week or about eight miles per run. She recently ran in the Northville Road Runner race.

"Everyone told me if I was going to do a marathon (Honolulu) would be a good place to do it," said Hanson, who recently took up the sport.

Her Team in Training coach is Randy Step, owner of Running Fit stores in Novi, Northville, West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor.

"According to the training program, the longest I have to run is up to 20 miles. They never get you up to 26.2 miles because they say when you're running (the marathon) you'll get caught up in the heat of the moment. Adrenaline gets you those extra six miles," she said.

Hanson ran track and field events at Milan High School years ago, but never was a distance runner, she said. Friend Mary Pierce ran the Disney Marathon and sold her on the idea of running her own marathon.

The mother of two children, Hanson began training this spring at 5 a.m. before her husband, Craig, left for work at Johnson Controls in Plymouth. Craig Hanson plays keyboard and guitar in Running on Empty.

The Hansons formerly were in an oldies band called Sea Cruise before they were married. Most of the same band members reunited to put on the fund-raising performance at the Crow's Nest, which will be donating a percentage of their profits to the Leukemia Society. A 50/50 raffle with various prizes is planned.

Other members of the acoustic band are Mark Kesson of Plymouth, who plays keyboards and guitar, and Marc DesJardins of Ann Arbor on bass.

The band is appropriately named. DesJardins recently ran the Boston Marathon and Kesson's wife is expecting a baby "so he'll be running on empty too," said Bonnie Hanson.

Performances at the Crow's Nest will include other acoustic acts including Cliff Sullins of Northville and duo Cass Dufurin of Novi and Glen Short of Ferndale.

In addition to the challenge of running 26.2 miles, Hanson also has several reasons to raise the money for the Leukemia Society. Her father, Doug Bidwell, was diagnosed with bladder cancer last year.

Her friend, Carol Kolby, who had been battling lung and liver cancer for over two years died in July.

Another honored patient assigned to Hanson by the Leukemia Society is Krystie Irwin, 15, of Ann Arbor. Irwin was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in 1986. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments and has been involved with Team in Training for the past three years.

So far, Hanson has raised about half



Staff Photo by Paul Hubschmann
Mind set: Bonnie Hanson enjoys running in the early morning to prepare for her upcoming marathon.

of the \$3,900 needed to enter the marathon. She earned \$500 through a garage sale. Neighbors helped by donating items. Johnson Controls, headquartered in Plymouth, also has made a corporate donation. Hanson is looking for donations from individuals or local merchants for the Crow's Nest raffle. The night of acoustic entertainment at the Crow's Nest begins at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29. It is located on Canton Center Road, between Warren and Ford. There is no cover charge.

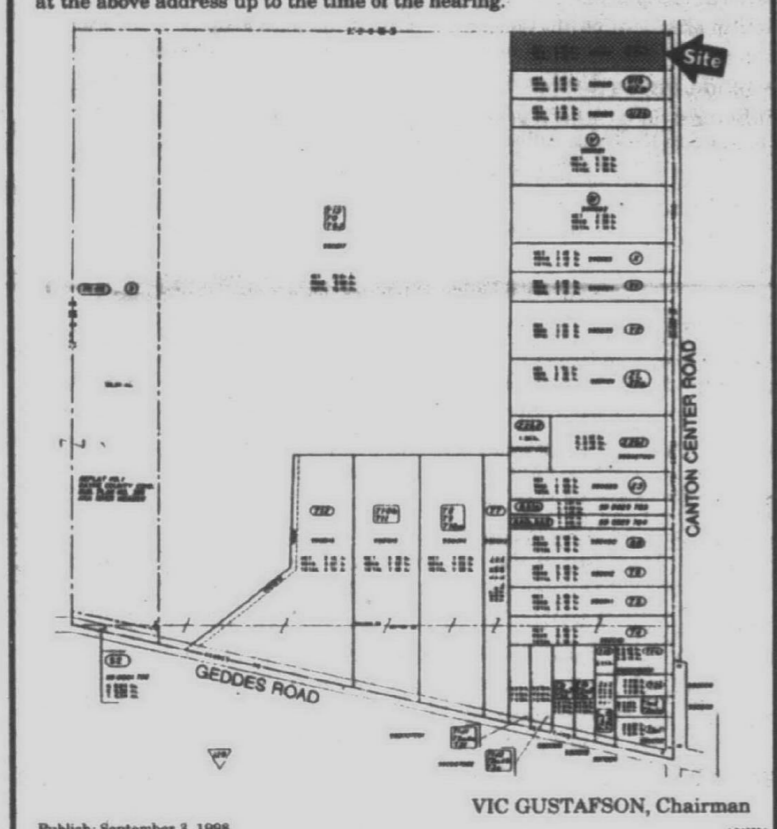
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TUTOR TIME CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 112 99 0018 000. Property is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Summit Parkway and Geddes Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



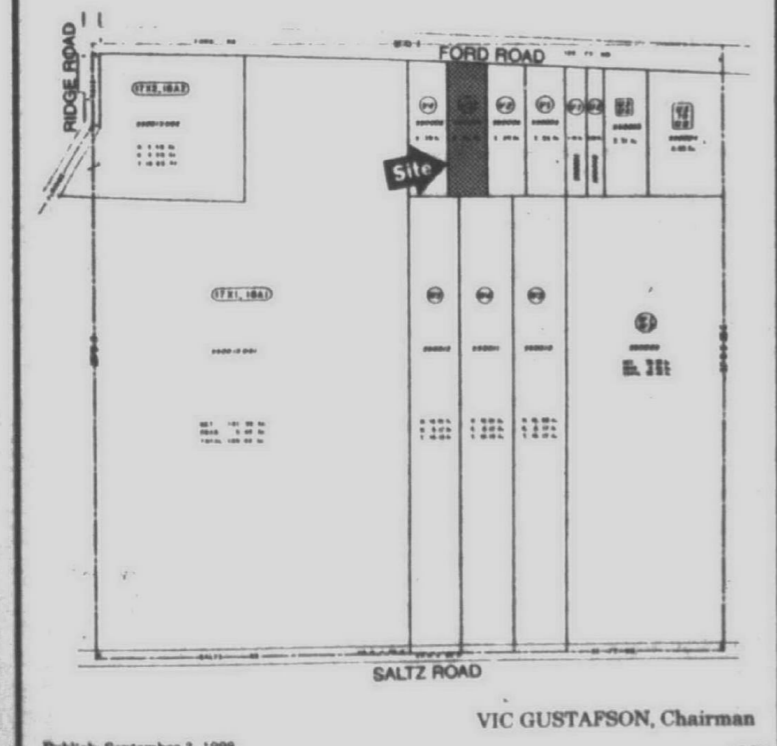
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BORDINE FARMS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A ROADSIDE STAND FOR THE DISPLAY AND SALE OF PUMPKINS, CORNSTALKS AND OTHER FALL PRODUCE FOR A FIVE (5) WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 10.02B.13.c. FOR PARCEL NO. 066 99 0007 000. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road east of Ridge Road.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on September 24, 1998, for the following:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING RENOVATION & ADDITION TO 44506 GEDDES RD., CANTON, MI

Drawings and specifications are available at Siegel/Tunnaala Associates, Suite 261W, 31731 Northwestern Hwy, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 851-3325, on or after September 4, 1998. There is a non-refundable sum of \$30.00 per set. Note: There will be a one-time building walk-through at 10:00 a.m., September 10, 1998. Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
September 10, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Ste. A, Novi, MI 48975, for property located at 2690 Hunters Court. They are appealing Article & Section 26.02 Rear yard setbacks. The request is for a variance from the 40' Rear Yard Setback, to a 22' of the rear property line. Parcel #101-01-0012-000 (Building)
2. Elaine M. Ravida 804 Haggerty Rd. S. Canton, MI 48188, representing David F. Fehlig of P.O. Box 335, Northville, MI 48167. They are appealing Article & Section 26.02 Rear yard setback. The request is for a variance of the front yard setback on Simcoe Dr., from the current 25 ft. minimum requirement to 13.1 ft. Parcel #71-089-99-0025-001. (Planning)
3. Walter Menard Builders of 9173 Northampton Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170, representing Bruce Smith property at 49001 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187. They are appealing Article 26 and Sections .02 & .02B., Requirements for Agricultural & Residential Districts, Lot dimension & proportions. Parcel #081-99-0009-004A (Planning)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1998.
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 1998.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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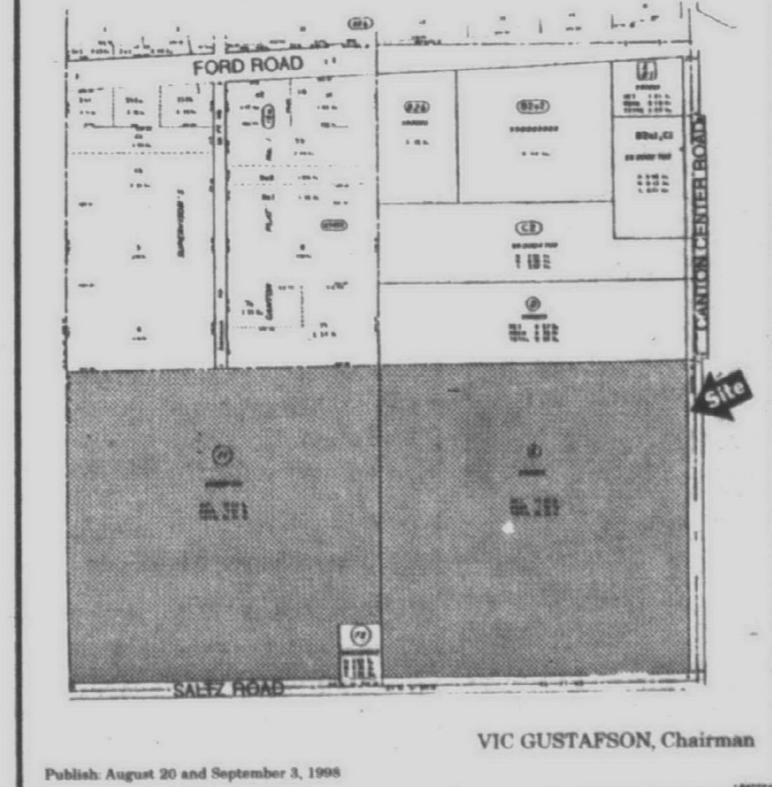
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CAMBRIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 061 99 0006 701 AND 061 99 0007 001. Property is located on the west of Canton Center Road north of Saltz Road. (Final Plan - 2nd Public Hearing)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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Section 3.1, Development of the Project, shall be amended to provide that the developer must submit a complete site plan to Charter Township of Canton, for the entire proposed project, no later than January 31, 1999.

Section 6.2, Permitted Uses, of the development agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Griffin Properties shall be amended to include "movies theaters" as a permitted use for purposes of this agreement. This addendum shall become a binding part of the original agreement, and are subject to any and all provisions of the original agreement which may be applicable.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on August 25, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on September 8, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Published: September 3, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARINGS REPROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a regular meeting plus public hearings on the FY 1995, 1996 and 1997 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the following: (1) Reprogramming of Harrison Drain improvements funds sufficient to fund Human Services Center expansion feasibility study, \$15,000 estimate. This would create a new project. (2) Initial public hearing as part of 8-step environmental review for purchase of an office building for First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence. The project has been determined to impact the Willow Creek 100-year flood plain on Lilley Road north of Ford Road. The objective of public involvement is to provide sufficient information early enough in the process of making decisions affecting (floodplains) so that the public can have impact on the decision outcome." (Federal Register, Vol. 43, No. 29-Friday, February 10, 1978). The cost of the project would include \$30,000 in CDBG funds. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
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WILLOW CREEK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD) AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE WILLOW CREEK PUD AGREEMENT TO REDESIGNATE THE SOUTH 3.003 ACRES OF PARCEL NO. 042 02 0197 002 FROM COMMERCIAL TO MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NO MORE THAN SIXTY (60) ELDERLY HOUSING UNITS. AND,

ASKER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE SOUTH 3.003 ACRES OF PARCEL NO. 042 02 0197 002 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, TO MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL.

Property is located on the west side of Lilley Road south of Warren Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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In jeopardy Rec program demands attention

Leadership and creative planning are needed to rescue the troubled recreation program in Plymouth Township. No one could have fathomed the fallout from the failed recreation tax proposal would be so devastating.

The most popular words of late have been: The taxpayers have spoken. But we question if they have. Quite possibly, they were overwhelmed by three tax proposals in the August primary. Or more likely, they were simply misguided by a township with no clear direction or leadership.

As usual it's the youngsters who suffer. Next spring, 600 boys and girls may be without a little league baseball program. The Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League is now defunct. The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association was born when Canton Township announced it would buy the privately run Canton Softball Center at a cost of \$4.75 million.

The purchase will provide 12 new lighted ball diamonds for their 1,700 players. As sad as it is to see 600 kids without a baseball program, it's understandable why Canton refuses to absorb the maintenance and programming costs for another municipality. Besides, Plymouth Township taxpayers have spoken: they don't support recreational programs, Canton officials and members of the CCJBSA said.

The city of Plymouth echoed the same words last week when they were forced to cut their recreation program, merging it with its Municipal Services Department, and raise fees for non-residents. Recreation Director Tom Willette lost his job in the cuts.

It's ironic that the campaign slogan for the next three tax proposals was, "Protect your investment in Plymouth Township." Plymouth Township has made no real investment in the

area of recreation by providing parkland to its residents or financially contributing to the city-run programs that it uses.

What's absolutely surprising is a community the size of Plymouth Township, with the commercial and industrial tax base it has, offers nothing more to its residents than garbage pickup. Plymouth has one 66-acre park for its 33,000 residents. Besides from McClumpha Park, the only other park it owns, Brentwood Park, is a neighborhood playground in the Old Lake Pointe subdivision.

Township officials deserve a hand slapping for having no foresight, no vision and no plan. The taxpayers haven't spoken in our view because they had nothing to speak for except a half-baked plan to merge services with the city and forming an undefined seven- to nine-member board to oversee it. All this for .5 mills.

The township needs to assemble a committee of various sporting associations, school and township officials, city and township recreation officials, then inventory what they have, what they need and ... imagine ... a strategy.

While Canton Township had enough vision to buy property and negotiate with developers to provide recreational land for its residents, the city of Plymouth took another progressive route. It's evident in the names of its parks: Massey field, Jaycee Park, Rotary Park, Garden Club Park, Kiwanis Park, and Optimist Park.

Maybe, if Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy drove along the industrial corridors of Sheldon and Beck roads and creatively looked at the various headquarters of nationally known businesses she may be able to drum up a few supporters to contribute to the township's quality of life.

Then, ask the taxpayers to speak again.

Labor picture changes dramatically

A couple of years ago on Labor Day, we noted how major corporations were playing down the contributions of their workers.

They quit showing employment figures on page 2 of their annual reports and hid them on page 57, almost as an afterthought.

They stopped featuring photos of workers and concentrated instead on pictures of the products. The old notion of a company being a three-legged stool - with management and customers being the other two legs - had gone out the window by 1996. In its place was an unstable two-legged stool, and workers were reduced to a trash heap called "downsizing" or "right-sizing."

What a difference a couple of years have made! Today, there are worker shortages. Companies are being advised to treat research and scientific workers better.

Companies are being driven to improve their employee communications and training efforts, according to R&D Magazine's annual career satisfaction survey, sponsored by Kelly Scientific Resources.

Kelly Scientific Resources is the scientific business unit division of the area company we know as Kelly Services. Kelly Services provides more than 800,000 employees annually in office services, accounting, engineering, information technology, legal, scientific, marketing, light industrial and home care.

The majority of research workers were satisfied in their positions and praised their employers for being more open to new ideas, providing better job performance feedback and providing more opportunities for training and development.

Numerous R&D survey results support

these findings. For example:

- Nearly 58 percent of respondents said their employers are open to new ideas, versus only 34 percent in 1997.

- More than 57 percent said employers are providing feedback about job performance, versus only 49 percent last year.

- Nearly 60 percent said their employer offers them training and professional development opportunities.

Rolf Kleiner, senior vice president of Kelly Scientific Resources, said, "In today's labor market, retaining employees is especially critical, and employers are getting that message from their employees."

The survey results show that company efforts are paying off. More than 35 percent of respondents say that in five years they plan to be in a better job with their current company.

Tim Studt, editor in chief of R&D Magazine, said, "Our research has consistently shown that scientists like what they do and intend to stay with their current companies. However, this year's results point out that today's employers understand that maintaining employee loyalty requires action on their part."

The survey was sent to 5,000 research and development professionals in the U.S. and Canada. More than 33 percent responded.

Now it's time for all companies to recognize that all workers at all levels deserve recognition for new ideas, feedback and training. And while they're at it, corporate annual reports should recognize growth in employment, not just earnings per share, as a benchmark of corporate success.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Justice for all

This is in response to the letter from Susan Kopinski that ran in the Aug. 13 Canton Observer. She asks "Where is the justice for the thousands of people who voted on last year's school bond proposal?" A similar question could be asked: Where is the justice for the more than 700 people who went to the polls to cast their ballots and whose votes never counted? Are their rights any less?

I've been reading all of the letters and articles concerning this election and I feel the only proper and just solution is to allow all of the residents who voted in the last election to re-vote on the issue. This proposal was made by Jerry Vorva many times. He even indicated that he would stop the lawsuits if the citizens were allowed to re-vote.

How many times has the school board had the freedom to call another election immediately after the citizens had voted "No" to past bond proposals? The school board has the right to call another election when they lose, but resents when a citizen questions the outcome of a favorable election. To settle this matter, I would be willing to bet that the majority of the citizens of the school district would jump at a chance to re-vote and settle this matter once and for all. But Mr. Little consistently vetoes this proposal and Ms. Kopinski calls Mr. Vorva a "self-centered, spoiled brat!"

This election leaves more questions than answers. Where was the announcement that new technology would be used in the disputed election? Why wasn't there better training of the election staff and instructions to the voters who used the new technology? What is Mr. Little afraid of?

The citizens who voted "Yes" and had their votes counted have no greater claim for justice than the citizens who voted "No" and might not have been included in the total count.

I for one say "Thank God" for Mr. Vorva who fights for "justice for all."

Joseph C. Geldof
Canton

Carefully worded

As I wrote a couple of weeks ago, I am for Jerry Vorva 100 percent and Dan Holton agrees with me with his letter of last Thursday, Aug. 20.

I noticed that the school board had a full page devoted to how to vote in the latest school election. They didn't have one in the March 1997 election which proves they knew what they were doing when over 700 votes out of 12,000 were voided.

They just won't admit it? I think like Dan

Holton that they are afraid another vote would go down the tubes.

You have to be careful when you vote these days because sometimes a proposition is worded so a no vote means yes or the other way around.

Dean Lenheiser
Plymouth

Votes count

Jerry Vorva this, Jerry Vorva that ... sound familiar? It seems to be all Mr. Little as the school superintendent appears to be able to say when asked why something he is responsible for maintaining isn't being done. Are you the superintendent or not? If you can't do your job, why are you cashing your paycheck?

Here's an idea ... how about putting a question on the next election ballot that says, "Should the previously held 75 million dollar bond millage results be voided and a new millage vote be conducted?" You could also remove the location for which the school building is to be built so that when Mr. Little opts to build in a different location it wouldn't be so hard to swallow.

I thought the location was to be away from the current campus to eliminate some of the congestion. Doesn't adding additional buildings, parking areas, students, vehicles, etc. on top of the current Beck/Joy road area increase the congestion that already exists? It seems to me that Mr. Little should stop saying "Call Jerry Vorva" when asked why this or that isn't fixed at the schools. As the superintendent he should be able to manage the school system's budget and correct problems. If the tennis courts are a safety issue, he should find the funds to repair them. His objection to even trying to obtain funding as suggested by the athletic staff, his inability to see past "Mr. Vorva" and accept responsibility for doing his job shows me he is the wrong person for the job.

Our school system's plight is not the fault of a citizen attempting to legally exercise his rights for correction of what he views as an injustice; our school system's problems are due to having a superintendent that is just too "Little" to get the job done.

James K. Kivell
Plymouth

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Are you concerned about your investments as the stock market continues to fall?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



I'm a little concerned. The market has fluctuated before. I'm confident it will rebound.
Wayne Wolfson
Canton



We're riding it out. We'll leave our money where it's at and see what happens.
Maureen Ashton
Plymouth



I'm not worried yet. I think it will bounce back.
Lynette Cisio
Plymouth



We invest for the long term not the short term.
Alisa Averkamp
Canton

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— Philip Power

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POINTS OF VIEW

Unanswered election questions leave voters puzzled

To hear Plymouth-Canton school superintendent Charles Little tell it, Jerry Vorva is on a one-man campaign to deprive the district's children of their inalienable right to state-of-the-art computers and tennis courts.

"He is the one who is blocking you from getting your tennis courts and others from getting computers," he said at a school board meeting last month in response to a plea from the Canton tennis coach for new courts.

And here's what some letter writers have had to say:

"I find it amazing that Jerry Vorva, the champion of voters rights, is proposing a special election."

"Vorva does not care about the 716 voters that were, in his opinion, deprived of a chance to vote."

"I am just about as sick as anyone can be with this self-righteous, self-appointed 'Champion of the 716 Lost Votes,' Jerry Vorva ..."

When those election results came in 18 months ago, Vorva wasn't the only one who thought something smelled funny. Four different people filed individual challenges requesting a recount and a special mail election, based on the 96-vote margin and more than 700 spoiled ballots. Let's review.

"It is my recommendation to Superintendent Little to audit the election once it's unsealed. I think that is what we should do to make us all feel better."

- Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, speaking three days after

the election after meeting with school officials and representatives of UniLect, the company that manufactured the voting machines.

"720 under votes seems like an unusually high number with any voting equipment. That many under votes raises questions ... We are aware of the election and we are monitoring the situation."

- Bradley Wittman, director of information and voter registration for the state bureau of elections, also three days after the election.

"I think it is completely unacceptable that one out of 14 votes were lost or spoiled in this election. People went to the polls expecting their votes would be counted ... it's evident the process failed."

- Dan Herriman, Plymouth property manager, who called for a recount and a revote shortly after the election.

"Based on the history we have had, I would have expected to see the under votes at 1 percent or less. The integrity of the process is paramount in my mind. People have spoken, but they all need to be heard. In our American democratic process, the right of the public to be heard through the voting process is sacrosanct. There is nothing more precious in our society than that."

- Former school board member Roland Thomas, who also filed a challenge to the election. Thomas has since been re-elected to the board.

"As I see it, the down side to a spe-



JACK GLADDEN

cial election to resolve this issue is simply the added hassle of such an election. The up side is clearly the community's confidence in our officials to self-govern such matters ... we should not take lightly the importance of every voting citizen's right to be heard. This fact should be just as important in a city, township or school election without exception."

- Plymouth City Commissioner Donald Dismuke, who also filed a challenge to the election.

After a recount of the votes, the school district's board of canvassers tested the machines used in all 18 precincts and voted to deny the petitions for a new election, even though totals in two of the precincts didn't reflect what the canvassers themselves intended to

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enter as a vote during the test. Here's what people had to say:

"This process is important and precedent setting. You are going to put a floor on what the minimum acceptable percentage of lost or spoiled votes is for voting with election equipment in our community. You are going to tell more than 700 people whether they can expect to go to their precincts with the confidence that they can vote and have their vote recorded."

- Roland Thomas.

"It would be appropriate to authorize a special election, even if the equipment is not defective, because it was deficient in the way it permits humans to interact with it. There ought to be some sort of feedback to allow voters to know their vote hasn't been registered.

I urge you to consider the intent of the law to be certain that votes are recorded."

- Dan Herriman.

"Dan Herriman's point is well taken; laws haven't caught up with technology."

- Roland Thomas.

"Because the board of canvassers decision to deny a special election 'turned on a very stringent point of law, I'm concerned. You could see from the test there were problems recording votes. We are going to have to do a lot more training if we are going to make the system work."

- Former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones.

"Intellectually, this is definitely what the law calls for. I will support the resolution, but I do have a great deal of discomfort with 700-some-odd voters coming to the ballot box on Saturday and not being accounted for. I think that is extraordinarily unfortunate, because the most precious thing we have in our country is the privilege to vote."

- Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee and a member of the board of canvassers which had just voted to deny petitions for another election.

Were all these people just being self-righteous and frivolous? Or is there something more at stake here than computers and tennis courts?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Strike stalls

The Northwest Airlines pilots strike, which has practically shut down Metro Airport and affected lives of thousands of would-be passengers as well as hundreds of businesses, threatens to impede Michigan's currently strong economy.

Right now, the weekly revenue losses just in conventions alone has been estimated at over \$4 million and the papers are filled with stories of local businesses who can't ship their goods, including plants and fresh fish to their destinations.

More than anything else, this crisis

shows, as Michigan economist David Sowerby said, that "Northwest still has a virtual monopoly on Metro — when they are shut down the other airlines can't fill the void." Already the carrier "and its commuter partner Mesaba fly almost 80 percent of the 5.3 million passengers who go in and out of its hub cities each month" — Detroit being one of those cities.

Northwest's influence at Metro is about to expand even more as the company is working with the Wayne County executive to build a new terminal. Since a majority of slots will go to Northwest carriers or affiliates, consumer choice between competing

aircraft will not only be further limited but the economy of the Metro Detroit regimen, and indeed the entire state, will be even more vulnerable to the kind of paralyzing shut-downs that we're seeing unfold before us.

Since deregulation in the late 1970s, all major airlines have developed "hub" cities to best serve theirs and their customers' needs. We recognized their necessity and are glad that Northwest has one of its hubs here. However, tax money should not be spent to augment one company's already dominant position at Metro. Funds going to the new terminal

should be spent building and remodeling facilities and insuring that more new slots be made available to other airlines. Unfortunately, the position of the Wayne County executive on this issue has been to side with big business over the thousands of travelers and commuters who depend upon our airport every day. Look where that has led us.

One way to check the growth of carrier monopolies would be to create an airport authority with members selected by both the governor and the Wayne County executive from different state regions. This authority would represent the interests of the

entire state while still giving Wayne County its due. They would be charged with ensuring that a balance be maintained between airlines' and flyers' needs and check the undue growth of any carrier monopoly.

This is only one way, nevertheless, this strike can teach us a valuable lesson about permitting a single carrier from exercising too large a presence out at Metro. We shouldn't need to cripple our economic growth to learn that competition is a good thing.

Carl Pursell
Plymouth

Fieger's gifts at the podium could go a long way in governor's race

I attended the Michigan Democratic Party's state convention in Lansing over the weekend.

I wanted to see what Geoffrey Fieger was really like and what kind of ticket he could put together to counter the blizzard of negative publicity he experienced ever since he won the Democratic nomination for governor.

(Let the record also show that I also went to be nominated to run statewide for another term on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Perceptive readers should be alert for any hint of bias in what follows.)

To my ears at least, Fieger is, indeed, a great speaker. He's passionate, emotional, articulate — sometimes eloquent and sometimes merely loud. He does have the capacity, so rare these days, of truly moving a crowd, especially younger people. If he ever succeeds in getting John Engler onto the same platform with him, watch out!

Fieger also made a smart move in picking state Rep. Jim Agee, a former teacher and school superintendent from Muskegon, to join the ticket as lieutenant governor. Agee is well-respected as a low-key, decent and smart fellow, an expert on education and on the state budget.

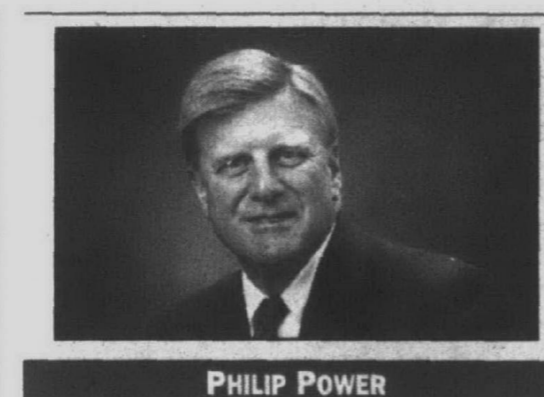
Talk in the aisles at the (very nice and new) Lansing convention center was that Fieger intends to meld his rhetorical firepower with Agee's deep knowledge of Lansing minutiae to launch a wholesale assault on the wrongdoings of the Engler administration.

The strategy makes sense.

Harsh ad hominem attacks on John Engler's character and genetic antecedents may have helped Fieger score his big upset win in the Democratic primary. But they won't help him in a general election where he is already regarded by the media, at least, as a bombastic loose cannon. Better merge passion with substance between now and Nov. 3.

And, certainly, any administration that has gone on for eight long years will have plenty of skeletons in the closet that any incumbent governor would prefer not see the light of day. I'd bet there will be much ferocious talk between now and Election Day about school funding, the state Accident Fund, lax oversight over charter schools, lucrative state contracts let to big Republican Party contributors and so forth.

There is some evidence (mostly from Kent and Oakland counties, normally Republican, where Fieger ran unexpectedly well) that the state GOP organized the faithful to cross over and vote for Fieger in the Democratic primary



PHILIP POWER

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on the theory that he would be easiest candidate for John Engler to defeat.

This may prove to be so, but I keep wondering about the old line that you'd better not wish for something too hard or you might wind up actually getting it. If the delegates to the Democratic convention are to be believed, the election for governor might wind up much tighter than the experts think.

Two concluding footnotes from the weekend in Lansing:

1. Jennifer Granholm, Northville Township resident who won nomination as attorney general, could be a real star. She's smart (Harvard Law School), experienced (top civil lawyer for Wayne County), attractive and a good speaker. When the assembled Democrats heard the Republican convention had dumped Scott Romney, Gov. Engler's pick for AG, for John Smietanka, big grins broke out all around the hall.

2. On grounds of the continuing labor dispute between labor and management, the Democrats continued to ban reporters from the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News from covering the convention. For a party desperate to showcase its nominees and ideas, continuing this symbolic feud with the largest circulation newspapers in the state is silly and self-destructive.

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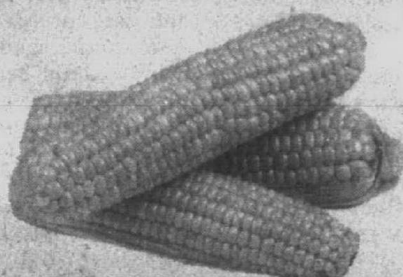


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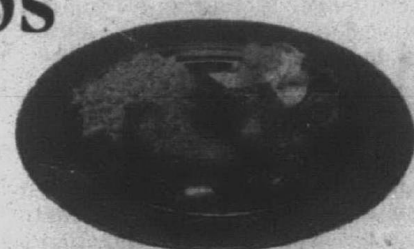
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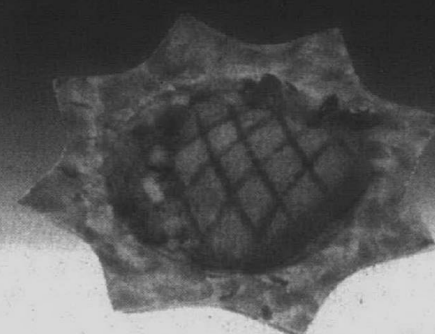
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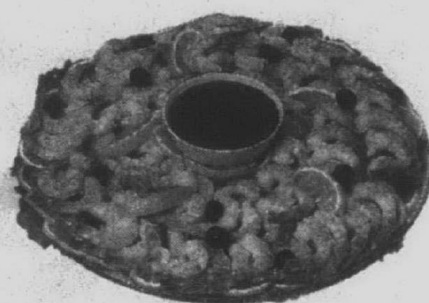
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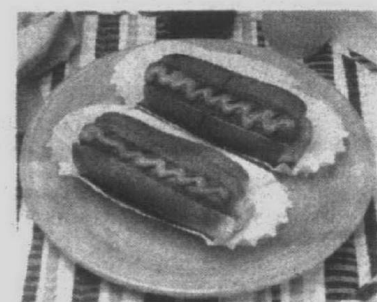
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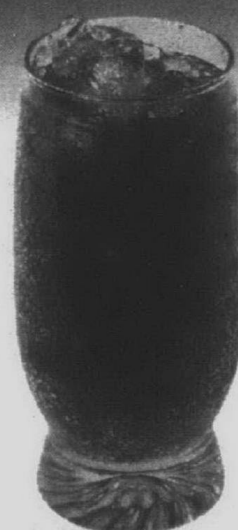
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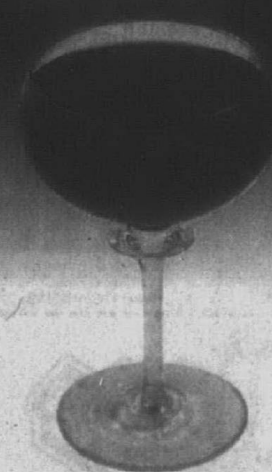
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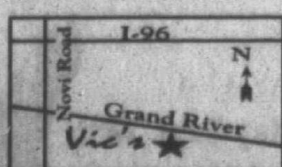
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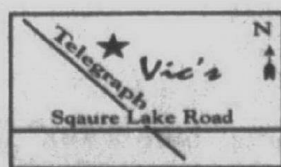
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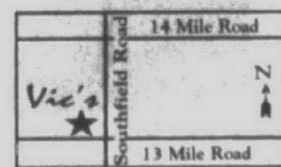
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

'Remarried with Kids': no easy task

Jim sat stoned-faced in the marriage counselor's office. His arms were folded tightly over his chest and his demeanor read, "Nothing's going to change this situation."

Becky, on the other hand, nervously rambled on, trying hard to explain to the counselor how Jim's dogmatic, authoritative bark did not endear him to her 16- and 14-year-olds.

"Jim has expected these kids to toe the line from the day we got married. He didn't bother to develop a relationship with them, he just started giving orders. They really resent him and frankly, it's caused so much strain. I'm not sure I want to stay with him."

Jim defended himself with, "I may be wrong, but I think kids need discipline, and Becky is a pushover. I was hoping that I could change that and not let them take advantage of her anymore, but it seems to have backfired. Now, I feel like all three of them are against me."

The "kid" problem in Jim and Becky's reconstituted family isn't unusual in blended families. And there are more remarriages than ever. The grueling statistics tell us that 51 percent of first marriages end in divorce. But a more startling but little-known fact is that 72 percent of second marriages fail, and worse yet,

93 percent of third marriages fail.

Why such dismal statistics? With first marriages, no longer are couples committed to "tough it out" as they did in the early and middle part of the century. As the 3-A's get more exposure and media attention (adultery,

addiction, abuse), fewer people are willing to stay in a bad marriage.

Unique to second marriages are two dilemmas. The first is blending (or more truthfully, *grinding*) two sets of children together. Children never ask to be placed in new setups. It is not their natural desire to have step-parents and possibly step-siblings.

As Neil Kalter puts it: They fantasize about the "divorce fairy tale" which always means that *mom and dad will get back together*. Children can be an enormous obstacle to "remarriage bliss," if they are not considered in the equation, because frankly, "The Brady Bunch" ain't gonna happen.

Second, the new couple must bring together two households and two financial institutions. This involves working through questions like what to do with your current home and furnishings and how to combine money.

If you are in a remarriage or know someone who is, a free and invaluable workshop series is available to you. The 14-week seminar will address issues like improving communication, how to deal with stepchildren, how to combine money and much more.

Whether the remarried couple has been married two weeks or 20 years, this workshop offers insights and tools on how to improve the marriage. Beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 9, the workshop will run each Wednesday night until Dec. 16.

Hosted by Ward Church in Northville Township, the guest lecturers are ALL remarried people. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. It may be exactly what's needed to pump some life into the relationship.

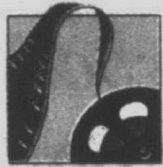
Call (248) 374-5912 to sign up now. Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

From here to L.A.

Salem grad finds film work is a perfect fit



Hard at work: Edmond Goff, 1989 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works on remastering films at the Spelling Entertainment-owned Image Edit. When he's not at work, he is in pre-production for his first film which he will film in Detroit.



As a kid, Edmond Goff loved the movies, catching the latest release on the silver screen or on video tape. Little did he know then that it was he wanted to do as an adult.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCCO
STAFF WRITER

As an intern for VH1 in London, Edmond Goff worked on shoots with Lisa Stansfield and The Beautiful South, both low-key, adult-oriented pop bands. Having been in the United Kingdom for six months, Goff was admittedly a little homesick for American music.

But when a fellow American came by the VH1 and MTV studios, Goff got a taste of it in person.

"I was sitting there one day and a big huge entourage of black guys were walking down the hallway," Goff explained. "It was Snoop Doggy Dogg. The section that I worked in was really quiet. When he walked by production, everyone was surprised by how tall he is. But then he stopped and said, 'VH1, how come y'all don't play my (music).'"

Goff, a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, can spew vignettes like this at a drop of a hat. At 26, he's already worked overseas, studied at an experimental school in Washington state and worked for Aaron Spelling. Now, he is set to

begin work on his first film.

"There's nothing else really I wanted to do," Goff explained about making a film. "I wasn't good with math or studying in school. I got my college degree and everything was a struggle to get. I always loved movies growing up. I would always rent them or go up to the cinema to see the latest blockbuster. I didn't know until I got older that this was what I wanted to do."

Goff, who now lives in Glendale, Calif., is working on pre-production for a film about his uncle who was shot to death at his workplace.

"I'm trying to raise some money and find some investors and find a producer to help me bring this screenplay to the big screen. I haven't started casting yet, but I've talked to a few people from home."

Local actor Jerry Salas of the movie "The Incorporated" has agreed to appear. Other more well-known Michigan actors and actresses round out his wish list. He wants to keep it within Michigan.

"Basically, it's based on experiences that have happened in my life before I actually was able to find my own

way," he said. "Everything is real. Nothing is really fabricated. In keeping with the realism, I'd like to find Michigan people to play these roles."

"I want to do something positive for Detroit and Michigan filmmaking."

Close to the heart

The storyline is one that's close to his and his family's hearts.

"My uncle Rick was murdered while he was working for a trucking company in Detroit. Basically, an employee took his life. It destroyed my family in every possible way. The man who did it was acquitted. It's really a touchy subject," Goff said before pausing. "There was no justice for him. I have written a screenplay based on that. It's about the aftermath of losing this uncle whom he was very close with, coming to terms with things."

"Also in the story, a year passes and he's coming to terms now with the situation. You move on with your life. The world can be cruel but it can't be that bad."

The character travels to the countryside to be with his family for the one-year anniversary of the death of his uncle. When he returns home "everything is completely shattered. His apartment has been robbed. He feels violated again and it goes from there."

Upon graduating from Plymouth

Salem High School, Goff studied film at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. After his fourth year, he traveled to California to do an internship with the now-defunct Savoy Pictures. Goff maintained the script library.

"If we're looking for a rewrite for a specific title, we'll look maybe for a writer with experience writing comedy," he said. "When they're looking to attach a writer to (a project), they'll look through their spec scripts in the library."

By that time he decided that he "hated Ypsilanti and that I wasn't going to come back." He moved to Seattle, earned Washington state residency and enrolled in Evergreen State College in Olympia.

"It started to get too hot (in California)," he said. "I'm not a real tropical person. I like rain and I like moisture."

Evergreen State is a small liberal arts school that boasts alumni such as Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," Michael Richards, who played Kramer on "Seinfeld," and Jonathan Poneman, the founder of SubPop Records.

"It's a really small liberal arts school, something that you don't even think exists; it's a school where you don't have to take any prerequisites," he said. "You take what you want to

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Mission work gives her new perspective on life



Guest speaker: Lindsay Fuqua of Garden City will speak about her mission work in Ecuador during next weekend's "River Rush" at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCCO
STAFF WRITER

Lindsay Fuqua is nestled in her seat on the vine-covered back deck of her parents' Garden City home. The petite 18-year-old girl tucks her green-corduroy clad legs close to her and says something that usually isn't heard.

"I love poverty; I love the simple life. I don't want to be too dependent on that. What I do have is nice. But if I get bogged down and frustrated by it, I'll get rid of it so I can be simple," she explained.

The Garden City High School senior learned about poverty during a her mission work this summer in Ecuador with Compassion International and in Brazil with her church, Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She was so taken by the Ecuadorian mission that she hopes to move there after graduating from Colorado Christian University.

In Ecuador, she was able to choose a child to sponsor.

"I hadn't sponsored anyone before. When I saw this girl, I said 'This is the one I want to sponsor,'" she said. "Her house only had two

rooms, it was really tiny. We read our favorite psalms out of the Bible, and sang songs and colored. I gave her my sweater, which was huge on her."

"We had a relationship based on God. I called her my sister in Christ. It was neat to see someone in another country learn about their relationship with God."

Fuqua and Brian Henderson of Detroit will speak about their experiences in Ecuador as part of "River Rush," a two-day event at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit with Extreme Arena Sports action, world-class communicators training in life skills of leadership for youth and music concerts.

The event, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, features musical guests Steven Curtis Chapman, DC Talk, Jennifer Knapp, Out of Eden and Greg and Rebecca Sparks.

"River Rush is an opportunity for young people to explore their leadership potential. It's a two-day event designed to give them skills that lead to character and skills that lead to the seven marks of a

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CALENDAR

OUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

Fun and games



Swing time: Shannon Hogan, 4 1/2, and Becca Weibel, 5, get a swing in a blanket from their mothers, Karen Hogan, left, holding Connor Gaffney, 2, and Paula Weibel, at right, following the Plymouth Concert in the Park finale at Kellogg Park last week.

Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth, Mich. The featured speaker will be Margie Larsen, Vice-President of the Career Management Programs, Hugh Anderson Associates Inc., Troy. Margie's topic will be "Building Relationships in the New World of Work." For more information or reservations, please call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

TRAINING CLASSES
The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society W8NJKH, presents Amateur Radio Novice & Technician training classes from 7-9 p.m., starting Thursday, Sept. 3 for twelve weeks, held at the Plymouth Township Hall located at the NE corner of Ann Arbor & Lilly Roads. There are no charges for the classes. The text book that will be used is titled "Now You're Talking" and is available at Radio Shack. For more information, please call Chuck at (734) 453-3840 x 223. You may also visit the web page at www.Plymouth.lib.mi.us/~radio/

TOWN MEETING
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, invites you to a town meeting with the members of the Michigan State Marching Band, from noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Plymouth Manor. Lunch is \$13 per person. A special invitation is extended to all MSU Alumni. For reservations, please call (734) 459-8811.

GOLF CLASSIC '98
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Classic will be Tuesday, Sept. 15 (rain-date Sept. 22), at Fox Hills Country Club. Blackwell Ford is the major sponsor. Check-in is 9 a.m., tee-off at 10. Foursome (\$600) and twosome (\$440) sponsorships are available, as are

dinner-only tickets (\$50). Individual tickets (\$175) are on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, call (734) 453-1540.

ANTIQUES ENGINES
The 15th annual Jim Monaghan Antique Engine Show, featuring steam and gas engines and related paraphernalia, will be Saturday through Monday, Sept. 5-7, at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and there will be entertainment on Sept. 5. The petting farm at Domino's Farms will be open as well. Petting farm admission is \$3. Call 327-4301.

AUDITIONS
The Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones. Some openings also exist for altos and sopranos. Rehearsals for the 25th Anniversary Christmas Special presentation begin Sept. 8. Open auditions for new members will be held 7 p.m. on Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. The 25th anniversary season will be filled with special events and activities. Call 455-4080.

Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition for the Schoolcraft College Community Choir. The choir, currently in its 34th season, is conducted by Donald Stronberg and composed of 50 singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area dedicated to performing music of the masters. Auditions for new members will be Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 22, in Room 530 of the Forum Building on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus. Auditions

begin at 7:30 p.m. and singers are invited to try out for solo opportunities. Call Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or the college liberal arts department, (734) 462-4435, to schedule an audition.

Auditions for the "Velveten Rabbit", a musical play based on the book by Margery Williams will be held from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14 or Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Mich 48170. No preparation or experience needed. Open to all ages five and up. Participants can select one date to attend. Participation fee is \$100 for members of the PCAC, \$125 for non-members (due upon casting). Membership is open to everyone. Scholarships are available to needy students. For more information, please call (734) 416-4278.

TAPESTRY WORKSHOP
There will be a tapestry workshop on conquering stress from 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5 at the Advanced Counseling Services, P.C., 17199 Laurel Park Drive North, Suite 312, Livonia, Mich 48152 (North of Six Mile Rd., between Newburgh Rd. and I-275, Green Glass Powers Court Building). Class fee is \$80 per 4-week series. Classes are presented by Debbie Scott, M.A., L.L.P. and Diane B. Lothrop, M.S., L.L.P. To register, contact either of the presenters at (734) 953-1203 x418 or 434.

TENT REVIVAL
Full Gospel Church of Plymouth will hold four weeks of tent revivals beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2, on the church's property, 33200 Ecorse Road in Romulus. The revivals, which continue through Sept. 27, start at 7

p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Call (734) 453-0323.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW
"North to Alaska - The Iditarod Children's Fine Art Show" is the Once Upon An Easel show at D&M Studio in Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 N. Lilley in Canton Township. The creations by the studio's summer art camp students will be on display Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3-4 and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, Sept. 8, 9, 10 and 12. Doors open at 9 a.m. Call Sharon Dillenbeck, (734) 453-3710.

CASTING CALL
The Friends of the Canton Public Library will present the annual Mystery Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17. Tickets will be available on Friday, Sept. 4, at the library reception desk for the family-style dinner and an evening of intrigue and prizes. Anyone interested in becoming cast members of the murder mystery can audition 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the library meeting room. Call (734) 397-0999.

SINGLES' EVENTS
Single Place hosts a picnic, "Light N' Lively" with Cecilia Lee, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, on the back terrace of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Tickets are \$4 per person. You bring a dish to go with hot dogs and hamburgers. Call (248) 349-0911.

A divorce recovery workshop will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Cost is \$30. Call (248) 349-0911 to receive a flier.
Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, on Farmington Road in Farmington.
Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville. Coffee and cards, 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

TAI CHI
The Plymouth Community Arts Council has tai chi classes 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The instructor is comfortable working with all age ranges and abilities. Cost is \$87. Call (734) 416-4ART.

REUNION
Past members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor. There will be a commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia. Call (734) 459-6829 or write P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

NATURE
Summer Nights Under the Stars, presented by Howell Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings through Oct. 12 (excluding Labor Day). Cost is \$8 per person. Guests may enjoy many of the center's nature programs such as gatherings around the campfire, and cooking dinner together.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
The Plymouth YMCA is taking registration for youth soccer league, flag football, t-ball and coach pitch league. Please call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or registration at (734) 453-2904.

FALL SOFTBALL
Canton Softball Center is taking registration for its fall softball league. The six-

week, doubleheader league is offered for men's, women's and co-ed teams with a choice of Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday playing days. Team cost for the 12-game season is \$395 plus a refundable \$50 forfeit fee. The season begins the week of Sept. 8. Call (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2.

WIDE WORLD SPORTS
Wide World Sports Center of Ann Arbor has adult drop-in roller hockey games 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per player. Goalies play free. For details, call (734) 913-4625.

PNACD
The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth is accepting registrations for fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age is 3 years. Classes begin in September. Call Barb Martin at (734) 459-7161.

ADULT SOCCER
The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its men's over 30 soccer league. Call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact Donna Pomeroy at (734) 981-8463.
Openings exist for fall 1998 for students in second through fifth grade at New Morning School, a state certified and licensed non-profit school. Call (734) 420-3331.
Small World Day Care in Canton, on Joy, between Haggerty and Newburgh, is accepting applications for enrollment. Call (734) 459-9909.
St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon, is now accepting registration for new students in kindergarten through third grade. They offer a low student-teacher ratio. Enthusiastic, experienced Christian teachers at a state certified facility. Call (734) 459-9720.

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSON'S
The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. Call (313) 930-6335.
Neurologist Larry Elmer, M.D., will discuss emerging therapeutic options in treating Parkinson's Disease at the 1:30 p.m. Sept. 13 meeting of the Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Call (734) 930-6335.

COUNTERPOINT
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

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Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. invites adults who've experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives to participate in the Adult Grief Support Series. Call (734) 522-4244.



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Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Krider-Poyle

Robin Krider Kelly of Roseville announces the engagement of her daughter, Denyel Marie, to Larry Timothy Doyle, the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Center City High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed in the human resources department for J.L. Hudson.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the State of Michigan as a civil engi-



A September wedding is planned at the Michigan State Alumni Chapel.

Fucinari-Ahmet

Pauline Brandenburger of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Tara Lynn, to Joseph Lawrence Ahmet, the son of Jerry and Sandra Ahmet of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in design. She is employed by Workplace Integrators in Bingham Farms as a commercial designer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications. He is employed by Compuware Corp. in Farmington Hills in professional services. A February wedding is



planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Burkhart-Putman

Beatrice Burkhart of Livonia and James Burkhart of Norwood, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Marie, to John David Putman, the son of Marilyn Putman of Lake Forest, Calif., and Hugh T. Putman of Plano, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of

Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a senior auditor for Guaranty Federal Bank, FSB, in Dallas, Texas. Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas, and a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. He is employed as a senior auditor at Comerica Bank-Texas in Dallas, Texas. A September wedding is planned at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas.

Ebner-Rinehart

Mary Ann Rinehart and Gregory Ralph Ebner were married May 23 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, Calif. The Rev. Jerry Maher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hobbs of Colorado Springs, Colo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ebner of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed as a recreation programs coordinator by California State University at Monterey Bay.

The groom is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is a captain in the U.S. Army.

The bride asked Cindy Wangelin, Linda Rinehart, Gillian Egan, Linda Durbin and Jennifer Arvia to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Martin

Jeffrey-Dobson

Barbara Jeffrey of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan, to Stanley Dobson of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is employed as a nurse for Detroit Medical Centers.

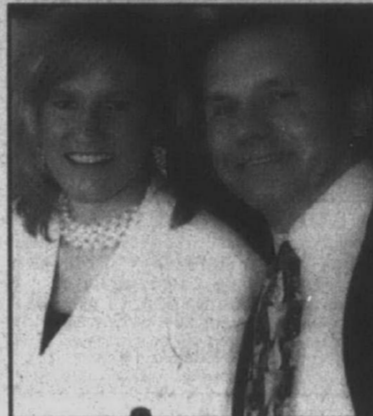
Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He is employed as an engineer for Key Plastics in Novi.

A February wedding is planned in Maui, Hawaii.



Ebner, Paul Ebner, Neil Ebner, Rob Rinehart and Capt. Pat Matthews to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif. They are making their home in Monterey.



An October wedding is planned at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Robertson-Connolly

Jim and Bonnie Robertson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn, to Christopher John Connolly, the son of Terry and Ellie Connolly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Crowley's corporate office as an assistant buyer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at UC Lending in Troy.

Longwell-Hubbard

Nanci and Chuck Cheseldine of Pell City, Ala., formerly of Livonia, and Gary Longwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Longwell, to Grant Roderick Hubbard, the son of Mike and Marilyn Hubbard of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School. She is employed as an assistant manager at Dayton Hudson.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a technical recruiter at EDP Con-



tract Services. The couple is planning a wedding in Maui, Hawaii.

Sovel-Gergis

James and Donna Sovel of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Catherine, to Terence Ramzi Gergis of Farmington Hills, the son of Ramzi and Mary Gergis of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Northwest Airlines.

Her fiancé is a 1987 Birmingham Groves High School graduate. He is employed in management at Ameritech.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

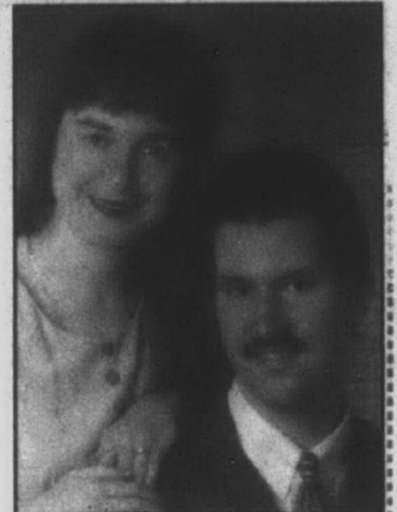
Jacques-Malcomson

Henry and Claudia Jacques of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ann, to Scott David Malcomson, the son of David and Janet Malcomson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is employed by St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine and athletic training.

A September wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Calvary Baptist hosts Bobby Michaels

The first Christian artist to be allowed to tour the People's Republic of China in more than 40 years, Bobby Michaels will bring his music ministry to Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 13.

Michaels will share in the 11 a.m. worship service, then be in concert at 6 p.m. at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Formerly a backup singer for notable entertainers like Freddy Fender, Linda Ronstadt, B.J. Thomas and John Denver, Michaels had a serious cocaine addiction when he found the truth of God and His gentle voice of forgiveness through

Jesus Christ.

In 1985, he teamed up with producer/arranger Kurt Kaiser in London's Abbey Road Studio to record his debut album, "I Have No Reason." The next album, "Time," produced by Dick Tunney, produced a highly acclaimed project heard in more than 32 countries.

Michaels, who performs more than 200 concerts a year around the world, made his historic concert tour of China in 1986. He now balances his work between national and international ministry, singing to many different nationalities on national television programs and through public

appearances.

His most recent project, a hymn entitled "This Is My Father's World," which appeals to all ages, promises hope and encouragement to all. It is receiving global play.

He is the founder and international director of the International Christian Academy of Performing and Fine Arts in South Africa, a non-racial, short-term seminar-based, interdenominational, equal opportunity school which is training all South African ethnic groups in music, drama and art.

For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.



Bobby Michaels

through May to provide support for mothers. The first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11.

Meetings include a devotion relevant to mothering, small-group discussion, crafts and refreshments. There also are periodic guest speakers and special presentations. Child care is provided.

The registration fee is \$20, and there is a \$5 per meeting charge to cover the cost of craft supplies, children's program expenses and paper products. To register or for more information, call Barb Pilat at (734) 953-0381 or (248) 344-1629.

BLOCK PARTY

Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The event was created to give people in the community an opportunity to meet with neighbors and make new friends. The party is free and will include food, live music, classic cars, games and prizes for the children, puppets, clowns and face painting. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Sacred Heart Church will host a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be for sale. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

Diana Bailey will be the speaker when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Community Room of Auto-Nation, 39600 Ford, Canton. Treasurer of the chapter, Bailey is a single mother of a 3-year-old son and knows first-hand what it's like to juggle going to school and working full-time. Her love of the Lord makes her a motivator and encourager for Christ. She will share Biblical truths concerning God's will. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

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'CARAVAN'

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will start its "Caravan" Scouting program for youth age 4 through the sixth grade on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, youth do activities with adult guides to achieve spiritual, mental, physical and social development in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Youths in first-sixth grades will earn badges in such areas as camping, cooking, physical fitness, Bible reading, crafts, first aid, personal care and many other topics. Children age 4 through kindergarten will be in the Caravan group called Benson's Buddies where activities and learning Bible verses are offered in a fun and exciting way.

The club meets 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

MOMS

Registration is being accepted for the 1998-99 MOMS (Mothers Out for the Morning) program at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. MOMS meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. two Fridays at month September

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

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Little Lambs Preschool of Plymouth has openings in its 4-year-olds class. The preschool offers a low student-teacher ratio with experienced Christian teachers in a themed-based, academic program. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will feature Wayne Watson in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

Single Pointers will be riding to Northville via the 10275 bicycle trail and Hines Drive on Saturday, Sept. 5. The group will meet at the church at 11 a.m. Helmet are mandatory, and water bottles and locks are recommended. Participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic lunch.

Single Point also will offer a seven-week divorce recovery workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17, in Knox Hall. A donation of \$25 for pre-registration or \$30 at the door. Free child care is available. Call the Single Point office for more information.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Tickets for high holiday services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, will be on sale at the synagogue 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 6 and 13. They also are available by calling Marty Diskin at (248) 474-7616 or Jeff Kirsch at (248) 471-7389. Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization that pro-

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Labor Day picnic, starting at noon, Monday, Sept. 7, in Pavilion No. 3 at Rotary Park, Six Mile west of Merriman, Livonia. Lunch will be at 2 p.m., and participants should bring a dish to pass and their drinks. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974. For coffee and conversa-

tion at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook south of 13 Mile. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses as well as a Thursday Night Study Group, led by Barbara Cleverger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://

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HOOKED ON HISTORY
VIRGINIA PARKER

In Michigan, we are lucky to have many towns where charming Victorian homes line the streets. Architectural historians quickly point out, though, that the term "Victorian house" is a misnomer. The popular description groups several styles — usually Gothic, Italianate, Queen Anne or a combination of elements from all three — under one umbrella.

Many of our communities, such as Bay View in Petoskey and Mackinac Island have long benefited from a healthy summer tourist trade. My family, like countless others, has warmed to favorite spots —

reserved, little pockets of yesteryear that offer respite from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Anyone who shares our enthusiasm for historic homes would love the abundance in Cape May, N.J. It was one of the earliest Atlantic seashore vacation spots. Vacationers swarmed there in the 1700s even before the U.S. nation.

Don and I drove there this August for the first time. Our 3-1/2-hour route from Manhattan along the lush Garden State Parkway was a far cry from travel two centuries ago. For example, it took Philadelphians four days by way of rutted, dirt roads to travel to Cape May. When possible motorists preferred traveling under sail by packet boat along the shore.

Advances in 19th-century technology proved a boon to the city's economy. Steamboats brought

larger crowds; railroads were even more convenient. Ironically, though, the automobile drew people away from Cape May to closer and more modern resorts.

Disasters also, brought change. The Great Fire of 1878 burned the whole center of town, and 30 acres went up in smoke in just one day. Fire department assistance from Camden and Philadelphia, of course, arrived too late to do any good. The cataclysm marked the end of the large wooden hotels and the beginning of the ornate cottages that survive today.

Restoring and asset

Then, in 1962, a nor'easter pounded the New Jersey coast for three days, wreaking havoc on Cape May. We can empathize, having followed with horror the terrible devastation of such hurricanes as Andrew and Hugo. Assessing the extensive storm

damage, the town decided to restore its one remaining asset — the ugly wooden houses which many had been clamoring to tear down in the name of urban renewal.

Restoration of the buildings gave Cape May a rebirth. Today, the entire city is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

Many of Cape May's structures have highly ornate decorative detailing. The introduction of jig and scroll saws made possible the intricate wooden trims for peaks and wide porches, sometimes referred to by the non-technical but very descriptive "carpenter's lace." Some buildings are so elaborate that they are referred to as "wedding cake houses."

Nothing is without its drawbacks, though. In Michigan, winters make us contend with the damaging effects of salt on our cars. In Cape May, dampness and salt mist from the sea harm

the wood and paint.

Not only are repairs and painting constant companions of home and B&B owners, but multi-color schemes demand painstaking attention. Victorians loved detail; busier was better. A Queen Anne exterior, for example, typically was decked out with three to six colors.

Part of Cape May's ambience as a step-back-in-time resort by the sea is that it offers pleasant cafes and shops in a quaint, outdoor pedestrian mall. Mere steps away lie sandy beaches and the Atlantic Ocean. Most of all, Cape May possesses an incredible concentration and mix of yesteryear's styles, which blend influences from both North and South.

A visual treat

It was a treat to visit Cape May, not only to drink in the visual array of historic houses, but also to note what they repre-

sented. We decry that, despite strides in recycling, we are still very much a throw-away society. But that is not true everywhere. Preservationists, homeowners and business people in Cape May worked together to fight the impulse of define progress as "out with the old, in with the new."

As in other states, preservation efforts in Michigan are swelling. Individuals, communities, our state Historic Preservation Network all contribute to efforts that preserve our building heritage rather than tear it down.

Cape May is a shining example of why historic preservation throughout our country is worth all the trouble.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

NEW VOICES

James and Barbara Kirtley of Westland announce the birth of **Ashley Bryce** May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson, Paul Kirtley of Romulus, and Shirley Kirtley of Augusta Township.

Michael and Elaina Husken of Canton announce the birth of **Rachel Lauren** June 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Roy and Deana Husken of Sterling Heights and Gary and Beverly Bonus of Clinton Township.

Nick J. Yarmak of Westland and **Crystal D. LeBlanc** of Livonia announce the birth of **Alexis Marie** May 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Michael J. and Patricia J. LeBlanc of Livonia, Alexander J. Yarmak of Wixom and Jane Yarmak of Westland. Great-grandparents are Francis and Deloris LeBlanc of Livonia.

Jason and Brandi Ford of Inkster announce the birth of **Fantasia Alime** June 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Norman and Sue Browne of Westland and Ora Morris of Ypsilanti.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Farmer of Canton announce the birth of **Rachel Suzanne** May 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer of Clinton, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Sharp of Laurel, Miss.

David and Toni New of Westland announce the birth of **Brandon Troy** June 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Maurice and Kerry Sturm of Ohio and Luvena New of Westland.

John Parkinson Jr. of Dearborn and **Emily Pedersen** of Garden City announce the birth of **Jonathan William Parkinson** May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Les and Marilyn Pedersen and Carol and John Parkinson.

Christopher and Genevieve Mills of Wayne announce the birth of **William Thomas** June 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center -Wayne. He joins a brother, Jeremy Joseph. Grandparents are Grendon and Annice Mills of Garden City and William and Patricia Brunette of Inkster.

Keith and Florence Champagne of Westland announce

the birth of **Allyson Marie** May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Alex, 3 1/2, and Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Lawrence and Patricia Brown of Wayne and Lillian Champagne of Dearborn Heights.

Mark and Lisa Bianchi of South Lyon announce the birth of **Ava Monet** June 1 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Rico and Joan Bianchi and Chuck and Sharon Parmer, all of Plymouth. Great-grandmothers are Angelina Bianchi of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Frances Foster of Garden City.

Kevin Przybylowicz and **Sandra Murdza** of Westland announce the birth of **Savannah Bay Przybylowicz** May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Anna Murdza of Dearborn Heights and Norbert Przybylowicz of Westland.

Lisa and Bill Schultz of Romulus announce the birth of **Hailee Ann** June 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Karen and Walter Schmiede of Romulus, Pat Keller of Whitmore Lake and Bill Schultz of Redford.

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Canton starts well

A year ago, it was easy for Plymouth Canton's golf team to surprise Western Lakes Activities Association rivals, simply because the Chiefs were not expected to do that much.

This year, after winning the WLAAC championship in 1997, it figured to be much tougher. No one would look past the Chiefs this season.

Livonia Churchill, which was thought to be a title contender going into the season, found the going just as rough this year, however. The Chargers might not have looked past Canton in the teams' league-opening dual match, but they couldn't beat the Chiefs, either.

Canton's 205-210 victory Monday at Fox Creek in Livonia was highlighted by four golfers posting scores of 41 or better. Jon Johnson led with a medalist-earning 38; Ben Tucker, Justin Allen and Matt Rosol each scored a 41, and Derek Lineberry shot a 44.

Churchill was led by Mike Lightbody and Will Bashara, each at 39. Tom Fitzstephens shot a 43, Randall Boboige had a 44, and Brad Bescoe carded a 45.

Canton is now idle until Wednesday, when it plays Plymouth Salem at Hilltop.

Kicks swat foes

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-10 boys select soccer team, posted a 3-0 record at the Waterford Cup '98 Tournament Aug. 14-15, registering three consecutive shutouts while outscoring their foes 20-0 to finish first in Flight A.

Team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carbini, Kevin Costa, Joshua Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Matt Kulczyk, Michael Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker, Alex Lumley, Danny McLaughlin and Nicolas Vella. The team is coached by Rick Kulczyk and Paul Lumley.

Members of the Kicks also placed first in their division at the 3-vs.-3 Soccer Shootout, played in July at Birmingham Groves HS. The Kicks posted a 5-1 overall record, defeating Vardar in the semifinals and the Carpathia Kickers in the finals.

Team members were Kevin Costa, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet and Matt Kulczyk.

Cruisers sparkle

Four 12-year-old members of the Plymouth Canton Cruisers swim club competed with Team Michigan at the Central Zone Meet held recently in Minneapolis.

In individual events in their age division:

- Ben Dzialo was first in the 1-mile open swim, third in the 100-meter butterfly, fifth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 50 fly, seventh in the 200 free and ninth in the 400 free;

- Kyle Silbernagel was eighth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free, 12th in the 50 fly, 13th in the 100 fly and 18th in the 50 backstroke;

- Amy Mertens was 5th in the 100 breaststroke and seventh in the 50 breast;

- and Alicia Dotson was 24th in the 50 fly, 48th in the 50 free and 57th in the 100 free.

The foursome is coached by Matt Erickson and Phil Hoffmeyer.

Indians tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club is having tryouts for its 11-year-old team at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at Don Massey Field in Plymouth (located on Plymouth at Haggerty).

The tryouts are open to all players (no residency requirements) with a birth date between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

The Indians are looking for athletes and their parents who want to compete at a national level, including post-season play, on a 50-game schedule (including tournaments).

For more information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 or Dave Sarkisian at (248) 486-6553.

For information regarding other Indian age-group teams, call: 10-and-under, Nick Marrone (734) 459-0695; 12-year-olds, Bruce Price, (734) 453-9180; 15s, Jeff VanCamp, (313) 522-0184; and 16s, Greg Lenhoff, (734) 455-0793.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Crusaders collect opening tournament title



The annual season-opening trip west proved a successful one for Madonna University's volleyball team, which ran into some difficult competition but escaped unscathed, with an unbeaten record and a tournament title.

Anyone who might have thought the unexpected loss of some key personnel might knock Madonna University's volleyball team down a notch or two — well, think again.

The Lady Crusaders showed their mettle last weekend at the Skyhawk Volleyball Invitational in Durango,

Colo., twice beating both Embry-Riddle and Colorado Mines en route to claiming the tournament title.

Sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) and senior outside hitter Rayna Vert were named to the all-tournament team. Malewski finished with 63 kills in 19 games (3.3 per game), with six solo blocks, 13 block assists and 12 service

aces; Vert had 66 kills (3.5 per game), 52 digs and 12 aces.

"We had a wonderful week," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "One thing I liked most — we were able to keep the pressure on. We showed good cohesiveness; we started well and kept going. And we got real good play off the bench."

The Crusaders opened last Friday with wins over Colorado Mines (15-7, 15-9, 15-10) and Fort Lewis (15-8, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9). On Saturday, they beat Embry-Riddle in two tough back-to-back matches (15-13, 15-17, 17-15, 15-9 and 15-5, 10-15, 15-2, 11-15, 15-12)

before besting Colorado Mines in the championship match, 15-13, 15-9, 15-5, to finish the tourney with a 5-0 record.

In the final, Madonna showed it was not about to be dominated by one or two players. Nicole Burns led the Crusaders with 15 kills and a .591 kill percentage; Erin Cunningham had 11 kills, and Stephanie Uballe had eight kills and three block assists. Cunningham finished with 54 kills, while Burns had 48 and Uballe 31; Uballe also totaled four solos and 18 block assists in the tournament. Deanne Helsom collected 233 assists to kills (12.3 per game).

Chiefs ambush Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

One-word descriptions for Wednesday's Plymouth Canton-Livonia Stevenson soccer match:

"Marvelous!" fits well — if you're a Canton fan.

"Unlucky," works well — if you're a Stevenson backer.

But for those supporters who aren't quite so rabid, who have seen these two battle before in an early-season showdown, the most accurate term would be: "Typical."

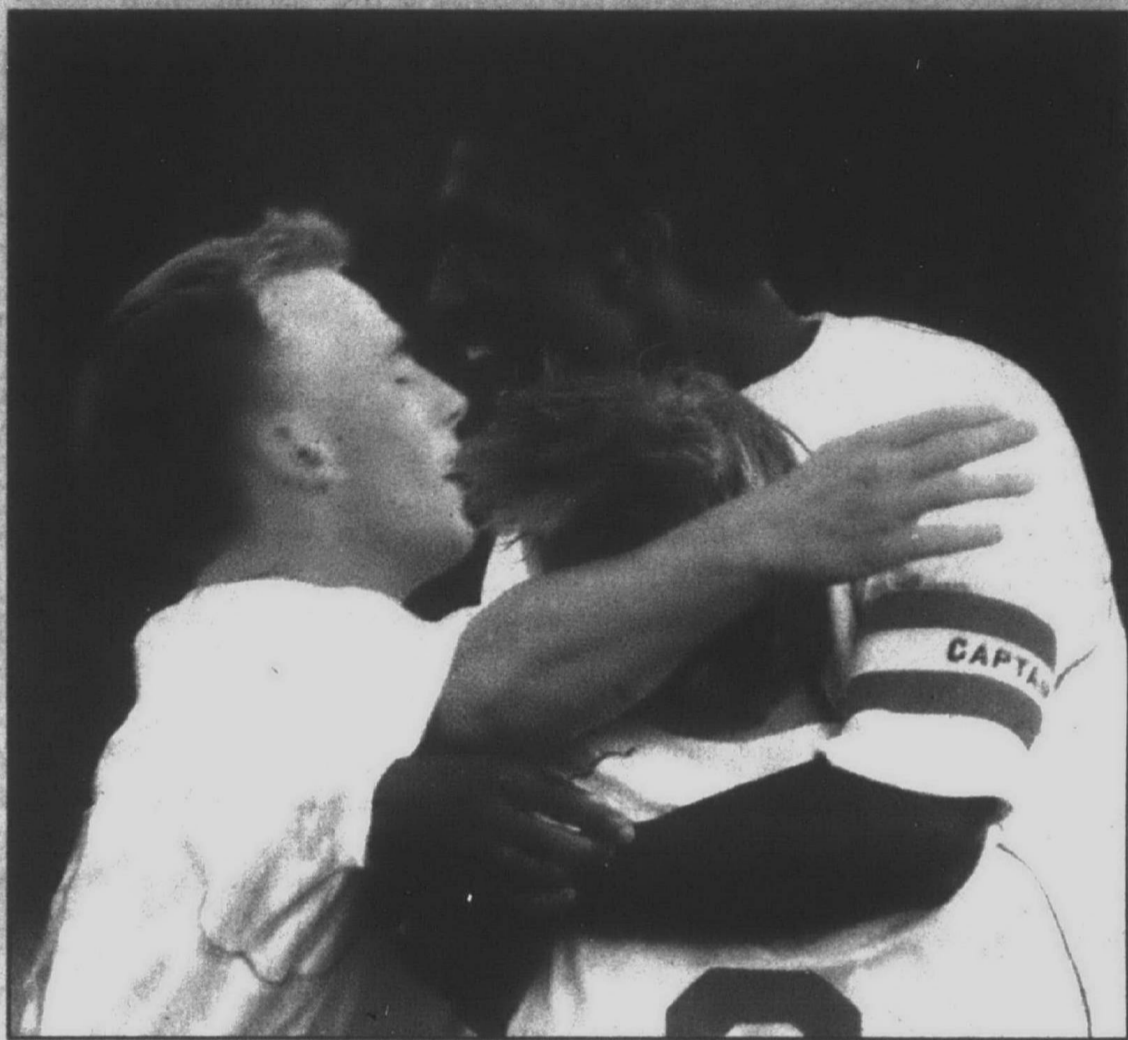
Yes, Canton played well when it had to, taking control of the game with two goals early in the second half and then hanging on for a 3-2 home-field victory. And yes, the Spartans had plenty of opportunities to turn that outcome around, particularly in the first half, which made it seem that fate was residing in the Chiefs' corner.

Yet, what it comes down to is this: Canton and Stevenson almost always play a match like this, particularly early in the season.

This time Canton prevailed. But don't think for a moment Chiefs' coach Don Smith didn't offer thanks to the soccer gods for the breaks bestowed upon his team.

"I'm getting too old for this kind of stuff," said Smith afterwards, after witnessing more than a half-dozen point-blank scoring chances go awry for the Spartans. "I was worried. They were stuffing it down our throats for a while."

That was in the first half, and although the score sheet might indicate otherwise, that was indeed when Canton won the match. Stevenson owned the first 25 minutes of the game before the Chiefs awakened to at least make it a bit closer over the final 15 of the half.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Scoring ace: Canton's Scott Wright is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game's first goal. He had two on the night and has 10 for the season.

And yet, the score at the break was 1-0 — favoring Canton.

Go figure.

"In the first half we had all sorts of chances, but we gave up one chance and they capitalized," described Stevenson coach Lars Richters.

Anyone who's ever played against a Don Smith-coached team knows you don't want to give them any second opportunities. Stevenson could have, indeed should have, been ahead two or three goals at the half. Instead Canton was — thanks to the single most impressive player in the game, Canton's Scott Wright.

Stevenson's defenders gave Canton's quick-footed co-captain far too much room, and it made a huge difference. But it wasn't his speed that earned the Chiefs their first goal; instead, teammate Evan Malone got pulled down just outside the penalty box in front of the Spartan net. Wright took the direct kick, burying it in the upper right corner with 9:52 left in the first half.

That seemed to give Canton a spark entering the second half, while Stevenson suffered a letdown. Five minutes into the second, the Chiefs' Steve Epley — another of their co-captains — dribbled around and

through three Spartans, then unleashed a wicked shot from 20 yards that left no chance for keeper Joe Suchara. The goal, with 34:37 left, gave Canton a 2-0 lead.

It didn't remain that way for long. This time, both Epley and Wright got into the act, Epley getting control of the ball in front of the Stevenson net and tapping it to Wright for an easy strike. That made it 3-0 with 27:21 left.

"It seemed Scotty had a lot of room in the middle," said Canton's Smith, a favor he had to be thankful for. After all, Wright's averaging two goals a game for the 4-1 Chiefs (Stevenson slipped to 3-1).

Still, as Smith or Richters — who was an assistant to former Stevenson coach Walt Barrett — know all too well, games between these two are never easy. The Spartans kept plugging, and finally it paid dividends when Tom Eller's throw-in just above the end line to the right of Canton's goal reached Mike White, who flicked it to Tommaso Mainella for the scoring header. That came just one minute after Canton's third goal, making it 3-1.

"I dislike losing as much as anyone," said Richters. "But I'm proud of the way we came back after going down 3-0. When you get behind like that, that's when character really shows."

The Spartans kept driving at the Chiefs and, with 5:43 still remaining, Eller — dribbling laterally in front of the Canton goal, 22 yards out — turned and pumped a shot past keeper Don Koontz to make it 3-2.

The pressure continued to the end. Indeed, Koontz had to make three leaping saves in the last 30 seconds to preserve Canton's win.

Which only proves, once again: It's great to be good, but luck helps.



National champ: Jeff Angiulli, of Canton, reached one of his most sought-after goals when he won a gold medal at Nationals.

Got the gold Angiulli skates to national title

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a busy time for Jeff Angiulli. And it's bound to get busier before the year is over.

The Canton native is a part-time college student at Eastern Michigan; he works part-time; and he works out full-time in an effort to further his blooming international roller skating career.

Angiulli's most recent accomplishment, and his most impressive to date, was winning the gold medal in Senior Figures at the U.S. Roller Skating National Championships, held Aug. 13-18 in Fresno, Calif. Which gives him quite a bit of momentum heading into the World Championships, to be held in Bogota, Columbia starting Nov. 7.

"I have a good chance to do really well there," said Angiulli. "It's going to be a good one."

His confidence is growing, as it should be, but it's taken time and nurturing. Angiulli has skated the past five years out of Rolladium in Waterford under the tutelage of Bud Patton. "He's one of the best coaches in the world," said the 21-year-old Angiulli of Patton, whose record proves it: He's coached seven world champions.

Angiulli's improvement has been steady. He's skated at two Olympic Sports Festivals, twice finished

fourth at the Worlds — including last year's, held in Reus, Spain — been a member of the U.S. World Team for four years, and finished second at the 1997 National Championships.

But the goal he aspired for most, the one he desired since he first put on a pair of roller skates in a Tiny Tot class he took with his mother, had eluded him.

Until this year. "The goal I set when I was five-years-old was to win Nationals," said Angiulli.

With Patton's assistance and guidance, Angiulli accomplished that by refining his skills. "I've been with him five years, and I'm getting more consistent," he said. "Also, I have a better outlook."

Which means, in a sport judged by his peers, there's little room for emotional roller-coaster rides. Angiulli has worked at keeping such fluctuations under control.

"Whatever happens, happens," he said of the upcoming international championships. "As long as I train hard and skate well."

No, it won't be easy. His main competition is expected to come from Italy and Germany.

But there's no denying Angiulli is headed in the right direction — up — and that his schedule is bound to remain packed.

Northern heads off Chiefs

Most of what Plymouth Canton girls basketball coach Bob Blohm wants out of his basketball team was in evidence Tuesday against visiting Flint Northern.

One thing the Chiefs didn't get was the win. And that was not acceptable. "It was a good game for us," Blohm said after the 58-51 setback. "The Vikings are aggressive, tough kids. But we were in a position where we could have won. I told them, 'Don't be satisfied because it was a close game, because it was one we could have won.'"

The loss evened both teams' records at 1-1. Northern had the early advantage, jumping out to an 18-9 lead after one quarter. That, however, didn't last; Canton, playing its customary tough defense, battled back to forge a 28-28 tie in the closing seconds of the first half, before the Vikings' Danielle Tipton drained a three-pointer at the buzzer.

That gave Northern a 31-28 advantage.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Canton trimmed it to 43-42 entering the final period, but the Chiefs could not sustain it; the Vikings' superior size and the offensive abilities of Tipton (24 points) wore them down.

"We had a great opportunity to (win) it, we just couldn't capitalize," Blohm said. "I do think fatigue got to be a part of it."

"We pressured them pretty well, our ball pressure was good. But once we got fatigued, we got into foul trouble and we backed off a bit (defensively). And we have the kind of team that can't sit back defensively."

Elise Thornell paced the Chiefs with 12 points and seven rebounds. Janell Tweitmeyer and Anne Morrell each added 10 points, while Janine Guastella scored eight.

Northern also got 11 points from Venice

McCoy.

It doesn't get easier for the Chiefs. They host Birmingham Marian at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Agape 45, Huron Valley Lutheran 15: Canton Agape Christian raced to a 29-8 lead by halftime and never let up in burying Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tuesday at Agape.

The win gave Agape a 2-1 record; Huron Valley is 0-1.

Amy Henry topped the winners with 12 points; she also had four steals. Margie Henry added eight points and four steals, Charla Sexton collected eight points and six assists, Sara Chrenko had six points and six rebounds, and Kim Ther totaled six assists and five steals.

Huron Valley got eight points from Jesse Cherundolo.

Blazers fall prey to Powers' rally

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's season-opening loss to state-ranked Flint Powers Catholic may have been accepted by last year's Livonia Ladywood basketball team.

But times have changed.

The 53-45 loss at Ladywood was hard to swallow for the Blazers, who let an 11-point third quarter lead disappear to one of Class B's better teams.

"Last year, this may have been a moral victory for us, but I told the team that we have to get past the moral victories," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "The way we lost was also tough because we were stuck on 33 for five minutes in the third quarter."

Actually, the Blazers were stuck on 33 points for 5:49.

Powers, looking surprisingly bad for the game's first 19 minutes, seemed to wake up as it went on a 19-1 run. The Chargers took a 36-33 lead into the fourth quarter and then outscored Ladywood 17-12 in the final eight minutes.

"The entire game was a wake-up call for us," Powers coach Kathy McGee said. "This might

LADYWOOD HOOP

have been the best thing to happen to us to get a wake-up call and still win the game. We are a better team than what we showed."

Part of the reason for Powers' poor play was the performances of several of its starters, according to McGee.

"I took out four of the starters in the third quarter and the result was that we got some fresh legs in the game," the Flint coach said. "We started beating them to the loose balls and that set the tone for the rest of the game for us."

Senior forward Marta Joseph led a balanced Powers scoring attack with 12 points. Sophomore center Kelly Koerber came off the bench to contribute 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Blazers did shut down senior forward Aimee Pearson. The All-Stater finished with just six points on 2-for-12 shooting. She failed to reach double figures just once in 25 games last season.

Sophomore forward Michelle Harakas led Ladywood with a

game-high 14 points, while senior guard Erin Hayden added 11. Sophomore forward Melissa Harakas netted 10 points.

The Blazers got off to a good start, scoring the game's first six points. A triple by Melissa Harakas gave Ladywood an 11-4 lead. Powers scored the quarter's final six points to close the deficit to 13-12.

Two jumpers by Hayden and another three-pointer by Melissa Harakas put Ladywood ahead 24-18 at halftime.

The Blazers played much of the first half with a make-shift backcourt as Hayden collected two fouls midway through the second quarter and fellow backcourt mate Kim Keller picked up three fouls.

"It did hurt us when we had to take Erin out of the game in the second quarter because once she came out, there was a quick six-point swing," Gorski said. "We could have had a 12-point lead at the half."

The shooting couldn't get much worse for the Chargers as they made only 5-of-33 first-half shots.

"I told the team they were zero for the world at halftime,"

McGee said. "We had good shots in the paint that we just weren't hitting. I don't know why we came out so tight."

The second half was a different story as the Chargers made 14-of-24 shots from the floor, making their final eight attempts.

After a Hayden banker with 5:10 remaining in the third quarter gave Ladywood a 33-22 lead, Powers scored the next 14 points. A breakaway lay-up by senior guard Mary Wieson (eight points) gave the Chargers the lead for good with 1:01 left in the quarter.

The Blazers finally got to 34 at 7:21 of the fourth quarter on a Hayden free throw. A jumper by Carly Queen broke an 8-29 drought without a field goal.

Powers dominated the boards, holding a 42-24 advantage including a 15-7 edge on the offensive boards.

"We like to front the post players, but if the second post player doesn't rotate and the guard doesn't come down to help, then we won't get the rebounds," Gorski said. "Being beat on the boards" concerns me, especially with a big Bishop Foley team coming in here Thursday."

Salem bounces N'ville; Canton routs Central

Plymouth Salem opened up the defense of its Western Lakes Activities Association co-championship in boys soccer by blitzing Northville, 5-1 Monday at Salem.

Five different Rocks accounted for their goals. Dan Wielechowski scored the only marker of the first half 6:30 into the match, assisted by Giuseppe Ianni.

Salem took command in the second half, getting goals from Brett Stinar, Aaron MacDonald (on a penalty kick), Jeff Chranowski and Ianni.

Tim Kelleher scored for Northville.

Brian Wozniak was in goal for the Rocks, who improved to 4-0-2.

Last Saturday Salem played in the East Lansing Invitational, coming away with a win and two ties in games shortened to 30-minute halves.

In their first match of the day, the Rocks and Portage Central battled to a 1-1 tie. Jeff Haar netted Salem's only goal, with an assist from Scott Duhal.

In their second match, the Rocks edged Midland Dow 1-0. Wielechowski got the game's single goal, with Mike Shull assisting.

In their final game of the day, Salem and East Lansing ended in a 1-1 draw. Ianni scored for the Rocks, with Aaron Rypkowski assisting.

"Aaron McDonald played exceptionally in back," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "The whole defense played fantastic."

Canton 5, W.L. Central 1: Three Chiefs scored two goals apiece as Plymouth Canton started its WLAA season with an easy victory at Walled Lake Central Monday.

Justin Fishaw, Scott Wright and Pete Andreolli each got two goals to pace the Chiefs. Mike Riemma added a goal and an assist, Evan Malone scored a goal, and Steve Epley had

SOCCER

two assists.

CC 1, Pioneer 1: Redford Catholic Central and Ann Arbor Pioneer fought to a 1-1 tie Tuesday at Pioneer.

The outcome left CC at 2-1-1 overall.

All the scoring took place in the first half.

CC's junior midfielder Pat Griffin opened the scoring 15 minutes into the match, converting a pass from senior midfielder Andrew Kogut on a free kick.

With some of his teammates going right, the diminutive Griffin snuck around the left of the Pioneer defense and got free for a pass.

Pioneer tied the score about 15 minutes later on a header off a corner kick.

CC coach Dana Orsucci praised the play of defenders Sean Lanigan, Kevin Graff, Ken Toporek and Nick Show in front of sophomore goalkeeper Eric Sullivan, who made eight saves.

"Pioneer has some big, skillful guys who make a lot of dangerous runs and our defense stayed tight," Orsucci said. "I really liked the flow of the game, the way it was going. It was good to see after Friday."

CC failed to score on two breakaways, shooting each attempt wide. Pioneer put its only breakaway attempt wide of the CC net.

In a game played last Thursday, CC beat Riverview Gabriel Richard 7-0 in a Catholic League crossover game.

Josh Brooks led the Shamrocks with two goals. Kogut, Chris Podolak, Klai Shirlin, Matt Epacs and Mark Sulkowski had one goal each.

Kogut assisted on three goals and Pat Gannon, Show and Podolak contributed one assist each.

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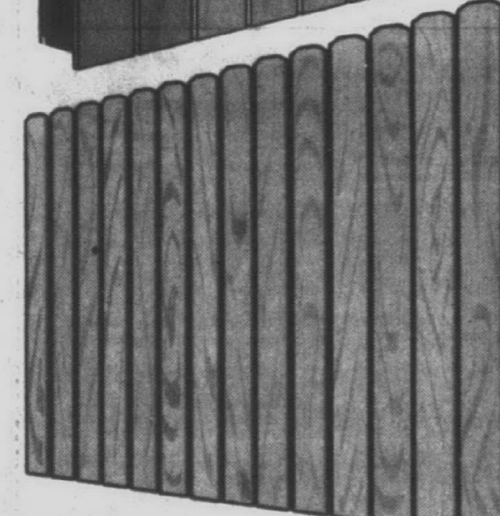
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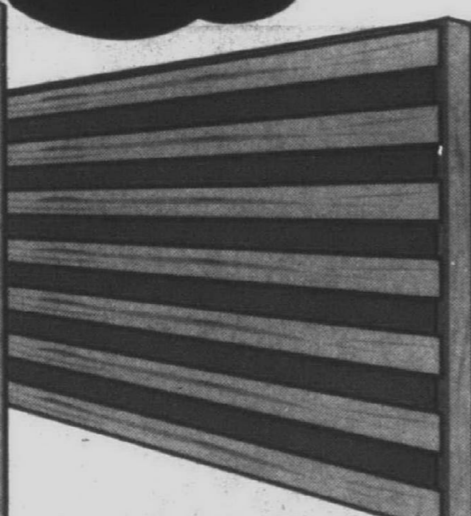
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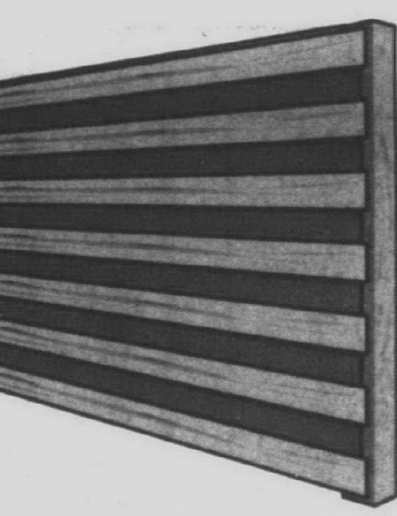
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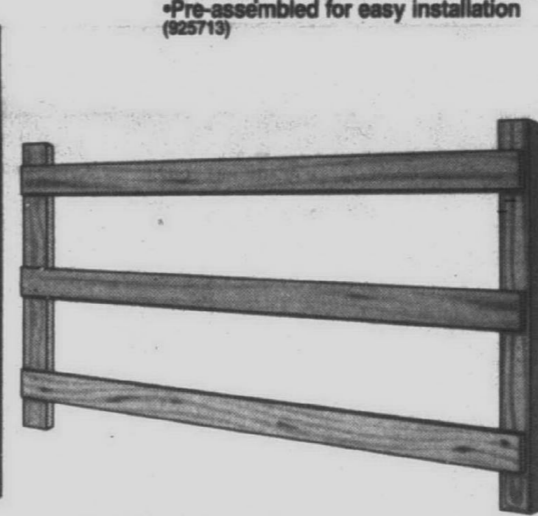
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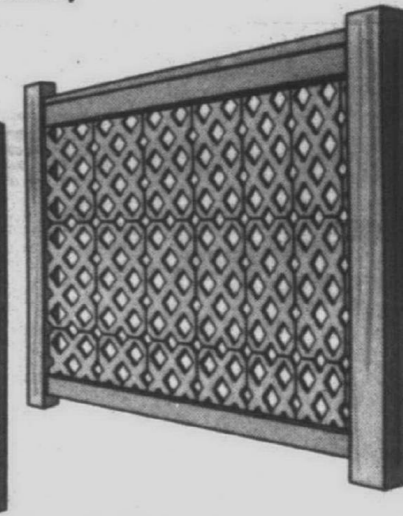
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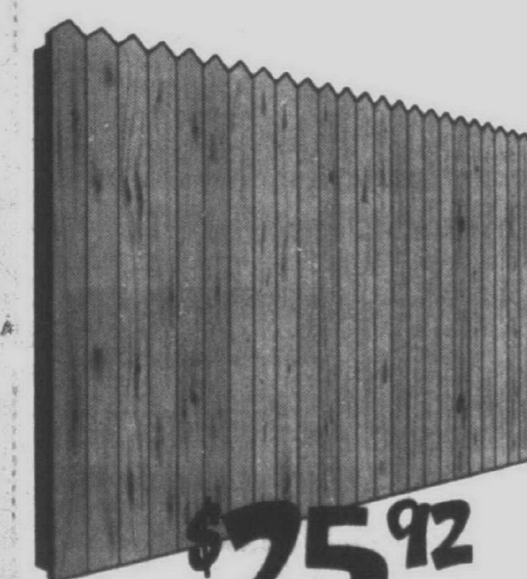
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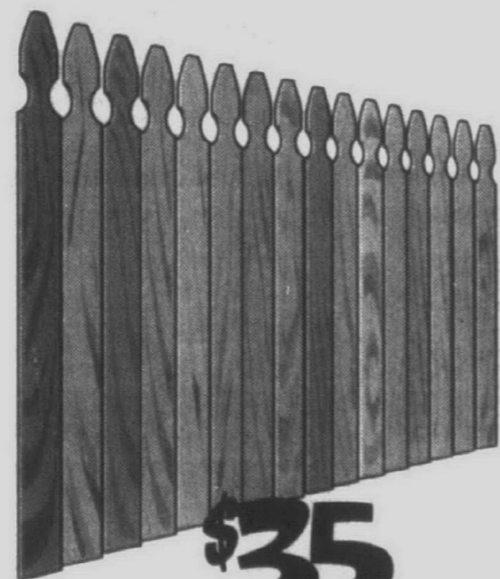
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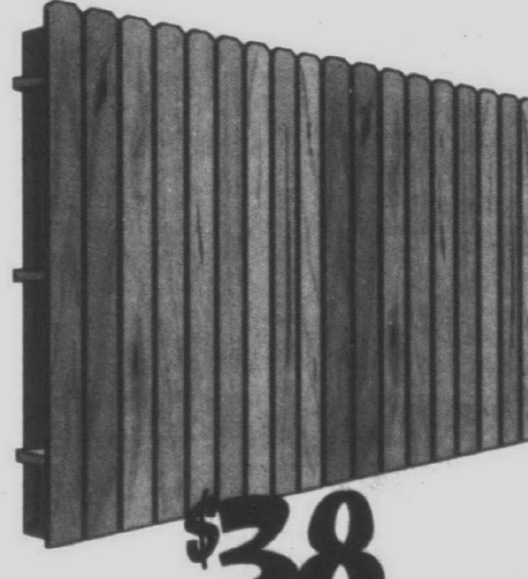
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Ocelot men's, women's teams win openers

What a way to start the season.

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is taking its show on the road to Chicago for the first two weekends, playing four matches in that time before the start of the Region 12 season. The first road trip was last Friday and Saturday, when the Ocelots met — and defeated — junior varsity squads from Lewis University and Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Such a beginning raised SC coach Van Dimitriou's optimism level. It also answered a few questions about his team, although not all of them.

"We're going to be a very versatile team again," said Dimitriou. "I think we're going to be all right."

"We do have a lot of new people on the team. You can see that, instead of playing like a team, that everybody does their own thing for a few seconds when they first get the ball. That's what we're doing this

SC SOCCER

week (in practice), that's what we're going to work on — team situations."

Two of the positive things the team came away with last weekend were victories: 2-1 against Lewis Friday and 3-1 over Valparaiso Saturday.

In the win over Lewis, Naum Popovski (from Livonia Stevenson) knocked in the first goal, converting a pass from defender Aaron O'Neill. The goal came 10 minutes into the match.

Lewis tied it midway through the second half, but Scott Hulbert pounded home the game-winner for SC with 10 minutes left, punching in his own rebound after fielding a pass from Ayman Atwa (Westland).

The first half against Valparaiso the following day was action-packed, with all four goals scored prior to the intermission. The Ocelots never trailed, get-

ting a goal from Bart Mays (Livonia Stevenson) just seven minutes into the game when a Valparaiso defender inadvertently headed Mays' shot into his own net. O'Neill made it 2-0 10 minutes later, fielding a pass from Rob Gumber and finishing it.

A 25-yard blast by Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) completed SC's scoring; Matt Nyholm assisted.

This weekend's trip doesn't figure to be any easier. The Ocelots play in a tournament outside Chicago against Prairie View CC at 1 p.m. Saturday and South Suburban CC at 11 a.m. Sunday.

SC women rolling

If it's true that good things happen to good people, geez . . . SC women's soccer coach Bill Tolstedt must be ready for sainthood.

Tolstedt's Lady Ocelots opened their season by walloping Hillsdale University 7-2 Saturday at Hillsdale, leaving Tolstedt —

starting his second season as coach — dumbfounded. "I'm pleasantly perplexed with this team," he said. "I just didn't view us as being this good this soon."

"It was a game we absolutely dominated. The pace was there, the enthusiasm was there. It was a well-played game from all the way around the field. We're looking forward to heading out to New York (this weekend)."

They should be. SC has 15 goals in their two scrimmages

and their first match, and the good news is it's coming from a half-dozen different players. In the win over Hillsdale, Annie Hagenah knocked in four goals and Shannon Konarski, Julie Majewski (Plymouth Canton) and Paola Cereghino got one apiece. Meghan Jannuzzi, Lisa Tolstedt and Hagenah added two assists apiece.

Now if that sounds fabulous, then get th' : On Monday, Dawn

Koontz, who led SC in scoring the year before Tolstedt took over as coach, came into his office and said she'd like to rejoin the team. Koontz, a Plymouth Canton graduate, netted 17 goals and six assists in '97.

Just what SC needs, going into its first major test of the season, at Monroe College in Rochester, N.Y. The Ocelots play the host team at 1 p.m. Saturday, then meet Genesee CC at noon Sunday.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its fall softball leagues. The six-week double-header league is offered for Men's, Women's and Co-ed Leagues with your choice of Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday playing dates.

Cost for the 12-game season is \$395 plus a \$50 forfeit fee. The season begins Sept. 8. Call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 for more information.

Men's racquetball

A men's fall racquetball league, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services, is now forming. Cost is \$100 per player, which includes all league court time and awards.

There are no residency requirements. Matches will be played at Body Rocks-Racquetline, in Livonia. Matches will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 16 and last for 13 weeks, with 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. court times. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level.

For more information, call

(734) 397-5110.

PCJBA sign-up

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League, for boys and girls grades three through eight, will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 at East Middle School. All students in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and all of Canton Township, are eligible.

All players in the league will play some part of every game, but no player will play the entire game. There will be a 10-game regular season, plus the season-ending tournament.

Registration fee is \$80 for grades 3-4; \$85 for grades 5-6; and \$90 for grades 7-8. Players will receive team jerseys, which they can keep.

Any high school students interested in serving as referees, and any parents interested in coaching, should register at the same times.

Registration for PCJBA teams in grades 9-12 will be announced at a later date.

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians Pee-Wee Reese (12-year-olds) baseball team is currently conducting tryouts for its 1999 squad. The team is based in the Plymouth/Canton area, but there are no residency requirements.

The team will play in the Little Caesar's Federation; players must have birth dates on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For tryout times and information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

The Novi Youth Baseball League will stage 1999 travel baseball tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 19 and 29, at Novi Sports Park, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Age-group teams include: 9-10 (call Dave Blaszcak at 248-380-4972); 11 (call Dave Gillian at 248-348-7222); 12 (call Mike Neville at 248-471-5057); 13 (call Greg Hatcher at 248-347-3338); 14 (call John Perras at 248-380-8298).

Tryouts for the 13-year-old team will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Powers Park and Saturday, Sept. 26 at Powers Park.

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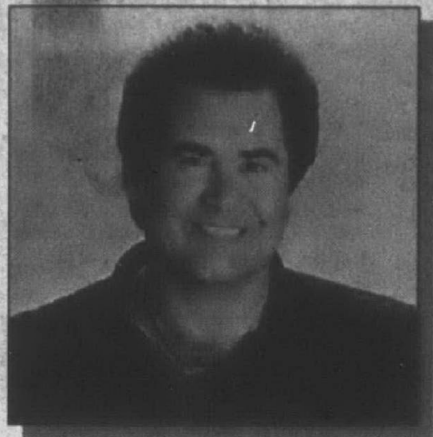
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SATURDAY



Phil Lasley Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

SUNDAY



Struggling to thwart a conspiracy that might set off a wave of world terrorism, Marcus Ray (Jean-Claude Van Damme, right) uses a punishing martial arts move to fight off a thug in "Knock Off," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.



Hot Tix: Randy Scott of Southfield is just one of the many outstanding artists performing at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. See schedule of performers inside.

Son'spiration

Rapper son persuades dad to record first album

STORY BY CHRISTINA FUOCO • STAFF WRITER

With his guitar and cornet in hand, Olu Dara has played with some of the greats during his 57 years. He was one of Art Blakey's Messengers and has backed talents such as Henry Threadgill, Taj Mahal, Brian Eno and Cassandra Wilson.

Now, thanks to his son, the multi-platinum-selling rapper Nas, and Atlantic Records, Dara is a bandleader in his own right having released "In the World: From Natchez to New York."

"He said, 'Dad, I want my peers to know where I come from.

Would you mind?' I said, 'Well, I guess not.' Atlantic, they had been pursuing me for quite a few years ago. They called again on the same day that my son talked to me so that's what did it," Dara explained.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, has released two albums, 1994's "Illmatic," which peaked at No. 12, and 1996's "It Was Written" which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. Because of his son's popularity, Dara said, his audience is ever changing.

"I have a new audience. I

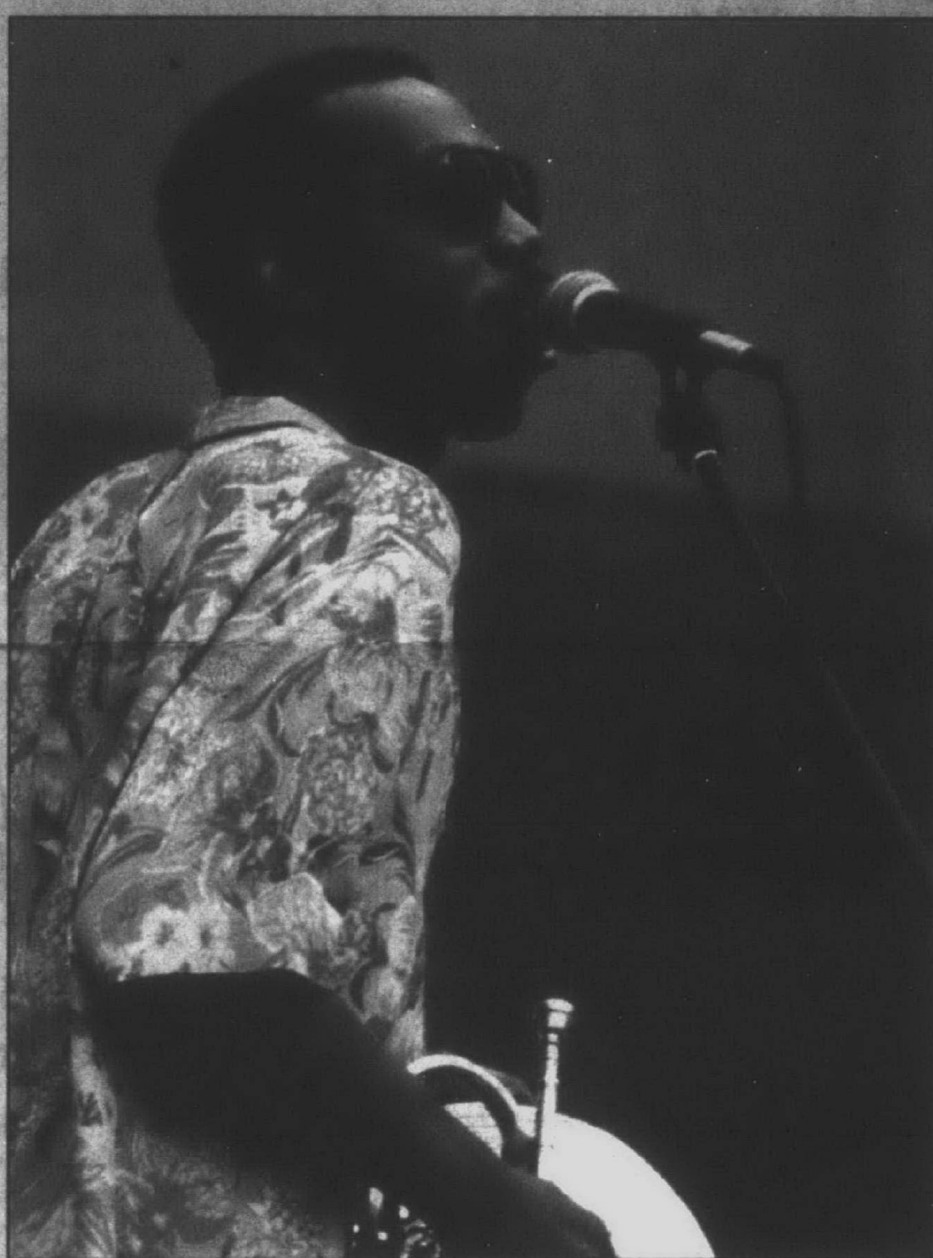
wouldn't say mostly younger, but there is quite a few younger people. There's people of all ages even little ones. I mean 5 or 6 or 7 years old."

Dara calls his debut album "In the World: From Natchez to New York" a mixture of American music. It fuses hip-hop, jazz, a little bit of funk, and be-bop.

"You can't really categorize like we used to. There used to be a nice little box called jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel. There's a good

Please see DAD, E2

Family influence: The 57-year-old jazz cornet/guitar player Olu Dara had never been inspired to record his own CD until his son, rapper Nas, persuaded him to do it. The result is "In the World: From Natchez to New York." He performs Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival.



WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13, at several locations throughout Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 747-9955 or visit <http://a2.blues-jazz-fest.org>

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Blues and jazz films will be shown Thursday, Sept. 10. Showtimes and films will be announced this week.

Maceo Parker will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for reserved seats, and \$35 for gold circle seats. Gene Harris is no longer on the bill.

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- Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krews
- Rick Roe Quartet
- Poignant Plecostomus

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13:

- Bo Diddley
- Paul deLay
- New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars
- Rosie Ledet - The Zydeco Sweetheart
- Root Doctor
- Robert Jones

There are several packages for Gallup Park performances. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the gate, and \$12.50 in advance for students. Two-day passes are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, and \$22 in advance for students. Kids ages 12 and younger are admitted-free to Gallup Park shows. An "All Pass" includes one Maceo Parker ticket, one Lou Donaldson late Saturday show ticket and one two-day pass to Gallup Park. Those are \$55 in advance, or \$75 for Gold Circle seating.

Comedians stand-up for Muscular Dystrophy Association

"Comedy for a Cure"

WHEN: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, (at Cowan) Westland.
ADMISSION: \$3, tickets available in advance, and at the door, call (734) 422-3737 for more information, or www.citylist.com on the web.

Upcoming comedy benefits:

- "Gilda's Club Family Walk and Block Party" - 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Cob Center, Detroit. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event, call (248) 577-0800.
- "Comedy Night 7, For Action Against Hunger" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Music Hall Theater. Tickets are \$25 per person, sponsorship packages and group discounts available, call (248) 350-FOOD during regular business hours.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Having to work Labor Day weekend is no laughing matter, but if you have to, serious comic relief's available Sunday at Chatters in Westland.

"I think it will be a fun time," said Kevin Zeoli of Garden City who talked about 20 of his funny friends, metro Detroit's hottest stand-up comedians, into presenting "Comedy For A Cure" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and celebrate the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

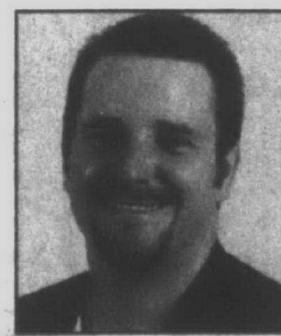
"It gives people a chance to get out and

enjoy comedy, and the comedians in metro Detroit a chance to perform," said Zeoli. "It was real easy to get people to do it."

Each comedian will do 7-8 minutes of stand-up. Zeoli's the MC. You can make a donation to be eligible for prize drawings to be held throughout the evening. Prizes include a 19-inch Zenith color TV, home stereo system, gift certificates for dinners, movie passes and Lions' game tickets.

"You can drop in and stay as long as you

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Kevin Zeoli

ARTS, EATS AND BEATS

Festival serves up variety of local bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Missy Gibson admits that Los Angeles wasn't exactly her cup of tea the first time around. Still, she forced herself to move there two years ago and she hasn't looked back.

She's jumping into the music industry first. L.A. has brought to her a developmental publishing deal, the chance to meet her idol (Rickie Lee Jones), the opportunity to act, contribute to movie soundtracks and a management deal.

"I spent some time out here before when I was working with Fuel

Records," Gibson said via telephone from her L.A. office. "I had decided that I really hated L.A. at the time. I kind of knew, though, that careerwise it would be a good move. So I forced myself begrudgingly to return. The second time, it's been a lot better."

Gibson and her band Breech - including guitarist/co-writer Philip Watts and accordion player Joe McAlevy - will get to talk all about it on Monday, Sept. 7, when they perform on the Pepsi Stage of Arts, Eats, and Beats, a free festival of art, food and music throughout Pontiac Labor Day weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7.

The three stages of music - Kmart National, Pepsi and the Heineken stages - will feature more than 70 bands. See sidebar for schedule of performers.

A 1986 Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, Gibson will debut new material on Labor Day. Some of the new tracks were produced by Gabe Moffatt who has also worked with Wilson Phillips.

"We're a far cry from Wilson Phillips, though," she said with a laugh.

Gibson's deal is a co-publishing deal that she signed with Hugo Burnham, a former A&R rep for Qwest Records who

at the time worked for EMI. The contract allows her to keep her royalties and share ownership of the songs.

"It gives EMI administrative rights of the songs. Technically they could go and sell it to a movie or another singer. But a lot of things are understood. They run things by me. For me, it was a point of credibility to sign the deal," Gibson explained.

Adding further credibility to her and Breech was a management contract with Spivak Entertainment, who also represents Tori Amos and Collective

Please see FESTIVAL, E2

Don't waste your time in 'Slums of Beverly Hills'

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Perhaps a telling indication of a movie's merit is the extent to which its stars even remember the plot. Last week, co-star and Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei told a national talk show audience that her character in "Slums of Beverly Hills" was "cousin to three kids whose mother has died." Oh, Marisa, you are so cute, but so wrong!

It is clear that her uncle Murray (Alan Arkin) is divorced, not widowed, and his beleaguered custody of the trio is an important *raison d'être* of the story. It is also understandable why she'd want to put this well-meaning, but uncomfortably crude telling, of first-time writer/director Tamara Jenkins' youth behind her.

Just inside the city limits of Beverly Hills are rows of low-rent hotels with names such as Belle Vista and Camelot that cater to transients. And in 1976, there's no one more transient than those in the Abramowitz clan, who duck out as soon as the landlord comes knocking, and abandoning their few possessions. As down-on-his-luck dad Murray explains his good but unaffordable intention, "We're here for the school district; furniture is temporary, but education is permanent."

Murray faces his nomadic



Slumming: Eli Marienthal (left), Natasha Lyonne and Marisa Tomei star in "Slums of Beverly Hills."

future with blinders on ("I'm 65. I'm in the best shape of my life."), while the kids seem content to eat a hearty dinner of Trix. Oldest brother Ben (David Krumholtz, a riot as elf Barnaby in Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause") is a wannabe actor who rehearses "Guys and Dolls" in his underwear. Little brother Rickey (Eli Marienthal) doesn't mind sharing a bed with Ben and his nocturnal gas emissions (don't go yet - those are the least objectionable emissions in the film).

In the middle - and the

author's alter ego - is teenager Vivian (a wonderfully fresh-faced Natasha Lyonne), whose developing sexuality and overdeveloped bustline take us into areas that, thank-you, we'd just care not to go. She lets a pot dealer, Charles Manson T-shirt wearing neighbor (Kevin Corrigan) under her blouse for some adolescent exploration, trivializing the episode as a "building thing." At least we're spared meeting the building's less worthy neighbors.

Enter kooky cousin Rita (the memory-impaired Ms. Tomei). She's just escaped from her lat-

est rehab center, and her father (Carl Reiner, slumming himself for just one scene) offers to pay brother Murray to take her in and straighten her out. This allows the family to go movin' on up to an actual furnished apartment ("finally - we're rich!"). It also allows Rita to teach Viv a few things every budding woman should know, like how to disco dance with a vibrator. The scene may have played as groundbreaking in the Fox screening room. It should have been left in the ground.

Viv's anatomy - she whines on about having inherited her mother's breasts and her father's nose - and her bodily functions and fluids are the grist for this coming of age tale. Writer/director Jenkins did what she was taught - she wrote about what she knew. Trouble is, her anger is uninteresting, and her characters are unlikeable. She admits it herself, through Viv: "The whole family is sick. I hate us; we're freaks." Well, as we said in the 1970s, Right On.

Natasha Lyonne has played the daughter of Woody Allen ("Everyone Says I Love You") and Richard Dreyfuss ("Krippendorf's Tribe"), as well as Meryl Streep's niece ("Heartburn"). That's some pedigree, and her performance is the film's highlight. If you really want to see

Alan Arkin and Carl Reiner cook, go rent "The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Com-

ing." It's been 30 years since they made it, and you'll still laugh your angst off.



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Music producer offers dream list

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

As our summer season rumbles onward, I've been eliciting season previews from our on-camera hosts. But this week I called a behind-the-scenes guy: *Backstage Pass* music producer Ron Pangborn.

Now, we have a lot of top-notch music contributors who advocate all kinds of guests for the show. And it doesn't matter if they're performing jazz, opera, rock or country - Ron has to make it sound amazing. From making most of the calls for music bookings to technical and equipment rundowns to working with our crack crew on the final air mix, week in and week out, it's Ron who brings it all together.

So who better than Ron to give us a musical preview of the upcoming season on

Backstage Pass? Of course, given the fickle nature of music booking, it would be impossible to predict which acts will actually make it onto the Big Show. So I told Ron to consider this an open letter to Santa - what do you wish for in Season Three? "One of my main objectives will be to reintroduce people in Detroit to the master musicians who still live here. We've done fairly well with that with people like Hal McKinney, Russell Green, Marcus Belgrave and some others. I'd like to continue."

Who's on your wish list? "For starters, Chicago Pete. He's a blues guy who will be performing at Montreaux with the Rodney Whitaker Quartet." Rodney appeared last season on *Backstage Pass*. "It should be a rocking show. Rodney is Pete's son-in-law, so there's a family connection there."

"Johnny Bassett is another blues guy. The hook with Johnny is that he was in the Fortune Records rhythm section, an old Mom and Pop, pre-Motown, Detroit-based label that did very well in its day. The Fortune Records building was on Cass Avenue not far from where the Town Pump is now."

"And Beans Bowles was like the horn guy at Motown. What Pistol Allen was to drums and Earl Van Dyke was to keyboards, Beans was to the horns at Motown. He was also involved in the presentation of the acts when they went out on the road. A lot of them were young kids, and he helped them with their touring etiquette. He's a great horn player, and still gigs around."

Hey, wishing's cheap. What else do you want, Ron? "I would like to see us do more of the kind of thing we did with James Carter. More than just booking the act and making sure they sound good, I'd like to help put together the band, discuss repertoire with the artists - to start with concept and build the ensemble out of that." If you

recall Mr. Carter's appearance on the show, the concept was to put together an ensemble of artist who influenced Carter - a fast-rising star in contemporary jazz - during his formative years in Detroit. "So, as opposed to coming in with his regular touring ensemble, maybe we put together some of these Fortune Records guys to play with Johnny Bassett. Some of them are still around. They could give us a perspective on what was going on in Detroit before Berry Gordy made his mark." That would be fascinating!

What else? "Every season we deepen our relationship with major record labels, and they provide us with national touring

and recording acts. I hope that this year we actually have an opportunity to co-sponsor concerts with either radio stations or performance venues. I sense that this year we might try to do more rock. We've always represented it, but we've been bombarded by so many things that we haven't always done as much as we should. I also want to get some contemporary Gospel on the show, plus world music and reggae. And we hope to continue our good relationships with all the players in Detroit's classical scene."

As *Backstage Pass* continues to earn high marks as a showcase for music on television, we can

afford to be ambitious. Like Ron says, "We stand up in comparison to any of the shows that do music - Letterman, Leno, Conan - we're doing as well, often better. We put out a first-rate product in terms of sound."

On tonight's show, Gerry Craig tours the Brodhead Armory, Blair Anderson hosts a performance from last spring's Plowshares Theatre production of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," plus music from Jewel collaborator Steve Poltz and the Arianna String Quartet. That's on *Backstage Pass*, at our new time - 7:30 p.m. tonight, repeated Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

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DINING

Tomatoes Apizza makes an exceptional pie

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Open since mid-July, Tomatoes Apizza is developing a reputation.

"It's really different," said Hien Trinh of Farmington Hills, a student at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, "I love the crust, it's crunchy. It's definitely like nothing we've had around here. It's not all dough."

Owner Michael Weinstein, 25, and his business partner Jayson Kakos, 24, know "Good Pizza's Hard To Find," and are confident that once people try Tomatoes Apizza, they will order it again, and again. Their location in the Concord Center Plaza isn't the best, it's easy to pass by on busy Halsted Road if you don't know what you're looking for. An umbrella table outside the carry-out restaurant helps draw attention, as does the colorful mural painted by Susan Weinberg, and sign designed by Amy Wybo.

"If you have a good carry-out, and it's exceptional, people will find it," said Kakos. There's seating for 10 people, and soft drinks are offered for sale.

Weinstein and Kakos grew up in the same neighborhood in West Bloomfield. They met in middle school and have been friends ever since. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Weinstein said he always wanted to be in the fast food

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business, "because it works."

He discovered pizza in New York, and it reminded him of the pizza he enjoyed with his father on trips to New Haven, Conn. "My dad grew up in New Haven, and he took me there when I was 10," said Weinstein.

"This is good pizza, it's the way it's supposed to be," he said taking a bite of a fresh-from-the-oven pie. "It's got a thin, crispy crust, it's got character and depth, it has truth, it's real. There are no shortcuts involved in making it. This is not gourmet, everyone should be eating this pie. This pie is for everyone."

Tomatoes Apizza offers three varieties of pizza — Red Pizza, crust topped with crushed tomatoes and seasonings; White Pizza, crust topped with mozzarella cheese, fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil, and seasonings; and Classic pizza with tomato sauce, cheese and your choice of topping.

Weinstein worked at a pizzeria for six months while attending the Culinary Institute of America, and after graduating, he moved to New Haven, Conn., to learn how to make the pizza he loved.

History

New Haven and pizza have a long history. According to Weinstein, in the early 1900s, immigrants from Naples arrived on the Eastern seaboard. One of these immigrants, Frank Pepe, worked in a bakeshop in New Haven. To earn extra money, Pepe bought the bakery's day-old bread, spooned on chopped tomato and spent his mornings and evenings establishing his business on Wooster Street, now considered a mecca by pizza aficionados. This was arguably the first pizza in America.

By the 1920s, Frank Pepe's "Neapolitan Apizzeria" was famous. Other pizza men followed, and these were the men

Weinstein wanted to learn from.

The first place he went was Sally's. "I told them I needed a job and that I had been making pizzas for five years," said Weinstein. "They tried me out, and I did a nice job, so after a day they asked me to fill out an application. They were very nice, and I didn't want to be a sneak, so I told the truth about my background."

Telling the truth cost him the job. "They're real proud of their pizza and probably thought I would steal the recipe."

Determined, Weinstein walked down the street to another pizza maker, Lou Abate. "I asked for a job, and he said 'let me see you make a pizza.' I did, and he said, 'so who are you really?'"

Weinstein told the truth this time — he trained at the Culinary Institute of America, and wanted to open a pizzeria in Michigan that sold pizza like the kind Lou made.

"Lou learned how to make pizza from his father," said Weinstein, "and his father learned from this guy named Johnny Two Fingers, who learned from old man Pepe." Weinstein worked there for six months, and knew he was ready to go into business on his own when Lou said, "Mike you make a pretty good pie, just like that." On a trip home to attend his good friend Jayson Kakos' wedding, the two talked about open-



MAKING PIZZA: Jayson Kakos (left) and Michael Weinstein make pizzas with character and depth at Tomatoes Apizza.

ing their own business.

Kakos doesn't have Weinstein's culinary background, but he knows about running businesses. His father owns a liquor store, and his mother a tanning salon. "I've been working for my family since I was a pup," he said. "Mike made us dinner, it was the best food I've ever tasted. After that I was convinced he could cook."

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," said Weinstein. "Everyone who makes a pizza here has to have respect for it. How it's cooked makes a huge difference. We cook it on a seasoned brick and took a lot of care in choosing every ingredient from the flour and yeast to the tomatoes and cheese."

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail: kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net
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NEXT WEEK IN DINING

Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 W. Warren, (east of Middlebelt) in Garden City, (734) 762-7756, has a new menu, and attitude.

The white tablecloths are gone, and the restaurant is comfortably casual. Manager Michele Williams of Garden City has been training staff to help create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Chef Calvin Hill's new menu offers pizza, chicken, steaks, Italian dishes, seafood, prime rib and daily specials.

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